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## *Ecclesiastes*

### *3:1*

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven;

A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted,



A time to kill, and a time and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose, a time to keep, and a time to cast away.;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;

A time of war and a time of peace.



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## By Laws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College

### 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

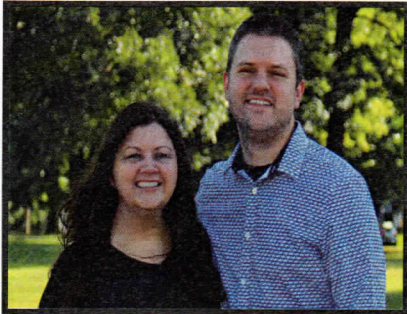
\*Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly

\*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.

# AFBC FACULTY—2019-2020

For the Word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth. Psalm 33:4



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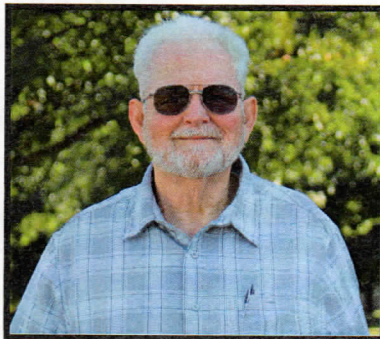
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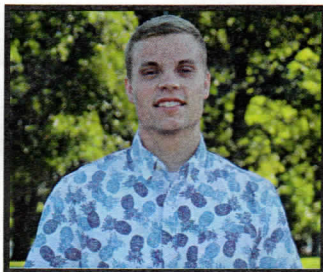
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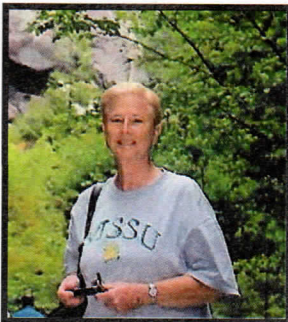
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## AFBC Students 2019-2020

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

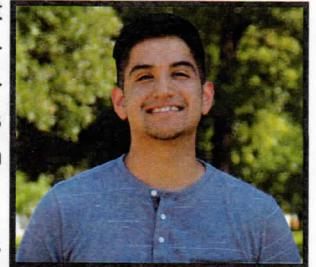


**Natalie Alley**, age 21 is the daughter of John and Tressa Alley of Alleyton, TX is a 2nd year student.

During this past summer she interned at the Word of Life in Bentonville, AR.

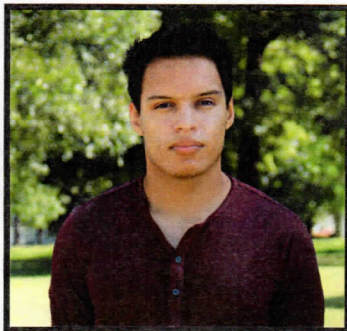
**Daniel Anima**, age 20, a 1st year student, is from Spearman, TX. His parents are Alfredo and Rebecca Anima. His home church is Union Church where Mark Murray pastors.

He knew of AFBC from his sister Laura Anima who is an AFBC Alumni.

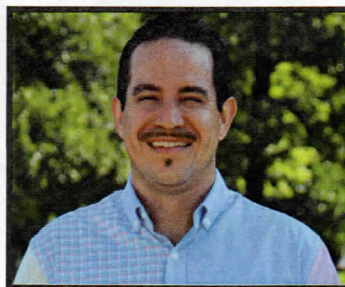


**Ivan Caro**, 19, a 2nd year student, is from Spearman, TX. His parents are Ivan and Maria Caro.

He interned at Radiant Life in Bentonville, AR where Galen Percy is pastor.



**Rana Clement**, age 19, is a 1st year student. She is the daughter of Ramona Napolitano and Marty Esli of Huntsville, AR. Her home church is Huntsville Living Faith. Junior Jurelang is her pastor Her sister is an alumni of AFBC.



**Daniel Corral**, of Joplin, MO is a 1st year student. He attends Uncommon Life Church in Joplin, MO under the ministry of Rev. Richard Morris.

