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"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee." Deuteronomy 32: 7

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Fred C. Creel Memorial Issue

FRED C. CREEL
1927 - 2008



Perhaps to seek to never know a pain,
To live in light of dimly burning lamp,
And world of troubles never to regain,
Is better than a tomb of dark and damp
If our has not a becoming of light:
Beyond the grave, the darkness to dispel,
And drive away the unknown fear called "night",
Perhaps in limbo it is better then to dwell,
But when by faith, we've once dispersed the dark,
And joy of living, like a day in June,
Makes even death an entrance to a park,
Then, even when life's sun is set, it's noon,
And before us all eternity is spread,
No fear then, should we cut the slender thread.

Clifford was born in Somerton, Arizona to Dempsey and Viola Creel. He enlisted in the Marines in 1944, was discharged in 1946, met and married Edwina Keeran in 1947. He was born again in 1947 and baptized by Hagginwood Missionary Baptist Church, called to the ministry in 1948, attended seminary in Riverbank, California, where he was ordained. He pastored churches in Oregon, California and Washington, retiring because of failing health in December 1991. His remaining years were spent with the Rio Dell (California) Missionary Baptist Church, filling in from time to time and establishing a website to publish his life work of sermons, lessons, poems and cartoons. This site never ceased to amaze him, reaching every corner of the globe, with testimonies of souls saved, lives renewed, atheists converted and some 500 truckers in truck stops and through texting.

He is survived by Edwina, his wife of 61 years, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 3 sisters, plus nieces and nephews.
Submitted by his son, Brother Cliff Creel

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of the
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are welcomed
and encouraged.

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NOTE:



I am looking for two books by Bro. F. C. Creel
published as "Apples of Gold" and "Sadie Solomon Says",

Our State Archives does not have them. They would be a welcome addition to our Files.
If you know how I can acquire them contact me at Lbfolsom@aol.com. Thank you. Bob

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Fred C. Creel & The Pacific Coast Bible Institute



PACIFIC COAST BIBLE INSTITUTE Riverbank, circa 1949

Left to Right:
 Kneeling: Ben Crawford, W. S. Gouling
 Standing: James Albritton, Lee Wright, A. D. Story, Ernest Bennett, Art Harris, U.A. Williams, Allan Tabor, Bob Roderick, Les Hooper, Maynard Beckler, Fred Creel, O. F. Hall, John Marshall, Joe Spradlin, and John Smeltzer.



These brethren made a tremendous contribution to our Baptist work in California and beyond. The Historian will feature these students in future Issues.

ORIGIN OF THE

PACIFIC COAST BIBLE INSTITUTE

OF RIVERBANK, CALIFORNIA

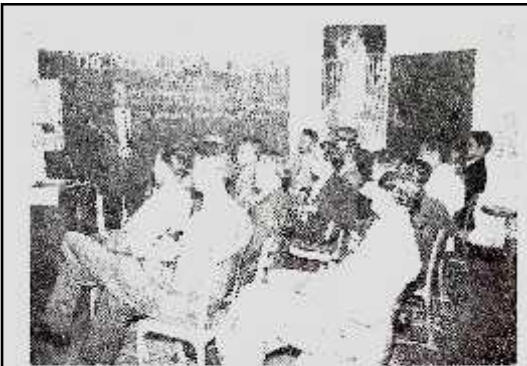
The Institute is the result of a love for the truth embodied by men the heart of a people loyal to God and faithful to His Word.

In July of 1942 the First Missionary Baptist Church in Riverbank, California, called Elder Ben Crawford, as their Pastor. He accepted the call of the Church and a year later began to teach Bible Classes two nights a week from the chart prepared by Ben M. Bogert of Little Rock, Arkansas. The interest in the study course began to grow with each service, young preachers from nearby churches began to send their interest. Realizing the need for a Bible School in this part of the state the Church voted to start a full time school. The Pacific Coast Bible Institute is the result.

The Institute is owned and operated by the First Missionary Baptist Church in Riverbank, California. The church school is subject to her authority. All teachers and officers of the Institute are elected by the Church.

Since the beginning she has battled opposition. Her has been and will be and today she stands on the right hand to all who desire to know God's Word.

**Annals of California Missionary Baptist
 1932-1968
 G. A. Williams**



COMING SOON!

Bro. Maynerd Beckler will be the next featured Student of the Pacific Coast Bible Institute

If you have any Information/photos regarding Bro. Beckler PLEASE send it to: Lbfolsom@aol.com

Fred Clifford Creel Ordained Preacher Information

ORDAINED PREACHER INFORMATION

(Please type or print)

furnished by:

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Torrance, CA 90502

1. Full name: Creel Fred Clifford
Last First Middle
2. Date of birth: 2-12-27
3. Place of birth: Somerton, Arizona
4. Date and place of where you were saved: Sept. 1947, El Nido Youth Rally
5. Date or year you were baptized: September, 1947
6. Name and location of church that baptized you: Hagginwood MBC, Sacramento
7. Name of pastor that baptized you: M.B. Hubbard
8. Date you answered the call to the ministry: April, 1948
9. Date you were ordained to preach: September, 1950
10. Church that ordained you to preach: Riverbank M.B.C.
11. Names of some of the men on the Ordination Council: M.B. Hubbard,
Ben Crawford, Ernest Crawford, Ardie Ross, (deacon)
12. Churches you have pastored (start with first and work to present):

Year	Church	Location	Year	Church	Location
1. 1950-51	Lone Pine	Oregon	13.		
2. 1953-54	Kayes MBC	Kayes, Ca	14.		
3. 1955-57	Mt. Olive	Stockton, Ca	15.		
4. 1958	Harmony MBC	Richmond	16.		
5. 1958-64	Stafford MBC	Scotia, Ca	17.		
6. 1964-66	Faith MBC	Concord, Ca	18.		
7. 1966-68	Bio Dell MBC	Bio Dell, Ca	19.		
8. 1968-1970	Santa Maria MBC	Santa Maria, Ca	20.		
9. 1971-73	Visalia MBC	Visalia	21.		
10. 1973-	First MBC	Oildale	22.		
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ATTENTION!

Have YOU filled out an Ordained Preacher Information Request? These have been circulated by members of the History & Archives for at least 25 years.



Fred Clifford Creel Ordained Preacher Information

13. Missionary work you have done:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Endorsing Church</u>
1966	Rio Dell	Vallejo

14. Schools or seminaries you have attended:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Location</u>
1948-50	Pacific Coast Bible Inst	Riverbank
1965	Contra Costa Junior College	Concord
1972	College of Sequoias	Visalia

15. Degrees you hold:

<u>Name of Degree</u>	<u>Name of Issuing School</u>

16. Names of any books or tracts you have written:

Apples of Gold - (Poems)

Biographical Sketch Published in the 2010 Archives Book

Creel, Freddie C. (ABA)

Brother Fred was born February 1927 in Gadsden, Arkansas. He was married to Edwina for 60 years.

He was saved at a Youth Rally in El Nido and joined the Hagginwood church. Shortly after, he felt the call to preach and enrolled in the Riverbank school.

In the summer of 1950, he and Sonny Williams went to central Oregon for some meetings and the Lone Pine MBC called him for pastor. He was there less than one year. He pastored Keyes from 1952-53; Mt Olive Stockton 1954-55; Richmond 1956; Rio Dell 1958-64 and 1966-69; Concord 1964-66; Santa Maria 1970-71; Visalia old State 1971-73; and Oildale 1974-78.

He moved to Oregon until 1988 at which time he retired back to Fortuna, California.

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Fred C. Creel

News Article & Photos from Archives Files



Ground Broke For New Church

BIO DELL — William Wilson and Elder Fred C. Creel, pastor of the Stafford Missionary Baptist Church, are performing the ground breaking ceremony for the new church. Wilson is deacon of the church. Following prayer and the dedication of the ground the Ladies Auxiliary served a 12 o'clock dinner.

BIO DELL — A ground breaking ceremony was held last Saturday, March 16, by the Ladies Missionary Baptist Church of Stafford. The new church site is near Highway 64 in North Stafford.

Elder Fred C. Creel, pastor of the Stafford Church, in the opening ceremony, welcomed all visitors and members of the church. Ladies Auxiliary of the church.

After prayer and dedication of the ground and location of the new church, Elder Wilson delivered a special message on church ordinances, the duties of the pastor as well as the church members.

William Wilson, deacon of the church, performed the actual ground breaking.

Dinner was served at 12 o'clock.

Until the church is ready for services, classes and activities are held at the Bio Dell Community Hall. Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m., followed by morning worship at 11 o'clock, B.P.C. 4:30 p.m., and evening worship at 7:30 p.m. Bible study is held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.



Fred Clifford Creel in the Baptist Press



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Are Miracles And Spiritual Gifts Part Of God's Plan Today?

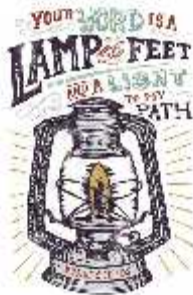
By Clifford Creel

II Tim. 4:3 says: For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Since the purpose of this writing is to examine the scripture to find if the working of miracles is a part of God's plan of things, there is no better place to start than at this scripture, for it plainly tells us that there will be those who will teach contrary to God's word.

First let us look into this passage of scripture which is before us. First, Paul, in writing this to Timothy, warns him that the time WILL come. In I Jno. 4:3 we find that the spirit of anti-Christ was already in the world. What then did Paul mean when he said the time "will come"? He meant for one thing that as time drew on, false teachers would grow worse and worse. (II Tim. 3:13, But evil

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NEWS KNIPS

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BROTHERS PLEASE TO BE ORDAINED

The Church at Loma Pleno, Creel, where Brother Clifford Creel has been called pastor, has asked for his ordination, and the Riverbank Church has responded by fixing Saturday night, Sept. 16th, as the date for the ordination.

