

# Apostolic Faith Report

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## I AM

*Bread of Life*

John 6:35

*From Above*

John 8:23

*The Eternal One*

John 8:58

*Light of the*

*World*

John 9:5

*The Door*

John 10:7

*The Son of God*

John 10:36

*The Resurrection  
and the Life*

John 11:25

*Lord and Master*

John 13:13

*The Way, Truth,  
and Life*

John 14:6

*The True Vine*

John 15:1

*Alpha and  
Omega*

Rev. 1:8

*The First and  
Last*

Rev. 1:17



“... But who do YOU say that I am?”

Mark 8:29

### FRONT COVER

It has often been said that we may be the only Bible that someone has read or perhaps we are the only reflection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I might ask of myself (because I can answer for no one else) what impression do I leave? Do I show the saving grace of the One who gave His all ? As I walk this path do I follow the Light of the World in a way that others may also find that way? Is my life an example of being attached to the True Vine? Have I consecrated all to Jesus, the Lord and Master and followed the Way, Truth and the Life? Is Christ my all in all-the Alpha and Omega?

It is my desire and I am sure your's also, that as I travel through 2013, I will live my life in such a way that when He (Jesus) asks "whom say ye that I am" that it will speak to all- HE IS LORD !

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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.

## *From the Superintendent*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My, my how time does get away! It seems like we just celebrated Christmas last week and yet Easter is just around the corner and it's time for AFBC Choir Tour 2013. By time you will receive this, we will have left Baxter Springs heading for Rockport, WV and our 1st concert with Bro. Everett Snyder's congregation. We will then make a large loop and have our final concert in Rockdale, TX at Bro. Barry Methvin's church before heading home on March 26th. In between those two concerts we will be visiting 13 other churches throughout Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and parts of Texas. It is with great anticipation that we look forward to seeing everyone and also being given the opportunity to "Exalt Jesus" everywhere we go. We desire your prayers for travel safety, physical wellness for everyone as we travel, "no breakdowns" and open doors for ministry in the churches and outside the churches as we take this journey of many miles.

Other "good" news from the Bible College is that the renovation of the Administration Building is completed. The architect and engineer made a final walk through the facility and stated we have a very nice and safe building. Bro. Brian and I are pleased with the work that was performed by several different contractors, all of which made us compliant with the Kansas State Fire Marshall's office. A testimony of this projects completion is that all of the necessary remodeling that was required is 100% paid for! Praise the Lord! What a testimony of the support of God's people to see His work continuing on this campus. Thank you from all of us here at AFBC.

And we are also excited to announce to everyone that all of the present faculty members at AFBC have agreed to stay with us and will be returning for the 2013/2014 year starting in the fall. In addition, I also felt the Lord directing me to ask Bro. Seth Reed to join us on staff as an instructor in which he agreed. Bro. Seth has been one of our 3rd year students this year. As part of his 3rd year program we asked him to develop and to teach a Bible Basics class in which he has excelled. We are looking forward to continuing the class he developed and to add other teaching responsibilities to his schedule in the fall. He and his wife, Ashlie, are going to be a huge asset and a blessing to our AFBC campus family.

In preparation for Choir Tour we were blessed to have a three day revival at Baxter Chapel with the final service being a baptismal service on Saturday evening Feb. 23rd. At the close of the service we were thrilled to baptize 15 people. This was a wonderful experience for all that attended. The baptistry is portable, on wheels and heated and was jointly purchased by AFBC and Baxter Chapel. Our prayers are that we use it often to the glory of the Lord. I would like to give a special "thank you" to Bro. Rex Eaton & Bro. Eddy Mashburn, both of Elkins, AR for coming and ministering to us during the revival.

