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**But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew
their strength; they shall mount up with wings
as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk, and not faint.**

Isaiah 40:31

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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 basic doctrines.

Growing in Grace by Abiding

Most people love babies. There is just something about a new, innocent life that brings hope and reminds us of the promise of a new start. When we come to Christ in repentance we are born again (John 3:3,7) and have been given a new nature (II Cor. 5:17) but we can't just stay there. In the natural if we were to stay babies all our lives there would be a problem. So too in the spiritual. (Hebrews 5:12-14). We must continue to grow.

I have also been thinking about default settings on computers and devices. You know, the program that reverts back to the manufacturers settings? Scripture tells us that we all born with a sin nature and are prone to sin (Romans 3:23), but when we are born again that changes. So what default settings and babies have to do with each other? Well,

growth and change take effort and time. Often if we don't put forth a little effort, we can default, reverting back to where we once were. It's easy to coast along and do nothing, but growth takes some effort on our part.. To learn to walk you have to take some steps, fall down and get back up again. (II Peter 3:18); (Phil. 3:12-14). We know we aren't saved by works, but once we have been saved ,born again, made new; we do need to continue to put forth some effort to grow. If we don't continue to nurture and feed our spirits we could default back to our sin nature. This is so easy to do because all we have to do is DO NOTHING. Sin is all around us. The world and culture promotes things every day that are not of God. So we need to counter that by feeding our minds and hearts with truth.

When we were younger, maybe we would recommit our lives to Christ at camp each summer, but in reality we need to recommit our lives to follow Christ day by day. The work of sanctification is both a definite commitment that is made as well as a process that needs to be walked out day to day. (Mark 8:34; Romans 8:13; Galatians.2:20). But this walk of faith is not all on our own or by our own efforts. In fact, the opposite is true. Apart from the grace of God we can't even come to God let alone live or work for Him (John 6:44). It is God who gives us life, both physical and spiritual, and it is He who sustains it (Acts 17:26-28). So if God is our life source we must stay close to him to grow..It's less about working harder and more about making space for God to work. And there is the key to being successful in this Christian walk of growing in grace. We must learn to abide (stay, dwell, live) in Him.

John 15:1-11 talks a lot about this. In this famous passage about abiding in the vine, Jesus says, **"I am the true vine, and my father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does not bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."**

John 12:1-2, 4-5 ESV. When we abide in Him, His life becomes our life and we become like a good work out that makes you feel better both physically and mentally, spiritual exercises are good for you. (I Timothy 4:8). But don't make it just about what you can do for God. Let it also be about being close to Jesus and sitting at His feet (John 10:40-42), abiding and learning more from Him, allowing His life to help you to grow. Keep pressing on and pressing in, putting in the hard and holy work of sanctification. It is worth it to be close to Jesus and will be worth it in the end. Keep growing by abiding!

Cheryl Moser– Baxter Springs, KS

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Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Psalm 34:11



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AFBC 1st Year Students 2021-2022

Shew me thy ways, O Lord. And teach me thy paths. Psalm 25: 4



Noah Barajas, 20, is from Alvin, TX. And the son of Sam & Jennifer Barajas. He attends the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin where Bill & Christina Derixson are his pastors. He learned of AFBC from his pastor and Grant & Shi Grier. Noah says that God is teaching him to know and yield to His

Amanda Brown, 23, of Shamrock, TX is the daughter of Benny Garcia. Mark Murry, pastor of Union church where she attends told her of AFBC.



God has placed a vision in her heart and is equipping her for that.

Hanah Conrad, age 20 is from Springfield, MO. She attends Galloway Full Gospel Church where John English is her pastor. She learned of AFBC at the 4-State Youth camp in Baxter Springs, KS. Hanah says that God is providing for her in so many



Daniel Contreras, 18, Alvin, TX is the son of Daniel Contreras. His home church is Trinity Apostolic Faith Church where Bill and Christina Derixson are his pastors. He heard of AFBC from friends and family.



Kimberly Contreras, 20 is from Alvin, TX and attends Trinity Apostolic Faith Church. Bill and Christina Derixson are her pastors Daniel Contreras is her father.

God is doing big things in her life.

