THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER

"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." -- Jude 3.

GOD WORKING

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
“For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
“I’ll we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:11-16.)

During the afternoon services at the all day meeting at Van Buren, Ark., on Easter Sunday, just past, and amidst the wonderful blessing from God, and the sweet fellowship of the Spirit flowing from heart to heart, as the power and glory of the Lord rested upon the saints at times almost too wonderful to try to describe—toward the close of this time of blessing, the thought contained in the last verse of the above scripture dawned upon us in a manner—surely its real meaning—as never before. We had read these same passages many, many, times before—in our feeble manner, used them in our attempts in preaching the Gospel, having, we felt, a fair understanding, by the Lord’s help, of the former verses; but never before did we get what is surely the essence of this last verse, as we did at this time, as we realized that by virtue of its precepts, God was truly trying to do something for His people!

In the former verses, we understand—in fact, we realize how, that in substance, the entire passage (verses 11-16) is pointing out through what means, how, and why, etc., God was eventually going to bring true saints of His into a united body, so-to-speak; but upon this occasion, and in view of the fact that Satan is trying as never before, it seems, to bring division between real children of God, to cause them to lose interest in one another, to destroy proper confidence, etc., it seemed there dwaned upon us amid this scene of a revived fellowship and brotherly love, the true significance of this last verse—how that God was really trying to unite His people in a compact body—so closely united in the Spirit, that that feeling would exist between saints that should be there; that genuine spiritual love and fellowship that did one time exist, but which has, we fear, in too many instances, been dampened through a spirit of indifference, lukewarmness, gossip, hasty opinions, etc.—the kind that makes saints of God enjoy and appreciate each other as they should—yes, as in the days of “old,” thank God—that such should predominate. And in this, it causes saints to love God the more. We read in 1 John 4:20. “for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?”

So aside from the fact that God wants us protected from the “winds of doctrine,” of the which there are so many blowing today—that He wants us to be firmly established in the faith—let us not forget that it is just as necessary that we also be found in the proper spiritual attitude, for after all, Biblical spirituality—genuine charity—is the essential thing in the tenents of the faith. It has been said, and that without our ranks, I think, to this effect: that one could be straight as a gun barrel in doctrine, but empty in Spirit!

So for the thought:
“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

To begin with, beloved, it seems we can get the best picture of the thought implied, by comparing the group of God’s people—“the whole body”—to a great framework, or skeleton, so-to-speak, as the skeleton of the human body. You remember reading in Ezekiel 37, about the vision of the valley of “dry bones;” and how, and upon prophesy, those bones came together, “bone to his bone” or each bone into its proper place—each bone properly fitted into the socket of the enjoined bone—“fitly joined together,” as in the thought here used; and when this was accomplished, we find it was the framework of the Jewish nation, with the next process, that of the sinews, which hold the bones together; next, the flesh, and then the skin that covered them. The “sinews,” “flesh,” and “skin,” types of legal steps, governmental laws, etc., that will tend to unite them as a nation. Hope you un-
understand—as our constitution united us as a nation—"sinews;" and "flesh" and "skin" as our governmental functioning, etc. So, in a manner, it is with God's people today, from a spiritual standpoint—God wants them so united in Spirit, even as our physical being is a well "joined together" structure, working in harmonious accord—the members, one with another; and having a "feeling," one for the other, as "whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Cor. 12:26), and so on. Therefore, we thus get a picture of how God would have us be. So beginning with the first verse of the lesson above, how that God sets about to bring us to the experience of the last verse, through various channels of the ministry—first, for our own perfection: then the proper form of ministering the Gospel; the edification—or being in shape to be a blessing to the church; our establishment in the faith, etc.; to a growth in grace, as it were—and then to the thought upon our heart in this event—that of our being firmly united, or joined together, as are the members of our physical body, with the object in view for us—"unto the edifying of itself in love." People can be close enough together in the Spirit to actually have that spiritual love—real fellowship—one with another; while on the other hand, people who are not close to each other in Spirit, have not this divine feeling as they should. So to get a view of the scene as we should, let us step back and view all of God's people as material for a great framework to be put together, forming a body to be properly inhabited of God through the Spirit. (Eph. 2:22.) First, we see the "whole body fitly joined together;" or, in other words, each member in its proper place—you just where you belong, and likewise I, just where I belong, or otherwise we would each be out of our place—a misfit. Hope you get the thought. If I am out of my place in the body—trying to function where I do not belong, I am not perfectly joined unto the rest of the body—I just can't "fit in" where I do not belong; and so long as I am thus out of place, I am hindering the perfect functioning of the body. God would have us, "bone to his bone." In the frame-work of a skeleton, the bones of the arms would not fit, or replace, the bones connected with the lower limbs—-the joints would not agree—they could not be "fitly joined together."