There is so much to be thankful for so for me to write to you everything that God has done and is continuing to do would take many pages. But because of His blessings it is with joy that I send you this report in order for you to get a glimpse of what can happen when people, such as you, pray and support the Lord's business. My blessing to you, "The Lord bless thee, The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

Bro. Bill Waggoner, Apostolic Faith Bible College

## **2013 AFBC Closing Exercises**

**Tuesday -May 7th  
Alumni Banquet-7:00  
p.m.  
Tickets-\$12.50**

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**Wednesday- May 8th  
Annual Business/  
Advisory Board  
Meeting -9:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday- May 8th  
Ordination/Dedication  
Service- 7:00 p.m.**

**Thursday- May 9th  
Final Choir Concert/  
Award Ceremony  
10:00 a.m.**

**Thursday- May 9th  
Graduation  
Ceremony-7:00 p.m.**

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## **50 YEARS AGO....1963**

**KAREN OAKES**

the average cost of a new home was \$19,300.00. A 1st class stamp cost 5 cents; a gallon of gas was 30 cents. To buy a dozen eggs you paid 30 cents and milk was 49 cents a gallon. The average income was \$5,623.00 and a Hershey candy bar was 5 cents. Touch tone telephones were introduced; FM radios were available in cars and the United States Postal Service instituted the zip codes. The American Heart Association was the 1st agency to campaign against cigarettes and the United States Supreme Court ruled that Bible reading in public schools was unconstitutional. On Nov. 22, 1963 President John F. Kennedy was assassinated and Lyndon Johnson became president.

That same year the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs, KS began another term on Sept. 9th with 42 students and ended with graduation on the 4th of Dec. At the end of the term an article was written in the Dec. issue of the Apostolic Faith Report. The beginning statement was "The 1963 term of the Apostolic Faith Bible College was especially blessed of God in many ways." It went on to say they had a larger number of students, every financial need was supplied and a Christian spirit of love and unity prevailed throughout the term. The scripture at the end of this article was the one printed on the graduation announcement in the Report. I am sure if we asked each one, no doubt their testimony would be that God had truly stood by His Word, as He has always done and will do yesterday, today and forever.

At the closing exercises nine students felt the call of God -4 for ministry and 5 as gospel workers and helpers. As I read the names of those ordained, I knew them all. Our paths have crossed many times throughout the past 50 years- I along with so many of you have been touched by their years of ministry. So in this issue we say "Thank you" for their 50 years of service by allowing them to share where God has taken them and how He has blessed.

*Fear thou not: for I am with thee; be thou not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee: I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10*

### **John Blythe- by Lola Faye Blythe**

John started his ministry in 1958 in our home church in Snyder, TX, singing and playing his guitar. Often times singing with his dad, brothers, sisters and preaching at youth rallies in the area churches. He traveled with his brother, Hap Blythe in 1959 to several churches in New Mexico, Arkansas, Texas and Missouri. He also worked in youth camps and camp meetings. We (John, myself and 4 sons) attended Bible College in 1963. After graduating, John and I were ordained as ministers of the gospel - an event that is very precious to me, a commitment to take to heaven.

Our 1st pastorate was at Center Point, TX where we became acquainted with many precious saints of God. John was a representative for the Salvation Army in Center Point ministering to many hungry, hurting people. Some were homeless, others without jobs and finances to care for themselves. They were needing someone to feed and help them, reminding and teaching them how to look up and reach out to the caring God that loves them. That's who we are-God's hand extended. In 1973 we moved to Hinton, AL and then on to Snell, MS and meeting more of God's sweet children. John took a job at a grocery store in Meridian, MS to help support us, and through this store it became a Help Ministry for the teenage boys that worked in the store. Several accepted Jesus as Savior. Many of the boys were from single parent homes needing a father figure to help them change their directions and set goals in their lives. He taught them the answer to all problems is in the Word of God. Many older people, depressed and sick, often asked John to lay hands on them and pray and many testified of victory. He had a ministry to lead people to read the Word and trust Jesus.

I must say with Praises to our God, John left a wonderful legacy of three sons who have also taken on the Righteousness of God through Jesus following in his desire to follow and worship our God, with their talents, time and blessings.

**"My John"**

by Lola Faye Blythe

When we married, I saw him as perfect. The ideal husband and more; I thought I knew all about him; all things to love and adore.

