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Study to shew thyself
approved of God, a
workman that needeth
not be ashamed,
rightly dividing the
word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15

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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.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE



"TO THE SAINTS AND FAITHFUL BRETHERN IN CHRIST WHICH ARE" FAITHFULLY LISTENING TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE CHURCH!

WE WANT TO BEGIN BY SAYING "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND SUPPORTED THE APOSTOLIC FAITH/FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP MEETING. IT WAS A WONDERFUL TIME OF HEARING FROM GOD AND VISITING WITH MANY OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST. THE COMMON THREAD THAT BROUGHT THE SERVICES TOGETHER WAS THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO FULFILL GOD'S DESTINY IN OUR LIVES. IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY APPARENT THAT THE SCRIPTURE IN MATTHEW 9:37 IS PROPHETIC FOR THE AGE WE ARE LIVING IN. "THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW..." I BELIEVE THAT IF WE, HIS DISCIPLES, ARE LISTENING TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING WE ARE HEARING THE CALL TO ADVANCE AND TAKE BACK THOSE THINGS THAT THE ENEMY HAS STOLEN AND TO PREACH DELIVERANCE TO A LOST AND DYING WORLD. IN OTHER WORDS, PREACH THE DAY OF THE LORD IS AT HAND!

ON THE HOME FRONT, WE HAVE HAD A GREAT YEAR THUS FAR AT AFBC. WE HAVE WITNESSED THE PROVISION OF THE LORD BY SUPERNATURAL MEANS. WE ARE CONFIDENT AND TRUSTING IN THE WORD WHICH STATES, "BUT MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEED ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY" (PHIL. 4:19). AND HE WILL DO IT DAY BY DAY, EVERY DAY, WITHOUT FAIL!! AS THE LORD PROVIDES FOR THE COLLEGE, I AM REMINDED THAT I AM A "BROKER OF KINGDOM RESOURCES". BECAUSE OF THAT, I DESIRE YOUR PRAYERS THAT AS GOD PROVIDES, THROUGH PEOPLE LIKE YOU, THAT WE HERE AT AFBC WILL BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THOSE RESOURCES, USING THEM NOT ONLY TO MAINTAIN THE MINISTRY, BUT ALSO TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

WE ARE ALSO GEARING UP TO LEAVE BAXTER SPRINGS ON OCTOBER 15TH TO BEGIN OUR FALL CHOIR TOUR. SIS. CHERYL MOSER HAS BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY TO PREPARE THE STUDENTS, THE SONGS AND MUSIC FOR THE TOUR WHICH I AM CONFIDENT IS GOING TO BLESS EVERYONE THAT ATTENDS EACH CONCERT. WE ARE BELIEVING THE SPIRIT OF GOD WILL MOVE IN ALL THE SERVICES AND ARE EXPECTING MIRACLES TO HAPPEN! PLEASE BE IN FAITH WITH US AND COME EXPECTING TO RECEIVE A BLESSING.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, BRO. HOWARD WHITELEY REQUESTED FOR SIS. MYRTLE CARNEY TO HOLD REVIVAL SERVICES AT BAXTER CHAPEL. THOSE SERVICES WILL BE ON THE 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH AT 7:00 P.M. EACH EVENING. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THOSE SERVICES AND INVITE EVERYONE TO MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND BE BLESSED.

ONCE AGAIN, THE WELCOME MAT IS OUT AND IF YOU ARE EVER IN THE AREA, COME BY AND VISIT US AT AFBC.

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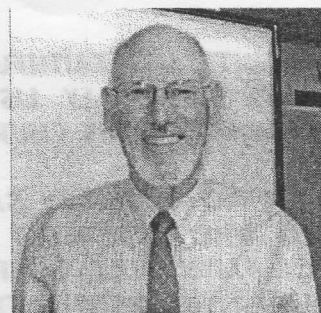
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NOW THEREFORE GO, AND I WILL BE WITH THY MOUTH,
AND TEACH THEE WHAT THOU SHALL SAY. EXODUS 4:12



