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# EDITORIAL

## "How About A 'Daily Diet of Proverbs and Psalms' "

For quite a few months now I have read at least one chapter in Proverbs and some in Psalms everyday. I was first introduced to this very needed supplement to my spiritual diet through Bro. Edwin Modrick when he taught a seminar at AFBC this past fall. This spring I have recently attended a Basic Youth Conflicts Seminar by Bill Gothard and heard him admonish every Christian to read Proverbs and also Psalms everyday. There are 31 chapters in the book of Proverbs, one for every day of the month, making it so easy to just look at the calendar and tell what chapter you're on in case you forget. Proverbs is a book of admonition and instruction on our conduct and the rewards for keeping God's commandments and the curse that follows those who do evil, and break them. Psalms puts us in an atmosphere of praise. No wonder Solomon was called the wisest man that ever lived and David was a man after God's own heart. Each verse is just chucked full of special "goodies" that can be "chewed" on for days. We can meditate and feast on them at length. Talk about up-to-date material—it is up to the minute on concrete answers to everyday problems that you and I face. Mothers, do you feel the need for such information in your daily confrontation with the powers of evil that are knocking at the door of your home—and eating away at the very foundation of the lives of those God has placed in your care? I do! Our answers are in **The Book** and Proverbs is a key part of that Book.

There's a wonderful long range study in the Proverbs by making headings of the good qualities such as wisdom, knowledge, understanding, righteousness and etc. as well as the bad qualities such as scorn, frowardness, foolishness, stubbornness, hatred, and etc., and then list under each heading all the verses in this book on this subject. There is a wealth of treasures to be had for the digging. Is it worth the effort and time it takes? Oh, my, yes! It helps and encourages us to seek after the good and shun the evil. It reminds us of the price, very high price, we eventually pay for seeking our own will and desires. The study won't come effortlessly, for Satan will hinder you in every possible way. But good things never come easily. Just stay right in there—you have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Our lives are so busy these days that we have to stop and figure out what we are going to quit doing that we ordinarily do in order to have time for such a study? One thing came to my mind immediately—nearly any TV program aired today is a 30 minute show. Just think how much study time you could salvage by giving up just one of those programs to dedicate to Bible study. How long has it been since you consistently spent 30 minutes a day in studying God's Word? Let's face it, TV is a great time stealer and it has captured the minds of young and old alike. A quick inventory of the time spent each day watching TV compared with time spent studying and praying will soon show us without doubt which has preeminence in our lifestyle. If God and His Word aren't first, then we are in trouble spritually. I want to be more

like Jesus. But in order for me to be more like Him I am going to have to spend more time with Him. He has said If I love Him I will keep His commandments. And in order for me to keep the commandments, I must know what they are. And in order for me to know what they are I must get my information first hand from His Word (which is His love letters to us) and from direct communion with Him in prayer and meditation daily.

This Mother's Day my thoughts are with those of us who are honored to bear the name, Mother and our desperate need for the one true source of power, strength and wisdom that we have, which is Jesus Himself! These days are testing times for God's people to see who shall endure unto the end. Do you need a shot of new power? Go to the Source. Proverbs along with a dash of the "Psalms' Praise Pills" are the best 'one-a-day' spiritual vitamins I know for those who desire above all else to be spiritually strong. Spiritual strength always enhances our physical and emotional well being. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth." III John 2.

Mothers, do yourself a favor. Promise yourselves the inward beauty treatment of a "Daily Diet of Proverbs and Psalms." You'll never be sorry. It's a spiritual nutrition supplement we cannot afford to be without.

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# Why must I Suffer?

BY MYRTLE B. GRAHAM

How joyfully we sing praises to God. We sing of how we will go where He wants us to go. We happily believe we would follow Him without complaint wherever He leads.

In God's Word we read of Job's tribulations and compare them to our own small trials. We class ourselves with Job and believe we have much in common with him. And we continue to sing of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

But there comes a day when we are dealt some heavy blow—physical disability, material losses, or the death of a loved one.

Now we see that our troubles have begun to take on the color of Job's. But Job did not blame God. So we determine not to blame God.

But suffering seems to claw at us from every direction. Suddenly we discover that we have lost our song. We complain to God and we justify ourselves by considering that Job also complained.

When we sang, "I'll go where you want me to go," we were not thinking of going through suffering, sorrow and disappointment. We had thought of outstanding service where others could recognize our sacrifices. There were so many wonderful, glamorous things to do for the Lord.

But now God seems to have set us aside. We cannot sing. Where are those unsearchable riches of Christ?

We ask ourselves why we are in this place. We blame God for frustrating our plans to go where He leads. Certainly something has gone wrong.

But then we remember that with God's permission the Devil will sift us. And the question comes, "Why me? Certainly I've tried to live to please Him." Other questions

rush upon us. Are we being punished? Chastened? Where have we failed? Or has He chosen me to suffer for His glory? It has been said that God cannot trust everyone to bear suffering. But this seems small comfort when one is being torn every way.

But then comes the comforting assurance: "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth."

Do we not know that jewels and precious metals are hidden in rougher coats and must be obtained by pick and shovel and through pounding and grinding?

The lapidary spends a long time studying the jewel he wishes to use to enhance a mounting. Then when he knows just where to strike he gives it a mighty blow to break it asunder.

But that is not the end. Next comes the grinding to rub off the rough places. Then the polishing to bring out the beauty.

God deals thus with those He loves. Do you think that the trial of your faith is misplaced? God makes no mistakes. He has a plan for our lives. He is now preparing a mansion. We must be perfect to go there to live with Him.

If you are a child of God He wants perfection in you. In order for gold to become pure it is subjected to intense heat. The furnace for gold (Proverbs 17:3). It is the heat of our trials that removes our impurities.

When God sees His reflection in us He can then remove the heat. "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

Meanwhile, let us trust Him fully and yield to His way of purifying us. Let us not quarrel with the process.

"The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

"Be cheerful on this account, although now for a little while, if it must be, you are distressed by various trials, so that your tested faith, far more precious than perishable gold that is tested by fire, may prove to be for praise and glory and honor, when Jesus Christ is revealed" (I Peter 1:6,7, Berkeley).

