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*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call
his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from
their sins.*

Matthew 1:21

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It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers who believe in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar 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.

From The AFBC Board

Dear Friends,

The Apostolic Faith Bible College Board of Trustees has been considering a new multi-purpose building to be located on the vacant lot where the old home once stood.

We have been seeking God for His will in making such a decision. This 100 x 140, 20,000 square foot building would consist of new classrooms, a gym, offices and possibly a new dining hall. One end of the building would be two-story. The cost of such an undertaking would be somewhere between \$600,000 and \$800,000. We know that God can and will supply any need if this is His will, but we do not want to undertake such a monumental task until we have prayed through and know we are in His will.

The Board would appreciate hearing from you with any suggestions you may have concerning this. We surely desire to be in God's will and are endeavoring to do what is right for the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

It is because of the faithfulness and commitment of God's people that has made possible the renovation of the Chapel. We greatly appreciate the burden and the effort put forth by those who have contributed in any way to this work.

If you have been to A.F.B.C. recently you have seen the improvements made. There is still much to be done. The boy's dorm needs to be completely remodeled on the inside as well as some other projects that need to be addressed. As you know these projects cost money and we as a Board want to be good stewards of God's assets.

This responsibility weighs heavy on me and my fellow Board members as we seek God for wisdom and direction in all matters concerning the operation of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. We would ask that you pray earnestly with us and let us know your feelings by contacting the Apostolic Faith Bible College Board, Box 110, Baxter Springs, KS. 66713: Phone: 620-856-3283

Have a wonderful Holiday season and God bless!

Your Brother in Christ,
Dennie Oakes - Chairman

Church News

Kingman, KS.

Hello from Kingman, Apostolic Faith Church! We wanted to update what has been happening in our church. Our Youth Pastors, Greg and Rachel Goering, opened a Youth Center called "The Glow" in October 2002. Through the Youth Center we have seen God's testings and His faithfulness.

In November 2002 we had Bro. Gaylon Flora for revival. We saw many victories in the lives of our congregation. Brandon Dorris of Joplin, Mo. came in March 2003 for a concert at the Glow and came again in July. Through his music, many young people were introduced to Christian music for the first time.

We want to thank everyone who has blessed us this last year and we ask for your continued prayers as we see God's work in our church and community.

Follett, TX.

The Follett Chapel welcomed their new pastors, Bill and Christina Derixson and their two precious daughters, Courtney and Kaitlyn to our community in April 2003.

The church has seen physical and spiritual growth as we are blessed by Bro. Bill's sermons and mid-week teaching. New paneling in the foyer and classroom have been installed while most of the basement Sunday School rooms have new paint on the walls and floors. New decorations to the walls have added beauty to our church. The church celebrated it's new look by hosting the community Fifth Sunday Sing the end of August.

This fall the church welcomed Angie Moore, fiancée of J.R. Slater, to our church family. Angie and her musical talents have been an asset to our church. Bro. J.R. fills the position of Youth Pastor at our church and also as Youth Director of the Filling Station, Follett's Youth Center. The Filling Station is ministering to over 60 young people each week. Our church and our community are blessed by Bro. J.R.'s labors.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we near the end of 2003 and look forward to 2004 we want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support for the ministry of the Apostolic Faith Report. So many of you have contributed in many ways with your prayers, words of encouragement and financial gifts. No matter what the need has been God has supplied by those that listen to His voice.

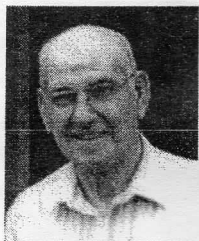
Many years ago I was taught that God would never leave nor forsake and would meet every need whether it be spiritual, material or physical. Those that taught me were not wrong and God has more than proved Himself to be all sufficient in everything that I have ever needed. I would encourage each of us to hold to His unchanging hand and to keep our complete trust in Him.

May God's richest blessings be upon each of you as you serve Him.

