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100th Birthday



Mrs. Elma Alicia Greever celebrated her 100th birthday Oct. 24, 1988. She has served the Lord faithfully for 80 years. May God's riches blessing be her's.

Psalms 91

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

6 *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

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ARTICLE VII

Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 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. These 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 Saviour, 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 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. Matthew 29:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

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

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APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS



Lyndel Arnall - AFBC
Superintendent - Instructor

The buildings of A.F.B.C. are once again busy. All of the 29 students are well acquainted with one another and settled into the routine of school. This year's faculty consists of: Paul Clanton, Louise Crowhurst, Danny & Rae Mona Robinson, Ron & Janis Brening, Steve & Karen Hackett, Kim Mathis and Bev Karber. I am thankful for their dedication to the work of the Lord, and I pray God will bless them.

As usual, there were a few major repair expenses necessary to begin school. Other minor repairs we hope to make as the year goes along.

During the summer, we were able to paint inside the dorms. A donation of drapes for the boys' dorm was given to replace the old ones. With the new carpet that was given last year, the dorms are looking nice. The recreation area between the dorms (also a donated project) is being enjoyed by all the students. I trust we can continue to make improvements to become more appealing to prospective students and to the community.

It is with anticipation that we enter this 1988 fall semester. There is harmony and enthusiasm among the student body and faculty alike, that it makes us to know that GOOD THINGS WILL HAPPEN!

Faith is the key to the ministry of A.F.B.C. It takes approximately \$8,000.00 a month to operate, and we ask your help in trusting the Lord to supply that need.

Please pray that everything done this year will be directed of the Lord, and that we will all grow in understanding and wisdom. Thank you for your support of prayers and finances. We trust God for our needs, realizing He works through people like yourself to supply them.

If we can help carry a burden of prayer, please call or write with your request. Feel free to come and visit the students and sit in on the classes. God Bless.

Sincerely,
Lyndel Arnall

GIRLS DORM REPORT

"I will praise thee O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all the marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. "Ps. 9:1-2.

Praise the Lord for yet another term of Bible School. From day one we've felt the Lord's presence and already He's done many wonderful things. This semester the dorm is full of life. There are 12 girls and each one is special to me. We've already shared many laughs and close friendships have been formed. Most of all the Lord is doing wonderful things in each life. Changes are being made in each as God deals and draws us closer to Him. I'm thankful for the priviledge of working here at the school yet another year. God has truly blessed me abundantly.

We'd like to thank all those who support the school in prayers, finances and in every other way. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness.

In His Service,
Kim Mathis-Dean of Women

BOYS' DORM

We are enjoying a good fellowship. The young men are cooperating in every way. I always want to mention their names, so that we may be faithful in praying for them.

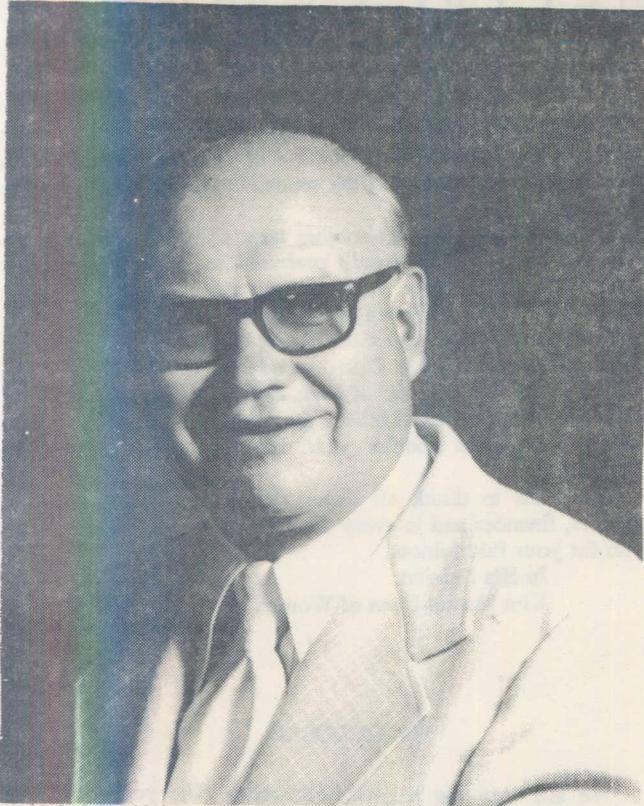
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I am thankful that the Lord Jesus Christ knows each of these young men by name and not by number. It seems today, if you don't have some kind of number, whether driver's license or Social Security number, YOU MAY NOT BE A PERSON. It may sound funny, but I am glad God knows me by NAME.

RON BRENING
DEAN OF MEN

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Lyndel Arnall wishes to announce that he has made available to the public a "Prophecy Self Study Guide" book. This work book covers nine difference subjects: Introduction to Prophecy, Characteristics of This Age, The Times of the Gentiles, 20th Century Israel, Anti-Christ Reign, Matthew 24, Redemption, Millenium and Judgement. Each of these chapters are set up on a question/answer basis, using the scriptures as the answers. These books are being used in Bible Study groups and as Sunday School literature for adults. The price is \$12.50 per book, which is the printing cost charged by the publishers. When ordering, include the postage charge of \$1.25 per book. Thank You.