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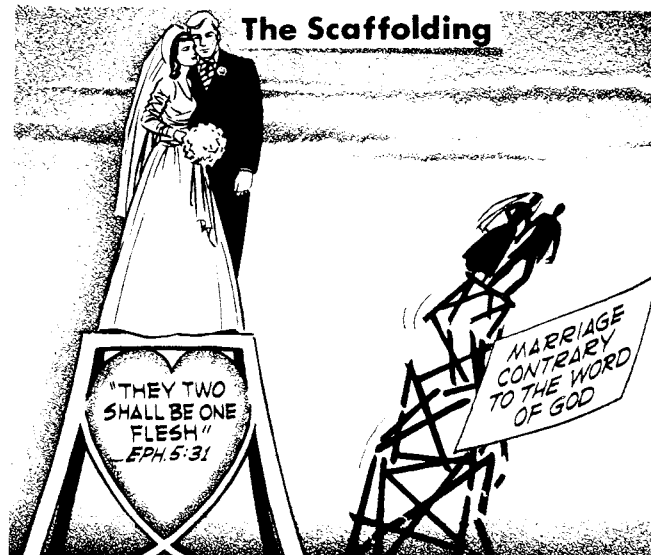


## Obituary of H. G. Stockwell

Harrison Garfield Stockwell was born February 27, 1889 in Mandyville, Carroll County, Missouri, and passed from this life on February 25, 1977 in Magnolia, Arkansas at the age of 87 years, 11 months, and 28 days. Bro. Stockwell entered the ministry at the age of 19 years (in the year 1908) with the Apostolic Faith Movement. At the time of his death, he was the oldest living minister for the Apostolic Faith in terms of years of preaching. He was also engaged for many years in the contracting business in Magnolia, Arkansas, until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby, and by four sons, Garfield and Gail Stockwell, both of Houston, Texas; Edwin Stockwell of Metechen, New Jersey, and Arthur Stockwell of Waldo, Arkansas; five daughters, Mildred Balckmon of Rockdale, Texas, Euteva Malone of Houston, Texas, Betty Shirley of Brownwood, Texas, Ruby Davis and Theresa Bentz, both of Magnolia, Arkansas; one brother, A. R. Stockwell of Houston, Texas; and one sister, Vera Robbins also of Houston, Texas. Bro. Stockwell is also survived by 26 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 3 children.

Bro. Henry Pletcher of Magnolia, Arkansas officiated at the service in his memory.



### Marriage License — A Learner's Permit

It's a wise groom who has to be dragged to the altar. He knows what love is. It's death. If the lovers don't know this, they're headed for trouble.

Never will you have your way again. You can't be happy if this other person isn't. No matter who wins the argument, you lose. Always. The sooner you learn this, the better off you'll be.

Love is an exercise in frustration. You leave the window up when you want it down. You watch someone else's favorite TV program. You kiss when you have a headache. You turn the music down when you like it loud. You learn to be patient without sighing or sulking.

Love is doing things for the other person. In marriage two become one. But the one isn't you! It's the other person. You love this person more than you love yourself.

This means that you love this person as she or he is. We should ask ourselves frankly what that impulse is that makes us want to redesign a person. It isn't love. We want the other person to be normal, like us! But is that loving the other person or ourselves?

Love brings out the best in people. They can be themselves without artificiality. People who know they're loved glow with beauty and charm.

Let this person talk. Create the assurance that any idea, any suggestion, any feeling can be expressed and will be respected. Allow the other person to star once in awhile. A wife's joke doesn't have to be topped. Don't correct your husband in the middle of his story. Cultivate kind ways of speaking. It can be as simple as asking them instead of telling them to do things.

Don't take yourself too seriously. Married life is full of crazy mirrors to see ourselves—how stubborn, how immature we really are. You may be waiting for your wife to finish because you never lift a finger to help her.

Love is funny. It's growth doesn't depend on what someone does for you. It's in proportion to what you do for him or her.

The country is swarming with people who have never learned this. So are the divorce courts.

—Michael P. Horban

# GOD'S BIG BUSINESS

What an amazing and wonderful picture—your Sunday School! What do you see as you look upon that mingling of big and little people, singing and serving, lessons and liturgy, worship and welcomes, records and reports, decisions and dedications? Do you see only these, or do you see beyond them to the true picture?

**A Broadcasting Station** for the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here is an airplane direct to the hearts and minds of Apostolic Faith children, youth and adults.

**A Mission Field** to reach those in your community who have not heard the message of God's love or who have not yet responded.

**A Life-Bearing Station** where children of God are born and nurtured. God's Eternal Life is implanted in a human soul in a moment of decision in a Sunday school class or worship service.

**A School** for teaching a Christian truth, faith and action, building Christian life and character, and training for service.

**A Recruiting Station** for enlisting and guiding those who answer God's high call to full-time or vocational Christian service.

**A Proving Ground** to demonstrate the reality of the Christian Life, the faithfulness of God, the availability of God's power, the reasonableness of God's will, the power of prayer, the joy of consecration and the blessings of service.

**A Harvest Field** for your devoted service of love to your Lord. Such a picture pulls all the great purposes of God into one big enterprise — **God's Big Business** — your Sunday School! Surely you are humbly proud to have a part in it. You delight in its accomplishments. You are challenged by its needs and failures. You are thrilled with its possibilities. And you **determine** to do your part to see that the purposes of God are fulfilled.

Your life, your leadership, your vision, your faithfulness, your enthusiastic consecration—these are God's tools in His business. He will use them skillfully as they are made available to Him.

**Dare** to plan **Great Goals**, look for **Great Gains**, expect **Great Blessings** and see **Great Miracles** in your Sunday School!

## **You are God's KEY to the heart of your pupils**

"Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen You, and ordained You, that Ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that Your fruit should remain..." John 15:16

## **You are of great importance to...**

**God:** You are His Ambassador...His Instrument...His Demonstration

**Your Pupil:** You are his Example...his Teacher...his Evangelist...his Guide...his Friend...his Counselor

**Your Sunday School:** You are its Voice to teach, evangelize, admonish and praise...its Heart to love, understand and encourage...its Hands to brighten rooms, write cards and letters, and bless...its Feet to visit...its Knees for prayer

**Your Church:** You are its trusted Envoy...its Educator...its Home Missionary...its Determiner of its own future life and leadership

**Your Community and World:** You are Challenging and Training its youth for Christian service and civic usefulness...you are Fighting its enemy, Sin...you are Raising the standards of its citizenry...you are Ministering to the heart, soul and body of its needy

## **Take the Key of Faith to...**

Unlock any shackles of doubt and fear. "Faithful is He that calleth you, Who also will do it." I Thessalonians 5:23

Open the gates of power for service. Philippians 4:13, John 15:7

## **Pray for your leadership,**

"Lord, give me..."

A vision of my high calling,

A sense of responsibility to match the dignity and demands of my office,

A true humility to learn and to grow,

A joy and satisfaction in my opportunity for service,

A song of gratitude for your trust and partnership,

The reward of your 'Well Done!'

