

The Apostolic Faith Report

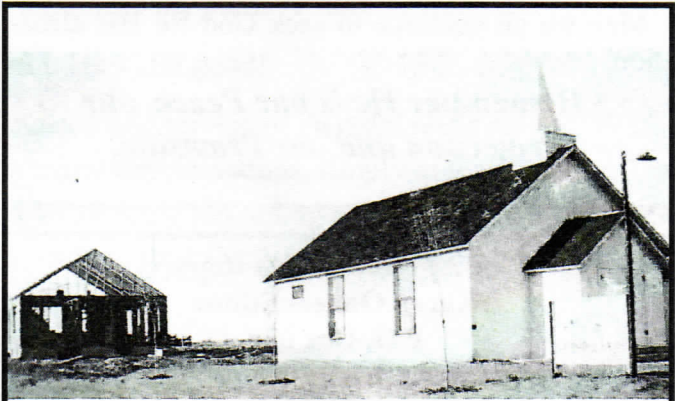
Midway Country Church Logan, Oklahoma 75th Anniversary

The Midway Country Church grew out of revivals in the Logan, OK area by early evangelists such as Albert Durham, John Modrick, Gail Schultz, the Barker brothers, Robert Girouard and Chloe Taylor. Church services and Sunday School were held at times in a local schoolhouse. In late 1943, Marcus and Mary Adair came to the community to be settled pastors. In 1944 an abandoned school building was moved to land located on the main highway. The land had been donated by James and Ella Hosler. After remodeling the school building and doing some other construction, it was time to dedicate the new church and begin to have services there. That was in early 1945.

For the past 75 years, Midway Country Church has been a beacon to the local community and a landmark for people traveling along the busy highway.

Please join us in commemorating this 75th Anniversary. Celebration services will be held on Sunday morning at 10:30 and Sunday afternoon at 2:30 on May 3, 2020.

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Above—This is the Midway Church after completion in 1944. The parsonage was under construction. Below—This is Midway Church showing the new addition. As electricity had just been installed, we bought a new sign.



List of Pastors

- Marcus Adair- 1943-1954
- Harroll Waterbury- 1954-1956
- G.K. Kerr- 1956-1959
- Murphy Barnes- 1959-1961
- Edwin Modrick- 1961-1964
- Doyle Wiles- 1964-1974
- Howard Whiteley- 1974-1977
- Bob G. Taylor- 1977-1986
- John McClendon- 1987(Interim pastor)
- Neil Ragan- 1987-2000
- Jack Cornell- 2000-2010
- Casey Drew- 2010-2014
- Ted Barker- 2014-2018
- Gus Blackwell- 2018-present

Editors Note:

As you all know our world is experiencing things that none of us have ever experienced. In this issue there are dates of happenings among our people which could change at any time. There is contact information with those announcements where you may contact and know of changes.

May we all continue to seek God for His direction.

Remember He is our Peace, our Protection and our Provision.

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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 listed basic doctrines.



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Go to learn. Learn to go.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105

Many things have changed since I last wrote, but God hasn't. He's still good!

In February, we were a part of a community revival and hosted one service of an eight night revival. We had over 200 people join us for service on a Friday night from many denominations, simply to glorify Jesus. Then in March, our ministry teams took their trips and each did an amazing job telling people about the good news of Jesus Christ! Jenny and I traveled with the music team and enjoyed God's presence in each service as we proclaimed with the church that He is Faithful!

Both of our teams were able to make it home safely before state governments began issuing “stay at home” orders. After delaying school for two weeks hoping things would calm down and we could return to our normal routine, we decided it would be best to cancel our on-site classes for the remainder of this year and transition to an online curriculum. With this, we felt it was necessary to cancel all commencement week events as well, including graduation. We will certainly miss the opportunity to fellowship with friends and family, but we know God is faithful and He always prepares us for what is ahead.

Our number one goal for each student that come to AFBC is that they learn to hear the voice of God on their own. We put an added emphasis on students finding victory in their personal prayer closets, and now that's all they have. The benefits of AFBC have been prematurely removed, but they're ready. Hey know His voice and He will guide them! His Word doesn't fail, it accomplishes what it was sent to do. Through this time, I encourage you-hear His voice. Shift your focus. Reprioritize if necessary. Turn your eyes upon Jesus! He never fails!