Kaitlyn Derixson-18, is the daughter of Bill and Christina Derixson of Alvin, TX, AFBC alumni. Her parents are also her pastors at the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church.

She says that God is teaching her how to be in her prayer closet daily.



Antonio Devoto 18, of Farmington, MO is the son of Terri Devoto. His home church is the First Baptist Church. Rev. Jim Odle is his pastor. He heard of AFBC from a former AFBC student. God has been showing him of his need to read the Word of God more and is drawing him closer to Him.



David Hill, 18 is the son of Jana Hill of Alvin, TX. He learned of AFBC through his home church, the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church. Rev. & Mrs. Bill Derixson are his pastors.

David tells that God has shown him that He will be his provider as long as He abides in God and does His will.



Cristopher Monsalvo, 20, is from Southwest City, MO and is the son of Cecilia and Marian Monsalvo. He attends the Full gospel Church. His parents told him of AFBC after attending a FGEA convention and learning of the school. He says that God is moving in his heart and soul more than he could have imagined.

Dedrick Querner, 20 of Jourdan-
ton, TX is the son of Mandy and
Arthur Querner. His home church
is Rock Island Full Gospel and
Calvin and Debbie Harris are his
pastors. He learned of AFBC at
church camp.



Eezra Ramos, 19, is from Springfield,
MO. She heard about AFBC 8 years
ago at church camp. Her home church
is Wells Spring in Webb City, MO.
Her pastor is Scott Smith.



God is showing her that she can live a
better life in freedom and happiness.

Rachel Shonk, of Independence, IA is
18 and the daughter of Larry and Sheri
Shonk. At home she attends Faith As-
sembly of God. Rev. Jason Minikus is
her pastor. Her grandfather and both
parents attended AFBC. The Lord is
encouraging her to grow in Him.



Jade Stowers, 17, is from Pear-
land, TX. Marcel and Leslie Stow-
ers are her parents. She attends the
House of Study where Sherman
Jones is pastor. She learned of
AFBC through the Trinity Apostol-
ic Faith Church in Alvin, TX. God
had given her wisdom and strength
to share His love through all trials including sickness.



Zandrika Villers, of Elizabeth,
WV is 18 and the daughter of Kris
Villers and Amy Axley. Rev. &
Mrs. Everett Snyder are her pas-
tors at Tri County Worship where
she heard of AFBC.



God is building her relationship
and desire for Him.

AFBC 2nd. and 3rd Year Students 2021-2022

*Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God; thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
Psalm 43:10*

RyLee Buschman-19, is the
daughter of Keith & Abby
Buschman of Joplin, MO.
She attends Southside Apos-
tolic Faith Church. Brian and
Cheryl Moser are her pastors.
This past summer she was
able to work in camps and
her home church.



Madison Gwatney, 19 is the
daughter of Jambra Jones of
Diamond, MO. She attends
Community Chapel in Joplin,
MO where her grandparents,
Jeff and Kim Jones are pastors.
She was able to work in church
camp this past summer and
also helped in her church.





Grant Grier

Grant and Shi Grier are 2nd year students and are from Alvin, TX. Bill and Christina Derixson are pastors in their home church, Trinity Apostolic Faith Church.

During the past summer they were able to work in S. Texas Youth Camp as counselors.

Shi Grier



Kaitlin Harris, 19, of Rock Island, TX is the daughter of Calvin & Debbie Harris. Her parents are pastors at Rock Island Full Gospel Church. She worked in youth camp and attended camp meetings. She says that the Lord is calling her deeper and wants her to know Him more.



Adrian Reyes, 19, is from Carthage, MO. He attends Oasis Church where Steve Finney is pastor. He helped in two camps this past summer in addition to working on a job. He says that God is showing him to fight the good fight of faith and never back down because He is the same, yesterday, today and forever.



Michal Wasson 19, is from Joplin, MO and attends Community Chapel where Jeff and Kim Jones are pastors. Her parents are Roni and Tim Wasson. During the past summer she worked in 2 youth camps, helped in the 4 State Camp meeting and attended camp meeting in West Virginia and also worked on a job.

