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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 basic doctrines.



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Go to learn. Learn to go.

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:11

The new school year at AFBC is off to a fast start, and we have an amazing group of students. This year we have:

- 14 first year students
- 9 second year students
- 3 third year interns
- 1 part time drive in student

This fall we've devoted more time to hearing students' testimonies; as a group... they've been through a lot. Many of their pasts are full of pain, abuse, and traumatic experiences. Some have battled issues such as sickness and disease, while others developed a sense of self-loathing from years of pretending and living hypocritically. Whatever their past, we have been thrilled to hear the awesome ways God has called the students “*out of darkness into His marvelous light*” and on to AFBC.

With the start of school, God has continued to do amazing things in the students. There are multiple stories of God's miraculous provision, accounts of hearing His voice clearly for the first time and testimonies of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. All within the last couple of months. We are eager for the students to have opportunity to share what God has been doing in their lives. We trust it will bless and encourage all who hear.

God has been just as faithful to AFBC as a whole, as He has our students individually. We recently were able to upgrade a few of our main, exterior doors to metal-framed, commercial glass doors. We praise the Lord for His provision! As the year continues there are a few more needs we'd like to be able to address, such as:

- 1) New beds and mattresses for both dorms (40 total)
- 2) A laundry room renovation for our married students
- 3) A new (additional) van to help transport multiple ministry teams simultaneously

Thank you so much for your continued support of AFBC! We know God is faithful, and we appreciate your faithfulness as well.

Believing Big,

Brian and Jenny Harris

AFBC Directors

AFBC FACULTY—2022-2023

Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Psalm 34:11



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AFBC 1st Year Students 2022-2023

Shew me thy ways, O Lord. And teach me thy paths. Psalm 25: 4



Colt Adamson, 18, of Galena, KS is the son of Rebecca Cupp. He attends Frisco Church in Webb City, MO under the ministry of Matt & Stephanie Snyder and also attends Uncommon Life in Joplin, MO where Richard and Renee Morris pastor.

He learned of AFBC from his youth pastor.

Katy Barajas, 18, is the daughter of Sam & Jennifer Barajas of Alvin, TX. Her pastors are Bill & Christina Derixson of Trinity Apostolic Faith Church also in Alvin. She learned of AFBC through her church and family members. She knows that whenever God calls her somewhere, it will always work out perfectly in His timing.



Michael Cobler, 28, is from Crosses, AR. and attends the Elkins Full Gospel Church where Ray Shackelford is pastor. He heard of AFBC from Bill & Rhonda Waggoner and also from a few AFBC student alumni that he went to high school with. He said that the Lord has been revealing things in scripture that he had never seen before.



Jerah Cook, 18, is the daughter of Coby and Stephanie Cook of Laverne, OK. They are both AFBC Alumni. At home she attends Trinity Faith Fellowship. J.R. and Angie Slater are her pastors.

The Lord has been teaching her to choose faith over feelings by trusting in Him.



Kelsey Hill, 20, of Alvin, TX is the daughter of Forest and Erin Hill. Bill and Christina Derixson are her pastors at Trinity Apostolic Faith Church. She has had many family members to attend AFBC and also students and faculty from AFBC has been there while on tours. The Lord has given her confirmation after confirmation that she is exactly where she is supposed to be.



Ethan Jones, 18, from Diamond, MO is the son of Jeff and Kim Jones. They are also his pastors at Community Chapel in Joplin, MO.

He says that God is giving a new perspective on who he is through Him.



Mya Landry, 19, is from Slidell, LA and is daughter of Kenneth and Laura Warriner. At home she attends the Church of the Nazarene Connection Center.

She learned of AFBC when the Mission Team was at the church she attended while living in Phoenix, AZ.

She feels the Lord has been changing her and is growing her closer to the calling and purpose of her life.



Emily Reimer, 18, is from Hugoton, KS. Her parents are John and Sara Reimen. At home, Roy Bogan is her pastor at Bethel Friends Church. She learned of AFBC through Rhonda Kinser.



The Lord has been freeing her of things in the past and giving her victory.



Jeremiah Robbins, 19, Elkins, AR is the son of Shane & Heather Robbins. Russell Shackelford is his pastor at Brannon Mountain Church. He learned of AFBC from a sister in the Lord at his church. He feels that God is giving him the opportunity to get closer and to know Him more.

