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***Dedicated***  
  
***to the***  
  
***Class of 1946***  
  
***of the***  
  
***Apostolic Faith Bible School***  
  
***Baxter Springs, Kansas***



# 19 STUDENT BODY 46



*First Row - Left to right - Faculty - Ben Barker, Albert Durham, Gail Schultz, Tica Tabor, Ralph Durham, Dona Tucker, and Mrs. T.B.Tucker.*

*Second Row - James Eaken, Jim Clay, Ethel Fullbright, Frances Taylor, Lealand Grimmer, Rex Russell, Ralph Denton, Hallie Chitwood, Dorcas Crouse, Betty Clay, and Clea Wiles.*

*Third Row - Carrol Heller, Charles Mahan, Anna Mahan, Phyllis Bachler, Leota Chitwood, Jewel Hickman, Ida Drachenberg, Jaunita Nelson, Patsy Peterson, Bonnie Bard, and Loraine Barker.*

*Fourth Row - Fred Peter, Bob Palmer, Twanda Palmer, Irene Palmer, Edna Schultz, Lula Parham, Pauline Parham, Marcena Mahan, Lola Kinser, Doris Nelson, Dorcas Mahan, and Naomi Mahan.*

*Fifth Row - Floyd LaMunyon, Grace LaMunyon, Myrtle Fullbright, Juliana Huff, Betty Jo Carlson, Juanita Murray, Neola Moore, Odessa Summerford, Thelma Eiland, Marie Jay, Belle Stewart, Frances Stork, Amber Lilly, Lovie Tabor, and Doris Rees.*

*Sixth Row - Wayne Huff, Eula Mae Taylor, Opal Carmak, Hattie Jones, Ethel Gilmore, and Mrs. S.M.Whiteed.*

*Last Row - Paul Mahan, Henry Pletcher, Leonard Carlson, Edward Tucker, Ed Stork, Joe Lilly, and J.W.Depew.*



# The Advisory Board Meeting

Feb. 9, 1996, Alvin, Texas

The Annual Apostolic Faith Church Bible College Inc. Advisory Board Meeting was held in Alvin, Texas at the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church on February 9, 1996. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Board of Directors Lyndel Arnall. Board Member Richard Morris led in prayer. The meeting began by singing three songs. "Speak The Word Lord" was sung by Sissie Urick and Mary Rodriguez. "Love" was sung by Patsy & Edwin Waterbury. "He Loves Me" was sung by Patsy & Edwin Waterbury, Frank Arnall and Sissie Urick. The congregation led by Pasty Waterbury sang "Jesus Loves Me".

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**ROLL CALL:** The following (17) Ministerial members were present: **Frank Arnall, Lyndel Arnall, Tim Barker, Winston Barker, Roland Busch, Erik Cameron, Jerome Crowhurst, Savoy Grimmer, Steven Hackett, Roland Haney, Fred Huff, M.D.Methvin, Richard Morris, A.B.Stanberry, Austin Sutton, Edwin Waterbury and Larry Welsh.**

The following (7) Advisory Members and the churches they represented were present: **Roland Busch** representing the Apostolic Faith Church of Katy, Texas, **Vanessa Harris** representing the Christian Gospel Church of Alleyton, Texas, **Roland Haney** representing the Follett Chapel of the Apostolic Faith of Follett, Texas, **Randall Bensch** representing the Midway Community Church of Logan, Oklahoma, **Richard Morris** representing the Southside Apostolic Faith Church of Joplin, Missouri, **Ronnie Coates** representing the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church of Alvin, Texas, and **Frank Arnall** representing the Union Chapel of the Beth Page Community of Stella, Missouri.

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## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL, reports.**

Superintendent Savoy Grimmer began his report by handing out a newly edited copy of the Apostolic Faith Church Bible College, Inc. Bylaws. The new copy includes an index, documentation of the amendment that was passed back in May of '95 and documentation as to the date the Bylaws were last edited.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, given.**

'96 Celebration In Song & Verse has been scheduled for May 1, 1996 at 2:00 PM for anyone who has written a song or poem and would like to perform their original composition. A professional video crew will be contracted to record the historical event. Everyone is invited to participate.

Sister Yvonna Whiteley has recently mailed an Alumni Letter and if anyone has not received their copy, please notify her as soon as possible (316) 856-5438 or (316) 856-3283.