## **You Can Be A Leader**

Christian leadership is the most prized asset of the church. This is as it should be, for God carries on His program and work through His children. Did you know that leaders are not born? They are developed. Leadership success is not given; it is earned.

What do you expect from yourself as a Christian? How are you investing your life and abilities in God's service? Are you using what God gave you and living up to His purposes for you?

## **Your Talents**

Every child of God has some talent or ability that can be used in Christian leadership. Develop, Train, and Use your talents!

## **Your Responsibility**

A wise Christian does not look with envy at the talents of others and excuse his own inactivity because he has not those gifts! God does not hold you responsible for what you do not have, but He does hold you responsible for what you have. It is well to acknowledge your actual limitations; then

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forget them. Concentrate on those talents or abilities and innate interests with which you have been blessed.

### Looking At Your Ideal

Christian leadership is an Investment of one's heart, talents, time and energy in some part of God's program. It is a giving of service, not a taking of glory; a forgetting of self rather than an expectation of honor. Leadership development is like Christian growth—a life-time process.

### An Ideal Christian leader Is...

**One Whose Heart Is Kindled** by a conviction that the message, work and honor of Jesus Christ are of utmost importance.

**One Who Is Reliabel.** He accepts responsibility through he does not seek an office. He can be depended upon at all times. He follows through to completion any task he undertakes.

**A Leader,** not a boss. Instead of driving his people, he coaches them; rather than using his authority, he gets their good will; instead of Knowing how, he Shows how.

**A Student** of those matters and methods which will increase his usefulness to his Master.

**One Who has A Vision.** He sees possibilities in people and situations. **A Good Follower.** First, he is a follower of Jesus Christ. "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19. Then he shows gracious submission and willingness to take direction and cooperate.

**A Hard Worker.** He is not afraid to work. He does more than is expected—more than he asks others to do. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." Ecclesiastes 9:10.

**An Example.** A leader leads more by what he is than by what he says. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Matthew 5:16.

### True Leadership Spirit [pictured in Romans 12:9-21]

**Humility**...serving others, preferring others; looking neither for reputation, appreciation nor honor. Matthew 20:26-28.

**Love** for each co-worker and member. "That ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife and vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Philippians 2:2,3.

**Gentleness** that expresses itself in understanding, forgiveness and faith. "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves." II Timothy 2:25, 25.

### Your Spiritual Dynamic

"Without Me ye can do nothing," says Christ. Christian leadership has one essential point of difference from secular leadership. It is a **Partnership** with God in His work. Christ describes this Partnership as a life union: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me." John 15:4

God has provided every needed spiritual resource for your success. This provision, however, is not given you as a bequest; it is the dynamic of God imparted to you as you

walk in fellowship with Him.

**Salvation.** Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as God's sacrifice for your sins brings you Salvation and you are then in position to fellowship with God and receive His blessings. (John 1:12 3:16).

**Surrender.** "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1. Even weak men become strong men when controlled by a mighty God.

**Faith.** Matthew 17:20. You can have this "mountain moving" faith. God gives more faith as you use what faith you have. Believe His promises for your needs: changed lives, new recruits, funds, buildings, enthusiasm, etc.

**Filling of the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit is your special Teacher and Source of power. He is waiting to fill and empower you as you yield your life to Him.

**Bible Study.** Read the Word of God every day! Let His ways, wisdom, commands, provisions and promises, His very self fill your heart and mind. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding of its truth. Obey whatever He commands or reveals. Memorize verses which will be useful in your witnessing and other leadership.

**Prayer.** Prayer is practical! The more a leader has to do, the more he needs to pray. Man never accomplishes so much with so little time as when he is praying. Make a prayer list of those you lead or serve.

### Developing Your Leadership

Leadership is a call and responsibility from God. Train and grow to be ready for real leadership when God needs you and wants to place you. Leaders are not born, they are grown. Do all you can to assure your success as a Christian leader. "Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church." I Corinthians 14:12. When you stop learning, you stop leading.

### Here are ways of training and growing in Christian Leadership:

**Prepare Thoroughly** for every act of service, however humble it may be.

**Study the Field of Service** in which you are now active, that which interests you, or that to which you believe God is calling you.

**Develop your Natural Talents** and use them in Christian service. Never be satisfied.

**Develop Good Working Habits.** Be systematic about time for studying, thinking, working. Organize your plans and don't allow yourself to procrastinate. Organize your materials and information so they are easy to locate. Keep together things you will need for specific service or activity. (You will never find time for anything. If you want time, you must make it.)—Charles Buxton).

**Ask Counsel and Criticism** from successful people in your field.

**Observe a Good Leader in Action.** Ask yourself what makes him effective, Be an apprentice or assistant to some successful leader. **Work, Watch, Learn!**

**Constructively Evaluate And Criticize Your Own Leadership** after every service. Did you accomplish what you set out to do?

**Enlarge Your Interests** and broaden your sympathies.

"The average man," says Professor William James, "does not develop more than 10% of his possible mental powers."

## **Don't Be Average!!**

### **Making Ideas Work**

Vital programs, organizations and leadership thrive on ideas. They are fuel for enthusiasm. As a Christian leader, pay great respect to ideas. Create them, invite them, borrow them, pray for them!

### **How to Get Ideas**

Keep your Christian service at the front of your heart and mind. You will find illustrations and ideas for your service in the things you see and hear from day to day.

Read books and magazines on leadership, methods and organizations, particularly those related to your service.

Observe other leaders and similar organizations for success ideas.

Keep alert to current trends in secular companies and organizations. Don't be afraid to see merit in their ideas.

Invite ideas from your associates. Discuss needs, problems, etc. Whenever you get hold of a good idea, **Write It Down.**

### **Show Your Leadership**

Good leadership stands out like a steeple on a church. Its characteristics command respect and response. **It shows... by your Poise.** It shows in your...

**Confident Bearing.** This gives your audience confidence as well as yourself. You stand and walk as if on royal business, **and you are!**

**Direct Look and Smile.** Whenever you stand before a group you think of something pleasant and let a smile follow. Look directly at the people whom you are addressing, whether one or a group. This gives them the strength of your personal interest.

**Self-Control.** Held by God's hand and filled with His peace and love, you are the master of every situation. You do not become ruffled or irritated when someone raises an objection, questions your authority, or changes the program without notifying you.

**Attractive Appearance.** You are always careful in your grooming. When you are at your best, you can forget yourself.

**Relaxed, though Alert, Manner.** Don't fumble with your tie, button and unbutton your coat, or balance from one leg to the other.

**Vitality.** You are alive to everything that is going on. You keep a meeting moving by not allowing discussions to sidetrack, talkers to monopolize, or dull programs to be carried through.

