



The Apostolic Faith



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The Man of Galilee

By Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon

1. Once my soul was bound in fet - ters, Once my heart was in de - spair;
 2. When I camemy sin con - fess - ing, When I bowed low at His feet;
 3. Oh, the glo - ry of His pres - ence, As Hewalksandtalks with me;

All my life was sad and lone - ly, There was none my load to share.
 Then I found the joy of bless - ing, Of His sav - ing grace so sweet.
 Gives me joy of full sal - va - tion, Keeps my trust - ing spir - it free.

Then I heard a sweet voice call - ing, "Come to me, I'll set you free,"
 For Christ lift - ed all my bur - den, By His blood He set me free,
 In the clouds some day He's com - ing, And my joy will then in - cresse,

FIN
 It was then I met my Sav - iour, The low - ly Man of Gal - i - lee.
 And 'twas then I met my Sav - iour, The low - ly Man of Gal - i - lee.
 Face to face to meet my Sav - iour, The King of Kings, the Prince of Peace.

D. S. I will ev - er love and serve Him, This low - ly Man of Gal - i - lee. *D. S.*
CHORUS.
 He's the fair - est of ten thou - sand; Dearest Friend of all to me;

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Let's Sit in the Front Row

Have you ever noticed when we go to our place of worship, that more people seem to sit in the back? Maybe it's because we're just self conscious and would rather mix in with the crowd, yet it seems that those who sit in the front are more likely to participate, while those in the back are more likely to be spectators. Although there is nothing wrong with being a spectator, one does feel more a part of an activity when one participates, especially if we have something to contribute. We can go through life passively watching from the sidelines or we can get involved and hopefully make a positive difference.

Our walk with God should be something that we actively play a role in and God's gift of grace calls for an active response on our part. By using and developing our God-given talents, we express our gratitude to Him and thereby glorify Him.

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

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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 in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

*He who is too busy to pray is busier than
God ever intended him to be.*

Weightier Matters

by Ken Cruse

I'm thinking today of the heavy - duty get - in - your - face - gospel preached by Jesus as recorded in Matthew 23:23. He said the weightier matters are judgment, mercy and faith.

The first apostolic sermon preached by Peter as recorded in Acts 2 was full of these principles. Stephen preached the same things (Acts 7), as did Paul (Acts 26).

And, in these last times, the last of the apostolic preachers still touch my soul with their messages on judgement, mercy and faith.

Would you think with me now of these provisions of God for us? And would you think beyond my expressions of these matters so that the Holy Ghost may make them individually beneficial to you?

Considering judgment; Did I call it a provision of God? Yes. We might think of as a consequence of our action, presided over by an Almighty God and certainly, it is that. But even judgment is a benevolent expression to us.

Beginning with Adam (Gen.3), God has meted out judgment with a purpose, God has since then ever been intervening in the affairs of the human race that there might be some of us saved.

Without the judgment of God we would have already destroyed ourselves.

Without that realization, the world resents judgment, for judgment is so all inclusive and complete.

It marks a person's past with indignation and wrath.

It marks a person's present with condemnation.

And it makes a person's future to be consummation.

Is it any wonder then, that people who know only judgment despair of life itself?

Thank God we can turn our thoughts to the provision of mercy.

I like to think of mercy as love in action. God, seeing my utter and complete defeat and my utter helplessness gave me an escape from my deserved judgement. He chose to reveal himself to me, for I could never have found Him, having no idea what He was like.

The ultimate revelation of Himself to me was His Son, Jesus Christ (11 Cor.4;3-6). When He was "lifted up" He showed me love that cared enough to help me, although it meant taking my place (Galatians 3:13).

"Amazing Grace" is truly a description of this mercy.

And just as judgement was inclusive and complete, so was mercy. "Mercy there was great and grace was free, Pardon there was multiplied to me" the hymn proclaims.

For our past, mercy provides cancellation. For our present it provides restoration. And for our future, it provides preservation, even unto eternal life, after that judgment shall have utterly eliminated every harmful thing.

The next great provision to us by God is faith. Faith, in one of its simpler application is belief in action. And yes, it is a provision of God. (Romans 12:3) Let no man say he cannot believe. Let no man say that he cannot act on his belief. For the truth is that man may believe what he wills. It is also true that man will ultimately act on his beliefs. And as judgement and mercy were inclusive and complete, so is faith. (1 John 5:4) Our faith in God can literally overcome the world and all that would tempt us with. Justice still calls. Mercy still answers. Faith still pleases God. And this message still changes the lives of sinners like me. GLORY TO GOD !

Maybe you've only known judgment. You may experience mercy! By faith! Call on God and He will reveal Himself to you and your experience will not be at the mercy of anybody's opinion. You will know!

Judgement, Mercy and Faith. Let these weightier matters lay heavily on our minds, for our response to these will fix our future.

On a personal note to the supporters of AFBC:

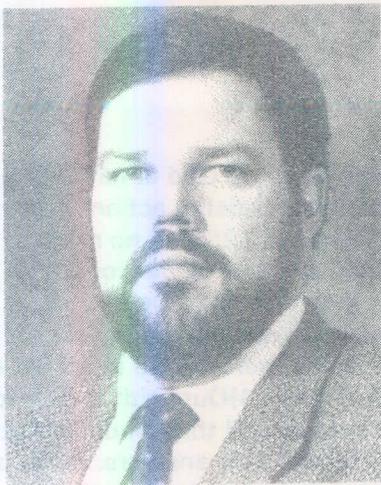
I will never be able to repay what God and you have done for my life here already. All I can say is "Thank You".

Ken

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Never doubt in the dark what God has shown you in the light.



