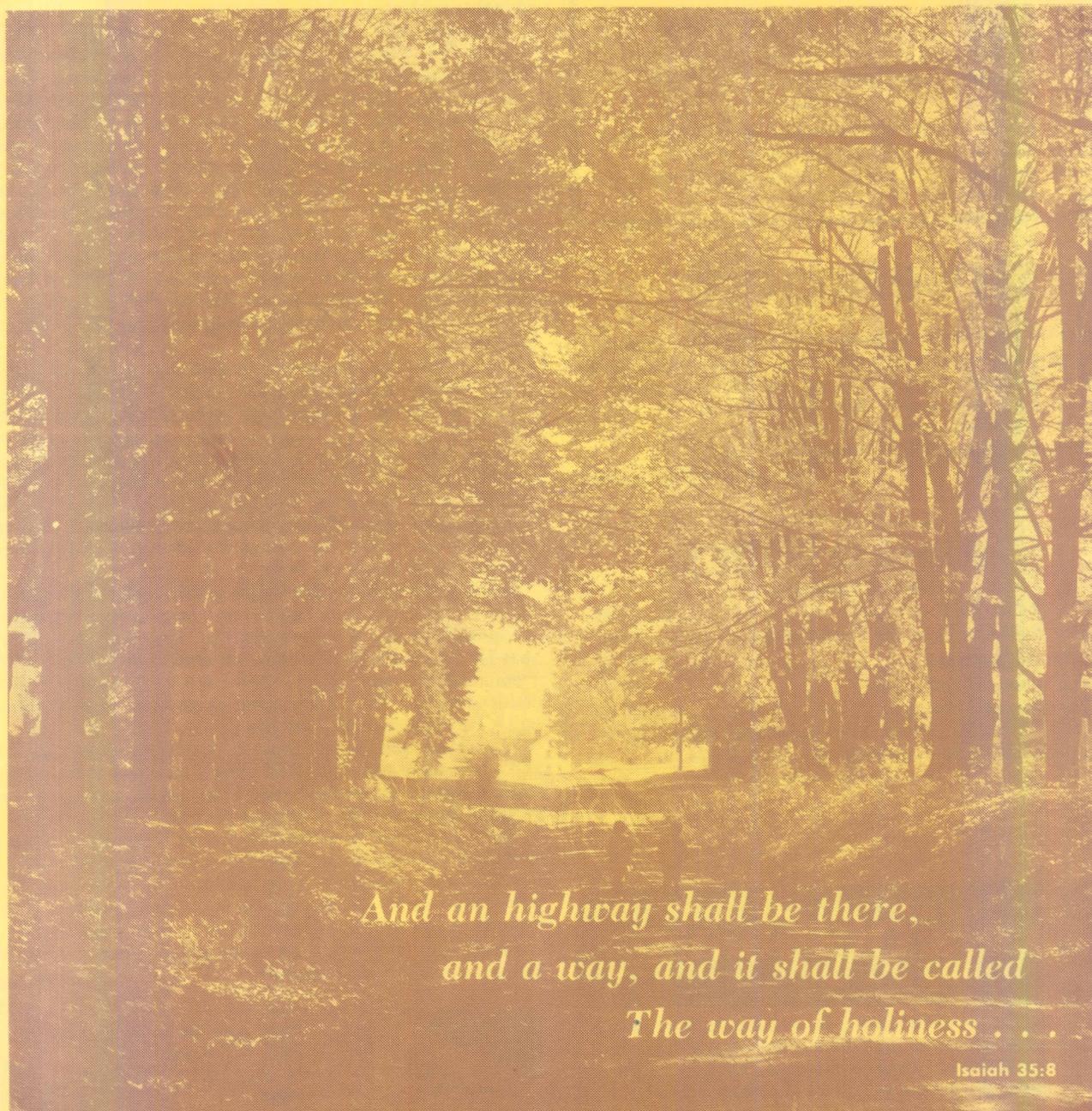


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*And an highway shall be there,
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EDITORIAL VOICE



Several months ago an article was sent in concerning the dedication of a baby. It touched my heart when I received it and it is still a blessing to me today. Most of us have either dedicated our own children or have been in services where the children of others have been dedicated. We might say that we are well acquainted with this type of service.

I've thought a lot about this lately and I'd like to share my thoughts with you.

Moms and dads—don't be afraid to entrust the care and raising of your children into the hands of God. We are living in perilous times and we need God's special protection—mind, soul and body. Our children face circumstances today that we will never face. Never before have they been bombarded by the wiles of Satan as they are today. I've heard it said that the communists want their children when they're young so they can instill their teachings while their minds are young and receptive. In Matthew 19:14 we read, "But Jesus said, 'Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'" Jesus knew the importance of little ones brought unto Him. God knew the importance of dedicating our children for throughout the scriptures we read of Godly parents bringing their children unto Him.

I can tell from my personal experience, that the dedication of our children has been a great stronghold in my life. We have five wonderful daughters, three of them grown, the other two getting very close to being grown. Many times through their childhood, teenage years and yes, even now that they're grown we have had to call on God for wisdom, guidance, understanding, strength and grace. Satan has had to back down many times because they belonged to God. When we are under the protection of our Almighty God nothing can harm nor destroy.

I've never regretted the simple act of dedicating them to the Lord for there have been many times we have pointed Satan back to that time knowing that they were God's and that He loved them more than we ever could. I can't keep from shedding tears of joy when I see parents giving their children to God for I know from experience that victories will be won because they are His.

We've had many happy times as our children have grown and there have been times of trials, decisions to be made, times when we as parents have had to "let go" and trust God to direct and lead their lives as he desires.

God has proven to us that He keeps His word when we commit all to Him. So if there are those of you who would hesitate on dedicating your children I would say to you—Don't be afraid, commit them to Him, He loves them more than you and He will give unto you victories untold.

Thank God for His love and care not only for yesterday, but also for today and tomorrow.

—Karen

Expense Report

Several have inquired lately concerning the expenses of the Apostolic Faith Report. Each issue costs approximately \$750 to \$900 for printing, mailing and office expenses. At this time we still have a debt of \$1,910 on the address machine which was purchased in January. Please pray for the Report that it will be a blessing to all who read it.

—Karen Oakes, editor

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And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, he heareth us; And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

1 John 5:14-15

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AFBC News

Dear Friends,

We are currently in revival with Brother and Sister Regier. The Lord is blessing all who are seeking Him and meeting every spiritual need we present to Him.

At this time I would like to share with you concerning the finances. The school has been operating on a very low margin. There are many things we need to do, and have not been able to accomplish them. Please make all of our needs a matter of prayer.

Preparation is being made for our fall choir tour to the panhandles of Oklahoma and Texas. The dates of this tour are Oct. 11-19. We hope to see many of you in that area during that week and we can be a blessing wherever we go.

**Yours in Christ,
Lyndel Arnall, superintendent**

Girls' Dorm

Friends in Christ,

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High. Psalms 92:1.

I just praise the Lord for being so good to me and bringing me back this year to work in the Bible College. I pray that the Lord would use me to help in any way that I can. Just to be the example that I should be, in what I do and in what I say.

We are having a good school this year. We have 25 students this year. I have 11 girls in the dorm. And I thank the Lord for each one that He has brought to Bible School this year. They each one are special in their own way. We are having a good time of fellowship in the dorm, praying together, talking with one another and helping each other with homework.

The girls are getting into their studies and classes. They are learning that you have to continually study and keep up with the classes, so that you don't get too far behind. They are really doing good.

We are looking forward to special services that will be held at school. Brother Jacob Regeir is our evangelist. We are praying for a great revival and for great things to be done, for hearts and lives to be touched.

Please remember the school, the students, and the faculty in your prayers. We each one need the guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout each day. We appreciate your prayers and support for us.

**Tony Bartel,
Dean of Women**

Boys' Dorm

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Bible College for the school year 1980-1981. I am happy to be back on the job as dorm Dad to the male students that have enrolled for this semester. I have twelve students in the dorm this semester. They have all started out very good and seem to be very

interested in their studies. There is a good spirit among the students this year. And for once we have more boys than we do girls in the school. With the good cooperation from the fellows my job is easy.

We had an interesting session in August with Brother Valson Abraham in his giving a two hour lecture Monday through Wednesday on Evangelism and Missionary work which was very inspiring and informative. I guess because I am missionary minded and have done some missionary work the lectures enthused me more than some...

We see a great potential here in the school as we see the students, preparing themselves for the work of the Lord in various ways, some have already made a consecration of their lives to whatever the Lord would have them to do. Each church and community should be very proud to have their youth in the Bible School here to get established in the fulness of the Gospel that will change the lives of those who apply it to their lives. We enjoyed having a group from the Panhandle of Texas to come by and visit the school during Labor Day weekend. All were young people from the Perryton church. I hope more of our churches will become interested in the School and come see how it operates.

I would not want to forget to thank each of you who are holding us up in prayer to God. If all of our people will seek God and pray we could see a mighty outpouring of the power of God that we haven't seen for a long time.

We appreciate all of you and, we here at the School, pray for each of our churches. God bless every one of you that are holding high the blood-stained banner of Christ.

-R.C.B. Dorm Dad

Testimonies from AFBC

Praise the Lord! Truly the Lord has been good to me and taught me many things. He has always been willing to lead me as long as I was willing to follow.

I have been blessed all of my life by the Lord. I feel that having Christian parents is one of the greatest blessings that I have received throughout my life. Parents who raised me in church and were there anytime that I felt a need to talk or pray. Be thankful any of you who were raised in a Christian home. The scripture which says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it," Proverbs 22:6 is a scripture which is of much truth and would profit us all to take to heart.

In the past month the Lord has dealt with me in a way that I knew he wanted me to be in Bible School this year. I had planned to go ahead with my education in the field of nursing, but the Lord has lead me in a different path for the present time. The Bible School is a great work for the Lord and I praise Him for it. The fellowship that we have here is a great fellowship together.

In closing, I ask for you to keep remembering the Bible School in your prayers and God bless all.

-Arthur Hansen

The Lord forgave me of my sins, three years ago when I was a sophomore in high school. I met a girl named Karen Wilson. I had to work very hard at school and at work, then one Saturday in October, I had to work late and Karen had been over earlier to see if I would like to go with her to

church. Karen came back on Sunday afternoon to see if I wanted to go.

