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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 the are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

AFBC 2002 School Closing

Many exciting events happened at the close of Bible College and we would like to give an update.

Bro. Lowell Long was the minister of the Ordination and Dedication service and Sis. Darla Oakes was ordained a "Minister of the Gospel".

The Cathedral of Praise was held in the Chapel this year and our special singers included Jim and Brenda Boyd, Fred and Cyndi Edmiston, Brandon Dorris, and "Witness".

Bro. Homer Allen was the guest speaker at the Graduation Ceremony. Karen Oakes, and Ann Richardson received a Certificate of Course Completion. Brandon Dorris and Jessica Pfalzgraf received Certificates of Semester Completion. RanDell Largen, Tim Hubbs, Frank Carroll, Casey McCormik, Michael Lewis, April Buschman, TaQuana Cooper, and Ashley Campbell received a Certificate of Year Completion. Jon Clayton, Lee Shultz, Mark Morgan, Charlie DeVaughn, JJ Manning, Denise Bensch, Crystal King, Casey Tucker, and Marvin Talley received Diplomas. Michelle Cloninger received a Certificate of Apprenticeship.

The Restoration Project

The Chapel basement has been completely renovated. It has new carpet, plumbing, bathroom fixtures and a new drop ceiling. By the beginning of the Fall Semester the new basement classrooms will be completed and the three motel quality guest rooms will be available for evangelist, ministers, and other visitors.

The work that remains is a new metal roof, awning over the front steps, the basement windows covered on the outside and the backdoor must be relocated from the north side to the west end of the building. Funds are needed to complete this last phase.

The Educational Building has been renamed the Administration building, since all the classes will be held in the basement of the Chapel. The upstairs will be free to use as the library, the Apostolic Faith Report Office, and the AFBC Administration Offices. The Cafeteria will remain in the Downstairs of the Administration Building. Also new carpet and vinyl have been laid throughout the building.

The men's dorm has a new drop ceiling and we hope to remodel the bathrooms and lay new carpet soon.

We could not complete these projects without your prayerful and financial support. THANK YOU!

What's New for Fall 2002?

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS:

Michelle Cloninger - is a graduate of the Apostolic Faith Bible College (AFBC) and has also spent a year in AFBC's apprenticeship program. She has been attending classes at Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri, this summer, and will continue taking night classes in the Fall.

Sister Michelle teaches at the Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church in Galena, Kansas, where Joel and Tammy Dorris are pastors.

She will be returning this year as head chef of AFBC.

Darla Sutton - was born and raised in Pampa, Texas. She received degrees from various colleges including Amarillo College, West Texas State University and West Texas A&M. She has taught at Amarillo ISD and the William F. Clements Maximum Security Prison for male offenders. The areas in which she taught were Special Education, Prerelease program changes, GED classes and Cognitive Intervention. She also taught classes for the in-prison Therapeutic Community and Psych-Unit.

Sister Darla is the wife of Garry Sutton. She has been a youth director, Board Member, Sunday School Teacher, as well as Sunday School Superintendent. She has taught in a Bible Study for Women's ministry and cognitive Intervention for Adults and Teens.

Sister Darla will be teaching Cognitive Intervention at AFBC. Cognitive Intervention is the introduction of ideas and concepts that will provide the students with information to make better decisions.

Garry Sutton - was born in Uvalde, Texas. He is the oldest son of Sherman and Louise Sutton. Brother Sutton was called to a ministry of music at the age of 10 and called to preach at the age of 48. He graduated from AFBC in 1971.

Brother Sutton began a career in law enforcement on February 10, 1969 with the Police Department in Snyder, Texas. In 1982 he graduated from the Amarillo College with an AAS degree & High Honors in Criminal Justice. Brother Garry also worked in the Police Department in Potter County and Amarillo. He retired from the Amarillo Police Department and his law enforcement profession on April 30, 2002.

Brother Sutton has been an Associate Pastor, full - time pastor and Music minister. He will be joining AFBC as the Dean of Men and Acts Instructor.

We are not sure how many students we will have, but God has always been faithful to supply hungry hearts. Thank you for all you do.