Savoy Grimmer
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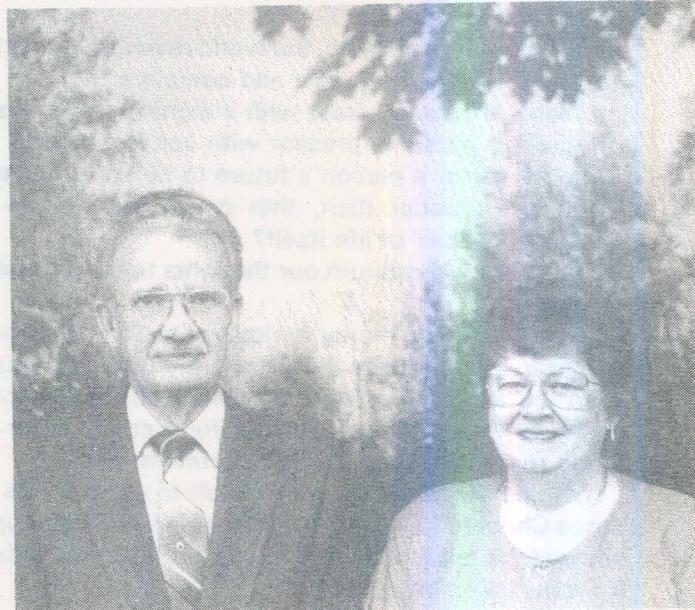
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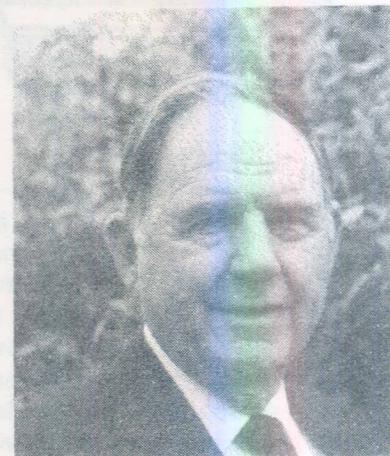


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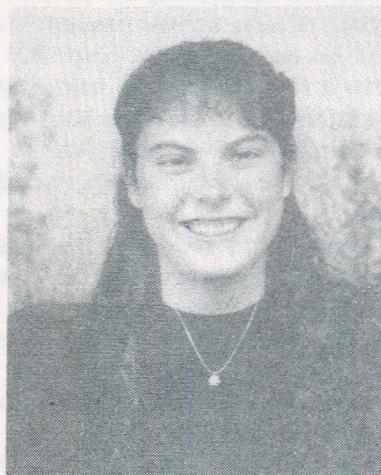
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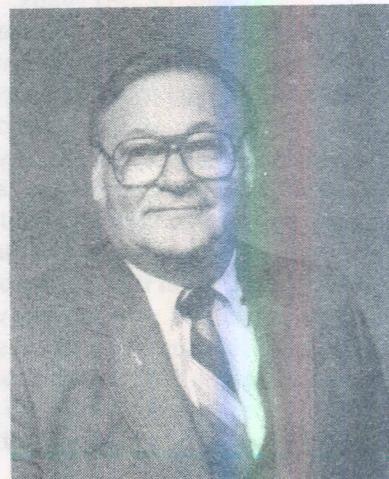
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Tithe, Tithes, Tithing and Offerings

by Roland Haney

I have had such a burden on my heart recently regarding the subject of tithing and its importance to our movement and churches. With that in mind I would like to share some of the thought that God has given me about this important part of our Christian walk.

First, let's not confuse tithes with offering. I believe the two are separate. The tithe is for the support of pastors and those in the ministry, while the offering is for the maintenance and upkeep of the church. In Genesis 14:18-20 and 28:20-22 we find that Abraham and Jacob paid tithes of all that God had given them. We should have the same commitment unto God as these men. In Leviticus 27, verse 30, we read: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." 31) And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. 32) And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord. 33) He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed." I believe these verses are quite clear regarding the way we should give.

Numbers 18:20-21 reads, "And the Lord spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them; I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel. And behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service to the tabernacle of the congregation." In these verses God tells us that the tithe should go to the pastor, evangelist and gospel worker. It is my belief that the first responsibility of the church is to their pastor, and if they choose to support other works, it should be with offerings.

Deuteronomy 12:5-6 reads, "But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all of your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come. And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks." God tells us where to bring or pay our tithes, so it is up to us to be obedient unto Him and His will. I feel that if we do what He tells us concerning our tithe and offering we would see a great positive difference in our lives both spiritually and materially. I believe we will feel better about our selves and want to do more for the Lord when we are obedient and fulfill our responsibilities to Him in all phases of our lives.

In 11 Chronicles 31:4-6 we read: "Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion to the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged of the Lord. And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. And concerning the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the Lord their God, and laid them by heaps." If I understand these verses correctly, part of the reason for giving was to encourage the priests and Levites in their work for the Lord. It is my belief that when ministers and pastors are supported they are encouraged in their ministry. They are not always worrying about how they will meet their financial obligations. I also feel that when people give their tithes and offerings they will be encouraged in their churches.

Nehemiah 13:10-12 reads; "and I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them; for the Levites and the singers that did the work, were fled everyone to his field. Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil into the treasuries." It seems that the pastors and workers had not been supported, so they had to go into the fields to work which closely parallels the way it is today when churches do not faithfully support their ministers. We must remember that our pastors and workers have obligations the same as everyone else. A lack of adequate support could be the reason that some of our churches have closed and had to be sold. It breaks my heart when I think of any church closing because of lack of interest and support. I believe God's plan will work for us if we let Him have His way. We need to support our pastors and churches faithfully in order for the work of God to move forward.