### **By Your Words. It is heard in your...**

**Voice.** Speak distinctly and loudly enough to be heard by all.

**Good Announcements.**

**Cordial Introductions.**

**Clear Presentations.**

### **By Your Attitude. It is reflected in your...**

**Earnestness and Enthusiasm.** Be convinced of the importance of your work and the whole program and work of Christ. Your enthusiasm captures others so they are eager to cooperate.

**Open-Mindedness.** You welcome new ideas, use them whenever they are appropriate, and give credit where it is due.

**Humility.** You are dependent upon God for wisdom, power and fruitfulness. You should publicly and privately give Him praise.

### **Personality Tips**

Your personality is that expression of your character that determines your place in others' hearts and minds. It is that which shows your reaction to people, to life, to responsibilities, to problems and opportunities. It is that part of you to which others respond and by which they judge you. By your personality you are liked or disliked, followed or ignored, a success or a failure. You may develop a good personality by recognizing those undesirable characteristics you have and then praying and working to change them.

### **Personality—Key to Harmony**

Nowhere is the effect of personality more evident than in leadership. If a Christian organization is not harmonious and effective it is often due to the personalities of its leaders. A "good personality" wins friends, melts barriers, creates harmony, and arouses enthusiasm and cooperation. Therefore a wise leader has this Aim: to develop the kind of personality that will contribute most to my effectiveness, will cause my associates or pupils to like me and cooperate with me, and will glorify my Lord.

Here are **Tips** for good leadership personality. Pray for wisdom to recognize any lack in personality factors which are important to your leadership. Then pray and work to develop these factors.

**Be Friendly.** Feel friendly toward everyone you see. Give each one a spontaneous smile. Don't wait for others to greet you; take the friendly lead.

**Be Enthusiastic.** Enthusiasm, like mumps, is contagious—it quickens the pulse, stirs the imagination and arouses the will as it passes from one to another on contact. It is a leader's most challenging quality.

**Be Cheerful.** Keep a happy, positive outlook. Avoid crabbing, complaining, and doubting. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." Prov. 17:22.

**Be Attractive...**in dress, grooming and countenance. Attractive appearance enhances Christian life. In leadership it gives the impression that you regard your work as worthy of your best.

**Be A Good-Finder,** not a fault-finder. Develop the habit of looking for the nice things in a person.

**Be Tactful, Kind.** Tactfulness is the kind way of speaking and acting which demonstrates your Christian love and consideration. Tactfulness avoids misunderstanding and hurt feelings. It magnifies the good intention over the mistake; it saves the self-respect of one who has failed.

### **How May You Develop Tactfulness?**

Feel friendly and kindly toward everyone. Want the best for them.

Think: "What would I want others to say or do for me in similar circumstances?"

Consider the person or persons before you. Never be clever or humorous at their expense.

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Leave every contact with a feeling of satisfaction, and friendship.

**Be Patient** with those who are slow to learn, slow to respond to the challenge, understand those with whom you work.

**Be Helpful.** Be alert to the needs of others. Go out of your way to help, to encourage, to make their way easier.

**Be Trustworthy and Truthful.** Never betray a confidence. Never give wishes for facts, intentions for attainments, excuses for reasons; keep your promises.

**Be Humble,** but do not parade false modesty of self-effacement.

**Be A Good Listener.** Give interested attention to the conversation of others. Control your talking time.

**Guard Your Mental Health.** Refuse to give way to fears, emotional upsets, suspicions, etc. Psalms 55:22 II Timothy 1:7

**Keep Your Conscience Free and Healthy.** Confess your sins; right the wrongs you do to others by word and deed. I John 1:9.

### Courtesies That Conquer

As in all of life, it is the **Little Things**, the little courtesies, that count most. What is courtesy? It is simply doing the considerate thing at the appropriate time and in the most acceptable way. It is the essential expression of thoughtfulness and respect. A Christian surely should know and practice those courtesies which reflect his royal heritage and the gracious Spirit of his Lord.

Courtesy is a "must" for the Christian leader. The knowledge of what to say and do, and how and when, gives him poise and confidence. His courteousness puts others at ease and prepares the way for happy relations and smooth progress. "The words of a wise man's lips are gracious." Ecclesiastes 10:12.

Here are some little "Courtesies that conquer." Learn them, practice them until they become habits.....

**Use a Person's Name** when you speak to him. He likes to hear his name. When introduced to someone, repeat his name as you say "How do you do?" Use it immediately in conversation several times.

**Give Interested Attention** to the person who is speaking—whether directly to you or to a group. A wandering glance or a blank look suggests that he or what he is saying is unimportant to you.

**Smile** when you approach someone or catch his eye. A spontaneous smile infers that you are pleased to see him.

**Make Introductions Correctly** and as though you are genuinely delighted to do so. Pronounce each name clearly. For correctness, a simple guide is to mention first the name of the person you are honoring. Hence the women's name is mentioned before the man's (exceptions noted below), clergyman before lay person, dignitary before lesser rank of same sex, and age before youth of same sex.

A woman, regardless of age, is honored by having the man introduced to her. Mrs. Morrow, I'd like you to meet Mr. Snow" or "Mrs. Morrow, may I present Mr. Snow?" or "Mrs. Morrow, Mr. Snow". Three exceptions to this first rule: the president of the United States of America, a royal personage, or a clergyman.

A **Clergyman** is always mentioned first. "Mr. Baker

(Pastor Baker), May I present Mrs. Foster?"

**Make Visitors Feel Welcome!** Being a host or hostess in your church or group does not differ much from welcoming a guest in your home. Cordiality is most important! It creates an atmosphere of friendship, or warmth and of "belonging."

### Check Your Personality!

The most successful teachers are warm and responsive to their students. Their students love to learn because the end result is more than knowledge. It includes the experience of a deep understanding between them and their teacher. Check your teaching personality for possible problems by asking yourself these questions:

1. What is my predominant mood toward others?

2. How do I look at myself? What is my concept of who I am?

Following is a list of terms. Read each one quickly. Then underline the words you believe are most characteristic of you. Use your first reaction as the basis for underlining.

loving	worrisome	admired
high strung	assured	grateful
succeeding	fearful	failing
victorious	insecure	confident
capable	deplorable	unsure
redeemed	respected	thankful

Now look at the words you underlined. What kind of conclusion do you draw from this?

We **Must** have the right attitude. It is reflected in us.

### MYSELF

One day I looked at myself

At the self that Christ can see;

I saw the person I am today

And the one I ought to be.