Daniel Anima, 22, of Spearman, TX is the son of Alfredo and Rebecca Anima. Mark Murry is his pastor at Spearman Union Church.



He served as an intern during the past summer at Union Church and had several opportunities to minister to other young people.

Michael Pearce, a drive in student from Riverton, KS has taken several classes at AFBC.

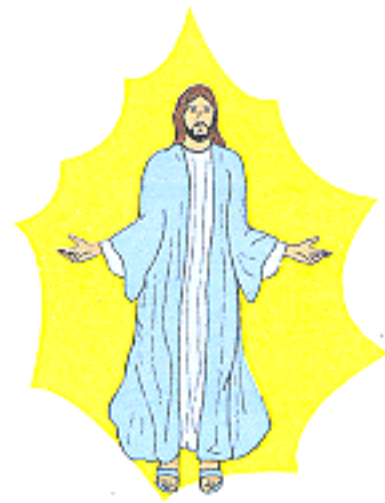
He and his wife Katie are pastors at the First Baptist Church in Riverton, KS.



Daniel Corral, of Joplin, MO is a drive -in student at AFBC. He is a 2021 graduate of AFBC.

He is also on staff at Watered Gardens Ministry in Joplin, MO.

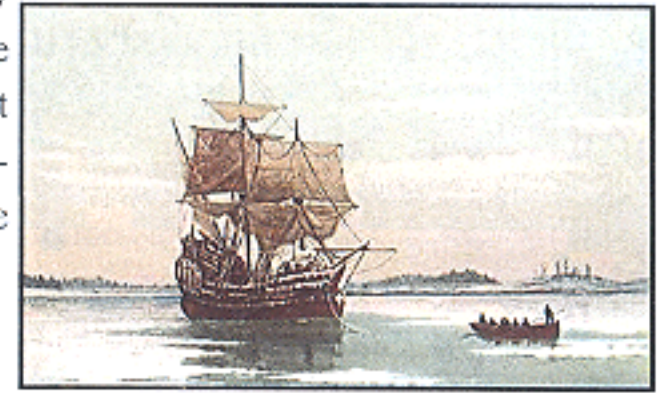
For thou shalt be His witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. Acts 22:15



JESUS

If we meet and you forget me
You've lost nothing!
If you meet Jesus Christ
And forget Him,
You have lost everything!

WAITING FOR YOUR ship to come in
will eventually
lead you to the
conclusion that
you were stand-
ing on the
wrong dock.



Thank You

Dear AFBC Scholarship Board,

Thank you again for this amazing opportunity to be part of the scholarship program. I am currently continuing my general studies degree with a business major in order to transfer to a university. At this time I will graduate Alvin Community College by May 2022. I know God has a lot of growth, knowledge and adventure through it all.

Courtney Derixson- Alvin, Texas

Psalm 42-Where Is Your God?

Samuel Fleming - Webb City, MO

In Psalm 42, the psalmist mentions how he hears voices asking him, "Where is your God?" When I read these words, I'm taken back to the old story in the book of Daniel in which three men are thrown into a fiery furnace. King Nebuchadnezzar wants Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to bow down and worship the idol he has built. And when the three men refuse to worship his idol, he threatens to throw them into the blazing fire. Just before they are thrown in, Nebuchadnezzar asks them, "What god will save you now? If you have a god, where is he? WHERE IS YOUR GOD?"

The king's question was answered inside the fire.

"With"

King Nebuchadnezzar stands after they had been in the fire for some time, looks into the furnace, and notices that there is a fourth man walking around in the fire with them... a man that looked like the Son of God. Jesus Himself was in that fire with them, taking the heat.

Many times, I hear the kings and the idols of my heart asking me, "Where is your God? He's gonna fail you. He won't save you. Come worship us! We have everything you need. We are truly satisfying. We will fill every void there is in your heart. Forget about Yahweh... He doesn't love you."

And with all the courage there is within me, I say no. I'll turn my eyes upon Jesus and Jesus alone. I'll lift my hands to Him and Him alone. I will not bow to the things of this world. They are NOT truly satisfying and I will never find what I need in them.

Jesus is all I need. I'm gonna worship Him, even if it means I'll be thrown into the fire. And that's okay, because I know Jesus will be with me there. That's incredibly comforting.