When I went to church with her they were having a film. I do not remember much about it or even the name, but this I do know that when that young man was killed and they showed what happened to him when after death, that is when God started to deal with me very hard on how my life was going. After the film was over I made my decision on what I was going to do. That night I asked the Lord to forgive me of my sins. When I got home I did not tell my folks I was a Christian because they would have ridiculed me.

After I did tell them, they started to tell me how to act, as a Christian, but God was already, showing me how to act. I praise Him for what He has done for me and in my life. For without Him I would'nt be able to sing or go to the Apostolic Faith Bible College. I just praise His name for His goodness.

—Terri Seaver

I praise the Lord for His infinite love and mercy He bestows upon me. In these past few months I've really had to step out on faith. So far I haven't been disappointed. I'm reminded of the scripture in Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever," It seems as if my life is planned, then all of a sudden God says, hold on Pam, I want this for you. And you know what, He's always right! My earthly friends may leave and forsake me but in Hebrews 13:5 it says, "I (God) will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." I realize that without Christ in my life I cannot do or be anything. Therefore I feel the need to delve deeper into the words of the Lord and draw as close as I can to Him.

This is my second year to attend Bible School. I have met many wonderful people. Each one is a strength and encouragement to me each day. The joy of the Lord surely is in this place. Once in a while we do experience heartache. But through the bond of Christ we are able to encourage and uplift one another through the word of God. It is such a rewarding feeling to yield your life to the Lord and see all of the blessings He is just waiting to give. Also to see the results in others. I'm thankful that my Lord cares for me enough to stay with me through good times and also through the rough times. Praise the Lord.

—Pamela Allen

I'm so thankful God loves me. At times I can't understand why He would, but if there is one thing I'm sure of, it is that God loves me.

God is my father, thus I am His daughter. As a child, I never had a natural father to influence me. He was killed in an automobile accident when I was sixteen months old. Because I didn't have a earthly father, my heavenly father became even more prominent in my life. He was and still is, in every essence of the word, my father.

He loves me and cares for me. He comforts me and encourages me. He corrects me and guides me. He wishes to give me all good things. I know when I go to Him and ask Him for something, He longs to give it to me; just as an earthly father desires to fulfill the whims of his children. God knows what is best for me and when he refuses me, it is in love. It is for my best that He must sometimes say NO.

God has never failed me but I have often failed him. I want so much for God to be proud to call me His daughter. I don't want Him to ever be ashamed of me. Yet how long the road

to maturity.

I've only begun to be what He would have me to be. But with God's help and direction, I can be a vessel fit for the master's work.

Again I just thank God for His love. That He loved me enough to send His son Jesus, so that I might be able to enter into His glorious family.

—Rae Mona Arnall

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," Philippians 4:13.

As I recall my high school years, I can remember quoting this scripture from Philippians every morning as I went to school. High school was a very trying and testing period for me, just as it is for every young Christian person, but when you are in the midst of a rough situation, it always looks worse to you.

As a sophomore, I was required to change schools. Was it rough! Being new in a school can be tough on a shy person who cannot make friends very easily. I can remember laying in bed, crying myself to sleep, simply because Satan was out to discourage and depress me, and for two and a half years he did just that.

Well, at the beginning of the second semester of my senior year, I won the victory over all of my school problems, my fears, and Jesus developed my personality into a more outgoing and talkative one. I even began to look forward to going to school everyday. Praise the Lord!

All along I knew that if I stood on the promise of doing " . . . all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," that every part of my discouragement would have to leave.

Now that I'm at Bible School, I still go through hard times and sometimes it seems like there is no way out, but as long as I stand upon the promise of Galatians 6:9 which reads, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not," the Lord will see me through. Praise the Lord!!

—Lisa Oakes

My heart is thrilled when I meditate on the scripture that says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desire of thine heart." (Psalms 37:4). It is such a wonderful experience to come and give yourself wholly to the Lord and watch Him change your spiritual appetites and desires. It seems only a short while ago that I attended Bible College for my first year. I've found that sometimes it's edifying to sit and reminiscence over the spiritual miles that and the Lord have traveled together. When I look and see where Jesus has brought me from, to the place I am today, all I can possibly say is, Praise the Lord! This is not for you to hear what kind of person I am, but that you can understand and see that Jesus is still alive and working today!

I've found so many times, comfort and reassurance in the promises that God has for us. He just didn't put them in His Holy Word just to take up space, they are real and alive and powerful for us as children of God!

I just want to thank you for all the prayers that you have prayed for the Bible College and to help you understand that those prayers are not in vain. I'm really looking forward to this new year at college and already I can see that our Heavenly Father is hard at work in the lives of the students. Pray for us as we pray for you and the Lord will help us grow stronger as we grow together as one!

—Rhonda Reese

"Why me, Lord?" Each time I ask this question of my maker, His answer is the same, "Because I love you."

Until my second year of high school, I had attended Christian schools in San Diego, California, since I was four years old. I loved being in the midst of a Christian family, and growing closer to the Lord each day. I had been making plans for several school activities during my sophomore year of high school, but somehow, my plans for the following year didn't coincide with my parent's plans. They decided to move to the mountains, 75 miles from San Diego. They felt the need to get away from city life. At first, they thought I would be excited about moving, but because it didn't fit with my plans, I was heartbroken. I was just learning how to use my talents and gifts to glorify God. And yet, He too, saw that I was making progress, and decided to use me where I could do the most good.

My cries of "Why me, Lord?" grew louder, as the times of trials grew more unbearable. There were many hard adjustments I had to make. Once I began to settle into His words again, and started walking close to Him, I found the answers to my impatient questions. He loved me so much that He wanted to give me that "Big Chance" to use all I had to glorify Him. It wasn't until I allowed the Holy Spirit to take control of my life that I could start fulfilling His purpose for me.

My greatest chance to witness to friends at school, some of whom had never been to church, was during graduation practice. I broke my foot just before graduation, and again I asked, "Why me, Lord?" My maker patiently answered, "Because I love you." Thus, I took His Word for it, praised Him for the broken foot, and marched through graduation with my head held high. One night before graduation, I found a verse in the Bible which soon became my favorite. It is Isaiah 40:31, and it says, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Praise the Lord! I didn't faint through graduation.

I don't know about tomorrow, but I'm so thankful I know who holds my hand. He's brought me to the Bible College to learn more about Him. Notice I said, "He has brought me here." It wasn't part of my primary plans, but God knew what was best for me. He made sure I received encouragement from several friends, one of whom is a second-year student here named Pam Allen. I'm thankful to her and to all others who uplifted me, and I'm thankful most of all to God. He's showing me more and more how to leave the planning up to Him. Thank you, dear Maker, for holding my hand.

—Sandy Danley

As I write this, I feel a great sense of relief and peace within. I hadn't planned on going to Bible College this year, but the Lord does work in mysterious ways. Until three days before Bible College was to start this fall, I had planned to attend the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville to continue working on my Elementary Education degree. I had been given \$1,100 to go to school on, and I was all ready to start, but I finally realized that God had different plans for my life. At that time, my experience with the Lord had grown just a little cold, and God really seemed to be saying, "Marty, I want you to go to Bible College, because if you don't go now, you probably never will." But, I just wouldn't listen, as I was wanting to hurry and get started on my

career, but something one of my friends said to me really struck home. She said that what I gained down here wasn't that important, but that my spiritual life with God was the most important thing. In short, my career wouldn't get me to heaven. A scripture that just keeps coming to my mind is found in Matthew 6:19-21, which says: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth . . . , But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . , For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." After I read this, I realized I was putting my career before the Lord, and really felt miserable in my heart and mind.

I've been here at Bible College for awhile and I do not regret my decision to come at all. I've been made to realize that there were some voids in my life, but Praise the Lord, they are all gone. I don't have the same needs or desires anymore, and I truly feel like a great weight has been lifted off my shoulders. God has really answered all my prayers, and I just feel like a totally new person inside and out.

I do ask an interest in your prayers that I might grow stronger in the Lord, and that I might know the Lord's leading in my life.

—Marty Haney



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God Does Supply . . .

I just finished reading a testimony on tithing written by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Townsend. Truly I can agree with everything they said.

In 1952 my husband and I were divorced. We sold our property and divided the proceeds. With that I bought a home for myself and 18-year-old daughter. I had to work hard to make ends meet but I enjoyed it because I was making my own money, paying my own bills. My sister stayed with me part of the time and many times we would have discussions about paying tithes which I was not doing at the time. Every now and then she would give me a sharp dig and it would surely hurt for awhile and then I would let it pass. I knew I wasn't paying my tithes and I didn't think I could afford it so I just let it drift.

In the city of Wichita, Kansas, if you don't pay your property taxes yearly after so long they can auction your property off to cover the tax bill. I didn't know this until one day I noticed a car driving slowly by my place and stop. I waited for someone to come to the door but no one came. Some time later an announcement appeared in the paper—house for sale, can be bought for back taxes. Someone called and asked if I was selling my house and I didn't know what they were talking about. They explained to me what was happening. I got my deed and read it and found out that I had not paid the taxes for three years. Needless to say I went right to the courthouse and paid those back taxes. That night I got down on my knees and asked God to give me enough work to pay my bills and I'd surely pay my tithes first. Since then I have finished paying that place off and bought another one and have a small bank account. To God be the glory for this.

Lately I've been reading in the Old Testament where God told Moses the Levites wouldn't inherit the land, but the children of Israel were to pay their tithes to them. Through this method would come their livelihood and meet their temporal needs. I also read in the Bible where the Old Testament is a shadow or type of the New Testament and we are supposed to keep the commandments and through keeping them we inherit eternal life.

If we expect God to bless us and answer our prayers and supply all of our needs then let's keep His commandments.

Heaven is cheap at any price.

—Frances Speicher

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He's All I Need

A note of thanks to everyone who has recently prayed for my recovery from an illness perhaps caused by the intense heat combined with a severe nervous condition.

My dear friends the Lord has answered our prayer. Praise his wonderful name.

