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HAPPY THANKS-GIVING

Thanksgiving in May? Certainly! God's word says "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

Last November as we gathered around a bountiful Thanksgiving table our daughter Vanessa shared a writing with our family that expressed her thankfulness to God. Our family is just like any other family. We have had our bad times and our good times, happy days and sad days and God's been with us through all of them. It is God's faithfulness that Vanessa wrote about and I'd like to share it with you. As you read her thanksgiving for our family, remember what God's done for yours.

"Today is a day for giving thanks as every day should be. No matter what happens we always have something to be thankful for. And I think this year we have so much more to be thankful for than ever before. After all God has done for us we'd be foolish to ever doubt the power of prayer. We've seen much sickness and even death these past few weeks and we can't help but feel sorry for those who go through trials like these but we should also be very thankful that it isn't us having to deal with one of our family members dying. And we should be even more thankful that even if something like this happened to us we would have someone much stronger to lean upon. God has had his hand in protecting all of us here lately. God protected Mamaw when she fell so that she wasn't hurt badly. He protected Dad when he went hunting in Washington and even gave him a chance to witness to his friend who just lost his life. God has been with Dwight, Carla and Dawnya in their ministry and has always been faithful to provide for their needs. God has been with Tammy many times when colds and pneumonia and infections were trying to get the best of her but with the help of God she doesn't have to worry about that anymore. God is with Mom when she goes to the Report office to work. He gives her the chance to reach out to people all over the country. God was with Valerie and me when we were in a school bus wreck on Monday before Thanksgiving. I don't know what may have happened if our bus would have turned over, and it looked like it was going to, but I'm positively sure that God heard me when I whispered 'Lord help us and our bus driver.' God was with Jody, Lisa and Brandon just yesterday in making sure they weren't in their mobile home when it burned and they lost everything they had. And even though the future is uncertain we know that all things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to his purpose. I've also realized how important those prayers are that we pray before leaving home every morning. They've protected us many times even though it seems like sometimes it's just a habit. I realize now that it shouldn't be a habit but a privilege to pray.

I remember when a man named Charlie Plumb came to our school a few weeks ago and told about his experiences in Vietnam. He said their motto was 'Keep the faith, baby' and it worked. Keeping the faith brought them home to a free country after six years of torture. We should be very thankful for the country that we live in for many are not as fortunate as we are in the United States. I think one scripture sums it all up. 'I have been young and now I am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread.'

Yes today and every today is Thanksgiving for there is never a moment when we don't have something to thank God for."

May we all remember to offer our Thanks-Giving unto God in May as well as November. Praise his name for all things!

By Karen Oakes

Deadline!

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Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

ARTICLE VII

Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Creation and Formation

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

"THAT I MAY PUBLISH WITH THE VOICE OF THANKS— GIVING, AND TELL OF ALL THY WONDROUS WORKS"

PSALMS 26:7

In January 1977 I met my wife, Bev, and hid the fact from her that I was a Jew, knowing her family background. I had been born and raised in the Jewish religion. I had gone to Sunday School, I had attended Hebrew School, and I was Bar Mitzvahd at the age of 13. My family were strict Jews and held all the traditions and holidays. At that time and up to my conversion I would refuse to hear of the name of Jesus. Many people had tried to witness to me but I would refuse to listen. Christmas of 1978 we went to a funeral where Ronnie Martin was the preacher. I talked to him afterwards and asked him if I could talk to him and ask him some questions at a later time. In February of 1979 I decided to attempt to try to go to church with my wife. My wife was very helpful in answering questions and helping me to understand what I was witnessing. Between Bev, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Spence, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Methvin they helped me and pointed out things which were very helpful. I knew that by accepting Christ I would probably lose my parents and family. On March 25, 1979, when the altar call was made I went and accepted Christ. To this day I could never say I was sorry. The Lord has been very good to us. We now have a little son, Nicholas Wayne, 13 months old. I now love the Lord very much. I feel my family and I are watched over by God.

Murray Roth
Alvin, Texas



I am writing a testimony for our Lord and Saviour. I would like to thank the Apostolic Faith Report for a scripture that I saw written in it.

I had been seeking God and was really confused and miserable. I tried to read the Bible, it was just so many words. One day I was reading a Report and I saw Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path." Praise God, that did it! I was trying to save myself when all I had to do was trust God. I try to let these two scriptures guide me. Also Colossians 3:17 "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

I want to share some more things I would as soon forget, but to show the goodness and greatness and power of God I have to tell them. I smoked one and one-half to two packs of cigarettes a day and had filthy language and worst of all I hurt the two people in the worst way, that loved me the most. Well thank God he took the cigarette desire away from me. That's right, I had little desire to smoke and I don't believe I have had one slip of the tongue. No desire for that. No one will ever know how many times I have seen my Mother and Dad's faces and am so sorry that I waited until they were gone to turn to God. I have no idea how many hours they prayed for me. I don't think there was any way I could have hurt them more. God has forgiven me my sins but

I am not sure I can forgive myself for the torture I put them through.

