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*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18*

## *Pearls of Promise*

*Revelation 3:21*

*To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*

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### BY LAWS OF THE Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc. Article VII Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers who believe in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows.

- \* Triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- \* Creation and Formation
- \* Man is basically sinful and in need of salvation
- \* Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, which is the conception of Spiritual Life
- \* Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul, and Body, A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ
- \* Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by the speaking in other languages.
- \* Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
- \* Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- \* Washing of feet
- \* Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers
- \* Do not condone divorce and remarriage
- \* Destruction of the wicked
- \* Conditional Immortality
- \* Rapture of the Man Child Class
- \* Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly
- \* A ministry supported by tithes and offerings

These doctrines shall be adhered to in the teachings of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

*“Behold I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19*

“New” is uncomfortable for me. It automatically means change, and often I prefer the comforts of the norm. With that being said, God is doing a “new thing” here at AFBC. Transition and change are upon us, and we are trusting God to lead us and “make a way in the wilderness”. I’d like to share with you some of the changes taking place and how you can help.

There will be many changes taking place within the AFBC Faculty this summer. Darla Oakes and Cody Harris are both stepping down from their positions as Deans in the dorms. We are truly excited for both of them as they step into new seasons of life and ministry here at AFBC. This means this summer we will be expanding our staff to fill vacated Dean positions. I’m filled with many emotions as I inform you that Brian and Cheryl Moser and Seth Reed will all be resigning from their positions at AFBC after this year. There have been no problems, God is simply leading them elsewhere. We have spent much time in prayer over these decisions. I don’t believe this is the path that any of us would have chosen on our own, but we ALL know that God has spoken and we simply want to be obedient. With that being said, AFBC is at a transitional place. Please continue to pray for us as we seek the Lord’s will, and allow Him to order our steps.

As Superintendent, I’m asking for prayer in these specific areas:

Clarity– that we are given direction to fulfill the vision God has given us for AFBC

Unity– among Faculty/Staff, Board, students and supporters

Expansion– God would open up specific doors to help us increase our relationships

Provision– God would provide what we need and help us steward it appropriately

Growth– Spiritual growth within all of us which results in the physical growth of AFBC

On a much more exciting note, AFBC is in the process of expanding and upgrading right now! We are renovating two of the residences we currently own to accommodate Darla and Cody as they move out of the dorms. We will posting pictures on Facebook so you can keep track of our progress. We are also in the final stages of purchasing another lot on our block! We were approached last month about buying it and the Board unanimously decided we couldn’t let this opportunity pass; The way God has blessed us with surrounding properties over the last few years is unprecedented and nothing short of a miraculous! We are thrilled to see what God has in store!

