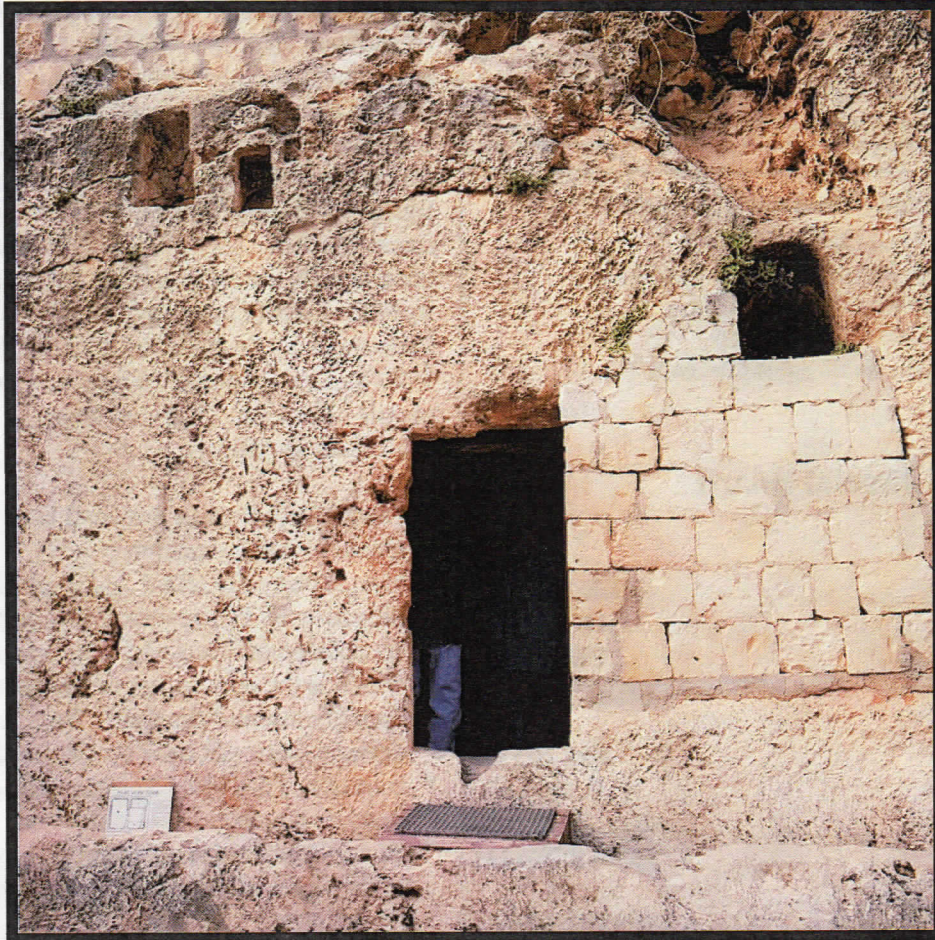


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That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:9-10

From the Editor

I recently was asked about donations to the Report and AFBC. Usually donations that are received for the Report are sent to P.O. Box 653, Baxter Springs, KS 66713, unless they are specifically marked for the Bible College. In that case they are given to AFBC. Donations for the Report sent to P.O. Box 110, Baxter Springs, KS should be marked as well and it will be given for that ministry.

I would like to say that your giving both to the Apostolic Faith Report and Apostolic Faith Bible College is so much appreciated. God continues to supply every need of those ministries by those of you that are so faithful to listen to His voice.

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Hebrews 6:10

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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 inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

Year in Review

Dear Apostolic Faith Fellowship,

Thanks to the Lord is in our hearts for sustaining us another year. Not only has He sustained us but we have testimonies of increase and provision. We've witnessed many miraculous things in the past year that can only be attributed to God's blessings.

For myself, the highlight of the past year at AFBC was the increase, actually doubling, the number of students in attendance. We were blessed with a group of young people anxious to hear the Word of God and desirous to strengthen their relationship with Him. Many of them have personal testimonies of God's provision of peace and comfort in the wake of family tragedies. Others have experienced physical healing in their bodies. And we have seen God's presence grow stronger with the increase of knowledge and understanding of His will for lives.

We are very appreciative of the tangible blessings of the Lord, such as, the serving counter in the dining hall and the two new commercial freezers which we hope to see full of beef and pork by the fall term. Other huge blessings were the installation of two new heat/air units in the Women's Dorm, one unit in the Chapel basement, one heat/air unit in the dining hall with additional cooling units on the east and west walls. Also, many of you have seen the new lettering and paint job on our tour bus. These are just a few of the major blessings and there are so many other blessings that God has given us throughout the past year that we are so thankful for.

I will also take this opportunity to give praise where praise is due! I believe that taking care of what God has entrusted us with is of most importance, The AFBC staff has worked hard and diligently to maintain the buildings and grounds of the campus as the Lord has provided. Without all of them working together, with the help of the student body, things you see that are beautiful and pleasing to the Lord would not have been possible.

As I look back over the past year it is easy to see that God is who He says He is! "Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men." (Psalm 31:19)

I would like to say, on behalf of Sis. Rhonda and myself, being your Superintendent is one of the greatest privileges and honors of our life and ministry. I would like to say Thank You to the AFBC Board of Trustees for their continued support and for everyone across the fellowship for believing in us and for your continued support of the Lord's work.

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2nd Row– Matthew Harris (F), Bev Karber (F), Seth Reed (F), Victoria Harbour (1), Kaylan Caldwell (1), Linda Witten (3), Moriah Sanchez (2), Ashley Taylor (2), Sekka Singleton (1), Darla Oakes (F).