I saw how little I really pray,

How little I really do;

I saw the influence of my life,

How little of it was true!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING

Beginning and Evangelistic Achievements  
Of The Sunday School

The origin:

The idea developed by Robert Raikes in Gloucester, England, 1780. Plan was widely copied; by 1795 Raikes had helped found over 1,000 Sunday Schools. Sunday School Union (1803) provided lesson plans, speller catechisms, and other aids. The effect of the movement in spreading popular education in England is almost incalculable. In 1786 Francis Asbury established in Hanover County, Va., first Sunday School in present U. S. after Raike's plan. American Sunday School was founded 1824. Today two-thirds of the world-wide membership of the Sunday School is in North America. Today nearly every Protestant Church in America holds weekly Sunday Schools, and one third of the nation's children attend.

Evangelistic Achievements in Sunday School:



- A. "Sunday School is the church at work."
- B. "Sunday School is the greatest civic work."
- C. "Sunday School is to bring every soul to Christ."
- D. "Sunday School—everyone connected must be an evangelist."

Sunday Schools have produced:

- A. 95% of the preachers.
- B. 85% of the church converts.
- C. 95% of church workers.
- D. 75% of church organizations.

"One invests 10% of their time in their Sunday School work and the result is 90% return."

(90% return for a 10% investment).

Sunday School is effective because of the closeness of the contact between the teacher and the pupil.

A. Each pupil has a chance to take part in the class and express his questions.

Advantages offered to an individual who teaches a Sunday School class:

- A. Wider horizons.
- B. Soul winning opportunities (the whole aim is to win souls).
- C. Deeper prayer life is challenged.
- D. Greater knowledge of God's Word.
- E. Involves training.
- F. Teaching demands a clean life.
- G. A chance to give—"More blessed to give than to receive."
- H. Will result in cherished memories.
- I. New friendships (A man, no matter how rich he is, if he is without friends is poor and a man, no matter how poor if he has friends is rich.)
- J. Added incentive to read and think (A man is what he is plus what he reads.)
- K. Greater opportunities; growth is the sign of life.
- L. Multiplied results. The teacher lives again in the pupils and his work through the years.

### TEAMWORK! TEAMWORK! TEAMWORK!

Isa. 51:6-7. "They helped everyone his neighbour; and everyone said to his brother, be of good courage. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying it is ready for the soldering, and he that fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved."

#### Pulling Together.....

Is the difference between failure and success!

Not only is real teamwork needed in industry and sports, it is vital in Sunday School work. No one can estimate the power of united effort. If every worker will do his part and co-operate fully with his fellow workers, the School will be more able to reach and teach the lost.

#### The Pastor and Superintendent

- 1. Sunday School is not the Pastor's school.
- 2. Sunday School is not the Superintendent's school.
  - a. Church and Sunday School cannot operate independently.
  - b. Pastor, as spiritual overseer of the church, must work in any phase of the church (Sunday School).
  - c. Therefore, the pastor and S.S. superintendent must work closely together.

- 1. Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Amos 3:3.
- 2. Prayer meetings together.
- 3. Business must be discussed between them.
- 4. Supplies and material for the S.S. should be discussed with pastor.
- 5. Teacher training courses should be discussed with pastor.
- 6. In the work of God, pastor and superintendent are stewards. I Cor. 4:1-2.

#### Teacher and Superintendent

- 1. The outside activities of a class should have the approval of the superintendent.
- 2. Teachers must work with the Superintendent.
- 3. Teachers must have respect for the Superintendent as well as Superintendent for the teachers.
  - a. Working together for the kingdom of God.
  - b. Entire Sunday School faculty should have times of prayer together.
- 4. If supplies are needed, you should consult the Superintendent.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL EVANGELISM

Eva Cornelius

The Sunday School is a gold mine! We invest less than ten per cent of our efforts on the Sunday School and receive eighty-five per cent of our church members from it! The Sunday School contributes ninety per cent of all missionaries, ministers, and full-time Christian workers! It presents an unparalleled opportunity for the successful promotion of every phase of church activity as well as the utilization of every member of the church in Christian service. The Sunday School will locate, teach, win, and train every available person if it functions properly.

#### I. What is Evangelism?

A. Evangelism is the work of the entire body of believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to tell sinful men about the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ (I Cor. 15:1-9 — Acts 5:40).

B. Evangelism is the process of leading an individual to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour from sin and the Lord of his entire life. (II Tim. 1:12).

C. Evangelism has four progressive steps:

- 1. We must impart information concerning man's sin and God's great provision for man's need. (Matt. 28:19-20).
- 2. We must develop attitudes which will direct feelings concerning sin and salvation. (I John 1:9).
- 3. We must direct action to receive the Lord Jesus Christ who is the answer to man's need. (John 1:12).
- 4. We must guide the learner so that he will continue in a lifelong Christian experience. (II Tim. 3:14-17).
- D. Evangelism is the heart of the Sunday School.
  - 1. We teach to prepare our learner for a decision.
  - 2. We teach to win our learners to the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - 3. We teach to cooperate with God in transforming lives.
  - 4. We teach to develop the learner in his Christian experience.
  - 5. We teach to develop the learner in his Christian life.

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6. We teach to train the learner for service.  
II. What place does Evangelism have in the Sunday School?

A. The Great Commission demands a teaching, evangelistic program.

B. The New Testament Church is the example for Sunday School evangelism.

C. The true function of the church is to reach the lost for the Lord Jesus Christ.

D. Evangelism vitalizes the Sunday School.

1. It makes for growth.
2. It develops soul winners.
3. It builds a great church.
4. It reaches the lost.

E. The pastor and Sunday School superintendent should accept the responsibility of leading the entire Sunday School in an evangelistic effort.

1. By example—he should do personal work himself.
2. By providing planned programs for visitation.
3. By training teachers for soul winning.
4. By providing opportunities for personal work.

III. What are the Evangelistic Opportunities of the Sunday School?

A. The lost are enrolled in the Sunday School.

B. The lost can be located through visitation in the homes of the Sunday School students.

C. The Sunday School can take a census and locate friends for the church.

D. The Bible is the text book of the Sunday School and all teaching has its objective evangelism.

E. The teacher can give personal attention to her students because they are in a small group.

F. The best church workers are in the Sunday School and they should be trained and led in evangelistic emphasis.

G. People are graded so that the plan of salvation can be taught on an age level.

IV. How can we make our Sunday School basically evangelistic?

A. The purpose of the lesson is to reach the lost.

B. The purpose of the memory work is to sow the seed so that the learner will respond and receive the Lord Jesus Christ.

C. The purpose of the opening worship service is to lead the learner to Jesus Christ.

D. The purpose of the music is to present the Lord Jesus Christ.

E. The purpose of the visual aids is to reveal the truths about the Lord Jesus Christ.

F. The purpose of the personal contact with the learner in the class and the contacts made in the home is to lead him to a personal knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

G. The purpose of the Sunday School workers' meeting is to provide an opportunity for the teachers to pray unitedly for the lost.

