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*Precious in the sight of the Lord is  
the death of his saints.*

*Psalms 116:15*



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Christenson*

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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 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 the 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.

# It's Great To Be Part of a Small Church

by: Rev. Charles Stilman  
Joplin, Mo.

Churches come in all sizes in our world, and in our town. A few churches are "mega - churches" that are several thousand each Sunday, but these are only 10% of the total. Another 10% of the churches are the middle sized churches that are just a few hundred. That leaves 80% of the churches that are small.

There are advantages in the "mega- churches" with all they can offer. Even the middle sized churches can offer more than the smaller churches can. But there are a lot of benefits in being a part of a small church, which again pictures most of the churches in our land.

## What Makes It Great to Be A Part Of A Small Church?

We have a stronger sense of family. We live in a world that is uncaring, fast paced and pulls people apart. Consider some of the things that have happened in the last 30 years. Violent crime has gone up 500%, illegitimate births have gone up 400%, the number of children living in single parent homes has tripled, the divorce rate has doubled, SAT scores are down. The days of "Leave it to Beaver" were in "black and white"... but things are really mixed up in our world. We've heard of the Rose Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Orange Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, and Super Bowl... but in our world we have enough kids involved in immorality to support a drug habit.. to Fill All of those at once. 60% of Church kids are sexually active in our world. Welcome to our "enlightened world" Half of all adults under the age of 30 will choose to live together before they get married. The phrase "serial monogamy" has been coined to describe what is going on. Since the days of "Leave it to Beaver" parents now spend 40% less time with their kids.

Because we don't understand the nature of the problem, we're throwing the wrong things at it to fix it. We're trying tax breaks, new laws, restructuring, and programs of all kinds. What we have is a spiritual problem and what we've thrown at it won't work. You can't throw money and laws at a spiritual problem and fix it. You also can't fix a spiritual problem when you allow liberalism to mutilate the way you look at the Bible. That only makes the mess worse. Our world need to return to a stronger sense of family and to Conservative Christianity.

What America's families need can be found right

here. We know each other and support each other. We believe the Bible to be our guide... for every part of our individual, family and national life. We believe the Bible to have the answer for every problem that our world can throw at us, so we can point you to the Answer... not just to another problem. And, with our strong sense of family, when a problem is thrown at one of us, that heavy burden is shared by the rest of us. Because of that, those loads are lighter and solved a lot easier. All of this is true in small churches, so don't pass them up easily. This is exactly what a lot of people are looking for and need in their lives.

We can give greater opportunities to grow. We Need you! In bigger churches there is a large pool of members to choose from. When you need a teacher, a deacon or an elder in large churches you have a lot of people to choose from. We don't have a large pool of members to choose from, but the ratio of "roles" to "members" is about the same, whether you are talking about a large church or a small church.. We are "small" but we still need officers, teachers, sponsors, and workers of all kinds. No matter who you are, we need you. We can use you. In a large church, there are so many that you often have to "rotate" the people you have in each role. You might have the desire to teach or serve in some area in age church...and rarely have the chance to do it. We can use you every Sunday. While in a large church you might not have a choice what role you play and might only be able to serve in that role rarely, you can serve in a different roles here quite often. Sometimes "smaller" churches end up being a "training ground" where those who serve in large churches gained their skills. If you want to be used, we can use you.

We will miss you. The larger the church the easier it is not to be missed, even for several weeks. It's too easy to get lost in the crowd where you're not missed and no one knows how much you are hurting inside and the deep needs you have. We will not only miss you, we know you well enough and are close enough to each other that we will probably know ahead of time when you do miss a Sunday. And because we are small and know each other better, you are more likely to gain the encouragement you need.

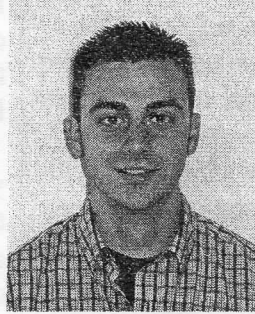
Proportionally speaking, more teachers, preachers, elders and deacons have been developed in small churches than in large churches. If what you are looking for is a spiritual family and an opportunity to grow as a Christian...this is the place! It's great to be a part of a small church!

