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


THE CAMP MEETING

Another old-time Camp Meeting of the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, with all its joys, sorrows, shouts, and victories won—or lost—has now passed into history! The gathering this year, to some, was not so good as in former years; to others, just another Camp Meeting; and to yet others, the best one yet! And so there you are. But to be conservative, and within the bounds of conscience, we would safely say it was a good Camp Meeting. The presence of God was manifested in song, prayer, testimony, and in preaching the Word. Many sought the Lord around the old-time altar, some for salvation, and many for deeper experiences. Two claimed the blessing of sanctification in a men’s grove meeting one evening just before the regular night services.

The number of camps on the ground was not nearly so great this year as last, due possible to the tire shortage, but local attendance brought up to an estimated 1,000 persons, the last Saturday night. And the big, rompy tabernacle, scarcely finished in time for this year’s Camp, was surely a blessing in protection from the heat in day time, as well as in providing a shelter from rain for the less fortunate on the grounds who did not have a tent to camp in.

Five services daily, were held. Morning prayer and Bible study were held while breakfast in the free dinning hall was being prepared. These services were under the supervision of Bro. Earnest Buckles, with various ones giving the Bible lessons. These lessons were interesting and inspiring, providing some real food for thought, and opening up a better understanding of subjects discussed, the manner of study being like a Sunday School class. A fine service.

Next was the regular morning services, conducted as ordinary church services—song, prayer, and praise, with various ministers bringing the message from time to time, and then followed by an altar service which, in all, usually lasted until 1 or 2 o’clock in the afternoon.

Then immediately following the dinner hour, or last meal of the day, the Young People would congregate for their service, conducted much the same as the older people’s services. The Lord would bless in their midst.

And as soon as the Young People’s altar service would close, come the marvel service of the day—the children’s meeting, under the supervision of Sr. Atchley, and assisted by others. There would be motion songs, prayer, an illustrated Bible story, and last, the wonder of all—the group of Bible questions given them, and their quick reply, which was surely an amazement to the grown-ups sitting by! Many of these questions would not have found nearly so quick and accurate respond from the older ones. We thought we asked them a hard one, indeed, after a little girl told us what the 600 left-handed men in the Bible were so perfect in doing—that of throwing stones!—when we asked them what was the “meanest” serpent spoken of in the Bible, and to our astonishment, another little girl, after a pause among them, spoke up, “The one that caused Eve to eat the forbidden fruit!” It was time for us to hush! Amen. Surely, some little ones are being brought up in an atmosphere of Bible teaching, thank God.

Then came the night services, conducted on evangelistic lines so far as preaching was concerned, with various ministers speaking from time to time. Some wonderful messages were delivered in these, as well as in the day-time services. God was surely on the scene, saints were edified, and the lost had another chance to come to God. Some sought the Lord; but with many, we are fearful they have already made their choice in this life—a sad choice, indeed!

Yes, it was another good Camp Meeting. Saints of God had the privilege of meeting together again, enjoying a good visit, and fellowship in the Spirit; listening to the good testimonies, the good songs of Zion as sung by sainted children of God, the many good, soul inspiring sermons delivered by clean men and women of God, and coming forth with an anointing from Heaven; there was plenty of good, wholesome food, to feed the people; and with a minimum
of confusion on the ground; the people in general, most liberal in responding to appeals for funds to carry on the meeting—even the bakeryman in Stilwell, after furnishing about $100.00 worth of bread at wholesale, was going to donate 10 per cent back to the Camp Meeting fund; and the man who sawed the material for the tabernacle (an unsaved man), in all, knocked off about $25.00 in the way of free sawing. May God bless each of these men.

One day (Tuesday) was given over entirely to the Young People, for their Convention; and toward the close of the day for them, they perfected organization plans for a Young People's paper, with Bro. Earnest Buckles, Rt. 2, Anderson, Mo., as Editor. Also, Bro. Buckles tendered his resignation as Lender of the Young People's work, and was succeeded by Bro. L. L. Wheeler, of Rt. 2, Anderson, Mo.

Also, Thursday and Friday was given to Conference Meeting, with the greater part of the first day turned over to the ministry, and some wonderful preaching was the result—messages that were surely enjoyed. The remainder of Conference was given to routine affairs, the Minutes of the entire session to appear in pamphlet form.