H. The purpose of reports at our monthly teachers' meeting is to study the needs of the learner and to provide opportunity to meet his spiritual needs.

V. How does grading a Sunday School help for a more effective Program of Evangelism?

A. People are different.

1. They have different interests.

2. They have different needs.

3. They have different abilities.

4. They have different experiences.

5. They have different understanding and backgrounds.

B. A division into departments will aid in presenting evangelism more effectively.

1. This will provide for a program on a definite age level, so that the truth is understood.

2. The evangelistic appeal for a decision will be graded according to knowledge, experience, and motive at each stage of development.

C. The division into classes will provide for personal attention.

1. Each teacher may have a definite objective for each learner in her class.

2. Each teacher may contact her learner personally concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

VI. How can the Sunday School teacher be positively evangelistic in his ministry?

A. Through teaching to win those who are already in the Sunday School.

B. Through contacting the homes of the Sunday School pupils and bringing the message of salvation.

C. Through cooperating in the Sunday School census to reach new people for the Lord Jesus Christ.

VII. How shall we conserve our evangelistic results?

A. Through leading our new Christians in a program of Bible Study.

B. Through encouraging them in church attendance.

C. Through providing opportunities for service in the local church.

D. Through personal contact with them in order to meet their personal needs.

**“Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest. Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the field; for they are white already to harvest.” (John 4:35)**

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## How Many Stars?

HAVE YOU ever tried to count the stars? How many did you count—100, 300, 1000 or just 50?

Experts tell us that on a clear night (and with plenty of patience) you could probably count about 2000 stars. But that doesn't answer the question of how many there are. So how about trying it with a telescope? If you were a fast counter (very fast!) you might look through a telescope long enough to count 1,000,000,000! But that still is just a start on the actual number of stars, for no one has yet been able to determine just how many there are.

Just to give you some idea of the space that these stars have to get "lost" in, listen to this. Our sun, which is really a star, is just 93 million miles away (that's over 3700 times around our earth). But the next closest star to that is 26 million miles away. The stars aren't close neighbors!

So you can see why nobody has ever counted all of the stars, and no one probably ever will do it. But wait a minute—someone *has* counted the stars!

That's right. Someone does know exactly how many stars there are! What's more, this Person knows the name of each star!

Listen to the evidence! "He telleth (knows or determines) the number of the stars; he calleth them by their names" (Ps. 147:4).

Do you know who that Person is? The next verse identifies him: "Great is our Lord, and of great power; his understanding is infinite."

Most of us could never even count 1000 stars. But God knows every star and the name of each.

Yet, this same God who is so mighty and powerful is interested in *you*. He is so interested that ". . . he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In comparison to the stars you are just a speck, but God loves you and that's one of the most wonderful truths in all of the universe!

Another equally astounding fact is that God desires our fellowship. That God should allow His creatures to have fellowship with Himself staggers the imagination; but that He can *desire* it is almost too much to believe.

But that is what the Bible tells us. In John 4:23 we read, "The Father seeketh such to worship Him." When we realize that the God Who created and governs our great universe wants us to converse with Him through His Word and to communicate with Him through prayer, it should make us evaluate not only our habits but our attitudes toward daily Bible reading and prayer.

God is waiting to hear from you. Will you disappoint Him?

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### Ashland, Alabama

God has been so very good to us and we are so thankful for His blessing to His people. We have been really happy for the new growth in our church, both physically and spiritually. April was "Boost Sunday School" month and we are praying for an added attendance in Sunday School. Our teachers are doing an excellent job and we appreciate their faithfulness. We had Youth Rally at Bethel this month and it was an outstanding Rally. The crowds and interest seem to be growing every month. We look forward to this time of sharing together.

Our labors at the school at Catherine Academy have been a real joy to us, too. David and Caolyn Lively were with us to conduct "Religious Emphasis Week." It began April 18th and we were real excited about this. God has blessed in our Bible Lessons each day as every student spends the first half hour in Bible Study. Our faculty has done a wonderful job teaching the Bible lessons and we praise the Lord for His blessings. We appreciate Bro. David McCance for helping in our Bible classes.

We have been so thankful to have our students home from Bible School and for the help they have been in working with us. Kayla, our daughter, is teaching Bible and piano at the school through the week. Elizabeth Mahan is working with a new youth group in her father's church and also helps us with our youth meetings on Saturday nights. Wade Price is working in Talladega and has been a real blessing to our church too.

We had an Easter sunrise service and a time of fellowship followed. Please remember us in your prayers as we labor for the Lord. May God bless you.

Bro. Jim Arnall, Pastor

### Westminster, Colorado

We want to write a few lines to express God's goodness to us who are called His children. The touch of the Lord has been with us throughout our services and what a blessing He brings to us. Our Easter Service was blessed by His Holy Spirit guiding a salvation message. We felt the conviction of the Lord in our midst but saw no soul come to the cross. But maybe we are only sowing the seed while another will bring forth the harvest.

Every once in a while we get the chance to go and visit Bro. and Sis. Alvin Buschman in Bayard, Nebraska. They are our closest church in the movement to us and they are about 200 miles away. We really love and appreciate them in Christ and it is a joy to visit about the Lord and worship together.

Bro. Bill Largen is helping now in the church with the youth. We hope to see our youth number increase and for them to grow closer to the Lord. Bro. Bill is staying with us at the present time and what a blessing he is. We ask prayer for our little chapel that God would direct. Also we want to express a desire for your prayers for Sis. Ruth Leager who is still trusting the Lord for her healing. When so many of us have given up on things, Sis. Ruth is still believing God to make her completely and totally whole.

We want to thank all those who remember us in prayer. We do need each other as we serve the Lord. May God bless you all.

Frank Arnall, Pastor

### Follett, Texas

Blessings from our Saviour are falling on the people of the Follett Chapel. We are excited about living for Him.

Our church recently completed a concentrated effort to see more people in God's house. The theme for the month preceding Easter was "God is Light." Many re-dedications were made and several new people have made Follett Chapel their new church home, and have been saved.

Easter Sunday climaxed the effort with our church attendance record being set at 153 people. This is an all time record for the entire church history. This is only a New Beginning as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Wonderful King of Kings. We were especially blessed by a special Easter evening Communion and Candle Light service. Each family represented, individually lit a candle to show their importance as a Christian light in our community.

The youth have set a goal toward a summer trip to Six Flags Over Texas. They are truly earning their way as they have separated and stacked logs for sale, after the church men spent three Saturdays trimming the trees in the large tree row west of the church. The youth are planning several money making projects and are diligently working for the Lord.