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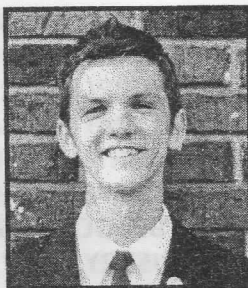
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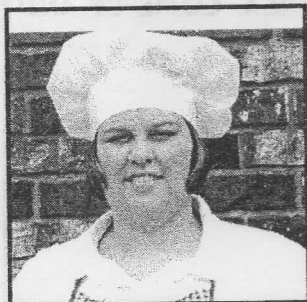
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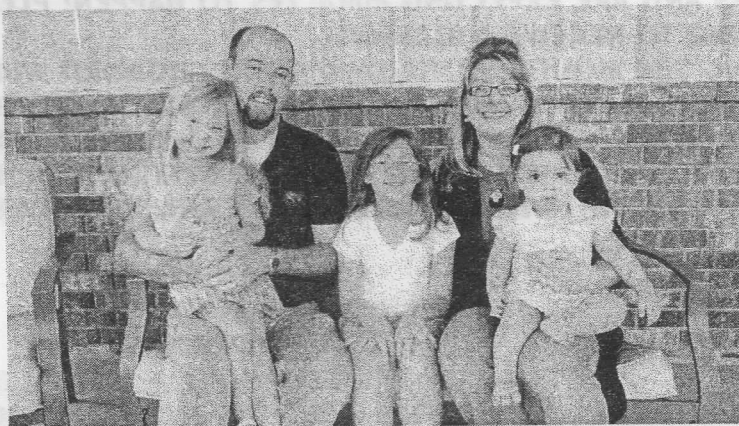
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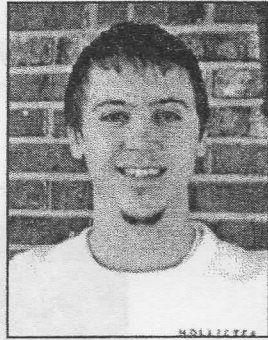
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PRAY YE THE LORD OF HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.
MATTHEW 9:38



Landry Caldwell, comes from Follett, TX and is the son of Mike and Christi Caldwell. He attends Trinity Faith Fellowship in Laverne, OK. Coby and Stephanie Cook are his pastors.



Kyle Cook is the son of Todd and Dena Cook of Laverne, OK. Rev. Marvin Garrison at the First Christian Church, Laverne, OK is his pastor.

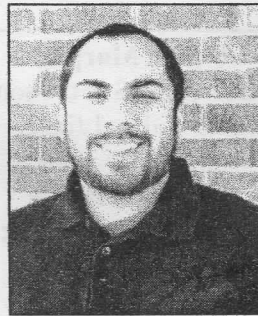


Kendra Dorris Carl Junction, MO is the daughter of Joel & Tammy Dorris. She attends Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church where her parents are pastors.

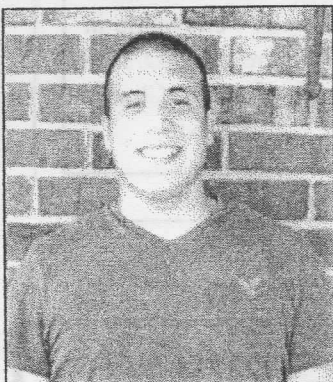


Hayley Duncan Alba, MO, is the daughter of Jennifer Lawrence. She attends the Apostolic Faith Church in Prosperity, MO. Rev. & Mrs. Joel Dorris are her pastors.

Joseph Gomez Midland, TX attends the Midland Christian Fellowship under the ministry of Rev. & Mrs. Curt Bezinque.



Rachelle Hall, Joplin, MO is the daughter of Michelle Hall. She attends Southside Apostolic Faith Church. Rev. & Mrs. Richard Morris are her pastors.



Ethan Haney, attends Midland Christian Fellowship in Midland, TX. Rev. & Mrs. Curt Bezinque are his pastors. His parents are Warren Haney, Spearman, TX and Dora Karim, Dallas,

Jordie Jett is the daughter of David and Stephanie Jett of Balko, OK and attends the Trinity Faith Fellowship in Laverne, OK. Rev. & Mrs. Coby Cook are her pastors.



1ST YEAR



Steven Law

Anderson, MO is the son of Steve and Joyce Law. He attends Moss Bible Church. Rev. Bob Holloway is his pastor.



Andy Mullin

is the son of Linda Mullin, Anderson, MO. Rev Bob Holloway is his pastor at the Moss Bible Church.



Adriana Nunez

comes from Midland, TX. She attends Midland Christian Fellowship where Rev. & Mrs. Curt Bezinque are pastors.



Shiloh Murphy

Riverton, KS is the son of David and Jinger Murphy. He attends Tennessee Prairie Church where Rev. & Mrs. Dave Robinson are his pastors.



Kiley Sanchez

Joplin, MO is the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Eddie Sanchez. Her family attends Southside Apostolic Faith Church. Rev. & Mrs. Richard Morris are their pastors.