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(1)- First year, (2) 2nd year (3) 3rd year (F) Faculty. (Supt) Superintendent

AFBC Girl's Dorm

Dorm life is an impactful experience. It's a place where it brings girls to become independent in keeping their rooms clean every morning. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays are days they are to do their dorm details, keep track of their laundry on the day that its scheduled, and just keeping the whole dorm neat and presentable. It's a place that brings girls from different states together and is placed in room with one other roommate, and it makes you break out of your comfort zone and to start building a friendship with your roommate. Not only does it help you build your friendship with your roommate, but every evening on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. is a required time for all the girls in the dorm to get together in the lobby and have a devotion time. As the year goes by of being together with each other brings the girls to know each other well and build up friendships, becoming a family, doing some of the silliest and funniest things together. But what's even more impressive is the spiritual growth. When there is a time when one is going through a hard time, we all are there to support and pray for each other.

Lula Napolitano– Class of 2016

AFBC Men's Dorm

This year in the men's dorm we had eight guys to finish out the school year. They were from Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. With more in the dorm this year there was a heavier burden and responsibility to these young men for me as their dean. We had a few sleepless nights and midnight prayer times at the beginning of the year to keep the enemy from having a hold on any of the guys. We also witnessed the healing of one of them from epilepsy on a Sunday morning service at Baxter Chapel in March.

In our nightly devotions we discussed many topics and issues that are common in our world today from relationships to responsibility. We even had discussions on doctrinal beliefs and studied all sides to the given topics to see how we believed individually before discussing it.

These young men have grown so much in this year and many of them have learned what it means to be a servant and to have a servants heart, from scrubbing floors and mats to mowing and picking up limbs. I look forward to the next school term with these young men, to see them continue to grow, mature and teach the ones who will be joining us in the Fall. As their dean, I look forward to what's in store for them in the future.

Cody Harris– Dean of Men

AFBC Spring Music Tour

The Spring Music Tour was a great success! It is a great experience for us to visit the churches and meet so many of you who support the Bible College and make it possible for us to be able to come and spend time learning from the Word of God! What a blessing!

Our Music Tour has many aspects. From the repetitive setting up and tearing down, to moving luggage from one house to another (**Thank You so much** to all who opened their homes to us) to spending many hours on the bus in between stops. And in all of this we have the privilege of seeing new things and being able to make lifelong friendships and memories! Although some of us were a little reserved about staying in homes of people we didn't know, we were surprised to find that you can go into the home of a complete stranger, and leave the next morning feeling like you have been with family! That's the benefit of belonging to the Family of God! God's people are just good folks!

But the most important aspect, and the most precious time on tour, is sharing Jesus, both in service and along the route in Quick Stops, restaurants, etc., as well as praying with someone to receive the wonderful gift of salvation, (yes we were so excited to see a gentleman give his heart to the Lord) or pray with our brothers and sisters in Christ for needs to be met, and for encouragement in their walk with the Lord. Everyone needs encouragement and the same message in a music service that brings a person to Jesus can encourage an already born again believer going through a tough time. The whole point of the tour is to minister and see people draw closer to Jesus!

We continue to cry out to Jesus on behalf of those prayed with and believe in our God of Miracles! We love and appreciate each appreciate all of you we met along the way!

In His Love & Service, The AFBC Music Team



AFBC Missions Trip

Our mission trip this year took us to Global Hispanic Missions in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. It was an unforgettable time where we built a lasting relationship with Joshua and Jessica Cornell as well as their two sons, Judah and Josue. They are the ministers there in a village named Norias Del Refugio, which means “wells of refuge”. This is a perfect fit for Joshua and Jessica because they are a refuge for the people in that village. The village has approximately 1,500-2,000 people. God has opened many doors for them to be a light in this community. Our visit was only a week but we felt welcome and quickly became a part of them. The mission team helped in several areas while we were there. We were able to organize the clinic, help in the school, and set up new offices which are almost completed. One of the



most memorable moments was that we got to be apart of their VBS. They usually host one every other year. The theme this year was the Armor of God. Everyday approximately 50 to 75 kids would show up with their smiling faces, ready to play and learn more about God. After each day the kids were encouraged to bring friends with them the for the following day which they did. One day there were nearly 100 children in attendance. Working alongside Joshua, Jessica, and their bible school students for VBS was awesome. We laughed, played, ate, made crafts, learned, and most importantly we made new friendships as well as unforgettable memories. This mission trip will forever be remembered in our hearts, especially, the people we came to know and love. We want to thank Joshua and Jessica for giving us the wonderful opportunity to come and be a part of their ministry. However, this would not have been possible without those who have faithfully supported the Bible College and our missions program. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Dios te bendiga! (God bless you!)

Moriah Sanchez– Class of 2017



AFBC College Day

College Day, April 21, 2017, began with a time to mingle and get acquainted while enjoying donuts and coffee served by Nathan Gabbard (AFBC Alumni). This allowed us to meet and talk with potential students helping them become familiar with AFBC surroundings. The Music Team led us in some worship music to get our hearts centered on the Lord.

Matthew Harris, an instructor of the school, then spoke on what you can experience while at AFBC. At noon everyone gathered in the cafeteria to fellowship and eat some amazing lasagna prepared by our cook, Michelle Cloninger. After eating, everyone gathered in the Administration building for games and good laughter. The afternoon session expanded on the guidelines and details of what school’s day to day life consists of. In the end it was a great opportunity for people to see and understand life at the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

In the evening we followed up with a Youth Event, planned and conducted by AFBC students. We appreciate the Youth Groups from area churches that brought their youth to participate. It was an inspiring service, with Austin Laubach delivering an anointed message.