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# AFBC First Year Students 2003-2004

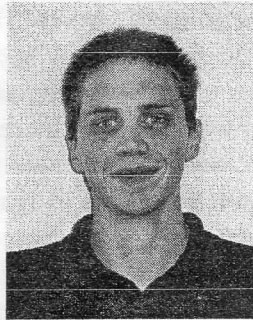


Belinda Bejarano, 18, is the daughter of Fred and Kim Bejarano, of Alvin, Texas. She attends the Alvin Apostolic Faith Church where Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Arnall are pastors.

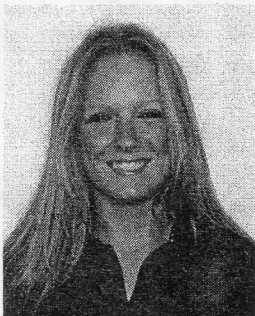
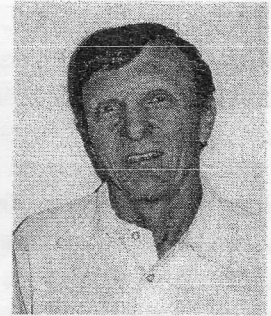


Tyler Braden, 18, Forsyth, Missouri is the son of Tom and Carla Braden. Tyler's pastors are Rev. and Mrs. Austin Sutton of the Apostolic Faith Church in Taneyville, Missouri. Rev. and Mrs. Jon Clayton are his youth pastors.

Troy Burks, 28, is from Anderson, Missouri, and is the son of Wayne Burks and Darla Taylor of Anderson, Missouri. He attends Believer Faith under the ministry of Rev. Sandy Shaw.



Wayne Burks, 56, is the husband of Nancy Burks, they are from Anderson, Missouri. Wayne is a drive in student and attends Moss Bible Church. Rev. Bob Halloway is his pastor.



Chasity Carter, 18, is the daughter of Dennis and Trebby Carter, of Forsyth, Missouri. Chasity attends the Taneyville Apostolic Faith Church. Rev. and Mrs. Austin Sutton are her pastors and Rev. and Mrs. Jon Clayton her youth pastors.

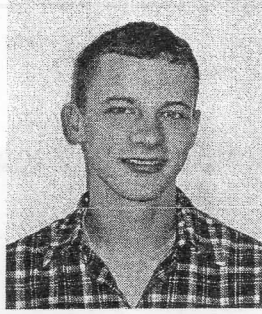


Laura (Nikki) Cupps, 19, of Neosho, Missouri is the daughter of Sandra Hunt. She attends the Granby Gospel Tabernacle where Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Long are her pastors and Steve and Sabrina Stockton are youth pastors.



The Cook Family- Coby, 25, and Stephanie, 22, and son Logan 1 year old, are from Amarillo, Texas. Logan's grandparents are Clifford and Carol Cook of Amarillo, Texas, and Steve and Cathy Arnall of Follett, Texas. Coby and Stephanie's pastor is Rev. Jimmy Evans of Trinity Fellowship Church.

Ryan Harper, 18, is the son of Ken and Bobbi Harper of Joplin, Missouri. Ryan attends the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church of Prosperity, Missouri. Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Wheeler are his pastors.



Stacy Pace, 37, Rogers, AR. is the wife of Robin Pace and mother of Jesse, 15 and Hope, 6. She attends the Assembly of God in Rogers, AR. under the ministry of Rev. Robert Jackson.



Brandy Tandy, 14, daughter of Donnie and Laurie Tandy, of Joplin, Missouri, is a home school student who is attending AFBC with her mother. She is in the Sign Language class taught by Sis. Bev Karber.



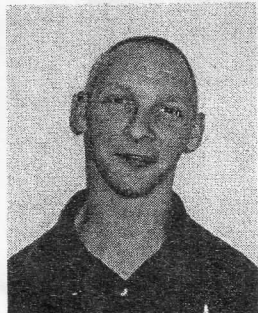
Laurie Tandy, 34, of Joplin, Mo. is the wife of Donnie Tandy. She has two children, Nick Caskey, , and Brandy Tandy, . They attend the Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church. Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Wheeler are her pastors.

# AFBC Second Year Students 2003-2004

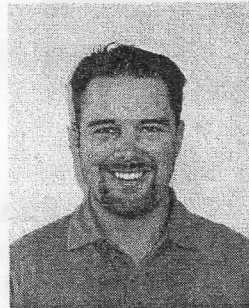
Mary Bailey, 19, of Victoria, Texas is the daughter of Richard and Wilma Bailey. This past summer Mary served as a counselor at the 4-state youth camp and attended Union Chapel Church, in Stella Missouri where Rev and Mrs. Frank Arnall are pastors.