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at his word
Just to rest upon his promise
Just to know thus saith the Lord.
Jesus, Jesus how I trust him
How I've proved him o'er and o'er

for spirit, soul and body for the past 60 years, so with the song writers I agree. **He's all I need** How great thou art.

Mrs. E. A. Greever

I'll Go Lord

Janice Perry

"I'll go where you want me to go dear Lord," oh how sweetly we sing that old song. But when it comes down to going we usually add that famous old line "But Lord." At least that's my line, and I am sure the Lord gets tired of hearing it. He called us to leave our work in Rockdale and move to Taneyville. All I could say was "but Lord, you know we've only been here a year, and *everyone* says you can't do any good unless you stay two or three years. Listen Lord, I know you must have made a mistake, why don't you know I love it in Rockdale, my friends are here, they love me. If we move to Taneyville they might not love me." Well, I argued my point quite well I thought, but God seemed to turn a deaf ear and continue to open doors in the direction of Taneyville and close the doors behind us in Rockdale. I fought down feelings to cry and scream and pout and decided I would just trust the Lord. Surely He would see that we just had to stay in Rockdale! I was afraid to trust Andy, I was afraid to trust friends, I was even afraid to trust myself, I was too involved. The only one that I could trust with a perfect decision was the Lord Jesus. He couldn't make a mistake. So faith went to work, and fear and doubt had to leave, and with them they took *My desires, My wishes* and *My worry*. Peace came and filled me to the brim, God would guide us.

I don't know exactly when it happened, but I began to realize it didn't matter if we stayed in Rockdale or moved to Taneyville or Africa or any place as long as we were in His perfect will, then we would be content.

As soon as I let God work in my life *He did!* He let us have some beautiful services at Rockdale. We had some beautiful tears, and some beautiful laughter, we prayed and shared and became closer in the bond of Christ's love.

We didn't want to leave Rockdale without a pastor, and we prayed that God would send the man for the need, and He did. We are so happy that Dean and Shirlene Harper and children are at home in Rockdale. We pray God will richly **bless them for their labours for Him.**

Yes, we made it to Taneyville. At first I decided I wouldn't become close to people, it hurts too bad when you have to leave. I decided I would just stay a "little ways off" and then I wouldn't carry such a burden, it wouldn't hurt so bad to see people suffer and I could go ahead and do *My* thing. We were in the first service after we got there, and I made it through the first song, when I felt a little melting in my heart. Then I felt a little tear begin to roll down my cheek, and as I looked around on all the faces of the people, I began to love them. I knew then that they were just as precious to me as those we worked with and loved in Gray and Rockdale and maybe there wasn't a Brother Coldsteal (private joke) but there were hearts that loved and reached out and made us welcome and we reached back in love to God's children.

You may laugh at me, and my trials, and the things that are hard for me might be easy for you, but I pray and believe that God will help us through all the trials, the little ones as well as the big ones. I believe if we lean and continue to lean on Jesus with all of our being, then and only then will He be LORD of our lives. He must be first place in our hearts, He must be more important than our desires and wishes, He must be the Savior, Redeemer and Healer to us, or nothing at all.

Jesus, you really do care for us and want the very best for your children, don't you?

Miss. - Ala. Youth Camp

The fun and the good times in the Lord all started on Saturday, July 5, 1980 when the crowd began to gather on the Pine Crest Camp grounds for a fish fry with all the trimmings. After all the crowd was well fed we gathered out under the Tabernacle for a film entitled Givers, Takers, and Other Kinds of Lovers. Sunday, July 6, 1980 was the official opening for the Camp Meeting services with Brother Harrol Waterbury being the guest speaker for the entire week of services. All the churches and their members gathered in on the camp grounds for the Sunday Services.

Sunday afternoon the young campers began to move into the dorms getting settled in for a full week of camp and a good time in the Lord. By Sunday night we had a full camp settled in with 75 youth enrolled and 6 pre campers. We were well blessed with a very dedicated staff of teachers and workers and counselors that came well prayed up and prepared for the classes and the rallies. Sister Barbara Waterbury was in charge of the 11 a.m. rallies and did a splendid job.

Each rally was a new and wonderful experience for the youth. Brother Randy Dalton and his wife Jane were in charge of the night youth services and also they both taught a class each day. Brother Randy and Sister Jane were a great inspiration to the youth and they are two people whom we always look forward to having with us each year.

Among our other teachers were Sister Barbara Cooper, Rhonda Reese, Tammy Oakes and Kim Cantrell. All of these girls did a splendid job of teaching and counseling the youth and we know the Lord will bless them for all of their dedication and the extra efforts that they put forth for the work of the Lord. Sister Rene Faile was in charge of the piano playing for the entire camp and we feel that Rene has great talent and we do appreciate her using this for the work of the Lord each year in our camp. Two other young workers showed up on the grounds and we immediately put them to work helping in the rallies and counseling the boys and we learned to love and appreciate Brother Tim Trujillo and Garold Anderson for their efforts toward making our camp one of the best in the history of the camp.

Of course one never wants to overlook one of the most important workers on any camp ground and that is the two cooks that were so dedicated in the kitchen. Sister Lois Smith and Yvonne Lambert with the help of other local ladies proved their cooking talents with splendid meals three times each. Brother Harrol Waterbury with the help of the Holy Spirit brought some very timely messages. The altars were filled each night with youth seeking deeper experiences in the Lord. Many victories were won around those old altars under the tabernacle. Departure time came upon everyone so suddenly and this made for sad farewells as everyone had made new friends personally and in the Lord.

On Thursday afternoon a baptismal service was held on the creek banks with 21 being baptised during this service. The talk is still going on among the local churches as each time we meet we recall the good times in the Lord at youth camp.

As acting director of the youth camp this year I would like to personally thank each worker, minister, counselor, cook and all the lay people of our area for their support and help in seeing this youth camp one of the greatest. Also I want to thank the area ministers for their help and encouragement

during camp. Brother John Blythe, Sister Myrtle Carney and Sister Dorothy Anderson worked very hard in any way they were asked to see the camp go forward. We extend an open invitation to anyone that would like to come our way and work in our camp at any time. We need all the help and support of the entire movement and if we can help your work in other areas in any way feel free to call us any time.

— Jack Hopson
Butler, Ala.

HYPOCRITICAL SINGING

The singing of a hymn should be a great experience for us. It can be a prayer, a testimony, a praise, and invitation to others.

Some interesting comparisons have been written on the hymns we sing. We sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and content ourselves with ten or fifteen minutes a day (if that much). We sing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and wait to be drafted into services. We sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and let the least little offense sever it. We sing "Serve the Lord With Gladness" and gripe about all we have to do. We sing "Marching To Zion" but fail to march to Sunday School, prayer meeting, or church. We sing "I Love To Tell the Story" and never mention it all year. We sing "Cast Thy Burdens On The Lord" and worry ourselves into a nervous breakdown. We sing "The Whole Wide World For Jesus and never invite our next door neighbor to meet Him. We sing "Throw Out The Life Line" and content ourselves with throwing out a fishing line.

— Unknown author

AFBC Summer Tour

Dear Lord, I just want to say thank you:

Summer tour for this year of 1980 was a great experience; a learning, a sharing, and a growing experience in your work. Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity we had to visit many of our Apostolic Faith churches and to share the unchanging message of your love and gospel with those we met along our way. Thank you for the dedicated pastors and the many faithful church people we worshipped with and had fellowship with. I'm thankful for the kindness and hospitality shown us at every stopping place. Bless each one, Lord, who ministered to our needs, for, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Thank you Lord for being our help and our inspiration in each concert, for the anointing of your spirit and His leading in what should be sung and said. I pray that the people we sang to were truly blessed by you; but, so often we left the service feeling that *we* had been ministered to and were refreshed by the visitation of your spirit. Thank you for the spiritual blessings and victories that were won.

And Lord, I'm thankful for Yvonna Cornell, Rhonda Reese, Tamara Oakes, and Danny Robinson. These young people put aside other plans and opportunities to spend part of their summer traveling with us and working for you. It is

good to realize they are serving you and love you enough to tell others your story. They worked hard getting ready for the tour and were diligent through it all—even through cleaning and shining the bus when we returned home!

Thank you especially for Brother Lyndel Arnall and Sister Kathy and Lynette. Their responsibility is great, but their burden for the work is just as great. I appreciate their dedication and sacrifice in leaving home and church for these weeks to be the leaders of our tour.

Lord, you put this group together and helped us have the harmony both spiritual and musical, that we needed. I'm so thankful for the time we spent together; the hours of practicing; the miles of traveling; the joking and laughing to fill hours of driving time; the talking; the sharing, and especially the prayer time we spent together. I am richer for having spent this time with them.

Thank you for your hand of protection Lord. We traveled many miles and were kept always in the safety and shelter of your arms. Even the one incident of "major" bus trouble turned into a minor problem upon closer inspection by the mechanic. We know that was the work of your hand, Lord.

And finally, Lord, I want to thank you for giving me, personally the opportunity to minister and work on summer tour. May I always be a good steward of the investments you have made in me. May I always use your gifts to me of time and talent for your service, your ministry, and your glory. Lord, without you I truly can do nothing. But with your help I can do anything you might have in your divine plan for my life. May I always be quiet enough, may I always be still enough, may I always be willing to hear your voice and to answer.

I pray, Lord, that the seeds we tried to plant might continue even now to grow. "So shall my word be . . . it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Thank you, Lord, for summer tour 1980.

—Janae Harris
Music Director AFBC

Summer VBS Tours

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it" Prov. 22:6

We want to express our thanks to all the churches that we were privileged to be in this summer, working with the V.B.S.

We had two groups traveling, and we were able to conduct or assist in 12 different V.B.S.'s. One group was headed by Sister Barbara Cooper, with Deana Fish, and Rae Mona Arnall helping her. They were in the church of Gray, Okla.; Prosperity, Mo.; Modesto, Calif.; San Diego, Calif.; and Big Springs, Tex. I directed the second group, with Sister Tony Bartel, and Donna Kinser helping me. We were in the following churches: Taneyville, Mo.; Joplin, Mo.; Hudson, Wyo.; Bayard, Neb.; Alvin, Tex.; Granby, Mo.; and the two groups joined for our final school at Follett, Tex.