Truly the day is short and we must remain busy in His Service.

B. Joye Watson—Reporter  
M. D. Methvin—Pastor

### West Purcell Apostolic Faith Church

We are thankful for the presence and love of the Lord in our services. We were glad to have some of the Dwight Sargent family as visitors recently. There are several unsaved in our community that we are carrying a burden for and also some sick folk. We would appreciate your prayers in their behalf. God has been so good to us all through the years. He never fails one of His good promises if we keep His commandments and statutes.

Bro. George Hintergardt, Pastor

### Hardesty, Oklahoma

The Girl Scouts of Hardesty worshipped with us Girl Scout Sunday. Rev. David Lively brought the message, and the Quesenburys had their complete family, including their new granddaughter, in attendance.

Sue Mason, daughter of Robert and Cleo Mason, and John West, son of John and Leora West, Texhoma, were married in our church the 25th of March. Rev. Barry Methvin officiated.

Jerry and Lonnie Arhelger, of Wewahitchka, Florida, were with us April 4th. Jerry provided special music for the morning service and was in charge of the evening service. Lonnie is the granddaughter of Gene and Glois Richards. Several of the Richards family were visiting. After the evening service, we had a time of fellowship in the church basement.

Jack Cornell, Pastor

Mary Lorraine Jones, Reporter

### Dumas, Texas:

We have enjoyed many blessings this past month. The Living Waters Group visited us and ministered to us in song and some good old time preaching. The spirit of the Lord was felt in every service. Brother Ronnie Martin held us a week's service. We had one receive the Holy Spirit and one saved. Christians seemed to receive many blessings too. So we ask all churches and Christian people in the ministry to pray for our new church that it will grow and be a blessing to our community.

The Burrus singing group from Spearman was with us for a good singing time and we were glad to have them. We don't want to forget the Dietz twins from Borger, Texas who came over and ministered to us in song also. So we have been blessed with good singing and preaching. These groups just don't sing, they preach along with their singing.

We also have enjoyed having sister Paula Buschman back home for a while if we can keep her here. Brother Calvin Klause is here working in the church too along with Rip Yocum, Jack Wimer and Barbara Cooper. We are glad for this group to be in our church helping us. The Young People of the church went on a ski trip to Red River and they really enjoyed the trip and they ministered all along the way. All came home blessed, so pray for our young folks.

Nina Trayler, Reporter

Jim Russel, Pastor

### FILLED

Spill a vial of perfume, and what can flow out?  
Perfume alone, spreading fragrance around.  
Heap a basket of apples till some overrun—  
Fruit, only fruit, will fall out on the ground.  
Let God fill a heart with His fullness and love,  
So that nothing but love can find any space,  
Then heavenly fruit alone can pour out  
Of that Spirit-filled life, kept so by His grace.

—MARIE STRACHAN

### Midway Country Church

#### Logan, Oklahoma

God has been blessing in our services. Over the past three years we've witnessed spiritual growth among our people. It has been a joy to work with this church...so our hearts are saddened when we realize we will soon be leaving them. It is our prayers that the Lord will send them the right pastor who will carry on the work in this place.

We've enjoyed the Revival that started April 17th with the Rev. O. A. Busch. Our prayers are that the Lord will bless in our community and save some souls we've been praying for. The Bible says that as a Faith is, so shall it be. I feel this is our answer to the blessings of God.

Howard Whitely, pastor

### Baxter Springs, Kansas

As we look back over the past weeks we can testify that the Lord has been glorious to us here in the Baxter Springs community. There was a time of preparation for revival that enabled us to have cottage prayer meetings that I feel were very beneficial to our whole congregation. March 20 thru March 27 Brother and Sister John Scruggs were in our church conducting a revival. We praise the Lord for the blessing of their ministry to us in sermon and song. There seems to be a stirring in the hearts of the people of this community to return to God. We have also seen the healing power of God at work in the lives of some of the families of our congregation. Beginning on April 24 Brother Lyndel Arnall presented Bible lessons on the "Past, Present, and Future of the Nation of Israel." We all enjoyed very much having Brother Lyndel deliver this very good instruction to us. As a church, we are coming to a time of making some very important decisions and would like the movement to pray with us that we will make the decisions that will be best for us. Our desire is that God will send His blessing upon all His laborers that His vineyard may prosper.

Ollie L. Kinser



63rd

ANNIVERSARY

Evangelist and Mrs. Homer Coberly will observe their 63rd Anniversary Sunday, June 5, 1977 at their home, 1307 30th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79405. Their phone number is 806-744-2871. We quote from his letter.

"We both were saved the same night August 8, 1912. After I prayed through I went back and preached to a bunch of the boys and have been at it ever since. Twenty-two months later we were married. Praise the Lord for these glorious happy years together in revivals, from California to Virginia and from Michigan to South Texas. Letters from friends will be greatly appreciated. We hope to hear from old time friends and from new ones." (Bro. Coberly has been preaching longer for the Apostolic Faith than any other living minister since the death of Bro. Stockwell whose obituary is in this issue).

# Minister's Wives Retreat

Canyon, Texas

Isaiah 55 became the theme for the Minister's Wives Retreat that was held at Canyon, Texas, March 29-31, in the beautiful Ceta Canyon Methodist Church Camp.

A group of eighteen ladies shared meals, dorm rooms and many hours of ministering to each other in songs, testimonies of victories in the Lord and burdens of their hearts.

As they sang verse 1 and 2 of that chapter and shared from the depths of their hearts, the message of "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat;—", there was great rejoicing in the fact that all were alike with like needs and God knows those needs and how to supply them all.

They were challenged to memorize the chapter by camp meeting time and live expecting verses 12 and 13 to be a reality for each one. "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Sister Becky Rose, Anchorage, Alaska, shared her knowledge of church office organization, operation and ministry. She inspired and blessed everyone with her beautiful testimony.

It is planned to have another retreat in March of 1978, same place, hoping many more ministers' wives will be able to attend.

Those present were Mary Adair, coordinator, Canyon, Texas; Barbara Waterbury, Perryton, Texas; Mona Kerr Liberal, Kansas; Rosalie Regier, Spearman, Texas; Sharon Doebler, Dalhart, Texas; Ruth Dearing, Las Vegas, Nevada; Myrtle Carney, Hinton, Alabama; Charlene Barker, Pampa, Texas; Patsy Waterbury, Granby, Mo.; Anna Kinser, Baxter Springs, Kans.; Lamoyne Fox, Katy, Texas; Kathryn Cornell, Hardesty, Okla.; Sandra Flock, Canyon, Texas; Rita Wiles, Carolyn Lively, Deanna Barker and Thelma Long, Laverne, Okla.