Brother Creel is an outstanding young preacher and will make a fine pastor.

Baptist Trumpeter
September, 1950

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ARE MIRACLES AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS PART OF GOD'S PLAN TODAY?

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men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.) Nineteen hundred years later, in the year 1914, the sect

which calls themselves the Church of God came into being. From them came the various Pentecostal and Holiness denominations which we have today. It is these people who are mainly responsible for the teaching of miracles and spiritual gifts today.

What was the purpose of the miracles worked by Jesus and his disciples? In the 7th chapter of Luke we find a record of John wanting to know if Jesus was the one which he should look for. When two of his disciples asked Jesus if He was the one, He told them to tell John of the miracles they had seen Him do (Lu. 7:22). This was all the proof John needed to know that Jesus was the Son of God. Thus we see that in at least this one occasion Jesus used the miracles to prove that He was the Son of God. When Nicodemus came to Jesus by night, he said, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God for no man can do these miracles that thou doest," except God be with him. This is another example of the miracles confirming that Jesus was the Son of God.

Thus we see from a preliminary look into God's word that the primary purpose of miracles was to prove to the world that Jesus is the Son of God. But let us look further into the scripture. In Mark 16:20 we find the following: And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, AND CONFIRMING THE WORD WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING. This is a plain statement that the signs or miracles were used to confirm the Word. John 20:30-31, And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: BUT THESE WERE WRITTEN THAT YE MIGHT BELIEVE that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. So these were written that we might believe. Since we have the written account of many of the miracles of Jesus and His disciples in the inspired Word of God, what need have we for miracles today? The purpose of miracles being to confirm the word, anyone who teaches that miracles are necessary today is in danger of finding himself doubling the inspiration of God's Word, for in II Tim. 3:16, we find that the scripture is given by inspiration "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." So the accounts of the miracles in the Word of God are all we need today to confirm the Word.

How long were miracles to continue? (Continued on Page 8)

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tinued? It is on this point that many are confused today. The Bible, however, is very plain on this subject. The 12th chapter of I Cor. is devoted entirely to spiritual gifts. The first verse says, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, Brethren, I would not have you ignorant." In the 31st verse Paul continues, "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way." What is this more excellent way of which Paul was speaking? In the next chapter we find the answer: "For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come then that which is in part shall be done away." So we find then that these gifts were to be done away "when that which is perfect is come. Some teach that this is speaking of the second coming of Christ, but let us notice the pronoun used here. It is the word "that." This if it were speaking of Christ would be the equivalent of calling our Lord a "thing."

What then is this perfect thing which was to come? II Tim. 3:16-17 gives us the answer. It tells us that all scripture is given by inspiration and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. It must be then that the Bible was that which was to be perfect, since by reading it the man of God would be perfectly instructed.

Miracles then were to last until the Bible was completed. But when was that? So that we may know more fully that miracles were to cease, let us go again to God's Word. First let us look at Micah 7:15: According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto Him marvelous things. Here is a prophecy of the miracles which Jesus and His disciples were to do. These marvelous things were to last as long as it took the children of Israel to come out of the land of Egypt and possess the promised land. Num. 14:33, Ex. 16:35 and Deut. 2:7 are but a few of the many passages of scripture we have that tell us that they were forty years in the wilderness.

Since they were to last only forty years, then all we have to do is find the beginning of miracles and the end will be simple.

Jesus began His ministry at the age of thirty years (Lu. 3:23), it was shortly after this that He performed the first miracle. Speaking of the changing of wa-

ter into wine, the gospel, according to John, tells us that this BEGINNING OF MIRACLES did Jesus in Cana of Galilee. Forty years from this we see Paul on the Isle of Melita (Acts 28). It was here that Paul performed the last miracle recorded in God's word. This was about the year A.D. 70, forty years after Jesus had changed the water into wine.

The majority of the so-called miracles of today are centered around the thought of healing. Many people have been deceived into believing that they were healed of such dreaded diseases as cancer and when it finally gets completely out of control, they are deceived into thinking that they have sinned again and as punishment their original disease, has been returned.

Ecclesiastes 3:14 is the most direct answer I know of to answer such damnable heresy as this. It says, "I know that whatsoever God doeth it shall endure forever."

Jesus warns us many times of the false prophets who would come. We are told in II Thes. 2:9 that even anti-Christ will come with signs and lying wonders. Jesus himself tells us in Mt. 7:21-23 that many who call him Lord and cast out devils in His name are workers of iniquity and he never knew them. Who then are these who claim to cast out devils? In II Cor. 11:13-15 is the answer: "For such are FALSE APOSTLES, DECEITFUL WORKERS, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

GREAT REVIVAL IN THE CORCORAN CHURCH

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of God. There weren't any tricks or high pressure measures used to get them forward. I saw men 45 and 50 years old come forward and fall on their knees and begin to call on God; men who were hard in sin, who had been great hands for the Devil, repent and accept the precious blood of Jesus as the atonement for their sins. I heard the shouts of God's people who saw their loved ones saved and for those who saw their loved ones who had been backslidden for years come back to go to work for the Lord and His church.

I do not report this revival for any other purpose but to let all of God's people rejoice in the victories. I remember when I was

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Baptist Trumpeter

Baptist Sentinel

Missionary Baptist Herald—Sacramento

Missionary Baptist Herald—Fresno

Fred Clifford Creel in the Baptist Press

The Baptist Trumpeter—September 1950

Brother Creel to be Ordained

The church at Lone Pine, Oregon, where Brother Clifford Creel has been called pastor, has asked for his Ordination, and the Riverbank church has responded by fixing Saturday night, Sept. 16th, as the date for the ordination.

Brother Creel is an outstanding young preacher and will make a fine pastor.

Baptist Trumpeter—November, 1950

Elder Clifford Creel, former student in the Pacific coast Bible Institute of Riverbank, Calif., was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by the Riverbank church September 16, 1950. Brother Creel is pastoring a fine church at lone Pine, Oregon and is very happy in his work there.

Baptist Trumpeter-April 15, 1951

Oregon:

Lone Pine Missionary Baptist Church

To whom it may concern:

In view of the charges brought against our church as a member of the Middle Oregon Baptist Association of churches, by the Klamath Falls Missionary Baptist Church, accusing us of receiving and defending "Alien Immersion," we declare these accusations to be false and unfounded, and that our church will not knowingly fellowship, or receive baptism, from any church that teaches the invisible church theory, receives alien immersion, or practices open communion, pulpit affiliation, or any form of unionism.

Done by order of the church in regular conference, Wednesday, February 21, 1951.

Eld. F. C. Creel, moderator

C. K. Simmons, church clerk

Baptist Sentinel—November 1956

Mt. Olive-Stockton

C. Creel, pastor

They report the church on the upgrade with the church on the mountaintop in a revived condition. Additions and restorations reported.

Baptist Sentinel—January 1959

Stafford

Bro. Clifford Creel has accepted the pastorate there. Two professions of faith reported last month.

Baptist Sentinel—March 1958

Northern Missionary Report

Greetings:

This is a report of my activities on the mission field for the period of January 25 to February 25, 1958. I have worked with the new church in El Cerrito this month. We have been having good attendance at the services. They recently called Bro. Creel for pastor, but I have not heard as yet if he accepted the work.

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Baptist Sentinel—May 1959

Stafford

Clifford Creel, pastor

This church ordained to deacons....

Date and paper unknown

Scotia

Stafford missionary: F. C. Creel, Star Route, Box 30, pastor; Alice Houston, P.O. Box 372, clerk.

Baptist Sentinel—March 1963

Scotia-Clifford Creel, pastor

they had 3 saved in a singing service Feb.10th.

Baptist Sentinel—April 1963

Stafford-Clifford Creel, pastor

They are preparing their property for their new building. Dirt is being hauled in the engineer is putting the finishing touches on the blueprints.

Baptist Sentinel—May 1963

Stafford-F. C. Creel, pastor

They have baptized 8 since the first of the year, and have set a new attendance record in Sunday School.

Baptist Sentinel—July 1963

Stafford-Clifford Creel, pastor

Ground was broken for their new building on June 15.

Baptist Sentinel—November 1963

Stafford-F. C. Creel, pastor

They have raised the roof of their new building. They are progressing in every way.

Baptist Sentinel—January 1964

Stafford-Clifford Creel, pastor

Brother Creel has been quite ill, but is now much better. The church building continues to progress.

Baptist Sentinel—June 1964

Stafford-Clifford Creel, pastor

They plan to move into their new building on June 14th. They are doing a lot of visiting in the Sea View hospital ministering to the elderly.

Baptist Sentinel—October 1964

Concord- F. C. Creel, Pastor

Bro. Creel has accepted the pastorate of this fine church.

Baptist Sentinel— November 1964

Concord- F. C. Creel, Pastor

An enrollment date was held last month and the prospects for growth are excellent.

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Fred Clifford Creel in the Baptist Press

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Baptist Sentinel—January 1965

Concord- F. C. Creel, Pastor

Bro. Creel formally pastor of the Rio Dell church which was destroyed by flood waters. The Concord church is leading out in raising funds to help this needy church. Offering can be sent to the Concord church designated to help in Rio Dell.

Baptist Sentinel—February 1965

Concord-F. C. Creel, pastor

The church is studying the Tabernacle by means of filmstrips. Bro. Creel preached in a revival at Brentwood last month. The church baptized 3 the first Sunday of January.

Baptist Sentinel—March 1965

Concord-F. C. Creel, pastor

Bro. Creel was given 3 suits for his birthday present by the church recently. Their bulletin reports excellent progress in the work there.

Baptist Sentinel—May 1965

Concord-F. C. Creel, pastor

A youth revival with Bro. Howard Davis preaching was followed by a week's meeting with Bro. L. E. McAllister as evangelist. The results were excellent.