In a report like this, we can only give you a faint description of the visible side of the gathering of God's people—we can tell you how there were wonderful, soul-inspiring messages delivered; how that, in the good testimony meetings, there would some times be four or five, or more, standing on their feet, awaiting a chance to witness for the Lord, to tell of His love; and His goodness toward them; we could tell you how that souls sought God around the old altar benches, with some praying through; how that the power would fall, and there would be shouting, dancing, speaking in tongues, and rejoicing in general—but we never could make you feel the real joy experienced by those who would receive a blessing to their soul, or who could feel the presence of the Lord so near at times! We are surely thankful for portion of the Camp Meeting that was ours to enjoy from the sweet presence of the Lord, and for being able to take a portion of it home with us! Praise His good name for ever. Amen.

As best we remember, there were those present from as far away places as Chicago, Ill., Gary, Ind., Kansas City, Kans., Wichita, Kans., Dalhart and Dumas, Tex., Mulberry, Kans., Kirbyville and Bradleyville, Mo., Texarkana, Tex., Black Springs, Ark., Newkirk, Okla., Arkansas City, Kans., Cerro Gordo and Golden, Okla., besides other more closer points in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma; and some from, if we mistake not, as far away as Uba City, Calif., to be in attendance.

Yes, another good, old-time Camp Meeting has come and gone; but the blessings accompanying it will linger on with SOMEBODY. Among other blessings from the Lord, there was in evidence, a strengthening of the bonds of fellowship between brethren; a better acquaintance (also new acquaintances) formed, and better understandings of each other had. We surely love meet saints whom we have possibly scarcely met before, and there learn to love them as true children of God.

So may God bless each one who in any manner laboured or gave, that the dear saints of God, and friends, might have the privilege of meeting together once more to enjoy the sweet presence of the Lord, blessed fellowship, and association together, and especially so, in the midst of such dark days and troublesome times as are now upon this old sin-cursed world—may God abundantly bless each one of them! Some day there will be a Camp Meeting we will not have to report through the little paper—and it may be soon—-YOU can be there—and that will be the Great Camp Meeting in the Air!

THE GREAT FALLING AWAY

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"

2 Thess. 2:3.

In 2 Thess. 2:1-4, we read the apostle Paul's admonition concerning the coming of the Lord, that we should not be troubled, nor shaken in mind—that our faith waver not—and goes ahead in verse 3, making it plain that there shall first come a "falling away: 4" and that: this falling away is also to precede the advent of the beast power, which would be natural, for that power could never come into control until there is first a sufficient letting down throughout the entire world of true religious principles, and of right living. And surely, that day is upon us.

Now of the thought we have in mind, we find that this great falling away—we say GREAT, because it must be of magnitude in order to make room for that man

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of sin to get control—is an evidence of the nearness of both the advent of the beast power, and of the coming of the Lord. So when we see this thing in evidence, we know of a surety, these other events are nigh at hand!

There may be various opinions held as to the meaning of the term, “falling away.” The first and only thought with many, no doubt, is that of backsliding from an experience in salvation. This is correct, in one sense of the word; yet we get another thought along the line—the term could also apply to a deviation from any moral principle, or rule of right living, etc. But first let us speak of such from a spiritual standpoint.

Though there are thousands today, filling up the rolls of organized churches, or swelling the ranks of the unorganized groups, yet in the light of the Bible as to what constitutes real Christianity, what per cent, then, do you suppose, are bearing the fruit? It is plain to be seen that the world has crept in, until the two—the church and the world—can no longer be told apart! (We speak of professed Christianity as a whole.) Years ago did the old-time shout die down in sectarian churches; the old tear-stained altar taken out, and a hand-shake, or card-signing system of “conversion” substituted; and the old-fashioned preacher with his message of true repentance, or forever lost in a lake of fire and brimstone, has been replaced with a more modern brand, who place emphasis on good English, rather than on the Gospel, rhetoric than grace, and theory rather than the Blood of Jesus! And in this great retrogression, we would not dare overlook the ranks of Holiness, and all its implied branches—how that the world is more and more becoming so well represented there—tell them apart, in so many, many, instances if you can! What is wrong? Nothing, only they, the same as the old line churches, have “fallen away” from Bible teaching, yet going along professing. The mere fact that people adhere to some form of religion, does not signify but what they are rightfully numbered with that great horde of the “fallen.” Then just think of the thousands who have openly given up the race—backslidden from God, and no longer even professing! Yes, we are today, in the midst of a great falling away, though in a land of Bibles, fine churches, large congregations, high-salaried and well educated preachers!