Kristen Grimmer, 19, is the daughter of Savoy and Karen Grimmer, of Baxter Springs, Kansas. She served as youth camp counselor at the 4-state Youth Camp. She attends the Baxter Chapel where Howard and Yvonna Whiteley are her pastors.



Chad Crane, 28, comes from Webb City, Missouri. His parents are Ray and Sheila Crane. He attends the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church of Prosperity where Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Wheeler are his pastors. Chad also continues to work at Walmart in Baxter Springs.



Casey Mays, 26, of Guymon, Oklahoma is the son of George and Mary Mays. Casey worked this past summer before returning to AFBC. He attends the Apostolic Faith Church in Hardesty, OK. where Truman and Diana Summerford pastor.

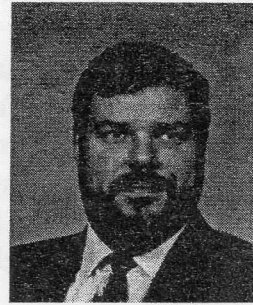
# AFBC FACULTY

## 2003 - 2004

**Michelle Cloninger**  
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**Karen Grimmer**  
Music Ministries  
Instructor  
Choir Director



**Savoy Grimmer**  
Superintendent



**Bev Karber**  
Sign Language and  
Deaf Interpreting  
Instructor



**Darla Oakes**  
Dean of Women  
Secretary of  
School and  
Old Testament  
Instructor



**Lowell Long**  
Pauline Epistles,  
Speech, and  
Theology Lab  
Instructor

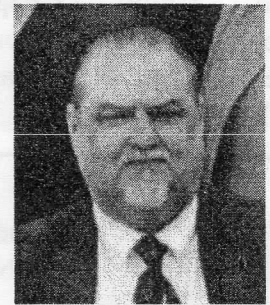


**Thelma Long**  
General Epistles  
Instructor

**Darla Sutton**  
Cognitive Intervention  
Instructor



**Garry Sutton**  
Dean of Men  
and Acts  
Instructor



**Howard Whiteley**  
Doctrine,  
Evangelism,  
Prophecy and  
Revelation  
Instructor



**Yvonna Whiteley**  
Life of Christ  
and Child  
Development  
Instructor



## Wedding Vows

### Talley - Gipson

Marvin Talley, son of Harley Talley and the late Mary Lou Norris and Sandy Gipson, daughter of Larry Storm and the late Carolyn Storm were united in marriage on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. Rev. Joel Dorris performed the ceremony at the Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church in Galena, Ks.

Sandy and her daughter, Emily attended Southside Apostolic Faith Church for 16 years where Rev. & Mrs. Richard Morris are pastors.

Marvin attended AFBC and graduated in May 2002. He was accepted as a 3rd year apprentice and worked with Rev. Paul Clanton at the Original Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, Mo. On July 6, 2003 Marvin and Sandy began pastoring at Thom Station Community Chapel near Carl Junction, Mo. They reside in Joplin, Mo.



### Dorris - Covert

Brandon Dorris, grandson of Dennie & Karen Oakes, Joplin, Mo. and Joe & Ruth Dorris, Purcell, Mo. and Christina Covert, daughter of Bruce Covert and Brenda Covert of Joplin, Mo. were united in marriage on June 21, 2003 at Faith Assembly of God in Joplin, Mo. Rev. Richard Morris performed the wedding vows. Brandon and Christina met in High School while attending College Heights Christian School. They are currently living in Joplin, but are traveling as the Lord opens doors. Brandon and Christina desire your prayers as they continue in ministry that God has called them to. They want to thank all of their friends and family for supporting them. They especially want to thank Russell and Holly Sims of Sims Records for driving from Franklin, TN. to celebrate their wedding day.



They are currently traveling with Brandon doing music and youth evangelism while Christina helps with the organizational aspects. "I don't know what I'd do without her", Brandon said, "She is the best thing that has ever happened to me."

## Greetings from India

It is a long time since we have written to you. By the grace of God we are doing just fine and the Lord is blessing us in the ministry. Our Bible College reopened after the summer holidays on April 14th. We have 245 students enrolled from the different States of India: which means that we have students speaking different languages. We thank God for the Spirit-filled and experienced teachers we have in the College and the committed non-teaching staff. We thank God for the hundreds of friends that are praying for us and for our ministry. There are many who are helping us financially also. May the Lord bless all of them.