Then next was, "compacted," or firmly united, "by which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part"—no stiff joints, thank God! but joined together in perfect working order—no friction—all well "oiled"—a perfect "machine," producing this result—"maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love," which is the goal God would have us attain unto—the members having love one for another—the whole body a blessing to itself. This is what is meant by, "unto the edifying of itself in love." There is edification in real Christian love; but this can never be brought about to the body, as a whole, until the body is "fitly joined together"—each member in their proper place; then "compacted," or closely united, as in the Spirit—then in readiness for some "effectual working," which will produce the "increase" of "edification in love;" and it won't be that "lovey, lovey" brand, of which there is so disgustingly much in the world today; but it will be the Bible kind, thank God, that will cause the members to have the same care one for another—not the kind that acts hypocritical, but the kind that is honest, fair and square; not the kind that is deceitful—nice to your face, and then villifying to your back—but the kind that is true; not the kind that upholds for the wrong, but the kind that condemns such. For illustration, it is also the kind that would, in case my left hand be suddenly covered with coals of fire, my right hand would quickly come to the rescue, brushing the fire off, regardless of the danger of a little painful injury to itself. And all such physical actions come from the head. Now as Christ is the head of our spiritual body, it is easy to be seen, the response of such members one to another—If they be in shape to act, and not "paralyzed," or "diseased," as is sometimes the trouble with certain members of the physical being—in case of need, maybe past feeling, or otherwise practically useless! Hope you understand.

In all, God wants us so compacted together, with each in their place, that we can carry on for Him in a perfect manner. And this kind of a harmonious attitude, or condition, WILL bring to activity, real Bible love in our hearts, one for another. That is surely edifying, thank God. How wonderful it is—what a blessing sometimes to our souls—to just look upon the sainted faces of our brothers and sisters in the Lord, as God is blessing, and feel that real, genuine, fellowship of the Spirit—such is indeed a Heavenly place upon earth! Amen.

Did you ever drive the old car down the road, and it knocking and rattling— sounding about like it was ready to fall apart? You know what was wrong? It wasn't "firmly joined together!" the bearings, connecting parts, etc., were far from being "compacted!" hence, generally speaking, the old car was far from being "edifying," wasn't it? There was more of a spirit of endurance present on your part, possibly, than of edifying love! The "members" of that old car didn't seem to show much love nor respect for each other, did they? The block had better watch out, for a rod is liable to come loose, and knock a hole right out through the block! the front wheels being out of line, don't seem to care if they do wear out casings, or almost seem to shake the car to pieces! etc. But let a good mechanic get hold of it—line up the wheels, tighten the "joints," possibly adding a few new parts, put on some new casings, thus eliminating the fear.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! ---Psalms 133:1.
The recently defeated reorganization bill which had been brought before Congress by our President, the passage of which, as seen by many, would have granted him great individual power—evidently of dictatorial stepping-stone propensities—is only evidence of the underlying spirit at work now in our midst. Just a course of time, despite the gallant fight being waged by certain of our statesmen, to ward off the same, yet that dictatorial power will soon control. That is the channel through which the beast power is going to assume command of the entire world for that three and a half year's reign, as prophesied unto us in the book of Revelation. The Bible WILL be fulfilled; and we, as a nation, will find ourselves right in line with the rest of the world. Already does the spirit of iniquity work among us. Step by step are personal liberties being done away with. How in subtext are such things being accomplished? On the one hand, possibly, people shaking their heads, saying, "We don't want the beast power," and at the same time lining up, and "signing up," with VERY things that are being used to "whip" people into line for the thing that is coming! Already has much of the former freedom and liberty that was once associated with business and labour been done away with. Business men, in part, are beginning to be told how many hours they must require of emloyees, and what wages they must pay; employees, in turn, in far, the greater fields of labour, must come under a ruling of the Social Security Board; and on top of this, in so many instances, have to join a union if they get a job; and again, as concerns major improvement or construction programs—the mostly coming under government supervision, which necessitates common labour as checking in through the relief program, with possibly union affiliation often given preference in the skilled lines. Even the freedom of the soil is coming in the line of attack through provisions being made by the government as touching production control in specific line. No longer do parents have control over their children in school matters as they once did—almost enforced medical attention now, regardless of one's views along the line of divine healing, which is as much a Bible doctrine as any other line of religious teaching. All these things, and those of a deeper, and more intricate meaning, as concerns the government's dealings with business, finance, etc., only tend to show the trend of affairs—the goal to which the world is being led. The government "stamp" is found on so many enterprises. The effort being put forth in behalf of young people today—the NYA program—surely means something. Young people of today, will be the "leaders" of tomorrow, if the world stands. With ALL due respect, it rather looks as if many steps are being taken today to get people to looking to the government for everything. A centralization of power will finally be the end—government control—but the "government" will be that one individual—a dictator. Amen. The Bible is fast being fulfilled, and neither the ballot box, the halls of Congress, nor the battlefield, be able to stop the now moving ad-

