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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 the are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

Apostolic Faith Church Bible College

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. We stand in awe as God again provides for our every need. In May we graduated (4) students and (8) students will be returning in addition to new ones coming in. The summer break provided a much needed rest. May God bless you for your faithfulness.

MAY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Net Income: 19,027
Expense: 13,785
Net: 5,242

Income Explained;

Peace Offering ; 9,357
Regular Donations: 9235
Lovington, NM. Payment; 435

Expenses explained:

Faculty(5,815), Utilities(2,744), Supplies(1869), Buildings(1,159)Food(998), Honorariums(825) Misc.(375).

MISSION STATEMENT

To inspire, educate and train laborers whom the *Lord of the Harvest* has called.

MOTTO

From the Faculty to the Student:

Inspire to Work, Educate to Empower, Train to Disciple

From the Lord to the Faculty

Work to Inspire, Empower to Educate, Discipline to Train

GOAL

The field is white unto harvest. Upon graduation go out into the field and build a church, create a position, establish your income and develop your vocation by obeying the directions of the Lord of the Harvest.

Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting - Laverne Oklahoma

Praise the Lord for a very successful Camp Meeting! The Spirit of the Lord was present from beginning to end. The ministry of preachers and teachers was Spirit anointed and we were richly fed on God's Word. The singing of both choir and special singers was equally anointed.

Our special thanks to those who were in charge of the youth, junior and children's ministries. They all did a great job.

As usual the churches of the Panhandle area did a super job in serving us delicious food in abundant measure. Thanks to Michelle Cloniger and helpers for a job well done at the breakfast hour.

Prayer was the key to the success of our camp. Thanks to all who prayed, fasted and carried a burden. Fred Huff did a great job leading the morning prayer service which set the tone for the day.

As an added bonus the Lord favored us with cool, rainy weather. It was fun watching people hunt for sweaters and jackets for the evening service.

Our thanks to all who came and attended and to the many who gave financial support. After all camp bills were paid we were able to turn close to \$4000 over to the campground fund. Praise the Lord!

It was a pleasure to work with all our committee men and their wives. They are super people and we love them.

Chairman - Jack Cornell

Summer Camp Reports

S. Texas Youth Camp, Conroe, Tx.

God truly blessed the Senior Youth Camp in South Texas this year with a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Many young people prayed through to the deeper blessings of the Lord. The senior camp of 58 teens was under the direction of Seldon Harris and Matt Snyder with Bro. Alan Tennant preaching the night services and Bro Brandon Dorris leading in worship. Several others drove in from a distance to help and they included Roland Depew, Gene & Kalee Barber, Brandon And Christina Dorris, Tim and Roni Wasson and Lee Schultz.

The Junior Camp was under the direction of Seldon and Vanessa Harris using the theme "Saved To Tell Others" with the lessons being written by Paula Oakes of Neosho, Mo. 73 students attended along with 40 workers. Bro. Steve Flinn spoke at the evening services and Coby and Stephanie Cook led the worship. A special thanks is given to all the people who worked so tirelessly in the camps and to the local churches that furnished the meals and especially to those who prayed.

4-State Youth Camp - Baxter Springs, Ks

The 2004 4-State Youth camp was a huge success! Senior Camp kicked off on June 15th under the direction of Mark and Dayna Sumler of Goodman, Mo. with over 80 campers enrolled plus the workers. The daily speakers were Mark Palmer, Eddie Sanchez, and Randy Dalton. On the closing night an afterglow was held and Tom Papania, a former Mafia member, of Atlanta, Ga. was the speaker. His testimony was truly a message of God's amazing grace and transforming powers. As a result of the power of the Word in all of the services many lives were touched. Brandon Dorris headed up this years praise team and did a fabulous job. For 5 days the presence of the Lord was very near and to Him we are grateful. He provided great weather, a great time for the youth and only eternity will reveal the lives changed by His mighty power.

Junior Camp was equally a great success! Enrollment was June 20th under the direction of Karen Oakes and Mary Oakes. Before the days end we had enrolled 110 campers and the Lord provided just enough beds and workers to handle the multitude of children! We praise God for the large number of young souls represented at the camp. Many reports have been received of lives being changed and for that again we are thankful. Seldon and Vanessa Harris of Columbus, Tx., shared the Word daily and each evening with the children while Jacob Oakes led the music in the services. Paula Oakes of Neosho, Mo. wrote all of the lessons and dorm devotions entitled "Saved To Tell Others".