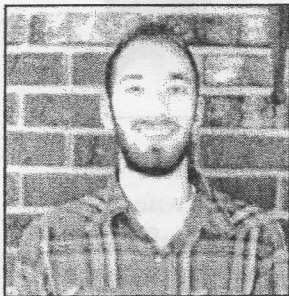
Melissa Turner

Granby, MO is the daughter of Merle Turner. They attend New River Family Fellowship in Wentworth, MO. Her pastor is Rev. Charlie Brown.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Ps. 119:11

2ND YEAR AFBC STUDENTS 2011 - 2012

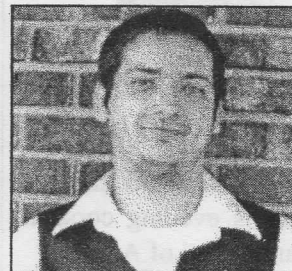
STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH. II TIMOTHY 2:15



Levi Eaton,

Elkins, AR is the son of Rex and Jana Eaton. He attends Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, Mo. Rev. & Mrs. Richard Morris are his pastors.

Andrew Grissom,
Oronogo, MO. is the son of Jerry Grissom and Jackie Pulasky. He attends Frisco Church in Webb City, MO under the ministry of Rev. & Mrs. Matt Snyder



Rebecca Harris

is the daughter of Calvin and Debbie Harris of Rock Island, TX. Rebecca and her family attend the Full Gospel Church in Rock Island. Her pastors are Nick & Marie Williams.



Ryan Morris,

Joplin, Mo is the son of Richard Morris. Frisco Church of Webb City is his home church where Rev. & Mrs. Matt Snyder are pastors.



Kara Harris,

is the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Seldon Harris, Granby, MO. She attends the Granby Gospel Tabernacle where her parents serve as pastors.

Haley Patterson,

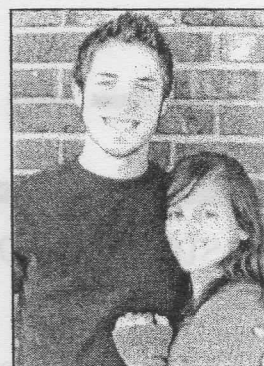
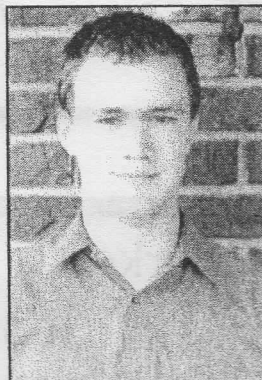
Granby, MO is the daughter of Doug & Janice Patterson.

She attends Ritchey Baptist Church under the ministry of Charles Lenord.



Fred Randall

Oronogo, MO is the son of Fred & Cindy Randall. His home church is Frisco Church in Webb City where Rev. & Mrs. Matt Snyder pastor.



Seth & Ashlie Reed

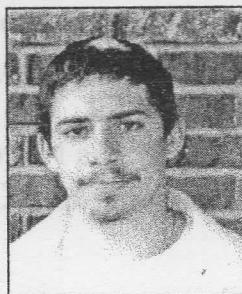
Baxter Springs, KS attend Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO. Rev. & Mrs. Richard Morris are their pastors.

Their parents are Brian & Kelly Potter, Carrie Reed and Mark Reed.

Cody Wagens

of Webb City, MO, attends Frisco Church under the ministry of Rev. & Mrs. Matt & Snyder, pastors.

He is the son of Tiffani Mickey, Kansas City, MO & Larry Wagens of Webb City.





Pat Hawley,

Baxter Springs, KS is an off campus student and also is evening cook at AFBC. She is an alumni of AFBC. Pat attends the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, KS. Rev. & Mrs. Howard Whiteley are her pastors.

Jean Harrison,
Joplin,MO is an off campus student and attends Calvary Baptist Church in Joplin,MO where Rev. & Mrs Brad Graves pastor.



Kelly Walters

Joplin, MO is the wife of Jeff Walters. She is an off campus student and also an alumni of AFBC. Her family attends Greenwood Baptist Church where Rev. & Mrs. Bob Warren pastor.

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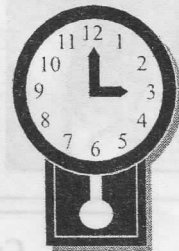
It's That Time Again!