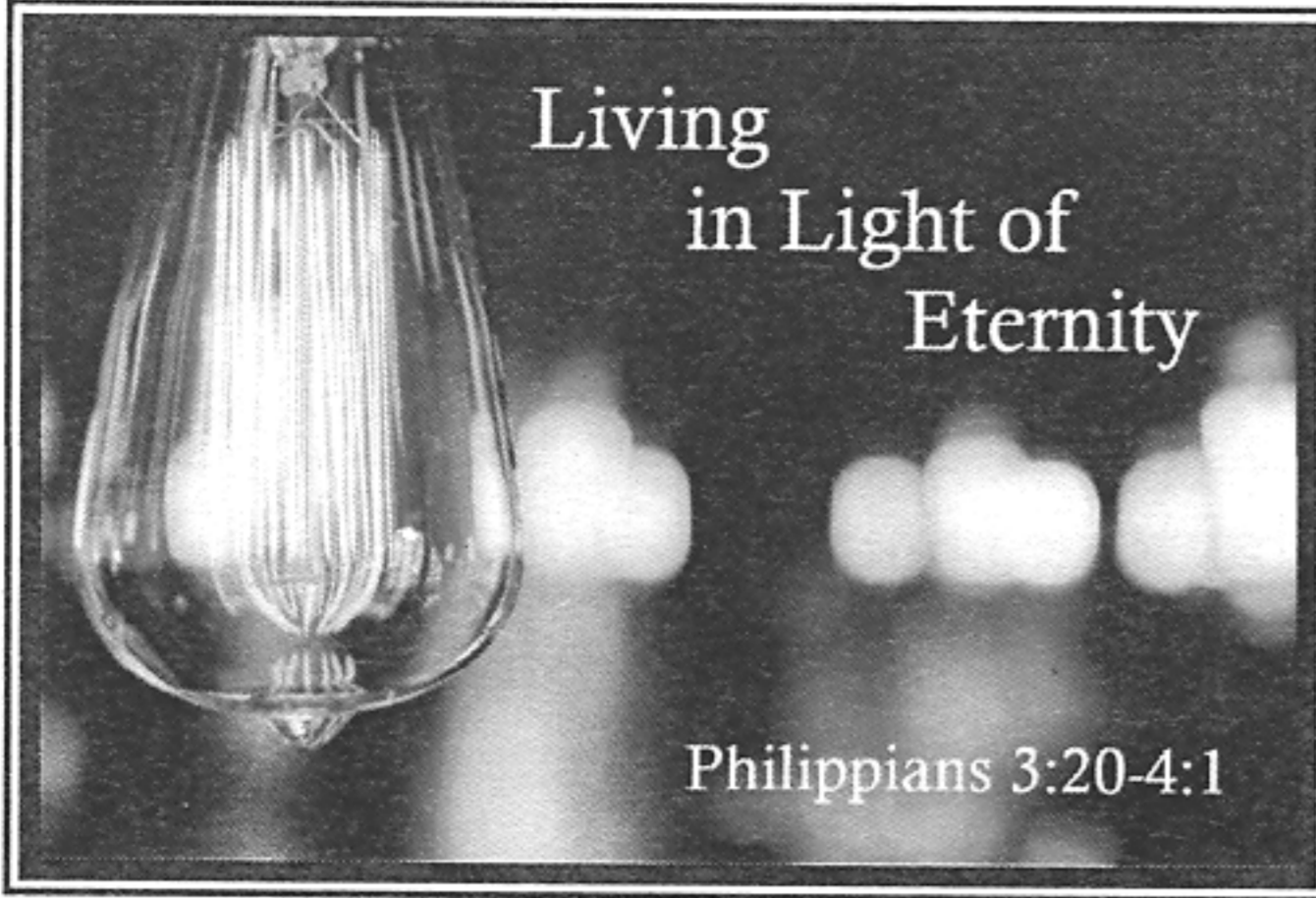
In all this transition, we continue to trust the Holy Spirit to lead us. These changes have produced many projects that we are glad to tackle; however, anything we do takes finances. We believe we can accomplish both renovations and the property purchase for less than \$50,000.00 We greatly appreciate all our staff does and our heart is to support and provide for them to the best of our ability. Please consider getting on board and supporting these endeavors. We know none of this is possible without faithful supporters like you! We truly appreciate you and all you do !

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## 2019 AFBC Alumni & Friends Banquet Baxter Springs, KS

Join us for the annual AFBC Alumni and Friends Banquet on Tuesday evening May 7, 2019 on the campus of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. This year we will be honoring the class of 1969 and 1994 for their 50th and 25th reunions. We will also be recognizing classes ending in 9 including special guests from the class of 1949!

Early bird pricing is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Please RSVP by April 27th for the best deal. Tickets go up to \$15.00 and \$10.00 at the door. For more information contact Cheryl Moser at 417-540-8737 or at

brian\_n\_cheryl@hotmail.com or message her on the Alumni Facebook page. Make plans now to attend this special evening and invite others to join us. See you there!

Cheryl Moser  
AFBC Alumni & President

### The Faithfulness of God

Karen Oakes – Editor

While working on this issue I read in the above announcement of the 2019 Alumni Banquet that there will be members of the Class of 1949 in attendance this year. I decided to go back in the archives and see what was said about the end of that term of the Apostolic Faith Bible School that year.

It was reported by the superintendent that they had a good enrollment and that the students had applied themselves and had progressed in a wonderful way. It also told that the faculty had been faithful in carrying the burden for their classes and students felt they were better equipped to minister in different ways. The deans were faithful in the duties that they did and everyone enjoyed the delicious meals provided every day.

Some needs at the Bible College were shared and they were – a larger chapel was needed along with housing for faculty and dormitory's for students and a longer term was needed, which He has provided.

As I read this I again thought of a message that is printed in every issue of the Report – “as the Lord provides”. Through the years God has remained faithful to meet the needs of AFBC, faculty, students, alumni, churches, camps, missionaries and all who labor in his Kingdom. And it is He that will continue to be faithful in the days ahead as we trust in Him. Praise His Name!