If there is any one of you who has a loved one praying for you, please take it from someone who knows, don't wait until it's too late for them to get a blessing from your salvation. It would be a blessing and reward that you can't imagine. Also you would not have to go through the guilty feelings I have gone through so many times. Salvation has been the greatest experience I have ever went through. Since Jesus came into my life I have had the most peaceful feeling. He is truly someone to take your troubles to. There has never been a one year period in my life that has been as fulfilling as this last year. I have enjoyed every song, sermon and testimony. I have never shed so many tears - mostly for joy. I am so sorry that I gave the most years of my life to the devil. Had I known just a few of the blessings and joy in Jesus my life would have been different. Please pray for me that I can somehow in the few years I have left repay a small part of the debt I owe Jesus Christ for hanging on the cross for my sins. I also want to thank everyone of you for your prayers for me in the past. Bro. Otto Busch said he had prayed for me and had never seen me. I imagine there were a lot like him. Most of all I want to thank our Lord and Saviour for making this possible for all of us.

Once again, please if any one of you are like I was, don't wait like I did. I would give most anything if I could go through it again and save the pain I put my Mother and Father through. Also I would have reaped an untold amount of blessings in living for God.

Pray for me and God bless you.

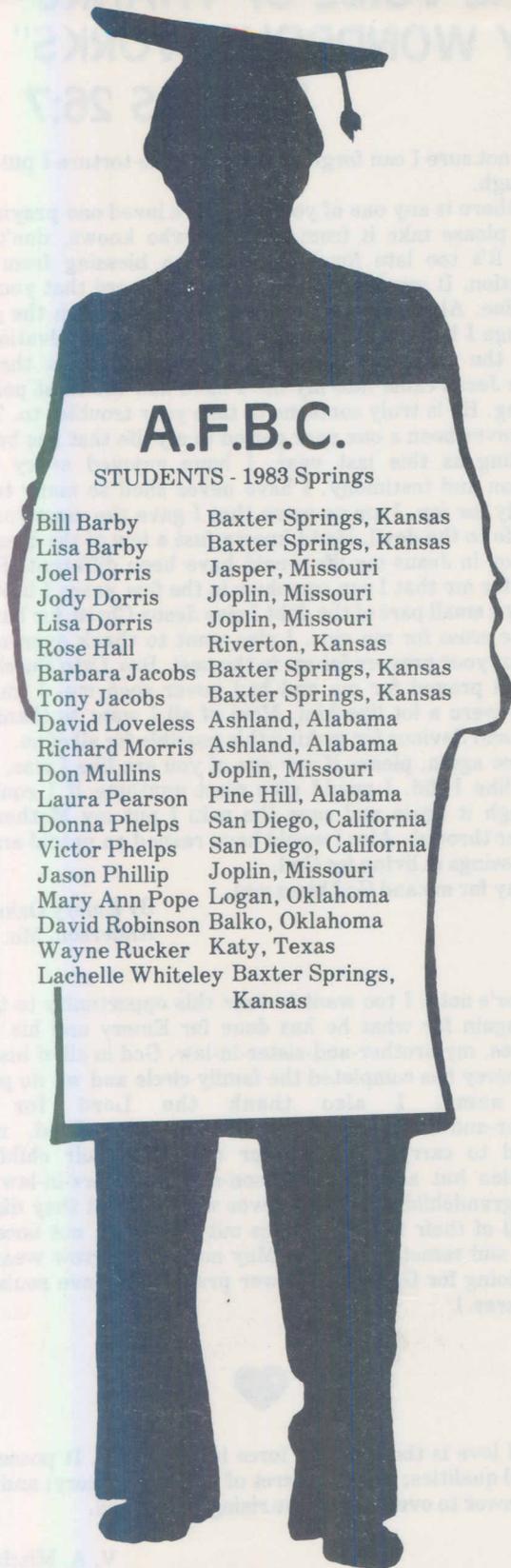
By Emery Oakes
Anderson, Mo.

(Editor's note: I too want to take this opportunity to thank God again for what he has done for Emery and his wife, Delores, my brother-and-sister-in-law. God in all of his love and mercy has completed the family circle and we do praise His name. I also thank the Lord for my mother-and-father-in-law who, while they lived, never ceased to carry a burden for not only their children's salvation but also for their son-and-daughters-in-law and their grandchildren. A day never went by that they did not call all of their family's names out in prayer, not once but twice and sometimes more. May none of us grow weary in well doing for God does answer prayer and save souls. He still cares.)



