

'98 AFBC  
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Tara Cloud, Cheryl Bensch, Christina Hawley**

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Mrs. Karen Grimmer, Mrs. Yvonna Whiteley, Stacy Axtell**

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**Rev. Winston Barker, Rev. Paul Clanton, Supt. Savoy Grimmer, Rev. Howard Whiteley**

## Save Our Kids

by Jeanie Mullins

Help us save our kids  
Is the urgent cry.  
It seems one is helpless  
And we wonder why.

The laws are omitted  
From homes, schools and public view,  
When there is no law to guide us,  
What will a person do?

Do not forget our Bible  
It's the perfect law of God.  
It's an anchor we can hold to,  
It's a thorough chastening rod.

We must take responsibility,  
For our own children and then  
We will see a great turn-around  
With our fight against crime and sin.



32) He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

33) For the fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

Proverbs 15:32-33.

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## BY LAWS OF THE Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc. ARTICLE VII

### Doctrine

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

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

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

*For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. ...*

**II Chron. 16:9**

# 1998 AFBC Closing

## Final Concert

### Ordination / Dedication Service

On May 6, 1998 at 7:00 PM Ms. Darla Oakes began the Final Concert with a welcome, a few announcements and an opening prayer. The concert lasted 45 minutes and consisted of an instrumental (*Jesus Hold My Hand*), a solo (*Touching Him*), a duet (*Not Out of Reach, Just Out of Touch*), three trios (*Praying People, Look What God Gave Me, Quiet Conversations*), two quartets (*Autumn, Every Need Supplied*) and a sextet with a recitation (*We Want America Back*). The musicians were as follows: artist Bill Derixson, bass guitarist Gene Barber, drummers Sabrina Wheeler and Keith Buschman, keyboardist Tammie Karber and Cheryl Bensch, mandolin player Darla Oakes, and violinist Christina Hawley. Brian Moser ran the camera and Superintendent Savoy Grimmer ran the sound equipment.

After the last song was sung, the pulpit and microphone were set up for church. Rev. Paul Clanton was introduced as the Ordination / Dedication speaker. Brother Lee Oakes opened this part of the service with prayer.

Brother Clanton began his remarks by reading a passage in Mark chapter 13 where Jesus ordained the twelve. He followed with Hebrews chapter 10 verses 7-16 and commented that if God writes on our hearts, it makes us willing to do whatever He asks. Chapter 26 in Charles F. Parham's book, *The Everlasting Gospel*, entitled "Others May -- You Cannot" was read. He reminded us of the personal consecration that we all must make. He read Hebrews chapter 10 verses 32-38 and said we could learn even in times of fear and trembling, if we let God have His way. John chapter 21 verses 15-17 was read and Brother Clanton assured us that God would tutor us when we obeyed Him. A passage in Hebrews chapter 2 was read to help us understand that many times we are required to go beyond the call of duty. His last scripture was found in Hebrews chapter 12 verses 12-15. He assured us that the Devil knows how to destroy a church or an individual and that we can only have power when we live in unity.

After Brother Clanton's final comments the following students, who wanted to be dedicated, came the front of the church: Cheryl Bensch, Keith Buschman, Tara Cloud, Alicia Cunningham, Steve Stockton and Sabrina Wheeler. The following Board Members came forward to pray over the students: Paul Clanton, Dennie Oakes and Austin Sutton. The following ministers came forward to pray: Winston Barker, Savoy Grimmer, Richard Morris, Neil Ragan, Wayne Wheeler. The following family members came forward as well: Terry and Glenda Cloud, Bill Turner and Bill Turner, Sr., Kaye Wheeler and Billie Ragan. After all were dedicated Brother Phil Moser closed the service with prayer.

## Graduation Service

The sanctuary was decorated with banners hanging from the ceiling proclaiming various alumni ministries. All around the room different displays were set up, informing the attendees of the ministry going on throughout the world. The ministries on display were the following: *Apostolic Faith Bible College, The Apostolic Faith Report, Apostolic Faith Bible College Alumni Association, Boyd's Recording Studio* of Campwood, TX, *King's Way Missionary Institute* of McAllen, TX, *Missions to Mexico* of Pharr, TX, *Moldova Ministry Outreach* in Moldova, Russia, *Faith Bible Center* of Canyon, TX, and the *Bethel Community Private School* of Ashland, AL. The communion table was decorated beautifully by Sister Kathryn Cornell.

Graduate Bill Derixson opened the service with prayer followed by the greeting from Superintendent Savoy Grimmer. The following board members were recognized and given a certificate of appreciation: Chairman Bill Watson, Secretary Randall Bensch, Members David Buschman, Paul Clanton, Gaylon Flora, Dennie Oakes and Austin Sutton. The following faculty members were recognized and presented with a certificate of appreciation: Rev. Winston Barker, Mrs. Lisa Crouch, Mr. Bill Derixson, Mrs. Karen Grimmer, Mrs. Patricia Hawley, Mrs. Bev Karber, Ms. Darla Oakes, Rev. & Mrs. Howard and Yvonna Whiteley. Brother Paul Clanton was awarded a special clock on a plaque for his 13 years of dedication and service as Instructor and Superintendent.

Brother Grimmer presented certificates of appreciation to Mr. Jim Harshberger for his financial workshop, Mr. & Mrs. Clay Bard, Rev. & Mrs. Paul Clanton, Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Taylor, Rev. & Mrs. Frank Arnall and Mr. John Hawley for their contributions of meat, Mr. Ken Cruse and Ms. Julie Taylor for painting the dorms.