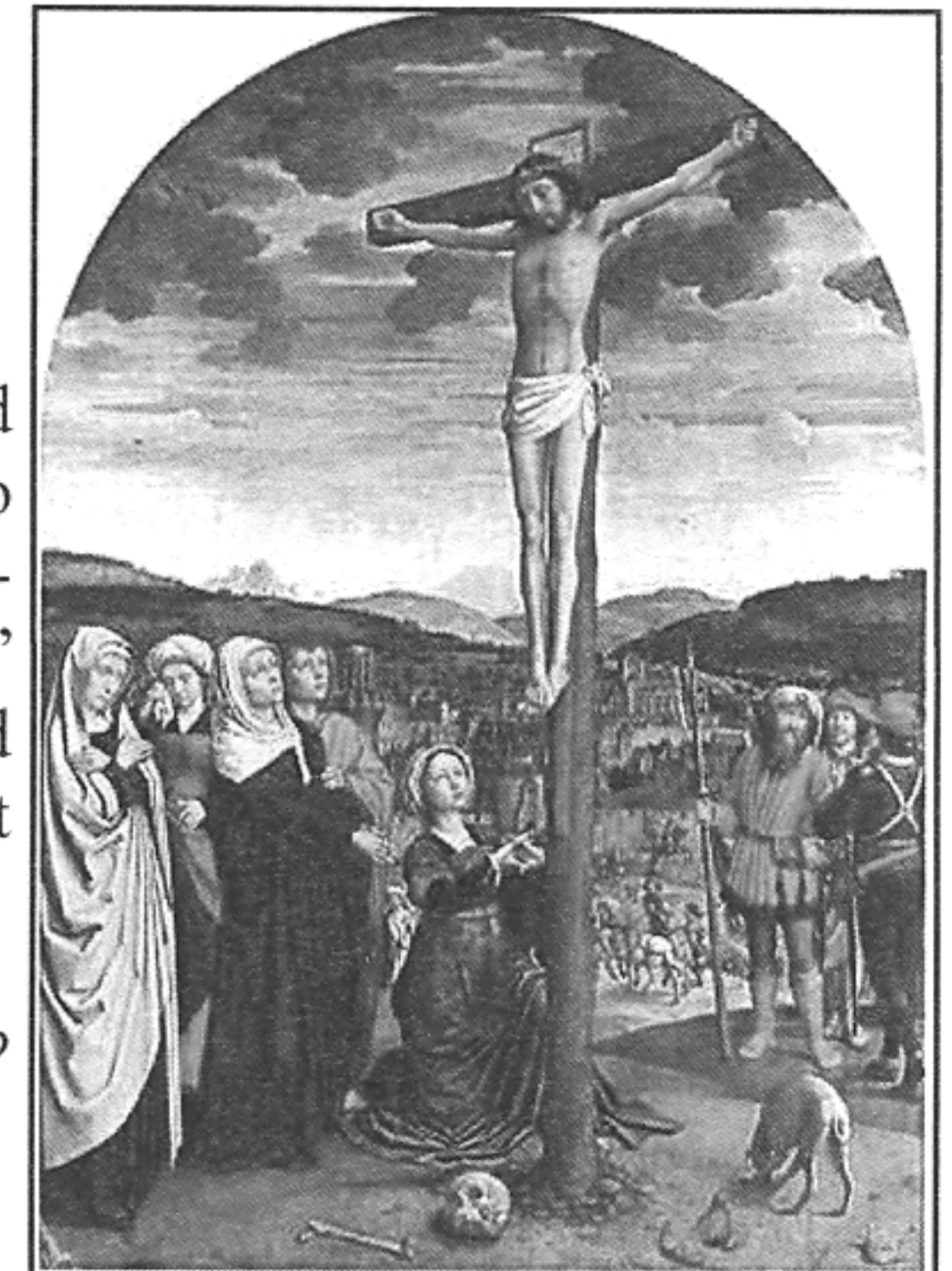
### Standing Between

*Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

**Matthew 20:28**

A Christian worker was visiting a penitentiary. There he found a man imprisoned for murder. He tried to reach his heart with the gospel story, but seemingly with no avail. On one visit the man spoke of his little boy. The evangelist saw his opportunity. “My brother,” said he, “what would you be willing to do for that child of yours?” The rugged man’s eyes flashed. With tremendous intensity he answered. “Mister, I’d stand between that boy and hell!” “Well my brother”, quietly replied the other, “that is exactly what Jesus has done for you.”

Do you want to know what salvation means – the mystery of Christ’s substitution? There you have it. Let Him be your Savior.