Once again the Lord abundantly supplied all of our need. Several donations were received from local businesses and the prayer and support of God's people for this camp is what made it happen. Every year the grounds look nicer, because of the faithful work done by Lee and Mary Oakes. The numbers grow and none of this would be possible without willing volunteers. Seeds were planted in many lives this year at camp and only eternity will tell of the harvest to come. To God Alone Be All Glory - Jacob Oakes and the 2004 Committees

Camp Peaceful Pines - California

This year our theme was "Define It — Live It". Our focus throughout all of our sessions, quiet times, check-ups with counselors and spiritual conversations was how we define our Christian walk and then, after we know what we believe, how do we live that out. More importantly, how do we live out our Christian walk everyday at school, work, with friends and with our family.

We spent time talking about what we think are the marks of true faith, what a Christian looks like in today's world, how to walk by faith, what Jesus wants in every part of our life as well as how to stay committed to Him through daily prayer, quiet times, and the choosing of good influences and friends. We were also able to point out excellent examples in the Bible of people who followed God by FAITH!

In addition to our wonderful services and devotional times the campers participated in a variety of hikes, crafts, organized games, sports, competitions, FOCUS times and DUT times which helped the campers find and develop their talents and giftings that God has gifted them with and how they can use their talents and giftings.

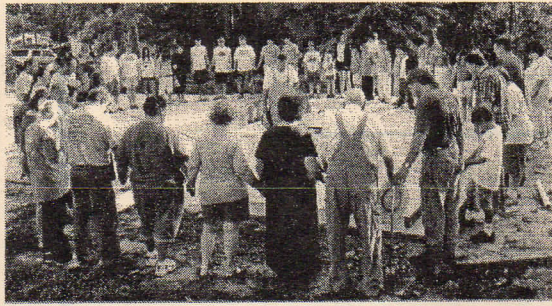
Thank you for your prayers and continual interest in young people!

Pine Crest - Mississippi

The theme for the camp this year was "The People had a mind to work". 85 eager people met June 8, 2004 after the fire in February destroyed the girl's dorm and 8 of our family cottages. The slab had been poured and ready for the walls to go up for the 10 unit "Pine Crest Lodge" that will replace the cottages. Before the camp was over the building had walls, roof and siding in place. Work is continuing and we are ready for paneling, carpet and bathroom fixtures. The students worked painting the kitchen and dining hall and all other existing buildings.

Bro. Chet and Debbie Mueerll brought a team of workers from Nashville, Tn. that helped us work as well as minister in the rallies and night services. Bro. Ron Noble did our rallies and Bro Johnny Scruggs preached and sang for us one night.

We are planning a Working Retreat Oct. 11-15th to build the new kitchen and dining hall and will convert the old kitchen and dining hall into the girl's dorm.



Camp Pine Crest has been a very special place in the lives of our family and countless families since 1959. If you would like to share in this rebuilding ministry we welcome your help. It's a mission field that can be revisited over and over again and God will bless you. We covet your prayers.



Camp Pine Crest Committee
Rev. & Mrs. Jim Arnall
Rev. & Mrs. Mike Brening
Rev. & Mrs. Freddie Lindsay
Rev. Myrtle Carney-Secretary

**So built we the wall: and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof:
for the people had a mind to work. Nehemiah 4:6**

Youth Summit

At 2:00 in the afternoon, Aug. 5th, the first ones arrived at AFBC. It wasn't long several more came in and as they were signing in, the AFBC bus rolled in from S. Texas with it's load of young people and adults. Soon the dorms filled up to overflowing with young people and youth leaders. The dining hall buzzed with excitement that evening at supper with all the tables and chairs being filled. What a joy it was to have them all here!

The Thursday evening service brought more local young people in and more chairs needed to be set up to accommodate the crowd of about 120. Brandon Dorris led worship and Eddie Sanchez spoke and challenged all concerning the purpose that God had for our lives. The altars were filled with hungry young people seeking God and His will for their lives. After the service, everyone gathered in the dining hall again for ice cream sundaes and a wonderful time of fellowship.