Brother Barker presented certificates of appreciation to Rev. & Mrs. George Clay, Rev. Lyndel Arnall, Rev. Lowell Long for substitute teaching and Ms. Roberta Methvin for financing the *Valentine Banquet*.

Brother Sutton presented certificates of appreciation for helping to remove the old rock off the side of the church to the following: Foreman Mr. Bill George Huckabee, Rev. Frank Arnall, Mr. Fred Arnall, Rev. Paul Clanton, Mr. R.C. Crouch, Mr. Dennie Oakes, Mr. Emery Oakes, Mr. Lee Oakes, Mr. Volley Rose and Rev. Howard Whiteley.

Sister Yvonna Whiteley presented certificates of appreciation for the following: Mrs. Mergie Doll for her puppet workshop, Ms. Sabrina Wheeler for annual editor, Rev. Fred Huff, Rev. Howard Whiteley, Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Lachelle Yoder for their work on the Alumni Directory. She presented certificates to Mr. J.C. Morrison, Mr. Dennie Oakes, Mr. Emery Oakes, Mrs. Karen Oakes, Mr. Lee Oakes, Mr. & Mrs. Lynn and Ute Whiteley, and Mrs.

Lucy Webster for their work on the miniature figurine project.

Sister Karen Grimmer presented certificates to Ken Cruise for his song "Not Out of Reach, Just Out of Touch", Bill Derixson for being the Choir Tour Pastor, Ms. Roberta Sluder for her donation of violin training, Rev. Marvin Boyd and Mr. David Evans for their contributions in a live recording of the choir tour concert.

The order of the service changed and an instrumental entitled "Pacabel's Cannon" was performed by violinists Christina Hawley, Ms. Darla Oakes and Ms. Roberta Sluder, keyboardist Tammie Karber, drummer Cheryl Bensch and bass guitarist Gene Barber.

Brother Jack Cornell was the commencement speaker. He was walking in the footsteps of his Father since it was exactly 50 years ago his Father was the commencement speaker. He opened with prayer. He declared that over forty-one years ago he stood where these students were and that anyone who knew him, knew it was a miracle for him to be a minister. As a child in school he was bashful and could not even speak in front of his classmates. On February 19, 1957 he stood behind the sacred desk and preached for the first time under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

He began his remarks by telling us there was a big job for us to do. His three point sermon stated that to perform the job required, we must be filled with compassion, we must have a commission and we must communicate the God given call. He read in Matthew chapter 9 verse 36 how Jesus was moved with compassion toward the multitudes. He instructed us on how we too must be filled with compassion for those around us.

Brother Jack read in Mark chapter 16 how we have a commission to go out and tell others about God's love. He shared the advice from an elder to him many years ago that if we can be happy doing anything else besides preaching, then we are not called. He shared with us how on a few occasions he felt he could be happy doing another line of work, but then something would happen and he realized he could never be satisfied without the ministry.

Brother Cornell told us we must communicate the call on our lives to others. He gave several definitions for the word communicate, but the one he liked the best was; communicate - the means to be connected. Years ago a minister told him that 90% of his ministry would be outside the pulpit. He emphasized the need to be connected with those in your community. He assured us that God would bless our ministry if we were filled with compassion, answered the commission and communicated that commission to those around us.

At the conclusion of Brother Cornell's remarks the order of service changed again. This time Brother Howard Whiteley, the Head of Academics, stood at the microphone to announce the names of those receiving certificates and diplomas while Brother Grimmer congratulated the students. Those receiving a *Certificate of Semester Completion* were as follows: Calvin Barber, Troy Foster, Greg Goering, Nelda Hendrix, Jennifer

Higley, Sara Jennings, Stephen Jennings, Junior Longoria, Duronda Manning, Deryl Sanders, Jeri Sanders and J.R.Slater. Those receiving a *Certificate of Completion*, for completing the full year, were as follows: Cheryl Bensch, Keith Buschman, Tara Cloud, Alicia Cunningham, Stephanie Hawley, Kalle Hollis, Tammie Karber, Brian Moser, Willie Sims and Stephen Stockton. Diplomas were handed to the 1998 Graduates which were as follows: Stacy Axtell, Gene Barber, Bill Derixson, Christina Hawley and Sabrina Wheeler.

Two special awards were given out. The first award was a scholarship presented to Sabrina Wheeler from the *AFBC Scholarship Fund*. It was the first to be awarded and presented by Brother Randell Bensch, the founder, for \$200 each year that she is enrolled in college as a full time student.

The second award was a one-of-a-kind, hand-made violin, a bow and a new case. The violin was made by a Master Craftsman, Rev. Joe Faries. He presented it to the tear-filled graduate, Christina Hawley. After the service Brother Faries told Christina she needed to insure the instrument for not less than \$2,000. We are deeply indebted to Brother Faries for his exceptional gift of love.

Brother Clanton closed by praying over the students. Sister JoAnn Cooper played as the students marched out, followed by the faculty and Board of Directors.

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## AFBC Annual Business Meeting

Chairman Bill Watson opened the meeting with prayer. He asked the Superintendent to give his report.

Copies of his report are available upon request. It consists of a seventeen page report, a spreadsheet, a pie chart and a bar graph. For your free copy contact Superintendent Savoy Grimmer by mail: **Box 110, Baxter Springs, KS 66713** or by phone **(316) 856-3283** or by E-Mail: **AFBC@juno.com**.