In July, 1946, a cottage prayer meeting conducted by Bro. and Sis. Robert Girouard in Beaver, Oklahoma at the home of S.M. and Chloe R. Taylor began the romance of Bob and Hazel Taylor. The following September, in a revival in the Beaver County Court room by Bro. Girouard, we began singing together and from that time on, we often sang together at singing conventions in the Panhandle areas of Oklahoma and Texas. May 15, 1947, in the home of Bro. and Sis. Girouard in Perryton, Texas, we were united in marriage and then the following September of 1947 began our first revival meeting in a country school near Nelson, MO.

The following April 5, 1948, our son Bobby Wayne was born at Laverne, Oklahoma and from an early age, he joined his parents in a trio where we filled many appointments for revivals and singing conventions on the west coast plus singing in our own pastorialships.

After other revivals and a short pastorialship of the newly organized church at Enid, Oklahoma, in 1949 we moved to the San Diego area in California and during the next 16 1/2 years of ministry, we pastored the Fair Oaks Chapel in Spring Valley and the church now known as the Apostolic Faith Church of San Diego. We also had a ministry at many rest homes and revivals. Returning to pastor the Fair Oaks Chapel, for the second time in one year, we assumed the pastorialship fo the newly organized church at Westminster, Colo. for the next 8 years.

Resigning the church in Colorado, we began pastoring the Apostolic Faith Church of Big Spring, Texas for the

Over 40 Years

next three years, where we added to our long list of good Christian friendships.

In 1977, we began pastoring the Midway Country Church, whose roots go back to the ministry of my mother, Mrs. Chloe R. Taylor. Upon the illness of my dad, Mother secured Bro. Marcus Adair to assume the work and the development of the Midway Country Church. After nine years of successful ministry here, we assumed the position as caretaker at the Midwest Youth Camp of Laverne. Upon the death of Bro. Ed Sanders of the Laverne Community Church, we have filled the pulpit along with taking care of the camp grounds. We have filled in at local area churches plus an occasional Revival meeting.

God has blessed our ministry throughout the past over 40 years, for which we are so very grateful. We have not had a large, noticeable ministry, but we rejoice that we have had a small part in seeing souls saved, believers sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit along with numerous healings. Hazel and I hav experienced many miraculous healing in our own bodies for which we are grateful. We are so pleased to have had the opportunity to help develop six full time Pastors during their youthful years. We have nothing but praise in our hearts for God's many blessings upon us as we have labored for our soon coming King!

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Apostolic Faith History

I am writing a history of the Apostolic Faith Movement and would welcome any help that any friend of this Movement could give. I am intersted in letters, pamphlets, magazine articles, etc. I will faithfully save and return any material you so request. I have been able to collect a good sum of material about Bro. Parham and some of the early pioneers. However, I am especially interested in information about our Movement from 1929 to the present time. Your help, even about those years 1901-1929 would be helpful, but I would also like to research the lives of some of our more recent workers, ministers and individuals who have made our Movement what it is.

Thank You,
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Forgetting to Remember

Ron Noble

The coming of the Salvation is closer than one would imagine, yet farther than one perhaps desires. The Bride is to be expectant and spotlessly attired in righteousness. The church needs to prepare and be always ready, watching unto prayer. The signs are certainly everywhere.

However, there is a higher force, one not seen, with eyes. One not of flesh and blood, but rather one that issues forth spiritual wickedness in high places. The predator of the soul is seeking for the unwatchful and unconcerned.

Among all the signs of the latter times is possibly the most damaging sign of that which the Spirit speaketh expressly. The fact that some shall depart from the faith is distressing. Satan is not only trying to destroy the Church from without, he is stealing from those within. He is stealing that which has been received and hasn't yet been firmly established. The adversary of life is only able to do this because too many people take heed to seducing spirits. The attractiveness of sin lures victims astray from the undefiled truth. Sin is exceeding sinful that it might bring forth one end - death. Read carefully. In an effort not to offend people, has the world of churches become tolerant of that which does not become the Gospel? Is there a lessening of morals of justifying of indecent conduct among the ranks with the intent of promoting peace and unity? Are Christians to be exhorters of anything that does not enhance the Gospel?

The Gospel message is a message of peace to the receiving soul, but will cause division with those that have ears but will not hear. A nation cannot expect to be a "holy nation", if not separated from the unrighteousness of the unrighteous. God said not to touch the unclean thing, for it will only bring defilement. It would seem that the 'appearance of evil' is not shunned as much as needed. Seducing spirits, subtle yet firmly introducing the traditions of men for the commandments of God, are leading people to a hell of anguish. Why? Because their heart hasn't been established by faith - Heb. 13:9. Wrongdoing will arise from leaning unto one's own understanding and not trusting wholeheartedly in the Lord.