In Malachi 3:6-11 we read; "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them, Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of host, if I will not open to you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room to receive it." It would seem

that God wants his people to try His way, and if they will he will bless them. Many people believe that if they pay their tithes they won't have enough to pay their bills. However if we do not pay our tithes we have robbed God and I feel that this will keep us from entering Heaven. This is how important I feel paying our tithes is to us. We may say we believe the Bible, but if we fail to give God what belongs to Him, then we do not really believe all of the Bible. (11). "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast forth her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts". This tells us if we honor God with our tithes, He will bless. Some people will never know what God can do because they do not obey his commandments concerning tithes. They may say they have tried paying tithes and nothing has happened, so why bother? It is really quite simple to understand. We give our tithes because it is the Word of God, and it is just the right thing to do.



Do I give to my Church as the Lord has given to me?

Now, I believe that if all our people, movement-wide, would do what we know the Word tells our churches would do better. Pastors and ministers would be encouraged which would encourage the people to work harder to build up the church. I also feel that this would even help our Bible College to grow if we all do what we know to do.

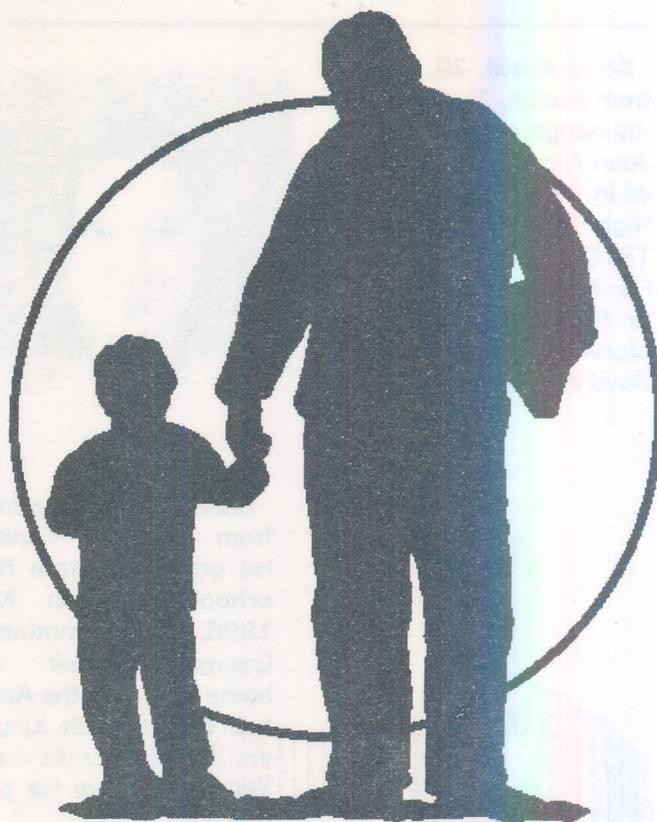
In Proverbs 3: 5-6, 9-10 we read; "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the firstfruits of all thine increase; So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." The writer in Proverbs tells us to trust in the Lord with all our heart and to acknowledge Him in all our ways. When we are able to do this, it is much easier to give our substance and with the firstfruits of our increase. It shouldn't be a task to pay our tithes but an honor.

God has placed this part of His plan in our hands, It is then up to us to decide to do what is right and give of our tithe and offering or be guilty of robbing God.

I have not written this to offend anyone, but to help us see that tithing is God's Word. It is not an option. It is a commandment of God. If we haven't been giving our tithes, let us start now and see if we begin to feel better about our relationship with God. God will then honor our giving.

It is my desire that what I've shared with you will touch your heart. It is God's Word,

This belief is one of the doctrinal teachings of the Apostolic Faith Movement. Ministers and pastors depend on the churches and people of the movement for their support. May God richly bless in your obedience.



FATHER - THROUGH THE YEARS

- 4 Years My Daddy can do anything!
- 7 Years My Daddy knows alot!
- 8 Years My Daddy doesn't quite know everything.
- 12 Years Oh well, Naturally Father doesn't know that either.
- 14 Years Father, hopelessly old fashioned.
- 21 Years Oh , that man is out of date, what did you expect?
- 25 Years He knows a little bit but not much.
- 30 Years A little patience, Let's get Dad's advice on that.
- 50 Years I wonder what Dad would have thought about that? He was pretty smart.
- 60 Years My Dad knew absolutely everything!
- 65 Years I'd give anything if Dad were here so I could talk this over with him. I really miss that man!

AFBC Students

First Year

Stacy Axtell, 20, comes from Austin, Texas and is the daughter of John and Joan Axtell. She graduated in 1993 from Connally High School and attended TSTC in Waco, Texas. Her home church is Trinity Full Gospel Church. Marvin and Demerita Boyd are her pastors.



William Derixson, 20, Mattoon, Illinois is the son of Lee Roy and Roberta Derixson. He attends the Faith Fellowship Church in Toledo, Illinois, under the ministry of Timothy Chancellor. He has been active in nursing home and prison ministries. He graduated from Mattoon Community High School in May, 1995.



Gene Barber, 19, comes from Kingman, Kansas. He graduated from high school there in May 1996. Gene's mother is Georgine Barber. His home church is the Apostolic Faith Church, Kingman, Kansas. Louis and Kim Keeling are his pastors.

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Michael Gandy, 26, Baxter Springs, Kansas is a part time student. Michael and his wife Denise and their two sons, Shane, 5, and Nathan, 4, attend Bethel Community Church where they teach childrens classes. Mark Kerr is their pastor.

Tanya Bogerrief, 17, comes from Newtonia, Missouri, and is the daughter of Oscar and Karen Taylor. She graduated from East Newton High School in May of 1996. She attends Newton County Christian Fellowship with Chris Hoyer as her Pastor.