We feel that this has been a very rewarding time for all of us. The Lord truly blessed in every church.

Thanks again to every church for your kindness, your friendship, and your financial support while we were with you. May the Lord richly bless all of you.

I want also to express my thanks to my family. To my husband who was our driver, and in some churches, a teacher, and always our errand runner and handy man. To my children who endured *seven* Vacation Bible Schools in *one* summer. I love them and appreciate their willingness to help me in this endeavor.

Churches: Don't forget your children throughout the year, thinking that activities through the summer, such as V.B.S. and Youth Camp, are enough for them. Consider them during the school year too. They need refreshing just as the rest of the church does. They're a very important part of your church.

"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3

—Shirley Sutton

I was at Sister Karen's house sharing my scrap book of this summer and she suggested I share it with you also. Because many of you were a very special part of my summer I decided I should. So today I'll open my scrap book to you.

One of the most rewarding summers of my life was the summer of 1980. Three of us set out to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with children of all ages. We started out by being named "The Three Hebrew Children" by Brother Jake Regier. Later Brother Homer Allen referred to us as "The Triplets." Individually we are Barbara Cooper, Rae Mona Arnall, and me, Deana Fish. We began our journey May 19th and by Aug. 15th it was all a part of our past. It was a new experience for each of us, so we began a little apprehensive but by the end, I believe we each grew closer to Jesus and strengthened, not only in Him but in ourselves.

Barbara's white Chevrolet provided our transportation. Never once did we face severe car trouble. P.T.L. It was His hand that kept us safe.

As a group we held four Kids Crusades and helped in one Vacation Bible School. Rae Mona and I held Children's Church the last four days of camp meeting. Because Bible School was approaching and Barbara had responsibilities there, she left our group. Rae Mona and I joined the other summer group. Along with Sister Shirley and Brother Austin Sutton and Donna Kinser we held another V.B.S.

Through it all God blessed and became so much more real to me. He supplied our every need. We never faced financial needs or were physically ill. God is so good. We witnessed the children laugh at our puppets and then we would rejoice as we saw several come and kneel at an altar and by faith accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. Seeing the altars, hearing the prayers, making new friends and praising Jesus was what it was *all* about. We may have introduced them to new songs and new ideas, but my heart was touched as I learned so much from the children.

Sometimes my summer got hot and tiring but God showered me so many times with His rich blessing that I must count it all as a wonderful, rewarding experience.

I would like to thank a few people. I know I cannot list you all but I would like to *Thank* . . . The Bible School because I wouldn't have had the opportunity to go or receive the training I needed in order to go. Barbara and Rae Mona, who were so easy and fun to work with. The many pastors who had the privilege to meet and work with. Mama and Daddy who provided a few odd jobs for Rae Mona and I when we would be home. The kids who were willing and ready to

listen and learn. And most of all, Jesus must be thanked, for without Him there would have been no tour, no reason to go, nothing to share.

On May 19th we left Baxter Springs for home (Balko). There we stayed for the V.B.S. at Gray. During the week before the V.B.S. Rae Mona and I found ourselves suspended on a board stretched across two barrels, putting paint on Dad's garage. My did we look a mess when this job was over. V.B.S. finally began and we were excited. We were there for five rainy days but it was five good rainy days. Our average attendance was 68 and enrollment was 71. Thursday, the 28th 10 children gave their hearts to Jesus. What a blessing! Praise the Lord!

May 31st and it was back to Baxter Springs, which was home while we worked at Prosperity, Mo. This Crusade lasted from June 2-7. Average attendance was 15. Here we found out we needed some things done. For instance added support for our easel and flag holders needed to be made. Brother Tom Day came through and helped us out. (Thanks Brother Tom) During this Crusade four found Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Isn't He wonderful?! After an ice cream fellowship we said goodbye and were on the road again. It was June 7th and we were headed back for the panhandle. A few days home, a visit to youth camp in Laverne, and at 1:00 a.m. Tuesday we were headed for California via Tuscon, Ariz. 14½ hours later there we were. Rae Mona's brother and his wife opened their home to us and we sure did appreciate it. But 6:30 the next morning we were gone. We went swaying from the beaten path and did some sightseeing. We visited Montezuma Castle, Sunset Crater, Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam. By 10:00 p.m. destination, Las Vegas, was reached. Here we saw quite a city. What a sight. LIGHTS, LIGHTS, LIGHTS! Brother J. J. Arnall opened up his home to us and took us sight seeing. After a freezing cold swim at 6:30 the next morning we were on the road again.

5:45 p.m. and we were at Sherwood Bible Church, Modesto, California. Upon arrival we were met at the door with an invitation to attend Cheryl's 8th grade graduation. We went, then afterwards, over supper, we met the family. Brother Ross Briles took us to San Francisco the next day and my did we have fun. We saw several things that we had only heard about before. The worst part of our day was when the cable car broke down. We came home very tired but excitement was beginning to surface as Crusade plans were being put together. Enrollment throughout the week was 32. Top attendance was 26. Three responded to an altar call and we praise the Lord for all glory is His. We enjoyed so much the Briles family. Cheryl worked with us and one day helped us make banners all day long. I enjoyed so much the long talks I had with Brother Ross. Sharing Jesus and having Bible lessons on the gifts of the Spirit. I learned much at Sherwood Bible Church and thank the Lord for the open door we had there. At 8:30 Saturday, we said good-bye and at 4:30 arrived at San Diego. It happened! Someone left something behind. Wouldn't you know it was me and my curlers. But Sister Marie sent them to me. San Diego, what a blessing! We began our Crusade at 10:00 one morning, but only the two Allen boys were there. So we decided we best get busy, down the street we went. At 1:30 we had 33 enrolled for the day. Attendance remained on a daily basis on the 30's and total enrollment was 57! The Lord is so good to us when we put forth an effort. 20 kids responded to an invitation. We realize that perhaps not all understood

completely for there were some language barriers, but after personal prayer and counseling with each one we committed them to the Lord. A special thanks to Pam Allen, Beverly Allen, Sandy Danley and Chachi who helped us out. And we hear that Beverly and Chachi are continuing to work with the children (Thanks you two and know that our prayers are with you.) Brother Sonny Brown stopped in to visit one day and this pleased the children because our missionary money was going to Brother Sonny. Brother Homer took us to Tiajuana and took us to a real live Major League baseball game. Did I ever enjoy that!! Many nights Barb, Brother Homer and I would stay up late and share Jesus, talk about church growth and just swap ideas. Before we knew it the week was over, good-byes said and we were on our way home. A stop at Tuscon again, then at Dallas, Texas we split up. Barbara headed for Mississippi and the camp there. Rae Mona headed home and there she helped in another V.B.S. I remained in Dallas. The Lord provided a way for me to visit a church in Dallas called Trinity Assembly. The people there were so nice and it was good to relax and rest a little. The Lord ministered to my heart in Dallas and answered some questions. I just thank Him for allowing me to spend those few days in Dallas.

I was home for a few days and helped Grandma Fish celebrate her 80th birthday and then on to Camp meeting.

Working with the children was such a blessing, just like it always is. Toward the latter part of the week we were asked to bring a special to the morning service. Skeptical me went to Rae Mona, "But almost everyone has gone home and took their kids." But our little group got up there and did a wonderful job. One pastor said we were the best special of the whole camp, but something tells me Brother Ted was prejudice. But anyway we were very proud of the kids. They did a great job, and I learned a lesson.

August 2nd we once again crawled into Barb's car and headed for Big Springs, Texas. Again the Lord blessed our attendance and we had a fantastic week. We enjoyed working with Brother Alvin and Sister Glenda shared some of her ideas with us. The only bad memory . . . the water.

We traveled home the 9th. We said good-bye as a group at Barbara's house over a very delicious supper. That was a little hard to do. This meant it was almost all over.

Bright and early Sunday morning Rae Mona and I set out for Follett. Joining the other group we decorated the church Sunday afternoon. And then Monday and another terrific week was under way. This time I was teacher of a class. Words cannot express how I felt. My junior class was just the greatest! I never saw such young kids so hungry for more of Jesus. We had a lot of fun sharing with one another and this is one group that I had a very, very hard time of saying bye to. I'll never forget the privilege of teaching this class. We enjoyed so much the fellowship and working with Brother and Sister Methvin. It was a great way to end a great summer. Yes, by Friday, August 25th it was all over. The summer had held a lot of excitement for me. Responsibilities that I had never had before, opportunities, joys, and a few tears as I said bye to new friends I'd made . . . but I loved it. EVERY MINUTE I loved it.

"Jesus, I thank you for that precious opportunity you opened up for me and for the many memories I have of the work this summer, but please let me always desire to see little ones know more about you."

—Deana Fish
AF Report

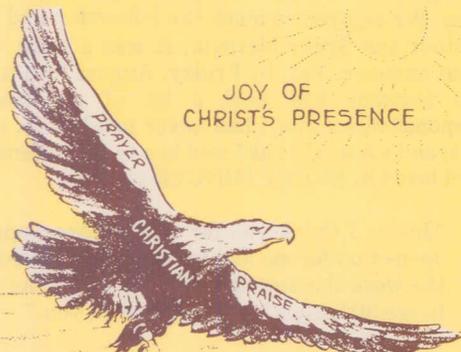
AS AN EAGLE . . . SO THE LORD

"Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth." Deuteronomy 32:1

In the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy we read Moses' song of worship for the doctrine that God has given to the world. A word from God that refreshes, that satisfies, that fills to overflowing the longing of the needy soul. Even as the earth must have the refreshment of the rain to bring new life and strength to the parched dry ground, so must the lives of mankind be refreshed with the living word of the Lord. Isaiah declares that the doctrine or word cannot return unto God void. He sends the word and it accomplishes what He pleases. Praise God! That doctrine is truth and there is no iniquity or unjustness in it at all. The corruption that is in this present world has been brought about by man who would not heed nor obey the precious doctrine that has been graciously bestowed upon the whole earth. We can note from the historical references of the scripture that when men lived according to God's way, He was faithful and just to fulfill every good and perfect work. Yet, when carelessness and disobedience became man's way, they tasted trouble and heartache and defeat. We can check the record, we can ask the elders and hear them say that God is an unfailing God. We have the witness of a testament that when God began to give inheritance and blessing, He set the limits of our dwelling according to the number of the people of God. For they are His portion. His pride and joy. The marvelous central truth of the doctrine of God is that He will not withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly.