Baptist Sentinel—June 1965

Concord-F. C. Creel, pastor

May saw several people added to the church. The goal for Sunday school has been set at 150.

Baptist Sentinel—July 1965

Concord-F. C. Creel, pastor

A Sunday School clinic was held July 31st at the church teaching the use of visual aids. They plan a DVBS for later this month.

Baptist Sentinel—September 1965

Concord-F. C. Creel, pastor.

Last month the church had a very successful DVBS. They are having excellent services.

Baptist Sentinel—October 1965

Concord-F. C. Creel, pastor.

Last month several were saved and others joined by letter. They started a revival October 4 with Bro. D. S. Madden preaching.

Baptist Sentinel—November 1965

Concord-F. C. Creel, pastor.

Bro. Clifford Creel, Jr., preached his first sermon at the church. They entertained the District Ladies Auxiliary last month and Bro. Ben Crawford was the featured speaker.

Baptist Sentinel—December 1965

Concord-F. C. Creel, pastor.

Bro. Creel preached in a revival this past month in the San Francisco church. They had excellent services. The Concord church is planning new parsonage and a parking lot at the

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Baptist Herald-June 1966

F. C. Creel has been sent out by the Vallejo MBC, H. Hendrix pastor, as missionary to the Northern part of Calif. He will be working with the Stafford church until they can locate a pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-August 1966

Word has come to us that the Vallejo church has endorsed Bro. Creel as missionary to the Redwood Empire in the northern part of California. He is working with the Stafford church, where he pastored several years, according to the report we received. They also express appreciation for any support anyone or any church can give.

Baptist Sentinel-September 1966

Rio Dell, Clifford Creel, pastor

Bro. Creel has returned to this needy field and is pastoring this church again.

Baptist Sentinel-November 1966

Fortuna, F. C. Creel, pastor

Bro. C. C. Middleton is to preach a in a revival for this good church Nov. 7-13.

Baptist Sentinel-December 1966

Rio Dell, F. C. Creel, pastor

Bro. C. C. Middleton preached in a revival last month they had 2 saved.

Baptist Sentinel July 1968

Book of Poems

Dear Brother Reed,

I am happy to announce that my husband now has a book of his original poems published in book form. The book is entitled "Apples of Gold" and contains 48 poems.

We would appreciate it if you would publish this information in the Baptist Sentinel. "Apples of Gold" may be ordered at the address below. The price is \$1.00.

Thank you,

Edwina Creel

75 Fern Street

Rio Dell, Calif. 95562

Baptist Sentinel-February 1966

Santa Maria, Clifford Creel, pastor

The church reports a steady growth since Bro. Creel accepted the church. They are seeking property to purchase.

Baptist Sentinel-March 1970

Santa Maria

Bro. Clifford Creel has resigned and the church is seeking a new pastor at the time of this writing.

Baptist Sentinel April 1973

Oildale--- Clifford Creel started his work is pastor with the church on March 4. They had one saved after services on March 11.

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Fred Clifford Creel in the Baptist Press

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Baptist Sentinel-July 1973

Oildale---pastor F. C. Creel spoke for five nights at the Bethel Church, Bakersfield, on the subject, "Solomon's Temple, a type of church during the 1,000 Year Reign of Christ." One was saved at the close of the service. The church entertained the District Ladies Auxiliary in June. They reported a very successful VBS with 73 enrolled.

Baptist Sentinel-September 1973

Oildale---observed their 19th anniversary with special services recently. Pastor F. C. Creel preached in revival services at Arroyo Grande, where 1 was saved, 1 received by restoration and 4 by letter.

Baptist Sentinel-February 1974

Oildale-received 1 by letter in recent service. The church enjoyed hearing a report and message by Bro. Roy Hawthorne, missionary to the Navajo Indians. Their mission at Shafter, which was organized into a church a year ago, celebrated their first anniversary with all day services. F. C. Creel, pastor

Baptist Sentinel-May 1974

Oildale-has reported two saved and baptized since last report. The ladies have begun a tape ministry for the shut-ins so that the Sunday morning service may be taken into the homes. Pastor Clifford Creel began his second year as pastor March 3.

Baptist Sentinel-August 1974

Oildale-celebrated their 20th anniversary on July 20. It was my privilege to start the missionary work that resulted in the organization of that church 20 years ago. They also received one on promise of a letter. Clifford Creel, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-December 1976

Eureka-reports breaking of the records and the baptism of a man recently,
Cliff Creel, pastor

Baptist Sentinel/Missionary Baptist Herald-November 1978

Council meeting

Saturday morning November 4, 1978.

The First Missionary Baptist Church of Oildale met for a Council of churches

Bro. Lester McAllister was elected moderator.

Bro. Jerry Waymire was elected clerk.

Bro. Gerald Hosman read a prepared statement that was prepared and approved by the Oildale church.

Bro. Waymire read correspondence Oildale has received from Wasco, New Hope and McFarland.

Motion was made by Bro. Waymire that we recognize the Oildale church as scriptural. That perhaps a mistake was made in the way they tried to fire the pastor but that they did have a right to do so and did not vote anything to make them unscriptural. Motion was seconded by Bro. Crawford, and carried.

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Council meeting—Continued

A motion to adjourn past. The meeting was one of harmony.

Moderator: L. E. McAllister

Clerk-Jerry M Waymire

(Fred Creel, former pastor)

Missionary Baptist Herald-December 1995

"Retirement Series"

Clovis M.B. Church

Retirement Committee

Kenneth W. Beene, Pastor

While I was pastoring First Landmark of Visalia, Brother Fred C. Creel was pastoring a sister church in the near by area. Brother Creel was a great example and encouragement during my first pastorate. Brother Creel is now retired, his son Clifford, pastor at Oakdale shares this brief history of his father.

Freddie Clifford Creel, or as many in the work know his poetry simply by FCC, was born in February 1927. He was raised in Gadsden, Arizona, until moving to California with his parents in his early teens.

He met and married at Edwina Keeran, who has been with him in trial and fortune now for almost 49 years. Since his bride to be wanted to raise a family in church, he began taking her to the Hagginwood Missionary Baptist Church where Bro. M .B. Hubbard was the pastor. On a trip to the El Nido MBC for youth rally with Don Ross, Fred was convicted during the sermon and was saved even before the invitation was given.

He joined the Hagginwood church and was baptized at the hands of M. B. Hubbard. In less than a year, he felt the call into the ministry, and having submitted to the Holy Spirit, began to attend the Missionary Baptist School in Riverbank, with the like of G. A. (Sonny) Williams, Lee Wright, Ed Hall, Ernest Bennett and others.

In the summer of 1950, he and G. A. Williams went into central Oregon to help conduct some meetings. The Lone Pine Baptist Church called him as pastor, and he accepted, returning to California to "fetch" his family, expectant wife, and two boys. In January 1951, his third boy was delivered. And amid the snow of winter, continued to have services, sometimes in the little house which had the only heat for the church, using the bassinet as a pulpit with the newborn boy asleep inside.

He returned to California later that same year, and pastored a succession of churches in the state: Keyes; Mount Olive, Stockton 1954-55; Richmond 56-57; Stafford (Now Rio Dell) 58-64, 66 to 69; Concord 64-66; Santa Maria 70-71; Visalia (Old State) 71-73, and Oildale 74-78. In 1978, he left California again to pastor the Pt. Orchard MBC in Washington state, remaining as pastor there until 1988, at which time he accepted the pastorate of the Tillamook MBC, in Oregon where he remained until his health forced his retirement in 1991. He now lives in Fortuna, California and is a member of the Rio Dell MBC, Brother Bill Mickel, pastor.

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He has written much poetry, some of it being published in "Apples of Gold" and "Sadie Solomon Says," as well as writing several plays for Churches, among them the 1976 State Youth Rally in Oildale. He has been an instructor in a school held with the Pixley MBC, as well as in Auburn, WA, and is considered by many to be one of the finest teachers in our work. While his health is not allowing him to pastor churches any longer, his mind and heart are still strong in the Lord, and he is teaching the adult S. S. Class in Rio Dell. He desires only the prayer of God's people among whom he has labored for 48 years.

If Brother Creel was the pastor of the church you are now a member of, please consider a retirement program for him. The goal is one dollar per month for every month he pastored your church. The men that pastor during the early years of this state made great sacrifices to see the work go forward. I hope you will give some consideration to these great veterans.



What Is Truth?

As Jesus stood before Pilate he said, "Everyone that is of the truth heareth of my voice." Pilate's answer is a question that still haunts the human race; What Is Truth?

It seems that man has so confused every issue that in his mind everything has become related. It seems that every issue has to be qualified in so many ways that no one is able to render a definite decision about anything! We can almost sympathize with the man who had become so cautious in answering definitely to any question that he responded to the common greeting, "how are you?" By saying, "Compared to what?" What IS truth? We might give the short, conclusive answer found in John 17:17. As Christ prayed to the father he said, "Thy Word is Truth."

Here are five definite and distinct truths found in the Word of God of which all men need to be aware.

First, a truth that the whole human race needs to re-learn; that there is an ABSOLUTE difference between right and wrong!

Regardless of what theological infidels may say about 'situation ethics' sin is still sin. It matters not how broad-minded men may become about the question, God has some very pointed statements to make about the matter. "All unrighteousness is sin," 1 John 5:17. This is a declaration that needs no qualifying. Indeed it cannot be qualified without questioning the truthfulness of God. "Whatsoever is not a faith is sin." Rom. 14:23 and "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God! Rom. 10:17.