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Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you that feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. —Acts 13:26.
in getting Jews to heed the call to a return to Palestine. Jewish opposition might possibly spread to other countries in the course of time. If they are reluctant in going back to their home land, as God has fore ordained for them—and which is a wonderful blessing for them, if they but knew—it is possible that God will permit the enemy to be turned loose—stir up hatred against them—in order to get them to move out for Him. Sometimes when saints of God today, are not exactly willing, or maybe do not thoroughly understand, the call of God to change their location, or move out in some line of obedience, He will, in mercy, let things become so "unpleasant" in our surroundings, that we get willing to go. As the eagle stirs her nest to get her little ones at the proper time to take wings and fly, even so does God have to sometimes deal with His people. Amen.

CAMP MEETING

The annual Camp Meeting of the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, will be held this year at the same beautiful location as last year—at White Oak, about 11 miles n. e. of Harrison, Ark.

Beginning JULY 20 - 31 Inclusive

As usual, a free table. Free will offerings will be taken. Bring own bedding, etc.


Send all offerings to the Secretary.

A WELCOME INVITATION TO ALL---COME

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. —John. 14:1.
BRO. T. H. LOFTIN

Thadeus Henderson Loftin, so familiarly known as “Uncle Coop,” to his many friends, was born in the state of Alabama, on March 11, 1857. Departed this life, to be with the Lord, on April 2, 1938, at the home near Morrow, Arkansas. Age, 81 years, and 21 days. When but a child, he removed with his mother to the state of Arkansas.

In the year 1879, he was united in marriage to Sarah Francis Burr, to which union was born three children, who survive; his wife preceding him in death ten years ago.

About fifty years ago, he possessed faith in Christ, in the Baptist church, and lived a devoted Christian life in that faith until eighteen years ago, when he heard holiness preached in its fulness, receiving the blessings of sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which he lived and enjoyed until death called him.

Uncle Coop has left us; but his life and example are yet with us. We mourn him not as one lost; only gone on before. He was loved by all who knew him.

Besides his sons, Henry and James, and daughter, Annie Loftin, all of Morrow, Arkansas, he is survived by ten grand children, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. John Phillips, of Stillwell, Oklahoma, and Bro. J. B. Latta, of the home band of saints at Gray’s Point, near Morrow. His body was laid to rest in the Antioch cemetery, to there await the morning of the first Resurrection.

It has been our good pleasure to have met Uncle Coop on different occasions at the home church there. The saints and loved ones have truly lost a loved one, and a father in Israel, as it were, who has proven his faith and integrity in God by fully trusting Him to the end. No finer thing, no greater legacy, can one leave behind for friends and loved ones, when departing this life, than that of the example of a quiet, firm, clean, peaceable, Christian life.

It is of such departing saints that would cause true Christians left behind to desire, as Elisha did of ascending Elijah, a double portion of such an one’s spirit.

Also was another of the saints of the Gray’s Point band called away in death: Sr. Clara McCratic, who left her husband and three children of her immediate family.

May God bless the memory of these dear ones, to those left behind; and comfort the sad hearts of all who mourn. We extend our sympathy to all the bereaved.

The Editor.

REPENTANCE

Acts 3:19 says, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,” etc.

Repentance is not “turning over a new leaf,” and resolving to do better. Herod had great desires, and did many things at the preaching of John the Baptist; but he did not repent.

Repentance is not remorse of conscience, or anguish of mind. Many, like Judas, commit suicide, rather than confess and make wrongs right. (Matt. 27:5.)

Crying over dead friends is not repentance; reformation is not repentance.

Bible repentance implies a godly sorrow for every sin, and a forsaking of the same: not only the popular sins, such as gambling, drinking, swearing, dancing, card playing and shows; but every pet and idol forsaken—the pipe, snuff box, tobacco, adultery, secret worldly amusements, worldly fashions, unsaved associates—all are given up forever.