The report covered the following topics: faculty (evaluations, pay scale, workers compensation insurance, the returning staff and the need for cooks), students (church work, youth camp teams, potential first year students and potential second year students), property (value appraisals, property work done, insurance coverage and restoration project - phase one), transportation (insurance coverage, bus use policy and bus repair), school ( Spring '98 and Fall '99 calendar, promotional efforts, results of recent board elections) and financial (faculty fund, general fund, savings, restoration project, miniature project, scholarship fund, choir tours, Apostolic Faith Report's new computer).

The spreadsheet showed a net income of \$209,000, total expense of \$181,000 and a surplus of \$28,000. The unusual amount of income is partially due to the sale of the Neosho Apostolic Faith Church for \$30,000, the gift of \$10,000 from the Ronald Shorb Estate and the contribution of \$21,000 for the restoration fund. The unusually high expenses were due in part because of the purchase of another bus for \$14,000 and the restoration project - phase one for \$26,000.

## '98 AFBC Alumni & Friends Banquet

"Working Together For God" was the theme chosen for this year's Alumni and Friends Banquet held May 8, 1998 at the Ramada Inn in Joplin, Mo. A large crowd enjoyed the program presented by the three honor classes, 1998, 1973 and 1948.

Sabrina Wheeler signed the song "Look To The Lamb" which brought tears to many eyes as God's Spirit moved among us. It was a fitting tribute to AFBC teacher, Beverly Karber, who has served several years instructing students in this very important subject.

J.J., Fred, and Frank Arnall and sister Carrie Reed sang several songs. It's always so good to know God uses so many different people to bless many others. When J.J. called to say he would be coming and would sing again, he told how he hesitated about coming in 1997 ..., but once he arrived, he had such a good time ... and so was really looking forward to this year. Their songs blessed our hearts. Testimonials were given by Mrs. Glenda Buschman and Terry Cloud representing 1973.

To represent 1948 Howard Whiteley and Charlie Brown played a trombone duet. Bro. Neil Ragan and Alvin Barker gave thoughts on their years. Bro. Alvin read the humorous reading that told about two groups coming in late and being grounded for two weeks.

Keith Barker gave comments and sang. Charlene, his wife, sang with him on one song and a "Katy Special" was next with several from the audience being called to sing with them. This was done in honor of Keith's late mother, Alberta, who was a 1948 student.

Austin Sutton brought everyone up to date on the renovation project for the chapel. About \$2,300 is needed to completely pay for what has been done. New windows and roofing will complete the outside project. We thank each of you very much for the donations as the Lord has blessed you. The next large and expensive project will be the redoing of the Chapel basement which is in dire need of help.

Please continue to remember Bro. Austin's challenge to all Alumni and Friends, \$10 monthly for the building fund and \$10 monthly to the General Fund of the school.

Do plan on being present next year as we honor the classes of 1949 and 1974.

### Alumni Directory

The Alumni Directory is now available for purchase until they are gone. They contain information up to February 1998 which has been sent to us. Please send any correction or current data for the next directory. To receive one send \$19.95 to Yvonna Whiteley, P.O. Box 110, Baxter Springs, KS. 66713.

## AFBC Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	OCCASION
08-01-98	Laverne	Camp Meeting
08-17-98	Baxter Spgs	College Opening
12-17-98	Baxter Spgs	Semester End
02-12-99*	TBA	Advisory Meeting
05-12-99	Baxter Spgs	Closing Meeting
05-14-99*	Baxter Spgs	Annual Business

(All meetings scheduled for 2:00 PM except those marked with an \*. They will be at 9:00 AM.)

It is the intention of the Board of Trustees to publish the agenda for each meeting in the Apostolic Faith Report. If anyone should have a comment on an agenda item or suggested new items, please feel free to contact Chairman Austin Sutton as soon as possible.

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## AFBC Board of Trustees Meeting Laverne, OK., (8-01-98), 2:00 PM

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting
2. College
  - a. Finance
  - b. Opening
    - Student Body, Faculty
  - c. Facilities
    - i. Chapel Restoration Update
      - (1) Finance
      - (2) Completion of Phase One
        - Cement, Windows, Awnings, Basement Back Door, Roof, Dryer in Basement
      - (3) Parsonage Flooring Update
      - (4) Women's Dorm A/C Update
    - d. Insurance Cost - \$1,000,000 Liability
    - e. Equipment - Lawn Mower, Weed Eater
    - f. Transportation - Bus Driver Requirements
    - g. Ordination Policy
    - h. Alumni Update
3. Publications
  - a. Apostolic Faith Report Operations Update
    - Expense, Equipment
  - b. Regier / Parham Books
    - Sales Update, Inventory, Reprints
4. Directors - Travel Expense
5. Lovington, NM Property Update
6. Miniature Project / Archive Building Update
7. New Business



## NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

### Alvin, TX

At our Easter morning service we took communion. Live flowers were placed on a wooden cross as a tribute to the sacrifice He made for us. There was special singing and our pastor preached a sermon that blessed everyone. This was followed by a covered dish dinner.

We are proud to announce that two of our youth, Tiffany and Trenton Doty won the "Mr Pop" Scholarship to *J-Bar-J Youth Camp*, after filling out an application and writing why they wanted to attend camp.

