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O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

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Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers who believe in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows.

- Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Creation and Formation.
- Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation.
- Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.
- Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body, A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by the speaking in other languages.
- Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- Washing of Feet.
- Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.
- Do not condone divorce and remarriage.
- Destruction of the Wicked
- Conditional Immortality.
- Rapture of the Man Child Class.
- Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.
- A ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These doctrines shall be adhered to in the teachings of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.



Spearman, TX

The main news that Spearman wants to say is that God is so great! He has been moving in some very special ways. We started a building fund about a year ago and the fund is still growing. We will be adding a Fellowship Hall to our church with the money. We have been pleased by our new church people, Warren, Allison and Ethan Haney who have moved to Spearman. They are great people with talents that are being used for the glory of God. Jimmy Turner and his family of five have also moved to Spearman. They are very special people and God has blessed them with talents that they are using to be a blessing of the Lord. We lost one family to the Bible College when Bennie and Leola Buschman decided to cook at the school. I know they are a blessing to the school. We have Children's Church, Youth Service, Adult Choir, Children's Choir and Men's and Women's Bible Study Groups. You are welcome to our Church anytime you are in the area. May God richly bless and empower you to do His Will.

Apostolic Faith Church Jason Hill, Youth Pastor

Moldova, Russia

Things are going well here. We are having ice and snow. There is a slick layer of ice under the very fine powder snow. At the time of this writing I have not driven yet. I don't trust the hills without studded tires. But it is easy to get a small mico bus to the church. The Lord has been blessing in the outreaches, many are coming to know Him. I am staying busy teaching two courses, taking Romanian, working with children's ministries, trying to get books translated and a dozenother things. Now that there is a little heat in the apartments, life will be a little nicer.

In His Service in Republic Moldova Calvin Klaus, Missionary

(Editor Note: His address is listed in the directory section)

Alvin, TX

We are pleased to report the building program is moving right along. The addition will add a more convient entrance to the sanctuary, to the Sundy School class

rooms and other areas in the back of the church.

Brother and Sister Tommy McGilvray are in charge of our "Helping Hands Ministry", our thanks to them for accepting this responsibility. "Helping Hands" is a perfect name for this ministry as that is exactly what our volunteers do using their hands to help others.

December events will include the annual "Living Nativity", a Christmas Cantata, a Children's Christmas program and a Watch Night Service to ring in the New Year in worship and fellowship.

From The Pastors Study:

Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall. (Ruth 3:18) Obey the Lord as far as you can, and then without worry, sit still and wait on the Lord. He will work things out according to His will, and His will is always best for you.

Apostolic Faith Church Johnny Arnall, Pastor Dorothy Cannon, Reporter

In Memory Of

Carrie Dicus

June 10, 1902 - January 19, 1998 Carrie Bell Dicus, 95, Stella, MO. died on Monday January 19, 1998, at Neosho Senior Center after an illness. Mrs. Dicus was born June 10, 1902, at Cvclone, MO. to the late Samuel and Mary Elizabeth Harris-Cook. She was a homemaker and had lived most of her life in the Stella area. She married Dillard Dicus on May 23, 1925. He died June 27, 1971. She was a member and a Sunday School Teacher at Union Chapel Church, Stella, MO. since 1919. Sister Carrie had a gift about her teaching that brought generation to generation to Union Chapel. The children loved her in those 78 years that she taught. From the time the kerosene lamps were lit and the wood stove was filled to the air conditioning making everyone comfortable, Sister Carrie was there. Survivors include six neices and ten nephews.

"Achievement"

by Frank Arnall, Bethpage, MO

We might be able to drive down the road and see all of the achievements that have been made all around us; the new super highways that get us around the world in such a short time, the huge cities that offer new opportunities and greater pay scales, new conviences that provide less man power and greater technology. But then we come to the little community of Bethpage where we have our achievements also. You see, I can take you to a little old house with a concrete front porch that is surrounded by

beautiful flowers that tells the story of an individual that sat inside. You will find an old wagon wheel with a mailbox fastened to it that a friend has made so this individual wouldn't have the opportunity of falling in the process of getting their mail. If you go inside you will find picture after picture of children that she has taught in Sunday School over the years. She had no children of her own by birth, but spiritually, she gave birth to many. That is the very thing Miss Carrie did. She achieved the desire of her heart. In her early life God called her and gave her a vision of reaching children with the message of Jesus. Man may fail, but Christ will never fail.

Tribute to Ruth Whiteley

by Lee Henrichs of Ft. Worth, TX.

I have fond memories of my sister, Ruth, as we were growing up on the old farm west of Roswell, NM. She was a pretty little girl, with beautiful auburn hair that hung down below her waist. I remember well the summer she decided her hair made her too hot, so she and her sisters cut it off. It was the only time I saw my father cry, when he saw what she had done. There was a well close to the house, and a concrete platform was built close to it. On it was Ruth's name, written in her handwriting with the date 1912 on it. She would have only been 5 years old at the time, so she must have been quite precocious. We both loved to play the piano. Our house had an upstairs reached by a long, steep staircase and up there was an old reed organ. We used to play a game, with one of us at the organ and the other at the piano - we'd start at the first of the hymn book and see who could get to the end of the first ten hymns the fastest. The music wasn't so good, but it sure was fun.