Then on the other hand, we get another thought: not only has professed Christianity drifted so far from God, but the world in general has went far back from the old-time principles of godliness. At one time, in our own country, a generation or so ago, the world was actually upholding a higher standard of daily living, than is so-called, modern Christianity of today! This may not sound so good to some, but it's true just the same. In those days, men were careful in their business dealings; they esteemed their word as worth something, therefore, they would pay their debts; they feared and respected God—when Sunday came, they respected it as such—work would cease—states even having laws against Sabbath breaking (look around now on Sunday!); though unsaved, they had a high regard for modesty and morality back in those days. A woman or girl to have appeared in public in those days, adorned as multitudes do today (yes, even as many professing holiness!), would have meant for them to have been cut off from respectable society, and in MANY events of present day nudity, etc., to go to jail!

Yes, in MANY ways has both the church and the world fallen away from the godly principles and high ideals of Christian teaching, and moral living. In this, even whole nations have come out in open rebellion before God—even to legislate God out of their government; others so long ago “forgot God” (this is Bible), that for centuries, have been known as heathen, and providing fields for missionary labour. (In this, think of such countries as, Russia, Germany, France, India, Japan and China.) And of our own dear land, once the home of the Pilgrim, who came here, suffered, toiled, and laid the foundation for a God-fearing, and God-honouring nation—their one objective—a place of freedom for worship—to put God first—but today, what about our drunkenness, adultery, profanity, lying, cheating, immorality, immorality, corruption in politics and government, etc.—think of all this, and then let us consider—have WE fallen from anything? Yes, Old Glory is still the best looking flag on the globe; but—and a question with many—why does it seem this country is not making progress in the present awful conflict, as heretofore? Did you ever give the scripture, “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me” (Matt. 15:8.), much thought? Let us remember that God always looks upon the sins of one nation the same as another; and in this one respect alone,
when modesty ceases to be a virtue, those affected thereby, are surely on dangerous ground! We are glad for the faithful few scattered throughout the world, who, by their genuine Christian lives, and prayers, are yet holding this old sin-cursed world from destruction, possibly; but how soon, do you suppose, it will be, figuratively speaking, until there will not be the “ten” found here-in, as in the case of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, in the days of Abraham and Lot?

Yes, we know the advent of the beast power is at hand, and that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh, for—the great falling away is here! Preachers in the pulpit by the thousands, who do not believe the Bible; schools and colleges who discredit the Biblical story of the Creation, and teach evolution, instead; and saddest yet—how, that within the ranks of God’s own people, there has been such a literal falling away, as well as a great compromising, or letting down, both in doctrine, and in the principles of old-time Holiness!

Truly, the end draweth near.

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What WOULD We Do?

There is a good thought in the story of the little child’s prayer. As we remember it, the little one, in its bed-time prayer, after having asked God to bless father and mother, and possibly others of the family concluded by saying, “And dear God, please take good care of yourself, for what would we do without thee?” So it is beloved ---just WHAT WOULD WE DO in some of those dark, dismal, heartbreaking, and trying hours of life, if there wasn’t a merciful, kind, and loving Father to go to—One who understands, and cares!

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PRAYER

By Sr. Isabel King

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”


Surely the Lord has commanded us to pray. Yet some have said, “I haven’t anything to pray for. When I go to prayer, I can’t think of anything to say.” Then are YOU worthy to “escape all these things?” So many never call upon God until trouble arises; then they hurry to the preacher, or some other good saint of God, whom they think can get hold of the Lord, and want them to pray for the trouble with which they are confronted. Luke 18:1, says, “men ought always to pray, and not to faint.” I wonder if folks like that have not “fainted”?

There is so much need of prayer. Jesus tells us in Matt. 9:37, 38, “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth more labourers into his harvest.” How many mothers and fathers in our good land today, who are not Christians, and perhaps have no one to pray for them? How many children have no praying parents? How many of the saints have children in the ways of sin? Yet some say they can’t think of anything to say when they go to prayer!