Where is your God?

He's with me. THAT is where He is.

Don't Go Back

By Rev. Bill Derixson- Alvin, TX

Isaiah 43:18-19- "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

When we receive Jesus as Lord, we become born again. We are new creatures, the old has passed away, and all things are made new. We have a new heart, new spirit, new nature, new kingdom, new power and new purpose. The old has passed away, including our sin and shame. God removes it as far as the east is from the west. There is nothing in that old life to look back to.

God redeemed Israel from a life bondage under whips and oppressions by cruel taskmasters. God set them free, spoiling all of Egypt as they left. They hadn't very gotten far when they began to face some challenges. What did they do and say when the going got rough? They turned back to Egypt in their words, thoughts and attitudes. Without even giving God an opportunity to make a way for them, Israel began murmuring and complaining against Him, longing to return to Egypt.

Jesus emphasizes the need for His followers to experience a death to old life He said, "anyone putting their hand to the plow and looks back, is unfit for the Kingdom of God." When we need help, strength and provision, we should look to God in prayer. God promises to meet all of our needs according to His riches in glory, in Christ Jesus. When we turn to the world for help, we insult the Lord. The Bible tells us, "Love not the world, neither the things in the world. If any man loves the world, the lust of the eyes, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world."

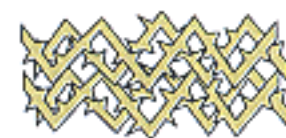
God will make a way for us in this world, even streams in a desert. He can make all grace abound toward us, that we having all we need, may grow up into Christ. We receive this help and direction as we seek Him in all things. Jesus told us to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all that we need will be added to us.

When we seek our own way, we often find it. Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but the end is death and destruction. We want what we want when we want it, but God knows what is a blessing to us, and what is a curse. God makes everything beautiful in His time. Wait on the Lord, delight yourself in Him, and He will give you the desires of your renewed heart.



When life isn't a bed of roses-

Remember who wore the thorns.



Thank you

Dear Friends of AFBC Scholarship Fund,

Thank you for your support during my Spring 2021 semester. I had an internship with a public accounting firm for the past tax season so I got to experience what I'm going to school for. I should graduate in Dec. 2022..

Blessings- Alexandra Tenant-Parkersburg, West Virginia



Rev. Jim Arnall—1935-2021

Funeral services for Rev. Jim Arnall, age 86, of the Big Springs community in Ashland, AL were held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at Bethel Christian Church., Ashland, AL with Rev. Bill Waggoner, Rev. Mike Brening, Rev. Wade Price, Rev. Ivor Smith and Rev. Kenneth Fuller officiating. Congregational songs were led by Rev. Ted Barker. Bro. Jim was laid to rest by his wife at the Bethel Church Cemetery.

Jim Arnall was born March 18, 1935 in Granby, Mo to Felix and Leona Arnall. He was the baby of 13 children and grew up the son of a minister. While working on a farm in his teenage years he met the love of his life, Mary Lou Bradford. He married the farmer's daughter on Feb. 28, 1955. They had built their first home in Granby where they had their first two children, Kayla in 1958 and Steve in 1960. He served in the Army Reserve National Guard at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO; El Paso, TX; and Neosho, MO. After 6 years of military service, he and his wife attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS where they graduated in 1964 and were called into ministry. They moved to Pine Hill, AL and pastored the Pine Hill Chapel for 8 years from 1965 to 1973. In 1966, they had their third child, Shauna. He helped establish Catherine Academy, and there taught Bible, music and shop before becoming Headmaster of the school. The friendships made there continued throughout their lifetime. In 1973, they were called to pastor Bethel Christian Church and move to Ashland, AL where together the whole family built a new home.

The pastored at Bethel for over 40 years. He also preached at the Oak Hill Church in Millerville once a month on Sunday afternoons from 1974-2005. He and his wife were directors at Bethel Christian School for 21 years. He served on the Board of Directors for the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS for 12 years.