He feels that God is preparing him for lifelong ministry of sharing the gospel.

**Courtney Derixson**, of Alvin, TX is a 1st year student. She is 19 and the daughter of Bill and Christina Derixson, former AFBC alumni and pastors at the Alvin Apostolic Faith Church .



**Rebecca Gregg**, age 20, is the daughter of Steve and Dawna Gregg of Shawnee, OK. She is a 2nd year student and interned this past summer in Bentonville, AR.

Her home church is Abiding Grace Tabernacle. Paul Gregg is her pastor.



**Miguel Ibarra**, age 21, is a 2nd year student and is from Spearman, TX. His parents are Carmen and Seferino Ibarra. His home church is Iglesia Hispang Asambleas De Dios and Iglesia El Camino. His pastors are

Jose Avalos and Sererino Ibarra.



**Darrin Mark Kinser, 22,** is a 2nd year student from Liberal, KS. His parents are Delvin and Rhonda Kinser.

He counseled at the Laverne Senior Camp this past summer.

**Marcus Morrison, 23,** is from Hudson, WY and is a 2nd year student. His parents, Paul and Margaret Morrison are AFBC alumni and pastor his home church, Hudson Community Church. During the summer he worked on his family's farm.



**Cooper Oakes, 19,** is a 1st year student from Joplin, MO. His parents are Glenn and Carrie Oakes, AFBC alumni. He attends Southside Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Brian Moser.



**Jacob Urick, 19,** is from Alvin, TX and is a 1st year student. His parents, Jacob and Kristal Urick are AFBC alumni. His home church is the Apostolic Faith Church. Rev. Bill Derixson is his pastor.



**Abigail Wingo, 20,** is from Laverne, OK. She is a 3rd year student and the daughter of Thomas and Connie Wingo. She interned this past summer at the Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church where Joel Dorris is pastor.

**Michael Pearce,** and his wife Katie, pastor the Riverton, KS First Baptist Church. He is a 2nd year drive-in student. During the summer, he helped in a joint VBS in the community.



**Andrew and Janet Estep, 1st** year drive-in students, are from Joplin, MO. They attend Fairview Baptist Church.

Joshua Branham is their pastor.

**Coweta Letterman,** of Joplin, MO is a 1st year drive-in student.

She attends Southside Apostolic Faith Church where Brian Moser is pastor.



**Mary Ann Huston,** of Joplin, MO is a 1st year drive-in student.

Her pastor is Brian Moser at Southside Apostolic Faith Church where she attends.



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*Go to learn. Learn to go.*

*"Faithful is he that calleth you, who will do it"*

I Thessalonians 5:24

Think about the freedom and empowerment found in the above verse: *"Faithful is he that calleth you, WHO WILL ALSO DO IT!"* Not only has God called us out of darkness into light, but He is the one in us (Galatians 2:20), living it out through the power of the Holy spirit. Whatever this world brings we can overcome with joy because Jesus has already overcome the world (John 16:33).

The message we've heard over and over this year is one of consecration. God is calling us closer to Himself, to reveal Himself to the world through us. As we deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and abide in him, we grow. I've been encouraged as I've listened to the students testimonies of how God used them at home over Thanksgiving break. One of the students mentioned today that in his life, ministry is just happening. It isn't premeditated or scripted; it is just bubbling out of him, as he lives his life. It's more "who he is" than "what he does ." I LOVE IT! That's it! God is faithful and as we lay our lives down and follow Him, He calls us AND does it.

Things are going well here at AFBC. Through progress stalled at the start of the new school year, we are back in building mode as we continue to work on our staff housing renovation. Darla is more than ready to move into newly remodeled apartment, so we are working to finish this project as quickly as we can.