Before I wrap this up, I wanted to let you know that we as a staff are still on campus working every day. Through the two weeks of delayed school we were able to make huge strides on Darla's apartment remodel and hope to have her moved in by May. Thank you for your continued support! We love you and appreciate you!

Expecting Big Things,

Brian Harris

AFBC Superintendent

Recent Visitors at AFBC

On Feb.25,2020 the Early Pentecostal Tour Group, made up of faculty and students from Evangel University and the Assembly of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, MO, made a stop at the Apostolic Faith Bible College Archives Department.

One of the ladies in the tour group shared that her parents, Paul Allen Pletcher and Bonnie June Schrimpf met while attending AFBC in 1951 and later married. Her grandparents, Rev.& Mrs. Lloyd Schrimpf pastored several churches.

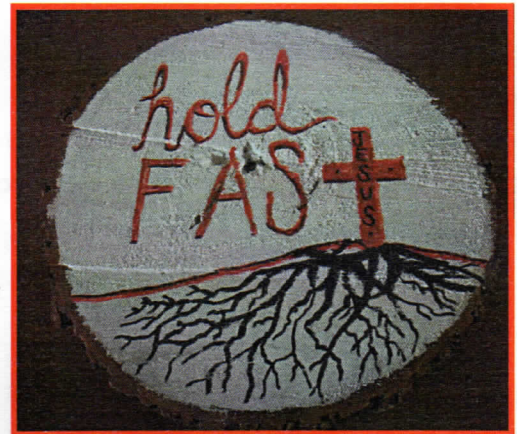
It was such a nice time to meet this group and our hope is that they can visit again soon.



Pearls of Promise

*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith
without
wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*

Hebrews 10:23



This year from the 3rd to the 12th of March, the AFBC Missions Team had the privilege of partnering with Pastor Jose Alvarez and the Kitchen of Love in Guatemala and Honduras. The impact that our team had on the people abroad was substantial. We prayed for the sick and broken, preached the gospel to the lost and gave roughly 40,000 meals (estimate given by Kitchen of Love staff) to families in need. It was truly an incredible experience to see God use our team in such mighty ways. While we recognize the vast impact we were able to have on the people of Guatemala and Honduras, what we recognize even more is the impact that the people had on us. We will for ever be marked with a


Missions

passion for global missions and a love for the lost... and this is what it's really all about.. The goal of our missions program is not to spend a year preparing students for a week of missions. Rather, our goal is to spend a year- our short term missions trip included- preparing our students for a life of missions, We believe that this trip was training ground that is irreplaceable in that regard. If you sponsored our team this year-whether in prayers, finances or other support we really cannot thank you enough. We love you very much and would appreciate your continued support. God Bless!



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Ephesians 4

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



Retired Ministers Fund

A fund was established several years ago to show appreciation to elder and retired ministers and ministers widows for their dedication and labors in the Kingdom of God.

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Seeing the Light in the Darkness

*“O God, who gave us birth,
You are more ready to hear than we pray.
You know our needs before we ask.
Show us now your grace that as we face the mystery of
death we may see the light of eternity.
Help us to live as those who are prepared to die.
And when our days here are ended, enable us to die
As those who go forth to live, so that living or dying,
our life may be in our eternal God.”*

The above prayer is used as an opening prayer for a quarterly memorial service that is hosted by the Pastoral care team at the hospital I am employed with. This service is set aside as a time for family members to remember loved ones and for chaplains to offer continued bereavement support. One phrase especially stood out to me as I was preparing to speak a few words to those who would be in attendance at the most recent service- *“Show us now your grace that as we face the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity.”*

One of my favorite radio commercials is the one featuring Tom Bodett advertising for Motel 6. He uses the slogan most of us can quote- *“This is Tom Bodett for Motel 6 and, we’ll leave the light on for you.”* In my experience, Motel 6 doesn’t hold a candle to my Mom when it comes to leaving the light on. For 18 years, Seldon and I and our children made trips from Texas to Missouri to spend time with family during the holiday season and I was always so excited to see the porch light on when we would pull into Mom and Dad’s driveway after a long sleepy night.