One of his greatest ministries was his love for Pine Crest Youth Camp in Quitman, MS and worked in the camp from 1965-2021. After the camp burned from an accidental fire, he labored many hours to rebuild the camp, traveling to Quitman from Ashland every week for 2 years. After retiring from Bethel Church in 2013, he ministered at the Ashland Nursing Home, Senior Citizen Center, and even had a little Bible Study at McDonalds with a group of Senior Citizens, He also served as Chaplain to the Lineville police Dep. And conducted devotions and prayer with the officers.

Bro. Arnall is survived by his children Kayla Anderson (Thomas) of Ashland, AL ,Steve Arnall (Cathy) of Follett, TX and Shauna Denney (Duane) of Ashland, AL. His grandchildren, TaLona (Darrell), Stephanie Cook (Coby), Lindsay Danner (Ben) Tiffanie (Ken) Mullins, TaLisa Anderson, Jessica (Derek) Maddox, Lesli Turner, Ashley (Tanner) Woods, Taylor (Alison) Denney and Trey (Kendall) Denney, 27 great-grandchildren, a sister, Josephine Barrett and a brother, Wilbur Arnall.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 65 years, Mary Lou Bradford Arnall, his parents, Felix and Leona Arnall, his sisters, Bonnie Keith and Ena Cook, brothers, George Arnall, Clyde Arnall, Ernie Arnall, Pete Arnall, Bill Arnall, Floyd Arnall, Johnnie Arnall and Bobby Arnall.

Scotty Ray Forbes– 1958-2021

Scotty Ray Forbes was born on Sept.7,1958 in Joplin, MO to Bill Ray and Sandra (Endicott) Forbes. On Nov. 29, 1980 he married Cindy Miller in Riverton, KS.

Scott was an avid sports fan and met many of the Houston sports team celebrities. He loved playing sports and watching them. He excelled in basketball and on multiple occasions, hit 100 free throws in a row. Hunting, shooting his guns and playing golf were his favorite hobbies. He also enjoyed attending the drag races with his grandson Hugo. Scott enjoyed music. He didn't care if he was just sitting in his garage or going to concerts. One of Scott's favorite places to visit was Sugar Creek in Missouri, which he had been doing since he was a child.

Scott started his career in the oil and gas industry in 1991. His love for the business allowed him to work his way up to become Vice President of Americas Supply Chain Cost at Wood Mackenzie, where started in 2018 and worked until his death.

Scotty Ray Forbes passed away on Sunday, July 18,2021 in Houston, TX at the age of 62. He is survived by his wife Cindy Forbes, of Katy, TX; daughter Charissa Howard; grandson, Hugo Howard; parents, Bill and Sandra Forbes of Riverton, KS and brothers Brad Forbes of Overland Park, KS and Doug Forbes and wife Mindy of Riverton, KS.

Funeral services were held on Friday July 23, 2021 at Katy Community Fellowship in Katy TX with Rev. Tim Barker officiating. Interment was in Katy Magnolia Cemetery in Katy, TX with Joan Murray officiating.



Aaron Paul Stephens- 1967-2021

Aaron Paul Stephens, age 54, of Joplin, MO went home to be with the Lord on August 7, 2021 at Mercy Hospital in Joplin.

Paul was born on March 13, 1967 to Michael and Mary Stephens. He graduated from Parkwood High School in 1985. Paul received an Associate of Science in computer programming and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in economics and finance from Missouri Southern State University in 1990. He worked in management at Garfield's for many years and most recently at Cheddars Scratch Kitchen. In his younger years he enjoyed wrestling and soccer. One of his greatest passions was Mong Su Dom Tai, where he earned his 8th degree Black belt. He was a Master SIGUNG and a Foundational. In his spare time he loved to spend time with his family and friends and also enjoyed fishing and playing disc golf. Paul attended Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO.

Paul married the love of his life, Tracy (Moser), on April 12, 1991. They recently celebrated their 30th anniversary. They were blessed with 3 sons, Nicholas, Chad and Corey, all who survive of the home. Additional survivors include his mother, Mary Stephens, his sister, Kendall Vanderbol and husband Adam, Uncle, Mark Stephens, Aunt, Trish Davis, Mother-in-law, Mary Moser. Paul is also survived by a big extended family who loved him very much and a host of wonderful friends. We all know "Everybody loved Paul". Paul is preceded in death by his father, Michael Stepehns, an infant sister, Melissa Stephens and his father-in-law, Phillip Moser.