But when he became a father, I saw new qualities to treasure. He enriched our lives in fresh ways, As a Dad, he brought us such pleasure.

Our sons were forever blessed to have a father like him, and I love him more than ever.

"My John" you are the best man I ever knew.

Sons, your father was a Christian man, he led our household well; with instructions from the Bible, right behavior to compel.

Yet he steered us with compassion; his gentle love was true; he conformed to our Lord Jesus, so we knew just what to do.

He taught us with purpose, guided us in all Godly ways, so we would take the right path, and serve God with praise.

I'm glad he was a Christian husband and Dad; and helped us see things clearly,

We'll always look up to him and love him dearly.

***Danny and Pat Robinson***

We attended the Apostolic Faith Bible School in 1963 and were ordained at the Ordination Service at the close of that term. We started pastoring and have pastored churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri. We were young in age and experience, but through the leadership of the Holy Spirit and many wonderful MATURE Christians taking us by under their wings, we made it!

We couldn't always see why God was leading us where He did but "God knows the way through the wilderness" and all we can do is follow. We are no longer pastoring but we are still "in the ministry." Pat teaches a Sunday School class and helps with leading worship as well as the Sunday night fellowships. Dan fills in for the pastor at times as well as when he gets calls to fill in other places. He also serves as an elder on the Granby Gospel Tabernacle Board.

We have made some "forever friends" in every place that we pastored and we do not regret a mile that we have traveled for the Lord. If we had it to do all over again we would only try to be better for the Lord. He has been so good to us to bless His ministry. He not only blessed us with wonderful friends but four precious children, their spouses, nine grandchildren and two (twins) great-granddaughters.

Through our years of ministry we have seen many people give their hearts to the Lord, many healed and Christians grow in the Word so we have no complaints, only *PRAISE* to our Lord and soon coming King!



***Kenneth and LaDonna Priest***

Kenneth and LaDonna Priest were both students during the 1963 term Of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. At the closing exercises of that year Kenneth was ordained. After his second term at the Bible College in 1964 he began his ministry. He held revivals in Amarillo, TX, Roswell, NM, Hempstead, TX, Dumas, TX, and Center Point, TX and then moved to do pioneer work in Willow, AK, While in Alaska he was involved in youth ministry and camp director for several churches in Anchorage, AK. He lived in Canyon, TX and Goodwell, OK while attending college. His college courses in history and philosophy were completed in California. He also

pastored in Del City, OK and Stockton, CA.

Kenneth and LaDonna Priest have pastored the Community Bible Church in French Camp, CA for the last 25 years.



Danny Robinson



Ollie Kinser

*Faithful is he that calleth you,  
who will also do it.*



Kenneth Priest

*I Thessalonians 5:24*



John Blythe

### *Ollie & Anna Kinser*

As I reflect on the days of beginning in the ministry, I remember when I felt the call of God. It was at a youth camp at Laverne, OK in the summer of 1958. The camp was held 4 miles south of Laverne on property that belonged to Emmett Cornell. I was 13 years old. The camp was conducted under the direction of Bro. Gene Waterbury. I don't remember for sure who the other preachers were that helped him., but I do remember the moment at the altar when I knew the Lord was calling me to the ministry.

Later that year as I was sleeping one night, I was awakened by a very vivid dream. I still can see the events depicted in the dream. It was the coming of the Lord. Jesus was descending and people were coming out of graves, ascending to meet him. Others, who were alive, were joining them to meet the Lord in the air.

It was 5 years later (1963) that I attended my 1st year of Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Bro. Gene Waterbury was superintendent. He gave me great instruction and was certainly a wonderful example to follow in the study of the Word, which has enabled me to fulfill the call.

I thank the Lord for leadership like Bro. Waterbury, Bro. Gail Schultz, Bro. Jacob Regier, Bro. Robert Girouard and many others who have been and are a great blessing to me.