Hannah Spaans, 17, is from Webb City, MO and is the daughter of Dean & Cassandra Spaans. She attends Frisco Church where Matt & Stephanie Snyder are her pastors. She learned of AFBC at church.



The Lord has been helping her to have boldness and child like faith.

Hanna Warren, 18 is from Columbus, KS. Her parents are Robert & Tristan Warren. Her mother told her of AFBC. Her pastor at home is Alan McCamey at Camp Joy.

The Lord is showing her that He will give her strength for things she cannot do on her own.



Machaira Wasson, 18, of Joplin, MO attends James River Church under the ministry of John Lindell. She is the daughter of Timothy Wasson and Veronica Marchant. She has several in her family that are AFBC Alumni including her parents.

She feels she is learning to hear the Lord's voice each day and drawing her closer.



Samuel Yanes, 26, and **Tristan Yanes**, 23, are from Alvin, TX. They attend Trinity Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of Bill & Christina Derixson. Tristan's sister and brother-in-law, Shi & Grant Grier, 3rd year AFBC Interns told them of AFBC.

They are growing closer to God each day and learning how to listen to His voice.



AFBC 2nd Year Students 2022-2023

*Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God; thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
Psalm 43:10*

Noah Barajas-21, son of Sam & Jennifer Barajas is from Alvin, TX. He and his family attend the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church where Bill & Christina Derixson minister.

This past summer he worked at 4-State Youth Camp in Baxter Springs, KS, worked with Bro. Galen Percy in Bentonville, AR, and helped at AFBC in the Youth Summit.



Hanah Conrad, 21, is from Springfield, MO and is the daughter of Gene & Felicia Conrad. Wrights's Chapel is her home church. Rick Flood is her pastor.

She worked at 4-State Youth Camp in Baxter Springs, KS and was assistant youth director in her home church during the summer.



Daniel Contreras, 19, from Alvin, TX is the son of Daniel Contreras. Bill & Christina Derixson are his pastors at Trinity Apostolic Faith Church. He helped in Youth Camp in West Virginia and also in the South Texas Youth Camp during the summer.



Kimberly Contreras, 21, is the daughter of Daniel Contreras of Alvin, TX. At home she attends Trinity Apostolic Faith Church. Bill & Christina Derixson are her pastors. She attended the West Virginia Camp Meeting and also worked in the 4-State Youth Camp in Baxter Springs.

Kaitlyn Derixson, 19, Alvin, TX is the daughter of Bill & Christina Derixson. They are also her pastors at Trinity Apostolic Faith Church.

She helped in the Midwest Youth Camp in Laverne, OK and also in South Texas Youth Camp.



David Hill, 19, is from Alvin, TX and the son of John and Jana Hill. His home church is the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of Bill & Christina Derixson. He worked at the 4-State Youth Camp in Baxter Springs, KS and interned with Bro. Galen Percy in Bentonville, AR and also helped in the Youth Summit at AFBC.



Christopher Monsalvo, age 21, is the son of Mariuno & Cecilia Monsalvo of Southwest City, MO. His home church is the Full Gospel Church. Richard & Linda Hart are pastors there.

Christopher worked in the 4-State Youth Camp, Baxter Springs, KS, helped in his home church sound booth and worked with his father with the Hispanic Ministries.

Ezra Ramos, 20, is from Springfield, MO and the daughter of Justin Snow and Toni Craven. She rested during the summer because of some health problems.

She says the Lord is helping her hear His voice more clearly so she will know what His will is for her after AFBC.



Jade Stowers, 18, Fruitvale, TX is the daughter of Leslie Stowers. John Robinson is her pastor at Yah's Restoration. She says that the Lord is teaching her what abiding means and to solely rely on Him to have long term peace in Him.

Jade was able to use her singing talent this past summer in some different churches.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalm 119:11

AFBC Third Year Interns and Drive In Students



Grant & Shi Grier, are 3rd year interns at AFBC. They are from Alvin, TX where they attended Trinity Apostolic Faith Church under Bill & Christina Derixson's ministry.

Grant said, "He is continuing to show Himself faithful. My wife and I have had several new opportunities and transisions within the last year, and God has been there to guide, empower, encourage and teach us through it all."