Paul speaks in Eph. 6:18, 19—“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; “And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,”

The harvest is plentiful, and how badly we ministers in God’s good cause stand in the need of prayer, that we might be given the words to speak to a dying congregation—words that might help them to turn their hearts to the Lord Jesus. Oh, the world is in such an awful crisis! In 1 Tim. 2:2, Paul asks that prayer be made “for all that are in authority;” and truly, there is a great need of prayer. 2 Chron. 7:14, reads: “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

What a wonderful promise! It should encourage every saint of God to pray. I’m sure that God answers every prayer, if it is offered in the right way. Of course, there are some requirements for us to meet, as in Mark 11:24, 25, “What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe. . .” then “forgive, if ye have ought against any.” Don’t wait to be asked forgiveness—always forgive on YOUR part, and God will make it alight on the other person’s side, if you will pray. There is a wrong way to pray, the same as there is a right way. Because some one does or says something that might hurt you, or cause sorrow, don’t pray for God to move them out of the community, or to destroy them out of the land! ---pray that they may see their mistake, and repent. I’m sure that many times trouble comes our way, but there is the good promise of God in Psalms 34:17,

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Devoted to the interests of the Church of God, of the Apostolic faith.

"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 their's and ours." — I Cor. 1:2.

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FOR A BIBLE CONFERENCE

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

2 Tim. 2:15.

We would like to see a real Bible Conference sometime—by that, we mean a gathering of the ministers, elders, leaders, and the saints in general, to meet in some convenient place for about a three-days' session, and there discuss Bible questions and subjects of importance. We believe such would be beneficial in possibly more than one way. Am sure that a better and more unified understanding of certain points of doctrine, or general Bible subjects, would be personally edifying, as well as valuable in helping the preacher present the same in a more understandable manner from the pulpit. For example—and a hard one—there is Matthew 19:9:—"And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery; and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." Now while by far, the greater per cent of those of us, the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, are Biblically agreed that marriage is binding for life—that the individual has no right to seek a divorce to remarry whilst the first companion yet lives—but how many of our good ministers of the Gospel, can take the pulpit today, and give a clear, unified, explanation of this one important Bible quotation? Not many, we fear. Then WHY are we not better versed in this, as well as possibly other deep thoughts in the Bible? One reason, possibly, is because we have not "come together for to consider of this matter." (Acts 15:6.) The first conference we have a Bible record of, and which is recorded in the 15th. chapter of Acts, was called to convene at Jerusalem, and had to do with getting the saints, everywhere, set straight on a point of doctrine, by reason of the teaching of false brethren. Now not that we feel we are imperiled with any "false brethren," but merely for a better understanding among the good saints of God, and personal edification, concerning some of the more perplexing questions in the Bible, do we feel that such a Conference would be profitable, the Lord willing. What do YOU think?

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." 1 Cor. 1:10.

Should not we strive for this?

We have so often heard among different peoples, reference made about deacons, relative to their authority over the pulpit. This is surely an error. In the light of the Bible, the office of a deacon is that of watching after the temporal, and financial side of the church; while the spiritual part, or that of watching over the flock, and the pulpit as well, belongs to the elders. The qualifications for the two offices are identical, except for the important difference—the elder MUST be a man qualified to take the pulpit, himself, and expound the scripture —teach the doctrine, exhort and convince the gainsayers; to feed the flock—with the Word. Acts 20:28-30; 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:9, etc. The first call for deacons we find recorded in Acts 6:3. Then we might wonder why there are not more qualified men on the field? Possibly, in part, because too many have failed to abide by the teaching of the Bible in regard to family affairs, their own personal behaviour—or maybe, unfortunately, a wife, who fails to be a companion as she should be, in the light of the Bible—submissive, obedient, etc.
**PRAYER**

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“The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.”

I think just now about Moses and the children of Israel, how he was grieved, yet he wanted God to blot him out of His book, if He (God) forgave not their sin; but God hearkened to the voice of Moses through his supplication, and gave again the law to them. So many examples we have to follow and pattern our lives after. He saves us; sanctifies us; fills us with power; heals us; delivers us out of trouble, and from our enemies; keeps us holy; blesses us; and makes us “worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man”—all through prayer.

Let us pray unto Him, in His name, with a forgiving spirit, in sincerity, from a pure heart, in truth and watchfulness, according to the will of God, in faith believing.

“Who goes to bed, and doth not pray Maketh two nights to every day.”

—Herbert.

**Definition of Prayer**

Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast. Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye
When one but God is near. Prayer is the Christian’s vital breath,
The Christian’s native air;
His watchword at the gates of death;
He enters heav’n with prayer.

—James Montgomery.

Let us pray.

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Inola, Oklahoma.