Bro. Ken Priest and I held our 1st revival together in Amarillo, TX for Pastor Neil Ragan in 1964. There was a snow storm that left the area covered with 17 inches of wet snow. We had lots of fun playing in the snow. What a memory!

After a 2nd term of Bible School, Anna Margaret Scroggs of Waka, TX became my bride on March 6, 1965. This just happened to be the wedding anniversary of Danny and Pat Robinson. They blessed us by driving more than 300 miles through a dirt storm to attend our wedding.

Anna and I accepted our 1st pastorate in Sugarland, TX in August 1965. We were there only 11 months when such difficulties arose that we deemed it necessary to resign. We moved to Sunray, TX to pastor the small congregation in August, 1966. Our 1st child, Delvin, was born during the year we spent there. It was discouraging to know that the first two churches we served were sold after we left.

We served 4 years as pastors in Enid, OK. Our 2nd child, Darin, was born there. We served for a few months as pastors at Shattuck, Ok. From there we pastored in Joplin, MO, Baxter Springs, KS, Arnett, OK, Hardesty, OK, Canyon, TX and Liberal, KS. In the midst of these times of pastoring, we also had 3 periods of evangelistic ministry. Each one lasted a period of 13 months.

In Nov. 2001, we began a new work in Liberal, KS. Originally, it was called The Latter House Worship Center. Later we changed the name to Abundant Life Fellowship because some thought we had become Mormon because of the word Latter.

The number 13 has occurred many times in my life. I was born on Oct. 13, 1944. I was called to the ministry at age 13. I was the 13th superintendent of AFBC, which lasted for 13 months. I was the 13th pastor of the Hardesty, OK church which lasted 13 years. I was the 13th pastor of Trinity Faith Church which lasted 39(13x3) months. There are more but that is enough for you to get the idea.

We will keep on keeping on for the Lord who enables us since He put us in the ministry. We expect to participate in the events of the dream that came to me 55 years ago. Hallelujah!



## Retirement Tea

Rev. & Mrs. Jim Arnall, of Ashland, Alabama, were honored on Sunday, March 3, 2013, by their

church, family, community and friends with a Retirement Tea at Bethel Christian Church.

The Arnalls have been pastoring at Bethel Christian Church for the past 40 years. During 35 of those years, they also pastored at Oak Hill Church once per month on Sunday afternoons. They provided a Christian education to children from Bethel and the surrounding community for 21 years at Bethel Christian School. Prior to moving to the Ashland area, they pastored for 8 years at the Pine Hill Apostolic Faith Chapel, Pine Hill, AL. They have worked in the Pine Crest Camp in Quitman, MS for the past 47 years and have in recent years rebuilt and remodeled the camp following a fire which destroyed many of the buildings.

After their retirement, they plan to continue to support the Bethel Christian Church and the new pastors, Frank and Corrie Arnall. They will also continue their ministry with the senior citizens of the community and the hospital and nursing home ministry. Bro. Arnall meets with the Lineville, AL Police Department each month for devotion and prayer and daily (when possible) meets with 12-15 at McDonalds for Bible Study, prayer and fellowship.

They are grateful for the blessings received and friendships made during all these years, and for the foundation that they received when they attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:19*



## “Thank You”



I want to say “Thank You” to everyone who has supported me the past few years as I have received my education. I want to thank the Scholarship Committee at AFBC for the scholarship they so generously awarded to me at the close of my 2nd year at AFBC in 2008. I also want to thank each of you for the many prayers that were whispered on my behalf. The Lord has certainly been with me every step of the way, and I know He won’t ever leave. I have peace knowing that I am where God wants me and doing His will. I have been through nursing school, graduated, passed state boards and finally I am working as an RN at Freeman Hospital in Neosho, MO. God has really shown Himself faithful all along my journey. He used so many of you, from financial support to words of encouragement and I am so grateful. Also I am grateful to my husband, Zac and to my family for being so patient with me during stressful times, Still, I need your prayers everyday as I try to minister to those that are in pain and needing the hope that only Jesus Christ brings. I know that God will bless each one of you that has had a part in my life. I love you all and God Bless!