We're working with a publishing company in No. Carolina to publish our Alumni Directory. As soon as we have

sold 600 copies, we will sign the contract. The cost is \$19.95. The directory will include the names and addresses of all Alumni since the first class in 1946. The names will be listed in three manners: alphabetically by name, by state and by years attended.

The Annual Alumni Banquet is set for May 2, 1996 at 6:30 PM at the Ramada Inn in Joplin, Missouri. Special room rates are available at \$50 plus tax with up to (4) people per room. To receive the special rates call (417) 781-0500 and state the fact that you are with the group for the "APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE ALUMNI BANQUET". Special recognition will be given to the 50th year class, the class of 1946, and to the 25th year class, the class of 1971, at the banquet.

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## **ADDRESSES NEEDED**

*Class of 1946:* Fred Peter, Mrs. Amber Lily, Lola Kinser, Paul Bollinger, Mrs. Bettye Crawford.

*Class of 1971:* Rick French, Brenda French, David Harper, Nolene Sutton.

If you have any of these addresses please contact Sister Whiteley, P.O.Box 110, Baxter Springs, KS 66713.

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## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT, given.**

In 1995 \$113,000 was given from 292 different sources, 42 churches and 250 individuals, with a total of 992 different donations at an average donation of \$114.

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## **LOW ENROLLMENT, problem described.**

Brother Grimmer read Nehemiah chapter 1 and compared the state of the school with the condition of Jerusalem. The Temple had been rebuilt, but the walls were torn down. In reference to the Temple being rebuilt, there is still an anointing over the school and the classes. In reference to the wall being torn down, the enrollment is dangerously low. Nehemiah in response to the news, wept & mourned, fasted & prayed, confessed his nation's sins and then organized a solution. Brother Grimmer felt our response as a Movement should be the same. That together we might weep & mourn, fast & pray, confess any sins of the Movement, and together come up with a solution. If a solution is to be made it will come from those of our Advisory Board and from people of the Movement.

Brother Grimmer read the minutes from a meeting dated March 28, 1962. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss low enrollment. The point being that low enrollment is not a new problem.

The current enrollment is as follows:

- 40% from the Apostolic Faith
- 30% from the Church of God
- 10% from the Christ Church
- 10% from the Church on the Rock



10% from the Baptist Church

Brother Grimmer noted that in the past we have received much talent from other groups that have attended our Bible School and became ministers and workers in the Apostolic Faith Movement.

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#### **LOW SCHOOL VALUE, problem described.**

The following is an explanation of the problem in the opinion of Superintendent Savoy Grimmer:

The school is suffering from low enrollment because of a low value many parents and many ministers have toward the school. The problem is a result of at least two related problems. One problem is what appears to be a low self esteem within the Apostolic Faith and the other is the pressure parents feel about having their children receive a college education.

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#### **LOW SELF-ESTEEM, problem described.**

The Apostolic Faith Movement was ordained of God to be part of the root that all pentecostal groups come from. God could have made the Assemblies of God the founding root just as easily as the Apostolic Faith. He ordained things the way they were. Today we are still part of that root and multiple millions of people are also interested in that root.

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#### **DR. VINSON SYNAN, introduced.**

On May 5, 1994, Dr. Vinson Synan, the Director of the Holy Spirit Research Center at Oral Roberts University of Tulsa, Oklahoma, met with the Board of Directors of the Apostolic Faith Church Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas, to get permission to microfilm all the Apostolic Faith Reports that covered the life and ministry of Brother Charles Parham. Mr. Synan chairs a consortium of three institutions (the Oral Roberts University, the Asbury Theological Seminary, and the Billy Graham Center) dedicated to microfilming and preserving special and rare documents relating to the Pentecostal history. The microfilming was done and the school will receive a free copy.

Dr. Synan currently is the Dean of Regent School of Divinity at the Pat Robinson Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He has published a book entitled "*The Spirit Said 'Grow'.*" In his book he documents the Apostolic Faith and makes the following statement and I quote "*By 1990, the original "Apostolic Faith" churches founded by Parham numbered no more than 30 small congregations, centering around the denomination's headquarters in Baxter Springs, Kansas. But the broader movement which he started, the worldwide Pentecostal movement, numbered no less than 193 million people around the world by 1990.*" Dr. Synan stated in his meeting with the Board of Directors that these millions of people are all becoming extremely interested in their roots.