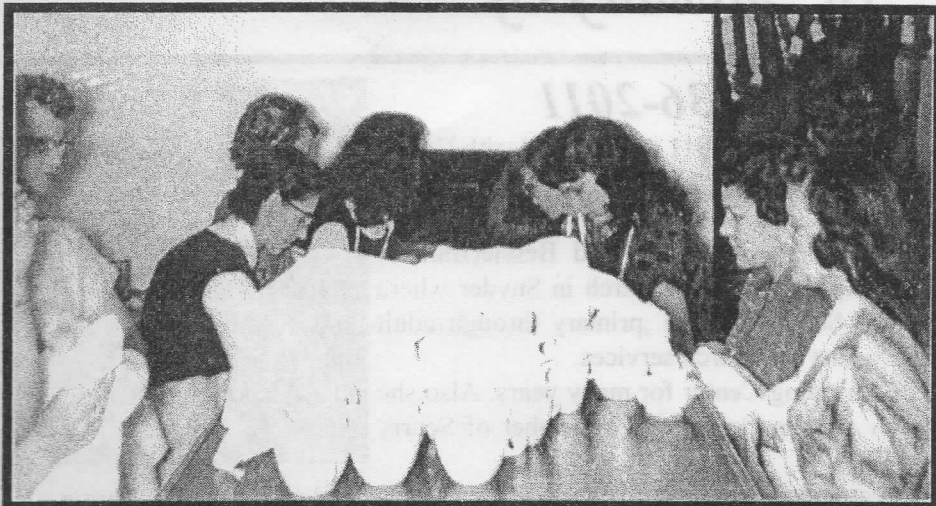
It's time again to update the Ministers-Gospel Workers Directory that is printed in the Apostolic Faith Report and is on file at Apostolic Faith Bible College. If you have had any changes in your information please send it to: The Apostolic Faith Report, P.O. Box 653, Baxter Springs,KS 66713 or by Email: doakes@joplin.com.

The deadline for the changes is November 10, 2011.

Thank you to each of you as you labor in the Kingdom.God Bless!

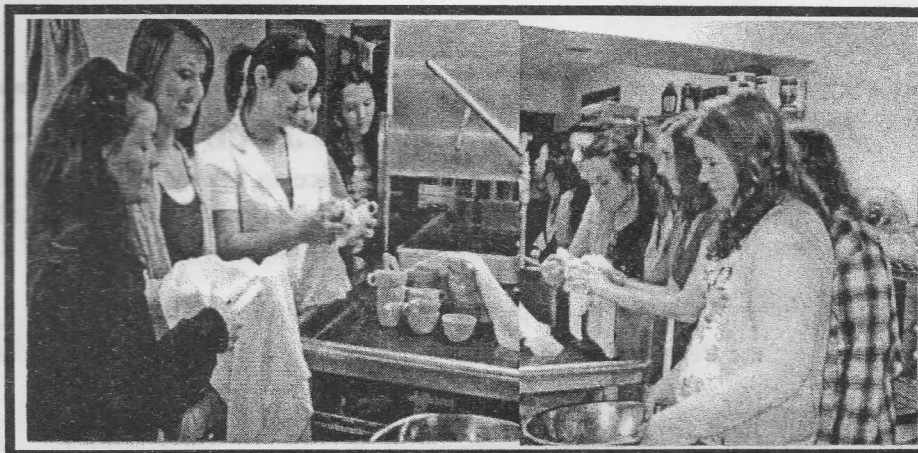
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***SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE AT
AFBC***



2011

CAN ANYONE IDENTIFY THE YEAR AND THE GIRLS IN THE UPPER PHOTO?

WHAT'S THE SAME IN BOTH PICTURES?

THE 2011 STUDENTS WANT TO KNOW IF THAT CLASS HAD A HOBART TOO?

Looking at the pictures above reminds us that through the years God has been faithful in supplying every need at AFBC and in all of our lives. So many of you could tell of your own individual need being met by Jehovah Jireh. His Word declares to us "Jesus Christ the the same yesterday, and to day and forever." Heb. 13:8

Praise Be To His Name!

In Memory Of

Ruby Lois Gregory - 1936-2011

Ruby Gregory, a Snyder, TX native passed away June 3, 2011 at Snyder Health Center following a long battle with cancer. Grave side services for Ruby, 75, were held in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

She was born April 14, 1936 in Scurry County to Robert and Bessie (Barrier) Gregory. She was a charter member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Snyder where she served as secretary/treasurer and taught Sunday School, primary through adult classes for 40 years. She was pianist and organist for church services.

She worked with the Scurry County ARC Training Center for many years. Also she volunteered 6000 plus hours for the Senior Citizen Center and a member of Scurry County

Genealogical Society for 24 years. She also attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Bob Gregory and Dick Gregory; one niece Mary Splecter; four nephews, Mickael Gregory, Ernie Shifflett, James Gregory and Elvis Ray Gregory.

Survivors include two sisters, Evelyn Shifflett of Snyder, TX and Barbara Smith of Coloman, TX; three brothers, Elmo Gregory of Kingwood, TX, Paul Gregory of Reydton, OK and Charles Gregory of Santa Anna, TX; numerous nieces and nephews.



Wilma Ferol Jacobs Clay - 1924-2011

A grand homecoming took place in heaven on the 9th day of September, 2011 when Wilma Ferol Jacobs Clay took her Master's hand and entered heaven's gate.

Sis. Clay was born in Beaver County, OK on May 6, 1924 to Jess and Pearl Evelyn Clarke Jacobs.

