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New Kentucky Foreign Missions Director

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." (Proverbs 22:1).

To all Pastors, Ministers and Saints:

Greetings in the name of our Lord!

As most of you know by now, I resigned as Kentucky Foreign Missions Director to serve as Section N Presbyter. I feel that this is the will of the Lord for my life at this time. I want to thank each of you for your cooperation with me over the years. I still love missions but must follow the will of God for me as I know it.

Brother Anthony Keaton, pastor in Raceland, was appointed by the District Board to fill the unexpired term. Brother Keaton is a faithful minister who will serve us all well. He served the Kentucky District superbly for three years as Sunday School Director. He is a dedicated worker and was my personal choice because of his dedication. I pray that you will support him as you always supported me.

You have left a good name with me by your cooperation, assistance and support. I hope that I have done the same with you.

May God richly bless each of you!

Your brother in Christ,

James W. Gullett





My Beloved Enemy

Pastor G. L. Vittitow

District Superintendent Louisville, Kentucky

I would like to share, with our *Kentucky District News* readers, the following article written by the late Bill Britton. I read it recently in the *Mississippi Torch*. This article confirms that God can help us to use, for our benefit, that which was intended for our destruction.

You are not really my enemies at all . . . in reality you are some of the best friends I have. You who have lied about me, and about this ministry, who have tried to destroy people's faith and confidence in me, who have spread false and damaging rumors about my life and teachings . . . through your efforts there has been a work of grace wrought in this heart of mine that could never have happened without you.

My friends have been many, and loyal, and faithful to stand with me in many hours of trial and need. They have been strength in my weakness, added joy to my heart in time of sorrow, and have girded up my faith amidst raging doubts. They have brought me before the throne of grace innumerable times in their seasons of prayer. I could not have continued long in this spiritual conflict without these wonderful friends.

But, believe me, I speak in sincerity and truth, there can be no perfection in the lives of God's elect without the chastising work of a

real enemy. For when a bitter vicious person begins to do all they can to destroy me and my work for God, then there is a work done that brings out all the wrong and evil attitudes and spirits that lie hidden and deeply rooted in my heart. When a friend extols all my good virtues and praises me from their heart of true friendship, I can feel nothing but love for them. But, when I hear of an enemy who has unjustly brought shame upon me, there rises up a spirit of defending myself, and a spirit of "righteous indignation" to refute the enemy. It is then that the precious Holy Spirit does His office work and reveals to me the wrongs of my own spirit. I see in me then, the things I did not know were there before. With repenting and sorrow of heart I cry to God, and He delivers me from that which I have seen in my life. It was hidden, lying dormant, until you, my beloved enemy, brought it to light with your crucifying process. The prophets of old would never have had the glory of being stoned for the Word of God - and no martyr's crown could ever have been won by the early Christians without real enemies.

You see, I cannot crucify myself, and friends will not do it. So it takes you, my enemy, to bring me to the cross. And to the cross I must come, if ever I am to come to glory of perfection. But I have much

progress yet to make before coming to the image of my lovely Jesus. There is so much I must yet learn. And, my enemy, you are teaching me. I have learned that the road to glory is by way of the cross. Without you I would not have found the way. Someone had to crucify my Jesus. Not his friends, not his disciples, and He could not do it Himself. So Satan and the princes of this world stirred up hatred in the hearts of His enemies, and the work was done. Had they known that they were bringing Him into His glory, and bringing about the salvation of lost mankind, they would not have done it. And I'm sure that if you knew the good your efforts are working out in my life, you would not want to help me so much. But the work is being done, and I have learned to love you because of it. "Love thy enemies," He said, and I wondered how I could do it. But you have taught me. For because of you I have grown in God, increased in His Grace, and partaken of His divine nature.

Also, because of you, many have been turned away and refused to hear the truths imparted unto this vessel. Their ears have been filled with lies, and no doubt have thought that "no good thing could possibly come from such a one." But even here I have seen the hand of God.

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*Wisdom is knowing what to do; skill
is knowing how to do it, virtue lies in
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-David Storr Jordan

District Conference Report

Pastor H. Michael Anderson

The ministers and saints of the Kentucky District United Pentecostal Church gathered in Ashland, Kentucky for their annual District Conference on April 22-24. The District Board conducted a License Seminar on Monday, April 20, and met for business throughout the day on Tuesday and Wednesday. Six new ministers were licensed by the District Board.