As always, there is much to do. Please continue to pray for us. We know God has big plans for the future, Our desire is to simply follow Him. He is faithful and He will do it. In my excitement and anticipation, I sometimes find myself desiring to force His Word and promises into reality. That's not my place. I'm simply called to be obedient today, and god is responsible for the results.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. We love you and we hope you have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Brian Harris- Superintendent

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## AFBC Music Ministry Fall Tour

The AFBC Music ministry Team headed out on it's fall tour mid-October traveling to churches in Oklahoma and Texas. The team, consisting of seven students and three staff members, loaded up their van and trailer on October 12th and headed for Laverne, OK. We used the Apostolic Faith Campgrounds as our home base, staying there throughout the ten day tour. We had the opportunity to visit many familiar churches, some new churches and reconnect with some as well. Through song and personal testimony, the students de-



clared the faithfulness and goodness of God. Each service we saw the spirit of God move on the hearts of His people bringing hope, peace, and an increase of faith. A couple of days we had some down time, and were blessed to be able to minister in a couple of nursing homes and help serve in a local food pantry. The students were just as passionate about serving the kingdom offstage as they were during each of their services.

The students grew tremendously through this process. Not only in their talents and abilities, but also in their ministry and confidence. Thank you so much to everyone who worked to provide them this opportunity to grow in ministry!

Matthew Harris-AFBC Music Team Director



## AFBC Fall Mission Team

This fall, the AFBC Missions Team traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to work with a ministry called *Phoenix Inner City Kids*. This ministry picks up children from the projects in vans and they bring the kids to a safe place for food, fun, and most importantly the Gospel. Joan Gray is the Executive Director of PICK and has been involved in this ministry for over 25 years. She has an amazing heart for these children that come from broken homes and different walks of life. Our Missions Team was able to go and be an encouragement to both the kids and leadership of PICK. The team did everything from pulpit ministry to cleaning the entire facility. Below is a student testimon-

ny on how God used them on the trip:

“This year, we had the privilege to go to Phoenix Inner City Kids. It was awesome to hear the stories of how God has provided for them. Wednesday night was our first service. This service hosts kids that are 12 and under. We had spent a lot of time preparing and praying for this trip, and we got to see the fruit of that in the first service. After testimonies and songs, we gave an altar call and all the kids opened up and made requests to God. I was able to pray with and encourage the children that night. Joan said that she had never seen them open up to any other group. It was nice to be a part of their lives for just a little bit.” Daniel Corral- 1st Year Missions Team Student

Thank you to everyone that has contributed in both finances and prayer. We couldn't do this without you! God is good and He always will be.

Austin Laubach - MissionsTeam Director

## *“Come To The Table”*



We at Pine Hill Chapel in Pine Hill, Alabama celebrated our 60th Anniversary on Sunday, September 15, 2019. There were 165 who gathered to tell of God’s faithfulness! We were honored to have former Pastors Jim and Lou Arnall, Jack and Elizabeth Hopson and Carl and Cody Jelsovsky (with daughter Chandra and granddaughter Jacey) as well as several family members of former pastor Leon Smith join us for the celebration.

The Youth Group from the church presented a drama, “Come To The Table” in which they went out into the congregation and invited the former Pastors and their families to come to the table that had been set at the front of the church. Pastor Mike Brening anointed them and had prayer over them. It was a powerful way to honor their service and remind us all that Jesus calls us all to the table to fellowship with Him.



Rev. & Mrs. Carl Jelsovsky, Rev. & Mrs. Jim Arnall, Rev. & Mrs. Mike Brening and Rev. & Mrs. Jack Hopson.

Brother Jim Arnall shared the faithfulness of God through the years to Pine Hill Chapel and to him and Sister Lou. Brother Jack Hopson shared how the Lord many years ago in Bayard, Nebraska put Alvera Laeger, later Brening (Bro. Mike’s Mom) in his path as a school teacher, which led him to attend the Apostolic Faith Church in Bayard. He went on to attend The Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas and through ministry in Mississippi met his wife, Elizabeth. He and Sister Elizabeth pastored in Pine Hill. Brother Jack brought it full circle as he shared how God amazingly had a plan. As Bro. Mike anointed him during the Anniversary Service, Bro. Jack was reminded that he, as a Board member at the Apostolic Faith Bible College, had anointed Bro. Mike and Sis. Peggy many years before during their Ordination into the ministry in 1981! God is so good! Bro. Carl Jelsovsky shared the importance of sharing our stories with one another so we can tell of God’s faithfulness, which was the theme of the service!