Kaitlin Harris, 20, a third year intern and the daughter of Calvin & Debbie Harris is from Rock Island, TX. She attends Rock Island Full Gospel Church where her parents are pastors.

During the summer she worked in youth camps in S. Texas and Laverne, OK, traveled to Camp Meeting in West Virginia and also worked a job.



Michael Pearce, is a drive in student from Riverton, KS . He has taken several classes at AFBC.

He and his wife Katie are pastors at the First Baptist in Riverton, KS.



70th Wedding Anniversary

Joined in Holy Matrimony in Rockdale, TX on August 19, 1952, Floyd and Judy Pletcher celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary with a well attended reception on Sunday, August 21, 2022 at Faith Community Church in Canyon, TX. Guests included many family relations and friends they have made over the years.

Floyd and Judy both attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS and have many good memories about that time. When they moved from Texas to Nevada in the mid-1960s they practiced warm hospitality and built

many more relationships which continue today.

When asked how they stayed together over the long haul, Judy said, "I just loved him all the time, we sometimes disagreed, but we always made up." Floyd said the one thing he most appreciated about Judy was "when I quit a job, she never complained, she only encouraged me."

They send a big thank you to all who sent cards and to all who attended. "It was *almost* better than our wedding reception," Judy remarked.



Church News

Hello from the Oklahoma Panhandle!

I just wanted to take a moment and give everyone an update about what's going on at Trinity Faith Fellowship in Laverne, OK. Also, more importantly, I want to give God the glory for the amazing things that He has been doing in the communities and lives of the people who live here. We truly believe that God is setting the stage for an amazing revival that will impact this entire area and will completely change the spiritual landscape of the Panhandles (Texas and Oklahoma).

First of all, we have been seeing God do some amazing things here in "No Man's Land" with the hearts and lives of our members. During COVID we were just like everyone else and had to close up shop for the indoor worship and fellowship times but it forced us to be creative in ways we hadn't imagined just a few years ago. Instead of just going online we held our outdoor services at the Midwest Youth Camp and had a really good turn out. These services really set the tone for the time since we were locked down. I believe that people were really hungry for something real and authentic that won't waste their time nor their resources.

We were going through a series of sermons about Ezekiel 47 about the river flowing from God's temple and the vision of his crossing it with the assistance of a messenger of God. If you'll remember, the waters started off at his ankles, then his knees, then his waist and so on until the waters were over his head to the point where he couldn't touch any longer. So this has empowered our church to adopt the idea of resisting the "ankle deep relationship with Jesus," while saying, "I will NOT be ankle deep any longer." This series had empowered us to examine every area of our lives and to measure whether or not we are simply going through the motions or if we are present in the moment and actively seeking God's guidance along the way. So, since last spring we have seen multiple baptisms, decisions for Christ, healed/restored marriages, pastoral friendships growing with our denominations, and we even started a discipleship group that is based on Titus 2 called T2 to develop our people and their walk with the Lord.

As the pastor of Trinity, I am so humbled to see the way that God sets up conversations and situations to move us closer to His will and to His amazing wonderful grace. I can take zero credit for anything that He is doing in our fellowship and community. I am praying that "No Man's Land" will grow to be a place that is viewed as fertile and full of life, just like the very army of bones that Ezekiel prophesied to and saw rejuvenated and restored to life. Please pray for us as we step into unknown waters and seek His face for clarity and guidance as we pray for the next steps of our ministry here. We all know that when the Lord starts to show up, the enemy is not too far behind with division, manipulation, sickness, and pride. We want to do God's will and not our own, even if it's scary. Through all of this we are learning that no matter how dead we think something is... God can make a way. No matter how lost.. He will find us. No matter how broken we think we are... He can mend us. Our overarching vision has become that Trinity is a church "full of broken people, helping other broken people, helping other broken people find Jesus."

We love you all and will continue to pray for your churches and ministries as well. Have a blessed season of harvest!

In Christ's Worthy Hands

Pastor JR Slater

Trinity Faith Fellowship

Laverne, Oklahoma

Granby, MO

Things are going well here at the Tabernacle in Granby, MO. We have been active in community activities along with Teen Challenge Ministry. In June, the congregation joined us in the Old Mining Town Days parade and then sang at the Gospel Hour as a group in the park. Working with East Newton Ministerial Association, we can visit Granby and Stella schools to encourage and uplift the students. The church took



one meal to Senior Camp at 4 State Youth Camp outside of Baxter Springs, KS and enjoyed it with the campers.