Real love is the greatest force in the world. It possesses eternal qualities; it is the secret of spiritual victory; and it is the answer to overcoming the rising tide of evil.

V. A. Mitchell



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STUDENTS - 1983 Springs

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| Bill Barby | Baxter Springs, Kansas |
| Lisa Barby | Baxter Springs, Kansas |
| Joel Dorris | Jasper, Missouri |
| Jody Dorris | Joplin, Missouri |
| Lisa Dorris | Joplin, Missouri |
| Rose Hall | Riverton, Kansas |
| Barbara Jacobs | Baxter Springs, Kansas |
| Tony Jacobs | Baxter Springs, Kansas |
| David Loveless | Ashland, Alabama |
| Richard Morris | Ashland, Alabama |
| Don Mullins | Joplin, Missouri |
| Laura Pearson | Pine Hill, Alabama |
| Donna Phelps | San Diego, California |
| Victor Phelps | San Diego, California |
| Jason Phillip | Joplin, Missouri |
| Mary Ann Pope | Logan, Oklahoma |
| David Robinson | Balko, Oklahoma |
| Wayne Rucker | Katy, Texas |
| Lachelle Whiteley | Baxter Springs,
Kansas |

I am thankful to have the privilege to attend my second year of Bible College. I thank God for this school and for the difference it has made in my life. I appreciate the faculty that has dedicated their time to come and work in the school and all those who support the school and make it possible. Christ stated the importance that we should abide in Him and His word should abide in us. I pray others will see this need for the study of God's word in their life and will be led to this school.

Bill Barby



I thank the Lord for allowing us to be here for two years. We have been blessed and encouraged through the past school terms and as this one comes quickly to a close, we realize how important this school has been to us, and pray it will be a great help to others in the future.

Lisa Barby



I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus. He has been great to me. He made a way for me to go to Bible School and I have really enjoyed it. He gave me a Christian family and friends that I could not make it without. He means the world to me. My desire is to be in the Lord's will and to draw closer to Him, so I can be a better witness for Him.

Joel Dorris



I thank the Lord for the privilege of coming to Bible School again. He has worked out everything for us and I just want to thank Him for it.

Jody Dorris



"BLESS THE LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, Bless His holy name. BLESS THE LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Psalms 103:1-2.

I love the Lord and I praise him for all the good things he has done in my life. He provided a way for us to come back to Bible School and since we have been here, he has opened up his word to us and it has become so alive in our hearts. He has been a friend when all others have failed and when the pathway looks so dark, he shines his light of love upon me to give me the strength to go on. He has given me a wonderful husband, who will serve Him with me, and a healthy son. These are just some of the benefits that God has so graciously given, there are many more that I could list. My daily prayer is that I could, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psalms 37:4

Lisa Dorris
Joplin, Mo.



It's hard to express in words just what the Lord means to me and impossible to list all He has done for me. It means a lot to me that He is there each day even when I don't have a specific need. I can't imagine the feelings of insecurity and fear I would have if I felt He wasn't with me. He is truly a friend that sticketh closer than a brother through good times and bad. There is everything to gain by staying close to Him and everything to lose by turning from Him. Thank you Lord for your blessings on me.

Barbara Jacobs



II Timothy 1:13 "Hold fast the form of SOUND words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." I am so thankful for Bible School this year; for the love and compassion you feel just being around friends in faith. I feel God has truly blessed our lives while in the study of His Word. Praise God for such a place as here in Baxter and for consecrated teachers willing to teach the Word. I feel they and the Lord have helped me to prepare for a future in the ministry, but most of all it has been Christ working on my heart. I can never repay all I owe Christ, but I can work for Him and tell others about His love. I pray that through His grace I can always hold fast to sound doctrine, to the Lord's true Word which He gave in faith and love to His children. Praise the Lord today.

Tony Jacobs



I would like to thank Jesus Christ for dying for me. It is an honor to be a Christian and to be a minister of His great works. I thank Him also for the opportunity to come to the Apostolic Faith Bible College. Since my stay here God has furthered my knowledge in His word and shown me how to better myself by applying this knowledge to my life. I also am proud to have been called by God to teach and preach the Gospel and be a servant of His will.

David R. Loveless



I would like to give praise to the Lord, first of all for loving me enough to give His only Son for me that I may have life and have it more abundantly. This is my first time to come to Bible School and I'd like to say that the Lord has blessed me tremendously during these last several months. The scripture in Malachi 3:10 has really become a reality to me. God has given me this opportunity to come into an atmosphere where it is just God and myself in communion each day and God has revealed so much unto me from His word and poured so many of His wonderful blessings out upon me, that sometimes I feel like bubbling over. I know that it is God's will that I was here at Bible School and it's my desire to do my best for Him. The time and efforts that we put forth for God ... He will reward them.