**Simmons, Texas**

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond;
Greetings in the name of Jesus:
This leaves each of us enjoying old-time salvation, thank God.
I truly want to thank the Lord this beautiful day, that I can be called one of the redeemed. Glad that my sins are under the Blood. Saved, sanctified, and have the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, in my life. I have never regretted the start that I made in the good way of Holiness; and can say of a truth, I find living for Jesus is wonderful, indeed. I had had a battle with Satan, and he tried to get me to give up; but praise the Lord, He knows just when to come on the scene; and since He did, I have felt greatly uplifted.

I wouldn’t exchange my Christian life for all this world holds. I find this life too real, to ever turn back. I praise the Lord for all He has meant to me and mine. He has been my healer for ten years, and I feel just like trusting Him to the end.

The little band of saints at this place are still trying to do what they can for Jesus. Praise and glory to our dear Saviour. This life means more to me than silver, gold, or worldly pleasure. When the Lord baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost, He gave me a determination to live the rest of my life in serving Him. We have some among us who need deeper experiences, and we earnestly ask that all who reads this to pray for these, and for me, that I will never fail Jesus, but that I will stand until the end.

A sister in Christ,
Mrs. C. H. Harwood.

**Lead Hill, Ark.**

Horse Shoe Bend Dist.,
August, 1942.

Bro. and Sr. Bond;
Glad that I can say I’m yet in the battle for Jesus. Although we have many things with which to go through, but I know His grace is sufficient to carry us through, if we will be humble, and ask for help.

I truly love the Lord, and do want to have on the wedding garment when He comes. I want to meet Him with clean hands, and a pure heart; don’t want any wrinkle or blemish on my life.

Pray for our little band here, that we increase in faith, grow stronger, and do more for the Lord. I want to live this life before my friends and loved ones. They know I have a born-again experience in my life. I thank God for His dear Son. I thank Him that my sins are under the Blood; and because He has taken me out of darkness, and into light; but I have never reached a place where I didn’t need prayer. So pray for me, that I will grow in love more each day. I do love to do good for people. I like to do unto others, as I wish to be done by. I love to practice what I preach. The Bible teaches us to overcome evil with good; to pray for our enemies; and though they smile on the one cheek, for us to turn the other also. Some things are hard to endure, and takes lots of prayer; but it is worth it. O Lord, how long? Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Ethel Lewis.

(The people at this place—just a small community on White river, n. w. of Lead Hill, Ark.—are preparing to build a church house, and will be glad for any help that might be sent them. You may address this sister above, at Lead Hill, Ark. —Editor.)

**Lampe, Mo.**

July 27, 1942.

Dear Brother and Sister Bond:
As I read the little paper today, I thanked God for the good Word. I know I am a child of God; and I love the Word of God; and I also love His children. I truly want to do His will, and be ready when He calls for me. I don’t feel that it will be long; but thank God today, I don’t feel that there is any thing in my way.

Just feel that God wants me to send in my little offering to help spread the good Word of God. So pray for me, and for my family.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. G. R. Youcum.

We would be glad to have more testimonies from the saints, everywhere. Are YOU obeying the Lord in this respect?
**SCATTERED FEATHERS**

People can talk, and then ask forgiveness for talking, but this will never recall the hard words that were spoken, nor possibly restore confidence that has been shaken, nor build up influence that has been torn down. As has been used for illustration—you might rip open some one's pillow, scatter the feathers out to the wind, and then apologize, and do everything you can to make the thing right, but THAT will never recover those scattered feathers! Some philosopher of days gone by, has rightly said to this effect:

"He who steals my purse, steals trash; but he who robs me of my good name, steals all that I possess." This is right. Money can be replaced; but when some one, either intentionally, or unintentionally, begins to circulate "reports" on you, not knowing, nor understanding as God understands, they are laying down a foundation for the enemy to begin building upon, that giant structure, imagination, which so easily houses a damaging influence that may follow one to their grave. Yes, goods that are stolen can be replaced; but the soul who is robbed of their good name, or their influence—it is they who have to suffer most. If ALL guilty would obey the words of the wise man in Ecclesiastes 5:2, "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few," none would be the worse off. Amen.

Sometimes when listening to reports over the radio of the horrible slaughter of human lives that we are made to wonder if God will not soon arise, and stop such awful, you might say, sickening, carnage; then we think how, that doubtless, through this very thing, He is punishing the nations for their sins, and for their ungodliness. Surely, the world has never been more sinful since the days of Sodom and Gomorrah.