Friday morning, the day started with breakfast followed with a talent show. No doubt about it, Savoy Grimmer and Mike Brening (Class of 1977) won everyone's hearts with their performance as an ape and a chicken. Some things you learn at AFBC never change, does it guys? Following the fun, it was time to be serious again with Coby Cook encouraging young people to live a pure life before God. The altars again were the evidence that God was speaking to hearts and lives as only He can. Lunch was served and was followed in the afternoon by a volleyball tournament. The team from Southside Apostolic Faith Church, Joplin, Mo. took home the trophy for a year but has been challenged by other youth groups. They better stay in practice or they'll lose it next year.

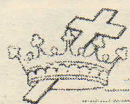
Friday evening, J.R. Slater spoke to a full house and spoke about the importance of each one of us but that it was not just about ourselves but others as well. The altar service was the crowning touch of the service as God again met needs as hearts were touched and changed. We gathered again in the dining hall for refreshments and fellowship until time to go back to the chapel to see a video J.J. Manning had put together of the Summit's activities.

Several left that night heading home, being refreshed by God. Sat. morning early the bus rolled out heading for S. Texas and youth from Alabama, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri left for home as well.

The youth leaders have planned to keep in touch with one another and will encourage each other with their prayer and friendship. New friendships among the youth were formed and no doubt will last a lifetime but most important, God met needs and encouraged them to hold on to His unchanging hand. They are the church that will no doubt see His soon return.

We'd like to thank the Apostolic Faith Bible College for the use of their facilities and bus, Bethel Church for the use of their facilities at the FOG, the Laverne Camp Meeting for all of the pop, candy and food they donated, the 4-State Youth Camp for the food they donated, all of those who worked so hard getting everything ready, the youth pastors who attended, those who supported prayerfully and financially, the special speakers and musicians, Kristen Grimmer for deaf interpretation, the youth who attended and most all of our praise goes to God who faithfully provided and blessed beyond measure. To Him Be The Glory!

Brandon Dorris- Pine Hill, Alabama



MOLDOVA GOD'S OPEN DOOR

When we start no one knows where He will lead.



Dear Friends,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some months ago I received the Apostolic Faith Report with the minister's directory in it. I noticed that my information was a little out of date. As I looked over the list of people in the directory I purposed to send a letter out just to say "THANK YOU." You might be wondering why? Well as I read the list I found the names of many of those who helped me start in ministry. Many who have encouraged me over the years and some I do not know. How can we ever express the gratitude to those who helped us start in our Christian walk with Jesus? We can not. However, with this small note I want to make an attempt at doing so.

If I start mentioning names I will doubtless leave out some, but I want to give an example of what make the Apostolic Faith people a huge part in my life. First, my dear uncle, Harrol Waterbury, I will ever be grateful and my aunt Barbara who is now with the Lord. Those who sent me on the road to Bible School at Perryton Full Gospel Church. Those who taught me in Bible School; Ron Martin, Ted Barker, Jack Cornell, Ken Priest, Louise Sutton and others now with Jesus. Harlan Clarke who taught me a five sentence prayer that changed my future; "In Jesus name be healed," and God healed me. The tradition of praying around an altar and trust in a faithful God that has been forever burned in my soul. The Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, even if they did not understand me, had faith that God was with me and ordained me. Barry Methvin, Terry Carmen and other friends that helped me as I started my ministry. Jim and La Vonda Wallis, Ruth Dearing, the Martins, Doc and Juanita Methvin and many others who gave me a chance to do something for Jesus. The Dearing's, the McLoud's, Harold and Wilburta Bollinger and Jay and Virginia Smith and others who showed a spirit of sacrifice to do missions for the Lord. All the churches that opened their doors for a very green preacher. Also Perryton Full Gospel, other churches and individuals who have prayed for me and supported me throughout the years. I could go on forever.

With this letter I want to encourage every one who prays for the Apostolic Faith Bible College. God used your prayer, support and openness to start me on the road of His ministry. May the Lord continue to raise up young people who will win the lost for Jesus. May the Lord bless you for faithfulness and openness to raise up young people in faith and give them opportunities to serve Him.

As for me, I am presently a missionary, working in a church planted just 4 years ago. We are active in planting three churches in surrounding villages, have an active Seminary and Bible School, and daily children at risk program. On-March 2, 2004 we sent out our first young man into ministry. He came to know Jesus, and was baptized in our church. He is finishing his third year in the Seminary in Chisinau and will be responsible for the deaf church in the capitol city, as well as the national coordination of deaf ministry in the Union.