In Christ Service,

Karen Oakes - Editor

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



Rev. Edward Owens

Rev. James Edward Owens, age 70, of Coweta, Ok. died Sept.27,2003 at his home. He was born Jan.15,1933 at Havana, AR. and was the son of the late Jasper Lonzo and Ella Dewitt Owens. He was a carpenter and was a minister for many years in various churches in Oklahoma and worked in the mission fields in Mexico for several years. He was a member of the Broken Arrow Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathryn Owens: infant daughter, Letha Marie: four sisters, Esther Emberson, Lora Nail, Mae Copak and Sylvia Marie Owens.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Owens of Coweta, OK.; one son, Charles Owens of Sapulpa, OK.; one grandson, Michael Owens; two brothers, John Owens of St. Louis, MO. and Pelham Owens Of Greenville, IL.: two sisters, Leona Michael of Dardanelle, AR. and Reba Johnson of Elk City, OK.; four step-daughters, Marcena Hutson and Anna Kinser of OK., Donetta Green of TX. and Noveta Backstrom of AR.; many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Broken Arrow Assembly of God Church with Rev. Roland Depew, Rev. J.W. Depew and Rev. Michael Goldsmith officiating. Interment was at Floral Haven Memorial Garden at Broken Arrow, OK.

Ethlyn Marie Messner

Ethlyn Marie Messner, daughter of Wilson E. and Viola(Douglas) Millikan, born on May 31, 1920 at Shattuck, OK. left this life on September 23, 2003. Ethlyn grew up in the Sunset Community and attended Sunset Country School in S.E. Beaver County before attending the Darrrouzett, TX. schools.

Ethlyn married Wyyette Victor Messner on April 25, 1940 at Beaver, OK. They made their home at Slapout, OK where Ethlyn worked caring and tending to their children, She cooked at the Overstreet Country School for a time before working for the Laverne, OK. Schools, where she drove a bus for 18 years. In 1993, Wyyette and Ethlyn made their home in Follett, TX.

Ethlyn and Wyyette enjoyed spending time with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ethlyn accepted Christ as her personal Saviour on July 2, 2002 with her daughter, Beth, and was a member of the Follett Chapel in Follett, TX.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wyyette Messner on Dec. 25, 1997; mother, Viola Baldwin; step-father, Arthur Baldwin; son, Larry Messner; daughter, Velma Morris; daughter-in-law, Loretta Messner; and five grandsons, Andy Messner, Victor Morris, Fredrick Messner; two great-grandsons, Victor K. Messner and Brandon Lee Messner.

Ethlyn leaves as her survivors, son Victor Messner and daughter, Beth Messner both of Follett, TX.; three brothers, Eldon Baldwin and wife, Virginia of Gage, OK., Roger Baldwin and wife, Janice of Ulysses, KS.; three sisters, Bethel Brian and husband Evan of Lajunta, CO., Zella Hennigh of Logan, OK., and Trissie Tucker and husband, Bob of Amarillo, TX.; son-in-law, Wilbur Morris of Shattuck, OK.; daughter-in-law, Leanna Messner of Hereford, TX.; five grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were held Sept. 25, 2003 at Fairmont Cemetery, Follett, TX. with Rev. L.J. Ehrlich officiating.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the cards and phone calls at my Mother's death. She was a Godly woman and will be missed by all of us. Keep me in your prayers. — Beth Messner

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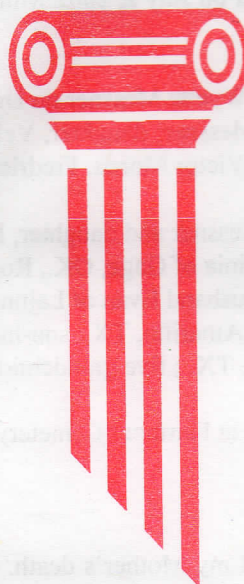
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Jan.23-24, 2004 At AFBC

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Advisory Board Meeting
Feb. 13, 2004 at 10:00 AM
Midway Country Church
Logan, Ok.



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May 12-14, 2004

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May 13,2004 - 10:00 a.m.

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