We may be proud of our Nissan Pickup we are driving until a large, flashy, new pickup drives along side us. Then we begin to feel small and insignificant. It is

interesting to note that the larger pickup can haul more cattle to market and it definitely will use more fuel, but both pickups can get you to Joplin, Missouri equally as well. Don't judge the Movement by its size. We are still in God's plan. Judge rather if there is an anointing in our pulpits and around our altars.

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#### **COLLEGE EDUCATION, problem described.**

The Bible School is in the balance with the pressure of parents to have their children go to college in order to secure a more successful job. The balance has tipped in the direction of college. In 1980 56% of people between the ages of 20 & 24 attended college. In 1985 that number was 57.7% and in 1990 that number was 74.5%. Just 5 years later the number has extended to over 80%. More people are going to college, more scholarships are being offered, and more pressure is placed on young people to get a good education. The overwhelming reason for the additional education is to secure a better job. However, the current statistics may not support that notion.

There exists (4) dangers in attending college that everyone should be aware of.

1. Experts tell us that knowledge becomes obsolete in as little as 3 to 5 years. In other words our children must always be willing to learn and stay current with their choice of occupation or become obsolete and unmarketable in a very short time.

2. The job market changes drastically in a (4) year period. Students entering college may be told that their is a shortage of computer programmers and find out later upon their graduation that there is a glut of computer programmers in the marketplace; we need nurses instead.

3. The current trend in America is that the skilled and educated are being laid off. Even large corporations which were considered secure, are now sizing down.

4. Perhaps the most damaging is the prevalence of the New Age Thinking in our colleges today. The conglomerate of Eastern Religion that has formed under the title of New Age is everywhere and is taught in many classes, especially in the humanities and sciences.

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#### **THE VALUE OF BIBLE SCHOOL, explained.**

The value of attending the Bible School can be explained in the following ways:

Suppose a young man 20 years old promised you he would be in your Sunday School for the next 6.73 contiguous years. What could you do for him? Imagine how you could mold him and shape his thinking. Imagine how you could instill a godly set of values in him. Suppose a young lady 20 years old promised to attend every service your minister preaches for the next 2.24 contiguous years. Imagine what an impact you would make on her. What a difference you could make in her life. For the rest of her life she will continue to be blessed over and over again, long into the future, because of your minister. At the Bible School we cover in



a 14 week study period the same material that it would take our Sunday Schools to do in 6.73 years or what it would take our ministers to do in 2.24 years. Notice that in a 2 year period we meet in class for a little over a 1 year period (ie. take out summer break, christmas break and weekends). In that length of time a student receives the equivalence of 24.5 years of contiguous instruction in Sunday School. Along with the 20 years already invested in your child, you can send them on to college with the equivalence of 44.5 years of Sunday School Training. Think of the impact that will have when they set under a college professor who is instructing them in New Age philosophy.

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#### **WHAT STUDENTS GAIN AT BIBLE SCHOOL, explained.**

Any student who would apply themselves will gain the following by attending Bible School:

1. *A Spiritual Foundation* from reading the word, studying the word, receiving instruction from experience educators, and from spending hours around the altars in prayer.

2. *Maturity*: Students physically mature faster than ever before. Students are better educated than ever before. But students' maturity level is not able to keep up. Without an adequate maturity level they cannot successfully survive the bombardment of the New Age philosophy or the choice of so many unrestricted freedoms. Sexual freedom, drug access, alcohol access, etc. all are available to every student without the parent's knowledge. Bible School would, at the very minimum, provide them with a year to mature.

3. *Leadership Qualities*: Leadership is stressed at every moment at Bible School. Not only preparing them to carry the gospel, but also to live in a manner that would lead others to Christ. Work details are given to everyone. Opportunities to lead others in work detail assignments are given at every turn. Opportunities to work in Youth Camps, Vacation Bible School, and Sunday Schools around our area are made available.

4. *Independence & Self Reliance*: They soon learn that Mom isn't here to clean up their messes. They learn to wash their clothes and pick up their rooms. They learn the importance of looking after their own care.

5. *Self Discipline*: If you have to clean up after yourself, you soon learn self discipline. If you are accountable for your grades, you soon learn to study. If you are given a structured environment in love, you soon learn to be responsible.

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#### **WHAT PARENTS GAIN FROM BIBLE SCHOOL, explained.**

Any parent who sends a child that will apply themselves will gain the following benefits:

1. Their children will become spiritually established. They will gain a set of moral values that will go with them the rest of their lives. They will desire to live their lives and make choices based upon the will of God for their life, and not on their own wishes.