Christina Hawley, 17, Riverton, Kansas, is the daughter of John and Pat Hawley. She graduated in May 1996 from Riverton High School. Christina attends the Apostolic Faith Church, Baxter Springs, Kansas. Paul and Bonnie Clanton are her pastors.



Leesa Cook, 18, is the daughter of Kervyn and Joyce Cook of Fairview, Missouri. She graduated from East Newton High School in May 1996. She attends Fairview Baptist Church under the ministry of Lawrence Shuey.



Jennifer Higley, 18, Joplin, Missouri, graduated in May 1996 from Carl Junction High School. Her parents are Jim and Mary Higley. She attends the Apostolic Faith Church, Prosperity, Missouri under the ministry of Wayne and Kay Wheeler.

AFBC Students

First Year



Roger and Brenda Krege are first year students coming from Amarillo, Texas. They have been active in children's ministries. Their home church is the Apostolic Faith Church in Amarillo. Lee and Shirley Nelson are their pastors.

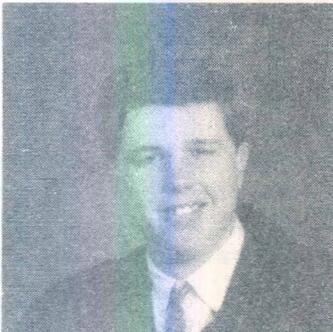


Jeri Satcher, 18, Rockdale, Texas is the daughter of C.H. and Dona Satcher. She graduated from New Life in Christ Academy in May 1996. Jeri attends the Apostolic Faith Church in Rockdale, Texas. M.D. and Juanita Methvin are her pastors.

Jessie Schmig, is from Lubbock, Texas. She has had a desire to attend Bible College and learn more of God's Word. Jessie's niece Kay Wheeler and her husband, Wayne pastor the Apostolic Faith Church in Prosperity, Missouri.



Steve Stockton, 22, Granby, Missouri, is the son of Ralph and Sandy Stockton. Steve graduated from East Newton High School and has attended Crowder College, Neosho, Missouri. He attends the Granby Gospel Tabernacle. Lowell and Thelma Long are his pastors.



Sabrina Wheeler, 18, Joplin, Missouri, graduated in May 1996 from Webb City High School. Sabrina's parents, Wayne and Kay Wheeler pastor the Apostolic Faith Church in Prosperity, Missouri.



62% Increase In Enrollment

We have an increase in enrollment for the second time in 5 years. Your prayers and faithfulness are paying dividends. We have 18 full-time and 3 part-time students.

Church Affiliation Ratio:

- 58% Apostolic Faith
- 10% Baptist
- 10% Church of God
- 10% Fellowship
- 4% Christ
- 4% Community
- 4% Friends

Age Ratio:

- 62% (17-20)
- 5% (21-24)
- 9% (25-28)
- 5% (29-32)
- 5% (33-36)
- 14% (37-??)

Geographic Ratio:

- 33% Missouri
- 29% Texas
- 24% Kansas
- 10% Alabama
- 4% Illinois

Gender Ratio:

- 57% Female
- 43% Male

Class Ratio:

- 71% 1st Year
- 29% 2nd Year

Library Books Added

Rev/M Edwin & Patsy Waterbury have made a generous contribution to our school library with the addition of 107 books and 15 sermon magazines.

AFBC Students

Second Year

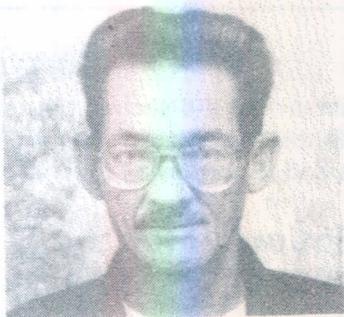
DeLee Baughman, attended AFBC last year. During the summer she went to Campwood, Texas and worked in the church under the ministry of Marvin and Demerita Boyd.



Julie Taylor, 28, returns as a second year student. She is from Ashland, Alabama and is the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Larry Taylor. Her home church is the Bethel Christian Church. Jim and Mary Lou Arnall are her pastors.



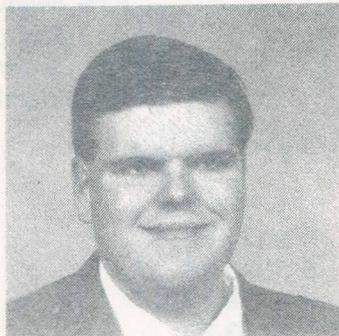
Ken Cruse, is attending AFBC for his second year. During the summer Ken worked in the 4-State area and also helped in youth camp and was also able to attend Camp Meeting in Laverne, Oklahoma. Ken has ministered in some of the local churches and has been a blessing.



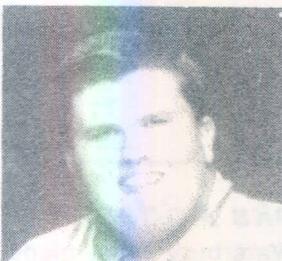
Jenny Wheeler, 19, Joplin, Mo. has completed one year at AFBC. She has been active in her home church in Prosperity, Missouri where her parents, Wayne and Kay Wheeler pastor.



Jeremiah Hawley, 19, Riverton, Kansas, returns as a second year student. Jeremiah was able to work in several youth camps this summer. His parents are John and Pat Hawley. They attend the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Paul and Bonnie Clanton are their pastors.



Jason Hill, 19, Lineville, Alabama, attended AFBC last year. Jason traveled this past summer working in youth camps. Jason's father is Billy Hill of Lineville, Alabama.



Ouch! Deficit Spending!

For the period from May-Aug '96 our expenses have exceeded our income by \$2,000.00!