All I can say is that every time I turn around the foundation that I received has helped me keep faithful to His work here. May God bless you and keep you in your works for Him. Again THANK YOU for being there when the Lord needed to teach me the first steps.

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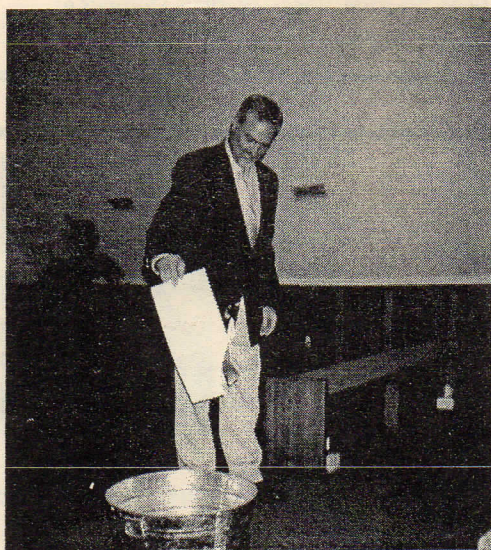
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Day of Celebration

Sunday, July 11 was a day of Celebration at the Pine Hill Chapel in Pine Hill, Alabama! Pastor Mike Brening and the congregation welcomed Brandon and Christina Dorris as new Youth and Music Ministers. Scriptures from the Old Testament confirming the Dorris' desire and willingness to follow the Lord were shared, including God's admonition to Moses to lay his hand on Joshua, a man in whom is the Spirit. Numbers 27:18. The entire congregation, along with Brandon's grandparents, Dennie and Karen Oakes, were called to come and pray over and anoint Brandon and Christina into the work that the Lord has called them. Pray with us that the Lord will show Himself strong on behalf of these servants whose hearts are loyal to Him. I Chronicles 16:9.

Pine Hill Chapel also celebrated on July 11 with a note-burning for our building loan. As it says in I Chronicles 29:9 "Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the Lord." In just 5 1/2 years the congregation at Pine Hill Chapel has sacrificially given and paid off the building loan for our new sanctuary and fellowship hall, which was completed in September of 1998.



Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, Our Father, forever and ever... both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name... O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from your hand, and is all Your own.

I Chronicles 29:10-16.

Births



Jerah Elizabeth Cook

Mr. & Mrs. Coby Cook and son, Logan, AFBC students, announce the birth of their second child, Jerah Elizabeth Cook, on March 15, 2004 in Joplin, Mo. She weighed 6 lb. 12 oz. and was 20 1/2 in long. Her grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Steve Arnall, Follett, Texas and Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Cook of Follett, Texas.

Anna Grace Sanchez



Kiley Sanchez of Joplin, Mo. announces the birth of her sister, Anna Grace Sanchez on April 14, 2004. She weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 in. long. Kiley and Anna Grace's parents are Eddie and Missy Sanchez, Youth Pastors of Southside Apostolic Faith Church, Joplin, Mo. Their grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Phil Clayton of Joplin, Mo., and Rudy and Louise Sanchez of Rogers AR.

Cloe Clayton



Jon and Crystal Clayton, Youth Pastors at Taneyville, Missouri announce the birth of their first child, Cloe Renee Clayton. She was born on May, 1, 2004 and weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 3/4 in. long. Her grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Phil Clayton, Joplin, Mo. and Mr. & Mrs. Rogers King of Granby, Mo. We praise God for this wonderful blessing in our lives. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning." James 1:17

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



David and Edna Stollings

David and Edna Mae Stollings of Booker, Texas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Feb. 28th at Community Worship Center in Perryton, Texas.

Hosts for the event were the children of the couple and their spouses along with the grandchildren of the couple.

David Stollings married the former Edna Mae Tickle on Feb. 25, 1954 in Clovis, New Mexico. They have lived on a farm northeast of Perryton for 50 years.

Mr. Stollings is a farmer/rancher and Mrs. Stollings is a homemaker. The couple belong to Community Worship Center and Senior Citizens Association.

Children of the couple and their spouses are David and Dale Stollings of Perryton, Texas, Debbie Stollings and Cindy and Tim Van Valkenburg, all of Amarillo, Texas.