Man has always been prone to try to find some good in sin that he may justify himself. Even in Isaiah's day God said by the mouth of that great prophet, Woe to them that call evil good and good evil." Isa. 5:20. Call it social contact if you will but the drinking party that causes men and women to lose their inhibitions is still sin. Immorality is still sin even when it's name is changed to love. It matters not how hard men may try to change the nature of sin by labeling it a sickness, it is still sin in the eyes of a Holy God and the consequences is still the same as in the beginning; which brings us to the next truth, that sin brings forth DEATH! James 1:15. There is no denying that there is a temporary, fleshly pleasure to be derived from sin. Moses had to choose between the afflictions of God's people and the pleasures of sin for a little season. The euphoria of carnal pleasure is a great deal like the effects of drink and drugs; it may seem uplifting at the moment but the after-effects are the after-effects of a life of sin, the torment being far greater than the pleasure received! Since all unrighteousness is sin and is transgression of God's law of perfect holiness, He must of necessity mete out justice. Since man is caught in a web of sin with no power to extricate himself, we come to the third truth: the penalty of sin was paid in behalf of helpless man by that perfect man Christ Jesus.

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Rom. 5:6. On this subject let us simply let the Word of God speak to us. "He bare our sins in his own body on the tree." 1 Peter 2:24. "He was made sin (sin bearer) for us. II Cor. 5:21. "Behold the Lamb of God the taketh away the sin of the world." John 129. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. 1 Peter 3:18.

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"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many--" Heb. 9:28. Here is a divine truth that can bring hope and cheer to poor sinned man who finds himself under the terrible storm of God's wrath against sin, for that storm has spent itself upon the mighty Rock of Ages and there, in a cleft of that rock is a hiding place, peaceful and secure, which then brings to our attention the fourth great truth; THAT THERE IS NO OTHER WAY FOR MAN TO BE SAVED! "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12. Good deeds cannot get the job done, "for it is not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us." Titus 3:5. We cannot be saved by the keeping of the law for we are told in Gal. 2:16 "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" and again in verse 21 "for if righteousness came by the law, then Christ is dead in vain!"

What is truth? This is the question of Pilate and in the midst of the babble of voices today it is still a legitimate question. It matters not what men may say, however learned are pious they may seem, it matters not what our forefathers may have said, however ancient their words may be, nor does it matter that multitudes of men may agree that the Bible is unreliable, truth is still truth and all the denial in the world can never change it. "Yea let God be true, and every man a liar." Rom. 3:4.

Now to briefly restate these truths and then present one other that is built upon them.

Truth number one; sin is sin and is relative only in the deluded mind of man while before God it is absolute and has touched the whole human race, for all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God.

Number two; this sin has caused man to be without God and without hope in the world; it has brought about his spiritual death as well as sickness and death to the natural man.

Number three; Christ took upon himself, after having lived a perfect life though "tempted in all points like as we are," the penalty of sin for the whole human race.

Truth number four; there is no other way of salvation than that provided in Christ Jesus. "For by grace are you saved through faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God, not a works lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8, 9.

Nor [sic] for this final great truth; Christ is coming again!. In our text it was Christ standing before Pilate. Some day the roles will be reversed and Pilate will stand before Christ. There is no question then as to the truth. Jesus said, "He that rejected me--hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." John 12:48 John describes it in this way, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened and another book was opened which was the Book of Life and the dead were judged out of the things found in those books! No perjured witness here to give forth their conflicting testimonies but only the truths of the eternal Word of God with which to compare the deeds and lives of those who stand in judgment. There will then be no philosophizing or moralizing about the relative goodness or badness sin but only condemnation to those for those whose names are not found written in the Book of Life. You may not think that sin is so bad but your thoughts can not dull the righteousness of God! You may think somehow to escape the consequences of sin but the only way is the way that a loving God has provided. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved! Then you will be able to say with the redeemed of all ages;:

How great the love that searched me out,
it could only be divine,
No other love could reach me;
I'm saved and He is mine.

How great the love that suffered!
only God could love me so;
to give his son to die for me;
I'm saved! This I know!

How great the love that
intercedes
when I fail him o'er and o'er,
The love of God still keeps me,
I'm saved by his great power!

How great the love that comforts
and makes me know this;
In spite of cares and sorrows,
I'm saved and I'm His!

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Hail to the King

As the personal ministry of Christ on earth draws to a close, Luke tells us, in the 19th chapter of his Gospel of the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As our Lord makes his way down the western slope of the mount of Olives toward the book Kedron, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, "Master, rebuke thy disciples! and He answered and said unto them, I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out!"

My first thought as I read this acclaiming of the King as he enters into Jerusalem and the crown of thorns he wears before he is led out a few days later to be crucified. Then my thoughts are drawn to that glorious time in the future that we might say is prefigured here, when His feet shall touch the mount of Olives again, and He shall again enter with triumph into the City of David; not with a multitude of disciples that will soon melt away, but with an innumerable company of redeemed, glorified saints; not to receive a crown of thorns in mockery, but to be crowned King of Kings; not to have a reed sceptre placed scornfully in his hand, but to take up a rod of iron with which he will rule the nations!

The words of the Pharisees, are so much like the attitude of so many of our own day! "Master rebuke thy disciples! It is all right to be a disciple but just quiet about it. It is all right to discuss politics even if folks do get a little heated up about it; after all it just helps to show that you are aware of the needs of your nation. It seems that is O.K. to openly discuss dirty movies, trashy books, and even all manner sin and immorality as long as you don't come on too strongly and condemn them too much. You can talk about anything under the sun and get as excited as you please about pollution, saving the wildlife, or the environment; you can even get worked up about the relative merits of professional athletes, but don't get excited and sound off about Christ our folks will think you're some kind of freak and you might even offend them! It is time for God's people to get really excited about Him, for the King is coming!

It wasn't through members who were silent and so reserved that they never mention Christ anywhere except in their church services and hymns that the church in Jerusalem began to grow; they went EVERYWHERE preaching the gospel! It was not by being secret disciples that the apostles were able to "turn the world upside down with their preaching" as it is recorded in Acts 17:6. We would like to see huge numbers of souls saved and added to our churches, but it is not the statistical numbers that are effective in His service; it is disciples are refuse to be silenced in their praise and testimony of the Lord!

The answer of Christ to the Pharisees brings other thoughts to our minds. "I tell you if these things hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out! Would God Indeed could God, allow his Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, to go unclaimed? He has never yet been left without a witness. When every thought and intent of man's heart was only evil continually, He raised up Noah, a preacher righteousness. When all nations were given to idolatry He called Abraham out of Ur to make of him a new nation. When that nation was later in Egyptian bondage He sent Moses as His spokesman to set them free. Time after time His people turned from Him and each time he sent prophets to remind them of His Goodness and of judgment to come. But, the question might be asked, did all those really preach Christ? Acts 10:43 gives the answer: To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him should receive remission of sins. Faith in Christ is the only means of salvation now and it is the only way to ever has been provided. If a man will have the righteousness of Christ imputed to him today it must be done as with Abraham who believed God and It (his belief) was counted unto him for righteousness. Rom. 4:3, Gal. 3:6.

God has never left the world without a witness to His Son. David said that the heavens declare the glory of God. At his birth the angelic host sang His praises, during His personal ministry on earth His works and His words gave testimony to His Heavenly character. This is why John spoke of Him thus, "and we beheld His Glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth. Christ said concerning the Church He established while he was here, The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it, and we can follow it down through the centuries. First by its marvelous growth as recorded in the book of Acts and then by the bloody footprints through the persecutions of the dark ages as men chose death rather than silence concerning the truth. Now we can see those same people as they still preach the gospel in all its simple purity.

Christ was proclaimed on that day with Hosanna's as kind. Today we still proclaim Him as such. He is coming again and will sit upon David's throne, but He will be king of your life now if you will let him.

There is one more thought we need to get from this lesson. This one we would like to direct to those who were lost. As Jesus came near the city He wept over it wept over it and said, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace. But now they are hid from thy eyes!". He wept as He thought of the terrible destruction that was soon to come upon that city because they were blind to the written prophecies and their ears were stopped so that they couldn't hear the warnings. They weren't worried about the things that were going to happen in the future, they were more concerned with peace, plenty and pleasure NOW. They were truly the NOW generation of two thousand years ago. If they had only known! It is easy for the lost to make light of judgment and make jokes about Hell now, because it is not real to them yet. But just as the siege and destruction became real to

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those in Jerusalem as the armies of Titus laid waste, so will the judgment of a wrathful God no longer be a laughing matter to those who are caught in it.

There was still time for them to repent; so is there time for you who are lost now. If you are not saved, won't you see the things that belong to YOUR piece? Your only hope of peace with God lies in Christ died for your sins, was raised for your justification, and who now reigns in heaven making intercession for his own. He is coming again as King. Will you receive him now as Savior?

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Has Christianity Failed?

Established religion has failed! This is the charge being made by many young 'intellectuals'... and some not so young. Fundamental Christianity is expected to pick up the gauntlet and accept the challenge to defend all Christendom against charges of corruption and hypocrisy.

Well pardon me if I seem to be a 'cop-out' but I just don't feel that I have any obligation to defend Christianity or Christ from ridiculous charges made by sinful men. It is not the failing of Christ, His teachings, or His true churches that caused the cancers called Korea and Viet Nam. It is not the failing of the Bible that has brought about the moral decay and lawlessness that perplexes the whole world. It is not Christian principles that brings about poverty, disease and injustice. Rather it is the failure of weak men to follow the instructions of the Word of God that has brought it all about.

I'm NOT a follower of Knox and feel more personal need to defend Presbyterianism against any attacks caused by errors of its leaders or its people. Nor am I a follower of Luther, Mary Baker Eddy, Ellen G. White, Amy MacPherson, the Pope or any of the myriad of other religious leaders of the recent past or present. I feel no responsibility for defending any of them when they or their followers fail to follow Christ. They have opposed the truth from their very beginnings. Indeed, though I am a Missionary Baptist and am proud of the name I refuse to be personally responsible for the errors of my own brethren! When Paul found Peter compromising the teaching Christ he made no effort to defend him, but instead rebuked him openly into his face!