In April '96 we borrowed \$4,330 to pay the insurance premiums. We

have repaid \$1,500 from special donations and we have outstanding \$2,800.

We deeply regret the flow of red ink! Please make this a matter of prayer.

Revival In September

Evangelist Barry Methvin from Rockdale, TX, conducted services from Sept. 1-4. In four days he was in charge of more than 16 services!. From early morning till late at night the Evangelist ministered. The Lord was gracious and blessed several around the altars.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Psalms 116:15

Grace M. LaMunyon

Obituary

Grace Marie LaMunyon, 84, was born April 8, 1911 in Holland, Indiana to James Monroe and Ruby Della (Crozier) Pigg and went to be with her Lord and Saviour, Thursday, March 14, 1996 in the Ellinwood District Hospital, Ellinwood, Kansas.

In 1915, Grace, her two little sisters and their parents moved by train to Oklahoma and settled in the small town of Speermore. Gracie attended the Union Center Rural School.

On January 1, 1933 at Laverne, Grace and Floyd Forest LaMunyon were united in marriage and together they ministered in all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii. They shared a happy life together and Grace often said "Floyd is my everything and just being his wife is all the fulfillment in life I need." Grace was a talented musician. (She wrote the song "The Man of Galilee" which the trio sang during her funeral service.)

Grace and Floyd expressed their faith and love for Christ in many ways. They were a popular duet and continued to sing gospel music long into their retirement years. After their retirement from the ministry, Floyd and Grace established a permanent home in Laverne, Oklahoma, but traveled extensively for several years and helped in gospel work across the nation.

In the fall of 1992, after the death of her beloved Floyd on May 5, 1992, Grace moved to Ellinwood, Kansas to be near her sister-in-law and husband, Florene and Carl Alder, who lovingly and tenderly cared for her until her death.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Bonnie and Bessie Pigg, one brother, Clarence Pigg, a half brother, Archie Pigg, one brother-in-law, Dennis LaMunyon and sisters-in-law, Denzil and June LaMunyon.

Grace is survived by two sisters-in-law and their spouses, Leota and Wayne Neff of Borger, Texas, Florene and Carl Alder of Ellinwood; one brother-in-law Dillard LaMunyon of Mesa, Arizona, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 17, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. in the Apostolic Faith Church, Laverne, Oklahoma, with the Rev. Jack Cornell and the Rev. Marcus Adair officiating. Kathryn Cornell was organist and LaMoyné Fox, pianist. LaVonda Wallis accompanied Kathryn Cornell, LaMoyné Fox and Barbara Waterbury as they sang "The Man of Galilee", "Not A Shadowland" and "I'll Meet You in the Morning". Pallbearers were Rev. Neil Ragan, Rev. Jim Fox, Rev. Harrol Waterbury, Wallace LaMunyon, Rev. Jim Wallis and Bob Howard. Honorary pallbearers were Wick Brown and Rev. Bob

Taylor. Interment was in the Laverne Cemetery under direction of Seeger Funeral Home, Laverne. Memorials may be made to the Laverne Cemetery Association.

Dear Friends of Grace & Floyd LaMunyon,

The family of these dedicated Christian workers wishes to express their thanks for your concern. Their lives were given in sharing God's Word and compassion to a lot of people. Their calling and election was sure and they have gone to a better world.

Floyd and Grace were our co-workers and friends.

Marcus Adair

Thanks To All

Thank you so much for your prayers and acts of love, during the sickness and death of our beloved Sister Grace.

We cannot be saddened because Grace prayed daily for God to take her home. A special thanks to the many Pastors and fellow workers taking part in Grace's services.

The LaMunyon Family

Florene Alder, Leota Neff, and Dillard LaMunyon



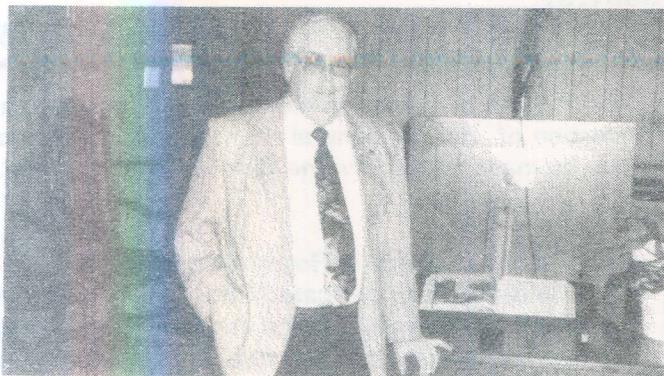
Albert F. Janzen

Obituary

Albert F. Janzen, 84, of Des Moines, Iowa passed away on April 4, 1996. Funeral services were held on April 6, 1996 at the Iles Grandview Park Funeral Home with burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Janzen was born in Escondido, California and lived in Des Moines since 1966. He was a former minister and retired carpenter and member of Carpenters Union and Sunshine Open Bible Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ava; six daughters, Neola Fritz, Leona Venditti and Delores Winegar all of Des Moines; Leota Coats of Wellington, Kansas; Abbey Warner of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Nancy Juntunen of Colorado Springs, Colorado; a brother Edward of Kebbs, Oklahoma; and a sister, Frieda Richardson of Ulysses, Kansas.



Bill Eugene Cornell

Obituary

William Eugene Cornell, 60, was born February 3, 1936 at Elmwood, Oklahoma to Rev. Eugene Kimball And Stella Elizabeth (Yeakel) Cornell and departed this life to be with his Lord and Saviour, Tuesday, February 27, 1996 at his home in Woodward.