2. Their children will gain independence and maturity. As previously mentioned this is a great need in our young people today. It appears that many young people in their early to middle thirties are still financially dependent upon their parents.

3. The parents will gain respect and honor from their children. As their child's relationship with the Lord improves, all other relationships will improve. Disrespect is rampant in our society and I am afraid our children are not immune to its impact. With God being number one in their life, they will view their parents in the light God intended.

4. Parents help to guarantee a christian home for their grandchildren. The benefits of the Bible School are felt for many years to follow. Nothing hurts the heart of a godly grandparent more than to see their grandchildren raised in a non-christian environment.

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#### **THE VALUE OF BIBLE SCHOOL, conclusion.**

In conclusion the Bible School is of great value to everyone. Our churches gain future ministers. Parents gain godly children. Grandparents gain a godly environment for their grandchildren to be raised in. Students gain training and an education to help them become successful in a violent and unpredictable world.

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#### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND, explained.**

Board of Directors Member Randall Bensch gave a report on the Apostolic Faith Church Bible College, Inc. Scholarship Fund. A copy of the Scholarship Application contained in this packet was handed out. Board Member Bensch stressed the importance of question number 6, *Please explain why this scholarship is important in your decision to attend the Apostolic Faith Bible College?* He emphasized the importance of supplying not only addresses, but also letters of recommendation along with the application, see question 10. It is the desire of the Scholarship Committee to award a minimum of \$200 scholarship this year. It is the desire of the Committee to build the Scholarship Fund to \$8,000 so that it can be self perpetuating and future scholarships would be awarded from interest earned on the principle.

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#### **VOTING PROCEDURES, explained.**

In the 1996 Board of Directors' Election the following will take place:

The Southern District will Nominate/Elect someone for the Paul Clanton position.

The Tri-State District will Nominate/Elect someone for the Richard Morris position.

The Western District will Nominate/Elect someone for the Bill Watson position.

In the 1997 Board of Director's Election the following will take place:

All districts will Nominate/Elect someone for the Lyndel Arnall position.



In the 1998 Board of Directors' Election the following will take place:

The Southern District will Nominate/Elect someone for the Gaylon Flora position.

The Tri-State District will Nominate/Elect someone for the Dennie Oakes position.

The Western District will Nominate/Elect someone for the Randall Bensch position.

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#### **STATEMENT OF VISION, given.**

The purpose of the Bible School is to provide intense study and to provide the Movement with future Ministers.

It is the desire of the Board of Directors to establish something for new works, struggling works and for novice ministers; an organized program where each church might contribute a percentage of it's offerings to go into a fund. It is felt that novice ministers need more guidance to help them in their ministry.

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#### **GOAL, stated.**

The GOAL of the Bible School is to establish men and women in God.

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#### **BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS, listed.**

1. An OFFICIAL VOTING LIST has been established.
2. (3) OFFICIAL VOTING DISTRICTS have been established.
3. Efforts for an ENLARGED FELLOWSHIP have begun.
  - a) AFBC Board of Directors met with the FGEA Directors for discussions.
  - b) A joint fellowship meeting in Dallas was organized.
  - c) Invitations to participate in joint ventures were extended.
4. Some publishing equipment has been purchased.
5. The repair on the outside of the Chapel building is scheduled for April '96.
6. The school curriculum has been modified to accommodate a 1 year term.
7. Efforts have been made to include some Labette Community College classes.
8. The Alumni program has been established.
9. The Scholarship Fund has been established.

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***No one can choose your mountain,  
or tell you when to climb...  
It's yours alone to challenge,  
at your own pace and time.***

Patricia J. Hacker-Harber

Hi, it has been a long time since our last letter or visit. Crystal and I have moved to Eagle Lake Texas, where we are pastoring the Gospel Mission Church. The Lord has blessed us with a great group of people and a

ministry that seems to be continually growing. Last Easter we helped in the Church service, with no piano player and since then God has answered the prayers of the Church and provided us one. Crystal recently found employment at the local pharmacy.