Funeral services were held on August 12, 2021 at Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, Mo with Rev. Richard Morris and Rev. Brian Moser officiating. Interment was at Saginaw Cemetery, Saginaw, MO.



Roberta Hromas- March 18,1932-August 3,2021

With her heart set on Heaven and her eyes fixed on Jesus, Roberta “Bobi Hromas was devoted to continuing her family’s ministry that began with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at her Grandfather Charles Parham’s Bethel Bible College in Topeka, Kansas in 1901.

At their wedding on August 25, 1952, an usher told Les that Bobi could do anything a church service might need; “sing, take an offering, preach and close in prayer.” Throughout her 89 years, Bobi did all those things and more. In 1975, En Agape was birthed from a weekly Bible study she’d taught. Through that ministry, Bobi established Houses of Prayer in Washington D.C. and Jerusalem. She also authored several books, her first being Passport to the Bible in 1980. Throughout the years, Bobi hosted a weekly Bible Study series on television, launched and ran The Victorian restaurant, oversaw graduate level study programs in Jerusalem and Oxford, served on Regent University’s Board of Trustees, spoke at many national events, and hosted global prayer trips. Roberta earnestly desired that everyone experience the love of God deeply, and her daily activities were filled with ensuring everyone she encountered, whether at the Israeli embassy or the local grocery store, knew that “*it’s all about Jesus.*” Bobi also had a gift for making simple things extraordinary, and she was often leading the charge in adventures, whether it be riding camels in Israel or an afternoon tea with her grandchildren.

Bobi is lovingly remembered by her husband, Dr, Leslie Hromas, their son Dr, Robert Hromas and his wife Shari, and their daughter Lee Ann Bowman, as well as their grandchildren: Christina Hamrick and husband Benjamin, Dr. Christopher Hromas and wife Dr. Gabrielle Hromas, Jonathan Bowman and wife Ashley, Joshua Hromas and Rachel Hromas. Les and Bobi have seven great-grandchildren; Brianna and Julia Bowman; Jonathan, Justin, James and Kason Hamrick; and Kostya Hromas.

Memorial Services were held on August 21, 2021 at the Harbor Church in Lomita, CA and on Sept. 16, 2021 at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS. She was interred at the Baxter Springs , KS Cemetery.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father.

Janet Estep- July 1939- Sept. 17,2021

Janet Estep, age 82 of Joplin, MO. Passed away on Sept.17,2021 at Freeman Hospital following an illness. Janet was born on July 78,1939 in Louisville, KY the daughter of Norbert and Nora Zimmer. Most recently, Janet worked with her husband as a private distributor for Highland Dairy for more than 20 years before retiring in 2016. She was a member of Fairview Baptist Church in Joplin and ministered there as a teacher. She also attended a Ladies Bible Study at Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin. Janet and her husband Andrew attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College as drive-in students before his passing and she continued after that.



She married her husband Andrew in 1980. He passed away in January 2021. Additional survivors include three sons; Mark Estep (Cynthia) of Philadelphia, PA, Ross Runnells (Sheila) of Joplin, MO, Joshua Runnells (Waka) of Okinawa, Japan, one daughter Joe Ann Washam (James) of Mammoth Springs, AR, one sister; Linda Weekly of Leesburg, FL.

A Memorial Service was held on Sept. 23,2021 at Fairview Baptist Church in Joplin. Pastor Josh Branham officiated.

Isaiah 46:4

“Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He who will sustain you.”

Rev. Larry Welsh– Sept.1,1935-Sept. 13,2021

Rev. Larry Welsh, age 86, passed away peacefully on Sept. 13,2021. Services were held at Schmidt Funeral home in Bellville, TX, officiated by Carrie Poffenberger, with inspirational memories shared by Dean Harper and Earl Malone.

He was born Sept. 1,1935, in Kalamazoo, MI, the son of Francis and Frieda Welsh. Larry grew up and attended schools in Kalamazoo and later in western Oklahoma, graduating from Guymon, Oklahoma High School. Next he attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS to prepare for a life of pastoring and ministering. While there he met his future bride, Betty Baker, whom he would later marry in 1956. He spent some time conducting revival meetings in California and singing and traveling with a male quartet through various states in the Midwest.