I'm so glad I had the chance to grow up with Ruth and then to see her with Alford and her family later. She was a good person and a good sister.

Thank You

We wish to express our deepest appreciation for all cards, prayers and calls during the loss of our Mother and grandmother, Ruth Whiteley. And thank you to each of you that has contributed in her memory to the Apostolic Faith Archives / Biblical Minature Building. Your kindness to us will always be remembered and certainly made the loss much easier. May God bless each one of you daily.

Howard & Yvonna Whiteley Dr. Ted Whiteley Joel & Vivian Whiteley Lynn & Ute Whiteley

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Ruth Whiteley

February 4, 1909 - October 25, 1998 Ruth Whiteley, of Baxter Springs, KS., passed from this life, October 25, 1998 at the Joplin Rehabilitation & Health center of Joplin, MO. following a lengthy illness. She was born February 4, 1909 in Allen, NE. to Dora and Henry Henrichs and was raised in Roswell, NM. On April 15, 1927 she was united in marriage to the Rev. Alford Whiteley in Roswell. He preceded her in death in March 1971. To this union 3 sons and 1 daughter were born. Mrs. Whiteley became a Christian at an early age and faithfully fulfilled the duties and obligations as a loving mother and the wife of a pastor for some 48 years. She many times served as a pianist to the congregations they pastored as she was an accomplished musician, and often sang with her sons and others in the churches as well. Pastorates served were: Silverton, TX., Hassell and Roswell, NM., Ralls, TX., Greenland, Cave Springs and Baptist Ford Community, AR., and for ten years in Alvin, TX. She served as Dean of Women at the Apostolic Faith Bible College where Rev. Whiteley was Assistant Dean and Biblical instructor, After Rev. Whiteley's passing she served as organist at the Greenland Baptist Church and then as pianist for her son at Galena, KS., Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church. For many years during the illness of her husband, she faithfully and carefully served as his care-taker. Mrs. Whiteley loved beautiful flowers and the outdoors. Her yards were always a showplace of beauty for everyone to enjoy. She rocked the outside of their Crosses, AR, home and often landscaped and terraced the vards where she lived with rocks and flowers. Many people loved Ruth for her wonderful sense of humor which she maintained until the end of her life. One nurse's aid remarked at her passing that she would miss her lovely smile at the table. "You know she had such a lovely smile." She was preceeded in death by her husband Alford, her parents, 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Survivors include: 3 sons; Rev. Howard Whiteley and wife Yvonna, of Baxter Springs, KS., Joel Whiteley and wife, Vivian, of Las Vegas, NV., Dr. Alfred Theodore Whiteley, Houston, TX.; 1 daughter; Opal Hayward, Miami, OK. Also surviving are 2 brothers: Lee Henrichs, Ft. Worth, TX. and Paul Henrichs, of CA., 1 sister; Mary O'Kelly of Roswell, NM., 8 grandchildren, 1 greatgrandchild, 5 great-step grandchildren, many neices, nephews and a host of friends. Services were held on Oct. 30, 1998 at the Apostolic Faith Bible College. Officiating were Rev. Jack Cornell, Woodward, OK. and Rev. Howard Whiteley. Burial was at the Baptist Ford Community Church Cemetery, Greenland, AR. Memorials were sent to the Archives / Biblical Minature Building at AFBC.

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We Need More Men Like Joseph

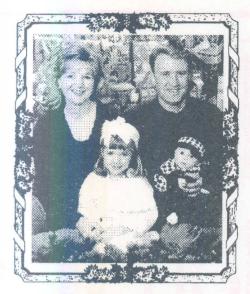
by Savoy Grimmer

God had a task He needed to perform, the birth of His Son, and He went looking for a family. In the account of Matthew 1:18-19 no characterization is given of Mary, but two traits are mentioned about Joseph; "Joseph ... being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example ...". The word "just" means equitable (in character or act). Proverbs 20:7 "The just man walketh in his integrity ...". God knowing the heart and thoughts of everyone, declared that Joseph was a "just" man. Because of Joseph's determination not to make Mary's situation any worse, we may assume he had compassion toward women.

Where did Joseph develop these traits? Probably from watching his Dad interact with his Mother. Psychologists argue why we do the things we do. Some declare it is heredity, while others feel it is our environment. I

feel it is a little of both. We teach our daughter what to expect from her husband by the way we treat our wife. We teach our son how to treat his wife by the way we treat his mother. Compassion and gentleness toward women will be taught to our sons by our actions. Mothers also play an important role by the way they allow their children to treat them, whether with respect and dignity or with abuse.

Another lesson to learn is that Mary could never fulfill what God had planned for her life if she was not espoused to the right man. God performed His will in Mary's life because Joseph allowed it. God has a divine plan for every little girl born. For His plan to be fulfilled, she must marry the sort of man that will allow her to become all that God intended. Never underestimate God's purpose for all His children.



It Is A Good Thing To Give Thanks Unto The Lord

by Kevin Theilen, Joplin, MO.