Bible repentance implies restitution. If any one in the past has been injured, defrauded, or taken advantage of in any way, he is eagerly sought after, and asked forgiveness, and all wrongs made right. Restitution makes old bills and debts, though outlawed, to be paid. Old grudges, jealousy, and prejudices, are laid aside forever.

Your own spirit will witness the fact that you have done all that you could; and a degree of peace will follow. Do not stop short of the witness of God’s Spirit, that all is forgiven.

Have you repented? If not, your chance of Heaven is hopeless. “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (See Luke 13:3.) We have people today, who say, “I sure do love the good old Bible,” and who say they are just willing to do what the Bible says, but they associate with all classes of people; but if we stay true to God, we must put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean. (Lev. 10:10.)

Dear readers, we know that God’s good Word, in 2 Cor. 6:17-18, says: “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you.

“And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” I get a thought like this: That

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... Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!” —Numbers 23:10.
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Doctrine

We preach Christ, His birth, baptism, works, teachings, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and soon coming. We teach the personality of the three fold Godhead; and contend that the very same Gospel in it's purity and fulness as was delivered by Paul, and the other apostles, to the early church, is the only Gospel for us today.


SANCTIFICATION—Sanctification is that act of God's grace which makes us holy. It is a second, definite work, wrought in the heart with the Blood of Jesus [Heb. 12:2], by the Holy Ghost [Romans 15:16], through faith. Heb. 2:11; 13:12; 1 Thess. 4:3; John 17:15, 17; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:2.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST—The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the gift of power upon a clean, sanctified life. Luke 24:49; Matthew 3:11; John 7:38, 39; 14:15, 16, 17, 26. Acts 1:5, 8. And when we receive the experience, we also receive the same sign, or evidence, as did the disciples on the day of Pentecost [Acts 2:4], at the household of Cornelius [Acts 10:46], and at Ephesus [Acts 19:6]—that of speaking in other tongues [or languages], as the Spirit gives utterance. Note also Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 14:21, 22.


THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS—The return of Jesus will be just as literal as was His going away. Acts 1:9-11. John 14:1. Preparation for His return was the message He stressed to His disciples. Matthew 24:44; and such event was that which Paul looked forward to, and points us to. 1 Cor. 15:51-53. 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

WATER BAPTISM—Water baptism by immersion [single], in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, being preformed as the answering of a good conscience toward God is unmistakably the form set forth in the Bible. Water baptism is taken from a Greek word meaning, "to dip," Jesus was baptized of John IN Jordan. Matt. 3:15, 16; 28:19. Acts 10:47; 48. Mark 16:16. 1 Peter 3:21.

THE LORD'S SUPPER—Jesus instituted the sacrament, or Lord's Supper, that His death might thus "show the Lord's death till he come." 1 Cor. 11: 23-26. Luke 22:17-20. WASHING THE DISCIPLES FEET—Jesus said, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." John 13:14, 15. Teaching us humility.

THE TRIBULATION—Jesus prophesied a great tribulation period, such as was never from the beginning of the world. Matt. 24:21, 22, 29-31. Rev. 18th and 16th chapters. Also note Daniel 7:15-27; 8:15-25; 9:20-27; 11:20-45, and 12:1; Isaiah 28:20, 21. Upon authority of Matt. 24:6-8, by word of mouth, we are to teach. And now as events, the world has already entered into the "beginning of sorrows," or the great tribulation period, which is to be climaxed by the three and a half year reign of the beast of the beast power prophesied to us in Rev. 13.

THE MILLENNIUM—The Bible teaches a 1,000 years peaceful reign with Jesus upon earth. During this time Satan will be bound. Rev. 20:1-6. This will try the gold of our works, and give the rest for God's people. Hebrews 4:1-11. Note Isaiah 11:1-12; 65:17-25; Hosea 2:18; Zech. 14:9, 20; Isaiah 2:4-5.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT—All nations shall be brought before this great, white throne, for judgment for God's eternal judgment. Here both small and great among men will be judged according to their works. Daniel 12:2. Matthew 25:31-46. Rev. 20:11-15.

NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH—The Bible teaches that this earth, which is polluted with sin, shall pass away, and that there shall be new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 2 Peter 3:12, 13. Rev. 20:11-21:3.