"Certainly, the works of satan will be obvious," one might say. "And no marvel; for satan himself is transformed into an angel of Light," -II Cor. 11:14. If then, satan's ministers can be pretended preachers of right living, is it any wonder that Christ said to take heed, lest some man deceive you?

It is a shame when people who once really knew God are now walking afar. Blindness of heart has resulted from vain imagination-the delusion that God isn't needed. For one to imagine that worldly activities are justifiably performed if "Lord, Lord" is exclaimed is a doctrine and also a delusion of satan.

What is Truth?

Again and again, no doubt this question continues to be asked. With so many churches claiming to know the 'real truth,' how can an individual know which is right? Can man always be trusted to preach faithfully the

committed oracles of God? Has the root of all evil, the love of money, the deceitfulness of riches taken the place of the riches of righteousness. Paul stated that he determined not to know anything, except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. His preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom. Why? The faith of the Church must stand in the Power of God, which is simply the preaching of the cross. -I Cor. 2. Man has seemingly become so wise, but in doing so, they have become fools.-Rom. 1. The preaching of the Cross is the Opening of the Way. Calvary was where the atoning blood was shed, yet this message does seem foolish to those that perish. Many eyes have been blinded and the truth of the Gospel has been twisted; result of the damaging work of satan.

Can the Church not yet realize the importance and urgency to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord? It is through having knowledge of God that the Christian triumphs, for through ignorance, people are deceived. The shallow in dedication to God must pray that studying will become adelight to them. This is the answer. The person that is really wise will be the person that will hear and increase learning. The foolish will fall prey after despising, ridiculing, and rejecting instruction. "In His law will I meditate day and night." Why? The Psalmist had his delight in the law of the Lord.-Psa. 1. The HOly inspired Scriptures must be the only rule of order for the assembly of one's life. The seeker that desires to be Christ-like must believe that He is the Way into the Presence of God, the Truth in a world of lies, and the Life abundant to a Godless world living in death. Satan is desiring to have the souls of the unheeding.

History Repeated

One needs only to view history to see the moral and spiritual decline of the practitioners of evil. The example of Judah in Jeremiah 19 should be sufficient to reveal the depravity of a nation that had forgotten God. Without the protective cover of God, uncleanness of mind will become evident in the most hideous actions conceivable. "Filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness-" James 1:21, seems to be the issues of the present as well as in the past.

Always, as Jeremiah heard, "Thus saith the Lord," the same he spoke. Because of Judah's sown wickedness, they were about to reap the evil and "whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle." The Lord God had been forsaken. The perversion of people were shown in their estrangement-the turning from an affectionate attitude to a hostile one. Their burning of incense, intended to be as an offering to the true God, Jehovah, was instead offered unto foreign gods. With people's minds so bent of destruction, even their sons were offered to Baal, a heathen god. Altars that were dedicated to the worship of God were now high places used for the shedding of innocent blood of the children. The farther people get from God, the closer they get to satan. Worship becomes perverted and loses its purity as the worshippers forget who is the One to be worshipped in sincerity and truth.

What was it that caused the people of God to become a people of gods? What was it that caused their worship to

evolve into rituals of destruction and humanistic insanity? To forget God is to become prey to satan. The history always repeated itself. After the Israelites left Egypt, they served God for a season. The Lord blessed (as He does every one that serves Him) and then the people become lifted in their pride. Judgement then comes; national captivity occurs resulting in the cry for deliverance. El Shaddia in His mercy then sends the deliverer. God is then served for a season again until prosperity and pleasantness arrive. So it continues.

(One might wonder if the United States is not such as this! The freedom to worship God was the basis of America's beginning. But now man has become so wise, seemingly, that God isn't needed...until He is needed! It is ironic when people sin against God and then are submitted to the consequences, that the Lord is accused of being UNFAIR. Why are people that have rebelled conviction all their life afraid to die? How can man expect to raise children 'for a better tomorrow', when prayer has been taken from the school? America had better prepare for the last day when judgement comes and the wrath of God will be revealed from heaven against all unrighteousness and ungodliness and those who hold the truth in unrighteousness. It is a disgrace when those who know the truth, but proceed doing those things that they know will only bring death. What is worse than that, is when they have pleasure in those that do them! If sinners entice thee, which they will, consent thou not. To be a friend of the world is to be at enmity with God.)

If so desired, read the entire 78th Psalm. An account of Israel's backsliding but also "je, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not..."38. The many times His anger is turned away is a revealing of pure love. Man's need for security and concern is in the Foundation. Why would a person desire to leave or does a person really desire to? Captivity isn't always physical.

The Israelites didn't stay in the opportunity afforded them. "Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies; But turned back..." 56, 57. Turning back to desire the life before; to long for 'Egypt' and enjoy it for a season, is folly. The 'promised Land', seen by faith, is to those that are seeking. To begin for the Kingdom, but by the deceitfulness of sin, turn back to the broad road of destruction is exactly what the devil wants.

