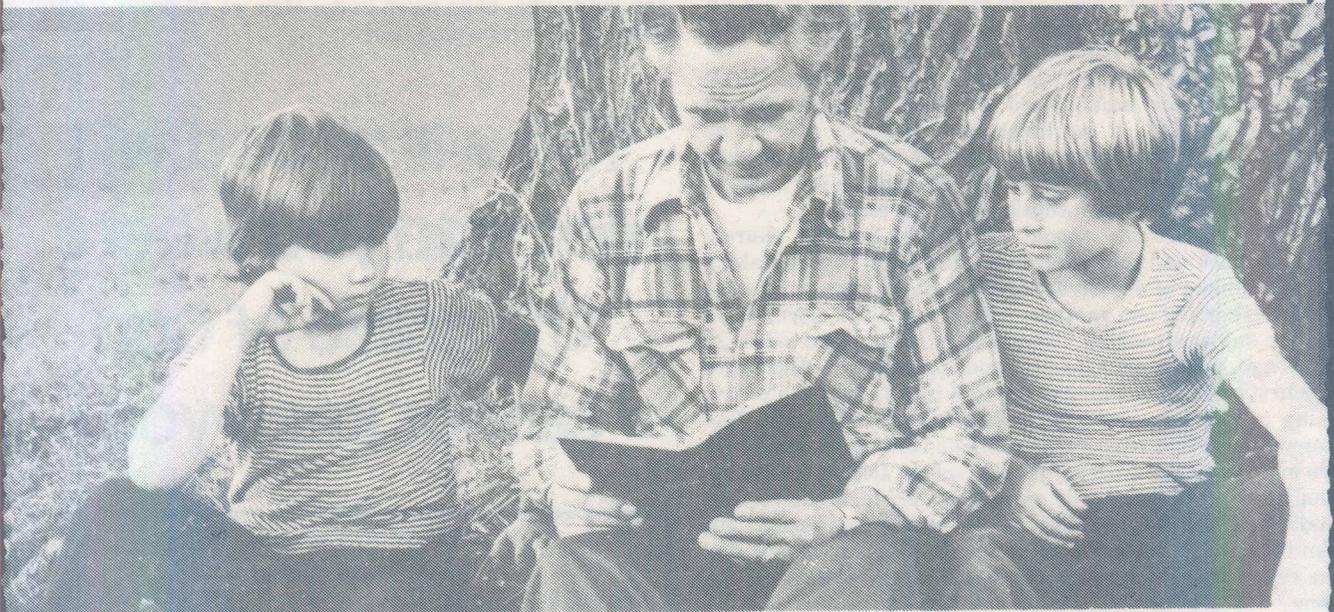


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And, ye fathers, provoke not your
children to wrath: but bring them up
in the nurture and admonition of the
Lord.
Ephesians 6:4



EDITORIAL VOICE

Every year at the close of the Apostolic Faith Bible College is a dedication and ordination service. Down through the years many have been in this service dedicating their time and talents for the Lord to use. Only eternity will reveal the work and labors done by these that have felt the call of God on their lives for some special work.

Many times as a laymember I've set through these services and marveled at the wonderful messages and instructions given to those that were going into the gospel work. This year was no exception. Bro. Jacob Regeir brought a wonderful message of dedication to those that were present, not only to those being dedicated into some special type of work, but to the lay members as well. I for one was very impressed and blessed by seven statements that Bro. Jake left. I'd like to share them with you.

1. Every Christian should study the scriptures—In II Tim. 2:15 we are admonished to "Study to shew thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the truth." If we ever needed to know the scriptures it certainly is in the age we are living in where there is so much deception on every hand.

2. Every Christian should be faithful to their church—through thick and thin. Hebrews 10:25 says "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." I remember when I was saved 20 years ago, people put God first and attendance to His house was first on the list. Sorry to say that is not always so today. Many people who were faithful at one time seem to find every excuse (not reasons) to not be in service. Other things are more important—jobs, family, school activities, recreation. In short the desire is gone that used to be there. But God's word teaches us different. We're still supposed to put him first. We'd better be careful and prayerful for one day the cry of the bridegroom will be heard and the oil will be gone.

3. Every Christian should use all of their talents for the Lord. The 9th chapter of Ecclesiastes, 10th verse tells us to do with our might what our hands find to do. We all have different talents that can be used by the Lord. I've often thought of the song that says "Little is much when God is in it." Some of the most important work done is work that is not glamorous but definitely has to be done. For example, the many times I've been to the Bible College I've been made to appreciate the superintendent, teachers, office workers and last but not least the cooks. Can you imagine even one day without their talents being used for the Lord? I'm sure everyone would miss their finished products. We all need to use what God has given us to his glory.

4. Every Christian should tithe. Malachi 3:10 warns us about robbing God of tithes and offerings. In Matthew 22:21 we read of the account of the Pharisees trying to entangle Jesus concerning the tribute money. He told them to render unto Caesar what was Caesars and unto God what was God's. When we dedicate ourselves to God that includes our pocketbooks.

5. Every Christian should pray. — Prayer, our communication with God. At the crucifixion of Christ the veil of the temple was rent in twain giving you and me the privilege of entering the holiest of holies for ourselves. I Thess. 5:17 says, "Pray without ceasing." Not just in time of trial but during times of victory also. Matt. 26:41 teaches to watch and pray. We need to keep the lines open between us and God.