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## Ephesians 4

11. And he gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ;



# Weddings



## Singleton-Hernandez

On September 30, 2018 during the Sunday morning service at Tri -County Worship Center in Rockport, WV, Sekka Singleton and Jose Hernandez exchanged wedding vows and took communion together. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Everett Snyder, grandfather of the bride. Parents of the bride and groom are Ralph and LaDonna Singleton of Rockport, WV and Benjamin and Rosario Hernandez of Hardesty, OK.

A reception was held at Singing Hills Camp Ground. Jose and Sekka, graduates of the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS reside in Mineral Wells, WV. They both help teach and are on the music team at Tri-County Worship Center,

## Walters– Dominguez

Rebekah Walters and Erik Dominguez were united in marriage on December 1, 2018 at the Old Redings Mill Bridge south of Joplin, MO.

Rebekah is the daughter of Jeff and Kelly Walters of Bella Vista, AR and Erik is the son of Rebecca Barron of Anderson, MO.

The ceremony was performed by the grandfather of the bride, Jim Whitlock of Joplin, MO. Rebekah is a 2016 graduate of the Apostolic Faith Bible College and Erik is in the United States Air Force and stationed at Elgin Air Force Base. They reside in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.



## Blessings to you

Dear AFBC Scholarship Fund,

Thank you for supporting me as I continue my education at West Virginia University in Parkersburg, WV. The Apostolic Faith Bible College is still in my prayers. God Bless!

Alexandra Tennant– 2018 AFBC Alumni  
Parkersburg, West Virginia

## 50th Anniversary



A 50th wedding anniversary celebration was held on Feb.10,2019 in honor of Jim and Ruth Whitlock of Joplin, MO.

Family and friends gathered at The Ramsey in downtown Joplin to honor this milestone in their lives.

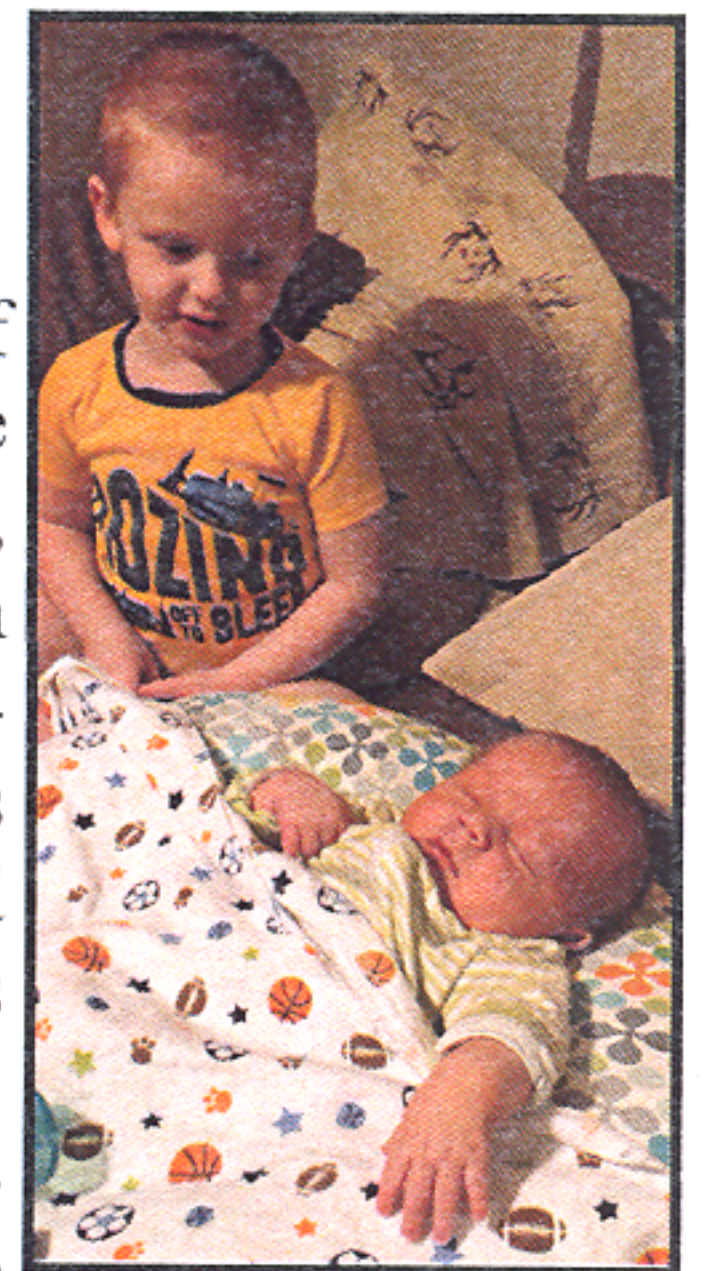
They were married on Feb.7,1969 at East Fourth Chapel in Joplin, MO with Rev. W.O. Nunn performing the ceremony.