Our Church has been blessed with the return of Jacob Urick and wife Kristal. They are very dedicated to the Lord and willing to do God's will. Our pastor and wife were gone the week of May 28th and they were really missed. They had a nice visit with their children and grandchildren. Brother Urick ministered to us while they were gone. We enjoyed his preaching.

In our Sunday School election Ms. Mary Rodriguez was elected Superintendent and Ms. Karen Goins Assistant, Secretary Ms. Carla Doty, Asst. Merrily McGilvay.

Trinity Apostolic Faith Church  
Johnny and Kathy Arnall, Pastors  
Dorothy Cannon, Reporter

### Baxter Springs, KS

We want to welcome M/M Carl and Ruth Ann Golden and their four children Elizabeth, Sara, Daniel and Jacob. Brother Carl works as a tax analyst for Leggett & Platt of Carthage, MO. Ruth Ann in a busy homemaker and is caring for her mother Ms. Ruth Fay of Baxter Springs, KS.

We want to welcome Bobby Coatney, Dawn and Dakota. Bobby attended the Dickinson Apostolic Faith Church as a teenager. It is good to be able to work with him again.

Karen Grimmer, Darla Oakes and helper Kristen Grimmer have begun a Wednesday night children's church in the basement of the chapel and after only two services have had twelve children in attendance. We enjoy having Ms Darla Oakes around this summer. She works during the day at Subway in Baxter Springs.

Sister Margaret Richardson has had a knee replacement and is in recovery. Jeremiah Hawley is testing for an EMT license. He currently works as a police dispatcher.

Brother Paul Clanton has resigned as pastor. He was at the helm of the church ship for nine years. During which time many changes have occurred in the lives of our church families. Some have passed away, for some their children have grown, for some their children have married, for some their health have failed and for others they have retired. During this period the Bible College has had three different Superintendents.

The prayers and dedication of this man will be greatly missed and we all wish him and Sister Bonnie well as they discover the new field the Lord will have them plow. We covet your prayers as we search for another pastor.

Baxter Chapel

Paul and Bonnie Clanton, Pastors  
Savoy Grimmer, Reporter

### ISLAND MISSIONS: CUBA *New Testament Project*

Island Missions and several other ministries have pooled their resources to order 100,000 Spanish New Testaments. These will be ready for distribution this summer. Because of the generous donation of our supporters, Island Missions was able to fund 14,000 of these New Testaments. Three of the other ministries involved also plan to distribute their portion of these New Testaments in Cuba.

#### *Humanitarian Aid*

Bob and Lawriece were able to take several hundred pounds of medicine and eyeglasses to the children's hospital and the leper colony. The Lord blessed with free shipping by the airlines.

Support for our leprosy outreach continues to come in. During Bob and Lawriece's recent trip, doctors at the leper colony in Havana requested a specific medicine. Our first shipment of this medicine left the warehouse on Friday, April 24.

The doctors also provided us with a list of laboratory equipment that they need. These items are now on order.

#### *Bible School*

The *POWER and LIGHT School of Evangelism*, established by Carol Granderson, continues to train Cuban ministers. Even though satan has tried using persecution to shut the school down, a remodeling project is under way to enlarge the facilities. Several students have been turned away in the past due to lack of room.

This years graduation ceremony was delayed due to the Pope's visit to Cuba. Carol, Bob and other members of the school's directors could not obtain visas or hotel rooms because of all the reporters flooding in to cover the Pope's visit.

#### *Jesus Film*

The Cuban Jesus Film ministry continues to send a monthly report. Twenty-two people were saved during the month of February. This is excellent considering they can't set up in public and draw large crowds like film teams do in non-communist countries.

## ISLAND MISSIONS:

## LIBERIA

### *An Open Door*

The Lord has opened a door for Island Missions to minister in Monrovia, the capital city of Liberia, West Africa. Bob and Lawriece have been asked to spend 4 to 6 weeks there to equip and train a Jesus Film team (or teams). They left on May 2nd.

This field is ripe for harvest. We are expecting this effort to result in over 100,000 people being saved in this nation of 2.6 million.

Bob requests a lot of earnest prayer for this trip. Liberia has just come out of a long and bloody civil war. Reports are mixed as to how orderly things are at this time. Electric and telephone systems were completely destroyed by the war.

### *Jesus Film Equipment*

A 3/4 ton, 1988 van was donated by Greater Ministries International for this project. The van was shipped on April 17 along with a generator, a projector, a screen, the Jesus Film and several Bible related movies. The shipping charges were \$2,400.

The generator, shipping charges and airfare were also donated.

Bob and Lawriece had to pay for the projection equipment, movies and other necessary items. Pray that this need will also be met.

Please pray for Liberia, West Africa.



## Biblical Diorama Scenes Given To AFBC

by Yvonna Whiteley

Mrs. Rosetta Lopez of Joplin, Mo. has donated her life's work of 37 years to the Apostolic Faith Bible College Sunday School Training Department. The large collection of miniature Bible scenes have been moved to the Chapel basement in the old nursery room.

Shelves were built by Lee, Emery and Dennie Oakes; new lights were installed and new carpet was donated by Dennie and Karen Oakes.

Two Saturdays in April, Dennie, Karen, Howard and Yvonna moved the miniatures making many trips up and down steps, sliding them out of a basement window after Bro. Dennie took them loose from their "home" and then numerous trips with three vehicles hauling them to Baxter ... Oh! so carefully.