6. Every Christian should set a Christ-like example. -I Peter 2:21-22 Christ suffered for us as an example that we should not follow the sinful ways of the world. He expects us to conduct ourselves as he would.

7. Every Christian should pray for harvesters. -Harvesters are those that work in the field gathering the precious fruit. Matt. 9:37-38 tells us that laborers are few. We know this is happening in our day. How many churches have closed their doors for lack of pastors? Those of us that have been fortunate to have good pastors and evangelists should be so thankful and get under a burden for those that don't have.

So according to all of these statements, we all, ministry and laity alike, have much to do. May we all prove faithful unto our soon returning King!

—Karen

The will of God will not lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you.

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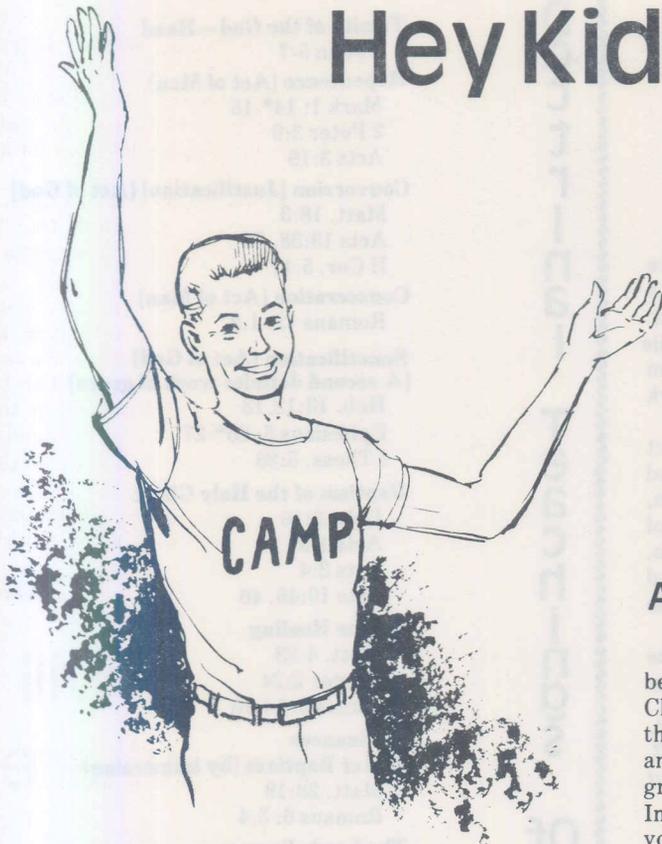
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Hey Kids! Let's All Go To Youth Camp



As time goes on.....

As time goes on, Christian leaders everywhere are beginning to realize more and more the importance of proper Christian instruction for the children and young people of the church. Our world today, is becoming more and more anti-christian, even to the point where certain atheistic groups seek to prevent the spread of the gospel altogether. In order to combat this trend in the future generations, our young people must be firmly and deeply rooted in the Word of God.

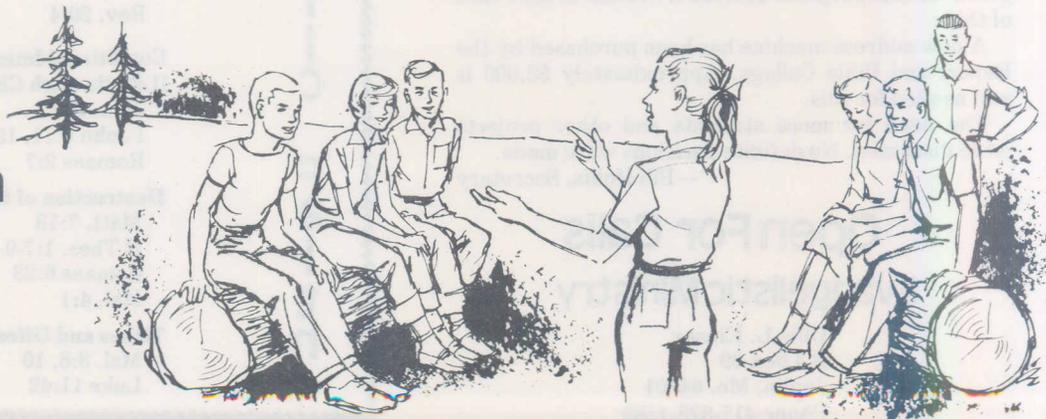
Hundreds of dollars are spent each year by the churches in each area where our camps are located. The greatest proceeds from these dollars are not valued in buildings and property, but in the lives of boys and girls, as their characters are molded in Christian principles. However, these dollars would be worthless without young people. So, check your calendar **today**, put your camp dates in your summer schedule, and take part of your vacation with the Lord. Enjoy the fellowship of other young people.

Our camps need YOUTH.

Myrtle Carney

Go all our FOR your youth and
you will not have to go out
AFTER them.

New
Friends
Fun
Recreation
Singing
Prayer
Lessons



From the Superintendent's Desk



Dear Friends of the Movement;

The Fall and Spring Semesters of the Bible College are now history. The students have graduated and now have the opportunity to put into use that which they have learned. Some of them will be entering into Evangelistic work, while others will return home to work in their own church. I'm sure they would appreciate your prayers in whatever work the Lord has called them.