Jim and Ruth's children are Amanda (Bill) Arwood, Kelly (Jeff) Walters, Shonna (Jeremy) Justin, Melinda Martin, Melanie Salyer, Crystal ( Michael) Richey, Kathleen (Dave) Riggens, Angel (Ronnie) Bollig, Joe (Amanda) Whitlock and Jessica Whitlock. They have 31 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Jim and Ruth attend the Spring Grove Trinity Apostolic Faith Mission in Galena, KS.

## A New Brother

Thomas Gene Wilson, age 3 1/2 of Ava, MO would like to announce the birth of his new baby brother, Owen Lane Wilson. Owen was born on Jan.21, 2019. He weighed 9lbs 4 oz and was 20 1/2 in long. Thomas and Owen's parents are Daniel and Jennifer Wilson. Their grandparents are Dwight & Carla Wilson, Ava, MO and Georgia Seiter of St. Louis, MO. Great grandparents are Chloe Wilson, Forsythe, MO and Dennie and Karen Oakes, Joplin, MO.





## 90th Birthday

On Jan.26,2019 179 family and friends gathered together at Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO to celebrate the 90th birthday (Jan. 31st) of Forrest Lee Oakes of Neosho, MO. His children, Carol Oakes (Gaytha), Hoenwald, TN, Iletha Bard (Mark), Joplin, MO, Darrel (Paula) Oakes, Oologah OK and Anita Oakes, Joplin, MO along with grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren hosted the event. After a delicious meal, several spoke of memories of Lee and then went into the church sanctuary to participate in singing and music. Music has



always been a big part of Lee's life and continues today. He plays with a group that visits nursing homes, senior apartments and residential care facilities several times each month.

Lee has been a faithful servant of God since he and his late wife, Mary Kathryn, were both saved in a revival held in 1956 at the East Fourth Chapel in Joplin, MO where Paul Clanton was pastor and Bob Cooper was the evangelist.

## Apostolic Faith Minister's Retirement Fund

Ted Barker- Fort Worth , TX

I write this letter on behalf of the Minister's Retirement fund. As many of you know, this work was started in 1995 to help our retired ministers and their spouses in a time when they were no longer able to minister. It started with just a token amount each month and over the years we were able to increase each month payment. Through the effort of a number of individuals and some churches, we were able to help these precious people who have dedicated their lives to the service of the Lord. Unfortunately, we have only enough funds to carry this work on for a few more months. I am asking the readers of the Report to please pray the Lord impress on each of us who would like this work continue to give so those who are no longer able to minister can continue to be blessed. Sometimes a few dollars for these folks means so much. I am well aware there are many projects that merit our giving, but we dare not fail to pray and give to those who have sacrificed to minister to many of us.



The Board of Directors for the Ministers Retirement Fund want to express a heart felt "Thanks" to all of the individuals and churches for your support over the past 23 years. That vision of helping support those who are no longer able to minister any longer, has been a blessing to many of those retirees. It is our desire that we rally to the call and see this work continue.

May God bless each one of you is our prayer.

Ted Barker, Joye Watson, Jack Cornell  
Board of Directors

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For those desiring to see this work continue, gifts may be sent to :

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*And even to your old age I am He, and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made and I will bear, even I will carry, and will deliver you. Isaiah 46:4*

## *Keep Looking*

This seems a little strange, me writing an article for the paper. I had a thought, so I called Karen to see if I could. She said yes.

How this thought came about was when we had our Christmas tree lights on this past Christmas. My husband had put a timer on our tree lights. It was to go on at 3:00 p.m. and go off at 11:45 p.m. I like to see them go off but that day I wanted to see them come on. It was getting pretty close for them to come on and I said something to my husband and I glanced away and I didn't see them come on. So I didn't keep looking and I missed seeing them come on.

There is a song I thought about. It says "Don't take your eyes off the Savior, Don't forget He's close today, Don't look away for a moment-you will surely lose your way."

And here are a few scriptures I thought about:

Abraham kept looking for a city. Hebrews 11:10— "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

Elisha kept watching and looking at Elijah so he could have a double portion. II Kings 2-9-10 "And it came to pass when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so."

Simeon was waiting and looking for the Savior. Luke 2:25-30— And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit unto the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law. Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God and said, Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

Zacchaeus climbed a tree looking for Jesus to pass by. Luke 19:1-4— And Jesus entered and passed through Jerico. And behold there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him for he was to pass that way."