~ Savoy Grimmer

AFBC THANK YOU'S

Denise Bensch - First of all, I'd like to thank everyone that helped during the fire, last fall at AFBC. I couldn't have made it through without all your prayers and support. I am very grateful that I've spent the past 2 years of AFBC. The Lord has prepared me to face the challenges ahead. I've learned so much about myself and how I fit into the body of Christ. I have been so blessed.

Crystal (King) Clayton - Bible College has been a blessing to me. During my time here I have grown Spiritually, learned God's word, and gained many victories. I also met the man God chose for me to marry. God has put a calling on our life for the ministry. In June we were united in Holy Matrimony and thus started our life together serving God. We are at Taneyville, Missouri, working as assistant pastors, youth leaders, and we also work with the young children. We share in the vision that the Sutton's have for the church and the community. We are excited to be working here. I will always remember my time at AFBC and the friends made. I am thankful that Jesus is the Lord of my life and guiding me each step of the way.

Jon Clayton - I have had a good two years at AFBC. I am very glad for the experiences I have had and the people that has been brought into my life. Everyone has added to me in a different way. I met my bride at AFBC and married her on June 22, of this year. We then went to Taneyville to be assistant pastors and work with the youth and the children. God has truly blessed our lives in calling us to His ministry. My calling is to be a pastor, but I desire to be mentored first. I would like to thank AFBC, the supporters of AFBC, and all the faculty for what they have given of themselves, and I praise God for it all.

Charlie DeVaughn - I want to express my gratitude to all those who have helped me grow in the Lord in the past two years. There's been bad times, but they are all memories. I will never forget the two years I have spent at AFBC, especially the people. The friends I have made will always have a special place in my heart. The Lord is good and He is still the same no matter where I go.

Lee Shultz - I would like to thank the School, Board, Faculty, and Students for making the past two years the best years of my life. I have learned so much and my eyes have been opened. I hope I am able to give to people as you have given to me. I attended youth camps this summer and then went home to work as a teacher at the Rockport Full Gospel Worship Center, in West Virginia, pastored by Bro. Everett Snyder. Thank you so much for teaching me. I hope to see you in the future. May the Lord be with you and bless you for what you have done for me.

Marvin Talley - The past two years at AFBC has been the best two years of my life. I have learned so much. I have learned to shed tears and know what it's like to be a servant, doing for others and not looking for anything in return. I have also learned to give of myself when I felt it was almost impossible to give. Most of all I have found some dear friends I can call on and know they will be there for me. I have a few I consider my best friends. Mark Morgan who has been a comfort when I needed. To him I owe more than I could ever repay. J.J. Manning has been my rock. He took me home for Thanksgiving when he didn't have to. Lee Lee always blessed me with things he didn't have to give, but always made me feel special. And last to Bro. Savoy, who was the example to me. He helped me out in so many ways. He always kept pushing, but it was for my good. I love you all. God Bless.

Casey Tucker - I am so thankful that God has given me the opportunity to go to the Bible College. I learned so much, and gained some wonderful friends and mentors. God has shown Himself to me in a way I never knew Him. God's love is so amazing, and the life we have in Him is so much fun. I have loved my experience of Bible College.

Youth Camp Reports

MIDWEST YOUTH CAMP REPORT - Laverne Oklahoma

We are glad to report 2 great weeks of youth camp again this year. Our total enrollment was just under 100. During this 2 weeks we saw many spiritual victories. Bro. Richard Morris, Joplin, MO was the camp evangelist for the teens. As always, he did a super outstanding job. The Holy Spirit really spoke through him and it was great! We had lots of good help from several of the AFBC students as well as local help both weeks.

JR Slater was camp evangelist for the Juniors. He did an outstanding job. I have never seen anyone minister to the Juniors on their level any better. JR was all over the camp helping in many areas, not only as camp evangelist. He won the hearts of the youth.

There was good help from our other committee members. Kevin and Tena planned competitive activities for both weeks using the theme of the 'Survivor'. This began at morning flag pole and continued throughout the day. They worked hard for a year in advance preparing these games and activities. The kids were kept busy and really took an interest in this part of the camp.

Bro. L.J. Ehrlich and wife Ida wrote our lesson books, entitled 'YOUR NEW LIFE' which was an indepth study on salvation. These were great lessons giving the kids a foundation on which to base their salvation. Unfortunately, Bro. L.J. was very sick and could not be with us during camp. Please keep him in your prayers for his physical needs.