We had the largest number of prospective students in attendance since we began having a “College Day”. This creates a lot of excitement and we look forward to the upcoming year at AFBC.

If you know of students that may be considering AFBC, please have them contact us at: AFBC, P.O. Box 110, Baxter Springs, KS 66713 or by calling 620-856-3283.

Ashley Russell – Class of 2017

Where Has The Holiness Gone? O Be Careful Little Eyes What You See.

By Rev. Ron Noble

I've written this reluctantly, knowing that it can be a sensitive subject, but I believe it needs to be addressed. Once again, I just want to say that we are not saved or made holy by doing these things outwardly; rather they should be the out working's of the in living Christ. Don't we want to walk worthy of the vocation to which we've been called (Ephesians 4:1). And again this is nothing more than a 'stimuli'; perhaps an incentive (maybe even a warning?) to get us to evaluate some of the things we indulge in.

Watch your step; be careful how you proceed and be aware of where you are going. (These statements may be used later as well!)

One of the senses, and one of the most valuable, is our eyesight. This topic ought to be easy to see clearly if we have put on the new man; if our prior way of looking at things has changed, and we try to evaluate things from God's viewpoint.

Think about it! The meditation of our heart comes from...? Where do we get most of what we think about?

Isn't it through our eyes that much information is gathered; that this is where we get much 'food for thought'? So let's consider what we should and shouldn't look at, both from a physical and spiritual viewpoint. Now it should hardly be necessary to discuss the Christians viewing material... or should it?

Maybe it would be good to reflect on what we should 'feast our eyes on'. Without naming particular details, (we ought to let the Lord do that and respond to what He shows us that we might not have seen before) of course some of our viewing habits will change when we say that Jesus is the Lord of our eyes... won't they?

Are we careful of what we see on TV, magazines or read romance (?) novels? There is such immorality, perversion and filth that is glamorized, made to look attractive (and it can be easy to give in to what gives pleasure to the flesh. Of course, it goes without saying (and maybe that's the trouble at times— it's not said enough) that we look at physically can have impact on us spiritually.

Wouldn't you think it would be good to do as in Job 31:3 when it's written, 'I made a covenant (league, agreement, promise) with mine eyes; why then should I think (regard, consider) upon a maid (bride, virgin)?' Or what about Psalms 101:3 ' I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:...' Will we do this?

Let's look at some examples of people that looked and shouldn't have. One doesn't have to read very far in the Bible to 'see' this in Genesis 3:6 " And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;..."

What were the people that were bitten told to look at in Numbers 21:9? Bronze serpent Do you remember the event that took in place Joshua 7? Read the sixth chapter. And we find that after their victory at Jericho, Joshua told the people before they were to go up against the town of Ai, (verse 18) ' And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.' They were told to leave alone the things that had been cursed or pronounced as unclean, But we get to chapter 7:1 ' But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan,... took of the accursed thing...' bringing trouble into the camp as promised. Joshua hears from god and them confronts that people, and Achan is exposed. When Joshua asked Achan about it '...(he) answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: 21) When he saw among the spoils a goodly...garment,...silver, and ...gold..., then I coveted them, and took them.'

Now I know we could say his real sin was the coveting, or the taking of them (and you would be right that these were grievous acts) but it all started with a look; a desire to have; GREED.

And there is the 'infamous' story of David and Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11. Read Psalms 51; it is David's anguish written pleading with God to forgive him of this thing that had been done IN GOD'S SIGHT!

For those of you who say 'That's Old Testament stuff. I don't have to worry because it's all right what I do regardless,' I've only got one thing to say, 'Remember Lot's wife.' (Luke 17:32).

How many times have you been told to keep your eyes where they belong? But as with other issues, we have to put our eyes somewhere! The Bible gives us some suggestions, I had mentioned earlier that the Israelites that were bitten by serpents had to look; they had to physically look toward the brass serpents on the pole in order to be healed. Now the New Testament substance of the shadow was of course Jesus on the cross! Before the well known verse in John 3:16 some are verses worth reading. I'll let you do that.

Psalm 119;18 ought to be my cry. "Open thou my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

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O BE CAREFUL

Psalm 123:1-3 'Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.'

Our confession ought to be that of Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20:12. I'll let you get a Bible and take its Word! Among the many more verses that could be, let me offer but one more. In question form, whom did Moses see in Hebrews 11:27? It was by faith that he saw 'Him who is invisible'.

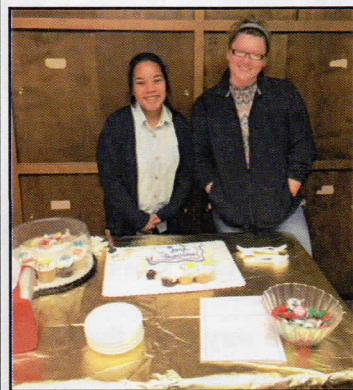
I think-I know- that the one he 'saw', though invisible was the One of Heb. 12:2 where it says to look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

How many times have we sung "Turn yours eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, it the light of His glory and grace"? Maybe we ought to replace it with 'Help me to turn my eyes upon Jesus. Help me to look full in His wonderful face, etc..' How about it - wouldn't you like to have a 'vision of Jesus'?

My prayer? God, help me to not be so short sighted, but you "Be Thou My Vision."

"Published as the Lord Provides"

One day while Lula and I were working with Sister Karen Oakes on the Oct./Dec. 2016 issue of the Apostolic Faith Report, she mentioned that it was going to be the 200th edition that she had the privilege to work on as the Editor. She then proceeded to tell us about a few of the ways that God had provided for the Report in the last 200 issues. Lula and I were captivated by the Lord's faithfulness. We decided that a celebration was in order, so on December 6th, 2016 the Apostolic Faith



Lula Napolitano and Linda Witten

Bible College students and staff were invited to the Apostolic Faith Report Office for a small reception in honor of the Lord, and all of His provision for needs both large and small. If you would like to write and tell us how God has met past needs, or how God has spoken to you through any issue of the Report, we here at the Report office, would love to hear from you!