Bethany Clark RN

Note: Zac and Bethany are also currently serving as Youth Pastors at the Church of God in Granby, MO.

**Evelyn Grace Sims** was born on April 19,1924 in Wilcox County to Cora Green. She passed away on Jan. 4,2013 at the age of 88.Grace married Clyde Sims on Nov.25, 1938 in Sunny South,AL. To this union was born 3 children: Ann Swanner, Agee Sims and Tommy Joe Sims. Grace lived in Wilcox County all of her life. She attended Pine Hill Chapel, Pine Hill, Al. Grace ran a paper route and worked at the Economy Store in Pine Hill. Grace was as equally passionate about the Atlanta Braves and Catherine Academy.



Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Sims,son,Agee, brother,Glen Morgan; sisters Lois Hicks and Betty Webb and her mother. Her daughter, Ann Swanner passed away 2 weeks after her death. She is survived by her son, Tommy Joe (Sedera) of Pine Hill,AL; brother, George Green of Atmore, AL;sister Judy Green Warr of Tuscaloosa,AL;grandchildren, James Swanner JR, Pine Hill,AL: Bonnie (Shane) Morgan of Tallahatta Springs, AL; Chad(Jeannie) Sims of Knoxville,TN;Stacy Sims of Pine Hill,Al; Hillary (Seth)McCaleb of Montgomery,AL and great-grandchildren, Leigh Anna Smith, Jack Walden and Reese Walden.

Funeral services and interment were held on Jan.7,2013 at Independence Cemetery in Sunny South,AL. Rev. Mike Brening officiated.



**Ann Swanner** - was born on Dec.11,1939 in Wilcox County,AL to Clyde and Grace Sims. She passed away on Jan. 18,2013 at the age of 73. Ann married James Swanner SR on Nov.15,1962 in Selma,Al. To this union was born 2 children. Bonnie Morgan and James Swanner JR. Ann lived for a short time in Selma, Al before moving to Pine Hill. Ann attended Pine Hill Chapel and was very faithful in her attendance until caring for her mother and her own illness. Besides caring lovingly for her family, Ann owned a grocery store in Sunny South, AL for years. Ann was an avid cat lover and enjoyed a challenging game of Sudoku.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, James Swanner SR, both parents and brother,Agee Sims. She is survived by her daughter, Bonnie (Shane) Morgan,Tallahatta Springs,Al; son James Swanner JR, Pine Hill; granddaughter Leigh Anna Smith , Montgomery,AL; brother, Tommy Joe (Sedera) Sims of Pine Hill; sisters -in -law Diane Sims, Pine Hill; Laura Raine, Greenville,MS and Ida Henly,Birmingham,AL; nieces, Stacy Sims,Pine Hill, Hillary McCaleb(Seth), Montgomery, A; nephew, Chad (Jeannie)Sims, Knoxville,TN and other family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Jan.21, 2013 at the Pine Hill Cemetery in Pine Hill,AL. Rev. Mike Brening officiated.

**David M. Stollings** - born Sept. 24,1926 to Walter and Rhodie Hummer Stollings and passed away on Jan. 18, 2013. He spent all of his life within a two mile radius from where he was born.

David attended grade school in Twichell, Huntoon and Perryton,TX.He graduated from Booker High School. After attending Texas Tech University for awhile, he served in the Army in Europe for two years, then returned to the farm life he loved.

He started raising cattle at a young age through 4-H. farming and ranching were his only occupations, except for 6 years in the 1970's when he also worked for the USDA measuring land.

He accepted Christ as his Savior at age 14 at the Church of the Brethren in Waka, TX. He loved his Lord dearly.

On Feb. 25,1954 he married Edna Tickle. They were blessed with 3 children; David (Dale) Stollings, Debbie Stollings, Cindy (Tim) Van Valkenburg. Surviving also are grandchildren Jeremy & Jennifer Stollings, Rachel and Jason Martin, Brad & Taylor Van Valkenburg and Tyler Van Valkenburg. In addition the family is blessed with 6 great-grandchildren and many good friends.