One such trip stands out as being the most memorable. We left home the evening of Dec. 22, 1989 after Seldon got off work. We were young and dumb, and I wasn’t going to let anything keep me from going home for Christmas. I don’t know if any of you remember, but those few days before Christmas in 1989 went down as some of the coldest in Missouri’s history. Seldon and I were traveling through the night, in a car that was on its last leg, with a year-old baby girl, on one of the coldest nights we will ever experience. (We didn’t tell any of our folks that we had been doubting the reliability of the heater in the old red Pontiac Phoenix.)

That 11 hour trip was one of the longest we’ve ever taken, with the old car shaking like a leaf as it went down the road. Somewhere near Dallas, I had gotten Bethany out of her car seat to keep her warm against me under a blanket. It got down to 15 below 0 with an even colder wind chill. At one point, near Vinita, OK, we wondered if it would go any farther. Seldon was miserably cold as he drove. Nothing ever looked so good as the sight of Mom and Dad’s porch light as we pulled in in the wee hours of the morning on Dec. 23. We had finally made it home.

That Christmas was memorable for more than one reason. It was the last Christmas we would have with my sister Lisa, as she died from injuries sustained in a truck-driving accident in April the next year. What a gift it was to be able to spend that Christmas with her.

I remember the darkness I felt when I laid down to sleep that first night after Lisa died. The darkness, the heaviness of the grief, had a presence I had never experienced and I felt like it may smother me.

I know some of you are experiencing those nights of darkness and grief even now, perhaps wondering if you will make it through the dark night. If I may, I want to encourage you, as the prayer read, to *“see the light of eternity.”* then see the light, even in your darkness.

We have stood with many at the bedside of a loved one who has passed away and have witnessed as they began their journey through grief by choosing to see the light in the darkness. For some, the light came in remembering the good times, remembering how they met, holidays spent together, hardships endured, lessons learned, trips taken, meals shared, favorite past times, favorite songs, children born, sermons preached, faith lived, lives touched, prayers answered, work done, words spoken, love shared. We have heard the memories, the stories, the faith and have seen light come into the darkness as those things were shared.

For many, the light came in remembering the light others brought into the dark times— the kindness and support of a faithful friend, pastor, or family member, the tender care of a nurse, doctor or other hospital staff member. Others have allowed their light to shine in the dark hours and for that they are eternally grateful.

(Light- con't)

Still others, so many, see the light in the hope they are hanging on to for the future. The hope of eternal life in a place where there will be no more night, no more pain, no more death.

Just as those wise men, so long ago followed the light of the star to lead them to the newborn King-Jesus, Messiah, The Light of the World- we too, look to His Light. HE is leaving the light on for us and we can journey on through the darkest of nights and find HOPE.

One of the daily scripture cards we pass out at Freeman Hospital quotes Psalm 36- "For with you is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light." Old Testament Malachi prophesied "the Sun of Righteousness would arise with healing in His wings". Luke put it this way- "the Dayspring from on high has visited us- to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Oh, how thankful I am for His light that shines in darkness! I pray you experience the reality of the peace the angels spoke of when they appeared to the shepherds and that His Light will guide you through your darkest nights, and give you hope and peace.

Vanessa Harris- Hospital Chaplain

Alumni Corner

When I originally began to plan for the Annual Alumni Banquet for 2020 this verse (Gal. 6:9) came to mind as an encouragement to the saints to keep on keeping on, fighting the good fight, not giving up. Since that time a whole string of events has turned our nation, and quite frankly, our world upside down. Unfortunately because of the circumstances and effects of Covid-19 pandemic we have to cancel our banquet this year. While this and so many other cancellations may leave us feeling disappointed, the message of hope and endurance remains. Now, maybe more than ever, we are given a great opportunity to share the light and love of Jesus to those around us. And part of that is finding the good and doing good one to another.