We ended the Anniversary Service in worship to our Great God by singing “Is He Worthy?” The last part of the song:

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?*

*The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave. He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.*

*From every people and tribe (People and tribe) Every nation and tongue (Every nation and tongue)*

*He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son*

*Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?*

*Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is! He is!*

*Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!*

*He is worthy! He is worthy! He is!*

We displayed many memory boards with pictures and letters from the past 60 years. Testimonies were written and shared how Pine Hill Chapel has ministered to individuals in the past 60 years. What a blessing to read of God’s faithfulness to use Pine Hill Chapel, it’s Pastors and it’s members to further His kingdom. We enjoyed a great time of fellowship at a meal following the service.



**Thank the Lord for all the Pastors that have served at Pine Hill Chapel:**

*Harold and Wilburta Bollinger, Larry Welsh, Leon Smith, Jim & Lou Arnall, Carl & Cody Jelsovsky, Terry Mathis, David & Sharon McCance, Gary Fennell, Jack & Elizabeth Hopson, Frank & Corri Arnall, Kevin & Tena Cornell, Earl & Bessie Morgan, Richard & Renee Morris, Wayne & Kay Wheeler and Mike & Peggy Brening.*

***“Forever, O, Lord, thy Word is settled in Heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations; Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.” Psalm 119:89-90***

## **Harris-Laubach Wedding**

*Sarah Harris, daughter of Calvin and Debbie Harris of Rock Island, TX and Austin Laubach, son of Shane and Robyn Laubach of Webb City, MO were married on August 31, 2019 at Frisco Church in Webb City, MO. Sarah’s brother Brian Harris officiated.*

*Austin and Sarah are both involved in ministry at Frisco Church in Webb City, MO where they attend. Sarah is on the music team and Austin is involved with the youth. They are both alumni of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. Austin now is on staff at the college. He is directing the AFBC Missions Team and serves as an instructor.*



### **“See I Am Doing A New Thing”**

**-Isaiah 43:19**

Kendra Dorris,  
director of the  
Filling Station

Youth Center in Follett, TX would like to announce the adoption of her two children. Alexia Kate Dorris, age 13 and John Malachi Dorris age 11, on Nov.11, 2019.

They have been lovingly brought by God into the Dorris and Oakes families. Their grandparents are Joel and Tammy Dorris of Carl Junction, MO. Great grandparents are Joe Dorris of Jasper, MO and Dennie and Karen Oakes of Joplin, MO.

They have also been blessed with aunts, uncles, many, many cousins plus their great big family of God.

## **The Bible**

### **According To Me**

I am my neighbor’s Bible  
He reads me when we meet  
Today he reads me in my home  
Tomorrow in the street;  
He may be relative or friend  
Or slight acquaintance be,  
He may not even know my name,  
but he is reading me.





### ***Rev. Amos Harris– 1932-2019***

Rev. Amos Harris, one of God's faithful servants, was called home on Monday, Sept. 16, 2019 at Heritage Estates in Gering, Nebraska. Amos was born on April 29, 1932 to Amos (Sr.) and Vema (King) Harris near Pampa, TX. Amos grew up on the farm and always had a love of the land, gardening and livestock. Amos was raised in a strong Christian home and accepted Christ as his savior at an early age. He soon made it his life's passion to study the Word and share Jesus with others. Amos attended high school in Pampa, TX and then attended and graduated from the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS in 1951. After graduating from Bible College he traveled by train to his first church calling in Bayard, Nebraska. Amos met his wife Violet (Kildow) in Bayard and they were married December 22, 1954. Amos and Violet later went on to pastor churches in Ralls, TX, Oklahoma City, OK, Denver, CO, Pampa, TX, Bayard, NE and his most recent calling to Scottsbluff, NE. Amos and Violet established many lifelong relationships in the churches they served.

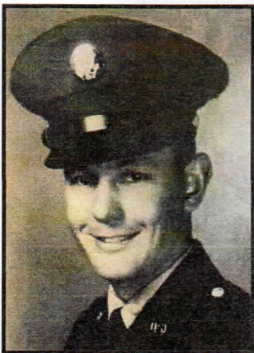
Amos pastored churches but was always bi-vocational. In 1973, Amos, along with fellow pastor, Leo Brotzman, formed A&L Construction INC. in Scottsbluff. A&L built and remodeled many homes in the Panhandle.