In August our congregation participated in a school administration meal as other churches put together a meal for all the teachers, bus drivers and workers in the East Newton School District. The congregation is taking a rotating service to the Granby House to visit, sing and minister to the occupants there.

Our times of fellowship are greatly blessed as we have family breakfasts and other happy times together in worship and breaking bread. The Lord is blessing here, Praise God!

A reminder that using website <http://www.originalapostolicfaith.org/> one can download and read older Apostolic Faith Reports and several books.

Carol and Gaytha Oakes— Pastors

Prosperity, MO

"I was glad when they said unto me. Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalms 122:1

There seems to be an excitement in the air every time we gather together for worship at Prosperity, MO. Our congregation loves being together, learning the word, lifting voices in worship, and all the times of fellowship that we have as a body of believers. We so appreciate our teachers who carry a burden for their classes, for the music ministers who lead us in worship, for the ones who faithfully show up to clean the church, mow the lawn, decorate each month for the season. It takes everyone working together for the body to be fully joined together, working as one.

Each month we enjoy a church dinner and activities for fellowship with each other. In August, we celebrated with our students in a "Back to School" dinner and backpack giveaway. Along with September's dinner we had shower for Eric and Katie Cartwright's new baby daughter. On Oct. 30th we will have our annual church Fall Festival with a cookout, pumpkin decorating, hay ride and a bounce house. Every other month the men enjoy a Men's Prayer Breakfast on a Saturday morning. Several of our ladies are enjoying baking and sending desserts to AFBC in Baxter Springs, KS.

Our "littles" and their mommies are thoroughly enjoying the renovated baby nursery. We are blessed that Sister Faye Nelson has such a beautiful talent in decorating. Our adult class have been studying the book of Revelation and Acts. Both studies have been inspiring, challenging and have brought great discussion. Charity Dorris recently preached for us and there was such a beautiful anointing.

We are praying for victories to be found at the altar and souls saved. Our burden and vision for Prosperity is to experience revival where lives will be set free and souls added to the kingdom. We are also continuing to pray for a Youth Pastor. Blessings to you all.

Joel & Tammy Dorris— Pastors

Joplin, MO

The summer and fall have been busy for us at Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO. In June several of our children and youth were able to attend 4-State Youth Camp at Baxter Springs, KS. We also had some of our adults that worked there and we were blessed to be able to cook a meal for the camp.

In July, Zac and Bethany Clark were in charge of Vacation Bible School and it was enjoyed by all who attended and worked. Later that month some were also able to attend Camp Meeting in Laverne, OK and West Virginia. July also brought Youth Summit at AFBC and several of our teens along with our Youth Pastors, Kendall and Laticia Glenn and son Fletcher, were blessed to attend.

Of course in August our teachers and youth headed back to school. We continue to draw names each month to pray for those students and school teachers. We were also blessed to have the Brandon Dorris Group for a service. It was well attended and a blessing to all. The Ladies Bible Study continues to be attended by several every other Friday morning. Every other month we are able to serve a meal at Watered Gardens shelter.

On Sept. 25th we held our first Cottage Prayer Meeting at Dennie & Karen Oakes home to pray for the lost and other needs. In October and November we will meet at the homes of Mark & Iletha Bard and Glen and Carrie Oakes. We feel the church needs to be in prayer for so many needs and that we all draw closer to Him.

Beginning on the first Saturday of October the men met for a Prayer Breakfast at the church and will continue to meet monthly. It will also soon be time to begin planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas activities.

If you are ever in Joplin we would love for you to visit and be a part of us. We are located at 4430 S. Main Street in Joplin. God Bless All of You!

Brian & Cheryl Moser– Pastors



In 2016, Jack and I retired from pastoring after 60 years. Our daughter, Tonya moved us to Oklahoma City, OK to care for us in our retirement. We moved to a lovely duplex area (Stanford Courts) where most of the residents are retired.