RESTITUTION—The Blood of Jesus will never atone for any sin that can be righted. We must have a conscience void of offense toward both God and man. Restitution means making the thing right wherein we have wronged our fellow man—taking back, or paying for stolen articles, settling for goods obtained by fraud, etc.; paying up old debts, returning things borrowed, etc. Ezekiel 33:14-16. Luke 11:26. Other confessions sometime have to be made.

WAR—It is our firm conviction, supported by the Word of God, our conscience hearing us witness, that we cannot take up arms against our fellow men, however great the provocation of the wicked, for, however the cause might seem: if being the teaching of the spirit of the Gospel presented by Christ in His Sermon on the Mount. Matthew 5:38-48. Also Rev. 13:30. Luke 18:19-20. Heb. 12:14.

We maintain the highest regard for our flag and teach absolute respect for the laws and officials of our country according to Romans 13:1-7, and 1 Peter 2:13, 14, as long as it does not violate our conscience, for "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29. We hold the unalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

TITHING—Tithing is an ordinance of God. Malachi 3:7-10. Some claim that tithing was under the law, and hence, it is not a requirement today. This is an error in teaching. Men paid tithes long before the law was given. Gen. 14:20; 28:22. Then under the law the paying of tithes was imposed as the support of the priesthood and singers, as well as the support of the work ( Nehemiah 13:20), which answers to the ministry of today. Now under grace, Jesus and Paul both speak regarding tithing. Matt. 23:23. Heb. 7:9.

Again, IF tithing was did away with at the end of the law, WHY is the penalty still being imposed upon the nations for robbing God? We see the very things happening today in the way of crop destruction that God promised through Malachi to rebuke, if His ordinance was kept. When a law is repealed, the punishment for violation is thereby automatically repealed. Think.

THE CHURCH—The Bible teaches that Christ's body is the church, and that we are members in particular. Ephesians 1:22, 23. 1 Cor. 12:27. We get into the church through a spiritual birth. Ps. 87:5, 6. John 3:3 to 8. Note also Acts 2:47. This is not an organized institution—man-made organizations divide God's people, as clearly evidenced among the many different denominations today. God's plan is not for a divided and sectionalized Christian, but that there should be but one group, and all working in harmony. There is one body." etc. Eph. 4:4.

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine: continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. —1 Timothy 4:16.
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"Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, both theirs and ours." - I Cor. 1:2.

We stand for, and endorse, the threefold plan of salvation, that is—justification by faith; sanctification through the Blood (a second, definite, work of grace); and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance. Teaching for doctrine, those principles taught by the people of the Apostolic faith since the outpouring of the Spirit in the beginning of the latter rain dispensation (Topoka, Kans., 1900; Los Angeles, Calif., 1906).

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Repentance

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every sin, sect, and organization, is unclean: so stay free from them. There are preachers today, who preach against such, but in the meanwhile, they will tell you that you can go and worship with them; and they go themselves. Then I get another thought—like this—if that is right, then the way they have been preaching is wrong! We know there is only one way to go, and that is the way Jesus went.

So pray God that we strive together, in keeping our lives in fellowship with the good Word of God. So let us strive together here, that we may reign together with Him in Glory.

Your unworthy brother,
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WITH THE EDITOR

"Spider" Zeal Needed

Sometimes people accomplish that which they did not intend to do—that of practically "starving" the preacher out!

God has given us His financial plan for the support of the ministry (Mal. 3:1 Cor. 9, etc.), and if this was carried out to the letter—each individual observing such, with a Biblical distribution of tithes and offerings, and no favoritism (I) shown—things might be different sometimes. If Israel had obeyed God, we would not have Nehemiah 13:10, as it now reads; and now, if people would observe God's ordinance in this matter, there might not be any re-occurrences of Nehemiah 13:10 within the ranks today.

Nehemiah 13:10, reads: "And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field."

The ministry of today, answers to the priesthood of that day.

Some may plead hard times today. No one knows better, the prevalence of hard times, than the preacher, possibly. And we have reached the point where we do not feel like excusing people just altogether on account of close times—that is, in the matter of making at least an attempt, in the way of the support of the Gospel, helping to build missions, etc., in needy fields, as well as looking after home interests, also. There is a text in the Bible which reads like this—and is speaking of things that are little upon the earth, but which are exceedingly wise: "The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces" (Prov. 30:28.)

Note, she "TAKES HOLD WITH HER HANDS"—she doesn't excuse herself, or bemoan smallness! but she gets busy, and is found in "KINGS' PALACES"—she gets somewhere! she goes to the top, thank God! Some people may sing about, or talk about, "Over The Top For Jesus," when as a matter of fact, they can't even as much as "get over" a dime out of every dollar that God blesses them with, for the support of His good cause!