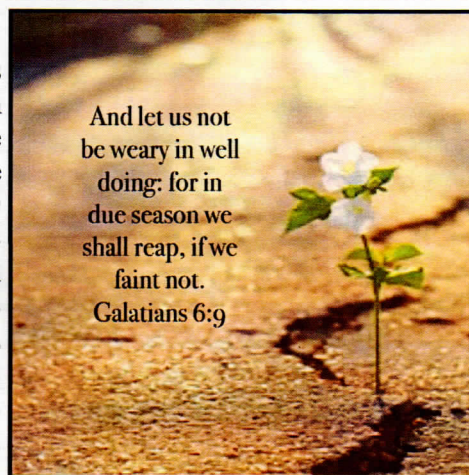
Luke 10:25-37 tells of a time when Jesus was confronted by a lawyer who was trying to test Him, trip Jesus up in His own words. The lawyer asked Jesus about the qualifications to receive eternal life (vs 25) and then went on to answer Jesus (and his own) question with this answer, "Ye shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. The Bible goes on to tell us that the lawyer wanted to justify himself (vs.29) so he asked Jesus another question. "Who is my neighbor?" In response to this question Jesus tells the story we know as the "Good Samaritan". Now, there are many aspects to this story that we could look at, but ultimately we should come to the same conclusion as the lawyer did in verse 37. The one who is truly our "neighbor" is anyone to whom we can show mercy.

In this time of uncertainty, needs abound. I would challenge you to look around for a "neighbor"- literally or figuratively, to whom you can show mercy. After all Jesus said that, when you... do it to one of the least of these my brothers, you do it to me." Matthew 25:40 ESV. And when you do "... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and (then they) will give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 ESV.

So maybe the theme for this year's banquet-that-wasn't is the message we needed to hear anyway. "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9 KJV. Don't give up! Keep on keeping on! Keep working for the Lord! He sees you and will reward you!

There is one other thing I would like to mention. I really appreciate all the support you have given to our banquet over the years. May I suggest that if you had planned to attend the banquet this year and if you are able, consider giving the \$10/per person fee you would have paid to attend the banquet to the Retired Ministers Fund instead. The information on how you can give is listed in this copy of the Apostolic Faith Report on page 11. This is one way we all can give back a little to those who have so generously given to us. May God bless and keep you all!

Cheryl Moser



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Galatians 6:9

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The Tither's Surprise

The Christian who begins to tithe will have at least six surprises. He will be surprised:

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the ease in meeting his own obligations with the nine-tenths
3. At the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithe.
4. At the ease in going from one-tenth to larger giving.
5. At the prudent disposal afforded to a faithful and wise steward over the nine-tenths that remain.
6. At himself in not adopting the plan sooner.

Diamonds are pieces
of coal that stuck
to the job.



Thank You

To AFBC Scholarship Supporters,

I am into my last 2 semesters at College of the Ozarks at Point Lookout, MO. I'll be taking a lot of art classes, that I am excited for, along with some final psychology classes.

Thank you again for the continual support. I plan to finish strong and make the most of my last year at C of O, My faith and walk continues to teach me new things. Thank you so much and be blessed!

Ashley Taylor- Joplin - Joplin, MO
2016 AFBC Scholarship Recipient

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord. Psalm 27:14



Our Little Man Has Arrived!

Kendall and Laticia Glenn of Lowell, AR are excited to welcome little Fletcher Marue Glenn unto the world! He was born on Jan. 23, 2020 and weighed 6lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. His grandparents are Kenny and Ramona Laramore of Rogers, AR and Roger and Sheila Glenn of Combs, AR.

Fletcher and his parents attend Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO where his parents are Youth Pastors.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

Insight on the Lord's Prayer for 2020

During the spread of the corona virus, as is recommended, I have been washing my hands a lot. Someone had mentioned that the time it takes to say the Lord's Prayer was the amount of time the CDC was suggesting that we wash our hands to remove germs. So in conjunction with my washing I had sometimes added the Lord's Prayer— washing and praying. Then one day as I was driving home from work I began to pray the Lord's Prayer again and some insight I'd like to share with you. Maybe it's nothing new, but maybe it will remind you of the goodness of our God in this season.

"Our Father which art in heaven"-

God has an eternal perspective. He sees the full picture. Isaiah 55:8-9 says that His thoughts are "are not your thoughts and His ways are not your ways." He is higher and therefore He sees things differently. God is not surprised by this pandemic. And He is still Sovereign.