Wednesday night was the annual ordination service. One couple, Brother and Sister Russell Roark from Whitley City, was ordained to the ministry. Brother Francis Mason as Canadian Regional Presbyter for the United Pentecostal Church preached.

Thursday morning the district conducted a breakfast for ministers and companions. Pastor Irvin Baxter, Jr.

from Richmond, Indiana, spoke of last days' events and the urgency of spreading our message as far and wide as possible before the return of Jesus.

The Thursday night service included the annual District Superintendent's message. Brother G. L. Vittitow ministered of God's greatness and encouraged our faith.

Friday morning the Foreign Missions sponsored a breakfast. Brother Stuart Lasseter, Ecuador, and his family shared their burden and the results of their ministry.

Business was conducted Thursday and Friday. Reports were read and approved and resolutions were adopted. The district officers selected to serve for the next two years are: Brothers H. Michael Anderson, District Secretary

and Treasurer; Paul E. Perry, Home Missions Director; Daniel Long, Sunday School Secretary and Treasurer; Scott Marshall, Youth Secretary and Treasurer; and Sister Nancy Eddy, Ladies Auxiliary Secretary and Treasurer. Brother Anthony Keaton was appointed by the District Board to finish the unexpired term of Foreign Missions Director. Brother Lloyd Dean was ratified by the District Conference as an honorary member of the Kentucky District Board. Our prayers are with these leaders as they seek the will and direction of God for our progressive district.

As a wrap-up to the week's meetings, services and business sessions the Pentecostal Conquerors hosted a state wide youth rally Friday night. Brother Mark Hopper, Louisville, ministered in the service under the supervision of Brothers Ron Tiller and Scott Marshall, district youth leaders.



Once for All Faith

Pastor Louis Edday, Jr.

Section U Presbyter Eminence, Kentucky

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 1:3).

While there are many avenues for us to pursue in this marvelous verse of scripture, I want to concentrate on the phrase, "Contend for the faith." In our examination I want to note the singleness of the faith, the *basis* of the faith, the *seal* of the faith and the *sign* of the faith.

Consider the *singleness* of the faith. Paul wrote the Ephesians we have. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism," (4:5). I've heard people say, "I have my faith and you have yours." I want to be rather dogmatic about this faith. If Jude said that we "should earnestly contend for the faith" then I think we "should earnestly contend for the faith!" I don't want to be offensive or call any denomination's name, but I believe if the Almighty God knows only one faith then it will not do anyone any good to search for another. There is only one faith!

One Bible translation renders the phrase "which was once delivered" as "once for all delivered." Every translation of the Scriptures leads to the conclusion that God never anticipated changing this one

faith. Many might insist they need a new faith for modern man, but they are wrong. Let's not be fooled. Man's flesh is as old as Adam because flesh does not change. People may dress it differently, but underneath it is the same old flesh. We have the same old tendencies, the same old inclinations, the same old lusts and desires, the same old hatreds and the same old evil passions. Flesh isn't modern and it doesn't need an adjustment of Scripture to address it.

Before there was a world, God prepared a plan for all that would submit to Him. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." (Ephesians 1:4). The Old Testament marches directly toward a deliverance from our fleshly, sinful nature. The tabernacle in the wilderness was the blueprint for the future. When the Master of the Universe arrived in this world He became the second man Adam. His coming gave us the *basis* of the faith for deliverance.

This is clearly seen in a conversation between Jesus and Peter. "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona:

for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:15-18). Some suggest that Jesus meant He would build on Peter. If that were true our building would have crumbled for Peter has been dead a long time.

Jesus was talking about the marvelous revelation that Peter just received. Jesus was the Christ and the Rock of our salvation. He is the Chief Cornerstone. We are built on Him. He is our Sure Salvation. He took on Himself flesh and blood to become our Representative and through His blood made possible our reconciliation to God. He became our Propitiator. "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God," (Romans 3:25).

We must believe on Him as the Scriptures say. He said, "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:47). And, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of

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God.” (John 3:5). He’s outlining the faith. The faith here has delineation. Again, I’m being dogmatic, but I’m going to contend for the faith. I must accept His doctrine, that is the *basis* of our faith.

Then Luke continues with the *seal* of our faith. “Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49). The promise is our seal. “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,” (Ephesians 1:13). “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto

the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30). The Holy Spirit, which is the promise, is also the *seal* of our faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

Finally, the *sign* of our faith. We must do as the disciples, “be endued with power from on high.” They waited in an upper room in Jerusalem. There they continued with one accord in prayer and supplication. Then, when the Day of Pentecost fully came, the Holy Ghost fell on them.