She married Rev. George W. Clay on Nov. 26, 1946 at the Full Gospel Church in Perryton, TX and began a love story that lasted 65 years. She was asleep by his side when she took her last breath.

Bro. & Sis. Clay pastored churches and ministered the gospel of Jesus Christ in Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado, Michigan, Florida, Louisiana and Nebraska. Their ministry touched and changed lives of people all over the world. Since retiring from full time ministry, they have been staff support to Pastor Gene Gilmore at the

First Assembly of God Church in Eureka Springs, AR.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jess and Pearl Jacobs, and her brother, Walter Jacobs. Survivors include her husband, Rev. George Clay of Eagle Rock, MO, their children: Randy and Starr Clay, Tallahassee, FL, Javene and Tommy Dickson of North Little Rock, AR, Lance and Robin Clay of McCook, NE, and Shannon and Terry Wise of North Little Rock, AR; grandchildren; Shilayne and Jimmy Le; Carissa and Matt Hardage, Elliott and Monica Crabtree, Jessica Dickson, Phillip Clay and Talon Clay; Great-grandchildren; Jakob and MaiLinh Le, Ella, Elijah and Levi Hardage, Nick and Alyiah Crabtree. Also surviving are three sisters; Jean and Harvey Addleman, Kansas City, MO, Pauline Messner, Logan, OK and Ilene Sanger of Elkins, AR; one brother, Les and Susie Jacobs of Cassville, MO; one sister-in-law, Betty Ray of Commerce, OK; two brothers-in-law; Larry and Marlaine Clay, Pineville, MO and Jim and Sandea Clay, Cassville, MO; many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and a host of "adopted" family that called her "Mom", "Mamma Clay" and "Grandma".

Memorial services were held Sept. 13th at the First Assembly of God Church in Eureka Springs, AR and interment was in Roach Cemetery also in Eureka Springs, AR.



Ronald Henry Noble 1942-2011

Ronald Henry Noble was born December 18m 1942 in Oklahoma City, OK to henry and Ruby Etta Noble. "Ronnie" was big brother to Derrall and Roger Noble. Ron was just a small boy during World War II when his family used food ration books. Ron enjoyed the simple life growing up on the farm with his brothers. He was a country boy who learned the lesson of working hard for his own way of life. He enjoyed doing his part in harvest. As any young man in the 60's, he enjoyed riding motorcycles and wasn't shy to [pose for a picture on his Cushman Eagle. Graduating from Balko High School, he enrolled at the Apostolic Faith Bible School in 1962 to learn more and celebrate his love for Jesus Christ. Attending Bible School was rewarding in more ways than one- he met the love of his life, Dorothy Alma Ruth McLehaney, "Dottie". They were married at the Apostolic Faith Church in Balko, Ok on April 21, 1963. In the first few years of marriage, Ronnie and Dottie moved a few times before settling in Balko to raise their family. Ron became the proud father with a son to carry on his name. Ronald Dewayne Noble joined the family and two became three. Ron did what he had to do to take care of his new family. He tried his hand at a few different things before finding his niche in grocery stores. The family of three became four and they welcomed a little girl, Teresa Renee Noble. The ultimate picture... husband, wife, son and daughter out in the Oklahoma wheat fields, life was good. Ron worked hard on the grave yard shift most of his life and would say Hello and Goodnight to his family in the morning before the day started. Even with a full time job and daily stress of life, he'd make sure the path was shoveled across the road to the bus stop so the kids wouldn't have to wade the snow. He did sweet things like laying their coats on the furnace and making sure the bathroom was warm before they ever left their beds. Ron was a great role model for all that knew him. Ron had a talent for making friends with anyone and no one was a stranger to him.

He always gave to his church even when there wasn't a lot of extra to give. During camp meetings and revivals Ron would drive out to help in any way that was needed. Ron was a great neighbor and would lend a hand to help you out, just because. He love to search for hidden treasures at garage sales and auctions.

Ronald Henry Noble...Hard working man, wonderful father, loving husband, good neighbor, faithful Christian... just your all around "good old country boy".

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Noble, Balko, OK, his children: Ron and Evelyn Noble, Pampa, TX, Teresa and Rod Scannell Chandler, AZ; two grandchildren; Bryant Noble, Siloam Springs, AR and Brooke Noble, Pampa, TX; three brothers; Derrall and Kim Noble, Amarillo, TX and Roger and Karlene noble, Pensacola, FL.

Ron was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ivy Viola and Henry Cooper, Balko, OK, Ethel and John Noble, Beaver, Ok; his parents Ruby and Henry Noble, Balko, OK.