Amos and Violet began a family in 1955 with the birth of their daughter Janae (Steve Kenney), followed by two sons Mark (Joan) and Paul (Julie). Amos had a large influence on his 5 grandsons, Jeremy (Rachel), Erik (Alexandra), Andrew (Tara), Kyle (Lisa), and Adam (Carli). Amos had 5 siblings, including Elsie Christenson of Pampa, TX, Glen Harris of Amarillo, TX, Mary Beth Williams of Wichita falls, TX, Charity Harris and David Harris of Pampa, TX.

Amos is survived by his wife Violet, sons Mark and Paul, siblings Elsie, Mary Beth, Charity and David, 5 grandsons and their wives and 4 great grandchildren.

Amos was preceded in death by his parents, his father and mother-in-law Henry and Mollie Kildow, his daughter Janae and brother Glen.

His interment service was held on Sept. 20th at the Bayard Cemetery followed by his Celebration Service in Scottsbluff with Pastor Andrew Griess officiating. Memorials were given to Zion Evangelical Church, where he served most recently and recognized as "Pastor Emeritus".



### ***Truman Andrew Summerford- 1938-2019***

Truman Andrew Summerford, son of Odessa Louise Green Summerford and Tommy Andrew Summerford, was born in Ralls, TX on May 16, 1938. On October 25, 2019, at the age of 81, he was called to his heavenly home. Truman had to become a family provider very early in life. His father passed away when he was only 6 months old and when he was old enough he helped on the farm. That is why Truman was such a hard working and talented man.

After Truman trusted the Lord as his Savior, he sought and served Him in many ways. One way was by singing in a traveling quartet. As the quartet visited many churches he met many people that became life long friends. One girl in particular, he decided he needed to get to know her a little better, so after he asked if he could date her, she became his lifelong sweetheart. On June 2, 1962 he married Diana Dale Stump Summerford.

In 1960 prior to their marriage, Truman joined the U.S. Army Reserves. After 6 months of basic training, he served another 51/2 years actively serving and attending his monthly meetings and summer training sessions each year.

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After their marriage, Truman and Diana made their home in Canyon, TX, where he provided for the two of them by working as a professional painter. While in Canyon, Truman and Diana started their family by having two of their three children, Jeffrey and Angela. Later he relocated his family to Hardesty, Ok to become a dairy farmer for a few years. It was then that Truman started working for the US Postal Service by becoming Hardesty's postmaster. After a couple of years, he transferred to Hinton, OK to be postmaster. While living there, Truman and Diana had their third child, a daughter, Kimberly. In 1977, they made their home in Sayre, OK, where Truman became the postmaster for 20 years. During his time with the US Postal Service, Truman served in many capacities in The National League of Postmasters. When he retired from the Postal Service, Truman and Diana moved back to Hardesty, OK. Even though he was retired, that certainly did not change his work ethic. He continued working in many different roles while he was still able. During those years, Truman served as city clerk for the town of Hardesty but one of his favorite roles was to help Buford and David Stump during harvest time. He loved to drive the combine for them.



Truman not only worked hard to provide for his family during his life, he also worked hard for his community by serving in the Kiwanis Club and volunteering to video record all Sayre High School football and basketball games. Truman was very patriotic and loved America's symbol, the Bald Eagle. Truman also loved serving with the Gideon's International and handing out Bibles. One of the activities Truman enjoyed was taking his grandkids for rides on his GoldWing motorcycle. While he owned his motorcycle, he was a member of a motorcycle club that he thoroughly enjoyed. He also loved reading. He could always be caught reading, whether it was a good western book or the Bible. He spent countless hours reading, studying and teaching the Bible. He knew more about God's Word than a lot of preachers. This is why he did a great job serving as pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church in Hardesty until he decided to retire. He also served on the Board of Trustees at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS.