Our graduates go out to the unevangelised villages

and towns of India and start working for the Lord and the Lord is blessing their work and is saving souls. Praise the Lord.

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## Obituaries

### Joe Blanche (Thompson) Girouard Martin

Joe Blanche (Thompson) Girouard Martin began life's journey in Hansford County, Texas on July 25, 1909. As a pastor's wife, she lived in many places throughout the Southwest but ultimately settled in Pampa, Texas, built a home and remained there until the last sixteen months of her life. She completed this journey Friday, April 4, 2003 in Lubbock, Texas.

At the age of 12 she attended a revival service conducted by the Morton sisters and gave her life to Jesus. Several years later she sang in a trio with her sister Beulah and a sister-in-law also named Beulah. For a brief period she also had a preaching ministry.

The joys of her life consisted of being at camp meetings each summer, attending monthly Minister and Laity meetings with her pastor Ron Noble and wife Evelyn and most anything that involved being with God's people. She thoroughly enjoyed singing hymns plus playing the piano and organ. She continued playing a small keyboard even within a few weeks of her death.

She had a lifelong love for children and the elderly. Gardening, sewing, quilting and cooking also played a major role in her life. Far and beyond all of these things, her greatest accomplishment in life was serving the Lord.

She married Robert C. Girouard on August 4, 1929 in Hansford County. He died on March 4, 1970. Later she married John E. Martin of Pampa in Nov. of 1975. John died on Oct. 23, 1990.

She was preceded on death by six sisters, Elvira Tomlinson, Ruth Hancock, Ethel Johnson, Beulah Steffen, Mildred Gore, Rose Bratton and a brother, Charles Thompson.

Survivors include son Robert Wayne Girouard and wife Geneva of Pea Ridge, Ar., two daughters; Donna Joe Berry and husband Bill of Pampa, Texas and Patricia Angelyn Boren and husband Dave of Lubbock, Texas; one sister, Dollie Hansen of Lincoln, Ne., seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

### Texanna Crystal Barker Allen



Texanna Crystal Barker Allen was born on December 27, 1932, in Beaver County, Oklahoma to Ben and Hazel Groendyke Barker. In 1935, the family moved to Laverne, Oklahoma where she graduated from high school. She earned a bachelor's degree in music education and taught for five years in Kansas and Colorado.

On July 7, 1951, Texanna married Carl Allen, and to this union three daughters were born, Carla, Cheri, and Jerrilyn. For the past 25 years Texanna worked at the Katy Post Office where she established many close relationships with her co-workers and the families on her route.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Raymond Barker. She is survived by her daughters, Carla Hunsucker and her husband, David, and their daughters, Dana and Lori; Cheri Hasenberg and her husband, Greg, and their son, Hunter; and

Jerrilyn Gilbert and her husband, Glenn, and their son Jack. Also, she is survived by three sisters, Lorraine Fullbright, Euteva Gregory, and LaMoyne Fox, and her sister-in-law, Dona Barker, many nieces and nephews and numerous other relatives and friends.

Texanna accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at an early age, and she was a committed Christian throughout her life. She had a gift of serving others, and she especially enjoyed serving in the children's ministry and the music ministry of her church.

She was generous in all things, even at death by being an organ donor. She was faithful to God, to her family, and to her church. A memorial fund has been established the the Apostolic Faith Church, Box 199, Katy, Texas 77492.

Funeral services honoring her life were held at the Katy Apostolic Faith Church on July 5, 2003 with Rev. Ted Barker, Dr. Wilbur Fullbright, and Rev. Jim Fox officiating. Interment was at the Katy Magnolia Cemetery, in Katy, Texas.



# Reverend Elmer Alfred Christenson

Elmer Alfred Christenson, 75, Pettigrew, AR., passed from this life, on July 23, 2003 at his home.

He was born on February 7, 1928 in Burlington, Kansas to Victor Alfred and Alice Vietta (Crawford) Christenson. He was the seventh of fourteen children. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

Elmer married Ava (Buchanan) Christenson on August 17, 1955 at Rock Springs, TX. They were married for 48 years and enjoyed a very loving relationship. He is survived by his wife of the home and three children: Jo and her husband Steve Eaton, of Pettigrew AR., Rick and his wife LeAnn Christenson, of Baxter Springs, KS. and Sandy and her husband, Ronnie Hoskins, of Yukon, OK., thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was also survived by four brothers and four sisters: Floyd Christenson, of Mineral Wells, TX, Albert & Cynthia Christenson, of Texarkana, AR, Victor & Clarice Christenson of Ashdown, AR, Bill & Bonnie Christenson of Ashdown, AR, Opal & Richard Tidd of Neosho Falls, KS, Pearl Blair of Mineral Wells, TX, Mary & Bill Wilson, of Fouke, AR, and Alice & Martin Wilson of Texarkana, AR and one sister-in-law Mrs. Charley (Juanita) Christenson and one brother-in-law, Glenn Blair, and many nieces and nephews.