The last days of his life were spent with friends and family whispering words of love. Ronald Henry Noble "Ronnie" age 68, passed from this life to enter rest on August 13, 2011 in Amarillo, TX.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Apostolic Faith

As all of you know, our community is still in the process of healing and rebuilding after the May 22nd tornado. I'm still amazed to see how quick our city has been to respond in this rebuilding venture. The hand of our gracious Lord has been seen and is still being revealed throughout this traumatic event.

As the pastor of Southside Apostolic Faith Church I want to extend a sincere word of thanks and gratitude to all who gave toward the families who were affected by the storm. Our church family had 9 families and or individuals

who received damage from the tornado with 6 of those losing their homes. Your love, concern, prayers and financial donations were and continue to be a great blessing to those who were struck by this terrible storm.

In Galatians 6:10, we read these words, "therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." To all who responded, whether as a church body or simply as an individual, you have done good to the "household of faith" and for that, we pray the Lord's abundant blessings and grace be upon you. Again, I and our congregation say "Thank You Very Much". Please continue to pray for our community and churches as we labor together for His Kingdom to come.

In Christ ,Richard W. Morris -Pastor



The Love of God

"The love of God, is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell..." O the love of God how truly rich and pure! This past summer God blessed me with the incredible opportunity to spend three months in Balama, Mozambique, Africa, with Brenda Lange and Orphans Unlimited. Words fail me when I attempt to describe how precious it was to witness the love of God changing so many lives. I don't know all the secrets of the Bible or all the symbolic representations, but I do know, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son..." (John 3:16) and sharing this simple message brought light into the eyes of many. I could not verbally communicate except through an interpreter, but the love of God that I had within me was communicated without any problems.



Most of my time was spent helping the ministry in various ways such as processing corn, working in a baby clinic, assisting in food distribution, putting radio programs together, helping cook supper, organizing, various other things, and of course playing soccer. I knew before I left that life was going to be different, but I didn't realize how different. It took me a good month and a half to learn the culture and begin understand the ways of life in Mozambique. Where I was living there were many cultural differences. For example, everyone carries everything on their heads, even the children. Most men proclaimed to be Muslim and most of the women do all the work. Children have a lot of free time and run around the village with no parents, looking for things to do often with a baby strapped on their back. Housing was mud brick with grass roofs and most people only had a few changes of clothes. The differences went from one extreme to the other but, although the people were poor, some had Jesus and that is always more than enough. I spent a lot of the afternoons playing with the children and teenagers.

Never before had I realized the tremendous effect you can have on people just by playing sports with them. I couldn't talk with the children but they could see Jesus in me by the way I played the game. They could see my character and hopefully my relationship with God. Whether it was soccer, jump rope, or hand claps we were able to bond through our time spent together and we quickly became friends. The children are so loving and open to anything. When the younger ones see you coming they run for you and push each other to just get a finger of your hand. The older ones want the love just as much and the minute you single them out and show them love they become your best friends. I had to prove myself to the teenagers but I made good friends with them as well. We started youth nights every Friday and before we left we could see the change in many of their lives. A few of the teenagers who were reluctantly attending Church before were all of the sudden helping us control children and getting involved. It was so exciting to see the love of Jesus shining in their eyes.

Many people can't believe the sacrifice that I made to spend my summer in Africa, but let me say that I have been blessed beyond measure and do not consider it a sacrifice in any way. God used me and enabled me to be a witness to teenagers and children who were hungry for love and those faces I will not soon forget. I could spend a long time describing how hard I worked in the physical but I would much rather praise God for the work that was done in the spiritual. In the middle of the bush in Africa, God is providing a way for people to hear the Gospel and learn about Jesus and I am so thankful that God gave me the opportunity to be a part of His great plan.

Glory to God,

Rebecca Harris - 2nd Year AFBC Student



“Go Ye”

This summer, with the help of many, God gave me the opportunity to go on a two week mission trip to Mare Rouge, Haiti. The culture was vastly different than anything I had ever experienced, but after awhile I discovered that the people were the same on the inside and were just searching for the truth. My time there was heart-breaking and rewarding at the same time and is something I will always remember and cherish.

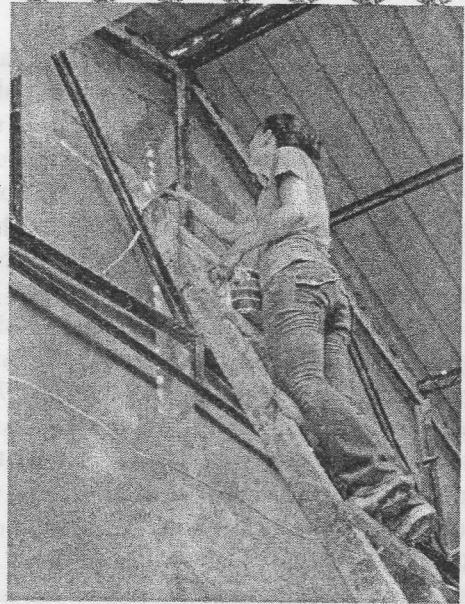
While I was there I taught Vacation Bible School with the help of an interpreter. In the mornings, I taught a Bible school class to anywhere between 100-150 kids of all ages. We sang songs, learned about the Word of God, and made a craft everyday. In the afternoon I worked with some kids from the church to make a banner that had the church's name on it. It was something the kids could call their own because they each played a different role in putting it together. I was only able to communicate through the use of an interpreter, but I pray that my actions spoke louder than my words and was able to communicate the love of God.