Richard Morris



Praise God for all that He has done. Before the start of Bible School the Lord began to let me know that I needed to come to School again this year. The Devil tried to tell me that with all of my bills and responsibilities there was no way I could come. I turned it over to the Lord and told Him

that if He would open the door that I would go. Within two weeks every door was opened and praise the Lord here I am. There have been many victories won while here, and I have learned a lot more and put more effort into the studies. I praise God that he still meets all of our needs as we rely upon him. I wouldn't trade the time I've spent at Bible School for anything in the world!

Don Mullins



I praise the Lord that I am able to attend Bible College. The college has truly been a blessing to me and am in hopes to return for the next semester. The courses have helped me to have a better knowledge and understanding of the Word of God. I would like to express my thanks to each member of the faculty because they have been a true witness for Christ and a blessing to me. "Thank You."

Love In Christ,

Laura Pearson



I rejoice in the Lord for the work He's doing in my life. James 4:8a "Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you ..." I find this so true at Bible School. As I study daily the Word of God and seek Him - He's there, in every situation, in every trial. I can feel the presence of the Lord everywhere. His arm is never too short to reach down and draw us closer to him. I desire to grow deeper in the things of God and to always seek the will of the Lord in my life and for my family.

Mary Ann Pope



I want to take this opportunity to praise the Lord for this semester He has given me at Bible School. It is so great to know He is always nearby to answer and meet my needs. Through this term my faith has been increased as I have seen Him work in miraculous ways. I just want to praise Him for always being by my side.

Lachelle Whitely



As I look back upon this term of Bible School, I see so many things that God has blessed us with! I sure am glad that I had some Christian people praying for me that I would come to Bible School for at first I had decided not to come. I just praise the Lord daily for the work He has done in my life since the beginning of the term! It's great to see needs met at the Bible School, and I'm thankful that I've been a part of it! I would just ask to be remembered in your prayers, for I want to do what the Lord wants me to do. May God richly bless you!

David Robinson



MORE AFBC TESTIMONIES

I think the hardest thing for me to learn as a Christian was the need for my fellow laborers in Christ. As time went on Jesus taught me, and is still teaching me the importance of each Christian in the BODY OF CHRIST, complete unity ... I know as time goes on I'll err occasionally, but I know the wonderful power of the Lord to correct, and teach me the right way. The most important thing to me now is having a good relationship with the Lord, and with you, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Tomorrow is the dawning of a new and delightful experience in the Lord in which you and I can play a big part. Lord I pray that all that you would ask me to do everyday of my life I would do with all my heart giving you all glory and all praise. This is my prayer to God for myself and for you as members of a very important body, Jesus' body. The Lord I thank daily for all His wonderful work and victories in my life ...

God Bless you all with a love for the things of the Lord.

Your brother in Jesus,

Jason Phillips



Well school is over and it's time to clean up the campus and get ready to move on. I can hardly believe it. It seems like we just got here.

I would like to say to any of the young married couple with children who would like to come to Bible school but have bills to pay or just don't want to quit their jobs, or for what ever reason think they can't come; that the Lord will bless you so much. He will meet your every need.

We had doubts before we came to Bible School, there were bills to pay, Victor had a good steady job, we didn't want to move the kids away from our families. But the Lord kept putting it in our hearts to follow Him, Trust Him, and that He is able. Every time I would pick up my Bible I would find another scripture assuring me that God is on the throne and He could take us through any situation. And He has, He's met every need and every bill. We just had to take Him at His word and step out in faith. We were wondering what we were going to do in between semester, would we have to go back to San Diego for the summer and find a job? So we prayed about it and at the end of the week we had a job offer for the summer in Texas.

I had the privilege to work in the nursery this semester. The kids would come over in the morning and we would have a time of prayer, and singing, and then we had our Bible lesson and crafts. It's been such a blessing. We have seen many prayers answered because of the faith of these little children. One day my little boy was sick, and one of the kids said, "Lets Pray for him", so we all stood in a circle, held hands, and prayed that the Lord would heal him, and sure enough He did.

My husband, children and I have all grown spiritually since we've been here, and we're looking forward to next semester!

Donna Phelps

May 1983

I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to the Lord. He's been so good to us and faithful to meet our every need.

My family, consisting of my wife, and two children ages four and two, came from San Diego to bible college two years ago for part of the school year. There was such a difference between Baxter Springs and San Diego. Although we loved bible school, we said we would never come back to this area again.