As for my family and I, we are busily preparing for a short summer tour. Our music instructor, Sis. Janae Harris, and four of this year's students; Yvonna Cornell of Perryton, Texas, Tamara Oakes of Joplin, Missouri, Rhonda Reese of Taneyville, Missouri, and Danny Robinson of Balko, Oklahoma will be traveling with us. We are looking forward to seeing many of you as we travel on behalf of the Bible School.

We sincerely covet your prayers as we make plans for the upcoming terms of school. Thank you for all you have done to make these past terms possible.

*Yours in Christ,
Lyndel Arnall,
Superintendent*

Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Apostolic Faith movement was held May 8, 1980 at 1 p.m. in the Bible College.

Ballots were counted. Ward Stanberry was reelected for position one. Roland Busch was elected for position two. Bill Hollis was reelected for position three.

A report was given by superintendent Lyndel Arnall on the Bible College and Karen Oakes gave a report on the Apostolic Faith Report.

A report was given on the bus renovating project. Total costs were \$23,000. Only \$11,000 has been given for this purpose. \$12,000 is needed to take care of this.

A new address machine has been purchased by the Report and Bible College. Approximately \$2,000 is still needed for this.

The need for more students and other projects were discussed. No definite decisions were made.

—Bill Hollis, Secretary

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DOCTRINAL TEACHINGS Of The APOSTOLIC FAITH

Trinity of the God—Head

1 John 5:7

Repentance [Act of Man]

Mark 1: 14*-15

2 Peter 3:9

Acts 3:19

Conversion [Justification] [Act of God]

Matt. 18:3

Acts 13:38, 39

II Cor. 5:17

Consecration [Act of Man]

Romans 12: 1,2

Sanctification [Act of God]

[A second definite work of grace]

Heb. 13:12,13

Ephesians 5: 25*-27

I Thess. 5:23

Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Luke 3:16

Acts 1:5

Acts 2:4

Acts 10:45, 46

Divine Healing

Matt. 4:23

I Peter 2:24

James 5: 14-16

Ordinances

Water Baptism [by immersion]

Matt. 28:19

Romans 6: 3,4

The Lords Supper

Matt. 26: 26-28

I Cor. 11: 23-30

Feet Washing

John 13: 4-5, 14

NO Divorce and Remarriage

Luke 16:18

I Cor. 7:39

Second Coming of Christ

John 14:3

Acts 1:11

Matt. 24:30

Thousand Year Reign of Christ

Rev. 20:6

Rev. 20:4

Conditional Immortality

[Life through Christ]

John 10:10

I John 5:11, 12

Romans 2:7

Destruction of the Wicked

Matt. 7:13

II Thes. 1:7-9

Romans 6:23

Mal. 4:1

Tithes and Offerings

Mal. 3:8, 10

Luke 11:42

Devotion

Minister, if you know your call to preach as definite as your salvation, then I feel that you are God called. If not there may be a question. This is very important. There is a saying that you can take the boy out of the country but you can't take the country out of the boy. So it is if you are God called. You can take a God called minister off of the field, shut most every door and opportunity for that minister to preach, but still the message of Truth still burns in his heart. We don't retire from preaching, if we have a real call from God.

Since we entered the eighties we also entered a new decade. I'm sure that this decade our faith and integrity for the truth will be severely tried and tested. We have many troubled spots in the world. If I would describe it in my own words, it seems that we are sitting on a seething powder keg. One wrong move from one of our great nations leaders would cause a terrible explosion. I guess I have prayed more for our world leaders in the past few weeks and months than ever before. How would you like to make the decisions that the world leaders will be making in the coming days? It is easier to criticize them, but to have that responsibility is something else.

Years ago, we preached that Israel would return to their homeland in 1948, this was fulfilled. We have preached that the time would come when our land titles and property deeds would not be worth the paper that they were written on. We also preached that the present governments and systems would fall and that anarchy will take over and usher in the 10 toed kingdom that Daniel saw, making the way for the anti-christ to rise to power. According to Peter's writing's this age we live in is the greatest age of all ages. With all of it's problems it is the age of all ages. More prophecy has been fulfilled than at any other age. I have lived from the horse and buggy days, till they put a man on the moon.

Hebrews 4:1-2 "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into the rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them; but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it". I wonder if we could be guilty of what Israel was guilty of, not mixing faith with God's promises.

Jude, 5th verse, "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed." God help us to take heed and to prophet by Israel's mistake. We have the reward of eternal life at the end of the race.

Psalms 39:4 "Lord make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am." If we could only realize how dependent we are on the Lord.

I Cor. 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." We are living in a boastful age. Nations boast of their strength. Even Christians boast of their strength, power and ability. This scripture leads me to believe that we need to be humble and take heed. God help us to be faithful.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. I am

so thankful for the privilege we have to committ all to the Master in these days of uncertainty and sin, for the assurance and peace it brings.

by James Hosler
Laverne, Okla.

THE GOLDEN RULE

by Opal Wimer

Overhearing some individuals talking, statements were made concerning treatment of others. At the conclusion one stated, "That's nothing but the Golden Rule." As I mulled over in my mind the bigger it got. Do we shrug off the golden rule as nothing? There is greater Christian living in the Sermon on the Mount but there is a heap of living in the Golden Rule. This old world, our churches, our homes would be happier and have less heartache if it were practiced faithfully.