Larry's pastoring of churches began in West Texas Hill Country and continued to new Mexico, Alabama, Missouri and finally in 1966 to Bellville, Texas. In addition to pastoring, he earned a living by working at a number of other occupations, including as a school district cafeteria supervisor; owning and operating Welsh Appliance Service, owning washaterias, dry cleaning and laundry businesses, managing The Vine Christian Book Store and working as an auditor for Sauls and Pechacek CPA. Larry retired from full-time pastoring at Christian Faith Church in Bellville in 1989 and began assisting new congregations.

During the years he pastored at Bellville, he also served as president of the PTA; president of the Ministerial Alliance; president of the South Texas Minister's and Laity Meetings; a Chapter Advisor of Women's Aglow; coordinating the county observance of "Key 73"; coordinating the county Ministerial Alliance's observance of the Bi-Centennial; and working in various summer camps for young people.

From 1998 until 2002, Larry and Betty traveled from "coast to coast" and "border to border" assisting Hilton Sutton World Ministries. As Larry had always been an avid student of Bible prophecy, he considered it quite an honor to get to work with Hilton Sutton.

Larry is survived by his wife; Betty Welsh of Bellville; daughters; Dian Poffenberger and her husband, Danny, Ilena Szymanski and her husband, Cowboy, and Connie Cantu and her husband, Richard, all of Bellville; son: Michael Welsh of Friendswood, TX; grandchildren; Shalena P. McPartland and her husband, Mark, Jerrod Poffenberger and his wife Misti, Marcus Poffenberger and his wife, Carrie, Travis Stone, Mwana Stone, Jacob Welsh, Katie Krupala, and Amanda Thompson and her husband, Dave; great grandchildren; Stewart and Caroline Poffenberger, Lanie and Daniel Ashriel Poffenberger, Layla Stone, and Austin McPartland; sister; Margaret Miller; sister-in-law; Doris Welsh; brothers-in-law; Lawrence Deal and Earl Malone and numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Frieda Welsh, brother, Stephen Welsh, step-mother Marjory Welsh, grandson, Joseph Stone, great grandchildren, J.J. and Lily Poffenberger, brother-in-law, Elson Miller, sister-in-law, Dixie Deal and Carol Malone, nephews, Larry Don Deal and Daniel Miller.

“ The righteous father walks in integrity; his children are blessed after him. “ Proverbs 20:7

Editors note:-When I received the notice of Bro. Larry's passing I wanted to add what Sis. Betty wrote: "Larry was in a nursing home & hospice care since early January, 2021. It wasn't long after his arrival there that the Staff began calling him Pastor". This was because they observed him with the large print Bible on his lap (in his wheelchair) reading with great interest. They also commented that he never began eating his meals until he had prayed.... And after awhile, some would come to him for prayer. Our family realized soon that the nursing home had become his final pastoral assignment. Praises be to God for the lives he blessed- though he suffered greatly". Thank God for faithful servants!

“His lord said unto him, well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of the Lord.” Matthew 25:23

Run to the Father

A few years ago my Dad and Mom had come to Texas for a few days to help us work on some remodeling on the home we had purchased. Dad was in the walk-in closet of our girls bedroom working and I had stepped out on the front porch. A pickup unknown to me pulled up and a man I'd never met before got out. At that moment, a very large German Shepherd jumped out of the bed of the pickup and charged in my direction. Overcome by fear of this very large animal charging in my direction and without much thought, I ran.

I ran as fast as I could to the closet where Dad was working and frantically told him about the dog. Immediately he began to walk swiftly, hammer in hand, to the front porch to protect me from the intimidating creature. By the time we got to the porch, my husband was also outside, visiting with the owner of the dog who was his coworker. Said dog was harmless and all was well. Of course, everyone who was around had a good laugh at my panic over the situation.

As soon as my fear subsided I mused over the fact that this grown girl had gone into default setting and ran to her father with little or no thought. My dad had always been my protector and running to him was my built-in response to the fear that I felt.