The point of this whole thing is, real truth is not a defensive position in our battle, but rather it is a weapon of offense. Recently, on nation-wide television, a man who is accepted by many as a leader of fundamental evangelical Christianity, face a leader of the exponents of atheism. Much of his failure to present anything positive was due to the extreme rudeness of the atheist, but also he made the mistake of trying to defend that which was called 'Christianity' by the atheist! We wouldn't expect the modern, liberal theologian to defend our views when they are so narrow in his eyes. Nor should we be duped into wasting time and effort trying to defend error regardless of the name it goes by. The Salem Witchcraft trials are a blot on American history but I do not have to defend the truth today just because that great injustice was done in its name.

There is a trend among the neo-intellectuals now to turn to the so-called 'ancient eastern religions of brotherhood and peace.' Anyone who can learn to speak softly and say Peace Brother, can wrap a towel around his head, let his eyelids droop, give himself a strange sounding name and address in a drab bathrobe, and the 'intellectuals' will gather at his sandaled feet to meditate in the presence of the great Guru! Impossible? Only about a year ago the news media exposed a much sought after college campus Guru as a high-school dropout from the mid-west.

Practically every discarded philosophy and weird religion ever known to man is being revived and presented as the way to universal peace and brotherhood. The truth of the matter is, not one of them has ever fostered peace but what rather war and degradation.

Brahimism alone imposed thirty-thousand gods upon the people of India! When Hinduism and Buddhism appeared they only added to the oppression, instead of replacing one another they each brought with them their added evils until the caste system held millions in de-facto slavery. The practice of 'suttee' resulted in the deaths of untold numbers of widows who were forced to burn themselves upon their husbands funeral pyres. Every God must be appeased. What more reasonable way to appease the God of the sacred river Ganges than by tossing to his crocodiles the unwanted girl babies?

Perhaps the modern followers of the 'ancient religions' would like to revive the practice of the Brahmins as they sat in their filth as death approached and clung desperately to the tail of the sacred bull in order to gain entrance to heaven!

The multiplied gods of China kept her fragmented under the war-lords until she fell prey to the unifying power of the atheistic God called 'communism.'

I wonder if the followers of the 'peaceful' Mohammed, who refuse to fight for their country, aren't helping to bring terror to the streets of our cities as they imitate the Assassins in shedding the blood of the infidels'? It was this same 'ancient religion' whose peace-loving followers in Turkey slaughtered tens of thousands of Armenian Christians in 1895 and 1896?

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On the other hand there are those who would like to cast off the trappings of 'Christian Civilization' and emulate the American Indian, revive his culture, and live off the land. I wonder; would they like to revive also his treating the female as a chattel to be treated as any other animal? This was the practice in some tribes. Or perhaps the unmerciful slavery practiced by many of the tribes appeals to them. Then no doubt, there are some in the youth culture of today who would really like to see a revival of the custom of abandoning the old folks in a holy mountain somewhere to die.

To others the idea of counting coup; killing an enemy or stealing something from him; is a worth while proof of manhood, but there is nothing in this that could be expected to bring about world peace and brotherhood!

Then there might be some who would find it more to their liking to join the religious festival of the Okinawans as they feast and dance while the young women pick the remaining shreds of flesh from the bones of the recently dead ancestors!

Or maybe the excitement of moving the idols of the Juggernauts of ancient India from their summer to their winter temples might appeal to some who have progressed beyond simple Christianity. They might like the thrill of exhausting themselves physically, tugging on the ropes of the huge, wooden-wheel cars. They might even want to cast themselves under the wheels as a holy suicide as many did then!

It is true! Established religion, as many have known it, has failed. But true Christianity has not failed. False concepts of it have failed. Ceremonial religion has failed. Nominal Christianity has failed. BUT CHRIST AND HIS TEACHINGS HAVE NOT FAILED! No other religion in the history of man is based upon a book that is as relevant to our times and needs as is the Bible.

It teaches industry and responsibility;

"This we command you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat." II Thes. 3:10.

It teaches a certain passiveness in our personal relationship;

Turn the other cheek--walk the second mile. Matt. 5:39-41.

Yet it teaches us that there is a time to fight; "Fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses." Neh. 4:14.

Civil disobedience is definitely NOT taught, but rather we are told to obey magistrates. Titus 3:1.

Modern psychiatry has discovered that marriage, the family, and morality are not just trappings of a dead religion but are necessary to the mental and physical well-being of man.

The primary purpose of true Christianity is not the changing of social and economic structure and yet in every land where the basics are taught and practiced there has been a change.

No other religion has honored women, recognized the rights of individuals, declared the intrinsic value of man as one created in the image of God and taught men to really love one as has the religion of Christ.

Ancient religions? It is the most ancient of all! It is not the child of Judaism, but rather the father of it! Gal. 3:8 tells us that the Gospel was preached to Abraham. Noah lived long before him and is said to have been a preacher of righteousness. II Peter 2:5. Jude tells us that Enoch, the seventh from Adam prophesied of the Lord. If this doesn't take us back far enough to satisfy the desire for "ancient religions" then we can read in Acts 10:45 that ALL the prophets witnessed to the fact that it is through faith in the name of Christ that men have forgiveness of sins. Christ himself numbered Abel with the prophets in Luke 11:50, 51. It would be pretty hard to get any more ancient than that!

Yes; the only Christianity known to many has failed. But truth and true Christianity have not and never shall. Let us not waste time attempting to answer charges that stem from the failure of heretics to conform to the truth, but instead concentrate our efforts on a positive approach of offense against sin and error WITH the Truth. This and this alone is our responsibility.

As men turn from imitation Christianity seeking wisdom and peace, we must be ready with the Truth and present to them the most ancient of all religion; Christ who IS wisdom and peace.

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Needed: Men To Match God's Mountains

Hills and mountains are looked upon as either barriers or challenges. Sam Walters Foss wrote a poem many years ago called the Coming American, the first stanza of which went like this;

Bring me men to match my plains,
men with empires in their purpose,
and new eras in their brains.

The man who settled our nation and made it great were exactly that, men to match the mountains of the new land. Men who were willing to conquer mountains and plains. Men to whom mountains were not so much barriers as challenges that must be met.

The instructions to God's people in 1 Cor. 16:13 make us think of the first line of that poem that puts forth the challenge, Bring me men to match my mountains! This verse simply says, "Quit ye like men, be strong." There is a desperate need a day for men to match the mountains of challenge in God's service. This is not a job for sissies or cowards.

Consider Mt. Moriah; it's easy to look back and take lightly the events of Abraham's life as he climbed that mountain with the wood for the sacrificial fire and the knife with which he was to slay that son he loved so dearly. But how few are the men today who are willing to meet the challenge of such a mountain! Here was faith in action. Not faith gambling with a few dollars invested in the Lord's service, in the hope it will go to suit us--not a hope--so kind of faith that invests a little time and effort in the Lord's work and soon quits if all things are not going well. This is the kind of faith in action that commits everything to God without questioning the outcome at all! But, someone says, Abraham had been promised many descendents through Isaac, and he knew that God would have to do something to keep that promise. And hasn't He also made some promises to us? How about Rom. 8:32, "He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him freely give us all things?" And again as Christ himself said concerning the material needs of his disciples, 'and seed not what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind, for all these things do the nations of the world seek after; and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. It is not a lack of God's promises that keeps us from accepting the challenge of putting our faith and action, but simply that too often we are not men enough to match the mountain! Faith in action asks no questions, nor does it stall for time. It seeks only to climb the mountain, for there on the top, in the place which can't be seen from the lower ground is faith justified! There are many Mt. Moriah's before God's people, but how few are the men who are the match for them.

There is a great need today, also, for men to match the mountain of God's righteous demands. As we follow the nation of Israel out of Egyptian bondage, across the Red Sea, into the wilderness to camp at the base of a mountain called Sinai, we see God making some demands of them that they could not always keep. These demands were made known to them in the ten commandments. There were not many among Israel who were willing to accept the challenge after they found what the demands work. How often are we still like them. We began as did they, when they asked Moses to go find out what God desired of them and they would surely do it. But they couldn't even wait for the instructions to be completed before they turned away to serve other gods. Men still begin by professing Christ as their Savior and determining to be the best servant Christ ever had. But soon the demand for separation from the world becomes too much and they find the call of the life they were to leave behind just a little too strong! We desperately need men to match the challenging mountain of righteous living for the Lord! It is not easy to go against customs, manners and styles of the world around us, but there comes a time in the life of every child of God when the choice must be made, to try to climb the mountain our turn to the easy paths of the valleys. The easy path always leads down hill but remember it was the one who climbed the mountain whose face reflected the Glory of God. Those who show themselves to be men, and are strong are the ones who will stand out among the world for they are men to match the mountain of a of Holy living and show for the Glory of God in their lives and persons.

We hear a lot about commitment today. Young people especially are being pressured on every side to commit themselves to this cause or to that, but the causes change with the seasons and it is no wonder that many are left confused as to which course to take next. What good does it do to commit one's self to a cause that soon becomes a dead issue?

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In a fever of excitement
he fell into the fight
to help the 'poor down trodden,'
and save them from their plight.

But the poor 'poor down trodden,' looked upon
his efforts, and they scorned;
and the multitudes had passed on-
it was for 'peace' they all now mourned!

He committed himself to agitate
for peace and end to war,
but 'ecology' was suddenly the 'thing'
he heard it more and more!

How earnestly he sought out this and that,
till he nearly lost his mind
looking for a cause he could 'relate' to
And for his life a 'purpose' find.

But men in fickle loyalty
From cause to cause did stray,
until at last in desperation
he finally stopped to pray!

Where unrest and uncertainty
once played so great a part
in leading him from cause to cause
the peace of Christ now fills his heart.

He's committed now to service
in a cause that doesn't change;
he seeks not the plaudits of a changing world.
But, "well done!," from the eternal King!