The Lord changed our minds. When we returned home, it was like going back to Mars. There was church services once a week, and we felt we weren't getting fed. I found a job, went to school, and before I knew it, I was caught up in the race. I was not reading my Bible as I should have.

Then the Lord gave us the burden to come back to Baxter Springs. At first we thought it was crazy. We didn't even like it in that little town, but later we felt the Lord had something back there for us to do.

Then we used our bills as a excuse, How would we pay them? The Lord told us that, He is always with us, and to look to Him not man. People from the Bible College came to San Diego, and we were excited. We let them know of our wishes to return to Bible College. They said, they might need someone to take care of the nursery. My wife knew this is what the Lord wanted for her to do.

We decided to return to Baxter, and the Lord has blessed us so abundantly. He has meet our every need, our bills are being paid. I believe if we just will lean on God, and trust in Him, He will provide.

Victor Phelps



I just want to thank the Lord for bringing me closer to Him than I have ever been before. When I came to Bible School I really had no ambition or desire to do His work. Since I have been here the Holy Spirit has been teaching me and dealing with me about my responsibility in sharing the Word with others. The people here at Bible School have been an encouragement to me in helpng me learn the Christian way of life. I'm excited about my new life in Christ and am anxious to go from Bible School and share Jesus with the world.

Wayne Rucker



LOVE is the spark that kindles the fires of compassion.

COMPASSION is the fire that flames the candle of service.

SERVICE is the candle that ignites the torch of hope.

HOPE is the torch that lights the beacon of faith.

FAITH is the beacon that reflects the power of God.

GOD is the power that creates the miracle of love.

HE THAT LOVETH NOT
KNOWETH NOT GOD;
FOR GOD IS LOVE.

I JONH 4:8

MY ONE TRUE BEST FRIEND

Life brings changes and sometimes these changes hurt. Unsure of what lay ahead of me I left the security of Baxter Springs last fall to move to Springfield, Mo., to attend Evangel College. I knew what I was doing was in the Lord's will but it seemed like such a drastic change. I had established a way of life for me in Baxter Springs. I had my friends and family. They knew and accepted me for what I was. I had carved a groove for myself to fit into.

In Springfield there was no such groove. Trying to carve a place for me to fit was sometimes lonely and frustrating. But God became so real to me through it. Having plenty of time to spend with Him instead of others, I began to get to know Him. He'd always been my best friend in theory but now I began to get to really know this Best Friend. I've made friends now and my groove is beginning to take shape. But as not to forget the Friend I've found I wrote this poem for Him.

He's the first I meet each morning
As I rise to start my day.
He's the last to whisper "Goodnight"
When at night in bed I lay.

He's the one I quickly run to
When my heart is gripped in fear;
For as long as I will come
He will always hear.

Sometimes we sit and talk
Sometimes I say it all;
But He always has the answers
He just waits for me to call.

He's the one who tells me "well done"
When I've given it my best.
He will never leave me
Although shunned by all the rest.

He'll share in my excitement
and the joys of the day.
But He'll also share the sadness
And the hurt that comes my way.

He's never told me something
I've found to be untrue
Every word He's ever spoken
He's promised to do.

Through love he chose to save me
As I sank in sin's dark pit.
He shed his blood on Calvary
That I might live by it.

He's my God, my Lord, my Maker
He'll be with me to the end.
Christ the King, my risen Saviour
He's my one, my true best Friend.

New places and people and changes are scary to face, but as long as I have my one true best Friend beside me I can make it through.

By Rae Mona Arnall

A BAD DAY?

By Carol Crain

Today I saw a newspaper picture of a grieving mother.

She had just lost her home and loved ones in an Australian cyclone which left many dead and countless thousands homeless and desperate.

I began to recall the many times
the car wouldn't start;
vanilla wafers went up 2 cents more;
the dripping faucet got on my nerves;
the phone rang too much;
the cellophane tape wouldn't stick;
the mailman was late;
it was drizzling rain;
the kids got cracker crumbs on the carpet...

We Christians—
How many good days
have we turned into bad ones
by our ungrateful complaining?

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Where family prayer is daily said,
God's Word is regularly read,
And faith in Christ is never dead—
That is a Christian home.

Where father, mother, sister, brother
All have love for one another,
And each one tries to please the other—
That is a Christian home.

Where family quarrels are pushed aside
To let the love of God abide
Ere darkness falls at eventide—
That is a Christian home.

Where joy and happiness prevail
In every heart without a fail,
And thoughts of God on high set sail—
That is a Christian home.

Where Jesus Christ is Host and Guest,
Through whom we have eternal rest,
And in Him are forever blest—
That is a Christian home.

MAY NOTES



Kingman, Kansas

The Lord has been gracious to the Kingman Apostolic Faith Church. Bro. Brening has started Bible studies on the book of Revelations. We pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit as we study this prophetic book.