When the Lord found us, we were in a desert land and in a waste and howling wilderness. Separated from God, a person's life can only be described as destitute and wasted. Being found of the Lord, He leads His children and teaches them His ways. Praise be unto God who keeps us as the apple of His eye.

Coming to the text of this writing, we read from Deuteronomy 32:11-12, "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange God with him." The care of the eagle for her young is such that she goes all out to see that they are fully cared for and protected. When the storms come, she takes them and bears them on her wings high above the raging storm clouds so that no harm may befall them. And as the eagle, so the Lord. For the Lord's portion in His people and He will bear them up above the tempestuous storms of life, not allowing harm nor danger to overtake them. The great provision of God is such that He does everything necessary to fill our lives with goodness and



blessing. Verses 13 and 14 of this chapter reveal the provision of God for His children. Unlimited blessing! Riding the high places of the earth, eating the increase of the fields, sucking honey from the rock and oil from the flint rock reminds us that what is impossible with man is altogether possible with God. To have butter and milk and the fat of lambs and the pure blood of the grape says to us that in keeping His children as the apple of His eye, God gives the best that heaven has to offer.

Listen to the doctrine of God in this parable of the eagle. His doctrine is God's glorious victory for you, His refreshment for your thirsty soul, His satisfying portion for the hunger deep in your heart for a work that meets every need of your life. "O taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalms 34:8 For as an eagle . . . so the Lord!

"Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:28-31

What is lacking in your life? Is there no might in your being? Do you seem to be fainting? Fear not! You can mount up with wings as eagles to rise above the lack and weakness and weariness. The Lord doesn't faint or become weary. His power is sufficient to keep you. His strength is present to buoy your faith and His understanding is more than we can find out. Man's way and ideas will fail, but if we wait upon God and trust His sufficiency we shall be lifted above all those things that would cast down or destroy. Hear the word of the Lord. As the eagle bears her young on her wings, so the Lord causes all who seek Him to mount up with wings to soar to the mountain tops of a glorious experience in Him. An experience that satisfies every longing and need of your heart.

Remember with me people like Hezekiah, who in facing disease and death was able to rise high above defeat, to a glorious deliverance. Or think of Naomi and Ruth, whose husbands died, yet the Lord provided abundantly for them by the generosity of Boaz. And they mounted the storm of fear and heartache in triumphant victory. Consider again the man Stephen, who faced martyrdom with such peace of mind that even in the face of such evil the Word declares that he simply "fell asleep." These and multitudes more have found the Lord's faithfulness in days that are past. But the end is not yet. The children of God through all ages have this great privilege of mounting up as eagles. Till the return of Jesus as King, we shall have the opportunity of soaring above the storms that would bring harm and distress.

So in the midst of fears of what communist countries might do, in the midst of anxieties of what the economy might do, in the midst of distress about what anarchists and rioters might do, in the midst of perplexities about what you are going to do, I charge you with the Word of God. "As the eagle . . . so the Lord . . . and He'll keep you as the apple of His eye . . . because the Lord's portion is His people."

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OCTOBER NOTES

Rockdale, Texas

The Rockdale Apostolic Faith Church has welcomed a new pastor, Brother Dean Harper. He has felt a burden for some time in regards to the church and we are happy for his coming. Brother and Sister Harper have two small daughters. Please pray for this young family.

The Rockdale church has been blessed for the past year by Brother Andy Perry, wife, Janice and children, Paula, Cassi and Adam. This was Brother Andy's first church to pastor and he has proven to be a very dedicated preacher of the gospel. He believes in the old time gospel and preached it with boldness. The church will miss him and his family and we wish them God speed. Janice works faithfully as a pastor's wife and found a way into our hearts. The children will be missed. They are talented and love the Lord. Brother Perry and family are now pastoring in Taneyville, Mo. They will appreciate your prayers.

Our church is growing in numbers and most importantly spiritual needs are being met. We have seen some blessed physically and spiritually. There are some who need a touch in their bodies. Please remember all of us.

Dora Juarez, from the Rockdale church is attending the Apostolic Faith Bible College this fall.

God bless each of you.

Dean Harper, pastor
Mrs. Jerry Hosek, reporter

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

I Thess. 5:22

Kingman, Kansas

We have appreciated those who have come and ministered to us through the summer months. May God richly bless you for your efforts. As of this writing we're still waiting upon the Lord for a pastor. Thank you for your prayers with us. We as a church are sharing the varied responsibilities and are learning together. We praise the Lord for the two young men from our church, Robert Wimer and Kenny Keeling who are attending the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

A member of our church family, Sister Lillie Wohlford, passed away this summer after a long illness. We appreciated her labor as adult Bible teacher and her testimony for the Lord. We know that she will have her reward.

May God be with you all.

Nyla Myers, reporter

Taneyville, Mo.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Lord has been good to us here at Taneyville this summer. We had a very good V.B.S. with a good number of students attending. Brother and Sister Austin Sutton, Tony Bartel and Donna Kinser were in charge of our V.B.S. this year. All of the teachers and helpers worked and prayed hard. We appreciate all those who supplied refreshments and helped financially.

We are glad for our young people and their growth in the Lord. Several of them attended the youth camps at Baxter Springs and also in Mississippi. Sister Judy Clemans and Sister Martha Sims took a van with seven young people to the youth revival held in Joplin, Mo. Brother Johnnie Arnall was the speaker. We can see a lot of progress when the youth really take part in our services with testimonies and praise.

We were without a pastor for about three months and in this time we had several visiting ministers for which we were very thankful. We were sorry to see Brother and Sister Winston Barker leave but God knows best. The Lord has recently sent us another pastor, Brother Andy Perry, his wife Janice, and their three children Paula, Cassi and Adam.

I would like to leave a word of personal testimony. My four year old son recently received Jesus into his heart. It blessed me and made me to realize it is worth it all to raise a child for the Lord. Praise His name!

We desire the prayers of everyone that our church will prosper for the Lord on spiritual growth and salvation of souls.

In closing Brother Perry would like to leave an open invitation to all ministers and especially Bible College students that would like to come to Taneyville.

Andy Perry, pastor
Janet Dalton, reporter

THANK YOU, AFBC!

The latter part of August we took our Youth Group to visit our Bible College. The student body really made our group feel a part of the Bible College while we were there. The faculty was so helpful and friendly. We enjoyed times of recreation, dorm life, meals, chapel and classes.

While in the area we also rode paddle boats, went through a cave and saw the Passion Play at Eureka Springs, Ark. We took Kit Bushman along as our devotional leader.

The Lord truly blessed us! Praise His Name!!! The trip is now proving to be well worth the time and money.

To God by the Glory!
David and Dale Stollings
Youth directors, Full Gospel Church
Perryton, Texas

Rev. Jake H. Pletcher, Box 84, Barksdale, Texas 78828 is currently pastoring Faith Country Church in Shattuck, Oklahoma 73858 R2 Box 196, Phone 405-938-2468.



OBITUARIES

Ohma Blythe

A memorial service was conducted at 10 a.m., Monday, August 25th in Snyder, Texas at the Bell-Seale Chapel for Mrs. Ohma Pearl Blythe, 69, who died early Saturday, August 23rd at Richards Memorial Hospital in Rockdale, Texas.

The Rev. M. D. Methvin of Follett and the Rev. S. V. Clanton of Snyder officiated. They were assisted in the service by Mrs. Jaunita Methvin at the organ and Barry Methvin singing, 'Until Then' and 'The Eastern Gate.'

Burial was in Snyder Cemetery, under direction of Bell Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Blythe had lived in Snyder 45 years before moving to Rockdale in 1973.

Surviving are her husband, W. H. "Bill" Blythe: four daughters, Carla Matthews and Grace Lewis, both of Snyder, Mary Botts of Colorado City and Pat Robinson of Balko, Okla.; four sons, V. E. Blythe of Rockdale, Billy of Snyder, John of Quitman, Miss., and Wayne of Tulsa, Okla.; four brothers, Clint Sellars, Grady Sellars and Walter Sellars, all of Snyder, and Elmer Sellars of San Angelo; 21 grand-children and 13 great-grandchildren.

Brother Methvin chose the scripture from Luke 10:42, But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

This scripture was so appropriate because my mother did choose the good part in life and it was not taken away from her. She asked the Lord over a year ago to allow her to live at least long enough to see all eight of her children serving Him and God granted her request.

I thought during the service what a wonderful testimony of a beautiful life that before she died she knew that all eight of her children were Christians and many of her grand-children because she was faithful to call their names out to God in prayer.

On behalf of the family I would like to say "thank you", to all of you who loved and prayed for our mother. God allowed her to be with us much longer than the doctors thought that she would. She did not hesitate to tell the doctors and nurses that she was in the hands of the "Great Physician."

I have received many beautiful expressions of sympathy and I have appreciated every one of them as well as your prayers. Please continue to remember my dad in your prayers. He was so faithful to take loving care of Mother.

BUT ONLY ONE MOTHER

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds.

Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one Mother in the whole world.

—Kate Douglas Wiggin

Submitted by: Pat Robinson

Jean O. Ferry

July 21, 1980 Brother Jean O. Ferry and his wife Opal T. Ferry were traveling to Rogers, Arkansas from Georgia. Brother Ferry passed away as he was driving the car, causing the car to overturn in a ditch and hit the side of Rock Mountain. Sister Ferry was in the hospital several days and is now with her children in Riverside, California.

Brother Ferry was born March 9, 1902 in Roann, Indiana. Services were conducted at the First Baptist Church, Riverside, California on July 29, 1980 with Kenneth A. Dalton officiating. Interrment was in Olivewood Cemetery.

Continue to pray for Sister Ferry. Her address is 3300 Gibraltar Dr., Riverside, California 92506.

GOD'S PROMISES ARE SURE

Friend as you walk are you trusting Jesus
Do you know you are uncondemned today?
If you are, he will still the tempest

A quietness and peace give to thee.
Don't sin and come short of the glory of God's glory
Ever abide in his presence I pray.
Where no plague can come nigh thy dwelling
And no evil befall on life's way.