The Lord heard my cry for help again and sent Sis. Lucy Webster of Hudson, WY to Baxter several days early before the closing. She helped finish putting everything in good shape for people to view at the closing

exercises of the Bible College. God knows just who we need at what time. For two days we spent hours putting all the finishing touches and putting everything as it should be.

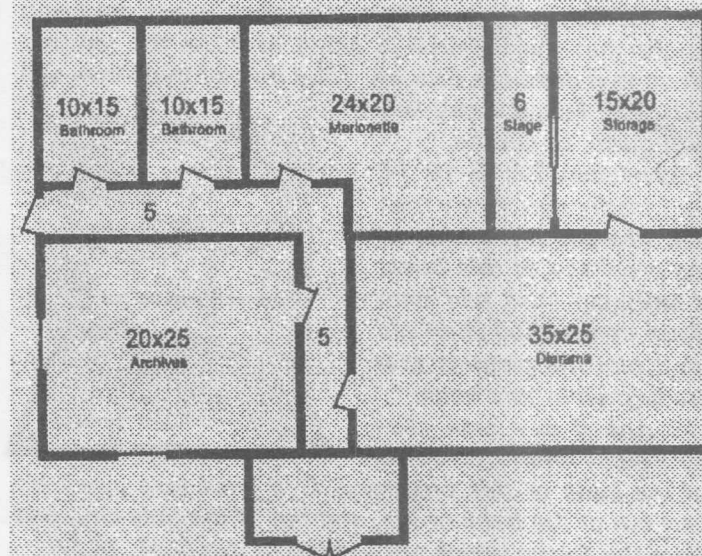
Besides these miniature scenes, we were also given a large collection of marionette puppets. That is the reason for the room marked "Marionette Puppet Theater". This will also be used for teaching children about God. Students trained to use these items should be a blessing to our churches as they graduate from AFBC.

This location is only temporary as it is not nearly large enough to house this collection and then use it with children. Mrs. Lopez's desire is to see it used before her death. We feel very fortunate to have this wonderful gift. Bro. Dennie Oakes asked me to draw up some plans which would also house the Archives Department of the Apostolic Faith Movement.

The plan included with this article was drawn by Lynn and Ute Whiteley after receiving my sketch. This building will be something the movement can be proud of ... and will be a place where children can hear about God. Mrs. Lopez gave us the bleachers she had used, so seating will already be in place when our building is finished.

We ask that you pray with us that God will send in the funds for this project. As a school we will use it to train students to teach children by using children's clubs. It, also, is something to inspire people to do more for their own Sunday School classes. We would also like to make it available to schools, home schoolers and other churches for field trips. We feel that it would be a wonderful outreach ministry for AFBC. The sound most often heard when I opened the doors was the sharp intake of breath as their eyes fell on colorful Bible scenes all around the walls.

In sending your offerings, please make them for "Bible Miniatures" and they will be placed in a savings account until such time that we can begin building. Most of all ... PRAY ... and God will see that the building is completed.



# The Great Falling Away

by Murphy Barnes

**II Thessalonians 2:2-7** *2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*

*3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*

*4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

*5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?*

*6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.*

*7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. (KJV)*

**John 16:7-8** *7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*

*8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

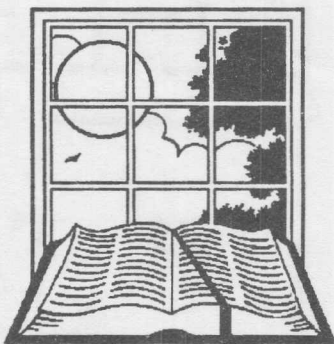
Let me repeat from above, **II Thessalonians 2:7** *For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. (KJV)*

Personal -- God's work on earth was from the first verse in Genesis till Christ which was 11,000 years. His Son Jesus' stay was 33 1/2 years. When He left He sent the third person of the Trinity. According to verse 7 His time is up when the rapture takes place. When He and the raptured people take their leave. It is very easy to realize that there will be a falling away when the Anti-Christ comes into power and we see what happens to the five foolish virgins. People of all churches are being taught that their church is going to make the rapture. When that does not happen, what do you think they will do? The falling away will take place, of course.

**Revelation 22:18-19** *18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:*

*19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (KJV)*

No wonder Paul wrote, **II Timothy 2:15** *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (KJV)*



Let's make a little addition. The Father's time was 11,000 years. Jesus' time was 33 1/2 years. The third person (Holy Ghost's) time will be 1,966 1/2 years. Total years is equal to 13,000. Hey! It's time for the second Sabbath, called the Millennial. There will be empty church buildings all over the world and the *New World Order* will just walk in and take over. No resistance. God makes no alterations in His timing. However, He did say for the elects sake those days would be shortened. Don't be a gambler! It's your life, you are in control, so get ready for He cometh as a thief in the night! Beware of this great falling away that we foresee in the near future. When the entire church did not make the rapture and the people just walk out because they realized their preachers told them a fairy tale.

*The following correspondence was received from Brother Murphy Barnes on Feb. 27, 1998*

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Yeman	Saleh	Moslem
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Jordan	King Hussein	Moslem
Lebanon	Elias Hrawi	Moslem
Syria	Hafez Assad	Moslem
Iran	Hashemi Rapsanjani	Moslem
Kuwait	Shelikh Jabir	Moslem
Saudi Arabia	King Fahd	Moslem
Turkey	Pres. Turgut Ozal	Moslem
Libya	Pres. Kadafi	Moslem
Sudan	????????????	Moslem

Russia -- the Hook of Moslem Religion. In her jaw should be six more moslem nations. If you could find out who they are, please let me know.