Knowing no one except our family was a bit of a challenge. One day one of our neighbors across the street told me she was returning from a weekly Bible Study at her church. I asked her if it was open to anyone and she invited me to attend with her. Several women of our Courts also attended and this gave me a great chance to get acquainted with several lovely Christian ladies.

When the Bible study closed for the summer the 2nd year after I started attending, the leader challenged us to have our own Bible Study groups. The ladies at my table of 10 pointed fingers at me and said that I should be the leader of our group. I know this was a God thing because all of the ladies were members of this or another church.

I took this challenge and started a weekly Bible Study at the clubhouse of our Stanford Courts. There were a total of 19 ladies who attended with most of them being regular attendees. When the churches started their groups again in the Fall most of the ladies returned to their own churches. A few of the ladies asked me if I would continue the one we were having, so I did. When our number got down to 7, I moved it to my house which was more practical and easier for me.

I have continued it ever since and it has given me some wonderful close Christian friends. Some of the ladies have quit because of death, health issues and moving. I thank the Lord for giving me this opportunity to continue my teaching ministry.

I would like to challenge you to start a study in your home whether single or married.. You don't have to have a large number to be a blessing.

Kathryn Cornell– Oklahoma City, OK

Spend Your Life or Waste It

By Rev. Bill Derixson— Alvin, TX

Psalms 90:12— So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

How are you spending your days? “We say we waste time, but that is impossible. We waste ourselves.”-Alice Bloch. We are only given a short number of days on the earth. They spring up and are gone like a vapor, or like the flowers of a field. How will I reach the end of my natural life without being full of regrets over missed opportunities and relationships? By not missing them! Don’t put off for tomorrow the good you could do and have today. Spend your time and energy wisely. Anything unspent at the end is simply lost.

Love God with all of your heart, soul and mind and strength. Make and spend time in daily Bible reading communing with God, spend time in your secret prayer closet seeking God, and spend time in devoted worship of God. The time spent represents wise investments with eternal returns. You will not regret keeping this relationship passionate and vibrant.

Love people God puts in your path. Your spouse comes first, even before children. With the awful rate of divorce, we know marriage relationships are not being maintained. Spend time and attention on your spouse and make it a high priority. Love your children and raise them up intentionally in the fear and admonition of the Lord. You cannot reclaim time lost in the growing up years and the relationship changes as they become adults. Your time investment in your children’s lives will make room for you in later years/ Likewise, wasting time on lesser things will put you on the margin of your kid’s life in later years. Love the household of faith. Believers are true family members. Connect to your family and they will be there for you in your time of rejoicing and need. Don’t forget to spend time and energy loving the lost. They represent your mission and reason for being here. The man that wins souls is wise.

Don’t waste your life preparing and planning, procrastinating and apathetic, going to live but never getting it done. Don’t constantly stress over things that matter little and overlook people who matter much. Jesus promised a full life, an abundant life, to those who followed Him. Sometimes that life is hid in moments we would rather pass on. Such as, serving God and serving people. If you sacrifice to spend yourself in ways that matter, I promise, you will not look back on life and regret it. Those will be defining moments in your future. Those will have been wise investments boasting great returns.