We think of this plan—if every good sister in the cause—those so situated as could—would as much as set a hand—possibly one in the spring, and one in the fall—care for them carefully, and at the best marketable age, sell them—then and all and put the proceeds into God's work, think of the dollars it would put to work for the Lord!

Then there is the plan we have read about called "God's Acre." This was practiced by the rural church groups among some denominational people. It consisted of the farmer planting especially, or setting aside, ONE acre, the crop from the same to be marketed, and the proceeds put into the church fund. There are possibly other legitimate plans.

We know of one group of determined sisters in the Lord, who have toiled at making quilts in order to help meet obligations on church property they had tried so hard to obtain. They are yet holding on. May God bless their efforts with final success.

Of course times get close, beloved; but if there were only more consecrated "spiders" among the children of God, things might not be so bad. after all, sometimes! As is sometimes the case, possibly someone had rather hear something along the line of "repentance." That being so, maybe there's a thought here for repentance, if they would but have it! Amen.

A Good Thought

We get a good thought from an article on "Repentance," submitted by Bro. Burt, in this issue—and that is, on "turning over a new leaf." People may do this—but what about the "old one"?—if the wrongs on it are not made right, what about the Judgment!

The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; —Prov. 30:25.
Good Meeting Near Ramona

May 2, 1938.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond:

Will write you a few lines, to give the report of a meeting we held at the Bro. Street Mission, near Ramona, starting April 9th., and closing the 24th. Two were saved. The Lord surely did bless the saints at that place. The meeting sure was a lift to us, in our experience with the Lord.

Bro. and Sr. Norton, 202 N. Seminole, Bartlesville, Okla.

Easter at Van Buren, Ark.

Surely the little band of saints at Van Buren, Ark., felt their labor rewarded, and prayers answered, in the all day's meeting at that place, on Easter Sunday, April 17, which, in the opinion of some, the best since the camp meeting last summer—truly, the short space of time was like old camp meeting days!

It was a wonderful meeting. The power of God fell, and there was shouting and rejoicing. And the sweet spirit of fellowship that was in evidence, uniting hearts in the real love of the Spirit, was wonderful, indeed. While there is more or less, always, it seems, of things not understood, or to be endured, in evidence to mar the beauty of such gatherings, yet speaking of the occasion in general, it was truly a most wonderful time in the Lord, and an occasion long to be remembered by saints of God, some who had travelled close to 275 miles to be there.

Saints and friends began arriving on Saturday afternoon, before, and God gave a wonderful service that night. Sr. Hulsey, pastor near Oakgrove, in Carrol county, and party, were present, and God gave her a message from Luke 24, concerning our Lord's resurrection. Then on Sunday morning, services begun about ten o'clock. The forenoon was given to a general praise service, which continued until 1 P. M., at which time the congregation was dismissed for an old time dinner spread on benches outside. There was an abundance of fine food served to all, with lots left over. Speaking personally, we freely "helped ourself" to this bountiful repast, but which was not in comparison to the feast to our soul, from Father's table, and to which we surely felt again like "helping ourselves," which we did, in the afternoon service!

Praise our God! Amen.

The afternoon service was given over to ministers, of whom some fifteen to twenty responded to a call to determine how many were present, but not all got to speak. As the hour began to grow late, groups began to depart. Truly, the afternoon service was blessed of the Lord. It was like sitting together in Heavenly places, indeed. Our souls were rejoiced, and wonderfully fed on the good things from God, which fell from the anointed lips of His servants. Wish YOU could have been there for the day; and if YOU wasn't, YOU surely missed a blessing from the Lord—unless you was in another good service elsewhere.

Good singing throughout the day, with some specials by trio from Anderson, Mo., and also Fairland, Okla.

May God bless the dear saints and friends at Van Buren, for the wonderful spirit of hospitality shown in caring for the large crowd of visitors—a home or so being just about capacity taxed!

A check-up showed there were those present, at least, from Mulberry, Kans.; Anderson, and Nauvoo, Mo.; Tonkawa, Newkirk, Ramona, Bartlesville, Fairland, Tulsa, Sapulpa, Haskell, Blackgum, and Bixby, Okla.; Oakgrove. Harrison, Seranton, Cecil, Alma, Ft. Smith, Harralton (com. near V. B.), and a transient from Little Rock, Ark.

Editor.

NOTICE

In case this should be the last copy of the little paper you receive for some time, it is possible the delay will be caused by our having to labour otherwise for a while. We need your prayers. Editor.