Because Bill's father was an evangelist with the Apostolic Faith Movement, the Cornells lived in various places during Bill's youth but mainly in Wichita, Kansas and Guymon, Oklahoma. Bill graduated from the Guymon High School with the class of 1955. On June 11, 1955 at Perryton, Texas, Bill and Iris Joy Martin were married and to this union three daughters were born, Rhonda Joy, Jacqueline Genelle and Yvonna Kay. Bill and his family made their home in Perryton and he was produce manager at the Ideal Food Store for many years. He also worked for United Super Markets for a time.

Bill accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour in his youth and was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church. He always enjoyed music, especially gospel music and loved to sing with his family. Since moving to Woodward in 1995, he has sung most every Sunday in a trio with his brother and sister - in -law in the Apostolic Faith Church which his brother pastors. On Sunday morning, Feb. 11, 1996 in the worship service, Bill and his little granddaughter Ashley Wood, sang "I Choose To Be Happy." His grandchildren were the delight of his life. He was thankful for the opportunity to drive a school bus for the Woodward School System and the children were special to him, as were his co-workers.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Stella Cornell, January 11, 1988.

Bill leaves as his survivors his father, Rev. E.K. Cornell of Laverne, Oklahoma; his daughters, Rhonda Cornell-Wood of Canyon, Texas, Jacqueline Watkins and husband Butch of Dumas, Texas, Yvonna Mallett and husband, David of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; one sister, Yvonna Margaret Whiteley and husband Howard, of Baxter Springs, Kansas; one brother, Rev. Jack Cornell and wife Kathryn, of Woodward, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Ashley Wood, Lance and Presley Watkins and

Alahna Mallett; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 1, 1996 at 11:00 A.M. in the Apostolic Faith Church, Laverne, Oklahoma, with the Rev, Marcus Adair, Rev. James Wallis and Rev. Harrol Waterbury officiating. Organist was Lavonda Wallis, pianist, Sandra Huff and they accompanied Rev. Fred Huff as he sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Standing in The Presence of the King". Pallbearers were Edgar "Butch" Watkins, Lance Watkins, Kevin Cornell, Tony Weston, Jim Morris and Earl Malone. Interment was in the Laverne Cemetery under direction of Seeger Funeral Home, Laverne, Oklahoma.

Memorials may be made to the Apostolic Faith Bible College, P.O. Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas, 66713.

Tica Leon Taber

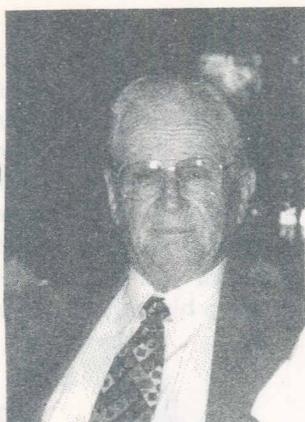
Obituary

Tica Leon Taber was born July 22, 1913 in Pampa, Texas to James W. and Katherine May (Wathley) Taber. He grew up in the Gage, Oklahoma area and on October 14, 1933 was married to Lovie Powders. He attended Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas and then pastored his first Pentecostal church in Katy, Texas. He later did evangelistic work all over northwest Oklahoma and founded the church at Curtis. He pastored a church in Perryton, Texas and in the early 1950's became an Assembly of God minister and founded the Guymon Assembly of God Church. In 1958 he retired from the ministry and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico and started a Dairy Kreem, eventually operating a number of them in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. He had a construction business in Enid, Oklahoma in the early 1970's and then resided in Rush Springs, Oklahoma for a time. In 1984 he moved to Truth or Consequences, New Mexico and on June 22, 1985 he married Nellie Robb. For the next several years they spent their winters in New Mexico and their summers in Maidstone, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Taber passed away on Jan. 9, 1996 in Maidstone, Canada. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons, two brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie, of the home; three daughters and their husbands, Karen and Ray Stowers of Enid, Oklahoma. Nancy and Neal McIntosh of Tuscon, Arizona and Lois and Gordon Harris of Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan; three sons, Ted Taber and his wife Linda, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Gary Taber of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Lloyd and Idell Robb of Maidstone, Saskatchewan; a sister, Irene Nix of Amarillo, Texas; 14 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and other relatives.

**James Kenneth
Elkins**
Obituary
(Jake)



James Kenneth (Jake) Elkins was born in Barry, Texas on Sept. 29, 1920 to Johnny K. and Bertha Estelle Gray Elkins. His death occurred on Feb. 24, 1996 in a Houston hospital. He was seventy-five years of age.

Kenneth and his parents moved to Hempstead, Texas, in the fall of 1938. That is where he met Mary Jo Dewees, who later became his bride.

He graduated from Hempstead High School in 1941. From there he moved to Houston where he attended Drauhan's Business College.

Mary Jo and Kenneth were married August 9, 1942.

In the fall of that same year Kenneth accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Air Force where he served for three years.

Upon his discharge from the service of his country, he was employed by Humble Oil & Refining Company which is now known as Exxon. He retired from that company in 1978 after working over thirty years. Kenneth moved his family to Katy in 1949 where he lived until his retirement.

During those years, he called the Katy Apostolic Faith Church his home church and worked faithfully there.

In 1985, Kenneth and his wife purchased a small farm in Hempstead where he spent much of his time and energy gardening and tending live stock.

The retirement years he enjoyed very much. Kenneth especially loved working in the church youth camps. Also he was fond of motor home travel, including and assisting in revival services in many different churches.

Fishing was a major hobby and he loved being with his family and friends for those special activities. He also enjoyed boating, snow skiing and golf.