In July, I went to BoyScout Camp with a local troop and would later become their leader. The week of camp began normal, you know, runny eggs, the usual burnt camp food, that by the end of the week seems to be a delicacy. The third day, I decided to try swimming, not just a lap or two in a pool, but a mile in a river. The next day, I tried my luck with a canoe, all by myself. My canoe trip was a crooked one, a straining work-out, and a special victory. Boys sat on the bank with their adult leaders and watched as my canoe slithered along its' course, little did I imagine the impact this would have on the entire camp. And then, one of the boys suggested rock climbing.

There I stood face to face with a 50 foot rock cliff, it's jagged face seemed to stare back at me in mockery and disbelief. I was about to try scaling this "Mountain" with just one arm. My heart was racing and my mind was arguing with itself. Each piece of climbing gear put me closer to climbing my mountain. With the helmet in place I began to second guess my intentions and state of mind (I must be crazy). I could kill myself and the helmet would keep my brain together. My "climbing diaper," or swiss seat was snug around my waist, this would be my only security. In the D-Rings, the rope, my life line from the sure footing of the ground, to the top. Each move would be critical, especially the hand-holds. Some parts of the climb I used my chin while planning my next move. Record temperatures reached 105 degrees, burning my hand, chin and legs. Slowly I made my way up to a place in the rock that jetted out, causing the next few feet to be climbed upside down. Finally when it seemed the worst was over, I faced an area with no definite hand or foot holds. I would have to let go, push up with my legs, and spring up approximately two feet (simultaneously). The last part of the climb was easy, at last I reached the top. At that moment I was on top of the world.

When the mountain stares you in the face and there seems to be no hope, if you can't do anything, just start climbing. I was sore, and would recover a few days later, but would I have recovered if I did not face and climb My Mountain.

**Erik & Crystal Cameron  
200 N Lake  
Eagle Lake, TX 77474**

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**HAPPINESS:** *That wonderful feeling that you get when you try to give people a bit of your heart instead of a piece of your mind.*

**HARDSHIPS:** *The only ships that come in while we sit and groan about our problems.*

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# Dedication of Bible School

by Pauline Parham

Printed from A.F.R. Dated April 1946

## II CHRONICLES 2:4-6.

*Behold, I build a house to the name of the Lord, my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God. This is an ordinance forever to Israel. And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods.*

*But who is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? Who am I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him?*

To dedicate means to consecrate to a sacred purpose. This house has been purchased only for the worship of God, and for the use of His servants. It must be kept holy unto His name. Nothing defiling must ever be held in this building. It was customary to dedicate buildings in Bible days. In Numbers 7 we have recorded the dedication of the Tabernacle. In I Kings 8 and again in II Chr. 7, the dedication of the second Temple is recorded in Ezra 6:16-17. The new walls of Jerusalem were dedicated under Nehemiah. In Neh. 12, it says, "They all came to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing." All things to be Holy unto God for His service and the worship of His people should be dedicated.

## OUR BEGINNING

The beginning of the Apostolic Faith Movement dates back to the time Charles F. Parham established Bethel Healing Home, at 4th and Jackson Sts., Topeka, Kansas, in 1898. It was a three story, modern, brick building. The purpose of Bethel Home was to provide home-like comforts for those seeking healing, and their spiritual needs were prayed for as well as their bodies. Christian homes were found for orphan children and work for the unemployed. At this time the "Apostolic Faith" was published twice a month. Special courses were given in Bible truths, and training given for Gospel work.

Brother Parham felt led of God to visit all the outstanding works of the East, searching for the latest restored truths by the latter day movements. He left Bethel Healing Home in charge of two holiness preachers. When he returned they had stolen the building and a great percent of the congregation. After fasting and praying, he was directed by God and through a series of wonderful miracles secured what was known as "Stones Folly" a great mansion patterned after an English castle. The Bible School was opened here in October, 1900, and it was in this place on New Year's Eve, that God gave back to the world the mighty and most glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as prophesied by the prophet, Joel. God gloriously honored this humble group and

gave the marvelous manifestation of the restoration of Pentecostal power. Of the many religious groups in all the world, this was the one God honored, the one we have been privileged to be associated with, and taste first hand of the real Gospel.

From here the Apostolic Faith Movement began to evangelize, Healing and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit were the paramount messages. The message went down through Missouri, into Kansas and on to Texas. And in 1906 a Bible School was held in Houston, Texas and from this school came some of the greatest Holy Ghost preachers of the latter days. It was in this school that the negro, Seymore, sat in the door and listened to the messages and received the light on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Brother Parham paid his fare to Los Angeles, California in order that he might preach to his own people. From his ministry in California came the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in 1906 at Azuza Street, which meeting the pentecostal world recognizes as the first latter rain outpouring. It was here that wild fire and fanaticism and hypnotism had its beginning.