"Hallowed be thy name"- God is holy. Even his name is holy. He is good all the time, even in times such as these. And He is worthy of our praise.

"Thy kingdom come"-This is where the kingdom and earth intersects— when we allow God in and invite Him to do His holy work. When we surrender to Him and His will then His kingdom comes to earth.

"Thy will be done"-As I have already said, God is not surprised by all of this. While I don't believe that God has caused this virus to affect our planet, I do believe that He has allowed it. And that He allowed it for a reason. We must search our hearts and allow God to reveal in us anything that doesn't please Him. We must repent of those things and let Him have His way. His will to be done in our lives. This time of slowing down and pressing pause on many things we have been used to doing can serve us well if we use this time to seek God and press into Him.

"Give us this day our daily bread"- This can refer to physical or financial needs, but I think it can also refer to any needs that we may have, emotional or spiritual as well. During His time of temptation in the wilderness (Luke 4) Jesus quoted Deut. 8:3 when He said"...man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." Our greatest daily need is for our spirits to be fed spiritual food.

"And forgive us our debts"- As we search our hearts, God may reveal to us a secret sin or even sins of our nation that need to be repented of. Take this time to ask for God's forgiveness and turn from our sin as an individual, the church or even sins of our nation. God can not bless sin and so we must repent and turn from it.

"As we forgive our debtors"- In this time of uncertainty, many people are hurting, questioning, maybe even acting irrationally or acting out. We have the opportunity to forgive and love as we would want to be forgiven and loved. We have the chance to offer grace and extend God's forgiveness to others. Forgiveness is vital to our growth and to our relationships.

"And lead us not into temptation"- During this time of social isolation you may have noticed some things in your life trying to creep back up or you may have noticed something about yourself that you had never noticed before. Ask God to help you resist the urge to give into vices or addictions. This can be something innocent as over eating or numbing out on entertainment. Or it can be something more sinister that God has delivered you from. Don't go back there! Use this time to press into God and His presence further instead of checking out.

"But deliver us from evil"-We can pray that God would deliver us from these temptations and also that He would deliver us from this plague that has rocked our world. God is sovereign and He is also Almighty. Nothing is too difficult for Him.

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen." Ultimately we want, and I believe we will see, God receive the glory in all this. May He be glorified in our lives and the ways in which we respond to this global pandemic. And in spite of the difficult circumstances, may the world see Jesus in our loving, generous actions and words so that God may be glorified. Join me in praying the Lord's Prayer in 2020.

Cheryl Moser— Baxter Springs, KS



Lillian "Margaret" Richardson

1920-2019

Lillian "Margaret" Richardson, age 99.87 of Baxter Springs, KS passed peacefully from this life on Monday, Dec. 23, 2019. Margaret was born in Oklahoma on Feb. 9, 1920, the daughter of Lang and Lola Heavin. Margaret was united in marriage to Floyd L. Richardson on March 26, 1939 in Baxter Springs, KS. They were married for 64 years until his passing in 2003.

Margaret was a faithful member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs. She and her husband Floyd worked in the 4-State Apostolic Faith Youth Camp for many years, attended Little League baseball games and delighted in the chili dogs from the concession stand at the ball field. She enjoyed attending to her huge garden, crocheting doilies, and playing dominos.

She was also known for her loving hospitality as she hosted large wiener roasts for family and friends.

Margaret is preceded in death by her husband, Floyd; one daughter Dorothy Turner; one son James Richardson; two sisters, Lucille Starrett and Betty Lou Stanley; two brothers, Leonard Heavin and John Heavin. Survivors include a daughter Bev Karber and husband, Joel of Joplin, MO; a sister, Rose Eagleson of Nevada, MO; a sister-in-law, Amy Heavin, of Warrensburg, MO, a son-in-law, Gene Turner of Overland Park, KS; a daughter-in-law, Sandi Richardson of Bloomfield, NM; six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Gravesite services were held on Dec. 28th at Greenlawn Cemetery, rural Columbus, KS. Rev. Bill Waggoner officiated.

In the last few years, Margaret enjoyed singing this song as she rocked in her chair.