Bro. Ron and Evelyn gave us good input in the planning of camps. He was a very busy man around camp doing whatever was needed as my right hand man. Due to severe back problems Evelyn was unable to stay full time at camp. Also remember her physical needs in your prayers.

I would like to thank my wife, Kathryn for doing an outstanding job in secretarial work and many other responsibilities. In the Senior week her class was an activity class, reinforcing the lesson study. Students made banners, wrote songs, painted wall murals, wrote bumper stickers, made acrostics, etc. The Junior week she was in charge of the music, using Denise Bensch for teaching the afternoon music class and the worship part of the evening service.

Me ~ I just stood around and looked important! 40 years ago, in 1962, my wife and I began our work on Youth Camp committees. It's been a good road and I have loved every minute of it, but I told them that this year would be my last year on Youth Camp Committees. It's time for the younger to take over.

In His service,
Jack Cornell

South Texas Area Youth Camp - Tabernacle in the Woods

The South Texas Area Youth Camp was held in Porter, Tx. at the Calvary Outreach Tabernacle in the Woods campground the first two weeks of June. The theme for both camps was 'Survivor'.

Serving on the committee were Seldon and Vanessa Harris, Columbus; Brian and Cheryl Moser, Alvin; Ron and Janis Brening, Hempstead; and Daphne Bryan, also of Hempstead.

We had 50 campers for Teen Camp and 48 campers for kid's camp and a host of wonderful helpers. We saw the young people blessed as they learned and sought God and are still holding to God's promise that "my word shall not return void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

4 State Youth Camp

The 4 - State Youth Camp was opened on June 5 with Junior Camp and closed Saturday June 8. 77 children, which included 10 precampers were enrolled. Jacob Oakes of Neosho, Missouri was in charge of music and did a fantastic job. Tammy Dorris of Galena, Kansas was the night speaker and did a wonderful job of relating the Word to the children.

Senior camp enrollment was Sunday June 9th and kept the committee scrambling for beds for the 130 young people enrolled. The camp this year was blessed with two speakers, Matt Snyder of West Virginia and Mark Palmer of Alaska. Bro. Snyder had the morning session and Bro. Palmer had the evening service.

Both camps were blessed with so many willing workers. Without them camp would not be possible.

We are most thankful for God's presence that we felt every day. Only eternity will reveal the true blessings received at Camp 2002.

Parham Books are still available through the Apostolic Faith Report.

The Life of Charles F. Parham	\$20
A Voice Crying in the Wilderness	\$10
Selected Sermons	\$10
The Everlasting Gospel	\$10

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Bible Doctrine - Jacob Regier	\$10
Out in the Fields With God - Pearl Menke	\$10

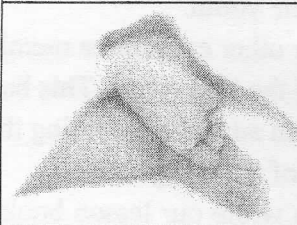
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Birth Announcements



Madison Sarah Brown



Charlie and Lynette Brown of Neosho, Missouri are happy to announce that their house has grown by two feet. Their

second daughter, Madison Sarah Brown was born on April 6, 2002. She weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Madison was also welcomed by her big sister Molly and grandparents Harold and Mary Margaret Brown of Centerview, Missouri, and Lyndell and Kathy Arnall of Neosho, Missouri.

RyLee ReNae Buschman

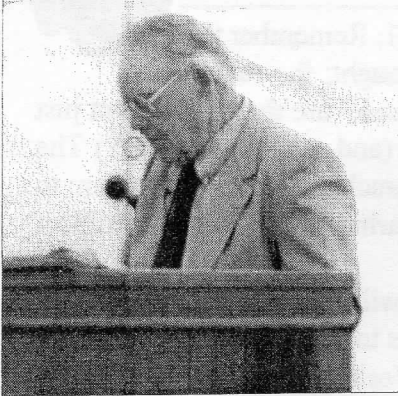
Keith and Abby Buschman are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, RyLee ReNae, on April 26, 2002 in Columbia, South Carolina.



She weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. Soon after she was born RyLee and her parents moved to Benton, Arkansas. Her proud grandparents are Alvin and Glenda Buschman of Cave Springs, Arkansas and Mark and Iletha Bard of Joplin, Missouri.

Crosses Homecoming

Yogi Webster

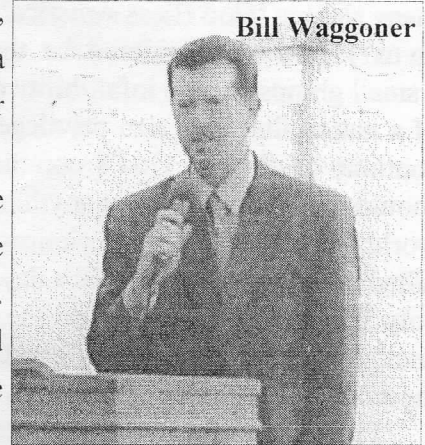


Hello from the Crosses Community Church in Crosses, Arkansas. The month of April was a very special month for our church, because we held our first Church Homecoming. During the time spent in preparation for our Homecoming Sunday, our church family grew even closer than before. Once we had everything ready for our guests, it seemed like it took forever for April 28th to finally get here! We had such a beautiful time! We had visitors from many states, and it was a very fun time to reminisce and catch up on the lives of so many dear friends. Every person that attended is so special to us, but we would especially like to thank the former pastors,

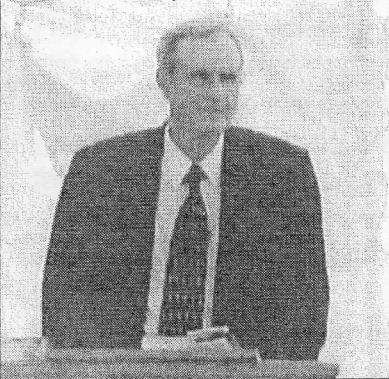
Yogi and Lucy Webster, Roland and Loretta Haney and family, and Joel and Tammy Dorris and family for bringing our services and sharing songs, testimonies and most of all the Word of God.

Others that traveled quite a distance to be with us were Neil and Billie Ragan from Woodward, Oklahoma, Truman and Diana Summerford, Dennie and Karen Oakes from Joplin, Missouri, Jim and Beverly Morris, from St. James, Missouri, Warren Haney and family from Spearman, Texas, Harvey and Jean Addleman from Adrian, Missouri, George and Wilma Clay from Eagle Rock, Missouri, and Ilene Sanger from Logan, Oklahoma.

Bill Waggoner



Roland Haney



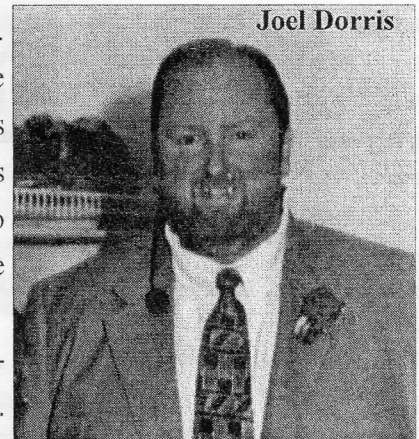
The most precious thing about our homecoming was the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. Getting together with others who share that desire to be in "His" presence is what makes it so sweet. So many shared testimonies of how the Lord has been faithful through the years in good times and bad, and both young and old were challenged to stand on the promises of the Word of God. There is a song that says "There's just nothing I like better, than God's people getting together, it feels so good just being here with you" and that sums up the feeling we had from sun up to sun down!

God has truly blessed us here at Crosses.

We also want to say how proud we are of our church family and those who are so faithful and dedicated to see our church continue to grow and spread God's Word on a day to day basis. In Galatians 6:9 the Word of God says: And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. No doubt God will allow them to see a harvest of souls in our community because of the work they have done in our church.

We are so thankful for our pastors Bill and Rhonda Waggoner. We appreciate the work they are doing here. We invite all who can to come and visit us. May God Bless You!