Beginning at the first of the year the ladies of the church have been having Bible study - prayer services every Friday afternoon. It has been a time of sharing the love of God and to show concern not only among ourselves but to the other ladies who have come to enjoy the fellowship of the blessings of the Lord.

The members of the church has been having nights of Tarrying services. Many are the needs of the church, spiritual as well as temporal. How it behooves God's people to examine themselves to see if they are in the Faith. So many of the teachings of the signs of the times have come to pass it is imperative that the Family of God be ready.

An invitation is extended to those of you to come and visit our church and to share in the love of God.

Rev. Mike Brening, pastor

Joplin, Mo.

Praise the Lord for He is so good to his children. We have just ended a very good revival with our evangelist Bro. Floyd LaMunyon. Bro. and Sis. LaMunyon have been with us sharing God's word and sharing experiences that God has helped them with in their work for the Lord. They have been a real blessing to each one of us here in Joplin. God Bless them as they continue to work for the Lord. The Lord Blessed his Word as it went forth each night and hearts and lives were blessed and drawn closer to the Lord. We saw six young people give their hearts to the Lord. These were all under the age of 12. So the Lord has no age barrier when he deals with the hearts of his people. We saw people healed and many other miracles done while these services were in progress. The Lord is still performing miracles today and is dealing with his children. He is alive and well today. Praise the Lord.

Psalms 37:4 says "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." We need to do our part of our work for the Lord.

We appreciate all the visitors who have come to be with us in our services and we invite them to come back to worship with us.

May God Bless everyone today.

Neil Ragan, pastor
Tony Bartel, reporter

Taneyville, Mo.

His blessings have been many in the last few months. Many of our church folk have experienced sickness and some deaths in their family and even some accidents, but the Lord said he would go with us through it all. Yes, we have seen good come from what the devil intended for bad. How we praise the Lord for the blessed Holy Spirit to guide us. We have been studying about the working of the Holy Spirit and we believe that there is going to be another outpouring and renewing of the Holy Spirit in our church.

We are thankful for our pastor (Wayne Wheeler), his wife and girls. Sister Wheeler is working with our youth and also is very busy getting ready for V.B.S. Our pastor has kept busy tending to our needs as the Lord gives him instruction. We have rejoiced, and yes, cried, at the sermons the Lord has given Brother Wheeler for us. We feel like the coming of our Lord is very near.

We have a revival planned the first week of May. Pray that souls may be saved.

We are thankful for the Lord's material blessings as well. We have new carpet, kitchen floor covering, and kitchen stove in the parsonage. Brother Dwight Wilson is busy doing the repair work on our church building. This is truly an answer to prayer. We are looking forward to new wall-to-wall carpeting for the auditorium and praising the Lord that someone is anonymously paying for it.

Truly the Lord's blessings are here in Taneyville, praise the Lord.

Wayne Wheeler, pastor
Carol Williams, reporter

Amarillo, Texas

Since we have been reading and discussing our favorite scriptures during our Wednesday night services, I wanted to share mine with you. Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Recently we were privileged to have Ronnie and Sandy Hoskins as guests. Brother Ronnie preached both morning and evening services. We appreciate his fine messages and his dedication to the Lord. Remember to pray for our young ministers.

We are continuing to have our young adult Bible Study on Friday night and we are beginning a study on the Holy Spirit.

Our church had special Easter services with services on Friday and Saturday night and a sunrise service Sunday morning.

We invite you to come and worship with us anytime you are in the Amarillo area.

Brent Blythe, pastor
Marietta Heisch, reporter

THE WORLD WOULD RATHER
SEE A SERMON ANY DAY
THAN HEAR ONE.



Whipple

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whipple of Perryton, Texas, announce the birth of their first child, a son named John Edward Whipple. He was born on Oct. 17, 1982, at the Guymon Municipal Hospital, weighing 6 pounds 14 ounces and measuring 19 inches.

Largen

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Largen announce the birth of their son, Josiah William Gerritsen-Largen. He was born on March 8, 1983, weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces and measuring 21 inches.

Weston

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Weston of Woodward, Okla., announce the birth of their third son, Ty Jordan. He was born on March 18, 1983, at 8:36 a.m., weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces and measuring 22 inches. He joins two brothers, six and one-half years old Chris, and Shelby, 14 months old.

Maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Jack Cornell of Baxter Springs. Great-grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Cornell of Laverne, Okla., and Faye Booth of Hardesty, Okla.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mack Weston of Baxter Springs. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weston, also of Baxter Springs, and Margaret Rogers of Galena.

On March 27, 1983, Tony and Tonya dedicated their son, Ty Jordan, to the Lord. The service was performed at the First Assembly of God in Woodward, Okla., by Pastor William R. Eccles and Rev. Jack Cornell.