Grandchildren of the couple are Jeremy and Jennifer Stollings, Brad Van Valkenburg all of Amarillo, Texas, Nathan Stollings of Canyon, Texas and Rachel Stollings of Springfield, Mo. They have one great-grandchild, Aaron Stollings.



Buddy and Doris Stanberry



The children of Buddy and Doris Stanberry honored their parents with a 50th wedding anniversary reception on Sunday May 30, 2004 at the Katy Apostolic Faith Family Life Center. Guests were greeted with Buddy's 1918 Model T Ford cueing the entrance. The fragrance of fresh magnolias filled the air as some 300 guests and family signed the register. As a special gift, a book of remembrances was compiled from those present and others all over the country. The room was beautifully decorated with tall Gothic columns draped in ivory and gold silks. These formed the background for a three tiered wedding cake, grooms cake, punch fountain and tables laden with hors d'oeuvres. The focal point of the table was a cascade of tropical and fresh fruits, lov-

ingly carved and arranged by Bro. L. Sis. Wilbur Fullbright. Guests were seated at tables covered with floor length ivory satin cloths featuring bronze organza toppers, tall ivory candles in hurricane holders and fresh magnolias.

The raspberry filled Italian creme cake was unique in that on the bottom layer was written the names of all of the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The center layer displayed the family scripture "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24: 15). Nestled between the top layers were the miniature bride and groom that had originally topped the couple's wedding cake. A magnolia accented the top.

Tables displaying the pictures of the couple's life lined one wall. The original wedding dress and shoes worn by Doris and Buddy's dress Navy uniform were featured near the entrance. Music was played and performed by very close friends of the family. The piano music styling of John Nance provided a soft background during visitation. John steel played and sang, "Look AT Us" and Chris Hankins sang the couples dating song, "Too Young". Dave Thomas sang "God is My Refuge". The children entertained with a program called "Snapshots of the Past." It included songs from when they were very small performing on their Granddaddy Stanberry's weekly radio program, up to the present including a song from the grandchildren. The program ended with the entire family singing "As for Me and My House." Doris read a poem entitled, "Through Eyes of Love" she had written for Buddy on their May 26th anniversary. Bro. Jim Fox closed the program with a prayer of blessing for the couple and their family. Each guest received a commemorative bookmark and gold-foiled candy kisses as they departed.



Rev. and Mrs. Yogi Webster

Saturday, July 10th, in the Youth Room at the Garfield County Fair Building, Enid, Ok, Rev. Eugene "Yogi" and Lucy Webster were honored with a 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration.

The guest book was signed by over 80 relatives, friends and fellow ministers bringing good wishes and congratulations to the couple.

They renewed their vows with Rev. Howard Whiteley doing the honor this time. Bro. Ben Barker officiated their first ceremony 50 years ago in the Apostolic Faith Church located on N. Washington in Enid, Ok. Lucy grew up on a farm near there and Yogi was raised at Carmen, OK.

The couple visited the little church on Sunday morning with the congregation of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church which meets there now. It had been totally remodeled and a fellowship hall added. The Websters waited until the end of the service to reveal their former connection as pastors at the church in the early 60's for nearly 5 years. They received a warm welcome and more good wishes from the people there.

They are both Alumni of the Apostolic Faith Bible College and have served as pastors the church at Crosses, Ar. (where they involved in building the church), nearly 5 years at Enid, Ok, Lovington, NM for a year, then in 1967 they began 35 years as pastors of the congregation at Hudson, WY. They retired at the end of their tenure there and make their home in Follett, TX. They are still active in the ministry for fill-in preaching and are involved in the church there.

Their early years after Bible College were spent helping in the Gospel Work in Pine Hill, Al. where they helped Pastors Harold and Wilburta Bollinger and the people run a concrete pad for the beginning of the new church. They were active in Youth camps and Camp Meetings of the movement and will be remembered as "The man to see" for a taped message of the singing and preaching of services there.

After 8 years of being a couple, while pastors at Enid, they brought 5 children from Al. to be their own. Pat (currently of Fairfield, Oh.), Leon, Justin (currently of Enid with wife Robyn), Glen (now of OKC, OK,) and Dora Ann (now of WY. and husband Roger Crook) were their "instant" family and filled the parsonage with the sounds of children and all the responsibility that goes with it. Pat did not make her home with them all of the time but has kept in touch. Leon was killed in a tragic elevator collapse at the age of 27. He was married and had a family.