Moses last mount to climb was called 'Nebo.' He knew that he would never descend from its heights even as he climbed it. Here is total commitment pictured. Not to a cause that is subject to change, but to a person. It was a commitment to the God of Heaven. It mattered not to him that it would be a one-way climb, it only mattered that here was where his God had directed him to go! The Cry of the Lord's churches today might well be, "Bring me men to match my mountains. Men who will accept the challenges, whatever they be".

Consider the Mountain upon which the disciples sat as they listened to the teaching of Christ. Many of those who heard were not men enough to match the mountain of strong teaching and said, "This is strong teaching who can receive it? From that time many of his disciples turned back and walked no more with him. One who will walk with Christ today and continue with him day by day, must be prepared to go with him into every mountain... The teaching might indeed be strong, but those who are men enough to match the mountain will find that the strength gained from it will help to sustain them in the lowest of the valleys. When a man rebels at ONE Bible truth, however unimportant it might seem, that is when he must, of necessity turn away from the Lord for He walks ONLY in the truth.

Men to match God's mountains! This is what we must be today. Whether it be the mountain where his righteous demands are made known, a mountain where we must lay down our lives, the mountain of complete surrender where we must say as did our Lord, "Not my will but thine be done," or perhaps to follow to the mount of transfiguration to see him in all his glory. If we will be men to match these mountains we will then be a match for that Mount of Olives that typifies our present hope. This is the mount upon which his feet last stood and upon which they shall touch again someday. This is our hope. Let us be strong enough NOW to match that mountain! Every man that hath this hope within himself purifies himself even as he is pure.

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One other mountain would I mentioned that every man; The small hill called Golgotha upon which Christ was crucified. The only way for a man to gain victory and conquer this mountain is to be conquered by it! He must come in deep humility and repentance, accepting the offering of Jesus Christ for his sins.

Will you be one to match His mountains;
by grace to climb the slopes?
Though the path be hard, there's added strength
from multiplying hopes!

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C.M.B.I. Lecture Week - January 25 - 29

By Roy M. Reed

DR. L. D. CAPELL TO BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER

C.M.B.I.'s annual Lecture Week is scheduled for January 25th through 29th between the ending of the first and the beginning of the second semesters. Our principal lecturer for this year's lecture series will be the Dean of the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Dr. L. D. Capell.

Dr. Capell is a nationally known lecturer among Missionary Baptists. He is a son-in-law of the late Dr. J. Lewis Guthrie, the first president of the Little Rock Seminary. Dr. Capell authored the Little Rock school from its home in St. John, Kansas, shortly after the school opened. He was among the first men to go five full years and receive a Doctor's degree from the Seminary. He served as an instructor at the Seminary for many years before becoming its Dean.

California Missionary Baptists are happy to welcome Dr. Capell to the golden state. He will speak in the school chapel each



DR. L. D. CAPELL

morning for two weeks, from January 25th through February 5th. At the same time he will be in revival services in the evenings at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Bellflower January 27-29 and with the Newark Missionary Baptist Church January 31 through February 5th.

We invite pastors and friends from over the state to visit us during lecture week and hear Dr. Capell speak.

The Stafford Church

BUILDING DESTROYED

The Missionary Baptist Church of Stafford, also known as the "Arlota" Church, was completely destroyed by the recent floods in Northern California and Oregon. We are told that nothing, not even a nail can be salvaged from the building. This church was organized several years ago as a result of work by Brother Alder Taylor who was State Missionary at that time, and helped by the young church at Fardola. They called Brother Clifford Creel as pastor when they were only about two years old and meeting in a rented hall. This faithful church labored hard under Bro. Creel's leadership, and purchased land on which to build. They began their building five years ago, and paid as they built, with the pastor and congregation doing most all of the work. They had completed the building and were putting the finishing touches of paint on it, and all was paid for. They did still owe \$2,000 of a \$5,000 loan on their land, but the building was paid for and completed including nice furniture and a recently purchased \$800.00 bearing tent. All was completely swept away by the flood, which we are told was the

worst in the history of the west. In addition to all this, seven of the families of the church lost everything they had — homes, furnishings, clothes, etc., except what they had on. Five of these seven families even lost their automobiles — two of them did save their autos. The Lumber Mills where most of the people worked were put out of commission, and the large one where some of them worked was hit the worst. We are told that two-thirds of it was completely washed away. Surely those of us who are blessed with plenty will want to help these Brothers who lost their church building, homes, furnishings of homes, clothing, jobs, and who probably do not have much to reserve or savings on which to rely. Let us search our hearts and be sure to do what we know Jesus would have us do under these conditions and circumstances. And I am sure that when we do, they will have help. And what I mean by "plenty" is, that we have plenty of food, plenty of clothes to wear, nice houses and furnished, well in which to live. These dear people do not have. And let's pray for them also.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

I Cor. 11:23-34

Introduction: To say the least this is a very controversial subject. We will do the best we can. In this message, I present in a simple way what the Bible teaches us concerning this sacred ordinance.

As we consider this sacred ordinance we would like to draw your attention to five particulars.

I. ITS INSTITUTION

Mat. 26:26, 26-30

1. It was instituted at the end of the Passover Supper. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Passover.

2. It was instituted in connection with His sufferings; Luke 22:14-16.

3. It was instituted with the disciples. They sought a place of privacy; Mat. 26:16-20.

II. ITS DESIGN

1. The design is found in Luke 22:19 and in I Corinthians 11:25, 26, 29. The design is discerning the Lord's Body.

2. The design is twofold: (1) To constantly remind us of His death.

for our sins; (2) To remind us of our obligation to a coming Lord. We are saved to walk in newness of life, Eph. 2:8-9; we are baptized to show forth the new life and walk in Christ, Rom. 6:3-4; we have the Lord's Supper as a constant reminder of the life we possess through His shed blood.

III. ITS PARTICIPANTS

1. They were subject to church judgment; I Cor. 5:8-13. Two things we are told to do with these people: (1) We are not to associate with them; (2) We are not to eat (The Lord's Supper) with them.

2. They were to examine themselves concerning their motives and sins of which the church had no knowledge; I Cor. 11:28-29.

IV. ITS DISTORTION

1. Its distortion was in relation to discerning the Lord's Body; I Cor. 11:28-34.

2. Its distortion brought God's judgment upon those who were guilty. God judged them in the

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The Army That Refused to Fight

By H. Travis Hubbard

Jeremiah paints the sad picture of a nation devoured by the termites of sin and apathy. The nation is Babylon, and her armies had conquered the world of that day. It was impossible, at one time, to resist Babylon's armies. The soldiers of this nation were strong, brave, invincible. Babylon was the hammer of the whole earth. (Jer. 50:23).

But at the pinnacle of her power, this empire committed two unpardonable sins: (1) she led the Israelites into captivity; (2) she enslaved and mistreated them. Therefore, Jeremiah says, "Israel is as scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away; first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones." (30:17).

Breaking the bones of Israel exposed Babylon to God's anger and punishment. Breaking the bones of Israel was the sin which gnawed like white ants, at the foundation of Babylon to undermine and bring her collapse.

As sin gnawed deeper into the empire, the people became soft, greedy, and indifferent to her welfare. The conscience of the nation became hard. Good times and plenty of money blinded the population to approaching danger.

The army of Babylon, absorbing the easy life, reveling in luxuries, a strict military life was not chalked up for them. Hence, the soldiers grew soft, lazy, and cowardly. To stay in shape to win wars had no appeal. Their courage melted. Discipline became lax. The idea of "Oh, what's the use?" saturated the army of Babylon; and this put the empire in serious danger.

Jeremiah pictures the gloomy scene for us: "The valiant soldiers of Babylon have ceased to fight; they stayed in the forts; their strength has dried up; they became as women. . . ." (31:8).

This translation from the Newbrew reveals that Babylon's soldiers lost their will to win. They slacked their weapons and remained in the strong-holds, when the nation needed them desperately.

An army with no will to win is crippled, hamstringed, and defeated before the fight starts. Its morale is shattered, and such an army is worthless.

Now look at America since 1945.

8:00 A.M., Dec. 29, 1964

The telephone rang! "Bro. Deoney, water has reached the ceiling in the church house and is almost in our house. Everyone else has gone out to higher ground, but, Dad and I stayed to watch the things in our house," reported Bro. Fred Wilson of Stafford Missionary Baptist Church. "We don't think it will rise any higher than the '55 flood."

This was the first personal touch of the catastrophe that was to be worse before it could get better. Even now, not all of the results are known. All we can do is to report to the present.

Yes, the water rose higher. The Wilson's house was swept several hundred feet away. In this same area the Stafford Missionary Baptist Church building was raised from its foundation, carried forward toward the road and reversed in position, dropped across a huge log, and broken until little can be salvaged. The parsonage, a two story building, was torn apart and scattered.

Only those who constructed this church building can know what force was required to tear it from its foundation, move it, and re-



Close-up view of debris and rear window now facing 101.

What happened to this country? We were, in 1945, the strongest nation on earth. We had the greatest weapons and the most invincible army. But, since 1945 we have not won a battle.

In fact, we lost in Korea. We lost in Cuba. We lost at the Berlin Wall. We are losing in South Vietnam. We are losing in the Congo. We are losing everywhere to Communism. What is wrong? Where is our strength? Where is our will to win?

The answer lies in the fact that sin gnaws at the foundation of America. Sin is destroying America as it destroyed Babylon.

What will save America? The only event that will save America is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is our prayer that this nation is one of the nations that goes with Christ into the millennium.



Looking in from 101 Freeway the Stafford M.B.C. has been carried forward and reversed in position. Debris hides the log on which the building is resting.

verse its position.

Three bridges were destroyed making access to this area impossible after the rains had abated somewhat, and the waters receded. We could get to Fortuna. However, most of our people were in Scotia and Stafford.