God ordained this Movement in the beginning as a soul saving evangelistic Movement, and in its 48th year we can thank God the spirit of evangelism still prevails.

## OUR PROGRESS

Our progress has been sure the past 48 years. We have made progress, but may I say the past 10 years we have made great strides: and now see the realization of a great dream, that several, not with us today, have worked and strived and longed for. The Apostle Paul said to King Agrippa, "I was not disobedient to the Heavenly vision." May our vision become more clear, and our aim and purpose more definite, that God shall be glorified and His kingdom builded up in the hearts of men and women.

We have progressed under fire and persecution. We have received persecution from the outside world, and more from the religious world. There is not a minister in the Apostolic Faith that has not gone through hardship and privation, and sacrificed even to hunger and exposure, yet did it gladly and willingly, that others might know the power of God in deliverance from sin. I have known of our ministers going so hungry, that they ate berries and fruit from the woods, yet went on preaching night after night without murmur or complaint. It takes God within to do that. It takes more than the natural man, it takes Jesus the Christ of Calvary. Oh, the Glory, the Joys, the royal welcome such faithful ones will receive, will be greater far than any welcome earth has ever given a hero. The Spirit of evangelism, the rapid progress in the building and establishing of churches, with a world wide vision, shows forth a greater future for



this movement than for any group in all the world today.

## OUR FUTURE

The establishing of this Bible School offers the greatest opportunity to our Youth. The two Bible Schools held in Baxter Springs in 1937-38 are a forerunner of this permanent school. Our most outstanding and capable preachers of today were students in 1937-38. In ten years hence this class of 1946 will no doubt furnish teachers for the future years.

With every year of Bible School in this building, we expect the spirituality to reach greater proportions. That divine healing will be a common thing in our midst, that not one, but many, will receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in these rooms, and in these halls.

We know God is going to give His spiritual gifts and graces to His true church in the latter day, and by God's help we stand in line for these gifts. God is going to give them to His select ones. Let us again be His chosen, as in 1900. God has decreed they shall be given. Let us make ourselves ready, that this school shall be chosen and honored of God to receive His spiritual gifts before He comes breaking through the clouds.

## THIS HOUSE

When this building was purchased some said, as in Hag 1:15, it is not time to secure a permanent school, it is not time to build. It is never time with some people. Those that have the vision and are endeavoring to carry it through, let us back them, and not only give, but sacrifice. This work is not finished. It has just begun. We look forward to other buildings, a Chapel or Church and dormitories. We now dedicate it for His glory only. We now and forever release our personal claims.

## CLOSING THOUGHTS

Let us now with earnest hearts and with exalted faith and hope solemnly dedicate and consecrate this building to its high and Holy purpose. May men and women, boys and girls, for generations to come, should Jesus tarry, gather in this place to receive instruction in God's word and training for His service. May they find here every condition necessary to a true enlightened education. May their teachers be examples of excellence in godliness and virtue, seekers after goodness and truth, lovers of people, enthusiasts and adept in the finest of all arts, the development and inspiration of human souls. May these rooms always be pervaded with an invigorating atmosphere and deep spirituality. May no one pass from this school to the outer world without having been made more spiritual, intelligent, more thoughtful, more courageous, more virtuous, and in every way more capable of useful and noble living. To this end, may the blessing of God be upon student and teacher and upon every one whose influence will in any degree affect the work of God as it shall be carried on within these walls.

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Rev. Tica Tabor  
Dean, Apostolic Faith Bible School  
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Dear Brother Tabor:

It has been my privilege to be at the Bible School for a few days, and I am writing you, or any one who may be interested, a few of my thoughts concerning the school, its purposes, and accomplishments. I was greatly impressed when I found you and your wife taking courses in music. However, when I heard of your meeting last summer from which the workers were called away, and there was no one to even play or sing an altar call, I could easily visualize your position, and understand why a school of music would be necessary for some in our movement.

I will have to confess, Brother Tabor, that I have some preconceived ideas before coming to Baxter, and one of them I wish to express at this writing. I had an opinion that the school would be a benefit only to the young beginners, preachers and workers. But after attending many of the classes, my opinion is different, and I am convinced that any one, provided they were interested, could be benefited by the school.