Luke 6:31 says, "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

We know in the world it is dog eat dog, do the other fellow before he does you, if you want to get somewhere you have to step on the other person—but what of the churches and homes of the ones that claim to be Christ's? It would be good if we reflected on how we treat others. If our roles were reversed would we be happy the way they behaved toward us? It would do good for us to walk in the others shoes for awhile. We might have greater respect, patience, compassion for the other person.

Do we as laypeople expect out pastor to be prepared to preach, teach, live on what we give? Would you be happy to be your pastor? Do you support with prayer, goodwill, Christian love and financial help? Would you like to change places, would you be happy at the way he were treated if he were you?

Pastors, preachers are you feeding the flock? Do you declare the whole counsel of God? If you were the congregation would you be spiritually emaciated?

The homefront is a place where too often we see the Golden Rule tossed aside as outdated. Why is there so much divorce, heartache and misery? Selfishness and disregard for the other people in the family is the big reason. Let us ask ourselves, would you be happy if you were the other one and were expected to take the treatment that you dish out? Ephesians 5:21-33 are good guidelines for the husband-wife relations. God gave two parents for children, it is difficult for one to do the work of two. Children are to obey their parents but Ephesians 6:4 tells us that we should not provoke our children to wrath but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Example is something to be misunderstood. Look closely at your relationship and ask, "If the other person were you, would you be happy the way you were treated?"

We think of the Golden Rule in regard to our relations to people, but let us think of our actions toward our best friend, our Saviour. Think!!! Would you like to be treated by your Lord the way you treat Him? Do you read what He has written to you? Do you thank and praise Him for all His benefits? You want Him to be at your beckon call. How do you think your service to Him would rate?

If your friends treated you like you treat the Lord, would you consider them a real friend?

The Golden Rule is not to be taken lightly. If lived diligently it will enrich your life as well as those you are in contact with daily.



Hinton, Alabama

Praise the Lord for His bountiful blessings. We are nearly finished with our building program. We are putting the finishing touches on the fellowship hall and rest rooms, and have ordered folding tables and chairs for the dining area. We are proud of this congregation for their endless work and support to make all this possible.

We have enjoyed several visitors in our services this spring. The Bible College Choir sang in our church March 8. A team from the college was in charge of our Sunday morning service on March 9. This team was Barbara Cooper, Tammy Oakes, LeOna Essley, Yvonna Cornell and Kathy Shelton. These young ladies did a great job. Rev. and Mrs. Terry Mathis ministered for us on March 23.

We have just closed a fantastic revival with Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Methvin. Our church was revitalized with each inspiring message. Several souls were saved and each Christian was renewed with an outpouring of the Spirit as the altar services were outstanding.

In the midst of all the activity that lies ahead as summer approaches, I must pause, rejoice, and lift up my head, for my redemption draweth nigh. We should never be too busy with our schedule to observe the signs and seasons around us.

—Myrtle Carney, Pastor

Amarillo, Texas

Rev. Jack Barker conducted a revival at the church during the week of April 13th. The main thought of the sermons were on prophecy and the congregation was also admonished to obtain a deeper life with God. Messages were brought on the benefits of having sanctification and the Holy Spirit working in our lives, not only benefits we receive from these experiences in this day, but also what it will mean to individuals in eternal life.

LaDonna Long led the singing and sang special songs during these services. Her talents were helpful to the church.

The choir from the Suburban Church, with their pastor Rev. and Mrs. Ed Modrick, sang during one of the evening services. Their singing was enjoyed and appreciated.

Two souls were saved during the special services. Thanks and glory be unto God.

There are some new people attending the church. May they find it a place to be restored in the spirit of the Lord.

The pastor, Bro. Cornell, has worked hard putting forth an effort in sermons, visitation, and prayer to help people with each one of their needs.

May God help all of his children to be strengthened and for us to help one another in these last days, because JESUS IS COMING SOON.

—E. K. Cornell, Pastor

Galena, Kansas

Psalms 62:1-2. Truly my soul waiteth upon God, from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

We want to thank God for his many blessings. We are thankful for the precious Holy Spirit that anoints His word and sends deals with our lives.

April 16, we were glad to have Bro. and Sis. James Routh and daughter in service with us. Bro. James brought the message and Sis. Jo sang for us. April 20, Sis. Margaret Yeakel was with us in service. We love and appreciate her very much. May 4, we were honored to have Bro. and Sis. Lee Myers from Lawrence, Kansas. Also Sis. Tammy Oakes and Sis. Donna Kinser were with us. Sis. Donna brought a reading, which we enjoyed. Sis. Tammy helped with the music and also in the young people services. Thank you girls for your service in Christ.

We thank the Lord for the beautiful Mother's Day service. We were glad to have Pam Allen from San Diego in the morning service.

Those on our prayer list are: Mae Tackett, Ruth Archer, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clopton, Mrs. Cleo Rowland, Mr. Porter Rowland, Raymond Evans, Anna Wade, Goldie Myers and Dorothy Jackson.

Psalms 118:14. The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

—Elmer Christenson, Pastor
May Rowland, Reporter

Joplin, Missouri

Well, here it is summer already—school is out, graduations are over, decisions are being made and lives are being changed. It's getting to be such a busy time and we don't want to become too busy to remember the most important one in our life—Christ.