In the group that I went with were two ladies who worked in the clinic that they sat up in the church every day. Over the course of eight days they saw and helped almost 600 people. Every little girl that came was given a pillowcase dress and a handmade doll with the salvation necklace around it's neck and every boy was given at least 1 t-shirt and a toy. They handed out vitamins like they were gold and offered hope to every single one. There was also a team of two men that went out everyday spreading the gospel from hut to hut. One day I went out with them and was able to pray with people personally and see them led to a relationship with the Lord.



For the first week we had revival services every night and one night we packed almost 400 people into the church that was a small one-room building. The pastor at this church was an outstanding man of God who was raised in an orphanage but was put through school by some former missionaries. He had dedicated his life to Christ and was carrying out the burden that God gave him for the people of Haiti. While I was at Mare Rouge I stayed with him and his family in their concrete house and everyone was so gracious to me the entire time.

Although Haiti is a country that was dedicated to Satan, I believe God is doing a great work there and in thousands of lives. I am thankful that I was allowed to have even the smallest part in this work. I feel extremely blessed to have been able to go and share about the God whom I love. Thank you for all of your support!
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Time To Clean House

Ron Noble

I'm becoming increasingly convinced that I need to follow the truth of the admonition of David when he said in Psalm 34 "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." For one thing, to bless the Lord means to speak well of Him. I sometimes wonder how well I do in speaking to others about Him. I don't mean just verbally. I mean with my actions(which I've heard speaks louder than words anyway). Do I praise Him continually, which of course includes but is not limited to singing and raising our voices or hand in worship? How do I praise Him? How do I exalt His name?

I've thought much on this. It should be our highest desire to please Him. Are the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart acceptable unto him? Are we doing what's right because of our motive to find approval by Him? Jesus said that he did always the things that please God. The Word says that Jesus learned obedience by the things which he suffered. It would seem that God places a great deal of emphasis on obedience. We all know this(however this doesn't mean we always do it though). So is there a connection between obedience and praise? Let's consider the "popular" verse that we enjoy hearing the promise of in II Chronicles 7:14, is that He will heal our land, yet look at the conditions for Him doing so. IF those those people....will humble themselves....and turn....(although this word has many definitions, the one I thought most interesting was to slide back). Look what they were to "slide back" from, not to-their wicked ways. Then he will do as He said, but not until. Can it be that a turning from; a forsaking(abandonment)of sin is something that we've forsaken?

Is this part of the reason we pray and sing our songs and go to church and read our Bibles but still lack such power as should be employed by the believer in God... still fail to 'see' His workings? Why are we so reluctant to forsake sin? Does the thought of displeasing God bother us; bother me, less and less as iniquity abounds? Are we repulsed? Disgusted? Offended by sin as much as we preach God is? Do we abstain as iniquity from the very appearance of evil?(maybe that's the problem). Sin doesn't seem to appear as sinful as it once did. Maybe we enjoy "flirting" with it, thinking we can take fire into our bosoms without being burned? Now as we examine II Chronicles there are three things that need to be noted. First, is the direction the priests and Levites were given to sanctify themselves. Secondly, they were to sanctify the House of the Lord and thirdly(and this is the one we want to consecrate on) is the phrase in verse 5.... "and carry forth(to come out of) the filthiness(among other definitions are impurity, immorality, idolatry) out of the Holy Place.The first two could be discussed at length as separate issues but all these tie together. Verses 6 & 7 explain why what they had done to 'earn' the result of verses 8&9. "They have" the Word declares trespassed (acted unfaithfully) and done evil and forsaken(to leave, depart, abandon) God. Those who supposed to be God's chosen had turned their faces from Him- the one who was to be their habitation(Psalm 91:9). They had abandoned Him and because of that the wrath of the Lord was upon Judah and Jerusalem. The Lord delivered them to trouble(maltreatment, agitation), astonishment(ruin, desolation) and to hissing. I like the first four words of verse 9."then the Levites arose(remember He is speaking to this group in verse 5). Now this is the action- the consecration in reality we teach. Verse 16- the priests went into the inner part of the house of the Lord, to cleanse it and brought out all the uncleanness(defilement) that they found in the temple... and the Levites took it to carry it out. Simple, direct. The foreign objects-things that should not have been in the temple, the trash, and the stuff that was in a place that was supposed to be used for a place of worship.