Pentecost was a feast observed by the Jews since the original erecting of the tabernacle in the wilderness. The Lord told Moses in Leviticus 23:16 to count fifty days from Passover and then celebrate

First-fruits or Pentecost. So fifty days after Passover, the killing of the sacrificial lamb, the priests were to take the first bread of the harvest and wave it before the Lord in thanksgiving.

On this particular Day of Pentecost the first-fruits of the sacrificial lamb that takes away the sin of the world were giving thanks. God responded to their patient praise with a supernatural *sign*. He used their voices and their tongues to give Him glory when they began to speak in another language. Speaking in tongues is the *sign* today of the faith once and for all given to the saints. Since it is given to each believer personally it testifies that you are a partaker of the faith.



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Ages 13 - single

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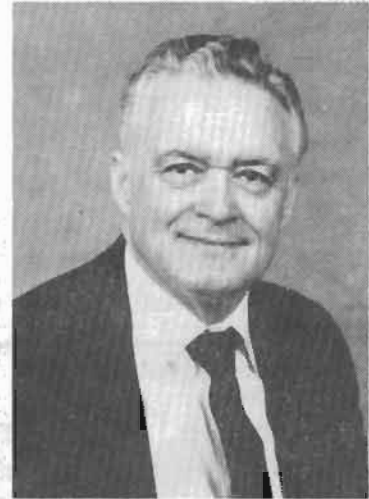
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Values That Last

Laura McIntosh
Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

Others understand our values in many ways. It could describe our dress, actions, speech, attitudes, resourcefulness, reputation and even moral goodness. When pondering the word, "values," I remembered a parable I read of a young mother who set her foot on the path of life.

"Is the way long?" she asked.

"It is and it is hard," she was told. "You will be old before you reach the end of it and the end will be better than the beginning."

The young mother was happy and could not believe that anything would be better than those years. She played with her children and gathered flowers with them along the way. The sun shone on them, life was good and the young mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then night came and a storm arose. The path was dark and the children shook with fear and cold. The mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle. The children said, "Oh, Mother, we are not afraid because you are near." To which the mother replied, "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage."

When morning came, they approached a hill. The children climbed and grew weary. The mother was weary, but all the time she said to her children, "A little patience and we will be there." So they climbed and finally reached the top. The children told the mother that they could not have done it without her strength of encouragement. When the mother lay down that night and looked up at the stars, she thought, "This is a better day than last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage, today strength."

The next day brought strange clouds that darkened the earth — clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled. The mother told them to look up, to lift up their eyes to the Light. The children saw above the clouds an everlasting Glory, and it guided them beyond darkness. That night, the mother felt that was the best day of all for she had shown her children God.

Many years passed and the mother grew old. She was little and bent, but the children were tall and strong. They walked with courage. When the way became hard they helped their mother.

At last they came to the hill with the shining road and the golden gates.

The mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. Now I know that the end is better than the beginning. My children can walk alone and their children also." She would always be with them for her values were more than a memory, they were a living presence.

Are we being candles for the Lord? If we are busy for the Lord, perfecting our walk and merchandise in our life, we will not be idle and our candle will not go out.

Esther saved the whole Hebrew population. A woman dropped a millstone on Abimelech's head when he was capturing the land of God's people. Miriam quickly recommended a Hebrew nurse for Moses after his mother made the decision, with God's leading, to hide Moses. The midwives ignored the king's order to kill all the male children.

Are we showing strength, giving courage, speaking wisdom, being honorable, using time wisely, giving love, sharing warmth, and building character development in our homes with our family? What kind of values are you teaching?

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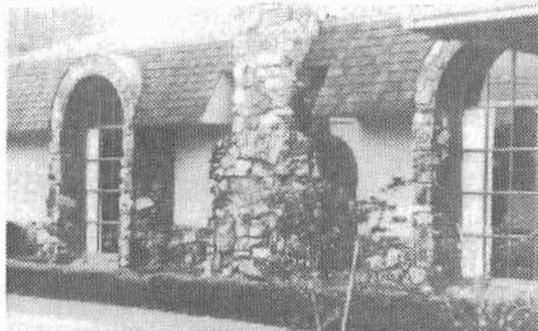
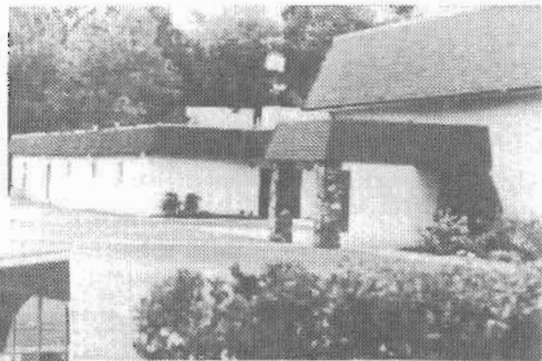