Is forgetting God really dangerous? "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God..." Deut. 8:11. Why? Verse 29-"I testify against you this day ye shall utterly perish."

PERSONALLY

The Bible College has to be an instrument of God, for if it is not, it stands for nothing. At the School, the commitment to study must be priority. People that have gone to the school have had an advantage that some have not had. When an individual attends the School, but doesn't desire to use their time to strengthen their

relationship with god, it is a pitiful disgrace. Eventually, without striving to draw closer to God, one draws closer to satan. So do not let satan rob you of what you have! I don't enjoy seeing anyone that attended school with me or any other time to "fall short of the promise."-Heb. 4:1. Understand, the school is not the Source of establishment. The Lord is Faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil."-II Thess. 3:3.

Luke 9:62-"And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." Gen. 19, LK 17:32-"Remember Lot's wife."

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Our Little "Thus Saith The Lord"

All throughout the Holy Word of God we read this very emphatic phrase "Thus saith the Lord." I am reminded that it mattered not what others said, but only what God hath said. Ezekiel 12:25 says "For I am the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: In Jeremiah 1:12, God told Jeremiah that He (God) would hasten (stand behind) His word to perform or fulfill it. Even the disciple Peter spoke of the power of God's word in Luke 5:5 when after he had heard the word (Rhema) from Jesus to "launch out into the deep, and let down the nets for a draught", even though they had toiled all night and didn't

catch anything, Peter said "nevertheless, at thy word (Rhema) he would do it. Regardless of what the situation or circumstances looked like, when Jesus' word came forth, Peter believed and acted. Renee' and I trust that this testimony will be a blessing and encouragement to others who may be going through some of the same struggles that we did with childbirth. This past July 2nd we have been married five years. The first four years of our marriage we wanted a child but because of different problems we couldn't conceive. We would pray, and look up every scripture on childbirth and claim our child for Jesus. When it seemed like we couldn't wait on the Lord we went to a couple of specialists in the field of infertility. Finally, Renee' had decided that if God couldn't do it, it couldn't be done, so she cancelled her remaining appointments and we stood on God's infallible word. We would even lay hands on her stomach and ask our Father to just form that holy child in that womb. This went on for a couple of months until March 18th of 1987 when the Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir had come for a concert. We had a beautiful service with the choir that night and also the next morning. Normally, the choir would leave early the next morning, but we know now that God had this service planned. The next morning came and the bus wasn't here for them to load up and leave. We all just waited around for a long time until Sis. Janae Harris had suggested that we go over to the church and just sing and worship the Lord until Bro. Ted got back with the bus. Worship and praise the Lord we did, and His Holy presence and power filled the Temple. It's just like the word says "The Lord will inhabit the praises of Israel." As we were gathered in a circle, I felt led to ask all who were present to lay hands on Renee' and pray for our conception. After we prayed, we began to testify and praise the Lord again when God spoke ever so gently and humbly through Bro. Stuart Bench that Sis. Renee' would go to the doctor within the next month or month and a half and take a pregnancy test and it would be positive. That was the "Thus Saith the Lord" for us. God had confirmed all His promises to us when we heard that word. It was alive and powerful within our souls. When God speaks that (Rhema) word to you, you'll know it for it will be alive in you just as Jesus' spirit and life. After that prophecy, we began to claim our child in Jesus. Renee' still had a few problems, but nevertheless, regardless of the symptoms, situations or circumstance, we had a "Thus Saith the Lord." We didn't go to the doctor until August 19 when Renee' found that she was 18 weeks' pregnant with child. She and the doctor dated it back to the time of conception and it was "line upon line, precept upon precept" with the prophecy.

Needless to say, we were delighted and still praise our Lord who is able to do exceedingly above whatsoever we ask or think. February 6, 1988, Jeffrey Cade Morris was born, all 9 lb. and 6 oz. of him. I said then that he was our little "Thus Saith the Lord" and that's what we tell people about him. Friend, you may not be going through the same ordeal we went through, but there's no doubt that even some who are reading this right now are going through trials and afflictions, and your situation may seem and look hopeless, but don't give up. Our Lord has a word for you! Listen, Receive and Obey that special "Thus Saith the Lord" for your situation. Heb. 4:12a For the word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. We serve the same God that sent that healing word to His people in their wilderness journeys, rest assured, He changes not!! May God Bless you and minister healing in your life, is our prayer.

Rev. & Mrs. Richard Morris
Pastor Pine Hill Chapel

From The Mail Bag

COLUMBUS, TEXAS

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

We here in Columbus are happy to report that God has once more given us an opportunity to be a witness.

We are happy to have our pastor's family home again. We give God the praise for her recovery from surgery this summer. It is good to know that God is with His children through every trial we go through.

Several of our church family attended the camp meetings, either in Laverne, Okla. or Cowden Ill. Reports were given of victories gained during those camps.

August 8-12 was our V.B.S. We had 68 students enrolled ranging from 2 years to high school age. The children seemed hungry for God's word and the teachers glad to minister to them. We do thank the Lord for sending souls in which seeds can be planted.