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*(Ed. Note: Brother Barnes would appreciate hearing from you and can be reached at Box 90422, Austin, TX 78709)*



# The Mountain

by Darla Oakes

As I looked up at the mountain before me I thought it impossible. It rose before me like a great menacing giant, its surface covered with grass, rock, and small trees and bushes, that spread their way up the steep slope. Seeing them I thought to myself, *how can I ever get around these great obstacles, let alone climb this steep surface.* Yet, through it all I remembered the desire that had brought me to this mountain in the first place. I had seen its inviting beauty in the distance and longed to climb it. Now, standing at the foot of *my* mountain, as I now call it, my courage fails me. When it was far away it had seemed smaller.

Suddenly, from somewhere deep within me there came a great sigh. *You purposed in your heart to do this, now you must.* My heart seemed to say.

"Very well," I spoke out loud. I then glanced around feeling embarrassed, as if out in this great vastness someone would hear me. But I realized that I was alone. With a chuckle I stared once again at my mountain. With a shrug of my shoulders and determination in my heart I began to climb. At first the steps were easy and I began to relax as relief swept over me. I found that I could use the small bushes and trees to help me along the way.

*I can do this,* I thought to myself. But as I climbed the incline steepened and my feet began to slip. I reached out my hand to grab a small tree, wrapping my fingers around its trunk. Pain surged through my body as I realized too late the thorns that encompassed its bark. Tears welled within my eyes and I snatched away my hand. Panic swelled within my heart as I began to slip downwards. Grasping at the grass frantically, I tried to cease my decent only causing more pain to my injured hands.

Suddenly my descent came to a halt as my foot caught on a branch. Opening my eyes I looked upward and a sob caught within my throat. I had slid almost all the way to the bottom, losing all of the ground I had covered. Angrily, I began again. Now more determined than ever I began to climb, faster this time. When I came to the thorn tree and bare spot where I had fallen I searched for a new direction to take. Seeing one lone bush, no thorns present, I grasped it pulling myself up. As I climbed further I noticed in despair the steepness of the incline, and the absence of any foothold or bushes. There was nothing but tall grass and two small trees, but they were near the top. Burying my face in my arms I sobbed in utter defeat. I knew that the climb down

would be too rough and the upward slope too steep.

*How foolish you are to climb this mountain alone.* A small voice inside began to say. Lifting my eyes toward the sky above, I searched its vastness for anything that would help me. I then looked toward the top of my mountain. Even yet it looked appealing. So close to God I thought I'd be. *On top of this mountain I could have seen it all, only now I'm stuck with no hope of rescue.* Fresh tears filled my eyes. Ashamed, I timidly began to pray.

"God, forgive me for not trusting You. I only wanted to feel the excitement of being on the mountain top. Now I'm stuck with nowhere to go. Please help me."

As I prayed a gust of wind swept over the face of the mountain, and I opened my eyes. As I did, I saw a path hidden in the tall grass. Excitedly I jumped to my feet and made my way to it. It wasn't easy, but as I climbed the path I felt as if there was a hand guiding me, pushing me along. Soon the top was within my grasp. Eyeing the two bushes near the top I saw that they were covered with thorns. Once again I felt despair rise bitterly in my throat, but as I examined more closely the one on my right, I saw that it had a small section void of all thorns. Smiling, I grabbed hold and pulled myself up to the top. Standing to my full height, I spread my arms wide turning in a circle.

As I gazed over the land below an overwhelming sensation came over me. As the wind hit my face I began to laugh. It felt so free to be here on

my mountain top. Taking a deep breath of the afternoon air I looked below me and saw a path way leading to the bottom of the other side. Relief swept over me as I realized that the way down wouldn't be as difficult.

Joy filled my heart as I realized that I had made it. The climb had been worth it all. Tears filled my eyes as I began to remember how I had gotten this far.

"Thank you, God. I only made it by Your wonderful grace." As I stood there on the mountain top a scripture came to mind as if God were once again speaking to me.

(Ps 121:1)

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.*

It has been worth it all.

(Ed. Note: Ms. Darla Oakes is an AFBC Alumni and has worked in the college as Secretary and Dean of Women for the last two years.)



## Back to Bethel

Where is your "Bethel"? Hundreds of students have passed through these doors of AFBC chapel and at these very altars have found their "Bethel". What prayers have been prayed in this chapel that you can share with us? We would appreciate if you would take time to write down a testimony and leave it with us for a memorial to this "Bethel" in your life. We are interested in your testimony of answered prayers prayed in this chapel.



One of the reasons we desire to restore the chapel is because of the sacred place these altars hold in thousands of hearts. These altars offer a special place of prayer, and many still find that "Bethel" is still here for them when they return and pray at these altars. Please take the time to share with us a testimony of your "Bethel" at AFBC. And remember, these altars are always open for new "Bethels" to be created in hungry hearts by God.

*Karen Grimmer*

*Please send your testimony to the  
Apostolic Faith Report  
c/o Back to Bethel  
Box 653  
Baxter Springs, KS 66713*

## Back to Bethel Testimony God's Chosen Gardener "AFBC"

by Phyllis LaDuke

Sis. Karen Grimmer asked me to write my testimony for the Apostolic Faith Report. It's like - Where do I start and how do I ever stop. I could write a continuous series of books on all God has done and is doing for our family. So here goes a Reader's Digest version!