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My Beloved Enemy


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For those who have had ears to hear the voice of the Spirit have not believed the lies you have told them, and they have opened their hearts to the message for these last days. Thus, God has weeded out the chaff from the wheat, and is in the process of separating His own unto Himself. All things are working together.

So, my friends, for in reality I have no enemies in flesh and blood, your work has been sharp and cutting, and many times I was hurt and wounded deeply. But out of these trying experiences I have come forth a better Christian, and further on my way to being an overcomer. I doubt

that you will receive any rewards for your lies and your efforts to destroy me for "Woe unto them through whom these offenses come." But I want you to know that though your loss may be great in the day of judgment, I love you and appreciate the ministry you have had in perfecting this life of mine.

NOW JUST A WORD TO ALL WHO HAVE READ THIS . . . I trust that you have understood that this word has not been applicable to me only, but should apply as well to all of God's dear children. May the Spirit speak to your hearts and open your eyes to this great truth . . . that

without chastisement and the work of enemies we can never come into full sonship. And when we see how much our persecutions and afflictions mean to us in maturing our spirits and bringing us into His image, then we can truly "love our enemies," and "bless them that curse us." Praise God for His marvelous plan! And remember, all the enemy can destroy in the fires of persecution is "hay, wood, and stubble," and all they will melt and bring into His image is the "gold, silver and precious stones." So let us be willing to burn that which will burn, that those things which will not burn may stand forever. 

Support Native American Evangelism



The real Americans . . . what does the United Pentecostal Church owe them today? We need to reach the American Indian with the Gospel! With God's help we can take the knowledge of Jesus Christ to them. Don't you think we owe them -- as we owe every man -- that right?

Brother and Sister Anthony Goodman are on their way to New Town, North Dakota to minister to the Native American Indian. They will be in attendance at the Camp Meeting Home Missions service on Friday, June 19. Come and hear Brother and Sister Goodman tell of their burden for the North Dakota Indian.

They will be traveling in our District, visiting our churches, the week following Camp. Your invitation and monthly support of them and the church in New Town, North Dakota, is a matter of eternal importance. Thank you for valuing the worth of a soul.

Pastor Paul E. Perry
Home Missions Director
Kentucky District UPC

They Gave Their Best

Pastor H. Michael Anderson
District Secretary and Treasurer
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"And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: for all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had." (Luke 21:2-3).

It was the afternoon of our daughter's first piano recital. For weeks there were endless hours of practice. Angela toiled faithfully but worried she would not know the songs. We expected this, each week she complained about the hard new song she had to practice. Then, a day or two before the piano lesson and after consistent practice, she mastered the song and enjoyed playing it. These recital songs were just more challenging.

The Sunday afternoon of the recital the weather looked threatening. Twenty children from age six through high school lined the church pew waiting for their turn. Angela was number five as they progressed from novice to accomplished student. The first two students played simple, one-hand melodies, but it advanced to two hands, chords and finally portions of classical music.

Right in the middle of the recital the storm broke; the building echoed with thunder, lightening flashed and illuminated the walls — then the lights went out. The recital paused while the teacher found a candle to sit on the piano for the musicians. The parents and friends enjoyed a candle light concert while God added the accompaniment and special lighting effects.

As each student finished and stood to return to their seat the audience applauded in appreciation of the accomplishment. It didn't matter about minor mistakes or if the piece was simple, what counted to these listeners was effort. They rewarded them when they gave their best.

Jesus noticed people entering the synagogue one day. After some wealthy people gave their generous offering a poor, widow woman passed by Him. All she possessed was two pennies, but joyfully she dropped them in the offering box. That was when Jesus turned to His disciples.

"Look at that woman," He said. "Her offering may not be the largest today, but it is the greatest. She gave her best!"

That's all God expects and deserves of His followers, our best. And when we give our best, no matter how it compares to another's, God notices.

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