I wanted to share these with you and in Luke 21:36 it says " Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Also Luke 21:27-28. "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh,

So Keep Looking and let us not take our eyes off of the Savior

Joyce (Joy) Babst  
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### **Has It Occurred To You?**

Has it occurred to you that God could have kept Daniel out of the lions' den?

And that He could have kept Paul and Silas out of jail?

That He could have kept the three Hebrew children out of the fiery furnace?

Actually, though, God has never promised to keep us out of hard places. What He has promised is to go with us through every hard place and to bring us through victoriously.

## River of Life Christian Fellowship Trapper Creek, Alaska



Greetings from Trapper Creek,

Praise God for what is happening at River of Life! It's been a busy year and God is blessing the work here. The congregation has been growing in the Lord and in numbers.

The big news is that Jeff and Linda and their family have moved into the new parsonage. It is substantially complete, although there are a few finishing touches that will happen in the near future. The progress on this project is nothing short of a miracle. We thank God and all of you for making it possible. Thank you for the prayer, encouragement, physical help, gifts of furnishings and financial support you have shared so generously. It will be a blessing to the work of God in Trapper Creek for many years to come.

We have been able to do this with a very limited amount debt. God has enabled us to build a four bedroom home designed with space to house a large family and host church related events. At this point we owe approximately \$12,000.00 for materials on the project. Please help us pray that we can clear this balance.



Some recent events of the church have been a Thanksgiving service and a potluck, The Kid's Christmas Program, a potluck when the Life for Christ from Wasilla was up for a service, another potluck at Christmas time, a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, A New Year's Eve fellowship, Super Bowl fellowship and a Valentine event. All of these have been well attended and well received by the community.



The men have continued to meet for coffee and cut wood for needy community members and the ladies meet for event planning. The mid-week study on "The Battlefield of the Mind: is ongoing.

Plans for future events include a study on Revelation which will be held on Monday evenings and taught by a guest speaker. The speaker will also give his testimony at a Sunday Service. And the men's coffee will continue on Thursdays and the ladies meet monthly. Jeff is working with Life for Christ to plan a monthly youth outreach.



God is greatly moving in the area and Pastors Jeff and Linda are working very hard to reach the lost, encourage believers, and train up disciples. Please keep them in prayer in the coming year.

God bless you and thank you again for being a part of God's work in Trapper Creek.

Sincerely,  
Virginia H. Smith  
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Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.





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Senior Camp- June 24-28

Directors- Dirk & Elizabeth Stinson

409-202-9228

### **1 Timothy 4:12**

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

### **AFBC College Day and Youth Event**

**April 12, 2019**

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We are looking forward to the 4-State Youth Camp in Baxter Springs, KS this year. The theme is "**Like, Follow, Share**". The idea is that we are called to be like Christ, to follow Christ and to share Christ with a lost world! Please be in prayer that eyes, ears and hearts will be open to what the Lord wants to speak to the young people.

Kendall and Laticia Glenn-Directors

479-209-2614



### **4-State Junior Youth Camp**

**June 12-15**

This year my fiancé Austin Laubach and I have the privilege of directing the 4 State Junior Youth Camp at Baxter Springs, KS. This week is for campers 8 years of age through the summer following the 6th grade of school. We are so grateful for the opportunity to introduce the young campers to Jesus Christ and see God do amazing things in all of their lives. Please, remember the camp in prayer in all the weeks of preparation and especially the weeks of both camps. If you have any questions concerning Junior Camp please feel free to contact me at 417-540-0250.

Sarah Harris

### **Youth Summit 2019**

**July 25-27**

**Apostolic Faith Bible College**

**Baxter Springs, KS**

**Brian & Jenny Harris**

**417-499-9209**



# *Faithfully Contend For the Faith... Jude 1:3*

## *Camp Meeting 2019*

Several months ago, God began speaking to me about Camp Meeting 2019. Since then I have gone back in my mind to the many camp meetings I attended growing up. I remember the joyous singing and hours of prayer in fervency and intimacy with God that I saw in men and women who have long since passed. I remember the campgrounds at Baxter Springs, KS filled with RV'S and even tents as people came to spend a week in the presence of God and in fellowship with their brothers and sisters. Then it struck me that the generation I remembered also looked back to the one before it with fond memories of how God used to move. But we cannot live in memories of what used to be. God is calling us to earnestly contend for the faith that Jesus once delivered to those who walked with Him while He was on this earth; the faith that Paul the Apostle established in the early church. That is the reason for this year's theme. I feel very strongly that God wants to do great things in His body through this Camp Meeting and I encourage you to make every effort to attend and be part of what God is going to do.