Linda Witten
Class of 2016

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.**

Thank You

Dear AFBC Family and Friends,

I want to Thank You for the Scholarship that I received last year (2016) when I graduated from AFBC. I was able to apply it toward my room and board fee.

The knowledge and skills that I learned at AFBC I have been able to apply here at the College of The Ozarks in Point Lookout, MO. Thank you again for all of your love and support. God Bless You!

Ashley Taylor

Editors Note: Ashley is from Joplin, MO and she is a psychology major.

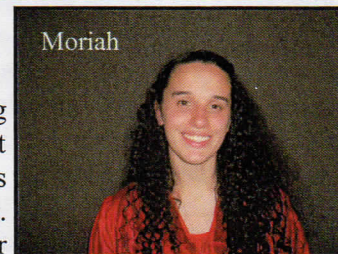


2017 Scholarships Given

On May 4, 2017, during the Awards Ceremony at AFBC, two scholarships were awarded to graduates. Recipients were 2nd year student, Moriah Sanchez of Eureka Springs, AR and 3rd year student Linda Witten of Hardesty, OK.

Moriah's plans are to attend the Christian Immersion Spanish Academy in Costa Rica and go into the mission field. Immediately after graduation from AFBC she traveled to Ecuador on a mission trip.

Moriah



Linda



Linda will attend OK Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK and is pursuing a degree in nursing. She starts classes in June. She has expressed interest in medical missions.

Storm Damage at Midwest Youth Camp

By Randall Bensch

On January 14-15, 2017, a major ice storm hit northwestern Oklahoma, including, especially, the Laverne area. It was truly a once in a lifetime weather event. Never in the more than fifty years of the Midwest Youth Camp's existence had there been so much tree damage. Almost every tree was left with a pile of broken limbs on the ground underneath it. Fortunately, however, there was almost no structural damage to the camp buildings. And, more good news came in the way that the people of the area pitched in to clean up the grounds. Three weeks after the storm, work days were held. People and equipment went after the piles of limbs with a vigor that was truly amazing. I have heard of big work days at camp in past years, but now I have seen one for myself. It was a heartwarming sight to behold!

It would be nice to name everyone who worked at the camp, but that would be hard to do. The Lord knows and we pray His blessing on each one. The job is not complete, but it looks more manageable now. Summer camps will be here sooner than we might think, and the campground should be ready by then.

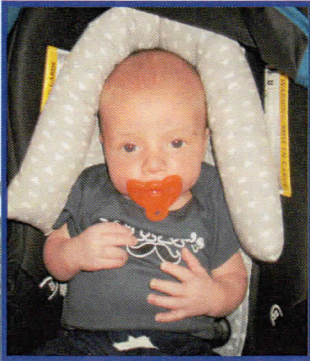
The Midwest Campground at Laverne, OK has been a place of blessing for many people over the years. It should continue to be so. Prospects for 2017 youth camps look good.

Please pray for those who operate the campground. The camp board consists of Coby Cook, J.J. Manning and J.C. Morrison. Elizabeth Stinson is the camp treasurer. Camp Directors for 2017 are Kendra Dorris (junior camp) and Elizabeth Stinson (senior camp).



Matthew 19:14

But Jesus said, **Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.**



Tyler James VanMeter

Austin and Jessica VanMeter of Neosho, MO announce the birth of their first child, a son, Tyler James VanMeter. He was born on Feb.16, 2017 10:04 a.m.in Joplin, MO. He weighed 6 lbs 10 oz. and was 19 in. long.

His grandparents are Michelle Hall, Neosho, MO, Kevin House, Carl Junction, MO, Andrew Van Meter, Indianapolis, IN, (the late Leslie VanMeter). Great grandparents are Phil & Cathy Clayton, Dixie House (late Jimmy House), Geno VanMeter, Jerry Atkins and Brenda Jessen.

Tyler James and his parents attend Frisco Church in Webb City, MO.

Junie Lanae Clark

Eddie Clark, age 2, and his parents Zac and Bethany Clark of Stella, MO would like to announce the birth of his new baby sister, Junie Lanae Clark. She was born on March 20,

2017 at 7:52 a.m. She weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long. Her grandparents are Karen Clark (the late Eddie Clark), Seldon and Vanessa Harris, all of Granby, MO. Great grandparents are George and Janette Burgess, Neosho, MO, Ron and Shirley Freshour, Alleyton, TX and Dennie and Karen Oakes, Joplin, MO. Wanda Allgood, Joplin, MO is her great-great grandmother.

Junie and her family attend the Church of God in Granby, MO where her parents are youth pastors.

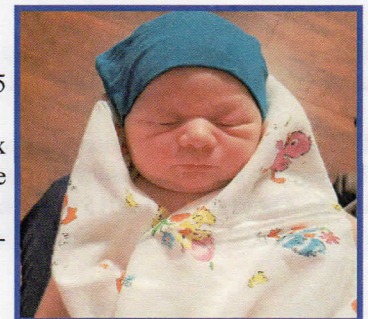


Callan Edward Eaton

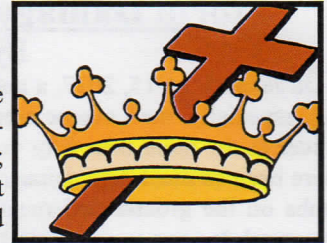
Callan Edward Eaton was born to Levi and Kiley Eaton of Joplin, MO on May 17,2017 at 3:35 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs 12 oz and was 19 in long.