Kenneth passed away peacefully. He had suffered complications from lymphoma which had been detected several years earlier. God blessed him with almost eight years of extended activity after that diagnosis.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Elkins of Hempstead, three daughters and their husbands, Marilyn and Bill Madsen of McAllen; Elizabeth and Raymond Dollins of Katy and Deborah and Richard Lamkin of Ingleside. Eight grandchildren survive. They are Polly and her husband Tim Barker of Katy, Joey Dollins and his wife Janet of St. Louis, Mo. Heather and her husband Jarrod Metzgar

of Huntsville, Tx, Christen, Joanna and Ken Madsen of McAllen; Harris Lamkin of Houston and Jake Lamkin of Ingleside.

Also surviving are two great-grandchildren, Tara and Trey Barker of Katy. Kenneth also leaves to mourn a sister, Earline Spencer of Harwood, Texas and two brothers, John and Bobby Elkins of Houston and Courtney, respectively, as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held at the Katy Apostolic Faith Church on Feb. 26, 1996, with Jerome Crowhurst, Pastor of the Hempstead apostolic faith Church ministering. Assisting ministers were James Dewees, Assistant Pastor of Christian Worship Center of Alexandria, La. and Tim and Ted Barker, Pastors of the Apostolic Faith Church of Katy, Tx.

Special musical selections were provided by The Mathis Quartet of Hempstead, Tx.; a solo by Jan Dewees Guillory of Alexandria, La.; and a duet rendered by Buddy Stanberry of Katy and his sister Norma Jean Doty of Smithville. Doneva McPhetridge of Alvin, Tx. and Norma Mathis of Hempstead, Tx. provided music at the piano and organ, respectively.

The burial service was at Salem Cemetery, located a few miles north of Hempstead. Schmidt Funeral Home of Katy, Texas directed the service.

Active pall bearers were Ron Elkins, Bruce Schroeder, Randy Scott, Danny Thompkins, Kent Dewees and Richard Fry. Raymond Barker, Roland Busch, Melvin Scott, Ward Stanberry, Lee Mitcham, Major Winfree and Travis Winfree were Honorary Pall Bearers.

Kenneth held the position of Board member of the Hempstead Apostolic Faith Church. He remained true to his faith until death.

Note: Thanks to all of you who called, visited, sent cards, and letters, flowers, memorials and food. They are all gratefully acknowledged and appreciated from the depth of our hearts. May God richly bless you for fulfilling your ministry in this area.

Sincerely and with Christian Love,

*Mary Jo Elkins
Marilyn Madsen
Elizabeth Dollins
Deborah Lamkin*

Pearls of Promise

*For thou Lord will bless the righteous;
with favour wilt thou compass him as
with a shield.*

Psalms 5:12



HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

We started the year out in full swing as usual. The month of January was our church's month for Sunday afternoon services at the local retirement center. Attendance by our church family was always good and filled each service with singing and praying. Short sermons of hope and encouragement were

given by our Pastor Jerome Crowhurst. On the last Sunday we helped the residents celebrate their birthdays with cake and punch. "Cast me not off in the time of old age: forsake me not when my strength faileth." Psalms 71:9.

Our Ladies Sunday School class project was to design and make lap covers for the residents of the retirement center. Each cover had character and reflected the personality of its creator. These covers help to keep the residents warm during the damp, winter months. The Ladies Sunday School class presented them to the activities director, Louise Merten. "... Worketh willingly with her hands." Proverbs 31:13

Bryant Mathis and Louise Crowhurst received awards for their faithful attendance to church during 1995. They missed only five services out of a possible 159, which does not include special services. "... Well done, thou good and faithful servant..." Matthew 25: 21

Our pastors, Jerome and Peggy Crowhurst, gave a "Thank You" party for the kindness shown to them during Bro. Crowhurst's illness. We celebrated with a festive Mexican fare. Fun entertainment was provided by Mark Lowery and Jake Hess videos. "In everything give thanks; for thgis is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1Thess. 5: 18

In February, we lost Brother Kenneth Elkins to cancer. We miss him from our services and fellowship. Bro. Kenneth served on our church board and was responsible for many projects, which will be a reminder of his work for the Lord. His favorite scripture was, "Abide in me and I in you..." John 15:4-11

Pray for our church as we select someone to fill his place on the church board. We want to do the Lord's will. "... and great boldness in the faith, which is in Christ Jesus." 1 Tim. 3:13

We celebrated Easter with a covered dish lunch and a good old fashioned colored egg hunt. Sis. Peggy gave a Christian object lesson entitled the "Resurrection Eggs", and then the children got busy finding the hidden eggs. The adults hid the eggs throughout the neighborhood, which thankfully, were part of the church family. The children enjoyed themselves and were rewarded with candy, play dough and even some money. Easter night

we had a special service to celebrate Christ resurrection. Directed by Kim Mathis, the choir sang "Love Grew Where the Blood Fell" by John Stallings, and "He Grew the Tree" and "Shadow of the Tree." The songs conveyed the violence of the crucifixion and the creation of the tree that he knew would be used to make the old rugged cross. The result was the beautiful love which grew for you and me. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son..." John 3:16



Front Row: Allison Hackett, Holley Peters, Bobbie Hackett, Melissa Hackett

Back Row: Rynne Hamilton, Amanda Buschman, Dixie Hamilton, Jeremy Schroeder, David Hackett

Our Pastor has been ministering to us about our attitudes as Christians, with an emphasis on the greatness of love. We praise the Lord for every blessing we can share with others. "Beloved let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." 1 John 4:7

PAMPA, TEXAS

We recently had a wonderful revival conducted by Bro. and Sis. Jimmie Wallis. The attendance was good but not as large as we would liked, of course. We felt that the preaching was Spirit anointed and we are encouraged.

The number of children attending our services has increased, for which we are grateful, and Sis. Evelyn is doing a great job with them. We are expecting a further increase in the number attending.

Bro. Ron has been bringing some very good and encouraging sermons for which we are thankful.

We solicit your prayers.