Joel Dorris





An Ass in the Crib

~ Ron Noble ~



Indeed, let us grieve and lament for those who died on Sept. 11, 2001, Remember the families with vacancies now in them and let us be troubled at the thought; the reality that the United States of America is now in a 'war against terror.' Forces from 'outside' are threatening, not just people, but the 'sense of security' that so many Americans have come to enjoy (and take for granted?) The effects of the attack on 9/11 were both negative and positive. It's refreshing to see such a surge in patriotism; to see an increase in the flying of the US flag; the stirring of the human spirit at the hearing of the National Anthem sang with enthusiasm; to see the acts of kindness between strangers.

Yet I'm much afraid that much of this 'revival' of good deeds and 'God' talk will be short lived. There are many singing 'God Bless America' when He already has (I wonder how close He is to cease shedding His grace on us?) Have we considered the thought that perhaps what has happened in New York and at the Pentagon was a small glimpse of the infallibility of man, the power of God, and of judgment that could be? Do we as a people of a nation that has been privileged to advance in probably every area of life, that dare to think that we can continue to disobey God's commandments and still be secure? What hypocrisy we show! What shame we should feel! If we grieve at anything, let it be for the stupendous arrogance and hypocrisy of those people of the world that say 'pray for the victims of New York and for America,' and yet care not for the 11.2 million babies killed every year (about 4000 a day!); at those among us who remain silent of speaking about Jesus Christ as the only Way, the only Truth, and the only Life because were afraid of offending of someone that has come from another county or holds a different 'religious' view than us; at those accepting the practice of homosexuality in the name of 'tolerance' and 'unity,' and be sorrowed for the hundreds of other ailments that plague this nation.

'Pray for America' (which seems, for some, not all, to be a popular phrase at the moment), but pray for America to what? For several days after the WTC attacks, much focus of the prayers were (understandably) for the safety and the finding of lost people amid the chaos and ruin (and also for those doing the searching.) But as the days passed and it seemed hope was gone that any more would be found, what were the prayers to be for? Maybe we are to pray for America to be strong in its national resolve to remain united as others are trying to tear us apart. Maybe it's for God to keep anyone from bothering our physical safety that we can continue living as we please. Rather, shouldn't we pray for America to have a genuine experience of repentance; to have a very evident show of remorse and revival from her wickedness? Shouldn't we pray that we really could find the lost amid the chaos and rubble?

It is a sobering thought to realize that when God speaks of humbling oneself and a turning from wicked ways, He is speaking to those 'who are called by (his) name;' those who profess to be among those he calls 'my people.' II Chronicles 7:14. Consider these interesting verses in Exodus 19:5,6 "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: . . . And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation..." Also 1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

However, looking at the condition of things today in our lives and The Church, are we really living like a 'holy nation' showing forth the praises of the Lord God? How far are we from where we need to be? Shortly after the disasters of September 2001, I felt 'drawn to the first chapter of Isaiah. Here is what the Word of God says:

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

The Lord says He has nourished (which means advanced or promoted) and brought up (meaning to hold up) children. Their response? Rebellion (which is quarreling and apostasy.) Comparing this to 'we, the people,' has

not God advanced; promoted His Body above all the of the world? Deuteronomy 26:19; 28:1. How many of us have not rebelled or quarreled with God? How many have not broken away from the Truth and have been so quickly moved to another Gospel?

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his masters crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

Consider the ox and the ass. Dumb animals. Yet they are said to be more considerate than the children God was raising in the wilderness (and of those He still is raising today?) They know who provides for them and where they are to be, but His people does not consider. Have there been times(are there now?) that I have not considered that it has been God that has 'nourished me;' that it is God who sets up one and pulls down another (Psalms 75:6,7)? Is it (it is) time to reflect on how I live my life and the importance I put upon things? As a nation, it does indeed seem that we have forgotten to give proper reverence to the One who has advanced and promoted us to such degree.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

A sinful nation, a people laden (meaning 'heavy or abounding with iniquity), a seed (the posterity) of evildoers -an implication that they are the outcome of past wickedness; descendants of those who have little by little failed to acknowledge the Son of God, Jesus Christ. They are also, in turn, corrupters of them that would come after them. What kind of 'seed' are we as Christians planting today? What do we have to give to the future generation? Irreverence? Pride in ourselves? Are these the things that we want to pass on to our coming children?