He is the grandson of Rev. & Mrs. Eddie (Missy) Sanchez of Joplin, MO and Rev. & Mrs. Rex (Jana) Eaton of Elkins, AR. Great grandparents are Phil & Cathy Clayton, Joplin, MO, Ilene Sanger, Elkins, AR, Rudy and Louise Sanchez, Bentonville, AR.

Callan and his parents attend Frisco Church in Webb City, MO where they are involved in ministry.



AFBC Alumni & Friends– Koinonia



We first see this Greek word (which occurs 20 times in 18 verses in the Greek concordance of the KJV of the Bible) in Acts 2:42. Here it refers to the fellowship and sharing of “all things in common” (v. 44) after Christ’s ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Koinonia is translated; fellowship, contribution, communion, distribution, and communicate in those 18 New Testament passages and can mean: fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation and even intimacy.⁽¹⁾

In our fast paced, high tech world of computer screens, smart phones, live streaming and web surfing we seem to have lost some of the fellowship we once experienced and honestly need. An article in the Huffington Post from March of 2015 says that “our time has been called the ‘age of loneliness’. It is estimated that one in five Americans suffers from persistent loneliness, and while we’re more connected than ever before, social media may actually be exacerbating the problem.”⁽²⁾

We were made for connection. From the very beginning when God created man He determined that it was “not good for man to be alone” (Genesis 2:18) and so He sought to make a “help meet for him.” There was fellowship between Adam and Eve and between the two of them and God and “it was good.” Of course as with anything that God creates, our enemy-Satan– tries to counter it. True to his nature as the father of lies and according to his “modus operandi” described in John 10:10 he is out to steal, kill and destroy anything God has created for good, including you and me. It should not be surprising when we see unity, fellowship and communion among Believers being attacked. Why is it that we all too easily fall prey to that scheme? The enemy knows what we don’t always recognize; we are stronger and able to accomplish much more when we are united.

Look again at Acts 2. As Pentecostal people this passage in one we hold dear. The precious gift of the Holy Spirit, the promise of (the) Father,” (Luke 24:49), was given after the followers had gathered together in the upper room for about 10 days and were “in one accord” (verse 1) or “with one mind, with one passion.”⁽³⁾ The Greek word for the phrase “in one accord”- homothumadon, is an interesting one too. Homothumadon is a compound word of two words meaning to “rush along” and “in unison.”... and helps us to understand the uniqueness of the Christian community The image is almost musical; a number of notes are sounded which, while different, harmonize in pitch and tone, As the instruments of a great concert under the direction of a concert master, so the Holy Spirit blends together the lives of members of Christ’s church.⁽³⁾ Truly when people join together under a common banner and with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, great things can happen.

I am blessed to be a part of a great group of caring and generous people. Over the past 11 years that I have worked at AFBC and even before that, I have been able to get acquainted with and meet many of you. God has moved on you to give and share what He has blessed you with and you have been obedient. Our college is a testament not only to God’s faithfulness these 70 + years, but also to your faithfulness and obedience. Time and time again God has moved on people to give of their time, talents and resources to a cause, whether that be Youth Camps, Camp Meeting or AFBC. Time and time again He has proved Himself faithful through you as you respond to that call. We have seen what God can do through faithful people all over the country (and even the world) when they listen to the Lord and act on His leading. But sometimes God calls us to more than just the material things we can give. I have been wrestling with (and still have not mastered) this idea of Koinonia . You see it goes beyond me just giving of my resources or my talents, it requires me to give my heart. To take time out to really listen, to truly care and show love. It’s not a quick fix, It costs me something, It is an investment, but one I believe is worth it and will become increasingly more and more important “as we see the day approaching”(Hebrews 10:25). While I am thankful for social media and technology, this fellowship can’t always be found in a 140 character Twitter post or Facebook or Instagram feed. It requires me to step out of my comfort zone, in many cases, and come into the life of another. As we see in Acts 2, the fellowship and communion didn’t stop after their time in the upper room was ended. The early church continued to care for one another and invest in each other’s lives with great results (thousands were saved as the Lord added to the church daily, needs were met, lives changed and the gospel was spread.) In these last days, and every day, we need each other. I believe that community and connection is more important than we realize. I challenge you to pray about what that might look like in your life and then follow the leading of the Lord as He teaches us about the blessings of Koinonia.

Cheryl Moser

Note: I hope to be able to see some of you and reconnect during the summer activities. May God bless you and the role you play in the Apostolic Faith Fellowship and God’s Kingdom!

(1) Blue Letter Bible Lexicon; Strong’s Concordance and Outline for Biblical Usage

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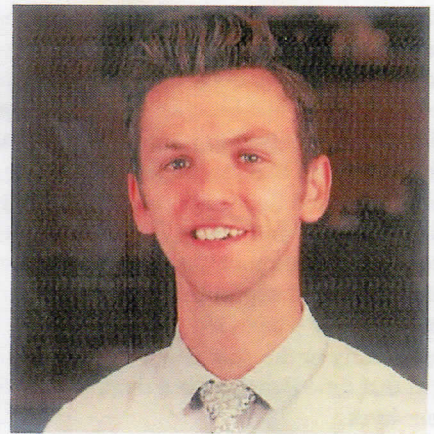
• Campmeeting 2017 •

Since I was a child, I have loved campmeeting (which is a good thing since my parents took us to at least two a year!). I remember working hard in preparation for the annual event and the excitement that built as RVs pulled into their weeklong homes. I loved making new friends, and reuniting with old ones. We always had such a good time... I enjoyed singing in the choir, backed by a lively mix of guitars, keyboard, piano, a harmonica, and an upright bass. I looked forward to all of the food and the goodies after service, always racing to be first in line! Actually, campmeeting was about the only time that you would see me up and eating at breakfast! I remember getting sent to bed as prayer and singing continued late into the night, and I remember doing quite a bit of praying myself. I recall getting baptized in a dirty creek one summer and feeling so clean coming out of it...cliche, I know.