I remember when I was in Acts class at A.F.B.C. and we were required to do a research paper giving ten scriptural reasons why the early church prospered so greatly. The dedication of the early church and the unity among them paid off and souls were won to the Lord. I truly believe that if the church today would be that dedicated and committed to the work of the Lord that He would bless and souls would be saved. The scripture tells us of the early church that "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Pray for us here in Columbus. The fields are white unto harvest and we need to work in them. God bless all of you.

Alvin Buschman-Pastor
Vanessa Harris-Reporter

HILLARD, FLORIDA

Greetings from the beautiful state of Florida. We moved here in May and plan to start a new work. There are many people here who truly need to know the Lord. Please keep us in your prayers in this work.

We had our first Sunday School class in our home on June 5th. We had six children who live in the trailer court where we live. Lee hopes to start an adult Bible study.

Lee has a job with the security department at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville. Jacksonville is about 30 miles from where we live in Hilliard.

All of you dear brothers and sisters are in our thoughts and prayers often. Although we are many miles away we are close in heart. On Sundays it always makes us feel good to know that all the people that are dear to us also are joining in worship to our wonderful Lord.

Pray that we are able to bring forth the fruit the Lord has ordained. St. John 15:13-17. We would love to hear from all of you.

Love in Jesus,
Lee, Shirley, Traci, Christina &
Michael Nelson

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ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

We are glad that we can report victory. Jesus has been good to us and we praise Him and thank Him for His goodness.

Bro. & Sis. M.D. Methvin came and held a revival for us in May. We were blessed with showers of blessings, an eighty-two year old man accepted Christ as his Saviour. It was wonderful.

In April our church family lost a part of our church family. Sis. Wilma Wilkerson passed away after a year and half battle with cancer. We miss her so much. We are thankful that she stayed true to Jesus until the end, even in her final hours giving the testimony that "Jesus has been so good to me." She fought a good fight.

We had some young people attend the youth camp at Baxter Springs, Kansas this year. We were thankful that Sis. Glenda Holland was able to take them to camp.

Our church had V.B.S. in August.
May God richly bless each one of you.

Jerome Crowhurst-Pastor
Joan Hall-Reporter

JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Joplin Southside Trinity Apostolic Faith Church

We had a busy summer and thank the Lord for every opportunity given to us to share His plan with others.

June was a busy month with V.B.S. and youth camp. Bro. & Sis. David Lively conducted our V.B.S. We thank the Lord for their talents. Several of our youth and adults attended youth camp either as a student or worker.

In July, 33 of our people were able to attend camp meeting at Laverne. We'd like to say a special "Thank You" to those that worked so hard and carried the burden for camp meeting.

A youth retreat was held Aug. 11-13 at the camp grounds in Baxter Springs, KS, and several of our youth attended and reported victories won.

We had our first water baptismal service using our baptistry in our church this summer. Six people followed the Lord's commandment in water baptism.

Aug. 27th we had an appreciation banquet in honor of Bro. & Sis. O.A. Busch. We have certainly enjoyed their ministry with us for the past 5 years and truly appreciate their dedication to the Lord.

Sept. 10th we welcomed our new pastors, Bro. & Sis. Jim Fox, with a hamburger cookout at the park. Sunday, Sept. 11th was their first Sunday with us. We enjoyed having their daughter, Deann, with us, also. On Sunday night we enjoyed a food shower with them and also celebrated Sis. Lamoyne's birthday. We are expecting God's blessings as they minister to us and we to them.

Oct. 8th our church family enjoyed attending the Passion Play in Eureka Springs, Ark. Continue to pray for us. We have many souls that we are concerned about and desire to be able to win them to the Lord.

You are always welcome to come and worship with us at any time.

Tim Fox-Pastor

GALENA, KANSAS

II Corinthians 10:5 "Casting down of strong holds and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Praise the Lord, He is still blessing our church families. The precious Holy Spirit is still on the job convicting souls and blessing God's children.

We want to thank the Lord for a wonderful V.B.S. this summer. We had 50 enrolled with 40-50 each day. We had the closing program on Sunday morning and God really blessed.

We would like to thank Bro. Waple Ferguson for filling in for us before our new pastor, Bro. & Sis. Tom Day came. Their first Sunday we had a young man saved. There has been much conviction in our services.

We also thank Sis. Dorothy Cook for helping us on Sept. 4th while our pastors had to be gone.

Our attendance in all of our services is picking up.. We are very glad to have Sis. Alice Scott back in church with us. Remember our shutins in prayer.

We welcome our friends from other churches to visit us any time.

Tom Day-Pastor

May Rowland-Reporter

TANEYVILLE, MO.

Summertime has come and gone again and the LORD has blessed us greatly. With the arrival of summer comes graduation. Many churches have graduates and ours was no exception. A banquet for our graduates with the other young people being invited, was held on Friday, June 3.

Our special speaker for the gathering was Sister Maxine Long. She spoke on temptation and the ways we encounter it throughout the different stages of our life.