The Websters served as cooks one year at AFBC in Baxter Springs, Ks. before becoming pastors. Their 1st pastorate was in a small church in Sulfur, Ok.

Yogi's surviving siblings, Virginia and Paul D. attended the celebration along with family members. Two of Lucy's brothers, her two sisters and members of their families were among the well wishers.

The room was decorated with golden balloons and streamers. Gold lace covered tables held pictures and scrap books as well as mementoes of their life together. Some of their wedding gifts were displayed. A fresh flower arrangement, candles, two beautifully decorated cakes, along with yellow punch graced the table. The reception was hosted by their children, eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren and her sisters Mergie Doll and Karen Theilen.



Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Waterbury

Edwin and Patsy Waterbury were honored with two special celebrations for their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Fred and Sandra Huff and all of the congregation of the Balko Oklahoma Apostolic Faith Church gave them a reception in the beautiful fellowship room of their church on Sunday July 18th from 3-5 in the afternoon. Many friends and acquaintances came to greet them. Special guests were Don Nash and his wife from Liberal, Kansas. .

On Saturday night, July 24th all of their family consisting of Kayla, Keith and Kylon and all of their families, along with other family and friends, held a dinner at the Country Club in Pampa, Texas. The next morning, July 25th, which was the actual date of their wedding, all the family stayed and attended church together and sang several songs. Edwin and Patsy were married in the Full Gospel Church by Rev. Olen Bachler.

Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Long



Fifty years ago on a Friday evening, September 3, 1954, Lowell Long and Thelma Woodson vowed, before God, to love, honor and cherish each other for life.

On Saturday, August 28, 2004 at St. John's Methodist Church, 1755 N. Meridian, Oklahoma City, Ok, they celebrated the keeping of those vows with a lovely reception. It was hosted by their four children, six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and her sister, Leora Bridgewater along with her husband Herb.

Friends, family and fellow ministers joined them at 2:00 p.m. in the beautifully decorated church fellowship hall for celebrating God's love for them and one another.

In 1954 the couple exchanged vows at the Midway Country Church with the pastor, Rev. Harrol Waterbury "tying the knot." Their good friends and mentors, Leonard and Francis Elston stood with them as witnesses. Thelma's mother, Lora Woodson, two sisters Leora and Shirley and the youngest brother, Wayne, were those attending. Sis. Barbara Waterbury sang and Accompanied herself at the piano.

Their years have focused around raising their children, Mike, Radonna, Kurt, Clint and Jeremy and the work of spreading the Gospel Message through evangelistic meetings, youth camps, camp meetings and pastoring. Both of the Longs have worked at various enterprises over the past 590 years. They currently pastor the Granby Gospel Tabernacle (10 1/2 years) and teach in the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

Lowell does creative fiction writing, poetry and has a monthly inspirational article in the "Touorch of Faith". Thelma is an avid reader and enjoys growing beautiful flowers and making arrangements for the church.

Anabel G. Simmons

1908-2004



Anabel G. Simmons, 95, of Pampa, Texas, died April 1, 2004 at Pampa. Mrs. Simmons was born May 13, 1908 in Ochiltree County, Texas to H.T. (Bud) and Alice Amanda Forbes Gilliam of Wawaka, Texas. Anabel accepted Christ as her Savior when she was nine years old and lived an exemplary Christian life for her entire lifetime.

On September 7, 1930 she married Edwin Evans Simmons at Gruever, Texas. The couple made their home in Ochiltree County until 1939 when they moved to Amarillo, Texas.

They were residents of Amarillo until 1945 when they moved to Pampa, Texas, where they continued to live until her death.

Anabel and Edwin had one child, Paul Simmons. She was a member of Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her only brother, James P. Gilliam; a niece, Joyce Elaine Gilliam and her husband

Edwin Simmons on Dec. 26, 2003.

She is survived by her son Paul Simmons and wife Ione Martin Simmons of Pampa, Texas; two grandchildren, J. Vondel Stevens and husband Scott of Canyon, Texas and E.P. Simmons of Chicago, Illinois; one great-grandson, Timothy Stevens of Canyon, Texas and three nieces, Rubyjo Wilbanks and husband J.D. of Spearman, Texas, Eltha Hensley and husband Marvin of Pampa, Texas; and Bertha Ann Leflet and husband Charles of Texas City, Texas; a nephew Leslie Gilliam and wife, Elena of McAllen, Texas; a sister-in-law, Beatrice Putman and husband Rex of Pea Ridge, Arkansas and a host of friends.