Truman loved studying, preparing sermons and teaching the Word of God in hope that others would see the love of Jesus in their lives. He wanted everyone to know the blessings and faithfulness of a God who holds every life in the palm of His hand. He loved his wife, children, his family, his churches and most of all he loved his Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. He taught others to do the same. He not only spoke the Word but he lived it out in his everyday life. Because he impacted so many he will be greatly missed.

Preceding him in death are his father, Tommy Summerford, mother, Odessa (Summerford) Willis and her husband, Andy Willis, brother, Tommy Ray Summerford, brother-in-law, Jerry McClenagan and father-in-law, Buford Stump.

Surviving him are his wife Diana Summerford of the home; sister, Martha McClenagan of Amarillo, TX; a son Jeffrey Summerford (Robin) of Oklahoma City, OK; daughter Angela Larpenter (Kevin) of Tahoka, TX; daughter, Kimberly Chapman (Brian) of Durham, OK; grandchildren, Mitch Summerford (Sydnie) of Oklahoma City, OK, Marrison (Summerford) Callen (Nate) of Lincoln, NE; Kyle Larpenter (Carrie) of Lubbock, TX; Kadi (Larpenter) Stunz (Jake) of Plano, TX; Kara Larpenter of Lubbock, TX; and Kade Chapman of Durham, OK; mother-in-law, Mildred Stump; brother-in-law Merrill Stump (Kathy); brother-in-law, David Stump (Kathy). Also missing their great granddad are Jerry, Kathleen, Presli, Mila, Titus and Micah; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other loved ones and friends.

Services to celebrate the life of Truman Summerford were held on Tuesday October 29, 2019 at the Hardesty Community Church in Hardesty, OK. Rev. Ted Barker officiated.



## Winona Mae Waggoner– 1930-2019

Winona Mae Waggoner of Elkins, AR went to be with the Jesus on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019. She was born Aug. 11, 1930 in Wichita, KS to William Dekalb and Zana Anna (Roach) Yeakel. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Bobby Glen Waggoner.

Winona was the only child of a pastor/evangelist traveling all over the United States in ministry. She met the love of her life, Bobby, in 1950 in Roswell, New Mexico, where her parents were pastoring the Apostolic Faith Church. They were married in June of 1951 and were married for 67 years. In 1961 they moved to Madison County, Arkansas where she helped manage the family's 800 acre farm and poultry business. She enjoyed working with ceramics and macramé, and loved baby sitting her grandkids. She was a long time member and pianist of Crosses Community Church and was very involved in her church and community, as well as serving on the Elkins City Council. She made the best chocolate cake ever, for which she was famous! She also had a recipe for "How to Preserve A Husband".

Winona is survived by 2 daughters Patricia Warford (Gene) of Fayetteville, AR, and Pamela Eurich of Elkins, AR; sons Bill Waggoner (Rhonda) of Elkins, AR, David Waggoner of the Florida Keys and Delbert Waggoner (Jamie) of Ashland, KS; 9 grandchildren; 15 great -grandchildren and many other nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held on Friday, Oct. 25, 2019 at Moores's Funeral Chapel in Fayetteville, AR and burial followed at McCord Cemetery, Elkins, AR.

## Norma Sumler - 1937-2019

Mrs. Norma Ruth Sumler, 82, of Anderson, MO , departed this life on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019 in the comfort of her home after months of declining health.

Norma began her earthly journey on Sept. 26, 1937, in rural Anderson, MO, one of two daughters born to the late Arvil and Lola (Eurit) Kidd. She was raised on the family farm near Anderson and was a 1954 graduate of Rocky Comfort High School. Shortly after high school, she moved to Kansas City, MO. Where she worked for Hallmark Cards. On Sept. 29, 1957, she was united in marriage to Harry Lewis Sumler and to this union was one son born. They resided in Kansas City until purchasing a farm in Anderson, MO, in March 1969. Norma worked several years as a CNA. She started her career at the former Cardwell Hospital in Stella, MO. In 1984 she accepted a position at the Anderson Guest House, remaining there until a devastating fire destroyed the facility in November of 2006. She retired in 2009, from Seneca House in Seneca, MO.



She enjoyed crocheting, embroidery, canning, word search puzzles, mowing and watching the Andy Griffith show. She was a lifelong member of Union Chapel Church, serving many years as church treasurer.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of fifty-seven years, Harry Sumler on August 26, 2017.