It Runs in the Family

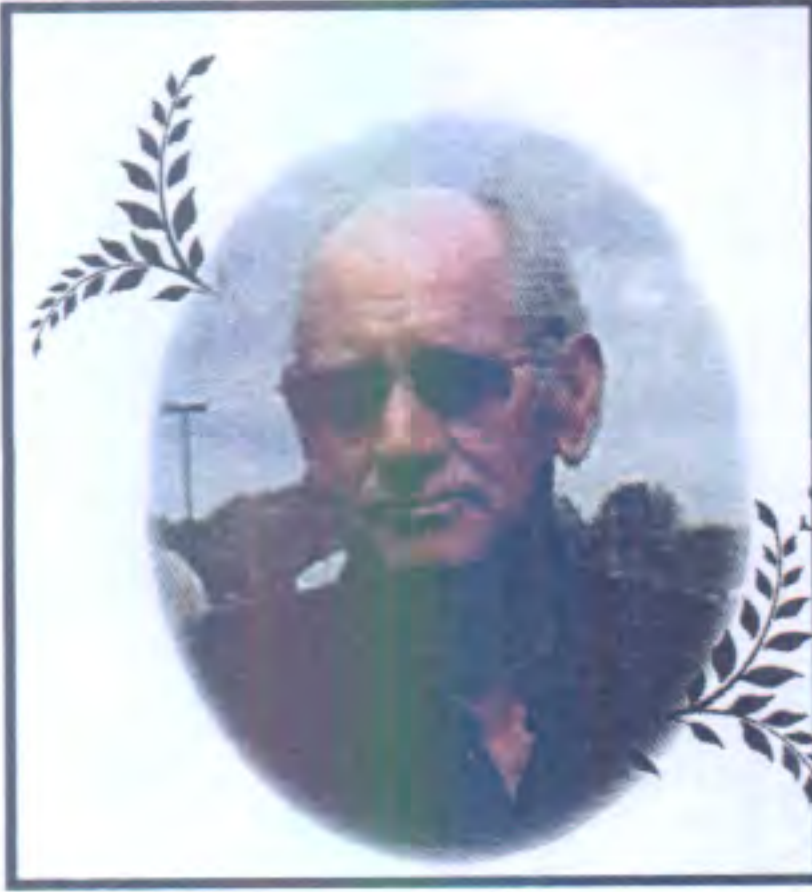
A minister asked the children in a Sunday School class, “Why do you love God?” The answer he liked best was, “I guess it just runs in the family.”

WAIT A MINUTE

How often we hear the above remark, as a call to halt or tarry for some body or something, but how many times do we take time to “wait a minute” before the Lord, so that we may receive His full blessings. Wait for His approval. Wait for the many showers of blessings, and wait, if you please for His direct commands, and all will be well with you. Wait, I say, On the Lord, and by so doing renew your strength.

Psalm 27:14

“Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.”



Earnest Dale Cook- 1950-2022

Earnest D. (Ernie) Cook, age 71 of Stella ,MO, entered into rest on June 27,2022 in Joplin, MO, surrounded by his loving family. Ernie was born Sept.4,1950, in Stella, MO, the youngest of five children to Roy and Ada (Haddock) Cook. Ernie graduated from McDonald County High School in 1968 and was a lifelong resident. He worked as a truck driver for Willis Shaw Trucking Company, 1970-1977 and then as a truck driver and sawyer for Hines Brothers, 1977-1987. Ernie began working at Ozark Wood Products and worked there for 23 years and was currently working for Littlefield Cattle Company. He was hard worker, a good provider and had a strong work ethic.

Ernie loved to play the guitar and started a band, ‘ The Good Ole Boys’ and later played with the “McDonald County Playboys”. He loved to play his guitar and sing at church. Ernie was a member at Union Chapel Church and had served as a deacon.

On August 5,1970, Ernie and Cathy L. (Wilson) were united in marriage in Oklahoma and Cathy survives. In addition to his wife of 51 years, he is survived by three children, Bryan Smith and wife, Tammera of Stella, MO, Shelly Capps and husband Mike of Neosho, MO and Chris Cook and wife, Janice of Granby, MO; three grandsons, Riley Capps, Chase Capps, and Christian Cook; three granddaughters, Hadley Smith, Brynne Smith, and Jayden Capps and a brother, Vernie Cook and wife Mildred of Neosho, MO. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Katherine Oakes and Doris Foster and a brother, Oren Cook.

Funeral services were held on July 1,2022 at Clark Funeral Home in Granby, MO. Officiating was Rev. Mark Sumler. Internment was at Union Cemetery, Stella, MO.

Paula June Oakes- 1958-2022

Paula June (Wilton) Oakes, Neosho, MO, passed away from this life on July 22,2022 after a long battle with liver disease. Paula was born July 8,1958 to the late Paul and Virginia Wilton. She graduated from Memorial High School in Joplin, MO in 1976 and married the love of her life Darrel, on July 1,1977. Together they had one son, Jacob.



Paula devoted her entire life to serving her Lord Jesus and to serving children. She had a special love for children with challenging behaviors and disabilities. Prior to retirement, Paula was employed by the Office of Head Start and traveled the country performing Head Start reviews. She was also a Certified Conscious Discipline Trainer. Both of these opportunities allowed her to share her love and care with children from all around the United States. Paula served in her church from the time she was young, until her health no longer allowed. She was a music minister, a Sunday School teacher, a youth director, a marriage mentor, a greeter and much more. Paula was most recently a member of Uncommon Life Church in Joplin, MO. She had a positive impact on and showed the love of Jesus to all who knew her.