The year 1998 has been very interesting for our family. It started out in January. We were very excited to find out we were expecting our second child. Then Karla began having problems. For the first two or three months we were at the doctors office almost every other week, and at one time the Dr. even said there wasn't much hope. But there is always hope with God on your side. Our church, family and friends all began to pray. Not long after the Dr. said he couldn't understand it but things were much better. We understood perfectly - God had answered prayer. On Sept. 18 we had a healthy baby boy.

After things were better with the pregnacy we felt good for a couple of months, but then I got sick. The Doctors didn't know what was wrong. They thought I had hepatitus, but tests could not confirm it. For two weeks the Doctors didn't know what was wrong, they just knew my liver wasn't working correctly and sent me to a specialist. Again family and friends began to pray and at the end of July after much sickness and losing 16 pounds the test came back saying my liver was fine. The Doctors still didn't know what was wrong but God had intervened once again.

The first week in August, about four days after my tests came back saying my liver was fine, I was badly burned. I had been helping a friend burn a brush pile when the fire blew up on me. I had second degree burns from about 4" above the knee all the way down on both legs. I had to stay in the hospital two days and spent a month in physical therapy, but once again God had seen us through. I was holding 5 gallons of gas when the fire blew up. I could have been killed, but today I am fine and my legs have healed well.

A month and a half after the burn we were at church when three banquet tables stacked against the wall fell on our daughter Kylar's ankle. We rushed her to the hospital. The Doctors said they were sure it was broken but needed to x-ray. Little did they know our church was praying at that very time and we believe God performed a miracle. When the x-rays came back, the Doctors were amazed to find her ankle wasn't broken. Kylar was like new in 4 or 5 days.

I tell you all of this to say no matter what comes your way as long as you have God you can't lose. I also learned how important it is to pray for someone when they need prayer.

I didn't understand why everything seemed to be happening to us but I think God wanted to show us that He is in control. Everything we went through could have turned out so much worse. God is good and deserves the praise for everything that happens in our lives. He'll never let us down.

Be Thou Faithful

by Karen Oakes, Joplin, MO.

As I was working on this issue of the Report and reading the obituaries of some who have been faithful to the call that God had placed upon their lives, I thought about some who have been faithful and touched my life. I remember as a little girl sitting in a Sunday School classroom at the First Baptist Church in Atchison, Kansas, my Sunday School teacher telling me about Jesus. The memory is faint but I have often thought about that lady who was faithful to plant seeds in my heart. I don't know her name but I am eternally thankful for what she did for me. I also remember a young service man who was my Sunday School teacher at the Army Chapel in Sasebo, Japan who continued to build upon my earlier teaching as a child. He gave me my first Bible. I know now that as I was a teenager he helped me more than I ever realized at the time. It was in the Easter Service in Sasebo that I remember God first tugging at my heart and making his presence known to me. Months later I was in Ft. Hood, Texas and I would go with a friend to a Nazarene Church once in a while and during those times other teachers continuing to water the seed planted. Finally I ended up in Joplin, Mo. dating a young man who later became my husband and going to church some with him at the Original Apostolic Faith Church. It was there that I really came in contact with God because of faithful people who were there to teach me about God. It was there that I finally gave my heart to God and began to serve Him. Since that time there have been many, many who have taught me and encouraged me in the things of God. So many of you were one of them. I am so thankful for all who have remained faithful to the task that God has given them to reach and teach others for Christ. I would encourage each of you not to grow weary but to Be Thou Faithful - some soul will be depending on you to reach them. Jesus is coming soon. May we all be ready to hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful."



For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given ...

Isaiah 9:6

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AFBC Spring Semester
January 4
Contact: Savoy Grimmer, Supt.
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AFBC Advisory Board Meeting
February 12, 9:00 AM
Apostolic Faith Church
HWY 290 & Calvit, Hempstead, TX
Contact: David Buschman
(409) 826-6295

AFBC Final Concert Ordination / Dedication Service May 12, 7:00 PM

'99 Celebration In Song & Verse
May 13, 10:00 AM
Contact: Savoy Grimmer, Supt.
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AFBC Graduation May 13, 7:00 PM May 14, 9:00 AM

AFBC Alumni & Friends Banquet
May 14, 6:30 PM
TBA
Contact: Yvonna Whiteley

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Midwest Youth Camp (Senior)
June 6-11, Laverne, OK
Chairman: Ron Brening
(580) 888-4555

Midwest Youth Camp (Junior)
June 13-18, Laverne, OK
Chairman: James Brown
(580) 659-2870

South Texas Youth Camp TBA, Sealy, TX Chairman: To Be Elected

Four-State Youth Camp June 19-23, Sr. Camp June 23-26, Jr. Camp Baxter Springs, KS Chairman: Glenn Oakes (417) 782-8933

Pine Crest Youth Camp TBA, Pine Crest, MS Chairman: Mike Brening (334) 963-4742

Peaceful Pines Youth Camp July 18-23 Chairman: Ross Briles (209) 529-2127

Camp Meeting '99

July 26 - Aug. 1, Baxter Springs, KS

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