Travis Bard

**July 17-21**  
**Apostolic Faith Bible**  
**College**  
**Baxter Springs, KS**

**Camp Meeting will begin**  
**Wednesday the 17th with**  
**an evening service at 7**  
**and end on**  
**Sunday evening.**

**Camp Director:**  
**Travis Bard**  
**417-622-8658**

**For more information about**  
**Camp Meeting 2019 or to re-**  
**quest lodging please visit:**  
**[https://sites: google.com/](https://sites.google.com/view/campmeeting2019)**  
**view/campmeeting2019**

## Norma Lea Johnson

1939-2018



Norma Lea Johnson, age 79, of Joplin, MO passed away on Nov.3,2108 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO following an illness.

Norma was born on Oct.7, 1939 in Benton County, AR, the daughter of George and Georgia (Donnelly) Fowler. Norma was a long time area resident and worked for many years at The Candy House as a chocolate dipper until she retired in 1998. She was a faithful member of the Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church.

She married Donald Johnson on Oct. 12, 1957 in Gravette, AR. He survives. Additional survivors include two daughters, Melodie Conley and husband Robert of Fort Gibson, OK, Donna Salzberg and husband John, of Uxbridge, MA; one sister, Bertha Mae Cannon of Kansas City, MO; four grandchildren, Zachary Doss, Jessica Caywood, Dan Salzberg, and Kate Salzberg; and five great grandchildren, Aiden Bemo, Dylan Doss, Michael Hix, Chloe Hill and Tanna Hill. Norma was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a sister.

Services were held on Friday, Nov.3, 2018 at Mason Woodard Funeral Chapel. Rev. Joel Dorris officiated. Burial was in Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery.

## Carol Sue Malone

1944-2018

Carol Sue (Baker) Malone of Laverne, OK, went to be with the Lord on December 29,2018, at the age of 74. She was born on September 10,1944 in Ellis County, to Jacob Baker and Audrey Clayton Baker, She married Earl Gene Malone in Laverne, OK on March 29,1965.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years; two daughters, Anita Denise Stevenson of Holcomb, KS, Pamela Sue Foti and husband Cory of Tulsa, OK; 5 grandchildren, Amanda Leigh Stevenson. Kendall Maloy Stevenson, Adrienne Kay Stevenson, Marcus James Heald, and Alyssa Denise Stevenson; 2 great grandchildren, Raiden O’Ryan McVey Bennett and Emmarie Ann Stevenson; sister Betty Baker Welsh. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Dixie Deal.

Carol was a devoted Christian, wife and mother. Each day would begin and end with reading scripture and prayer. Born on a farm and twelve years younger than her two sisters, Carol lived a life of compassion and hard work from the classroom to the choir room. There was not enough “I love you’ s” or “thank you’ s” to acknowledge the light and love that she brought into the world.

Memorial services were held On Jan.2,2019 at the Trinity Faith Fellowship in Laverne, OK. Interment followed at the Laverne Cemetery.



## Rev. Calvin Edward Springer

1929-2019



Rev. Calvin Springer ,89,of Rockdale, TX passed away at his home on Jan. 13, 2019. He was born July,21,1929 in the Elevation Community in Milam County, TX to Theo P. and Emily E. (Nelson) Springer. He grew up and attended school in Milam County. On June 25, 1952 he married Doris Lee Mc Coy at the Apostolic Faith Church in Rockdale, TX

Rev. Springer was called into the ministry, beginning in tent revivals. He pastored churches in Spearman, TX, Wichita, KS and Rockdale, TX. He continued in evangelistic work after pastoring and serving various churches as interim pastor. Rev. Springer was a member of

Full Gospel Evangelistic Association and served as vice president and president of FGEA for several years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris on Aug. 26,2004; his mother on Jan, 28,1964. his father on May 4,1981 and two brothers Leland Springer on June 28,1988 and Rev. Doug Springer on July, 13, 2017. Surviving are a daughter; LeAnn Wilde and her husband Doug of Rockdale, TX; two granddaughters, Ann Alexandra Wilde And Caroline Lee Wilde and a sister, Dorothy Muston of Rockdale, TX.

Services were held at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with Rev. Ronnie Martin, Rev, Marcus Evans and Rev. Barry Methvin officiating. Burial was in IOOF Cemetery in Rockdale, TX.