Easter Sunday at Drumright

Our Easter service in Drumright was wonderful, the Lord blessing in a wonderful way. Sr. Birdie Hair was with us, and gave some wonderful thoughts along. “Christians not only giving until it hurts; but going until it hurts. So many say, ‘I'm so tired I can't go to services tonight,’ and retire instead of going until it hurts.”

A large dinner was served at the close of morning service, to many saints and friends, from Oklahoma City, Sand Springs, Kendrick, Tulsa, Tonkawa, Coweta, Sapulpa, Shamrock, Davenport, Chandler, Cushing, and here in Drumright.

Afternoon services were blessed of the Lord, closing about four o'clock, with most of the visiting saints leaving.

Ordinance services were to have been conducted at night meeting, but the Lord came on the scene more wonderfully than before. One young girl was gloriously saved; others under Holy Ghost conviction. We felt it God's will to continue services for a few nights, that we might understand what He would have us do.

I would not forget to say our young people's services are growing, and we do praise the Lord for it. We desire the prayers of God's people that more of our young people will be converted, and make bold soldiers for Jesus.

Yours for the Gospel,

Isbell King, 
Ruby Steele, Pastor.

Bro. Buckles Not So Well

Bro. Buckles has been reported as being quite poorly again. They have moved back to Mulberry, Kans. Their P. O. Box is 353. Write him; and don't forget to pray. Remember him financially.

Remember the Fellowship Meeting at Boyd, near Oakgrove, Ark., on Sunday, May 29. Services on Saturday night preceeding. See the Directory. Go!

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. —1 Corinthians 15:58.
Our Young People

Springfield, Mo.

April 4, 1938.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond, and readers of the little paper:

Just a few words for my Master. He has done so much for me. Yet we do so little for Him.

I praise His good name for this full and free salvation.

Dear friends—both young and old—you don’t know what you are missing, if you don’t know Jesus.

It’s good to live by; and thank God, it’s good to die by! When we leave this world of sin and sorrow, we can look beyond this vale of tears, and see our Mansion bright and blessed, that’s waiting. It behooves us to press on, for here we have no continuing city; but over there, you and I shall live—live in a City God has built; where the sun never goes down; where the flowers never fade; where health prevails; and where delight increases as the years roll on. It just almost makes us want to shout to even think about it! But beloved, on the other hand, we have so many all around us—especially in our work—who are so unconcerned about their soul’s welfare. “I am the Lord, I change not,” is the word that smites modern thought, and that will some day put an end to all unbelief, by His power to punish—in Hell.

The same God who poured the flood over the mountains, drowning the ungodly world, sent fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah, rolled the Red sea over the Egyptians, caused the Roman armies to encompass Jerusalem, until, with famine, sword, and flame, a Christ-rejecting nation found its grave, reigns yet! unchanged forever!

As surely as God’s Word teaches an everlasting Heaven, it teaches an everlasting Hell. Men ought to tremble and fear before God—forsake sin, and flee from the wrath to come. Sinner, your life is held by a brittle thread; and if it should break, your soul would fall into Hell, unless you come to God and repent of your sins!

Thank God for the hour that Jesus paid the price for our redemption. The old-time religion keeps the Cross before our eyes. You will never find your way to Heaven, unless you come by the way of the Cross.

Christian friends, let’s keep pressing on!

Your sister in Christ,

Alta Rose Goodwin,
Burge Hospital,
Springfield, Mo.

Your Associates

If we have any word of exhortation for the dear young people at this time, it would be along the line of being careful of associates. The enemy will work this scheme sometimes on both young and old alike—get you to let down just a bit on the high standard of holiness—get you to associating with some one of the worldly class, giving over, and partaking of some of their “no harm” ways, trying to make you think by so doing, that you can yield an influence over them—that you can gain their confidence, and maybe win them for the Lord. This is just another “trick” of Satan’s—its YOU he is after! he already has the other party; and he knows that if he can get YOU to associating with the worldly class, and to gradually partake a “little” of their ways, that he has YOU on the road toward defeat in your own soul! Let us think of Paul’s admonition’s to Timothy of, “neither be partaker of other men’s sins: keep thyself pure.”

If we would really win people to the Lord, it is only accomplished through our living the life.

We have read, or heard the story, to this effect, of the person who thought that possibly by letting their canary bird be in the cage with sparrows, that the sparrows would learn to sing; but the result was, the canary, in time, gave up its own beautiful song, and taken up that of the sparrows!