They were joined on Wednesday by Laly Abraham, Brenda Martin and Dora Bydler for the days activities.

Submitted by Thelma Long

## FELLOWSHIP

By Grace Beeler

What is fellowship? Have you really ever thought about the fellowship we should have with **all** God's children? Webster's Dictionary defines fellowship as a group of people gathering together having the same interests. God's people have a common interest that is to love and serve God.

In I Thessalonians 4:9, we are told about brotherly love—"But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another." If we are to have brotherly love, should not fellowship be included in our brotherly love?

I thank the Lord because he has given us brothers and sisters to worship with and to help each other know more about God. Only the Lord could give us Love in our hearts that we could love and reach out to one another.

Through fellowship, we are able to witness and minister to others. II Corinthians 8:4 says, "Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints." The Lord's people are so richly blessed by each other so many times, but we often take our much needed fellowship for granted—to minister to each other, and to help us grow spiritually and closer to God.

In I John 1:3—"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." I'm sure this verse can be interpreted many ways. But I believe you can see in the verse that each group of Christians are wanting to share their knowledge and love with another group of Christians, and the gathering together is because of our God and His Son Jesus Christ.

I believe that Fellowship with one another is much more needed today than ever before. Since I have begun in the Lord's work, this is perhaps the one thing that has stood out in my mind. The Lord uses us to help our next door neighbor, by having fellowship with one another. There are many hungry Christians today that need help to understand and learn the truth. Maybe you are the one that can help them. May we share with Christian brothers and sisters the love and understanding that the Lord has given each of us. May the Lord enlighten and show you the need of fellowship.

### UNFOLDING

*Some day the reason will be plain.  
No longer will my tortured heart scream—"Why?"  
As things of earth will dimly fade away,  
And waves of glory sweep aside each sigh.*

*The loving touch of tender, nail-scarred hands  
And glimpses of my Saviour's thorn-pierced brow  
Will heal the pain of futile, bitter years  
In endless day . . . for grief is only now.*

—WINNIFRED SCHWARTZ

### DEADLINE

Copy must be turned in by the 15th of the month preceding the issue its to be included in.

### Taneyville, Missouri

#### Greetings in The Lord!

The Lord has been so good to me since the start of 1977. I have found there is a big job for each of us to do. It seems sometimes as if it gets bigger all the time. I have learned in my work at Taneyville that the Lord can give you faith, can answer prayers that you thought were impossible, and can work through what you try and do for him.

I have often thanked the Lord for my teachings at Bible School this past year. Through my learning, it has helped me in ways I cannot explain. I often recall back to a particular verse or a train of thought that I received in one of my classes. Truly, the things that I learned at Bible School are being used and have helped me in the things that I do now.

We have a theme song at our Church—"Learning to Lean." This chorus has meant so much to me. It has helped me to work with the kids at Church in many ways. The enlightenment and love that the Lord has given me to share with them is a big task, but the Lord helps me to do it. I'm really learning to lean on the Lord and how to listen to what the Holy Spirit wants me to do. I think that is something we all must do and learn to lean on the Lord for all needs and for the moving of the Spirit in each of our churches.

May the Lord richly bless you all!

Grace Beeler

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Paul Benjamin II was born to Alvin and Glenda Buschman, pastors of the Apostolic Faith Church in Baynard, Nebraska, on March 31, 1977. He weighed 9 lbs. 8 3/4 oz. and was 22 in. long. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. (Benny) Buschman of Stinnett, Texas. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glenford Bensch of Logan, Oklahoma. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Wintergard of Baxter Springs, Kansas, Mrs. J. W. Buschman of Stinnett, Texas and Mrs. Parker Dixon of Booker, Texas.

Nolan and Jamie Brown, members of Faith Chapel in Canyon, Texas proudly announce the arrival of their new little son, Stephen Craig born March 31, 1977. He weighed 7 lbs, 1 1/2 oz. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Noble Brown of Follett, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Oren Fisher of Lubbock, Texas.

### TWO FOLLOWERS

Goodness and mercy—how can it be  
That always and ever they follow me?  
Day after day and year after year,  
The tread of their footsteps sounding near,  
I, so unworthy, so poor and bereft;  
Yet my two followers never have left.  
Oft times I've wandered far out in the cold,  
Quickly they've ushered me back to the fold;  
Guiding me safe when my feet touched the brink,  
Lifting me up when it seemed I would sink.  
How could I merit this kind, loving care?  
No good have I—but a secret I'll share,  
The Lord is my Shepherd who watches to see  
That goodness and mercy are following me.

—OLIVE BENDER

## Report From AFBC Superintendent

Dear Christian Friends,

We're very pleased with the interest being shown by prospective students for the fall term of school. As of now we still don't have a complete faculty list but hope soon to be able to announce it. We ask that each of you do pray that the Lord will move in the lives of those who will best fill the job.

If there are those of you who're making any plans to attend Bible School this fall, married or single, do let us know. We have limited space for both married and single students. I feel it's imperative that you let us know your plans.

I'm praying for a good, spiritual school. There will be some changes made that I hope are for the best both for the school and students. Pray for us, we do humbly ask.

Since we will not be able to make a tour of the churches this spring and summer because of our pastoral duties here at Midway, please cut out this form, fill it out and send it to me if you're planning to attend Bible College this fall.

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I request admittance into the Apostolic Faith Bible College for the fall of 1977:

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Keith Barker, Pampa, Texas

# 4-STATE

YOUTH CAMP

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

JUNE 19-24, 1977

Enrollment Sunday June 19 after 2 p.m.

Classes start Monday and close after  
lunch Friday. **THERE WILL BE NO FRIDAY**

**NIGHT SERVICE**

Chairman

Edwin Waterbury

Box 205, Granby, Missouri 64844

Phone 417-472-6203

Committeemen:

Wapel Ferguson, Cave Springs, Arkansas

Neil Ragan, Joplin, Missouri

Ollie Kinser, Baxter Springs, Kansas

# 4-STATE CAMPMEETING

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

JULY 21-29, 1977

This camp will start on Thursday night  
and close a week later on Friday night.

There will be only one week end involved

We hope this will enable more people  
to come spend the entire camp time with us.

Chairman:

Doyle, Wiles

Route 1 Box 226 Decatur, Arkansas 72722

## Centerpoint, Texas

Our pastor, Donald Dibbens, has resigned. We  
desire an interest in your prayers in securing a  
new pastor for our church. We have enjoyed so  
much the ministry of Brother and Sister Dibbens  
these past years, May God bless them.

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