If you walk in my statutes, keeping my commandments

I'll allow no disease to come upon thee
Jesus said, I come to fulfill things recorded
In the law and prophets concerning me.
Lean not to your own understanding
Pray neither make flesh your arm
But look to the dear loving saviour
Who will protect your life from harm.

Put not your trust in man nor in princes

Be strong in the power of God's might
Looking to Jesus the author and finisher of faith
When he comes t'will be a glorious sight.
Give, yes even pour out your life for others
All your needs will be provided by him
For the earth and fullness belong to God
And you are only a steward for him.

He speaks and brings wonderful deliverance

Prosper, gives health and strength as the day
As your life is fully surrendered
And willingly God's will you obey.
His body was bruised and broken
By sinners stripes were laid upon him
That we might enjoy a full salvation
From all the work of sin.

If your life is filled with pain and sorrow

And your soul by sin bowed down
Jesus came to restore that lost by Adam
In the garden where he communed with God
For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus
Will make you free from the law of sin and death today.
Believe, trust and look for his coming
Then immortal in his presence we will stay.

—Mrs. E. A. Greever

WHY I CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS CHURCH

By Ada Nicholson Brownell

I am one of those people who attends every regular church service unless there is a sickness in the family or some other valid reason why I can't attend. My family almost never misses Sunday school, morning worship, Sunday night, and Wednesday night services.

No one puts pressure on us to attend—we want to! We enjoy worshiping the Lord and studying His Word. But beyond that, we believe we can't afford to miss church.

Now I am aware thousands of Christians don't share my enthusiasm for church attendance. There are multitudes who are surviving spiritually (or think they are surviving) by attending morning worship services for an hour on Sunday. They're too tired on Sunday morning to get up early enough for Sunday school, and too bushed to attend on Sunday or Wednesday nights.

In fact, as the years go on, I regularly run into Christians who don't see the importance of my family attending church as often as we do. If these folks attend Sunday morning worship, they think that is enough.

There is a possibility, I admit, that I could survive spiritually watching TV on Wednesday and Sunday nights as many Christians do. However, I don't even like to think of it. When someone in my family is sick and I have to stay home, I feel deprived. I think about what must be going on in the service. I feel lonely and usually I end up having a time of worship with the Lord at home.

But it is not just my own spiritual gratification that keeps me from staying home. It's the four children I still have at my house.

First, going to church regularly is an example to my children. When I put the Lord first in my life, my children see from my example that not only do I *say* serving the Lord is important; I also *show* it by giving up activities which might give me pleasure (such as loafing in front of the TV or playing tennis) and by making a genuine effort to be in the house of God when it may not be convenient for me to do so. Thus they see that church attendance is at least as important as going to school or work. And I hope they know it's even more important.

Second, when I am in church, my children can observe that I am endeavoring to learn God's Word and become a better Christian. They know I'm not perfect; but as I worship, pray, and study, they can see I desire to be a better Christian. I also hope they can tell how much I enjoy worshipping the Lord.

One of the greatest reasons I can't afford to miss church, however, is because the church has many ways of helping parents rear their children in the way they should go. With public schools teaching secular humanism and with the potentially bad influence of television and unsaved schoolmates, children today need as much spiritual training as they can get.

In Sunday school our children are being taught not only Bible stories, but spiritual truths also and how to use God's Word.

They learn to worship in song during services. Sermons help them make decisions concerning life and help them to mature as Christians as they learn doctrine. This is where they get a foundation of faith, because faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

Because we attend church so much, our children choose their closest friends from the church family. Christian fellowship in important to them, as it is to us. With this

background the likelihood they will marry Christians is increased. Our oldest son already has married a fine Christian young lady.

One father told me he thought staying home and giving his children his attention was more important than attending church. Considering the seriousness of our relationship with God in this life—as well as in eternity—I say we should take other prime time to communicate with our children at home. We can have family worship and take time to share our lives with each other everyday. We don't have to omit church to do it.

For me, other activities cannot offset the value of time spent in the house of God. When our family is reared, time spent in church will probably prove to be the best investment we ever made.

It was the best investment my parents made.

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God's Yoke Will Not Fit A Stiff Neck

The Humanist Religion in the Last Day—

By Bob
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God, through the prophet Daniel, said "Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be" (Daniel 8:19). Without doubt the signs are becoming specific as they point to the imminence of Christ's return.

Humanism is a new word that is being used. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines Humanism as: "A doctrine, attitude, or way of life centered on human interests or values; a philosophy that asserts the dignity and worth of man and his capacity for self-realization through reason and that often rejects supernaturalism."

According to John's vision of the New Testament Church Age, we are living in the Laodicean age when the prevailing feeling is that we don't need God but are very self sufficient (Rev. 3:14-20). The word Laodicea comes from two Greek words, Laos and dike. Laos means "people or human," and dike means "right or rights," therefore we have what modern society is crying for . . . "human rights". This is the one world government and religious system that is invading our society, one that is luke warm and that feels they are capable of solving their own problems but fail to realize that they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.

Modern society boasts of a higher standard of living than ever before but is blind to their real moral and spiritual status. Festus wrote, "The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat one's self. All sin is easy after that."

Brother Charles Fox Parham warned us of the two great forces who are at war. The old civilization, proclaiming the teachings of regeneration and holiness make possible lives of virtue, with the general distribution of wealth among the people as the foundation of civilization, is being replaced by the new order arising from the masses of humanity. This new order is destroying the past order of government, church and society. The past order of civilization upheld the power of nationalism, which indorsed the spirit of patriotism. Each was proud of their country and each fought to preserve their identity. The new order knows no boundaries and believes in the universal brotherhood of mankind (one world church and one world government).

According to the doctrinal points enumerated in "The Humanist Manifesto #1 and #2, Prometheus Books, Buffalo, N.Y." and the "Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, Freeman Digest, Provo, Utah," we can readily see the totalitarian regimes implicated in this philosophy. The following is a list of doctrinal points taught by the humanist organization.

1. Denies the deity of God, Jesus Christ and the inspiration of the Bible.
2. Denies the existence of the soul, life after death, salvation, Heaven or the damnation of Hell.
3. Denies the Biblical account of creation.
4. Believes there are no absolutes . . . no right, no wrong . . . that moral values are self-determined and situational . . . do your own thing!
5. Believes in removal of distinctive roles of male and female.
6. Believes in sexual freedom between consenting individuals, regardless of age, including premarital sex, homosexuality, lesbianism and incest.
7. Believes in the right to abortion, euthanasia (Mercy killing) and suicide.
8. Believes in equal distribution of America's wealth to reduce poverty and bring about equality.
9. Believes in control of environment, control of energy and its limitation.
10. Believes in removal of American patriotism and the free enterprise system, disarmament and the creation of a socialistic one-world government.

Humanist believe in a Mechanistic view of man instead of the Bible's divinely determined purpose for man. Their ultimate goal is to build a master-race by conducting human breeding experiments. B. F. Skinner, Harvard professor and signer of "The Humanist Manifesto #2" advocates the abolition of man as an individual . . . "His (man's) abolition has long been overdue. Autonomous man is a device used to explain what we cannot explain in any other way. To man we readily say good riddance." Skinner proposes that man be placed in a highly manipulative and regulated environment in order to control him. The Humanist religion is responsible for the reduction of our freedoms that we once held dear in America. This philosophy is making man a machine that can be discarded after serving our usefulness.

"Manifesto #1" declares that Christianity is "doctrine and methods which have lost their significance and which are powerless to solve the problem of human living in the Twentieth Century.

"Manifesto #2" states, "humanists believe that traditional theism, especially faith in the prayer hearing God, assumed to love and care for persons, to hear and understand their prayers, and to be able to do something about them, is an unproved and outmoded faith. Salvationism, based on mere affirmation, still appears as harmful, diverting people with false hopes of Heaven hereafter. Reasonal minds look to other means for survival. Traditional moral codes and new irrational cults both fail to meet the pressing needs of today and tomorrow. False theologies of hope and messianic ideologies, substituting new dogmas for old, cannot cope with existing world realities. They separate rather than unite people. Humanism is an ethical process through which we all can move, above and beyond the divisive particulars, heroic personalities, dogmatic creeds, and ritual customs of past religions or their mere negation. As non theists (commonly known as atheists), we begin with humans, not God, nature not deity . . . no deity (God) will save us; we must save ourselves."

Humanism strongly believes in the inevitability of progress (social evolution) which proposes that nature is moving inevitably to higher and higher forms of life.

The rearranging of our holidays is the work of the humanist. This idea is to eliminate God completely by such things as changing Christmas to a folk day symbolizing the joy of existence, human brotherhood and democratic sharing. Easter is a day to celebrate the rebirth of vital forces of nature and to renew man's own energies. Humanist weddings and funeral services are being used. The moving of all holidays to Monday is also a work of humanist to get as many as possible away from church and the thought of God.

The idea proposed some years ago that "God is dead" did not die out but rather went underground to reappear in a deceptive way excluding God from nature and yielding God as "useless" and unneeded, therefore it was acceptable by the general public in this manner.

Humanism has penetrated every office of our federal government and our tax dollars are supporting this philosophy. Our elected and appointed office holders are using that office to promote the idea of humanism. President Carter sent a telegram to the American Humanist Association in April of 1978 and I quote: "Those who participate in the Annual Meeting of the American Humanist Association are furthering a movement that greatly enhances our way of life. As you know, the advancement of human rights has become the cornerstone of this administration's actions at home and abroad. The work of your organization in this area is, therefore, especially gratifying to me, and I welcome the opportunity to applaud your important accomplishments. May you have a most productive and inspiring 1978 session, (signed) Jimmy Carter, President."

Vice-president Walter Mondale spoke at the 5th Congress of the International Humanist and Ethical Union at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and said, quote: "Although I have never formally joined a humanist society, I think I am a member by inheritance. My preacher father was a humanist . . . In Minnesota they call them Farmer Laborites and I grew up on a very rich diet of humanism from him. All of our family has been deeply influenced by this tradition including my brother Lester, a Unitarian Minister, Ethical Culture Leader and Chairman of the Fellowship of Religious Humanists."