Paula graduated from Missouri Southern State University the same day as her son, Jacob, in 2005. Being a mother to her only “Miracle child” was her number one priority from the day he was born

Paula was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Virginia Wilton, three sisters, Mary Spruk, Patricia Robinson and Linda Yeager, her parents-in-love Forrest and Mary Oakes, and her husband of 42 years, Darrel Oakes. She is survived by her son, Jacob and wife Charity of Neosho, MO; her brother Richard Wilton and wife Brenda of Joplin, MO; one sister Pamela Barr and husband Rick of Springfield, MO, her youngest brother Jimmy Wilton and wife Julie of Joplin, MO and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends. She is also survived by her three grandchildren , Evangeline, John and Boyd Oakes. They were her pride and joy. Funeral services were held on July 28,2022 at Forest Park Baptist Church with Rev. Richard Morris officiating. Interment was in Union Cemetery, Stella, MO.



Ruth Edna (Busch) Bachler- 1935-2021

Ruth Edna Busch Bachler “Sissie:” (as she was affectionately nicknamed) , age 86, left this life to be with the Lord on Oct. 22,2021, after a long and fulfilling life with family, friends, with the love of ministry and music.



Ruth was born April 24, 1935 in Katy, TX as a 3rd generation Texan and youngest child of Reuben Daniel Busch and Pearl Elizabeth Busch. From Rockdale, TX. Her only sister, Judy, was a special influence in her life and they shared a love for the gospel and the piano. They had a very tight bond and spoke to each other weekly throughout their lives. Ruth attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Baxter Springs, KS in 1954 and 1955, where she also taught piano lessons. Growing up in the ministry of the Apostolic Faith movement, she attended and helped with church revivals and camp meetings that took her across Texas and numerous states. She accompanied the Kay Kerr family to Anchorage, Alaska where she married Donnie Bachler on Dec. 2, 1955.

After Donnie got out of the Air Force, they settled in Katy, TX and raised 4 children: Patti Lynn, Daniel Ray, Polly Ann and Olen Andrew. In the late 70’s Ruth, Donnie and the kids moved to Georgetown, TX where she made her home for 44 years. During this time, Ruth was very active in the community and shared her musical talents of playing the piano and singing the gospel. She helped lead weekly visits to several Georgetown nursing homes entertaining the elderly community and spreading the word of the Lord through music.

Her home was blessed with many cherished memories of countless birthday celebrations, holidays and parties for family and friends. Ruth considered her home Texas and had numerous life long friends throughout the state and traveled frequently to Katy, TX, Rockdale, TX, Oklahoma and Missouri to stay in touch or lend a hand. Some of her fondest memories and stories always led back to her travels, distant friends and acquaintances she met over the years. Ruth was a member of many churches over the years. Her most recent church home was Crestview Baptist Church where she would play piano for her Sunday school ladies. Unfortunately, her health began to decline 10 years ago with Alzheimer's and dementia that slowly wore her down. She continued to demonstrate her faith in the Lord up until the time of her departure. Just weeks before prior to her passing she sang “Amazing Grace” with the Chaplain at the Reserve which brought her joy and a sparkle even if for a short time.

Ruth is survived by and missed dearly her older sister, Judy (Floyd) Pletcher of Canyon, TX, her dear Aunt, Lela Kathryn Busch of Katy, TX, sister-in-law, Sandra (Fred) Huff of Oklahoma City, OK, daughter Patti Lynn Bachler of Georgetown, TX, son Donald Ray Bachler of Corpus Christi, TX, daughter, Polly Ann Fife (Tim) of Stephenville, TX, son Andrew (Krista) Bachler of Florence, TX and 9 grandchildren: Chris, Logan, Spencer, Amelia, Madison, Bailey, Riley, Jordan, Chase and 2 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. Ruth was preceded in death by her loving husband, Donnie in 1994.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Leola Pearl Buschman 1929-2022

Leola was born on Jan. 29, 1929 to George Hintergardt and Mabel Long Hintergardt in Beaver County, OK. She passed away on August 27, 2022 in Borger, TX.