The graduates from our church who were regular in attendance are as follows: Justin Williams and Greg Blair from the Eighth Grade, Karen Hammett from High School, and Gina Crouch from College. The church was very supportive and all the needs for the banquet were met.

Our 1988 V.B.S. had a good enrollment of 98 total.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Wick Brown of 1901 Grinnell Dr., Perryton, Texas 79070 celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception Sunday, September 11, 1988, from 2 until 4 in the afternoon at the Full Gospel Church, 2210 Southwest 15th Ave., Perryton, Texas.

Hosting the event was their children and grandchildren, Ron and LaFon, Fonda and Randy Brown; Kay and Frank, Gregory and Brent Stamps.

Because of ill health, Wick is a retired building contractor.

Wick and the former Maxine Johnson were married in Granby, Missouri, September 16, 1938 by the late Rev. Ralph Durham who was pastor of Granby Gospel Tabernacle at the time.

Wick and Maxine moved to Perryton, Texas, from Granby, Missouri, in 1946.

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We had our hands full each day, but everybody did their job and the Lord blessed. The young people's group has really blessed our church with their enthusiasm for the Lord, not only at church but at school and at home as well. We had nine attend the Youth Retreat at Baxter Springs, Kansas in Mid August. We had nothing but good reports ever since about it. The Lord has blessed us the early part of Sept. with three being saved in our services. There is nothing better than the salvation of souls to encourage and uplift the Family of God.

We are thankful for the Lord and his goodness and we ask for you to remember us in your prayers.

Dwight Wilson-Pastor

Jack Clemans-Reporter

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If you can go to church when all about you
Are going anywhere but to the House of Prayer;
If you can travel straight when others wobble,
And do not seem to have a righteous care;
If you can teach and not get tired of teaching,
Or tell the truth when others lie like sin,
Or pray and pay and carry heavy burdens
And pay the heavy price it costs to win;
If you can face the surge of things about you
And keep your moral balance in life's whirl;
If you can act with patience in each crisis
Nor be a coward, cynic, or a churl;
If you can live and not be spoiled by sinners,
And give-without a Pharisee's vain price-
Your life for GOD and MAN will pay real profit,
You'll be a SAINT no critic can deride!

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A Little Blessing

Katie Lynn Hoskins was born on July 20, 1988 and weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 in. long.

Her parents are Ronnie and Sandy Hoskins. She has one older sister, Kristi, who is 4 years old.

Grandparents are Rev. & Mrs. Elmer Christenson, Joplin, MO. and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Hoskins of Arnett, Okla. Her great grandparents are Mrs. Alice Christenson of Texarkana, Ark. and Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Buchanan of Leakey, Texas.



From the Mail Bag

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Greetings from Pine Hill Chapel,

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised." Truly, God has been in our midst here in Pine Hill. Though we've had a very busy summer schedule, God has been right on time. We would like to proclaim victory from our Pine Crest Youth Camp this summer. At least ten precious souls were saved and several others that made some commitments to the Lord. One young lady from Ashland prayed thru to the Baptism in the Sweet Holy Spirit. Satan tried to bind things up at the start, but praise to the One who pulls down every stronghold. We realize that our battle in this hour is not with flesh and blood, but with principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this world! We also would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who came in to help in the Camp: Bro. Jim & Sis. Lou Arnall and many others from the Ashland church, Bro. Wayne & Sis. Kayla Freeman, Bro. Steve & Karen Hackett, Bro. Kenneth & Rhoda Fuller, Bro. & Sis. Terry Litau from Perryton, Texas, Bro. & Sis. Earl Morgan, the group Evergreen, who truly blessed us in their ministry of song and praise and all of the folks in the Hinton & Pine Crest Churches, and our home church here at Pine Hill who worked hard before and during to make the camp possible. If we missed anyone, please forgive us because we appreciate everyone's help.

Next year will be the 30th anniversary of the Pine Crest Camp and we extend a warm welcome to all that could come to make plans and be with us. The doors of Pine Hill Chapel are always open to fellow ministers, gospel workers and all that would come and worship with us.

May God Bless
Pastor Richard Morris & family

NOTICE!

Thirty cents a time is what the Post Office charges us whenever a copy of the Report is returned with a reader's new address. If you are moving, won't you tell us at once, allowing at least 4 weeks for the change? Send the mailing label from the back page so we will know your old address.

Dear Family,

It has been a long time since we have seen, or spoken to one another. It is with mixed emotions I write this letter now. Primarily because I am not quite sure how most will receive it. Nevertheless, it is not for everyone to understand the pain, the joy, the growth of another life. We as Christians come from all walks of life in this present day.

I won't tell you how or even why I got involved in the lifestyle I did, but only that I did. For 8 years I was a thoroughly active homosexual. I will be honest enough to say that I never felt it was right, or to give an excuse for my behavior. But, today, 7 years after coming to know Jesus I have progressed along a road to healing, love, and ever increasing knowledge of who I am in Christ.