Dwelling in Beulah Land Chorus

(Written by Charles A. Miles)

I'm living on the mountain,
Underneath a cloudless sky,
I'm drinking at the fountain
That never shall run dry;
Oh Yes! I'm feasting on the manna
From a bountiful supply,

Darrel L. Oakes

1958-2020

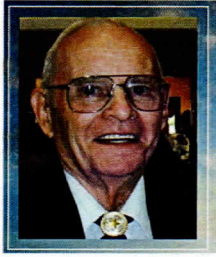
Darrel Lee Oakes, age 61, of Oologah, OK, passed away on Jan. 1, 2020 following a sudden illness. Darrel was born on July 27, 1958 to Forrest Lee and Mary Katherine (Cook) Oakes in Joplin, MO. He graduated from Neosho High School in 1976. He married Paula Wilton on July 2, 1977 in Joplin enjoying a forty-two (42) year love affair, and together they had one son, Jacob.

Darrel was the plant manager for the Amerigas Propane Company in Tulsa, OK. He was a past member of Southside Apostolic Faith Church, Joplin, MO where he served on the church board, and a past member of Uncommon Life Church also in Joplin. He was a current member of Life Church, in Owasso, OK, where he served on the "host team", was a mentor for the "marriage team" and a mentor for other church team programs. Darrel had a true servants heart; he was totally devoted to bringing people to Christ. He also was avid hunter and fisherman.

Darrel was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Katherine Oakes in 2015, and a brother, Garold L. Oakes in 1975. He is survived by his wife of forty-two (42) years, Paula J. Oakes of Oologah; one son, Jacob L. Oakes and wife Charity; his father, Forrest Lee Oakes, Neosho, MO; one brother Carol L. Oakes and wife Gaytha of Hoenwald, TN; two sisters, Iletha K. Bard and husband Mark, Tipton Ford, MO, and Anita K. Oakes and Philip A. Glades, Joplin, MO; and three grandchildren, Lidia, John and Boyd; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held on Jan. 8, 2020 at Forest Park Baptist Church in Joplin, MO with Richard Morris officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Stella, MO.





Rev. George Walter Clay-1926-2019

At the age of 93, Rev. George Walter Clay accomplished the very thing he preached, taught and sang about since he was 9 years old- he met his Lord and Savior on Monday, Dec. 23, 2019. He indeed fought a good fight, he absolutely kept the faith and he finished his course here on earth!

He was born Oct. 14, 1926, in Hockerville, OK to Lawrence and Beulah Clay. When he was about 3 years old he got very sick and the Dr. gave him up and said he wouldn't make it. His dad left for work thinking he would come home to bad news that he was gone. His mom saw a man passing by the house, went to him, asked him to come in and help them. The man came in, prayed for him and he was playing in the front yard when his dad came home. It was only the beginning of God working in his life for many years to come!

When he was 10 years old, his folks were holding a 5 month revival at the Owens Community School House. His mom got sick and his dad told him to "go preach". That was his first sermon. He told his parents that if they would buy him a guitar, he would learn to play it and he and his sister Betty would sing for revivals. They did and it was a large part of his life and ministry from then on.

At age 16, he went to Baxter Springs, KS to attend the Apostolic Faith Bible College. While there he turned 17 on Oct. and that next spring he was ordained. He went to Pineville, MO to pastor and help build his first church and went to camp meeting. He realized he needed more training, so he rode a milk truck to town, caught a bus as far as he could, hitchhiked to Kansas City and caught a train to Newcastle, WY to attend Black Hills Bible School. Two weeks after arriving, he turned 18 and went to register for the draft but was deferred because of being in Bible School and going in the ministry. They told him that as a minister, he was needed stateside during war time. After a year at Bible School in WY he returned to Baxter Springs, KS. He attended camp meeting and there met the most beautiful woman he'd ever seen and who was as it turned out, was the love of his life, Wilma Jacobs.