Os Guinness, noted historian and philosopher states: "As Secular Humanism takes a more pessimistic outlook toward

man's progress, humanists look more to the state to assume a guiding hand in shaping man's future. In recent years the state has heeded the Humanist's call and taken on a more humanistic character. In this respect, education is viewed by Secular Humanism as the fulfillment of the state's role as a saving institution because man is either not progressing as rapidly as the Secular Humanist would desire, or because man does not seem to be progressing in the evolutionary sense, many Secular Humanists have opted for forced progress and manipulative environment control. Totalitarianism, therefore, could very well be the end result of Secular Humanism."

President Carter has said that he will ask Congress to approve the proposed United National covenants. If such approval is given and our president signs the UN covenants, they will become the supreme law of our land and would supercede our constitution . . .

Former president Truman would not sign the Universal Declaration of Human Rights until Article 17 was added: "Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property. The right to private property is the cornerstone of the American Constitution. The 5th Amendment states: . . . nor shall any person . . . be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

President Carter however has stated that he is willing to approve the Covenant of Economic Rights under the UN, without the article recognizing the right of private property. When President Carter signed the two UN human rights treaties in October of 1977, he reversed the 29 years U.S. position.

On January 30, 1976, a declaration of interdependence was signed by 82 U.S. congressmen and 24 senators in Philadelphia calling for a "new world order" . . . a world government. Humanist Manifesto II proclaims: "We deplore the division of humankind on nationalistic ground . . . We look to the development of a system of World law and a world order based upon transnational federal government. We thus reaffirm a commitment to the building of a world community."

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1961 declared Humanism to be a religion (the Torcaso Decision). Humanist refer to Humanism as a religion but it is very different from traditional denominations in that it uses our government offices to conduct it's business and our school rooms for it's Sunday School class rooms. Bible believers are praying the salaries of this new religion including that of the new Sunday School superintendent, Ms. Shirley Hufstedler. Judge Hufstedler is the first Secretary of the newly organized Department of Education. She has served as a trustee of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, which is the major force of the Humanist movement.

Joseph E. Slater, President of the Aspen Institute says: "The goals of the Aspen Institute vary from vital social issues to proposals for new educational curricula and innovative programs in the mass media" Let us understand that proposals are being carried out to establish school teaching methods. Our children's minds are being implanted with Humanistic beliefs. A new teaching technique known as "values clarification" is being used in public schools. This was developed by Paulov under Lenin and Stalin . . . it teaches children to ignore their parents' teachings and religious beliefs. They are taught to create their own

personal values, and that there are no absolutes; no right, no wrong. American children are being trained to forsake the influence of their parents and become freed from God's standards of right and wrong. Surely this shows us that we are living in perilous times . . . children are being more and more disobedient to parents . . . a time when children will have their parents put to death . . . Christian wake up!

"We are rich and have need of nothing," says the modern church. One Humanist has said, "Materialistic philosophy relieves one of responsibility to anyone, including the supernatural". Though we have a higher standard of living today, we are wretched, blind, naked and poor! We, as a church, have fallen in the deceptive trap of the devil. Real Christianity is suffering from internally . . . false teachers, ungodly professors have done more damage than the old sinner ever thought about doing...The Lavrentia Beria Russian Textbook on Psychopolitics states: "We had to destroy, after many, many years of the most arduous work, the church, so we must destroy all faiths in nations marked for conquest. We have battled in America since the century's turn to bring to nothing any and all Christian influences and we are succeeding."

The Ecumenical movement means a movement of "all the inhabitants of the earth." Many who are members of the World Council of Churches have been deceived in believing it is merely a movement to unite Christendom . . . They are not aware that it is un-Christian and is proposing efforts to destroy Christianity. In a report of the World Council of Church, 1968 Up Psala Assembly, quote: "We recognize the importance of cooperating at every level with the Roman Catholic Church, with other non-member churches, with non-church organizations, adherents of other religions, men of no religion, indeed with men of goodwill everywhere." The goal of the WCC's is to unite all mankind, not all Christians . . . An article by Claire Cox of the Copley News Service appearing in the Daily Oklahoman states: The international ecumenical movement has reached a point where its mission should be more one of stimulating dialogue among the world's religions rather than trying to win the entire world to Christ." William Visser 'T Hooft, father of the World Council of Churches advocates that Buddhists, Muslims and even Pagans must be included in their organization of one world church.

Paul, the Apostle, writes, "Come out from among them and be ye separate and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you . . .

How can we join up with those that advocate homosexuality, incest, lesbianism, abortion, mercy killing and suicide? How can we endorse the total control of mankind and take man out of the divine will of God to be manipulated by man as a machine? Raw power is being placed in the hands of state institutions and the courts . . . under these systems our God given human rights are being taken away from us . . . Our forefathers understood the need of Divine Providence and freedom is only under God, not in man made documents . . .

Humanism is taking control of birth, life and the death of mankind rather than the divine will of God. This flood of false religion and self-directed philosophy is the new order of the day! Be not deceived! Let's not allow our churches to be swept into this flood of deceit. May we as individuals determine to keep ourselves unspotted from the world . . . It may require us to give our lives for the sake of the gospel, it may cost us our family to stand for the truth but we shall be rewarded in this life as well as in eternity . . . Luke 18:28-30

Someone New

Someone new has been added to the Report office this fall and I want you to become acquainted with them. They are the students of the evangelism class of the Apostolic Faith Bible College and their teacher Sister Dora Beydler. One of the projects of the evangelism class this year is to learn the complete operation of the Apostolic Faith office. I am very excited about having them here because I know that it is the will of God. Some months ago God began speaking to my heart concerning this type of a class. I didn't tell anyone of my feelings until Sister Beydler talked with me at camp meeting and asked if her class could be used in this work. I knew God had opened the doors for both her and me. I've found that when God deals with us and lays a burden upon our hearts He also works on the other end also.

We have had several classes now with them and I want you to know that they are wonderful young people who want to devote their time and talents to the Lord.

I ask your support as we endeavor to work with them. I know that God is able to direct our thoughts as we try to teach them. These young people are serious about God's work and we need your prayers daily. I'd also like to encourage them by you writing them and telling them that you're behind them with your prayers.

May God bless you all as we labor together for our soon returning King!

—Karen Oakes



1st row, left to right: Sandy Danley, Pam Allen, both from San Diego, California. **2nd row left to right:** Rae Mona Arnall, Joplin, Mo.; Terri Seaver, Amarillo, Tex.; Sister Dora Beydler, AFBC evangelism teacher. **3rd row left to right:** Rhonda Reese, Taneyville, Mo.; Lisa Oakes, Joplin, Mo.; Marty Haney, Crosses, Ark., Arthur Hansen, Galena, Ks.

Life Through Christ

At the age of ten, I repented of my sins and accepted Jesus as my saviour. For years I sought a deeper walk with Him.

A number of years later when I came to the Lord to surrender my life completely to Him, He asked me if I was willing to give up the doctrines that I had been taught that were not according to the Bible. I consented and He sanctified me and erased from my mind some opinions I had about His word.

One great truth which He made plain to me was the great love that God has for all people. He proved this to us by sending His only son to earth to take on the form of man and live a sinless life; then to die in our place that we might have eternal life, which was lost in Adam.

In the beginning when God put Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, He wanted to have companionship with them; just like He wants to have it with us today. He came down at times to talk with them.

God had told Adam to dress the garden and that he could eat of the fruit of all of the trees except the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

God gave man a will of His own but He told him that if he disobeyed Him and ate of the forbidden fruit, that he would die that very day.

I am sure that Adam told Eve all about this; for when the serpent asked her about God's command, she told him God said they could eat of the fruit of all the trees except the one in the midst of the garden: they were not to eat of it or even touch it lest they die.

Now the devil is very cunning, he mixes truth along with his lies. He said, "ye shall not surely die; for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." The lie in this statement is that they would not die.

That same lie is being preached today. You hear preachers ask, "Where will you spend eternity?" Sinners do not have eternal life to spend it anywhere, even in hell.

It was proven to Adam and Eve that it was a lie; much to their sorrow, I'm sure.

When God came down, in the cool of the evening and asked Adam about it, he did what so many have done down through the years since: he laid the blame on someone else, his wife. When God asked Eve she did the same thing and laid the blame on the serpent.

God told each one of them what their punishment would be, (read Gen. 3:9-19) and drove Adam and Eve out of the garden. He placed Cherubims and a flaming sword to keep them away from the tree of life, lest they partake of the tree and live forever. (Gen. 3:22-24)

Adam died at the age of 930 years, (Gen. 5:5) so he nor anyone since has ever lived out one of God's one thousand year days on earth.

Man lost his right to eternal life, but God so loved Adam and Eve and their descendants, He promised them a way whereby they might gain eternal life.

In Gen. 3:15 God told the serpent (devil), "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed (Jesus); it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise His heel."

This is the first prophecy of the coming of Jesus Christ to live a sinless life and die for us; that we might stand justified in God's sight and inherit eternal life.

John 3:16 says that "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not PERISH, but have everlasting life." I Corinthians 15:22 tells us that "as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive" (By accepting Christ). In Lev. 17:11 we are told "it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." And in Heb. 9:22 we read "without shedding of blood, is no remission." In Romans 3:25 and 5:9 we are told we can be justified through faith in His blood.

God instituted the offering of the blood sacrifice with Adam as we can see by the sacrifices his sons offered. Able offered a blood sacrifice and was accepted of God. Now it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sin (Heb. 10:4), but it was a type of the offering of Jesus' blood for our sins.

Cain offered a sacrifice of the fruit of the ground and of his labors and it was not accepted of God because it was not a blood sacrifice—there is no remission of sins without the shedding of blood.

Later on as Moses was preparing to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt, God told Moses for them to kill a lamb for each household and sprinkle the blood on the posts above and on each side of the door; then stay in the house under the blood: lest the death angel should kill the first born in each household. Exodus 12.

This is a perfect type of the blood of the sinless Christ that was to be shed on the cross that whosoever accepted Him would not die (second death), but have eternal life.