He accepted Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior, in a small schoolhouse in Neosho Falls, KS under the

ministry of Rev. George Hintergardt. He accepted his call into ministry in 1949 and attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College while pastoring the Apostolic Faith Church of Leroy, KS.

He served the Lord as a pastor for fifty-four years. During this time he pastored churches in Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Missouri. Throughout his ministry he served on numerous youth camp committees, taught classes and prepared meals at the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

Elmer was a man of many talents. During his life he worked as a preacher, carpenter, mechanic, electrician, and farmer. It is written, "and whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." (Col. 3:17). Elmer found away to live out this scripture by using all his talents in service to the Lord. He loved reading and teaching the word of God. He believed in the Apostolic doctrine and was unwavering in its presentation. Elmer had a passion for his family and his greatest joy in life came from spending time with them. He proved to be a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He will be greatly missed.

Services were held at the Brashears Funeral Home in Huntsville, AR. on July 25, 2003 with Rev. Paul Clanton, Rev. M.D. Methvin, and Rev. Doyle Wiles officiating. Graveside services were held at the Crosses Community Cemetery with Rev. Bill Waggoner officiating.

## As I Prayed

- Author Unknown

As I Prayed, I said, "God I hurt."

And God said, "I know."

I said, "God, I cry a lot."

And God said, "That is why I gave you tears."

I said, "God, I am so depressed."

And God said, "That is why I gave you Sunshine."

I said, "God, life is so hard."

And God said, "That is why I gave loved ones."

I said, "God my loved one died."

And God said, "So did mine."

I said, "God, it is such a loss."

And God said, "I saw mine nailed to a cross."

I said, "God, but your loved one lives."

And God said, "So does yours."

I said, "God where are they now?"

And God said, "Mine is on my right hand and yours  
is in the Light."

I said, "God, I miss them."

And God said, "I know. But worry not. For the  
Second Coming of MINE is close at hand."

Amen.

# NEWS FROM SAPULPA, OKLAHOMA

My wife and I finished our pastorate work at the Follett Chapel, Follett, Texas and the Lord opened up a door of opportunity for us in the Sapulpa- Kiefer area. We moved into our new home in December 2002 and love it. At that time the Lord opened up two rest homes in Sapulpa for ministry and I accepted the opportunity. Each Thursday I minister in song and Word at these homes. About 60 senior citizens gather each week to hear the music and God's Word. I have nick named these citizens my "drive in church" because most are in wheel chairs or use walkers.

We want to say thank you to the Follett Chapel for their love and generosity while we were there. Bro. & Sis. Bill Derixson are the new pastors and are already

making a positive impact in the community. May God multiply their ministry is our prayer. Bro. J.R. Slater is doing a wonderful work with the youth in the community at the Filling Station in Follett.

Our plans for the future are to serve Him better than before and follow His Lordship in everything we do. For those who would want our new address:

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## FOUR STATE CAMP MEETING 2003

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation first of all to God who "Giveth to all liberally" then to the people of the Apostolic and Full Gospel ranks for the great campmeeting we all enjoyed so much. The Spirit of God was manifested from the very first song rendered and the first message preached. We know from personal witnessing and from testimonies given that many personal victories were gained. That is what campmeeting is all about and for this we give thanks to God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We wish to express our thanks to Bro. Ted who directed a great choir, and to each one of our ministers who delivered inspiring messages for each service. Our thanks go out to Sis. Darla Sutton for children's service and Sis. Darla Oakes for youth services and to Sis.

Yvonna Whiteley for the special music. Our thanks go out to each one of the churches who prepared and served or helped to serve each meal. Every meal was delicious and greatly appreciated. Also our thanks to Sis. Pat Stansberry our breakfast cook.

And last but certainly not least our sincere thanks to out to all the help and labor of those who worked to prepare the campgrounds for the campmeeting. Without the joint efforts all, campmeeting would be impossible to have. But thanks be to God "From whom all blessings flow" everyone put forth a great effort and made the campmeeting a great blessing to all.