Now in John 3, Jesus had gone to the feast and finds in the temple (sound familiar) those things that displeased His Father; those things that weren't conducive to the true purpose of His father's house(that it should be called a place of prayer). Verse 15 says that "he drove them all out (carry forth the filthiness) and said take these things hence." Jesus detested the abuse-the irreverence of what he had "found"(to discern, get knowledge of). Of course, we know from scripture that He knows what is in the heart of man; that His find in the temple wasn't anything He didn't know about. Yet His driving out of those things that didn't belong was a visual aid to four groups: His disciples(they remembered Psalm 69), the money changers, the rulers and priests of the temple and the ones that have come to truly worship God.

Now the lesson should be obvious. We, as believers in Jesus, the Son of man and God are to be a dedication-consecrated 'house'. I know that as such, he expects and demands that we,(yes,we) be involved in the cleansing process. II Cor.7:1 has the incredible verse that says, "we ought to cleanse ourselves from all(guess what) filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God". What a great passage! remember in Chronicles it said they found uncleanness when they went in. Does this mean they were unaware of it but with a renewed commitment to God actually did "find" things that were wrong? Or does it mean they knew about the uncleanness but just decided to "let it lay" because it's a hard job to clean something up?

What would Jesus "find" in our lives that shouldn't be there? Perhaps we could ask what would He discover to us-make us aware of-if we weren't so calloused and open to conviction. What have we not 'seen" or is it that maybe we just don't want to 'see'. And after we "find" the filthiness, are we willing to bring it out? Is our house His house-a place where we say that He can reign supreme in, but still have our "stuff" in the way. Are we really willing to surrender it all?

God, help us to clean house.

Brenings Celebrate 20 Years

For 20 years, the Pine Hill Chapel of the Apostolic Faith in Pine Hill, AL, has been blessed by the leadership and ministry of Mike and Peggy Brening. On Sunday, August 14, a reception to honor them was given in the church fellowship hall. Church and community members as well as family and friends gathered to express their appreciation for the love and dedication the Brenings have shown to so many. As a love gift, the church will send the couple on a cruise to Alaska.

Most of all, the Chapel gives thanks and praise to our almighty and generous God for sending Mike and Peggy to us. It was a pleasure to celebrate their 20 years of service to Pine Hill Chapel and the surrounding community. We pray that God will continue to bless our church and the Brenings as they continue their ministry.

Ephesian 4:11-12

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:23-25

I Voted To Close The Church

Last Sunday I voted to close the church - not intentionally, nor maliciously - but carelessly, thoughtlessly, lazily, indifferently, I voted. I voted to close its doors that its witness and its testimony might be stopped. I voted to close the open Bible—the Bible that had been given us by years of struggle and by blood of martyrs who died that we might have it to read. I voted for our minister to stop preaching the glorious truths of the Gospel. I voted that the children of the Sunday School no longer be taught the stories of the Bible and no longer lift their tiny voices in singing.

I voted for the voice of the choir and the congregation to be stilled, and that they no longer sing in united praise.

I voted for every missionary of the church to be called home, every native worker supported by the church to stop preaching, every hospital, every school and every dispensary in it's foreign missionary fields to close. I voted that every home missionary be abandoned, every influence for good and right and for truth in our community to be curtailed and finely stopped. I voted for darkness of superstition, the degrading influence of sin, the blight of ignorance and the curse of selfish greed once again to settle their damming load on the shoulders of an already overburdened world.

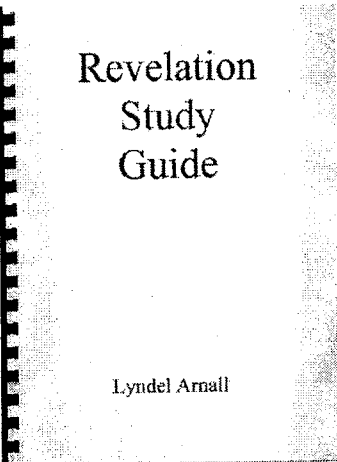
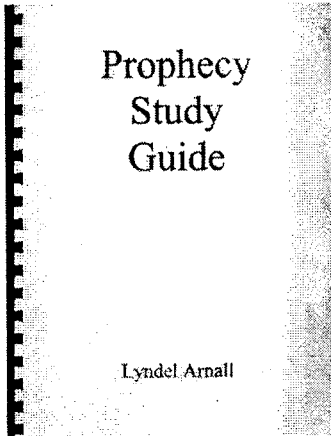
I voted for all this. For you see, I could have gone and I should have gone, but I didn't. I stayed away from church last Sunday.



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