This letter is not a testimony of what God has completed, but rather what God is doing. My struggles with my past didn't end when I came to Jesus, they had just begun. Satan and the flesh never fight the sinner, just the sinner trying to be a Saint. In the past seven years, I never went back to the lifestyle of my former self, at least not physically, but a thousand times mentally, have I been pulled to harbor thoughts of life long gone, yet Satan would have me to think so near. I am not giving up. Maybe I won't meet everyone's approval with this letter, well please pray for the things you see wrong in me, believe me it will be just an addition to my already long list of major life repairs.

We speak of being holy, pure or even sanctified. When such gifts are received from God, how do we expect to see their fulfillment in our lives? I'd like to say immediately, and yet from personal experience, I know that some things happen quickly, and others are just plain progressive. Would to God that all the hard habits were easily broken and the less difficult worked out sufficiently of themselves. God moves in each of our lives accordingly, Delivers accordingly, Heals accordingly, what remains in the process is a man/woman whose life is committed to that change as it takes place. When failure has struck you down you get back up and face the failure with God and deal with it accordingly as only you and HE can.

The message of healing, healing in the mind from past experiences, is a long and often painful one. To those of you who have no one person whom you can turn to, find someone, or write me, I'll pray, I'll cry, but more importantly, I'll encourage you to keep going, to face each day, the good and the bad. God made them both for our growth, we, that is you and I are a significant and important part of God's plan, He's using you today to accomplish something more than just breathing community air.

To the Christian who knows someone who has struggles such as I have had or even in any vein similar, or even unsimilar, just plain different from what you have perceived to be the norm, listen, listen, listen. Just be there with an open heart and open arms. You are not required to have the answers or to guess at any, just be a starting point. Help the hurting to find the answers through Spiritual leaders who have had experiences dealing with the broken in spirit, body and mind.

My name is Jason Phillips, I live in a very normal three bedroom apartment with my wife and two sons.

We live at 3538 Del Lago Circle, #246, Tampa, Florida 33614. Ph. # 1-813-931-4627. God Heals, God can Help. For every person who comes to know God for who He is, will also come to know that there is a road that each must travel separately, yet jointly with Jesus.

OBITUARIES

WILMA E. WILKERSON

Wilma E. Wilkerson, 61, Portales, N.M. passed away on April 21, 1988. Services were held on April 23 with Rev. Jerome Crowhurst officiating. Mrs. Wilkerson was born on Aug. 14, 1926 in Gage, Okla. to Mr. & Mrs. William E. Lilly, both deceased. She was a nurse and a member of the New Mexico Nursing Association as well as the Apostolic Faith Church. She was a resident of Roswell for 40 years.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Heath Wilkerson. Survivors include two sons, Dwayne Wilkerson and his wife, Tammie, of Portales, and Paul F. Wilkerson of Elko, Nev.; one daughter, Julia E. Smith of Portales; two brothers, John O. Lilly and Olin F. Smith, both of Houston, Tex; two sisters, Ethel Keese of Corpus Christi, Texas and Daisy Selby of Heriston, Oregon.

WILLIAM CARL HUTSON

William Carl Hutson, son of Isaac and Mattie Hutson, was born March 20, 1905 near Parks, Arkansas. He graduated to a better life at the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo July 1, 1988.

Brother Hutson was a three year veteran of the United States Army during World War II under General Dwight D. Eisenhower, in the communications division. He was the recipient of numerous honors and medals for valor in dangerous war zones.

Upon return from the service, he lived with his brother, John and family, in Dumas. It was here that he met the Lord under the ministry of Brother and Sister John Modrick.

In 1954, Brother Hutson moved to Amarillo to assist in founding the Apostolic Faith Church of Amarillo. He was devoted to the success of the church, serving on the church board for over 25 years and leading in the maintaining of the church throughout.

On March 13, 1958 he was united in marriage to Viola Modrick.

Brother Hutson was employed at the Excel Helium plant near Dumas for many years, working there until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Viola, of the home; one stepson and daughter-in-law, Ed and Eula Modrick, of Amarillo; a brother, John, of Sayre, Oklahoma; a step-granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Mike and LaParsha Wise, of Amarillo; many loving nieces, nephews, a step-granddaughter, and other relatives; and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted in Amarillo, TX. on July 5th. Rev. Neil Ragan was in charge of the service, assisted by Rev. Harlan Clarke and Rev. Winston Barker. Burial was in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo, Texas.

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LAVENIA BOYD

Lavenia Faye (Long) Boyd was born July 24, 1928 near Polar, Texas to William and Henry Zaye Long. She was educated at Veelmoor and Ackerly, Texas and finished her high school education by correspondence at the American School of Education.

On May 42, 1946 Lavenia and Marvin Boyd were united in marriage. To this union four children were born to bless their home.

About forty years ago, Lavenia accepted Christ as her personal Savior and since that time she has consistently made Christ, the Lord of her life. She has faithfully served the Lord these forty years by helping in the church at Big Spring, Texas for many years and in the more recent years after moving to the hill country of Texas, she has faithfully assisted her husband as they have pastored the church at Camp Wood, Texas.