May God richly bless and reward you all. We thank you.

- Bro. Lee Oakes and Bro Howard Whiteley

## MIDWEST YOUTH CAMP

**SENIOR CAMP-** What an EXTREME WEEK! God blessed in so many ways. He met so many needs and became real in many lives! It all began with the Sunday night service and just go better and better as the week went along. Watches and clocks were left at home and we had a great week of spending time with God on His timetable and not worrying about the world's time.

The theme for Camp this year was EXTREME JESUS. With lessons on extreme walk, faith, worship, and choices, campers found that by following Luke 9:23, we can have an extreme relationship with Jesus Christ.

**JUNIOR CAMP-** Junior campers came to camp ready to

grow in God and experience a week of EXTREME JESUS after hearing about senior camp. This week Joy Watson brought the evening service each night and she was ANOINTED! Joy brought lessons that the kids could really relate to. She threw a pot (literally) as we traveled to the potter's house. She got rid of her excess baggage. She drew pictures with a surprise outcome and kept us all intrigued with her messages. New friendships were formed that will grow and develop over the years of camp to come. Most importantly - these kids developed a relationship with God that will grow and grow as they give their lives to God and become the young men and women God wants them to be.

# **SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH CAMP**

Youth Camp in South Texas was held the first two weeks in June at the Calvary Outreach Tabernacle in the Woods campground near Porter, Texas. We had teen camp June 2-6 and kid's camp June 9-13. We had 38 teen campers, 58 in kid's camp, and a host of workers! We had two really great weeks of camp. We had a great time playing and praying with the kids. Putting together a youth camp is a lot of work, but well worth it. When I remember back to the many

camps I was in as a younger person, I am so thankful for the people all working together to make it successful. That's the way it is with anything we endeavor to do for the Lord. Each one has a place in the body of Christ. We are thankful for those who obeyed the Lord and filled their place at the South Texas Youth Camp 2003.

Vanessa Harris

## **4- STATE YOUTH CAMP**

Weeks before camp began many were in prayer interceding for the students and workers. God was faithful .

On June 4th as the campers began coming it was evident that our enrollment was larger than we had anticipated. What a wonderful surprise! We had 96 Junior Campers and 30 workers. The camp ran smoothly because of God's presence and the dedicated workers and wonderful students. Many children gained victories at the altars and in the dorms.

Our dorms filled again on June 8th as 105 Senior Campers and 30 workers arrived. The Lord moved in a special way blessing everyone there. Some were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in another languages.

During one of the morning services lunch came and went without our knowing. It reminds us again of Matthew 5:6- Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.

Thank you Lord for your faithfulness.

## **PINE CREST YOUTH CAMP**

Praise the Lord for His goodness! At Pine Crest Youth Camp there were 50 campers and 30 workers from Alabama, Mississippi, and Missouri. Brandon Dorris and Clint Mullins joined us and Brandon brought some powerful lessons on "Standing up to the enemy". Much work has been accomplished on the

grounds and plans continue to improve the facilities. The Lord is so faithful to meet the needs of the Camp, for which He is to be praised! Continue to pray for the campers that attended that they would be able to stand up to the enemy throughout this next year. God bless all who work so hard to make camp possible!

## **CAMP PEACEFUL PINES**

During the month of July we left the heat of the Central Valley of California and traveled up to the mountains for a week of growing closer to God, working on friendships, and having fun! This year our focus was on the lifelong journey of spiritual disciplines — or as it became known — The J.O.U.R.N.E.Y. JOURNEY was an acrostic that was used throughout the week to expose the campers to seven different areas of spiritual disciplines. An example was J - which stood for "Jump Into Prayer." Throughout each day the campers and staff were given opportunities to have a quiet time with God. It

was such a blessing to see the campers and staff start saying — "we need more time to be alone with God"; "that went by so fast"; "I needed more time." Throughout our week God moved in lives, touched people, and renewed hearts and spirits. From the youngest to the oldest lives were touched. Our times of fellowship, singing, service, classes, fun, and even K.P. were filled with thoughts of God, encouragement to continue on our spiritual journey, seriousness, and laughter.

Thank you to all who prayed for our camp and to our workers who came from all California!

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Mutual Fellowship Convention  
Apostolic Faith Bible College  
Sept. 23-25

AFBC Choir Tour  
Oct. 11-29

Ladies Retreat  
"Does Your Tongue Need Healing?"  
January 16 - 18, 2004

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