Later God gave instructions that once every year, the priests should offer blood sacrifices for their own sins and the sins of the people: thereby rolling their sins forward for one more year, looking forward to the time when Jesus would offer His own blood for the sins of every person who ever lived, or ever will live, on earth; who would accept His sacrifice. Isaiah, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, tells us plainly, "He (Jesus) was wounded for our iniquities: . . . All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

In the 12th verse we are told "He was numbered with the transgressors and bare the sin of many." In John 3:14-16 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not PERISH, but have everlasting life."

How anyone can preach that we all have eternal life is beyond me; when God plainly tells us that it took the death of His only Son to pay for our sins and open up a way whereby we might have eternal life.

"Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." (I Tim. 1:10). So, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life." (John 3:36). John 5:24 says, "He that heareth my Word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, but is passed from death unto life." In Romans 6:23 we are told the wages of sin is death, (not eternal life in hell) but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

So it is life or death and it is up to us to choose which we

want.

Please do not refuse the pardon that Jesus has bought for you, by the sacrifice of His own life.

In John 5:39-40 Jesus said: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they that testify of me, and ye will not come unto me that ye might have life." John 6:47 Jesus said: "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." Does this sound like sinners have eternal life? Sinner, don't believe the devil's lie. Repent and accept Jesus today.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9.

"I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no Savior." Isaiah 43:11.

Joshua told the children of Israel: "Choose you this day whom you will serve." He said that he and his house were going to serve the Lord God. Joshua 24:15.

They were promised life if they served God and obeyed Him.

Many claim that we are immortal, but the Bible does not teach that. Immortality signifies one who in every way incorruptible, without possibility of perishing or dying. Man is certainly not immortal, he is mortal. Job 4:17. II Tim. 1:10 tells us, "Jesus . . . Hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

"Now unto the king eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever." I Tim. 1:17. "Who only hath immortality dwelling in the light." I Tim. 6:16. Yes, only God is immortal. But thank God, He has opened up a way whereby we can put on immortality for the body and eternal life for the soul. Rom. 2:7.

Please read I Cor. 15:45-58. Paul makes it plain that the person who has accepted Christ has eternal life and; "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

If everyone already had eternal life, then Christ would not have had to die that we might obtain it. Romans 6:23 says: "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Death is the highest penalty in any nation and it is God's highest penalty. We were all under condemnation, but Jesus died in our place and freely offers us all a pardon, if we will only accept it.

Sinner, do not be like a man who had been condemned to die and was awaiting execution; when the Governor granted him a pardon. They expected him to be overcome with joy: instead he refused the pardon. A judge ruled that if he did not accept the pardon then it was not valid, so he was executed.

Sinner, are you going to refuse your pardon? What would you say on the judgment day, when you stand before Jesus? If He should ask you why you refused His pardon?

"I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear Him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell, yea, I say unto you, fear Him." Luke 12:5. "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt. 10:28. "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the Father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth it shall die." Ezekial 18:4.

In the fourth chapter of Malachi, we are told the wicked shall be burned up and will be ashes under the soles of the righteous feet. The wicked will be burned up as tares. Matt. 13:39-42.

Some people say that if the wicked are just burned up, that there would be no incentive to serve God: just as well get what pleasures you can out of life. Christians serve God because they love Him, and want to serve Him, not because they are afraid of hell. The sinners are going to be sorely punished before they are destroyed in hell.

When sinners see Jesus, and look on His face; great conviction will seize them. They will realize how foolish they have been in refusing Jesus' offer of eternal life. There will be such love and sorrow in His face that they will realize what a great price He had paid for their eternal life and they had turned it down for a few pleasures here on earth. Their remorse will be exceedingly great, but it will be too late. Revelation 6:12-17 tells us that they will hide themselves in the dens and rocks, and cry for the mountains and rocks to fall on them and hide them from the face of the Lamb. In Matt. 8:11-12 we are told those who do not accept Jesus will be cast into outer darkness and there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Being in utter darkness is very frightening.

After all their punishment and standing before Jesus in the judgment and hearing Him say for them to depart from Him that He never knew them; then He will cast them into hell's fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels. Matt. 25:41, and Luke 13:40-43.

Can you imagine any more horrible punishment, than to be cast into a lake of fire and be burned up? I can't. Teaching that sinners have eternal life to burn in hell, undermines the cause for which Jesus came and died.

Someone had to pay for our sins. If Jesus had not loved us, enough to die for us then we would not have had any chance for eternal life and would have had to die, the second death, for our sins.

The devil would like for us to believe his lie, that we would not die and to not believe God's Word when He says: That He loved us so much that He sent His only Son to die that we might have eternal life. Yes, praise God, Jesus loved us enough that He was willing to die in our place, that we might be justified before God and have the privilege of living with Him throughout eternitiy.

The words destroyed, perish, consume, devour and death are used to denote the final end of the wicked. Psalms 145:20 says all the wicked will be destroyed. Psalms 92:7-9 says the enemies of the Lord shall perish. Proverbs 21:15 tells us that destruction awaits the workers of iniquity. Isaiah 1:28 says, "The sinners shall be consumed." Ezekial 18:4 reads, "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." Matthew 10:28 says, "God will destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 25:41-46 promises everlasting fire, everlasting punishment. (There is no redemption from it; all are destroyed; they will not come back . . . it is final.) Revelation 20:14-15 says will be cast into the lake of fire which is the second death.

Please read all of these scriptures from which I have quoted.

Those who teach that sinners have eternal life, sometimes use the parable of Lazarus and the rich man as proof. Now this is a parable and not something to base a doctrine on. In Matthew 13:34 we are told that Jesus did not speak unto the people except in parables. He had just told them the parable of the sower; and we find Luke recorded the parable of the sower in the 8th chapter of his book. He (Jesus) was still

teaching in parables when later He gave the parable about Lazarus, in Luke 16:19 when he was talking to the Pharasees and probably others. Let us examine this parable and see if we can find out what lesson He was teaching. Does it teach eternal torment or that Jesus died in vain, or that we all had eternal life in the beginning. Luke 16:19-31 says there was a certain rich man: we are not told if he was Christian or sinner; only that he wore fine clothes and had plenty to eat. A beggar was laid at his gate, full of sores: (was he good or bad?) he desired to have even the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table, and the dogs licked his sores. Now do you think this is a picture of a Christian for whom God provides? In the parable the beggar died and was carried to Abraham's bosom: not to heaven. It says the rich man died and was buried and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and seeth Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom. He asked Abraham to send Lazarus to bring him some water. Now honestly do you think this is a picture of Heaven and hell? Is that your idea of Heaven? Would you be very happy in Jesus presence if you could see and hear your loved ones and friends burning in hell and crying out for help?

This parable is believed by many Spirit filled students of God's Word, to portray the Jews and the Gentiles. The Jews were part of God's chosen people and had the laws and promises of God. They were favored of God and He sent His Son to redeem them, but they refused to accept Him and killed Him. It looked like the Gentiles were left out: The Samaritans were counted as dogs. They did not know that they would be able to claim the promises and the Saviour too.

In the parable the rich man; when told by Abraham that he could not send Lazarus to help him; ask that he send Lazarus to his father's house to warn his five brethren. He was speaking of the 10 other tribes of Israel who had been carried captive earlier. The Jews were mostly of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin and taking the ten tribes in pairs would make his five brethren. Abraham told him that if they did not believe Moses and the prophets they would not believe though one rose from the dead.

Jesus did rise from the dead and the Jews did not believe Him; neither do the most of the other ten tribes believe Jesus. They are gathering back to Israel mostly in unbelief. The Jews who were taken captive and scattered throughout the world have been tormented, persecuted and many of them killed, so I am sure that many of them felt like they were in hell.

On the other hand the Gentiles have embraced the promises made to Abraham and many have accepted God's Son whom He sent to redeem all people.

In Revelation 20:10 it speaks of the devil, beast and false prophet being tormented day and night forever. This is not speaking of eternity as there will be no night in eternity. Forever is used in the Bible many times in speaking of a period of time with an ending such as Jonah in the fish forever or David sitting on the throne forever and there are many other instances.

The main theme of God's Word is that He loved us so much that He was willing to give His Son to pay the price for our sins, that we would not have to perish but could have the privilege of living with Him throughout eternity. Praise His Name!

—By Laura Thompson
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LIKE FATHER



LIKE SON

Romans 8:14-19, 29. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; If so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 29. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

MODELING AFTER HIS IMAGE



John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

II Cor. 6:18. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Gal. 4:5-7 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Phil. 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.

Heb. 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

I John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit.

Heb. 2:10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through suffering.

I John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear; we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

I Cor. 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Rev. 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

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
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Romans 12: 1,2

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Neb. 13: 12,13
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Luke 3:16
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Acts 2:4
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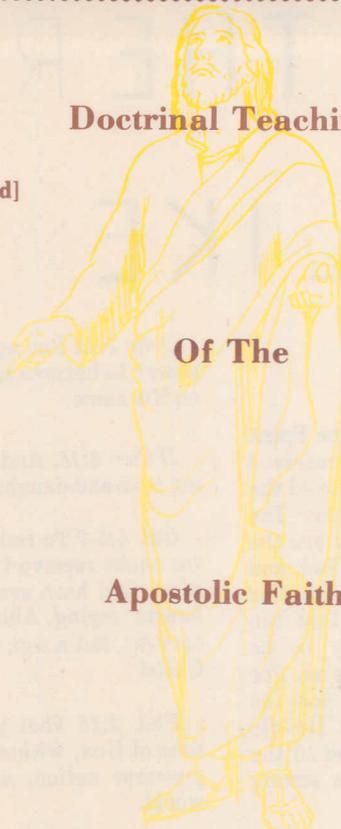
Divine Healing
Matt. 4:23
I Peter 2:24
James 5: 14-16

Ordinances
Water Baptism [by immersion]
Matt. 28:19
Romans 6: 3,4

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Apostolic Faith



The Lords Supper
Matt. 26: 26-28
I Cor. 11: 23-30

Feet Washing
John 13: 4-5, 14

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Luke 16:18
I Cor. 7:39

Second Coming of Christ
John 14:3
Acts 2:11
Matt. 24:30

Thousand Year Reign of Christ
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Rev. 20:4

Conditional Immortality
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John 10:10
I John 5:11, 12
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