He says they have forgotten Him; they have relinquished their privileges of the Deliverer and are now responsible for provoking the Holy One to Anger. Will we also forsake Him; will we give up the graciousness that has held you for so long? We will be a provocation to the Lord when 'we go away backward!'

5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

The question to the people was why should they be stricken (meaning to be beaten or punished) when they didn't have to be? The question today is will we continue to do the things that result in pain to you and grievance to Him? Why do you persist in rebellion? The outcome can only be is sickness (meaning weak or afflicted) of the entirety of the body and faint hearted (meaning troubled or infirmity.)

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it, but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores. they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

From the bottom to the top there is no soundness (or wholesomeness, stability) in the nation heavy with sin. Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to ANY nation. There are only wounds (split open places), bruises (meaning black and blues marks; from the affect of a blow; from being hit or running into things), and putrifying (fresh, dripping moist) sores. Can we get a picture here of the awfulness caused by sin and rebellion? What has been done toward the 'curing' of these afflictions? Nothing! The split open places haven't been closed, but have been left open; exposed to get infected by the elements of the world. Nor have they been bandaged or mollified (made tender) with ointment. Consider Revelation 3:18.

7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with/ire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

The desolation (wasted, ruined) of the country is the result of the burning of the cities (here the word 'burning' means 'hate!') and the scorning by strangers; those from 'outside' that came in, taking advantage of instead of contributing to. The 'aliens' have used the land and cities for their own indulgence. Consider Proverbs 24:30-32. Have we neglected to take care of what God has given us, physically and spiritually? Is our experience with the Lord something we can be proud of (the right kind of pride)? Is it something that we can show to the rest of the world without being embarrassed? We are to let our good works shine before men. Why? That they may see them and glorify Father God.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

The figurative language of the previous verses is now translated into grim realities, describing the devastation of the land. Jerusalem the city itself that had meant so much to the nation; to the people of Israel, had been dear to God as a daughter (as the apple of his eye, the perfection of beauty! Lamentations 2:15,18) But, even in the context of the situation, this verse may be somewhat positive after all!

The word 'left' here means 'to remain, to excel, leave (a remnant), to preserve.' We may think of 'being left' as the same thing as 'being neglected,' and although the physical city of Jerusalem had been besieged (and would be again), it was far from losing its 'place' in the hearts of the Jewish people. This verse is saying that ever under the judgment of God, He was not making a 'full end' of the nation of Israel. Jerusalem was 'left,' but nevertheless, Jerusalem still was (and is!) The city still (for the time being) stood, preserved, and left as a remnant. The nation of Israel today may not be what God intended it to be (such as are the effects of sin in anyone's life), but she STILL IS as a memorial to God's keeping power and sovereignty; a guiding pillar to the thousands of 'wandering' people; the redeemed of the Lord! She may have been assaulted; their freedom threatened and taken, but nothing was amiss in the people's love for their 'promised land.' Remember how they hung their harps on the willows when they thought about where they had come from and where they now were; weeping for what they had lost?

I often wonder why we as Christians, that 'live in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, don't stop and weep for not being where we need to be; at not having all of our 'inheritance' now (what God has for us in this life)? Do we not lose much of what God has for us because of our stubbornness? But even when the enemy lays siege to us, our outward man perish and material things are taken away, God help us to know we can still be left'; preserved as a monumental pillar to the fact that if God is for us, who can be against us and prevail? Wouldn't it be great if our faithfulness to God could stand as a shouting declaration against those that would bring us down, 'Look! I am still here. No weapon formed against me shall prosper, but I shall prosper of what God said in Joshua chapter 1!'

These remain concerning Zion's daughter. It was said to be '...as a cottage in the vineyard.' it is true that cottages were only temporary shelters, yet they were there for a purpose: to provide a place for those put in charge of watching the vineyard, tending to its needs, and harvesting it when the time was right, What lessons could be drawn from this! But as it was only temporary, not meant to last, so Jerusalem seemed to be left amidst the surrounding desolation as a temporary abode, soon to be destroyed.

The second description is '...as a lodge...' (meaning a temporary resting place; to stop over night, to endure.) An exciting thought: Jerusalem, ('shalom' which itself means 'to be at peace or make amends) is described as a place or rest, but only for short time. Even though all things about the city were in desolation, like the withered vines of a cucumber garden around the watchman's hut; the city was 'safe,' standing among the ruins caused by the enemy.