Last Sunday I was privileged to be the guest speaker at our church for Women's Ministry Day. They asked me to bring the message, and with great excitement I said "Yes!" Then immediately anxiety set in. But I was handed a theme packet that was being used nationwide (thank You Jesus). As I started my extended study of the theme "Growing in Godliness" I ended up with 5 sermons! But again I had to condense. Because of the wonderful team I had to work with and the anointing of the HOLY SPIRIT, the day was a great success.

As I began to think about my testimony, I thought how perfect to describe my testimony with AFBC as my personal Gardener.

I came to AFBC as a discarded "old" clay pot. AFBC patiently cleaned and prepared my heart (ground) for receiving the Word of God (seed). The Staff was awesome in every way. Encouraging my children and myself, they took us in and made us feel a part of God's family. For the first time we felt like we really belonged. They did not try to force us to fit a certain scenario, but they took care of our physical needs and let God take control of our lives one step at a time. God promised to give us the desires of our heart if we seek Him with all our heart, soul and mind. He is never failing! My childhood dreams came true, for through Sis. Beverly Karber I learned Sign Language. (Thank you Sis. Bev Karber!) But God did not stop there. Through Sis. Bev I got a job using my sign language at an unbelievable hourly salary of \$17. Only God could do this! Bro. Lyndel Arnall and Bro. Howard Whiteley were so patient and understanding. As God started preparing the soil they faithful watered, and the wonderful classes made sure we had lots of SONshine. It was the most wonderful time my family remembers. God started a great work in our lives. For the first time we spent quality family time. We had never known the meaning of "quality family time," as we were all so busy going our separate ways. But God gently brought us together as a family and God reunited Don and I. Praise God we are now a complete family for the first time with God as our center.

This time in our lives made such an impression on our son Dustin. He said "Mom, God provided for me to go to College of the Ozarks (Hard Work U), at Branson for a four year Agriculture major, a minor in Horticulture, and a few hours from a Major in Biology." Through God's help with a scholarship and work study program each semester only cost him \$250 for room, board, and books. PRAISE GOD!! He said, "I would like to go to AFBC before I start a job and family." We proudly agreed. God lead us to AFBC (by Bro. Austin and Sis. Shirley Sutton), as a family. Bro Lyndel would not have it any other way. He said "Those children's place is with their mother." Praise God! With lots of water (super classes and Spirit filled instructors), and lots of Son shine, God filled our lives with love. God generously added His Holy Spirit (Miracle Grow.)

For one of Bro. Lyndel's classes I wrote a research paper on the HOLY SPIRIT. Every time the scripture said the Spirit of God came upon man (O. T.), or they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they WENT, they ACTED immediately. When His Holy Spirit can take an Ooold clay pot like me and do something useful with it that is a MIRACLE.

Believe it or not I used to be very shy and horrified to be with people. If Mom took me to a meeting and we were late I would hide outside in the cold until the meeting was over because I didn't want people staring at me when I walked into a room. I guess I had reason to feel so inferior. One of the rules in our school club was "Phyllis Sweet was not allowed in the clubhouse." My senior year of high school I was asked by a "friend" to be in a wedding party and help make her dress and the

bridesmaid's dresses. I was thrilled. The day of the wedding she said to be at the church at a certain time. I agreed. When I showed up at the church to help her get ready, the new bride and groom were just coming out of the church as Mr. and Mrs.... So yes, I had a problem with self esteem, inferiority complex etc. I tell you this to explain how God's Holy Spirit has changed me! Now, only with His anointing, I truly look forward to every God given opportunity to speak for Women's groups, revivals, and Family Strength programs. I would not think of not teaching my Sunday School Class (7th and 8th), serving as President of our Women's Ministry group, accepting leadership over our Visitation group on Monday nights, singing in the choir, doing nursing home services, or accepting the real challenge as the Youth Sponsors in church. I stand daily on God's promises. Phil. 4:13, I Cor. 1:27, John 15:16, Mark 13:11, Matt. 16:20 etc.

Because of the wonderful foundation AFBC set up for us - all three of our children are serving God. Delvia married a wonderful Christian man, Rickey Getman, with 12 head of horses (sometimes more, sometimes less.) They team rope and team pen together. Her job is paying for her schooling at Panhandle State. Her major is Agriculture (Business). She will graduate in Dec. 98. Our Darla the Cosmetologist married Jimmy Younger, a wonderful Christian man also. Praise God we could not have sat down and wrote God a better list of what kind of men we wanted for Son in Laws. He CHOSE two wonderful ones. Our Dustin is still waiting for the young lady God has for him.

I would never have dreamed as I help my husband drive, (only summer since he made me and the spare tire ride 12 miles with a total stranger because the truck overweighed 240 pounds,) we would share a devotion. Praise God!

Delvia is far away in Dumas, Tx., but we go through the Women's Devotional Bible on the same days. She calls me and says, "Mom, did you read the devotion for today? Awesome!" She says God is so good and life is going so wonderful it is almost scary, but we know God is in control and we can't even imagine things getting better, but God has promised the closer we draw to Him the better it will be! YES! I'm looking forward to grandchildren. Right now we have a grandpuppy and grandco-its. (4 or 5, I lose count.)