Services were held Jan. 21, 2013 at the Community Worship Center in Perryton, TX. Rev. Harrol Waterbury and Rev. Edwin Modrick officiating.







**Johnnie B. Arnall** - was born August 20,1927 in Granby, MO to Rev. Felix and Leona (Shipman) Arnall. He entered into rest on Feb. 20, 2013 at his home following a short illness.

Johnnie was a lifelong resident of the area and worked as a Mechanical Supervisor at Farmer's Chemical Company until his retirement 17 years ago. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in Korea during WWII. He was a member of Union Chapel Church in Bethpage,MO.

He married Ruth E. Stewart on Oct. 31, 1953. in Cranford, NJ. They were blessed with 3 sons; JJ (Terry) Arnall, Granby, MO, Frank (Corrie) Arnall, Bethpage,MO, Fred (Debbie) Arnall, Granby, MO and 1 daughter, Carrie (Bobby)Brock of Neosho, MO.

He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, brothers;Wilbur (Nancy) Arnall, Joplin, MO and Rev. Jimmy (Mary Lou) Arnall, Ashland, AL and a sister Lola Barrett of Titusville,FL. Memorial services were held on Feb 23,2013 at Clark Funeral Home, Granby, MO with Rev. Frank Arnall and Rev. Jimmy Arnall officiating. Memories and music was provided by his grandchildren. Interment was in the Granby Memorial Cemetery.



*Alumbaugh-Wammack*

Catherine Alumbaugh of Carl Junction, MO and Glenn Wammack of Galena, KS were united in marriage on Dec. 29, 2012 at Bethel Church in Baxter Springs, KS. Pastor Mark Kerr performed the double ring ceremony.



Catherine is an AFBC Alumni and Glenn is a graduate of MSSU Criminal Justice Department. They are making their home in Joplin, MO are attending Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church.

Glenn's parents are Willie Wammack, Galena,KS and the late Lori Wammack . Catherine's family is the Joel Dorris family of Carl Junction, MO.

**My Personal Testimony**

by Andy Grissom-3rd year AFBC student



I was probably your average teen when I was in high school in Webb City, MO. I fought with my parents as many others do and had a mouth that as the old saying goes, "would make a sailor blush". During high school some of my friends got saved and invited me to church. I started going to church but only because they played "tackle basketball" and other fun sports before church started. I knew that was the wrong reason to go, but that didn't mean that God couldn't work. As time passed, I heard the Word spoken to me. An opportunity came for me to go to the Laverne Youth Camp and I decided I would go because my friends were going. It seemed like a long trip in the van and I spent time sitting in the front cracking bad jokes. After several nights in service, I kept feeling like I needed something and that I was missing something. Finally, the night before camp ended,I gave my heart to the Lord and was baptized the next day. I am proud to say that I have never been the same since and I know that my God has changed me and saved me.

Editorial Note: In visiting with Andy and hearing his testimony, I have been made aware again of God's great love for each of us. I am reminded of how far the Heavenly Father reaches to a lost soul. I was especially blessed with a comment Andy made to me sometime back. He said "God really made a change in my life- I'm not the same as before." That is the greatest testimony that any of us could have- we were changed and lifted out of the pit of sin we were in and our feet planted on the Solid Rock. Thank God for His great love toward us and thank you Andy for sharing what God has done for you.

## **GREETINGS FROM JOPLIN, MISSOURI**

I am aware that it has been quite awhile since we've shared anything about what has been happening here in Joplin. Please know that we are so appreciative of all the prayers that many of you have lifted up for us and many other churches in our city that are still rebuilding after the storm in 2011.

It seems as though another congregation is breaking ground every month. We at Southside have been blessed, not only to have escaped any damage to our building, but also to be a part of what God is continuing to do in our community.

This past summer, we were blessed to see 14 people from pre-teens to middle age baptized on a nice July Sunday afternoon in Shoal Creek. Somewhere around 50 to 60 church folks came out to show their support to those who were taking the next step in following Jesus.