More than 90% of Stafford was washed away. Bro. Eumell Shild's home was carried across the freeway and lodged in the church yard. They and the others in Stafford lost everything they didn't take with them, and they left too late to take more than a few essentials. We don't know the exact extent of damage done to the homes in Scotia.

Christmas Day the Eureka Missionary Baptist Church flew in a load of groceries, milk, bread, eggs, etc., with Bro. Fred Wilson who had flown out with a friend who owned an airplane. By living there he could return to the area with the blessings of the authorities and direct the delivery of our food to the church members. Let me say here that the Pacific Lumber Co. paid for this flight. Since then church members and friends have paid for the meals. The Stafford church saved this food with others and by helping them doors have been opened to preach Christ.

Four plane loads have been delivered and many articles of clothing are waiting now to be



Corner of parsonage roof in right lower corner rests on debris near church building in the rear.

delivered.

On December 29, 1964, Bro. Bedford Andrews had come up to Station to preach on view of a call. He departed on Monday, as preschers do, and was blocked by high water and slides in the Myers Flat area. Unable to leave he presched for the Eureka Missionary Baptist Church on the 27th while the pastor flew into Scotia to meet with the church there and in conduct services.

Seventeen of the Stafford Missionary Baptist Church met in the home of Bro. Shambough. They are on a high plane spiritually and talked of rebuilding on another location out of flood danger. Their property valued between \$25,000.00 and \$20,000.00 was a 90% or more loss.

Incidentally, all attempts to get food to these people had failed. Our food on Christmas Day was the first. The airplane drops had come to naught. The people were still hungry. I cite this to let you know though others may attempt to assist, it will be your prayers and offerings that will have its effect on and for the Cause of Christ in Stafford and Scotia. People are aware that our church exists there. Let us help them help it. Our way by helping them regain a place to worship. NOW is the time when our help will be the most effective. Let us reassure and assist.

The Eureka Missionary Baptist Church is YET out of it. Only God and they know their state at this time. Make telephone or transportation go into that area except for supplies. Weather hinders this with the winter storms coming in waves after the flood. Pray and be concerned for them. Be prepared to put legs in your prayers when the foot is opened. Air transportation is expensive and the Eureka Church has and is giving. We are not asking you to do something we will not do. It's a blessing that we were spared to be able to give. Isn't it a shame we wait until disaster strikes to have this truth reaffirmed?

Bro. Bedford Andrews and his wife were able to fly out on the 29th. They had to leave their car here. With seventeen bridges in this area gone road transportation is very uncertain for six months or more. If some of the things the Andrews tell you seem stretched a wee mite, believe it and thank God for all is as well as it is.

Send your offerings to A. W.

Fred Clifford Creel

Poetry in the Baptist Press



DO YOU LOVE ME?

Hear the **words** so softly spoken;
Let them fall on trembling heart,
"Do you love me" says the Master,
Then from our eyes the tears will start.

As we think of hands so wounded
And of flesh so bruised and torn,
of lips so parched and thirsty,
And brow so pierced with thorns.

Then we see OUR hands so busy
with things so often vain,
And from our lips, instead of love,
Fall words that bring such pain!

Let the words then sink in yield heart
And search out fault in sin.

"Do you love me?" is the question,
"More than love the praise of men?"

"Do you love me?" says the Master
It doesn't matter what you SAY,
If you return just HALF his love
You'll follow ALL the way!

F.C. Creel

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Help me, Lord

When troubles, trials, and heartaches
Seem to fill up every mile,
Then give, me please, the grace I need,
Help me Lord, to smile.

When Sinners will not hear the word
Help me not to sigh
And though I may not win them all
Help me Lord, to try.

Help me in my weakness,
Thou alone can be my might,
Without Thy help I'm helpless
But with it all is right.

F. C. Creel

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I'D LIKE TO-

I'd like to take a carved,
and with houston and with saint
show the beauty of his love—
But I can't.

I'd like to not to make
rightly without to His praise,
and give a swelling chorus
such as heaven that might raise—
But I can't.

I'd like to give a million dollars
to build churches for the lord
and send a hundred missionaries
to preach His Word abroad—
But I can't.

I'd like to pretend to laugh
and rejoice
with the thousands of them
in every court, in every land,
"HILL I had was there at!"
But I can't.

I can't serve my Lord with
sorrowful
and there's much that I can't do.
I can't tell about His wondrous
love,
and sing about it too!

I can give as God has prospered;
He freely asks for nothing more,
and I may never meet a king or
prince,
but I meet many that are poor.

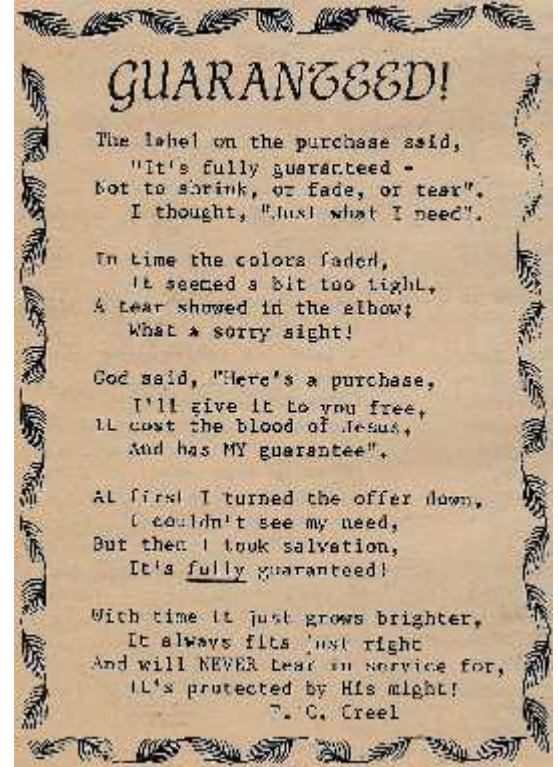
I may not speak with silver tongue,
but the peace He gives to me
is well within my power to tell,
and how He set me free!

I just can't do a lot of things,
though they might be lots of fun,
but if I just do the things I can,
I'll hear Him say, "Well done!"

By: FRED CREEL

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Hallelujah



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First Missionary Baptist Church

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Dear Brother *Creel*,

As the black decorations
and the color of the paper
and the other brother's picture,
I will be glad to see them all.

As the picture of the church
and the name of the church
and the name of the church
and the name of the church.

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Written about 1973

F. C. Creel

Fred Clifford Creel Poetry in the Baptist Press

Poet's Corner



God's Goodness To Me

By Clifford Creel

I thought that God had forgotten me,
And no blessing would bestow;
Because the way looked dark ahead,
I couldn't see which way to go.

Because of this and worldly cares,
I wandered far from God;
And remembered not the trou-
blousome ways,
The saints or out had trod.

Then I wandered down a certain street,
The sights of earth to see,
The things I saw inside me re-
solved,
That God is good to me.

First, I saw a drunkard,
Like him I saw might be;
But for the blood of Jesus,
God is good to me.

Then I saw a beggar,
One leg gone at the knee;

I had no money, but again I thought,
God is so good to me.

I saw the people swarming by,
In their lust and revelry;
Down the street they went,
bound for hell,
But God is good to me.

If they only knew my Jesus,
And the garden of Gethsemane;
Then they might say, as I can say,
God is good to me.

Then to my home I traveled,
And with my children round my knee;
I counted all my blessings,
Oh, God is good to me.

First, I have eternal life,
'Twas given to me free;
And life on earth, with a chance
to work,
For God is good to me.

After counting all my blessings,
There was one thing plain to see;
It was I who had turned away
from God,
But STILL He's good to me.

Baptist Signal
Vo. 6—Riverbank, CA—No. 6
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The Sunday Observer

Last Sunday dawn'g' growin'
I got to lookin' 'round
To see how the new harvest
would never pass us by, I found

I found a pair of love birds,
They were sure the grade-
I saw some folks a' shakin'
sometimes they talked out loud!

I saw a brother singin'
With a truly noble sound,
and Lord I saw his sister
His brother go the round.

Then somethin' that the preacher said,
I don't say it just what it was,
made some folks weep and say "Amen",
I didn't hear a guess he made.

I was a sinner 'bout a sinner's
How some folks look the same,
and always say the same,
But I see love really and!

I don't know why they love to Unruh,
When they come to pray to me,
To what the preacher has to say,
and just how he's to be loved!

I think, "Why don't they listen?
The do 'em good I know,
and if you don't get for the same"
Then I wonder why they say?

When you ask a man, the answer?
well - I never know and
To be sure, I'm sure here-
But just look at what I found!

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X-MAS

every body had heard about Christmas,
of Santa Claus and toys
And all about the gifts that come
to you! Little girls and boys
he learned the songs of straight bells
And their boys on the line,
He helped to keep the children
And the happy Christmas stars
He taught them not that deliberate
to the merits of far and near,
He showed them a serious matter as
this time as Christmas-time!

the town of innocents and angels
of heaven and of earth
of stuff his father called "angel's hair",
There wasn't much he didn't know!
but they didn't love in hell his
of the innocent, Virgin boys
And how he died for sinners
And rose the crown of thorns!
They think him to be of Christmas times
And we love for the cause
His Christmas was a huge success,
His soul a total loss!

F. L. Creel
Missouri, Baptist preacher

Submitted by Debra Johnson
also to Missionary Baptist Church

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Thank You Lord

Thanking Thee, O Lord, for all that Thou
Thy loving-kindness bestowest
From all that's dark and dreary
In abundance, Thy love I know.

Thou shalt I thank, O Lord, for all
Thy love and grace, O Lord, for all
Thy love and grace, O Lord, for all
Thy love and grace, O Lord, for all.

Thou art I, O Lord, for all
Thy love and grace, O Lord, for all
Thy love and grace, O Lord, for all
Thy love and grace, O Lord, for all.