OPEN FOR CALLS:

Dear Friends of the Apostolic Faith Movement,

I am open for calls in the pastoral department but will not be available to assume those duties until after camp meeting. Your consideration and prayers will be appreciated.

Tony Jacobs
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Dear Friends in Christ,

I have recently received the call of God upon my life to go into the ministry. I have received a burden to spread God's Holy Word to His people. I have been running from God ever since I graduated from Bible School two years ago but praise the Lord He finally called a halt to this running. I would appreciate the prayers of my brothers and sisters in Christ. My decision has been made through much prayer and hard trials. I will be available for calls anytime. I am eager to go

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out and preach God's Word. I can be reached at the following address:

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(501) 442-3514

CAN YOU HELP?

Sis. Barbara Waterbury is trying to collect as many poems that she has written through the years to compile them into a book. Some of them she did not keep copies of. If you have some of her poems would you please send her a copy so that she might get them all together. Her address is:

Barbara Waterbury
Box 845
Perryton, Texas 79070

Thank you so much for all of your help. Barbara, let us all know when your book is complete. Thank the Lord for your talent that you use for Him.

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QUALIFICATIONS OF A PASTOR

The strength of an ox.
The tenacity of a bulldog.
The daring of a lion.
The patience of a donkey.
The industry of a beaver.
The versatility of a chameleon.
The vision of an eagle.
The melodies of a nightingale.
The meekness of a lamb.
The hide of a rhinoceros.
The disposition of an angel.
The resignation of an incurable.
The loyalty of an apostle.
The faithfulness of a prophet.
The tenderness of a shepherd.
The fervency of an evangelist.
The devotion of a mother.

...Christian Beacon

WHAT IS A MOTHER?



By Ruth Vaughn

A mother is God's best creation! She is a sculptor of immortality, an artist of eternity, a keeper of everlasting destinies.

A mother spends her life mothering neighbors, cats, and children; patching jeans, curtains, and broken hearts; cooking corn bread, oatmeal, and hot dogs; supervising the ironing, floor waxing, and shoeshining; teaching goodness, obedience, and the multiplication table.

She fills each moment with creating small dresses from large ones, stew from almost nothing, and curtains from worn sheets; training voices, animals, and babies; directing piano practice, lesson study, and Junior's ABC's; rolling cupcakes in coconut, dough into piecrust, and stringy hair into golden curls.

A mother is always available for pushing red wagons, rope swings, and everyone's spirit; moderating in times of anger, strife, and scratching; illustrating lessons, Bible stories, and the love of God; mending socks, songbooks, and shattered dreams; molding clay, gelatin, and young lives; feeding prim little girls, mischievous little boys, innumerable puppies.

A mother is always capable of smiling despite illness, lack of sleep, and worn dresses; whispering prayers, encouragement, and love; smoothing difficult situations, ruffled feelings, and fevered brows; answering the telephone, the doorbell, and arithmetic problems; hiding her keen disappointments, her longings, and Christmas presents; weeping in sorrow, in joy, and over a sick kitten; delivering food to the needy, children to school, and Father to work.

A mother is never too busy to bake one more cake, plan a party, or listen to a glowing recital of the teenager's last date; she is never too tired to sing a duet, count time for a recital piece, or advise someone in need of help; she is never too exasperated to tease about forgotten costumes for a rehearsal, grin when plans fall through, or make a joke of the situation when company comes and the cupboard is bare.

A mother can be found doing everything: changing diapers, dissolving aspirins, camouflaging onions, gingerly accepting the gift of a wriggly worm, playing ball, attending the PTA, picking up toys, teaching a course on "How To Tell Time," singing lullabies, and spanking naughty children.

A mother likes white sheets, washed dishes, and clean ears; she never spares tenderness, understanding, or the rod; she never fails to wipe runny noses, rub cold feet, or kiss good-night. A mother can always be counted on for

laughter, gentleness, discipline, firmness, and love.

A mother loves beauty, God, and the Bible. She teaches daily by precept and example the wonder of salvation, the truth of God's Word, and the meaning of true love.

A mother is a living example of divine love. At Sunday school, at home, at play, she gives to her children the best introduction to God.

HER CHILDREN ARISE UP, AND
CALL HER BLESSED; HER
HUSBAND ALSO, AND HE
PRAISETH HER. PROVERBS 31:28

A MOTHER'S FAITH

We have a teenage son whom I will call Phil (not his real name). He has been in trouble time after time.

But for a while things had been going so well. I had prayed about his problems and placed him in God's hands. When everyone else had given up on Phil, I'd insisted on looking up, knowing that God's hand was upon my son and that He would straighten his path.