He traveled singing, preaching, holding revivals the rest of 1945 until Nov. of 1946. It was then he went to the panhandle of Oklahoma to see how his folks were doing in revival. Wilma Jacobs was playing piano and singing for this revival in the evenings and teaching grades 1-4 at the little schoolhouse in the day. He was there 3 days when he wrote a note and asked his mom to take it to her at the schoolhouse. It said "Will you marry me?"...she said yes! Three days later on Nov. 26, 1946 they got married. This was one of his favorite stories to tell. After they were married, she said she should probably tell the man she was engaged to before he had come into the picture that she was married. When they went to tell him, he went and got his gun to shoot them! They tried to leave, but the car wouldn't start. The man put his gun down, helped them get the car started and they left! They went to Baxter Springs to Bible School where they spent their honeymoon at Bible School. Together, they pastored and ministered in many churches in many states including Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming, Florida, Louisiana, Nebraska, and Indiana and did missions work in Juarez, Mexico and British Honduras. They worked together in the ministry singing, teaching, preaching, praying and loving people until they parted on Sept. 9, 2011 when she went to meet our Savior while in his arms as he was praying for her. A truly magnificent and blessed real life story of 64 years and 10 months!

To this union was born 4 children; Randle Walter Clay Jan 11, 1949 in Joplin, MO; Ferol Javene Clay on Oct. 10, 1953 in Joplin, MO; and twins Lance Shayne Clay and Shannon Layne Clay on July 18, 1960 in Perryton, TX.

While his primary job and calling was being a minister, he worked many jobs to support his family and had many accomplishments. These include owning his own construction company, master electrician, accomplished musician, shaped-notes Stamps Baxter music school teacher with Wilma, Mayor of Booker, TX and Santa Clause in a Christmas parade, Deputy Sheriff Sergeant with Benton County Sheriff's Office, Chaplain for Civil Air Patrol in Miami, Ok, furniture salesman, wild game hunter, gunsmith, funeral director, ambulance driver, barber, public speaker and toastmasters award winner. In Busch, AR, he was a D 9 bulldozer operator building the highway into Eureka, Master bass Fisherman along with his Bass Club in Bentonville, hired hand on the Kings Ranch and was a cowboy and ranch hand in S. TX and Western OK, operated combines and tractors for harvest and wheat planting, delivery driver for Holsum Bread in Eureka Springs, AR, mentor, teacher and friend to countless individuals who have gone into the ministry as a profession and are missionaries, ministers, singers/musicians and teachers serving around the world. He earned an Honorary Doctorate of Theology from International Bible Institute, Orlando, FL in 1988.

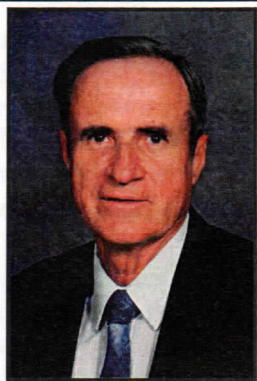
He is survived by his children Randy (Starr) Clay, Tallahassee, FL, Javene (Tommy) Dickson, Jacksonville, AR, Lance (Robin) Clay, Grand Island, NE and Shannon (Terry) Wise of Sherwood, AR, 7 loving grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; sister Betty Ray of Grove, OK, two brothers Larry (Marlaine) Clay, Pineville, MO, Jim (Sandra) Clay of Cassville, MO, all of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Of great importance to him was his Jacobs family! One brother Lester (Susie) of Cassville, MO and two sisters Jean Addleman of Raymore, MO and Ilene Sanger of Elkins, AR along with their children grandchildren and great grandchildren, and a multitude of friends.

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George Clay- (con't)

On Jan. 9,2018 Bro. Clay fell and broke his neck at home in Missouri. He spent a week in the hospital in Springdale, AR, 2 weeks at the St. Vincent Rehab Hospital in Sherwood, AR, 3 months respite care at Fox Ridge Assisted Living in North Little Rock, AR, then moved to independent living at Parkstone Place Retirement Center in North Little Rock, AR. On May 1,2018 where he lived until he went home. He was diagnosed with myasthenia Gravis in July of 2018, his pacemaker battery died and had to be replaced in Oct. 2018 and then in Feb. 2019 had surgery to remove a tumor from his bladder that turned out to be stage 4 prostate cancer. Throughout the course of these multiple and serious medical issues, he received the finest of medical care! It is important to say that also during this difficult time he never gave up and never lost his infectious smile! His ministry continued at Parkstone touching every resident. He always trusted God, he preached, taught, sang, played, shared, loved , talked and walked JESUS until he couldn't take another step and he took his last breath. An extraordinary example to us all!