A purely “holier than thou” attitude is wrong in any body’s life; but one does not have to assume any such spirit in order to conform to God’s standard along this line.

May God’s blessing, and encouragement from Heaven, be upon ALL dear young people who have chosen in this life to serve Him. In Christian love to our Young People,

The Editor.

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

(Bro. Earnest Buckles.)

Do trials, temptations, perils, etc., cause us to lose an experience with God?

Read Romans 8:35-39.

It has been said that fault finding is thickest, where love is the thinnest.

If we shrink in the face of adversity, we show a weakened condition.

Some emotional people think if you don’t shout when they shout, you have lost the power of God from your life. Shouting is not the power of God. It is one evidence—if real!

How often do we stumble and stagger at the promises of God? Abraham staggered not at God's promise.

Bro. Stone says that some people will “graft” into any thing, except the Vine!
THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER

DIRECTORY

NEWKIRK, OKLA.
North Pine Street
Sunday School and services A. M. Sun., Tue., and Thur. nights.
Bro. T. B. Ussery, Pastor, 214 North Pine Street.

E. Broadway
Sunday School and services A. M. Sunday night. Cottage prayer meeting Tuesday night. Thursday night prayer meeting at the church. Young People’s Meeting, Sunday, 6 P.M.
Bro. E. C. Buckles, Trustee, P. O. Box 1446.

Lone Star
(West of Anderson, Mo.)
Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. Sunday School A. M. Straight ministers invited.

Oroville, Calif.
Wednesday and Saturday nights. Sunday School and services A. M. No Sunday night services. Sacramental service and feet washing each fourth Saturday night.

Center Mission
3 mi. east, and 6 mi. north, of Coweta, Okla.
Prayer meeting on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.
Sunday School A. M.
C. H. Burt, Leader.
R 2. Coweta, Okla.

Boyd
(About 12 mi. n. e. of Berryville, Ark.)
Regular services on third Sunday, forenoon and night, of each month. Prayer meeting other Sunday nights, with cottage prayer meetings on Wednesday afternoon.
Sr. Phyrne Hulsey, Pastor, Oakgrove, Ark.

Lead Hill, Ark.
Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night. Sunday School A M.

RAMONA, OKLA.
About 5 miles n. e.
Saturday night, Sunday School, and services on Sunday A. M., Sunday night, and Wednesday night.

Ft. Thompson School House
3 miles south, 5 miles west, and 1-4 mile south, of Antlers, Okla.
Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night.
Bro. Will Kellett, Pastor, Antlers, Oklahoma.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.
Sunshine Mission. 501 S. E. 16th.
Sunday School and services A. M. Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday nights.
All good, clean ministers, welcome.
Sr. Lizzie Sanders, Pastor.
(Above Address.)

Oak Grove Church
5 mi. north Subiaco, Ark.
Sunday School and services A. M. Sat. and Sun. nights. Prayer meeting on Friday night.
We extend a hearty invitation to people of our faith to come and be with us.
Bro. L. L. Wheeler, Pastor, Route 1, Scranton, Arkansas.

WAURIKA, OKLA.
Apostolic Faith Mission. Two Blocks West of Main, on E St.
Sunday School and services A. M. Sunday night. Young people’s services on Wed. night. Prayer meeting on Thursday afternoon.
R. R. Deatherage, Pastor.

Mulberry, Kans.
(Clemor St W. side town.)
Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday nights. S. S. and services A. M. Young people services Monday nights.

Van Buren, Ark.
620 Washington St.
1 B’k. W. of Main.
Regular services on Saturday and Sunday nights. S. S. and services A. M. Prayer meeting on Thursday night. Women’s prayer meeting on Wednesday afternoon.
B. R. Moon, Pastor.

White Oak Community
N. E. Harrison, Arkansas.
Sunday School A. M. Regular services each 2nd. and 4th. Sat. night. Sunday, and Sunday night. Prayer meeting each Thursday night, and 1st. & 3rd. Sunday nights.
Bro. J. P. Atchley, Pastor, Route 4, Harrison, Arkansas.

Cecil, Ark.
(2 mi. s. and 7 mi. w. Ozark.)
Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. Sunday School A. M. Straight preachers invited.
L. P. Price, Elder, Cecil, Ark.

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Kelleyville, Okla.
Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. S. S. and services A. M.

Stilwell, Okla.
Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. S. S. and services Sunday A. M. Clean, Full Gospel preachers invited.
Bro. Wayne Bateman, Pastor.

‖I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.‖ — Psalms 122:1.