The point is, I have so many fond

memories of campmeeting and close friendships to this day because of it! As I've gotten older, I've seen less and less people my age attend campmeeting, and honestly, I get it. It's difficult to take off from work for an entire week especially if that is the majority of your vacation time. If they have kids, wrangling them through 3 or more services a day is exhausting! Then to show up and feel out of place...

My heart this year is to make the campmeeting that I love a little more accessible to younger generations. By centering the dates around a weekend, holding children's services during each service, and offering family friendly activities in the afternoons, I hope to introduce them to the joy of campmeeting, or family camp, as some call it. That's why I have decided to theme this year "United." I hope that you will come be a part of what I'm believing to be an awesome and powerful week!



Campmeeting Director
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JULY 19-23

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Southside News– Trusting in The Faithfulness of Our God

We have had some busy and exciting times at Southside recently. Births, baptisms, graduations and the usual flurry that surround Christmas and Easter, but first let me tell you what has happened to lead up to where we are today. Ever since Brian and I were married 17 1/2 years ago, people have asked us when we would pastor. I guess it was assumed that at some point after being in youth ministry we would transition to pastoral ministry. We always maintained that we didn't feel a pastoral call and continued to serve in other ministries in our local church and AFBC. That is until recently.

About three years ago the Lord began to stir something within us. We felt like there was going to be a change in our lives, but at the time had no idea what that might be. We just felt a stirring and tried to be open to what the Lord might have in store. The 2 words I felt the Lord had given me for the New Year in 2015 were "Trust" and "Yes". These proved to be significant as over and over opportunities to trust Him and step out in faith presented themselves. The importance of trusting the Lord and saying yes to His call became even more evident as later that year puzzle pieces of His plan began to emerge. Our little family had been attending Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO, since January of 2011. It was the church that Brian had grown up in so coming back felt a bit like coming home. We were helping some in the church, but because of our involvement at AFBC we weren't heavily

involved in the church. In early December of 2015, our pastors, Richard and Renee Morris, announced that after 25 years in service at Southside, they would be resigning at the end of the year. That came as a surprise to some, but there are no surprises with God. Our Southside body began to go to the Lord in prayer and seek His direction for our church. These were big shoes to fill, as Brother Richard had been such a great preacher and mentor to many for so many years. We appreciated their service to our people and our community. They continue their service to the city of Joplin as campus pastor at a new work, UnCommon Life Church, as well as working at a local homeless shelter ministry, Watered gardens. Throughout the year 2016 God raised up two ministers who already attended Southside to fill the pulpit until a new pastor could be found. Alvin Buschman and Brian alternated preaching duties on Sundays and also taught classes on Wednesdays for the adults and teens. God was faithful to give us timely messages and encouragement through these ministers as well as guest speakers He sent our way. That year as we prayed and sought the Lord for a pastor, the board approached several potential candidates, but each felt that it was not the right time or the right job for them. It was about October when God placed a burden in Brian's heart to take the role of pastor. God was asking us to "Trust" Him and say "Yes". Early in the year Brian had felt that the Lord had given him a message that He would send "the right man at the right time", but at that time Brian did not think that it would be him. As we continued to pray and seek the Lord, He continued to confirm things in our lives.

As of January 8, 2017 Brian Moser was officially elected by a vote of the people to pastor Southside Apostolic Faith Church. We are both honored and humbled to serve the Lord in this way. God has been faithful and blessed our church in numerous ways and we are excited about what He will continue to do! In the last year we have had 2 new babies born to our church members and baptized 4 converts. Our Youth Group has grown, especially after church camp where one of our teens was saved! And also during this time of transition some new families have started attending our church. One, an AFBC graduate, Cody Wagens, is blessing us by currently serving as youth leader. During this time we have learned to lean on God and press in to Him. We have also become of a family. People in the church have stepped up and taken on new roles and helped in so many ways, seen and unseen.

I am proud of the ways they have allowed the Lord to use them and I know God will bless them for it. These joys have not come without difficulty, but once again God has been faithful all along the way. I am overwhelmed by His goodness and faithfulness and am continually reminded of His strength when I am met by my limitations.

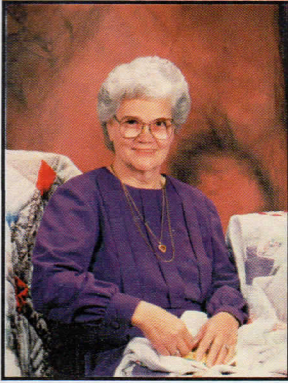
I, just like you, don't know what the future holds, but I am thankful that we know the One who holds our future in His hands. If for us the past seems 20/20 then the future for our God is even clearer. He saw the path before we even took a step and prepared us for this journey. So it is with confidence we can step out into the calling or plan He has for our lives and say "Yes" to His will because HE CAN BE TRUSTED! Even when we don't feel worthy, He enables us and makes us worthy. And even when we don't know what to do, we know we can "Trust" in our God to work it all out for our good! So many scriptures come to mind, but I will leave you with this one. It seems so fitting.

I Thessalonians 5:24

"Faithful is He that calleth you, who will also do it."

Please pray for us at Southside as we endeavor to follow the leading of the Lord for our church and our community. There is much work to be done in these last days. We pray that you and your church families and communities will be blessed and fruitful as well.