Services were held at Carmichael - Whatley Funeral Home with Rev. Harrol Waterbury, Rev. Edwin Waterbury and Rev. Ron

Noble officiating and Vondel Stevens giving a remembrance of her grandmother. Interment was at Ochiltree Cemetery, Perryton, Texas.

Train up a child in the way he should go ;and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

We are promoting a project for the Apostolic Faith Bible College which we feel will be a great spiritual and promotional ministry. The purpose of this ministry would be for the souls of children, training of teachers and promotional aid of our Bible College. An inspirational challenge in every area.

Several years ago our school became acquainted with a ministry of dioramas, sand boxes, TV boxes, marionettes and puppets through Sunday and Rosetta Lopez in Joplin, Mo. This couple started composing these teaching tools in their early years of Sunday School teaching. After years of making this collection, they opened a ministry in their own home called the Mystery Destination House.

The Lopez' opened their home to childrens groups and Sunday School classes. They conducted tours for teachers to inspire them to make visuals on their own for their classes. They also had classes to teach teachers how to make some of the visuals. These are bonuses to sink God's Word deeper into the students memory banks.

These dioramas are scenes made up of miniature figurines, furniture, nature pieces and backgrounds. They make the Bible scene very realistic. Some have fire, smoke, clouds, etc. which can be set off at the touch of a button at the appropriate time in the story. Some of these have sound effects. Many of the miniatures were purchased overseas when Mr. Lopez was stationed there while in the military.

When Mr. Lopez passed away a few years ago, Mrs. Lopez was physically unable to carry on the ministry alone. Because of the interest our school had shown through the years, we were offered this collection free of charge. We accepted it and the Whiteley and the Oakes went and carefully took these apart and moved them to the basement of the Bible College Chapel. Many of you went down and viewed these and gave financial donations at the time. Some of you have sent on a monthly status.

These articles were later moved to the vacant house on the SW corner of our property when the restoration was started on the chapel basement of our Bible College. Later when the house was needed for student housing these were moved twice more awaiting appropriate housing. We are afraid these are getting damaged from the moves.

The house between the Bible College Chapel and the Administration Building became available a few years ago and the Bible College purchased it. We would like to restore this house into an appropriate building to set up this collection.

Approximately \$17,000. has already been designated for this project. After having a construction engineer look at this house we feel it would cost about \$35,000 to make this into a building which would look when finished, alot like the outside finish and roofing of the newly refurbished Chapel building. This would enhance the appearance of our campus. We are asking if you could help us raise the necessary funds to complete this project. Offerings can be sent to the Apostolic Faith Bible College with a notation that it is for this fund. We do ask that funds that normally go to the operational funds of the Apostolic Faith Bible College continue to be sent for that.

Our outreach would be to local children's ministries in Baxter and the local area through churches, Christian school and as a field trip for home school groups. A local Kid's club could be operated through our college students.

By the exposure of people to our campus we feel it would be a great promotional tool for our Bible College. This building sits right in the middle of our campus.

We are asking pastors, and ladies ministries to be key promoters for this project. Present this to your groups and individuals who are interested in promoting the advancement of the Kingdom of God. We need to fight for the souls of our children and youth. Please pray for this endeavor. May God bless you all.

Kathryn Cornell, Yvonna Whiteley, Karen Oakes and Lucy Webster

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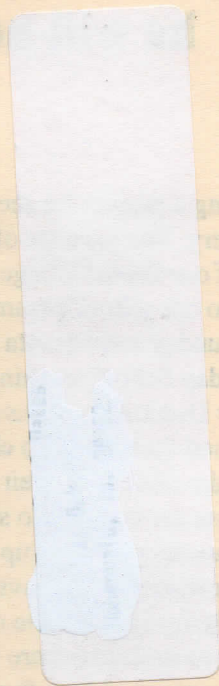
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Semester Began-August 16

Fall Choir Tour - October 16-November 28

Thanksgiving Break - November 23-November 28

Christmas Break - December 15-January 2

Spring Choir Tour - March 11-April 4

Graduation Activities - May 11-13

**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth
not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

I Timothy 2:15