Norma is survived by one son, Mark Sumler and wife Dayna of Anderson; seven grandchildren Kayla (Darin) Keen, Aaron ( Teresa) Sumler, Jeremy (Jamie) Whittle , Logan (Randi) Sumler, Daniel (Emilee) Sumler, Joshua Sumler and Rebecca Sumler; seven great grandchildren; James, Jazman, Elijah, Jet, Oaklee, Emmalynn and Eleighhana; a sister, Dorothy Beaver of Belton, MO, as well as a host of other family and friends.

Services for Mrs. Sumler were held on Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 in the Anderson Chapel of the Ozark Funeral Home. Rev. Alvin Buschman officiated. Burial followed in the Union Cemetery near Stella, MO. Those honoring her life by serving as pallbearers were Aaron Sumler, Jeremy Whittle, Logan Sumler, Daniel Sumler, Joshua Sumler and Darin Keen.

The Great Commission Bible College held it's annual Conference and Commencement in Joplin, MO, September 13-14, 2019. The proceedings were hosted by Southside Apostolic Faith Church, Pastor Brian Moser.

Friday evening and Saturday morning several students and ministers shared testimonies and preached the Word of God. Music was led by Pastor Brandon Dorris and Carol and Gaytha Oakes.

At noon on Saturday a meal was provided for all in attendance. Many thanks goes to Glenda Buschman and the ladies of Southside for their hard work in preparing and serving the meal.



The commencement, Saturday afternoon was led by GCBC President Galen Percy and Vice President Carol Oakes assisted by other GCBC Board Members. Sis Iletha Bard gave the Valedictorian address. The inspiring and challenging Commencement address was given by Dr. Josh Pennington, lead pastor, Christ Point Church, Galena, KS.

Five in attendance received diplomas or certificates. Two received D.Th, Doctorate of Theology, John Teem Jr., Carl Junction, MO and Katina Smith, Havana, FL. Iletha Bard, Joplin, MO received her MMin, Master of Ministry, Arthur Corrales, Wagoner, OK received the Amin, Associate in Ministry. Nancy Corrales, Wagoner, OK received her Certificate in Discipleship.

Worldwide from September 2018 to September 2019, 120 students earned Certificate of Biblical Studies, 46 earned Certificate of Discipleship, 29 earned Associate in Ministry Degree, 47 earned Bachelor of Theology Degree, 23 earned Master of Ministry Degree and 9 have earned either the Doctor of Ministry or the Doctor of Theology Degrees.

In 2007, Apostolic Faith Online International Institute (Trinity) was founded by Dr. L.J. Ehrlich. (Please continue to pray for Dr. L.J. and his wife Ida as they contend with health issues.) The name was changed to Great Commission Bible College in 2012. Since it's founding the college has taught the Word of God to over 8,000 students in more than 100 countries around the world. Many of these students live where the persecution of Christians is very real and a daily danger. Please pray for all that suffer persecution.

Anyone who would like to study the Bible is welcome to enroll with GCBC. The study is done online at the student's own pace. GCBC is financed totally on freewill offering basis.

Concerning accreditation; the focus of Great Commission Bible College is getting the Word of God into the lives of believers around the globe, teaching and discipling those who are eager to learn how to live the overcoming Christian life. They do offer certificates of completion, diplomas and degrees, but this is not their focus.

Great Commission Bible College has gone through a rigorous progress to earn national accreditation with the Association of Independent Christian Colleges and Seminaries (AICCS), which is one of the largest, non-government accreditation organizations in the world committed to academic excellence, intellectual freedom, ethical conduct and moral integrity. Recently, GCBC was informed that they have the largest enrollment of all the schools accredited by AICCS.