In His Love,
Brian & Cheryl Moser



Jessie Pauline Messner, 88, passed from this life on Nov. 25, 2016 while celebrating Thanksgiving with family in Great Bend, KS. Pauline was born April 12, 1928 to Jess and Pearl (Clarke) Jacobs on the family farm near Elmwood, OK. She was 4th of the 6 children in their family. She attended school at Garrett, Booker and Beaver and worked at the Elmwood store and post office until her marriage Sept. 10, 1944 to Wayne Messner at the Darrouzett United Methodist Church basement (the only part built at the time) and enjoyed their next 45 years together. She and Wayne moved to the Messner homestead, where they remained throughout their lives. They farmed and raised cattle, milk cows and pigs. To this union was born Texanna Pearl in 1947, Ruby Deanna in 1949. Edward Wayne in 1952 and Lenora Coleen in 1957. In 1958, the old soddy was torn down and replaced with a house purchased from a neighbor. In the years that followed, additions and improvements were made to accommodate the family needs. Throughout the years, The Messner homestead was the

location for many family reunions, church, 4-H and community events. In addition to helping Wayne on the farm, Pauline was active in the Apostolic Faith Church, extension homemaker clubs, 4-H clubs and county and State Farm Bureau. In 1967, she and Wayne were selected as the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Family of the Year, an honor Pauline was very proud of.

Her commitment to her faith in the Lord and role as youth leader led her to serve as a teacher at the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Baxter Springs, KS, as well as serving many years as a Sunday School teacher. Pauline regarded her family as her greatest achievement, and was proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, their spouses and the many accomplishments in their lives. She gave each child, grandchild and great-grandchild an embroidered and hand stitched quilt as a memorable gift to treasure in the years to come.

She was preceded in death by husband Wayne Messner, son Edward Messner, son-in-law Max Ollebberger, great-granddaughter Anna Kay Powers, brother Walter Jacobs, sister Wilma Clay, brother-in-laws Glen Sanger and Harvey Addleman and sister-in-law Leota Jacobs. She is survived by sisters Jean Addleman, Raymore, MO, Ilene Sanger, Elkins, AR, brother Lester Jacobs and wife Susie of Cassville, Mo; daughters Texanna Ollenberger of Paola, KS, Deanna Rogers and husband Howard of Ellinwood, KS, Coleen Bradley and husband Jay of Logan, Ok, daughter-in-law Susan Messner Turner of Logan, OK, grandchildren Jerry Rogers, Jimmy Rogers, Jamie Ollenberger Powers, Keith Ollenberger, Daryl Messner, Jennifer Rogers Klepper, Rebecca Bradley, Rachel Bradley Jett, Donnie Messner, Jason Bradley, Charles Bradley, 20 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorials may be given to the Apostolic Faith Bible College.

AN EMPTY CHAIR

There will be an empty chair at the table. I guess that is the best way to describe the feelings of the family she has left behind. There will be an empty chair at the table of those family reunions she loved to plan. Or her chair at the table of those oyster suppers she would host in her home and be a part of later at Darrouzett, TX. Oh it is true that in her later years she would complain that those events were just too much work for everyone, but she was the first one there and stayed until the end. Family traditions were special to her and she encouraged us to "keep it going" and not forget. Oh, how she loved being with family and friends.

There will be an empty chair at the table for all the future church dinners at Midway Country Church. There will be an empty piano bench where she used to play hymns. There will be an empty spot on the pew where she loved to hear a good old gospel sermon. Yes, there will be an empty chair at Midway country Church.

There will be an empty chair at the table where her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren would gather around to hear the stories of Grandma and Grandpa Clarke, Grandma Pearl and Grandpa Jess, or Grandma Messner. Stories about tough times in the dirty thirties and how everyone was so poor that even when dad would take fresh milk and eggs to sell in town no one had enough money to buy them. She would tell us stories about how the dust would blow so hard you couldn't see your hand in front of your face. She was trying to tell us how we needed to learn to survive when times got tough - again. She loved to tell stories about Wayne and his trick horse or about the honeymoon trip to Colorado in an old pickup. Oh, how she loved to tell those stories. She loved to tell stories of family history, both good and bad. Yes, there will be an empty chair where she would encourage us, in her own special way, to appreciate family and heritage.

There will be an empty chair at the desk where she would send birthday cards, get well cards, or other cards of sympathy or encouragement. If you needed to know a birthday or anniversary she had the answer. It was at this desk where she would write stories of family history or put together her many volumes of family books.

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There will be an empty chair at the table beside her telephone where in the past few difficult years she would keep up with family using her telephone. That same empty chair was in front of her TV where she was usually watching Fox News and using the telephone to keep us all informed on the important events of the day and to challenge us to be aware of the changing world around us. Yes, some called her the News Junky— we just called her 'mom'.



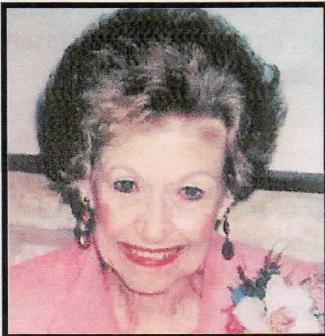
There will be an empty chair at the table where she studied her Bible. The empty chair where we could always go to seek an answer to our Bible questions. She loved to talk and remind us to study the times and seasons, the prophetic words from the scriptures. The same empty chair where she would talk politics and discuss how the political climate of today coincides with the prophetic word in the bible.

There will be an empty chair at the table of life where she and dad not only taught us what was right but modeled it in the way they lived their lives. This is the table of life where they taught us how to live and love. The table where they taught us that in life you place God first, others second and yourself last.