He hadn't been in trouble for quite some time. At last, I thought, my prayers are being answered!

Then the house next door was vandalized, and Phil admitted he and his gang had done it.

I felt as though I'd been pushed off a cliff. I went to bed in tears that night, but couldn't pray. I had run out of faith. I felt I couldn't keep looking up any longer. I couldn't risk another disappointment.

Then I remembered something that happened a long time ago, when I was 10. I was walking home from the store one day, with a dozen eggs clenched under my arm. I had about a block to go when a big black bird flew up from the sidewalk in front of me, flapping his wings like crazy and making a racket that scared me half to death.

But when the bird got up high enough, he spread out those enormous black wings and just coasted across the sky, in perfect silence, in perfect grace.

There was something about that big bird that answered in me a call I didn't remember calling. For a brief moment I knew that God had control of that bird. It was God who enabled it to fly, and that same God was inside me. He was mighty, and He was sufficient for all my needs.

Then, still looking up, I stumbled over the curb in front of our house — and splattered myself and the eggs all over the sidewalk!

My mother came running out and said, "Why didn't you look where you were going?"

I remember saying, as the blood ran down my cheek, "But if I'd been looking down, I wouldn't have seen the bird fly."

That was answer enough for me then. It's answer enough for me now. My God is able. He's mighty, and He's faithful. He who makes a bird to fly can cause my son to walk in the paths of righteousness.

So I'll keep praying and keep believing. God has control of the situation. That's all that matters. I'll keep looking up, even when I fall.

Anonymous

AF Report

MINISTERING TO CHILDREN CREATIVELY

While children are young is the most critical time to teach them the importance of the Bible and the message it contains. When children are young, up to junior high school age they are at the most teachable stage in their lives. It is then that they can be reached the easiest and that's why it is so essential.

The Bible has power to change lives. Often people think that it is only for adults but children too need to know God's love and forgiveness. Children are easily hurt because they are so open and willing to receive. Understanding God's concern for their lives will help them live their life more fully now and in the future.

One of the best things we as teachers or parents can do is to live an active example before them. If you are just pretending, a child will very quickly see through that. To effectively teach children we must be genuinely enthusiastic. Our excitement will pour over into their lives.

Children build their value system long before they reach adulthood. At as young as eight years of age a child will already be making spiritual and social decisions. That is why it is important for children to be taught about the Bible very early in life because they will be facing conflicts with their friends and their values.

Children need a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We as teachers need to be sensitive to children's needs and be able to recognize a child's need when he comes into class. A child may come to class and be doing poorly in school, or had a quarrel with his family, or lost his best friend. Usually the child that needs your love and Jesus' love the most is the one who misbehaves and acts negatively. If we show that child our unconditional love this will communicate to him at a time when nothing else will.

(Mark 10:14-16) "But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

To show this love and concern requires a real commitment from the teacher. It requires sacrifice. Good teachers will spend adequate time preparing their lessons so they can be effective. Teaching is more than a one hour a week job. To properly show your love to your students will take time outside of class. Calling students on the phone or going to their homes, or attending a ball game, or a school related activity with them will help you build that relationship.

The teacher must not forget the most powerful thing of all — prayer. Pray not only for your lesson but pray for each student individually and for their needs. We need to take advantage of every opportunity we have to witness for our Lord. If we are aware we may be able to witness to our students, friends, or their families. With today's life style, pressures, and family decay, we need to do all we can to uplift Jesus and lead others to Him.

In ministering to children we need to remember they are children and they will act like children and we shouldn't expect them to act like adults. We need to relate to them in the way that they will learn best. If we show them love and acceptance they will learn best. If we show them love and

acceptance they will feel secure and be able to accept themselves and love others. By feeling accepted by adults the child will be more able to feel more acceptable to God.

Peer pressure plays an important part of children's lives as well as the need to be approved by adults. This approval will also aid in their having a secure feeling. As a child matures and grows he needs opportunities to have more responsibility. This helps him go from a state of dependence to becoming more independent. As the student grows and matures and is able to accept responsibility the teacher becomes more of a guide to the student.

The teacher must remember that each child grows and develops at his own rate. One of the Sunday School teacher's greatest privileges is to help the students become members of God's family. The students' background and maturity will affect how readily they will accept and believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

We as teachers need to pray that the Holy Spirit will give us wisdom and that we can effectively show our students what God's word says and how they can apply it to their personal lives.

By Bill Barby



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SOME PARENTS SAY

"We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion!"

WHY NOT?

The ads will! The press will! The radio will! The movies will! Their neighbors will! Their business will! Their politicians will!

We use our influence over flowers, vegetables, cattle.

Shall we ignore our children?

— The Trumpeter

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