For more information or to enroll, go to [WWW.GCBCEDU.US](http://WWW.GCBCEDU.US)

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## Relationship

In an age with so much technology and where connectivity is at our fingers, more and more people are experiencing loneliness. In fact, one study showed that “only half of Americans say they have meaningful in-person social interactions on a daily basis, such as having an extended conversation with a friend or spending time with family members.” ( <https://www.google.com/www.cbsnews.com/amp/news/many-americans-are-lonely>)

Gone are the days of front porch sitting and knowing your neighbors. Gone are the days of having friends over for dinner and talking face to face. Or are they? I have seen a resurgence in recent months of people learning to connect in old ways. I heard about a lady who placed a picnic table in her front yard and using this as an opportunity to get to know her neighbors. Hospitality and the art of hosting dinners in the home is being revived. We are remembering that, while technology can connect us and help us in many ways, it cannot replace old fashioned face to face connection. It is the way God designed us after all. From the beginning we see that humans were made for relationship – relationship with God and each other. God said that it was not good for man to be alone Gen. 2:18) and so he made a “help meet” for him. Adam and Eve also had a relationship with God in the garden. I believe this was a pattern for all of us. A pattern of the way God designed us to live-connected with God and others. I have learned and am learning not only how much I need the Lord, but also how much I need my brothers and sisters in Christ. We can lean on the Family of God to be there for us in our joys and sorrows. (Ro. 12:15).

At AFBC Alumni & Friends our desire is to connect and reconnect with you more than once a year at the banquet. We hope to provide a network of brothers and sisters that are available for prayer, support and encouragement– not only online, but face to face too. But we need your help and ideas on how we can do this and do it better than we have in the past. What do you think? How can we help you connect to classmates and friends from AFBC? How can we better support you in your walk with Christ? And how can we keep you informed and connected to AFBC and what’s going on there? I’d love to hear your ideas. You can contact me by email, phone, Facebook or snail mail. Let’s stay connected to God and to each other. We’re almost home! Hebrews 3:14-15

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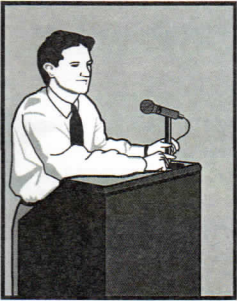
### **I John 2: 15-17**

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world. The love of the Father is not in him. For all that that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

### **Questionable Amusements**

“I think a Christian can go anywhere,” said a young woman who was defending her continued attendance at some very doubtful places of amusement.

“Certainly she can,” rejoined her friend, “but I am reminded of a little incident that happened last summer when I went with a party of friends to explore a coal mine. One of the young women appeared dressed in a dainty white gown. When her friends remonstrated with her, she appealed to the old miner who was to act as guide of the party. “Yes’m,” returned the old man. “There is nothing to keep you from wearin’ a white frock down there, but there’ll be considerable to keep you from wearin’ one back.” There is nothing to prevent the Christian’s wearing his white garment when he seeks fellowship of that which is unclean, but there is a good deal to prevent his white garments afterward.



## Sermons We See

By Edgar Guest

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any  
day;

I'd rather one should walk with me than  
merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,  
Fine council is confusing, but example's always clear.  
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their  
creeds,  
For to see good put into action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;  
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may  
run.

And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,  
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;  
For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give,  
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind.  
When a weaker brother stumbles and a strong man stays behind  
Just to see if he can help him, then wish grows strong in me  
To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.  
And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today  
Is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way.

One good man teaches many, men believe what they behold;  
One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.  
Who stands with men of honor learns to hold his honor dear,  
For right living speaks a language which to everyone is clear.  
Though an able speaker charms me with his eloquence, I say,  
I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one, any day.



## Money Will Buy

A bed **but not** sleep.

Books **but not** brains.

Food **but not** appetite

Finery **but not** beauty.

A house **but not** a home.

Medicine **but not** health.

Luxuries **but not** culture.

Amusement **but not**

happiness.

A Crucifix **but not** a Savior.

A Church pew **but not heaven**  
heaven.

## Worldly Amusements

### Five Tests for Worldly Amusements

1. Does the pleasure in question tend to enslave me?
2. Does it help build my body, mind and heart?
3. Will I be a stumbling block to others if I indulge in it?
4. Can I do it to the glory of God and ask His blessing upon it?
5. Am I willing to be on the safe side and say to myself, "If in doubt, don't?"

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**Hebrews 10:23-25**

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.

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