She was in the class of 1947 at the Apostolic Faith Bible College. She married Benny Buschman on Nov. 2, 1950 in Madeira, CA. Together, Leola and Benny owned and operated the Falcon Restaurant in Stinnett, TX for many years. They were also members of the Apostolic Faith Church in Spearman, TX and served as cooks at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS.

Leola loved the Lord with all her heart and was a faithful prayer warrior on behalf of her family and friends. She was a great cook and was well known for her pies and biscuits and gravy. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, puzzles, traveling and keeping up with her kids and grandchildren.

Leola was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother Lowell Hintergardt, her sister Nina Traylor, her son-in-law Jamie Cheatwood and great grandson Grant Carroll. She is survived by her daughter Paula Cheatwood of Stinnett, TX, two sons, Alvin Buschman and wife Glenda of Seneca, MO and David Buschman and wife Lisa of Hempstead, TX, ten grandchildren and their spouses Paul Buschman II and Debra, Keith Buschman and Abby, Barbie Green and Brandon, April Carroll and Frank, Alton Cheatwood and Amanda Denley and Blake, Michelle Vargas and Dustin, John Stafford and Darian, Erin Constable and Daniel, Jessica Kessler and Jacob, and 16 great grandchildren, RyLee, AJ, Bryant, Nolan, Jamie, Kaitlynn, Lincoln, Bradley, Alexa, Ben, Jackson, Sam, Leon, Eleanor, plus 3 on the way.

Memorial services were held on August 31, 2022 at the Riverview Baptist Church with her grandson Alton Cheatwood II officiating. Interment was in the Stinnett Cemetery.

Daniel Dwight Clanton- 1949-2022



Daniel Dwight Clanton, 73, of Grove, OK formerly of Baxter Springs, KS passed away on August 30, 2022 at Integris Hospital Emergency Department. Dan was born July 15, 1949 in Kerrville, TX to Paul Alexander Clanton and Bonnie Jean (Bard) Clanton. Paul and his family moved to Baxter Springs, KS, where Dan graduated high school. After high school Dan worked for several different companies including Gulf, Thermex and Slurry specializing in explosives. He was a member of the (ISEE) International Society Explosive Engineering. He was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, KS. Dan enjoyed riding motorcycles, boating, hunting, reading and traveling the world.

Dan was united in marriage to Sharon A. (Layton) Clanton on March 24, 2002 in Las Vegas, NV. She survives of the home. Additional survivors include a son, Danny Clanton and wife Heidi of Neosho, MO, daughter, Belinda Woffard of Nixa, MO; step-son Brad Underwood of Bethany, OK, 4 grandchildren, Tristan Clanton, Trevor Schooley, Kennedy Schooley, and Olivia Underwood along with several extended family members.

Dan is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Bonnie Clanton, one brother Max Clanton.

Funeral services were held on Sept, 2, 2022 at Derfelt's Baxter Chapel with Cody Harris and Bill Waggoner officiating. Burial followed at Baxter Springs, KS Cemetery.

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Are You An Over-Thinker?

Recently one of my girls confessed to me that she over-thinks. I can relate, because I do too. Something I said or did... Something someone else said or did... What I wish I would have said... What I feel I should have done or not done. "What ifs" and "If onlys" plague my mind. I mull it over and over. Playing out the scenario and rehashing the past.

Sometimes in thinking about it I find that I need to make things right with another person— apologize and ask for forgiveness. But other times I just need to realize that I did the best I knew to do at the times, with the information that I had, and then let it go and leave it in God's hands. There IS something, however, that I do need to over-think and rehash in my mind, That is the truth about God and His goodness.

Philippians 4:6-7 ESV reminds us not to worry about anything ,but "instead pray about everything", asking our petitions of God with thanksgiving for what He had already accomplished. This passage lets us know that if we do this we will have peace. As we continue on in this chapter, the next couple of verses (along with Isaiah 26:3) give us instruction on what we should be thinking about. The scripture reminds us that peace comes from having our minds fixed on God and His goodness. "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me— practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."

The next time your mind starts to wonder and over-think, remember to turn your thoughts toward God and His truth. When you focus on Him, those anxious thoughts and questions fade away. Go ahead and over-think. Just make sure you are thinking about the right things!

Cheryl Moser-President

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