I thank Thee, O Lord, for all that Thou
Thy love and grace, O Lord, for all
Thy love and grace, O Lord, for all
Thy love and grace, O Lord, for all.

Thank Thee, O Lord, for all that Thou
Thy love and grace, O Lord, for all
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Thy love and grace, O Lord, for all.

Fred C. Creel, Visalia

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Not on Wednesday Night

by Fred Creel

Heads and necks were turned
I, the preacher, was the head,
and people's hearts were turned
and my head to the side.

I felt sure had with other
and don't say that they
All come in the morning hours
to worship with the Lord.

Not to worship Sunday evening
to looking back then right,
and kneeling during service,
The all on Wednesday night
There was a great quiet religion
and some more to be seen,
to fill just what was wanted,
and don't go first to bed.

I have seen a man's words and
and on Sunday night, all that,
and kneeling during service,
The all on Wednesday night

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S. G. Creel

is it more always left a broken,
and the days like broken up,
and the time of crossing over
to my home beyond the sky
I have never with each heart beat,
And each step leads always home,
Please spend me, Lord, some common sense
So I'll not want to come
Give me wisdom, Lord, to serve you
And to follow where you lead,
Give me wisdom enough to separate
my wants from what I need
Give me grace and joy and gladness
And help me not to part
When things don't go the way I want,
And I'll not let my heart
Run when life is not as good,
And I'll not let my heart
Run when I have behind this world,
"No matter to do more!"

Fred C. Creel

Submitted by William Johnson, Editor

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PRECIOUS PROMISE

Precious promise, promise Divine,
Promise that's real, promise that's mine!
Promise of paradise in peace might take,
Promise to never leave me forsake!
He'll not forsake me in poverty, danger or
fear,
In daytime and night like my Lord will be
there!
Even down in the valley of the shadow of
death
My Lord will be there who first gave me
breath!
He'll not forsake me in sorrow, nor leave me
in pain,
And he'll labor beside me to gather life
again.
If I speak to a sinner he will hear in
pity,
One thing is sure, my Lord will be there!
Well then knowest men might be easy to
leave,
But my Lord forsake me never, no never!
Though all men forsake me and leave me alone
I'd still have the presence of Jesus,
the Son!
I'll never leave nor forsake thee,
promise Divine,
The sure of this promise, for Jesus is mine.
He might rebuke me for sin and lay on
the rod,
But forsake me? No never, He's my Lord and
my God!

Fred Creel

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Easter Sunday

Easter is passed
and all the land of
holiday worshippers
never darken the door.
They came in their finery,
and oh, how they sang!
sang a few songs
the rafters rang!

"They said they enjoyed it
and were all greatly blessed;
and were all, "Oh, so sorry",
for all the blessings they'd missed.

Most of them said they
would come back real soon,
then they hurried away
for a quiet afternoon.

Then Sunday by Sunday,
the year filled in,
but the crowds of last Easter
never drew nigh.

Some come for a funeral
some during the year,
and vowed to be faithful
through sorrow and tears.

But on Mother's Day several
come back again,
and here in revival
we saw eight or ten.

But most of the blessings,
in the home and the pew,
all the year long
went to a few!

Well, maybe next year,
if Christ doesn't come before then,
we'll see all those folks
back in Church, once again!

Fred Creel

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SOME CHURCHES

Some churches seem to be friendly,
So do we, and love;
For there want the Lord to share
and walk outside the door!

So a way like the Spirit,
to care and be our guest,
For us rejoice and souls are saved
When He is in our midst.

You'll always find you're welcome too,
Here where praise is heard;
As songs are sung and prayers are raised
and we preach His Holy Word!

So come, thou, and go with us
And we will do thee good,
As we try to stand in our Church,
Where souls of old have stood!

Fred C. Creel

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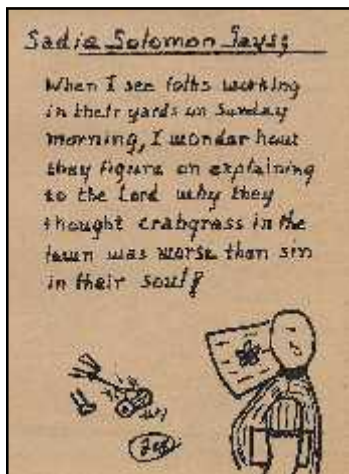


NOTE:—
While our Archive Files are an invaluable source for information on our preacher brethren, it is somewhat limited, in that we do not have a full time Archivist and our committeemen have not always been cooperated with.
However, we are gleaning extensive information from our Files of California Baptist Newspapers, Minute Book collection for Local, State & National Associations.
Everyone who have served on the History & Archives Committee, since it was formed in 1974, have made valuable contributions.

—Editor

Fred Clifford Creel

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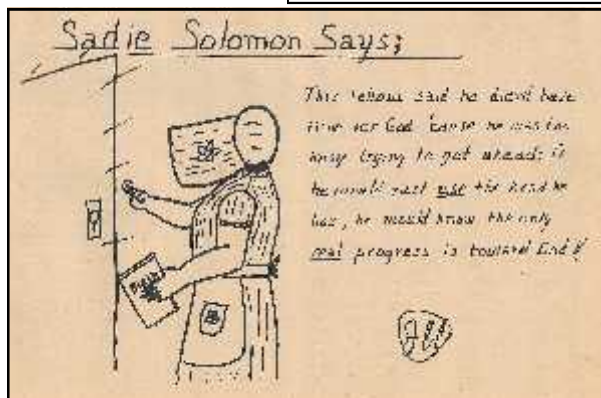
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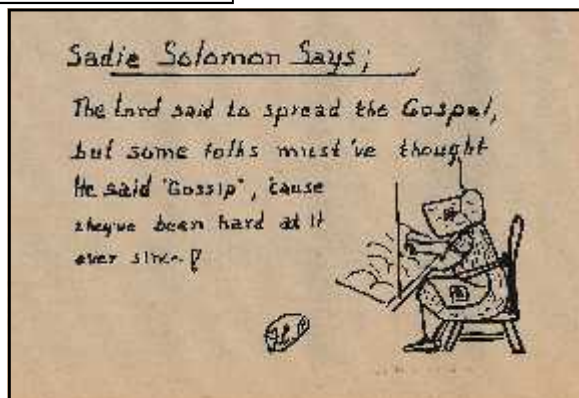
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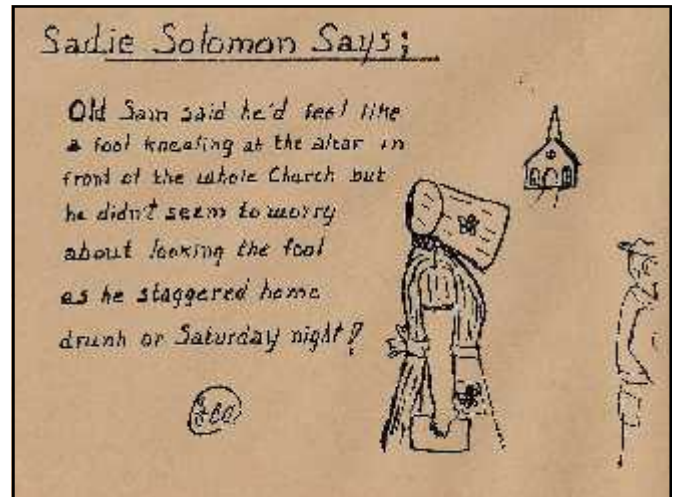


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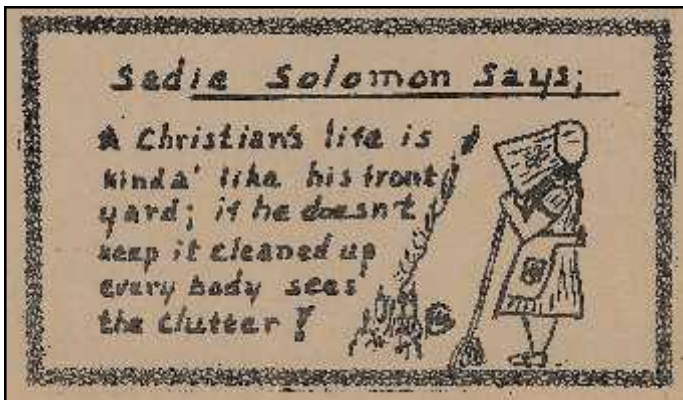
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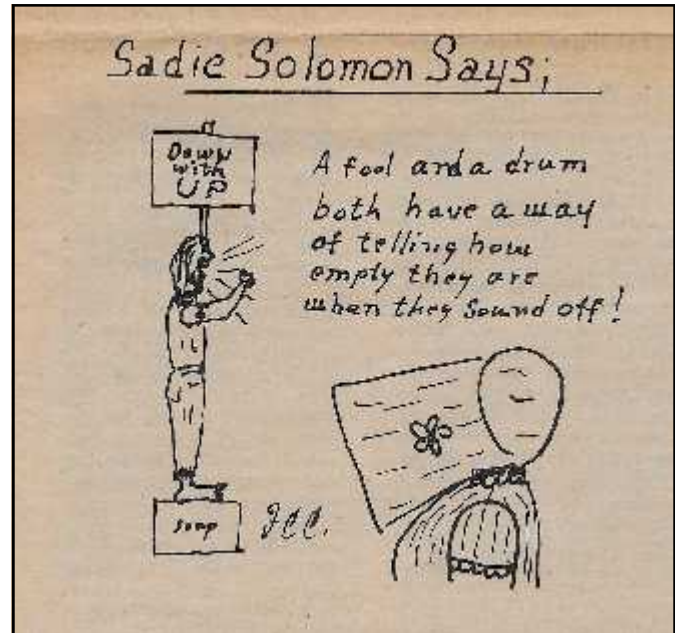
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