We've seen God working in a number of ways as we closed out 2012 and entered 2013. We were blessed to have Bro. Eddie and Sis. Missy Sanchez as our youth leaders for twelve years at Southside. They have recently stepped down from that ministry and are presently seeking the Lord for His direction for their lives. They both are very quality people who have so many gifts to offer His body. If the Lord would lay it on any hearts to contact them for meetings or services I know they would be a great blessing to you. Since then, Bro. Brent and Sis Haley Moser have stepped into that ministry with our youth and are doing a great job. We have also seen Bro. Josh and Sis. Lauren Manning volunteer to work with our children's class on Wednesday nights left vacant when Sis. Haley took our youth. They are a great blessing as well.

One of the great blessings that we have seen the Lord do here at Southside is to pay off a loan that we entailed about ten years ago when we added onto our current building. God is faithful and it truly is a blessing to have entered 2013 debt free,

We hope to see many of you in a few months. Until then, may the Lord bless you and keep you is our prayers.

**Richard and Renee Morris - Pastors**



*We are praying for...*

**The Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Hempstead, Texas is in need of a pastor.**

**For information contact:**

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**or**

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## **PROSPERITY, MO**

God is working in a wonderful way at Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church. We've been blessed to see new families attending services and making commitments to follow Jesus as their Savior.

Recently we changed the children's ministry to team teaching. For each children's church class, we have 4-5 adults/teens working in class. It has been a great way to build relationships, have accountability and learn from one another. Our children are enjoying the benefits as well. Kendra Dorris and Haley Duncan have been writing the curriculum for it and we are enjoying their God given talents in that area.

We are blessed to report victory for Sis. Norma Johnson. She has been through quite a physical battle for her life, but God has touched her. She is gaining strength daily. It is truly a miracle to have her back in services with us .

We are preparing for a water baptism service in March. Several have expressed the desire to be baptized.

We are also pleased to announce Sis. Kelly Walters is our new youth director. We are happy to have her family here at Prosperity. She has great plans and vision for our youth.

The Prosperity church family is excited and looking forward to spiritual growth as well as church family growth this year.

**Joel and Tammy Dorris-Pastors**

## Camp Meeting 2013

AFBC - July 26-31

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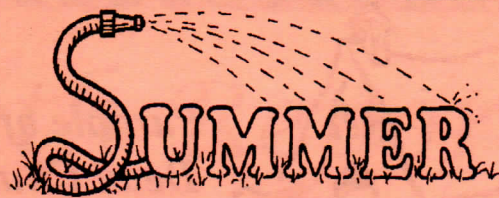
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*Senior Camp- June 9-14*

*Casey & Ashley Drew - 580-334-1697*

*4-State Youth Camp*

*Junior Camp- June 12-15*

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*Senior Camp- June 17-20*

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*South Texas Youth Camp*

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*JuniorCamp- June - 17-20*

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*Senior Camp- June 24-2*

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*Pine Crest Youth Camp*

*Pine Crest, MS*

*June 23-26*

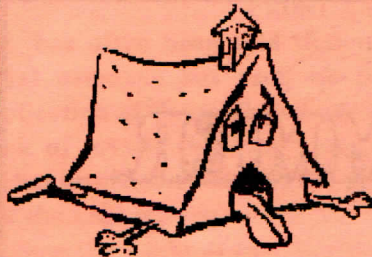
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### *Parable of the Dead Church*

A person once called a pastor to say he wanted to join the church. But, he went on to explain that he didn't want to worship every week, study the Bible, visit the sick, witness to non-Christians or to serve as a leader or teacher.

The pastor commended him for his desire to join, but told him the church he sought was in another section of town. The man took directions and hung up.

When he arrived at the church, the man came face to face with the logical result of his own apathetic attitude. There stood an old abandoned church building, boarded up and ready to be demolished.

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"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, ... soul, ... mind, and strength."  
Mark 12:30

**Obstacles are those terrifying things we see when we take our eyes off of the goal.**