A celebration of Life was held on Jan.8,2020 at the First Assembly of God Church in Eureka Springs, AR.



Rev. Roland Haney 1934-2020

Rev. Roland Haney, of Canyon, TX, passed away on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Roland Haney was born in Choctaw County, AL on Oct. 4, 1934 to William Lafayette and Dora Ann (Carney) Haney. His parents passed away when he was a baby and he was raised by an aunt and uncle. Roland served in the U.S. Army for two years; serving in Italy during that time. He was still in the Reserves in 1958, when he met Loretta Babb and the two were married.

As does anyone who feels completely unworthy, Roland wrestled with the call of God on his life to preach, but he answered in obedience. The couple attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs. They spent more than 50 years pastoring churches in Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas and moved to Canyon , TX in recent years.

Roland is survived by his wife of 61 years, Loretta; a son Marty (Sandy) Haney of Canyon, TX; son, Warren (Robyn) Haney of Bella Vista, AR; granddaughter, Allison Rodgers of Stanton, TX; grandson, Steven (Lauren) Haney of Belton, TX; granddaughter, Olivia (Jared) Gilbert of Midlothian, TX; granddaughter, Sharon (Aaron) Anderson of Canyon, TX; grandson, Ethan (Lindsey) Haney of Catesby, OK and ten great grandchildren.

Private graveside services were held at Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon, TX. Due to public circumstances, a memorial service will be held at a later time. Memorials were sent to Faith Community Church, 2706 4th Ave., Canyon, TX or to the Apostolic Faith Bible College, P.O. Box 110, Baxter Springs, KS 66713.

Grandpa

Orphaned as an infant
Struggled as a youth
To find purpose and fulfillment
Happiness and truth.
From service to his country
To service to his God
From seeing her walk down the aisle
To join him where pastors trod.
From an orphan's heart to fatherhood
Holding his little boys
Knowing in a special way
The fullness of such joys.
From working with his hands
To working with his heart
Helping struggling people
To make a brand new start.
Father-in-law, grandfather,
Great grandfather too
Patriarch of a family
Blessed as only God can do.
Teaching perseverance
To know the depths of God's love
And singing till we travel
To that homeland above.

Sandy Haney



Midwest Youth Camp
Laverne, OK

Junior Camp- May 31- June 4
Director- Linda Witten-580-461-9260
Senior Camp- June 7-12
Director- Matthew Harris-979-733-6258

4-State Youth Camp
Baxter Springs, KS

Junior Camp-June 9-13
Director- Kendra Dorris 417-439-2901
Senior Camp-June 14-20
Director-Daniel Bard-622-7468

South Texas Youth Camp
Conroe, TX

Junior Camp- June 15-18
Director- Debbie Harris- 979-732-0246
Senior Camp- June 22-26
Director-Liz Stinson- -409-202-9228

Pine Crest Youth Camp
Pine Crest, MS

June 24-28
Director- Steve Burkhalter- 256-276-1073

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Laverne, Oklahoma

Wednesday evening July 15th
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A place for seeking Christ
A time for growing in Christ
An opportunity for sharing
Christ

Updates for Laverne Camp Meeting will be posted on Facebook. Write 'Laverne Camp Meeting Laverne, Oklahoma 2020' in the search box.

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After expenses all funds will be given to the Midwest Youth Campgrounds Committee

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Youth Summit-2020

July 30-Aug.1
Apostolic Faith Bible College
Baxter Springs, KS
Directors-Brian & Jenny Harris
417-499-9209

Psalm 91

- 1. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*
- 2. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in Him will I trust.*
- 3. Surely He shall deliver thee from the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence*
- 4. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust; His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*
- 5. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;*
- 6. Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.*
- 7. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.*
- 8. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.*
- 9. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;*
- 10. There shall no evil befall thee; neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling'*
- 11. For He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.*
- 12. They shall bear thee up in their hands; lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.*
- 13. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under foot.*
- 14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.*
- 15. He shall call upon me, and I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.*
- 16. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.*