We are in the process of having our parsonage painted and are real anxious to see it finished.

Our Ladies Bible Study closed out for the summer with a salad luncheon and devotion at Sis. Vivian Bard's home. When we begin in the fall we are hoping to have new ladies and new ideas to be a blessing to others.

In His Service,
Neil Ragan, Pastor

Kingman, Kansas

In April we had a picnic in the city park with an attendance of about 35 children, young people, and adults. It was enjoyed by all. We report that Sis. Lillie Wohlford has been gaining strength from the Lord the past few weeks and ask your continued prayers for her. The Melvin Shepherd family is returning to Enid this summer. We've appreciated their work in our community and pray God will continue guiding and using them to His glory. Pray with us concerning a new pastor.

—Nyla Myers, Reporter

Leakey, Texas

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We need your prayers. Our pastor resigned in March and we need a pastor. Pray that the Lord will lay a burden on someone's heart to minister in our church. We don't have a large crowd, but we don't want to see our church doors close. We praise the Lord for Bro. Jim Boyd. He has taken charge of Sunday services, until we are able to obtain a pastor. Remember us in your prayers.

—Leakey Apostolic Faith Church
Darlene Shannon, Reporter

Enid, Oklahoma

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are very much blessed in our church since Sis. Dorothy and husband Jim Cook came to minister to us. Through this last year, we have seen many miracles of healings performed and many blessings received.

Bro. Mitchell Modrick was healed of an arthritic shoulder last March and also received strength from God to recover from a minor surgery this February. Sis. Viola Phares was healed of a heart condition. Jim Cook was able to leave the hospital in a few days after a heart attack, so we know God is still on the throne.

April 30, we had an old fashioned pounding with birthday refreshments for the Cooks. We saw an abundance of food and gifts brought and enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship.

We had a revival with Bro. Johnny Scruggs and family, which began on May 18.

A few months ago, the Lord re-united a son with his father that we had prayer for.

Two of our young people have been married. Linda Phares and Terry Hollers were married in August 1979. Janis Stubblefield and Steve Jordahl were married May 3, 1980. They will be greatly missed when not with us. They have been very faithful coming to the house of the Lord.

We covet the prayers of our Christian friends.

In closing this is the prayer of my heart.

Others

Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer will be for others.

Help me in all the work I do,
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I do for you
Must need to be done for others.

And when my work on earth is done
And my new work in heaven begun
May I forget the cross I've won
While thinking still of others.

Others, Lord, yes others;
Let this my motto be,
Help me to live for others
That I may live like thee.

—Thelma Modrick, Reporter

Thank You

Thanks to the many people who came to see me and sent cards and gifts during my stay in the hospital. But most of all thank you for praying. Prayer is the most important gift of all. God richly reward you all.

Donna Kinser

Thanks

We would like to thank each and everyone of you, our friends, for your many prayers that were in our behalf following our accident and recovery. Our recovery has been miraculous! I have the use of my hand and Jack is up and about. We are thanking God for the answer to prayers.

Our Love and Prayers,
Jack and Twila Wilson



Robinson . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robinson, Galena, Kan. are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Shantel Nicole, on Dec. 3, 1979. She weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz. and was 18 in. long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson of Galena, Kan. Great grandparents are Mrs. Alice Cox, Galena, Kan. and Mrs. Marie Lillie, Webb City, Mo.

Higley . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Higley of Joplin, Mo. announce the birth of a son, Jeffery Todd, on Feb. 21, 1980. He weighed 8 lbs., 10½ oz. and was 20 in. long. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Ida Sluder of Joplin and the late Carl Sluder. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James W. Higley Jr. of Las Vegas, Nevada. Jeffery has a brother, Jimmy and a sister Jennifer.

We Need Your Church News

Jesus...

THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

Demi Pletcher, Barksdale Texas

Thanks be to the God of the universe, for Jesus our Savior, Redeemer and soon coming King.

Everybody is called by a name. We know our names, respond to them and like our names. But there is a name Above All Names, a name that can touch the soul of a man, woman, boy, or girl. A name that can deliver us from sin and set us free. Touching the innerspiritual part of mankind changing us into a new creature in Christ Jesus. Turning us from the darkness to light, from the ways of the world to love the ways of Godly living.

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21

This wonderful name of Jesus, how it thrills my soul! This name above all names, Jesus! The author and finisher of our faith. Heb. 12:2

To us a Redeemer, Savior, Counselor, Prince of Peace, The Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star, Mighty God is he, says Isaiah the prophet. Do we place the Supreme value on this name of Jesus our Savior? Or do we de-face the value of our Lord?

It is our privilege to believe these great and precious promises given us through his name today.

This is a full salvation. Full means complete, maximum, highest degree, nothing more can be added. Are we limiting the power of this glorious, Holy Name? Anything else we accept, less than a full salvation will not be enough to meet the requirements of God's perfect plan of salvation under grace for eternal life through his name, the name of Jesus. "Verily, verily, I say unto you. He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." John 10:1

"When the spirit of truth is come he will guide us into all truth." John 16:13

"Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you." John 14:16,17.

Pilate said, "What is truth?" John 18:38

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

"Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6

Proverbs 23:23 tells us to "Buy the truth and sell it not."