**HIS PROMISE IS SURE**

(See Isaiah 43:2.)

Is there any heart discouraged as it journeys on its way? Does there seem to be more darkness than there is of sunny day? Oh! it's hard to learn the lesson, as we pass beneath the rod, that the sunshine and the shadow serve alike the will of God! But there comes a word of promise, like the promise in the bow—through that however deep the waters, they shall never overflow.

When the flesh is worn and weary, and the spirit is depressed, and temptations sweep upon it like a storm on ocean's breast, there's a haven always open for the tempest-driven bird; there's a shelter for the tempted in the promise of the Word; for the standard of the Spirit shall be raised against the foe, and however deep the waters, they shall never overflow.

When a sorrow comes upon you that no other soul can share, and the burden seems too heavy for the human heart to bear, there is one whose grace can comfort if you'll give Him an abode; there's a Burden-Bearer ready if you'll trust Him with the load; for the precious promise reaches to the depths of human woe, that however deep the waters, they shall never overflow.

When the sands of life are ebbing, and I near the Jordan's shore, when I see the waters rising, and I hear the billows roar, I will reach my hand to Jesus, in His bosom I shall hide, and 'twill only be a moment till I reach the other side. It is then the fullest meaning of the promise I shall know—when thou passeth through the waters, they shall never overflow.

—The Gospel Messenger. (Author Unknown.)

**OBITUARY**

J. H. Cothran, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cothran, Sr., (now deceased) was born February 5, 1880. Departed from this life June 22, 1942.

On November 27, 1909, he was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Weise, who yet survives.

Besides his wife, of Drumright, Okla., he leaves a foster son, George Fanshier of Shepherd Field, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Cena Moorehead, of Berlin, Okla.; two half-brothers, Tom Fanshier, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and E. George Fanshier, of Elk City, Okla.; a half-sister, Mrs. R. T. Breckenridge, of Route 2, Coweta, Okla., and a host of other relatives, and friends, to mourn his departure.

Funeral services were conducted on June 23, in the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith, at Drumright, Okla., by the pastor, Bro. Ben Benefield, with interment in Drumright City Cemetery.

—Contributed.

Also do we wish to make mention of the passing away, a few weeks ago, of Sr. Poley Mann, of near Antlers, Okla., who for some years past had given out the little paper for us in her community. May the dear Lord bless and comfort the hearts of her dear husband and children, who are left to mourn. May it be theirs to all meet in Glory some day. And to all the bereaved above, we also extend sympathy in their sorrow.

The Editor.

Every church that is trying to carry on without a pastor, is doing so contrary to God's plan. Some may think they are too poor to support a pastor; but not so, if it be a God-called pastor to that place—especially, if the saints are willing to sacrifice, the pastor to endure, and ALL try and have a little faith in God! When He led Israel out of Egypt, He knew the Red sea lay before them—and how easily He opened up the way!
OFFICE NOTES
AUGUST 22, 1942.

There surely is a big, lonesome, vacancy about this place, since Genell, our girl for almost two years, has gone to Chicago to visit her father, and other relatives. Hope she enjoys a good visit; and then our next hope is, that in due season, we'll again hear that cheerful "chatter" ringing through-out this old lonesome house once more! While gone, we hope she will be a blessing in the Lord to her loved ones. Her address: Miss Genell Moore, 1122 Drum- mond Place, Chicago, Ill. Write her a good word of encourage- ment. Naturally, we're interested.

A good testimony on healing, and quite lengthy, from a little sister in the Lord, living at Pelsor, Ark. (Sr. Lillie Mae Goates), we are having to carry over until next issue.

We are rather "rushing" things around this issue—getting out only eight pages; at that, we knew some would be anxiously awaiting the Camp Meeting report. Then as soon as this issue is in the mail, we will begin work in earnest, on the Conference Minutes, getting them out in pamphlet form. For a copy—and you should have one—write this office (send stamp), or contact the leaders of the Movement; or, Conference Secretary, Bro. L. L. Wheeler, Rt. 2, Anderson, Mo., also send stamp. Hope to have them off the press this coming week, the Lord willing.

We are surely glad for good articles for publication, like the one on "PRAYER," by Sr. Isabel King, in this issue. If more of our good ministers, or the lay-members, would try to obey the Lord along this line, it would be an added blessing to the little paper. Of course, we can't prom- ise to use EVERYTHING sent in for publication—hope, to a de-