There will be an empty chair at the table of a prayer warrior who prayed for her family every day. The table where she prayed for Becca as she travels the country learning to be a doctor, the table where she prayed for Daryl and Donnie at the loss of their father, the place where she prayed for me at the loss of my husband, the place where she prayed for Jay and Jamie at the loss of Anna Kay, the place where she prayed for Jay and Coleen as they try to keep the farm in good shape, the place where she prayed for Howard and Deanna every day just because they needed it, the place where she prayed for Jerry, Jimmy, Jennifer, Keith, Rachael, Jason, Charlie and all of the great grands and nieces and nephews and on and on and on.

There will be an empty chair at the table in our hearts and we'll miss Mom, just as we missed Dad.

Yes, there will be an empty chair that will not be filled until that great resurrection morning when God our Father gathers all His children home.



Dona Maxine Tucker Barker, a Katy, TX native, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017 in Burnet, TX at the age of 92. Dona was born in Houston, TX to Jessie Stockdick Tucker and Theodore Boyce Tucker on Nov. 3, 1924. She lived with her parents and siblings Boyce Tucker and Buddy Tucker in Katy, TX. She graduated from Katy High School in 1942. She went on to attend Mary Hardin– Baylor University and Oklahoma State University. A defining moment in her life happened on Nov.4,1946 , when her father, her two brothers and a cousin by marriage were killed in an airplane crash.

On June 12,1947, Dona married Raymond Ben Barker in Katy, TX and together they farmed rice from 1947 until the 1970's. She and Raymond had four children together and stayed happily married for 51 years, until he preceded her in death on July 17, 1998.

Dona had many accomplishments, talents, and endeavors. One great love and talent was singing and honed that talent since childhood. In her teen years, she sang in her family's quartet that her father T.B. organized. They would travel throughout the summer months singing in evangelistic meetings and camp meetings. After the death of her father and brothers, she continued her vocal talent and passion as a soloist accompanied by her mother Jessie in evangelistic meetings throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, and Kansas. Dona studied voice at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Baylor University, and the Huston conservatory of Music for several years. She taught voice at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas and at the Lost Pines Youth Encampment in Warda, Texas. Dona recorded an album in the 1970's entitled "It's In My Heart." She enjoyed singing in church and loved choirs. Dona was a part of many clubs and presided over many of those clubs. The Friendship Garden club, the Fine Art club, the Literary Club, the Texas State Garden Club, National Council of State Garden Clubs, the Huston Judges Forum, the Landscape Design Council, Kay Beautification, Kay Tri-County ARBE Committee, Ikebana International, and was a lifetime member of the Katy Heritage Society. She was a master flower show judge and landscape design critic, who was asked to judge and critique at local, state, national, and international levels. She lectured and studied gardening and landscape design from 1967 to the 1990's and was certified in many areas. She was chairman of the Horizon Committee which preceded the Rice Harvest Festival and is where it got its beginning. In 1977, she won the Bicentennial Award for Outstanding Leadership. She won district and state awards for Outstanding Delegate.

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She won the Huston Federation Community Service Award. Dona generously shared with the Katy Museum and the Katy Heritage Society photos and other possessions from her family that have particular importance to Katy's history. Dona was a founding member of the Christian Neighbors at Trinity Apostolic Faith Church, in Katy. She sat on the board of the Tucker foundation for sixty years of its existence and through the foundation gave millions to see many people come to Christ, for children to go to camp, and for music to be taught at the Lost Pines Singing School with the help of many people, especially the Botters, who introduced the South Texas Apostolic Faith Church and movement and through the Tucker Trust, the Tucker Foundation, and personal finances saw many people helped in spiritual, educational, and ministerial endeavors. The most important part of Dona was her love of Jesus and devotion to him her entire life.

Her faith is continued in her daughters and their husbands, Donnis and Mark Mitchell, Cheryl and Tandy Wright, and Gina and Andy Corsi. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Joel Mitchell, Lora Mitchell, Steve Wright, Gia Corsi, Josh and Haley Corsi, Nina and Gavin Smart, and Matthew Corsi; by her great grandchildren, Landon Smart, Layla Corsi, Payton Corsi, Ronan Smart, Cora Smart, Emily Wright, Conner Wright, and one on the way, Taila Smart; as well as other loving family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Ben Barker; by her son, Edward Ray Barker; by her parents, Jessie Stockdick Tucker and Theodore Boyce Tucker; and by her brothers, Boyce Tucker, Buddy Tucker, and a baby brother in infancy, Charles Borne Tucker. Dona will be loved and missed by many. Funeral services were held February 13, 2017, at the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church, in Katy, with Rev. Philip Clements, Rev. Tim Barker, Rev. Gary Kerr, Rev. Ron Martin, Rev. Ted Barker, Rev. James Wallis officiating.

Interment was in Woodlawn Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Dorothy Eloise Pennington, 87, of Wichita, KS,

went to meet her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Dorothy was born to Ernest and Dolly Daughtery on June 24, 1929.

She attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College from January 3 to March 13, 1949 where she met Max Y. Pennington. They were married on Oct. 10, 1949 in Leakey, TX. Dorothy and Max attended another term of Bible College in 1950 and spent many years in ministry. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend.



She is survived by her husband, Max, children; Michael (Debbie) Pennington; daughters; Michelle (Stephen) Smith, Angela (Frank) Chambers, Pamela (Gregory) Kiyak, Jeanna (Skip) Steely; 18 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on April 29, 2017 at Downing and Lahey Mortuary West Chapel with Rev. Gail Starnes and Elder Don Youts, officiating.

Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Wichita, KS.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembering joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

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June 23- June 26

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