Anabel Simmons, Reporter
Ron Noble, Pastor

Out of the will of God there is no such thing as success, in the will of God there cannot be failure.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in His Precious Name! It was back in 1952 that the Midway Country Church in Logan, Ok. and its pastor, Rev. Marcus Adair and family sponsored for me to come to the United States of America and study at the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Baxter Springs, Ks. After my studies I returned to India in 1955 and have continued in active Christian ministry for the past 41 years.

During these years I had the opportunity to come back to the USA and renew my friendship with old friends, make new friends and enjoy the good Christian fellowship with the children of God in different places. As I spend only a few weeks each time I come, I am unable to visit all of the churches and meet all my old friends in the USA.

The Lord is blessing our work in India. Our Bible College was started in 1930 by my father, Rev. K.E. Abraham, who is now with the Lord. The Lord helped us to train hundreds of young people and send them out to the unevangelized areas of India and start works for the Lord. By the help of God, now we have over 3000 local churches and out-station work in our fellowship, The Indian Pentecostal Church of God which is the largest Pentecostal Movement in India.

We are thankful to all of our friends in this country who have been praying for us and helping us financially. This year we have 240 students undergoing training in the Bible College as well as hundreds of graduates in the Gospel field. We request your valuable prayers for the work. If you have not yet started helping the work in India, we pray that the Lord may help you to help the work in India. Your help, big or small, will be greatly appreciated and used for the glory of God in India.

Yours in His Service,

Bro. and Sis. T. S. Abraham
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NEW ARRIVAL

Danny and Stephanie (Crowhurst) Tompkins of Hempstead, Texas are the proud parents of a baby girl, Hannah Morgan born June 10, 1996 at 7:26 a.m. at Cypress Fairbanks Women's Health Center, Houston, Texas. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 1/2 oz. and was 20 in. long.

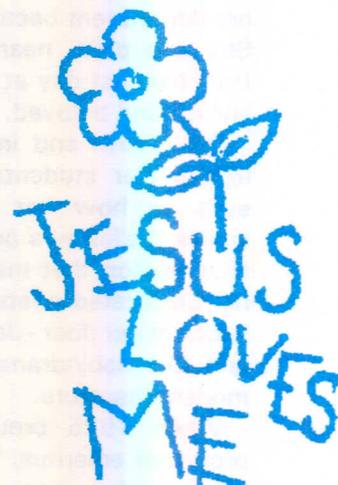
The proud grandparents are Jerome and Peggy Crowhurst, pastors of the Hempstead Apostolic Faith Church and Robert and Shirley Tompkins, pastors of the Somerville Community Chapel Church.

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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

One hundred three years ago, on a lovely clear summer day, a party of teachers stepped off the train on the summit of Pikes Peak in Colorado. As the vast, eye-filling panorama unfolded before them, one of the group was moved by sudden inspiration.

Katharine Lee Bates, popular professor of English at Wellesly, found words floating through her mind and arranging themselves into the opening words of "America the Beautiful". The great expanse left her too stirred to say much to her friends, but her poetic gift did not fail her in her need.

She had just come from Chicago, the "white city" of the Columbian Exposition; she still remembered the "amber waves of grain" seen during the long train ride across the prairie; and she included all these in this new set of verses. The lines were set down in her notebook that night when she returned to her hotel at Colorado Springs. In 1904 she revised the words.

Probably none of her colleagues dreamed that another contribution had been made to the nation's library of noble, patriotic songs. They were quite unaware that their quiet companion had written something that would rank beside "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner". But that is the way great songs and poems are often produced. They seldom come from those who carry their hearts on their sleeves.

There was never any question about Miss Bates's patriotism. She waited two years before she consented to the publication of "America The Beautiful". The poem was sent to The Congregationalist and it appeared on July 4, 1895. In 1904, after she had rewritten the lines, "trying" as she explained, "to make the phraseology more simple and direct," the new version was published in the Boston Evening Transcript.

For forty years, Miss Bates taught English literature at Wellesley, and she made the subject so appealing that her department became the most popular at the college. She was plain, nearsighted, heavy, and awkward; yet from her first day at the school, she made her presence known and beloved.

Her charm and infectious good nature grew into a legend. Her students never forgot the gay sparkle in her eyes or how her face would fairly pucker up in smiles. Wellesley's poet and professor was such a vitally alive person that many famous people came to call on her. Celebrated poets from across the sea were glad to knock at her door - John Masefield, William Butler Yeats, and Sir. Rabindranath Tagore, India's noted figure in modern literature.

When 1925 brought retirement with the rank of professor emeritus, Miss Bates hoped that, with added leisure and no more classroom duties, she would be able to give more time to poetry. But in those last months she was sadly hampered. She had a heart condition, which grew steadily worse. She died on March 28, 1929.

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She was gone - but was she? For a long time afterward, scores of gray-haired alumnae cherished memories of their former teacher. And no one can forget her noblest verses.

"America the Beautiful" sounded a new note - a message for the present and the future. The spirit of braggadocio is gone - and gone, too, is the mood of the earlier song writers who boasted of their country, "right or wrong".

About this hymn, Gamaliel Bradford, a Wellesley neighbor of the author, wrote: "It expresses the highest and deepest emotion of patriotism, not in any spirit of militant aggression and world conquering imperialism, but with a profound gratitude and affection for the country, the government, and the traditions that have made us what we are".

Here in these inspiring stanzas, the nations valiant pioneers are impressively memorialized. So, too, are the heroes "who more than self their country loved" and the patriots who dreamed of cities "undimmed by human tears". But the hymns climax comes in the nobler mission the author invoked:

God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood.

So sing all good and true Americans, remembering that Katharine Lee Bates aspired to the highest ideal of patriotism.