If we actually place the correct value on the name of Jesus, the source of truth, we will accept the gospel of Jesus Christ as he taught, practiced and commanded us that we through the great commission should do, teach and preach. Mark 16:17,18.

"Greater things than these shall ye do, because I go to my father." John 14:12

Jesus has a full gospel, a full truth. He commands us to follow him—our example. I Peter 2:21.

Jude 3. "Contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." These are commandments given to the true children of God. Have faith in this great name of Jesus!

We are free moral agents, we can choose the real truth and strive to follow it through or we can choose a lesser, tickling the ear, watered down, pleasing people or the world gospel. It is up to each individual to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Phil. 2:12

Faith is the way to obtain entrance to the blessings of the Lord. Believing on the name of Jesus to forgive us of our sins. Eph. 1:7

I Thess. 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Where does our body come in? It began and was prophesied by the prophets. Then at Calvary right along with the spilled blood for our sins, the stripes were placed upon the body of Christ for the healing of our bodies. John 3:16

Are we giving all to God? Do we just want God to take of our spirit and not our body? "Search the scripture for in them ye think ye have eternal life." John 5:39

There will be many deceived and seduced in the end time, because we fail to search the scripture and deepen our lives in the Lord.

We must be very careful and very much concerned about our soul's salvation, we are responsible to God how we accept and follow his example.

This is an individual race for Life Eternal. We have only one life to prepare our soul for eternity. Are we placing too much value on the opinions of individuals, groups, sects, social organizations, friends or loved ones?

Will Jesus let us by with a lesser gospel and truth than he taught?

This great way of salvation cost our Father in heaven his only Son. It cost Jesus a great sacrifice to die on the cross of Calvary. Will we be allowed to slip by on anything less than Jesus purchased with his own blood?

Do we, can we trust God in every doctrinal point? The privilege is ours. We all need the key as an individual to our complete salvation in Jesus. Oh! How marvelous, how wonderful to watch God work miracles to take care of his children. What a wonderful opportunity we have today to just say, Jesus take control of every aspect of my life, every small part, major problem or minor thing that may present itself.

Oh! How sweet to just rest in the Lord. Rest in his presence. Just relax and let Jesus take over at the controls of our whole life.

Praise His wonderful name, the precious name of Jesus! The sovereign name of our Lord and Saviour.

"For not he that commendeth himself is approved but whom the Lord commendeth." Cor. 10:18

Pearls Of Promise

Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

James 5:8

Minister's Wife Testimony

The love of God for me is such a wonderful thing—I'm so grateful that His love and grace has prompted me to dedicate my life to Him. As a ministers wife, I think my dedication has called for some things that are different, but not by any means more important than a layman's wife's dedication.

I was a girl that knew nothing of church or duties of a ministers wife before my husband was called to be a preacher. After 23 years I still feel I don't "know" many of the things that I should do—but believe my greatest responsibility is to assist my husband in any way I can.

That I have tried to do as he has had a varied type of ministry. As evangelist, pastor, committee man, fill-in preacher there have been different situations arise that I have had to adjust to. God has never failed to be my source for all my needs.

As our lives have touched many I have tried to examine some of those relationships and at times feel I have so very few that I can "tell my troubles to," and yet feel that we are loved by so many.

There has been real frustration, hurt, disappointment and all of the human emotions that all people experience but the feeling of satisfaction of having positively influenced some and inspired them to trust God for help, has been more than enough to cause me to say "it has been worth it all."

The longing of my heart is to faithfully serve God and follow where He leads, to the end of my life.

Love,
Thelma Long

They were middle-aged when they were married
And she became the pastor's wife.
She soon found chores that were wide and varied,—
And she thought it was a wonderful life.
She answered the door-bell, she answered the phone
And some of the callers were inclined to drone.
She went to every womens' meeting
And often found herself overeating;
She played the piano, she helped with the youth,
She made calls with her husband, she worked at
the booth,
She unlocked the church door and turned on the heat.
She was working for God in her role of help-meet;
She also served as the church's clerk
And that entailed a bit of work.
She had done all she could—couldn't sing for the choir—
Well, the time finally came for them to retire.
And then her heart began to ache,
She had done it all for Jesus' sake,
But had the gain been wholly hers?
Or had there been other harvesters?
One day they returned, just a visit to pay,
To meet the new pastor, single by the way,
And to greet old friends who were very dear.
Then she heard some words that were great to hear.
Some words she'd remember the rest of her life—
"We certainly miss having a Pastor's wife!"

—A true story by Loretta Reifel



So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Romans 14:12

If I Don't Go

If I don't go, Then Who will Go
To Tell the Gospel Story?
If I don't share, then Who will share
God's majesty and Glory?
If I don't lend a helpful hand,
To the sick and the lonely,
Then Who will be there for them,
Bringing Hope from Jesus only?
If I don't sing, Then who will sing
The Gospel Story over?
To lift up men when down and out,
And cheer them through the darkness.
If I don't listen to someone,
Who needs a listening ear,
If I don't shed a tear with them,
Or let them know I care,
Then Who will care? And who will help,
And who will share, and who will Go?
If I don't Go.