"The field of cucumbers is still a feature of oriental landscapes, ... all supplied with a hut, where the watchman keeps guard over the tempting vegetable, none of which would reach its lawful owner but for this precaution. As soon as the last of the cucumbers is gathered, the hut is "left," a reminder of past plenty and prosperity." (The New Unger's Bible Dictionary. 1988.).

'...as a besieged city.' Besieged, instead of meaning to attack or come against, here means to guard, protect, maintain. This would again seem to say that although the rest of the country round about was in ruins, yet Jerusalem, the city, resembling a temporary lodge in the garden, was guarded and protected. Psalms 121: 4,7!

People may wonder why the turmoil within the small state of Israel? The bottom line reason isn't any different that it has been for thousands of years the world--people are wanting to have the land they feel belongs to them and will defend what they already have against those that would try to take it away. Isn't this the cause for the Christian's 'wrestling?' to gain ground which rightfully belongs to us in Christ, and to defend what we already have (the truth of the Gospel?)

God, help me to be like the ass in the crib, knowing whom my Master is and where I am supposed to be! I might feel 'left' sometimes, O Lord, but help me to remember I'm not forgotten.

Obituaries

Faye M. Forbes



Faye M. Forbes, age 90, of Joplin, Missouri, passed away at 10:27 p.m. Monday, April 1, 2002 at St. Johns Regional Medical Center, following an illness.

Faye Cooper was born on January 22, 1912 in McDonald County, Beth Page Community. She has been a Joplin resident since 1955.

She married M.O. "Nig" Forbes on January 4, 1930 in McDonald County. He preceded her in death on June 26, 1974. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Hershel Cooper, and two sisters, Alta Underwood, and Ava Durham.

She was a homemaker. Faye was saved at an early age and spent her entire life serving God. She encouraged everyone to be faithful and never grew weary in well doing. She was a member of the Southside Apostolic Faith Church. She enjoyed playing the piano and singing. In her earlier years, she and her husband sang in a gospel quartet together. Faye was a

great cook, and she loved cooking for her family and friends.

She is survived by her son, Bill Forbes and his wife, Sandra, Riverton, Kansas; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren, Scott Forbes and his wife, Cindy,

and their daughter, Charissa, Houston, Texas, Brad Forbes, and his two daughters, Mary and Rebbecca Nagle, Overland Park, Kansas, and Doug Forbes and his wife, Mindy, and their children, Kelsa and Gavin, Riverton, Kansas.

Funeral Services were held at Southside Apostolic Faith Church. Reverend Richard Morris assisted by Paul Clanton and Neil Ragan officiated. Burial was in Union Cemetery near Stella, Mo. Pallbearers were Scott Forbes, Brad Forbes, Doug Forbes, Jerry Forbes, Rex Forbes, and Don Underwood.

*No - all who are not
Christians get - ready -
your time will come -
when you will have to
be judged - Saved or Lost.*

*Faye
Love you*



Pearl E. Forbes

Pearl E. Forbes, age 87, of Rocky Comfort, Missouri passed away on March 14, 2002. Pearl was born on March 10, 1915 to Ed and Elizabeth (Lizzy) Carter in Cyclone, Missouri.

On April 8, 1933 she married Carl Forbes. He preceded her in death in 1999. She was also preceded in death by her parents Ed and Lizzy, a sister, Katy Bynum, a brother, Kenneth Carter and a son, Marshall Forbes.

Pearl loved the Lord and was faithful in her service to Him. She attended Union Chapel Church, Stella, Missouri, and was an encourager to her pastor, Frank Arnall.

Other survivors include three sons and daughter-in-laws, Jerry and Faye Forbes of Stella, Missouri, Rex and Joyce Forbes of Rocky Comfort, Missouri, and Alvis and Barbara Forbes, of Jackson, Wyoming; and eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and many friends. When you visited with Pearl she always spoke, with love, of her family. Her greatest desire was that they all would serve God.

Services were held March 20, 2002 at the Ozark Funeral Home, Anderson, Missouri with Rev. Frank Arnall officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery, near Stella, Missouri.



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