## Ermarita Mariah Urick

1938-2019

Ermarita "Sissie" Mariah Pletcher Urick, age 80, of Alvin, TX went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Jan.11, 2019. Sissie was born on Oct, 31,1938 to Jacob Hornberger Pletcher and Demerita Mae Beagle Pletcher in Arnett, OK. Her parents, who were pastors in the Apostolic Faith, passed on to her a love for serving Jesus Christ and for helping others. Over the years, Sissie remained true to her faith and believed with all of her heart that life is meaningless without the Lord.



Teaching and nurturing children was a life long calling for her. She married Fred Calvin Urick on Nov.3,1956 and filled her life with caring for her family. She was a loving mother to her children Deme Jo Urick Anderson and Jacob John Urick, and also to her two youngest siblings, Zale Roy Pletcher and Karen Joan Pletcher, who she helped to raise.

Sissie taught Sunday School and also at Alvin Christian Academy for several years and was highly involved in her grandchildren's lives. She helped raise and home school Karen's 3 children, Kristen Elise Grimmer, Miranda Suzanne Grimmer Roh and Joshua Savoy Grimmer. She loved and mentored Demi's adopted daughter and son, Camille Morgan Blake and Mark Morgan and Jacob's children, Moriah Urick and Jacob Urick. Her lessons always included memorizing and reciting scripture, especially the 23rd Psalm but she also loved "A Wise Old Owl" nursery rhyme.

She had a love for music and was a skilled pianist. One of her favorite hobbies was to teach piano lessons and play for church singing and she passed down her talent and love of piano to her daughter Deme Jo as well. She was always quick to arrange for her family to sing with her in church whenever they could. She loved southern gospel music and her favorite was "We have this moment today" by William and Gloria Gaither.

Sissie had a robust sense of humor, which became most apparent later in life, when she was often with her golden girl friends, Mary Barker and Bertie Clark. The ladies most famous prank was toilet papering the parsonage of the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin late one Saturday night. The next morning in Sunday service, the pastor at the time, Edwin Waterbury, lectured the youth group for their behavior, never realizing it was the older matrons of the church who were really responsible.

Sissie is survived by her children, Deme Anderson (Milton) and Jacob (Kristal) Urick and her grandchildren, Camille, Mark, Molly, and Jacob; her four siblings, Jacob John Pletcher, Rockney Dee Pletcher, Zale Roy Pletcher and Karen Joan Grimmer. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Demerita, and her husband Fred, who she cherished.

She will be greatly missed here on earth, but she left an enduring legacy of love, family, honor and most of all faith in Jesus Christ.

Graveside services were held on Jan, 18,2019 at South Park Cemetery in Pearland, TX.

## Remembering a Veteran



### Quinten H. Beagle

Quinten Howard Beagle, son of John Martin Beagle and Erma Bradley Beagle, was born Feb.15,1921 at the family farm southeast of Arnett, Ok and passed from this life at the same farm at the age of 96 on July16, 2017.



On March 2, 1943 Quinten left the farm and joined the United States Army serving in France and Germany during WWII and was honorably discharged on March 6, 1946. He was decorated with the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and American Theater Ribbon.

On April 9,1947 he was united in marriage to Geraldine "Gerri" Stimson in Vici, Ok. She preceded him in death. The couple made their home in the Eddie community and owned and operated their own dairy farm for forty years. A Christ centered foundation was provided for the family. He was a member of the NRA, Oklahoma Cattleman's Association and the Apostolic Faith Church. He was a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather to daughters; Quineta (Allan) Wylie, Edmond, OK, Berylene (Raleigh) Steed, Rhome, TX, Daryn (Paul) Noyes of Oklahoma City, OK; four grandchildren and spouses and 8 great grandchildren.

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## AFBC Spring 2019 Schedule

Spring Music Tour  
March 9th -26th

Spring Mission Trip  
March 15th-23rd  
San Luis Potosi, Mexico

2019 AFBC Commencement  
Exercises  
May 7th-9th

Tuesday May 7th @ 9 a.m.  
Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday May 7th @ 7 p.m.  
Friends and Alumni Banquet

Wednesday May 8th @9a.m.  
Annual Business Meeting  
Open to All

Wednesday May 8th @7 p.m.  
Ordination/Dedication

Thursday May 9th @9a.m.  
1st and 3rd year awards  
Music and Missions  
Presentations

Thursday May 9th @ 12:00  
BBQ Lunch

Thursday May 9th @  
7:00p.m.  
2nd year graduation