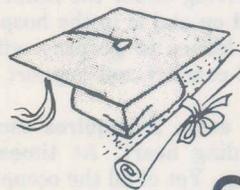
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"Could I"

When I think about the cross and the way God planned it to be I shudder to think, that was my cross, if Jesus had not died for me. If Jesus had said, "I will not die on that cross for you any day, you will go there by yourself for your sins to repay." Could I have stood the pain of the crown of thorns beat down into my head or my face beaten, my hair pulled out and blood from my wounds being shed? Could I have stood and took forty stripes save one that cuts my flesh to the bone? Could I have stood there like a lamb at a slaughter; never uttering a word or groan? Could I have stood watching the people wagging their heads, mocking and spitting on me? Could I have stood there and let them strip me of my clothing and me saying, I forgive thee? Could I have stood after all of that, pick up my cross and carry it knowing in a few minutes for my sins I must die upon it? Could I lay down and stretch out my hands and feet to be nailed upon that cross knowing if I did not I would forever be lost? No! My friends a thousand times no! And Jesus knew you and I could not either. So that's why for all of us He died! Bless his sweet name for ever!!

Bertha Stimson

THE PASTOR'S WIFE

"I Just Couldn't Be in the Ministry Without Her!"

Although the hour is near midnight, my husband and I are just settling down for the night. This is not the bedtime we would prefer, as it gives us only six hours of rest. But tonight is Wednesday—Bible study night. Before we left the church after the service, two separate individuals requested private counsel with my husband (their pastor). Of course, he was glad to oblige them.

We are comfortable now, in our bed at last, already beginning to drift off to sleep. Suddenly the telephone rings, jerking us back into wakefulness. My husband answers, trying to sound cheerful and alert. I listen to a one-sided conversation that sounds increasingly familiar...

"Hello...Yes, this is Pastor Randall...No, no problem, we weren't asleep yet anyway...Oh, no! How did it happen...? Are you all right...? Why don't we just have a word of prayer together right now..."

I close my eyes and join in silent prayer for the caller whose identity is still a mystery to me, asking that God would strengthen him or her through whatever tragedy has struck.

The conversation ends several minutes later. My husband rises quickly from the bed and begins dressing. He shares with me that the caller was a woman in our congregation. Her unsaved husband, while driving under the influence of alcohol, hit another driver head on and is in the hospital in critical condition. My husband leaves to go pray with the man, and to give much needed comfort and support to his wife.

Being a pastor's wife is not easy. It requires sacrifice, selflessness and an understanding heart. At times it is physically and emotionally taxing. Yet of all the occupations that my husband could have taken, this one, with all its demands, is by far the most satisfying for us. I use the term "us" because I don't see his position as being singular. He and I are one flesh. I am his helpmate; his partner in life, in everything. It is not his pastorship, but ours.

I suppose I feel so strongly about supporting him in his ministry because I have known too many pastors who found themselves torn between serving their flocks and pleasing their wives. I could never face my Lord at the end of this life if I knew I had kept my husband from ministering because of my own selfish demands.

And so, yes, there are times of personal sacrifice and inconvenience. I miss my husband greatly when he must, as on this night, go and minister to someone in need. But my brief hours of loneliness become such a tiny fragment of time compared to the eternal life that might possibly be gained tonight by that man in the hospital bed who is more alone than I could ever be, since he has not yet met Jesus.

My husband is in the most vital profession there is—that of ministering to the spiritual needs of others. And since he spends the majority of his time doing just that, it is all the more important I be able to minister to his needs, and to support him in every way I can.

For me, the role of pastor's wife is an exciting responsibility and an opportunity to serve the Lord in a very special ministry. It becomes even more precious to me when I hear my husband tell someone as he did recently, "I just couldn't be in the ministry without her."

Author Unknown

IS THERE A COOK IN THE KITCHEN?

One of the amazingly beautiful experiences of life, common-place though it may be, is a simple act of sharing a meal with someone you care about. The Bible is filled with scores of incidents of men and women eating together. And Jesus chose a supper scene as His last visit with His disciples.

It took this anecdote from the life of the famous criminal lawyer, Lewis Nizer, to cast a new light on this pleasant, mundane act. He said, in his book, *Between You and Me*, "The best reply a believer can make to an atheist or a materialist is to invite him to a choice and sumptuous meal and after dinner ask him if he believes there was a cook in the kitchen who prepared the food."

Spoiled, self-satisfied and undisciplined we gobble up life, one beautiful day after another, and never stop to realize there has to be a "cook in the kitchen." The Psalmist put it this way, "This is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

A BIBLE BAKED IN A LOAF OF BREAD

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I held the old Bible in my hands and looked at its antiquated brown cover. Opening its first page yellow with age, I noted the inscription written with pen and ink: "Printed in Geneva in 1608." (The title page was missing.)

My mother, a descendant of the Huguenots, told me her ancestor, Isaac LeFevre, escaped with the Bible baked in a loaf under his arm.

"Tell me more," I begged the custodian of the Lancaster Historical Society.

"Yes, this Bible was baked in a loaf of bread in France during the Huguenot persecution in 1685. Young Isaac LeFevre was a lad of 16 years when his parents entrusted him with the precious volume. Perhaps they knew the death that awaited them because of their faith, and they urged him to escape."

I tried to imagine the scene. Sarah LeFevre was a woman of courage and also of ingenuity. During those intolerant times, no one was allowed to read the Word of God for himself or to own a volume of the Holy Scriptures.