As children of God, we have been invited to go to our Father with our needs and concerns. *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your heart and minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4: 6&7.

The Creator of the universe has invited us to let our requests be made known to Him and offered His peace when we do. Patients often ask us to pray with them and while it can become routine for a chaplain, prayer can often bring that patient to a place of peace in their circumstances. How wonderful it is to connect someone with the Father!

Our 13- year- old daughter went to church camp in June and I attended one of the evening services. It thrilled my heart to hear the teenagers singing one of the newer contemporary worship songs.

"I run to the Father

I fall into grace

I'm done with hiding

No reason to wait.

My heart needs a surgeon

My soul needs a friend

So I'll run to the Father

Again and again and again and again."

I thought "Oh God this is why they are here, why so many have sacrificed so much through the years to be sure the kids know they can run to the Father over and over again."

I am also reminded of the words of an old hymn-

"What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear.

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.

O what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear.

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."

What a comforting reality! I can run to the Father and find His grace and peace in every circumstance. God has been my Salvation, my Rock, my Strength, my Healer, my Comforter, my Teacher, my Friend, my Anchor, and my Hope.

So I run to the Father— again and again and again and again.

Vanessa Harris— Granby, Mo.

Freeman Hospital Chaplain-Joplin, MO



Midway Country Church of Logan, OK celebrated 75 (plus) years on Sept. 12, 2021. This small church in a remote location has had a big influence during those years. It formed or supported mission work in Mexico, Haiti, Philippines, India, Africa, Costa Rica and locally. This involved supporting many missionaries, orphanages, schools, and churches throughout the world. Services throughout the year are led by missionaries returning here to give updates on God's work worldwide. Local outreach to the community continues. Recently a dinner honoring the First Responders was held at Victory Schoolhouse. A Men's Prayer Breakfast is held the first Saturday of the month from Nov. through April. The church continues to be involved in both the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS and the youth camps at the campgrounds in Laverne, OK.

There were approximately 120 people present at the 75th Celebration.. At least four of those, Velora (Adair) Cummings, Ilene (Jacobs) Sanger, Ted Barker and Les Jacobs, had been present when the church was dedicated in 1945.



The morning service included the dedication of a new pulpit in memory of a long time church member Jerry Howard. Rev. Ted Barker brought the message. He talked about the past but also challenged the people to "reach forth unto those things which are before" Philippians 3:13.

A big noon meal followed the morning service. During the afternoon, testimonies and memories were shared by a number of the attendees. These included Billie Ragan and Kathryn Cornell, widows of former pastors, Neil Ragan and Jack Cornell. Rev. Marlon Sparks of Perryton, Texas was in charge of the afternoon service and shared his testimony as well. All in all, it was a very good day!

Randall Bensch



Ilene (Jacobs) Sanger & Les Jacobs



Velora (Adair) Cummings, Billie Ragan, Deanna Barker, Joanna Blackwell & Kathryn Cornell

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The Joy of Serving

Several years ago when I was given an assignment to write a testimony on “**The Joy of Serving**” my mind immediately went to the service of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are reminded in Hebrews 12:2 “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” In this scripture we are reminded that service to others is not always as it seems it should be. There are times when our service is truly a sacrifice- other times a true pleasure. Sometimes we are not able to pick the service to others but it is God who directs us as He chooses us to serve. For me it has been those times that real joy has manifested itself. A joy that only God can give filled with peace and contentment., a joy that this world cannot take away..

One example that was truly joyful in my life was: Working along side of my dear friend, Sandra Forbes cooking at Youth Camp and Camp Meeting. We worked from daylight to dark many times attending night services so tired and what made it all worthwhile was seeing the children and youth around the altar gaining victories that in so many have lasted their lifetimes.

Another example of real joy to me is when as a Sunday School teacher I see the eyes of a student light up and you know they have understood what you have taught and you also know that it was not you but the Holy Spirit that was teaching- I was only a vessel through which He worked.

But above all I know that the true joy will come to all of us when we hear the words “*well done*”- that will be joy unspeakable and full of glory.

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of the Lord. Matthew 25;21

Karen Oakes- Joplin, MO