Lavenia departed this life, after a lengthy illness, on July 30, 1988 at the hospital in Eden, Texas. She leaves to mourn her passing her beloved husband, Marvin of the home; two daughters, Ellen Slagle and husband, Jim, of Tulsa, Okla; Carolyn Fowler and her husband, Woodie, of Big Spring, Texas; two sons, Rev. Jim Boyd and wife, Brenda, of Vanderpool, Texas; Phil Boyd and wife, Dean, of Vanderpool, Texas; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson; her mother, Zaye Long of Big Spring, Texas; her sister, Clara Nabors of Tempie, Arizona; six brothers, Bill Long of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dean Long of Big Spring, Texas; Del Ray Long of Natalia, Texas; Joe Long of Kerrville, Texas; Earl Long of San Antonio, Texas; Lewis Long of Kerrville, Texas; other relatives and a host of friends.

Graveside services were conducted by Rev. Bob G. Taylor of Laverne, Okla. on August 1, 1988. Sis. Hazel Taylor sang Sis. Lavenia's favorite song, "I'm Free" and Sis. Myrtle Carney and Sis. Donna Pearson sang "The Things I Can Not Do Alone". A large group of friends and neighbors gathered to share with family in their sorrow.

Therefore, my beloved brethern,
be ye steadfast, unmovable,
always abounding in the work of
the Lord, foreasmuch as ye know
that your labour is not in vain in
the Lord.

1 Cor. 15:58

To God - A Note of Thanks

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved." Please hear a few words from one who was a farmer's daughter for 22 1/2 years and at that time my father gave me to Edwin A. Greever for a lifetime wife (64 years). We wish to speak of seed time and harvest, that I am well acquainted with. There are some very anxious people near harvest time longing for all of the grain to be in the bins and safe. All preparations have been made that the reaping be done. I call this a parable.

Now a real message from God the Heavenly Father. What? Has your soul been saved? Saved from what? Answer- Sins committed and the sin nature that we were born with. Now we must remember our life in a mortal body is short at the longest and the Lord for us is doing a quick work. We, being people of New Testament times, go to the words of Jesus, found in Matthew 13:34 to fulfill the prophecy in Psalms 72:2.

Jesus entered the house and his disciples came unto him asking him to explain the tares of the field. He said the good seed (grain) is the son of man (Jesus). The field is the world, the good seed are the children of the Kingdom. The tares are the children of the wicked one (Devil). The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are the angels. Verse 40 says the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of the world. The son of man (Jesus) shall send forth his angels and they shall gather out of the kingdom all things that offend and all who do iniquity. Verse 43 says, "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears, let him hear." This scripture explains clearly the two classes of folk and their end. Clearly made known, now what about it? Jesus came to seek and to save people who are lost. And how about in 1988? Throughout these verses from year 1 to 1988 there have been people in fellowship with God "calling people from sin and uncleanness". The Bible states "The Lord is doing a quick work in righteousness. In the last chapter of Revelations it tells of the coming of Christ and eternity. In verse 12 we read 'And behold I come quickly and my reward with me.' In verse we are blessed who keep his commandments and have a right to the tree of life and an entrance into the Holy City. Verse 17 we read the Spirit and the Bride say come and finally reads "whosoever will", and in verse 20 the testifier says "Surely I come quickly. Amen (it shall be so.)

A quick work has been done and surely tried to be done since year 1 of New Testament times and now we are more than halfway through 1988 and what does that mean? Answer- After reading many scriptures we do remember the one found in Old Testament days, one that tells us when to expect the first resurrection (of the blest and holy dead). Hosea 6:2. After two days (God's 1000 year days), which means 2000, they will be finished and in the third day He will revive or raise us up and we will live in His sight. First resurrection of the blessed and holy. Who raises us from grave and from among the living? The Bible declares Jesus returns from heaven with a shout with the voice of

the archangel and the trump of God. The blest and holy dead come from the grave and the blest and holy living arise with them to meet him in the air. Well, we are marching on in 1988 and that's not far from the year 2000. The Bible tells us that no man knows the day or hour of Christ's return, but of the times and seasons, we are not ignorant. Matthew 24 tells us of the happenings of that time as does other scriptures. Well, friends, one certainly has the Word and Spirit that reveals with no imagination as to this event. He speaks and the work is done and we, as individuals, could be playing around and saying 'Let us eat and drink and be merry.' With Old Testament as well as New Testament scriptures we also are warned concerning the sleeping virgins concerning this of our redeemer's quick work in righteousness. Certainly through Christ we have many good and perfect gifts. Praise His great name! We are given time for preparation of life that is eternal. We really have no promise as to our length of days in our mortal bodies. I now think of some words of one of our poets-Life is real. Life is earnest. And the grave is not its' goal. Dust to dust was not spoken, Of the giving of the soul. There is certainly coming a resurrection day. Jesus knows every one of us and will be a righteous judge, no doubt. All will be judged righteously for life or death.

by Elma Alicia Greever

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