While pondering the problem of safeguarding the precious Book, Sarah had a flash of inspiration. "I'll make a loaf of bread big enough to contain the Bible! No one will know it's inside!" It must have been a rather large loaf, for the volume is 9¼ inches long, 6¼ inches wide, and 4¼ inches thick. Perhaps she made a great round loaf with the Bible in the center; or was it a large, long loaf?

Mrs. LeFevre wrapped the sacred volume in vellum to protect it from the heat and placed it in the center of a mass of dough which she had kneaded to perfection. After allowing time for it to rise, she baked it, making sure the loaf was not overdone. When it was nicely browned, she drew it from the oven and placed it on the table.

The six children in the family gathered around, and their father Abraham LeFevre admonished them to guard the Bible with their lives.

For perilous times had come. The freedom the Huguenots had enjoyed for 87 years had ended. Under the famous Edict of Nantes they had been permitted to hold services and worship the way they pleased, but on October 18, 1685, Louis XIV had revoked the edict, and the persecution of the Huguenots had begun.

A knock was heard on the door. Abraham quickly thrust the loaf containing the Bible into young Isaac's hands. "Quickly run, Issac, you are young and strong! Escape with the precious volume and find a new land where there is freedom to worship God as you please!"

He gave the weeping lad a quick embrace and then turned to open the door and face his captors. The family was taken to jail and later executed for their faith.

The young lad fled swiftly to the house of a Huguenot friend. On the way he was stopped by a soldier who examined the loaf curiously. He took it in his hands. "Rather a heavy loaf you have there, my lad," he remarked. "Here, take it; it feels much too doughy for me!"

Isaac's heart beat like a trip-hammer as he grasped the loaf and hastened to the house of his friend, Daniel Ferree.

He knocked quickly on the door with a prearranged signal—two loud taps and one soft. The door slowly opened, and Daniel peered into the darkness. Seeing the lad, he grasped his hand and pulled him inside.

"Quick, we must flee," Isaac gasped. "The soldiers came—they have taken my family to prison. My father told me to escape with the Bible."

"What are you doing with that huge loaf of bread?" his friend exclaimed.

"Sh-sh! It's the Bible—our family Bible. It's baked inside!"

That night Isaac and the Ferree family fled stealthily through the darkness, taking only the bare necessities, and headed for Bavaria.

Who were the Huguenots? How did they get their name? I discovered the word *Huguenot* probably came from the Swiss *eidgenossen* or French *eiguenot*, meaning those who

confederate or covenant together in democratically governed churches. They were French Protestants in the 16th and 17th centuries, members of the Reformed or Calvinistic communion. John Calvin had received many fugitives at Geneva, instructed them in his faith, and sent them back to spread those ideas in France. His *Institutes of the Christian Religion* served to indoctrinate the Huguenots.

The first Huguenot church was established in Paris in 1655, and other congregations quickly sprang up. The Geneva Bible had been published in Switzerland by Whittingham, Samson, and Gilbey in 1560. It was smaller than the other ponderous volumes and was translated into French for those of the Reformed or Calvinistic communion. The Geneva Bible was a great improvement over the Great Bible and the Tyndale version which preceded it, and it became popular among the common people.

Isaac LeFevre and the Ferree family stayed in Bavaria and later Isaac married Catherine Ferree. When Queen Anne of England issued a proclamation inviting the suffering Huguenots to come to England, they traveled to London.

While William Penn was in London, Madame Marie Ferree, Isaac's mother-in-law, visited him in person and made her situation known to him. William Penn listened sympathetically to the story of her misfortunes and the next day introduced her to Queen Anne, who promised substantial aid to help her reach the New World.

William Penn sold her a tract of land in the State of Pennsylvania for 150 pounds—which later proved to be 2,000 acres near the city of Lancaster. After 6 months of preparation the party obtained from the Queen a patent of naturalization and permission to colonize in America.

By the time they set sail for the New World, a son had been born to Isaac and Catherine. They called him Abraham after Isaac's martyred father.

When the weary travelers reached their destination, it was late summer. The trees were starting to change color, and the scene was so tranquil and delightful after their persecution-plagued past. Madame Ferree exclaimed, "Let's call it Paradise!" The small town nearby is still called by this name.

Isaac carefully preserved his Bible all through his journeyings and kept it in a safe place during the hardships of making a living in the New World. On the first page he or Catherine wrote with pen and ink the names and birthdates of their six children: Abraham, born in the old country, Philip, Daniel, Mary, Esther, and Samuel.

The ancient Bible was handed down through six generations and then given to the Historical Society of Lancaster to preserve for posterity. It is a symbol of a faith the Huguenots held to be more precious than life itself.

I looked at my dear mother who had been a missionary for 50 years, and tears came as I hugged her. "There is the Bible of our ancestors, and there is the Word of God you and Dad have preached all over the world."

It inspired a courageous mother to bake the volume in a loaf of bread in order to preserve it for generations to come. The call of Christ written within that Book caused many to die bravely for their faith, and others to flee to a new country to establish religious freedom for all. By it the lonely Lisu in the mountains of China, who worshiped spirits in the earth, has been transformed into a joyful child of God. By it a Buddhist woman has been moved to renounce her idols and become a Christian evangelist!

It is the Living Word, and it will endure through time and eternity. What a precious Book!

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