Thank You seems such simple, ample words for the WONDERFUL change in our lives since we came to AFBC. Thank you for nurturing our family and Thank You for all the wonderful people and the Laverne Ladies Group who supported us through those life changing times at AFBC.

*(Ed. Note: Phyllis and family are currently working in the Assembly of God church in Baxter Springs, KS. We are proud of all our graduates and the foundation they received at AFBC and are pleased that wherever they attend church it is their desire to be a leader and worker for God.)*

## In Memory Of

### Maxine Yingling Long

April 1913 - May 9, 1998

Maxine Yingling Long, Taneyville, MO., was born April, 1913 in Lyon County, Emporia, KS to J. Max Yingling and Delphie Lewis Irvine, and went to be with the Lord on May 9, 1998. She was one of three children being the only grandchild of Dr. & Mrs. W.A. Yingling of Emporia, KS.

Maxine was saved at the age of fourteen, baptized in December of 1927 and belonged to the Apostolic Faith Church. Recently she became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Maxine was married to Allen Long on Nov. 7, 1942 and to this union a child, Carolyn Aletta Long was born. Maxine and the Rev. Long and also the Rev. & Mrs. Gail Schultz established the Apostolic Faith Church in Taneyville, MO. in the year of 1947.

Preceding Maxine in death are her parents; her half sister and half brother; her husband, the Rev. Allen Long on Oct. 27, 1976; and her daughter Marilyn Maxine Mahan of CA. on Nov. 17, 1985.

Survivors include three sons, Max Yingling Pennington, Wichita, KS., William "Bill" Pennington, Taneyville, MO. and Ennis Russell Pennington, Jr., Willow Park, TX., and their wives; and a daughter Carolyn Aletta Long-Silvers, Lander, WY. and her husband. Maxine leaves several precious grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Maxine's favorite Bible verse was Naham 1:7.

Graveside services were held on May 13, 1998 in Helphrey Cemetery, Taneyville, with Dwight and Carla Wilson officiating.

## The Garden

by Stacy Axtell

One day I was sitting in a garden wondering where to turn. Everything and everyone had failed me, Lord, but you. I then grieved over the things I had done and how I had turned my back on you. I thought about a past so far behind and compared it to my life now. Where once there was a joy of waking in the morning to come to the garden wanting to walk and talk with you, like the song, *(He walks with me and He talks with me)*, now there was sadness and a continuous yearning to sleep my life away.

Where there was once a song in my heart there is now only fear, dread, and hate. At least until this morning. For this morning, I had hope, a hope to regain that which I had lost. I woke early and came to the garden where I now sit. At first, with no thought in my head, I watched things around me and waited. For a very long time nothing happened. Then all of a sudden a butterfly landed on my knee, and I watched it as a sermon came

back to my remembrance. Suddenly all the things in that garden came alive to me. The memories and evidence of times Jesus had walked and talked with me were all around. It saddened and thrilled my heart at the same time. Saddened because of what I had lost, thrilled to know that He was giving me another chance to have that blessed fellowship with Him again. My broken heart cried out for forgiveness, thankful it was not too late. I looked up and saw the love and forgiveness in His eyes. I cried and thanked Him for helping me to see again, and being faithful to me even when I turned my back on Him, thankful for allowing me to find the joy of life in this garden. Though it was not the garden itself that brought joy, but rather, the fellowship with the Lord that I had there.

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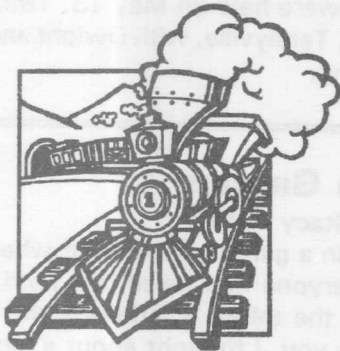
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**Apostolic Faith Bible College  
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Supt. Savoy Grimmer  
(316) 856-3283

**Spring '98**

Registration Deadline	Jul. 20
Work Week	Aug. 10-15
Teachers In-Service	Aug. 10-15
Student Orientation	Aug. 17
Fall Choir Tour	Oct. 18-31
Christmas Party	Dec. 17
Christmas Break	Dec. 19 - Jan. 3

**Fall '99**

Spring Semester	Jan. 4
Spring Choir Tour	Mar. 21 - Apr. 4
Final Concert	May 12, 7:00 PM
... Ordination & Dedication Service	
'99 Celebration	May 13, 10:00 AM
... In Song & Verse	
Graduation Service	May 13, 7:00 PM
Annual Business	May 14, 9:00 AM
... Meeting	
Alumni & Friends	May 14, 6:30 PM
... Banquet	

**10 Minute Devotional**

by Savoy Grimmer  
Read Genesis 37:1-36

Joseph, a boy of 17, had eleven brothers who hated him because he had received a coat of many colors from his father and had dreams of his family bowing before him.

Joseph went to find how his brothers, who were caring for their father's sheep, were doing. When his brothers saw him coming, they decided to get rid of him. They placed him in a pit, sold him as a slave and dipped his coat in the blood of a slain kid goat.

Everything, that happened to Joseph, was part of God's plan. When we are in the pit, do we understand this? Blood was spilt in Joseph's behalf and blood has been spilt for us.

No matter how dark it may look now, remember, God is working a plan in your life. Wait and see what good things God has for you.