As you know I am engaged in the production of rice at Katy, Texas. Each year the seed is planted from it there always comes a crop of rice. A bountiful crop and an abundant harvest is the sincere desire of any good farmer. Wonderful crops have been produced during the last few years, mainly because of the efficient machinery that was available. In modern times nothing is more discouraging and fateful in the culture of rice than a lot of poorly made implements. Crops must go in and come out on time. The drills for sowing the seed rice should be equipped with sharp disc blades for the continuous planting of the seed uniformly shallow, medium, or deep, as the desire of the operator may be. Farmers are sticklers for good dependable tools because they produce results even when the elements are unfavorable. As in the planting season the same is true at harvest time. The combines are worked over, repaired, rebuilt, tuned up to a high point of efficiency for the purpose of gathering the golden grain the moment it is ripe. Getting ready proves to be the biggest job in the rice business. With good tools and implements the sowing and harvesting of rice becomes a pleasant experience.



# Commencement Address

Delivered to the Graduates  
of the Apostolic Faith Bible School of 1946

by Robert Girouard

## ISAIAH 54:2

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen they cords and strengthen thy stakes."

The Lord has been good to us in permitting us to have a bible school of our own. It is true our beginning has been modest in the sense that our school does not contain many buildings, scores of teachers, not hundreds of students: but God's word says for us not to despise the day of small things.

We remember that Jesus had only twelve regular students in His bible school, one of whom proved unfaithful. Yet, with this small group of men, He started the evangelization of the world.

These men had not gone to schools of higher learning, and were called "unlearned and ignorant" by the religious bigots of their day, yet they were so filled with divine love and so empowered by the Holy Spirit that under their ministry, great revivals were held, in which the Lord confirmed His word with signs following. For a period of over 200 years, in a world filled with idolatry, and under great opposition and persecution the number of disciples grew and multiplied, and signs and wonders were wrought in the name of the Holy Child, Jesus.

But when Constantine sought to strengthen and unify his kingdom by making the Christian faith a state endorsed and supported religion, many unconverted people were taken into the nominal Church. The result was worldliness and often gross sins in the ranks of the professed disciples of Jesus, and in course of time there were few deeply spiritual Christians.

For centuries gross spiritual darkness pervaded the ranks of almost all of the professedly Christian Church, until reformers arose to lead people into spiritual life and into closer walk with God.

The last of these great reformers, the late Charles F. Parham, was a preacher of holiness of life who felt the need of greater divine power upon the Church for ministry and service. He also saw the need of a return to the practices of primitive christianity and of greater fidelity to the teachings of God's word. The Lord used this humble man to restore to believers in the true church scriptural truths that had to all practical purposes been lost, as a result of gross spiritual darkness brought about largely through unbelief and worldliness. To us have been committed these truths.

I address myself particularly to the members of the graduating class. You are fortunate in having had the opportunity to attend the Apostolic Faith Bible School under the leadership of able, Spirit filled teachers. I sincerely believe that you have been taught the greatest

In the Bible we read that our Saviour asks that His word be sown, and that someone should be interested in His harvest. What kind of implements would He enjoy using? What kind are we furnishing? If the instruments and tools are untried and weak why not strengthen them? If worn, rust, and dull, why not sharpen and repair them for Him? Truly the Saviour should have the best available. We all agree that the greatest preacher of the gentile age was an educated and cultured gentleman. His sermons still live and are a consolation and joy to all. As an instrument in the Saviour's hands he proved a most profitable servant in sowing and harvesting for Him. His words have stood through the years.

I know, Brother Tabor, that you and your co-workers are helping our people with the School and I want to compliment you on the management. The house is kept clean from cellar to garret. Wholesome meals are served regularly and I noticed that, without begging or soliciting, supplies came rolling in from seemingly unseen sources. Beef, pork, canned goods, cases of eggs, canned fruits, vegetables, and even home made pies. Surely God has some faithful servants somewhere who sense the need of a school and are supplying the where with to make it a success. Surely not all have quit or backslid. Surely some know the need for the Master's work today, and wish to have a part and fill a place in His great plan.

The Apostolic Faith Movement was cradled and nourished in a Bible School. I heard years ago how God wonderfully blessed in the school of 1900. Years later I also received some of the benefits in my own life. And now His word has been verified again in this school of 1946. He has anointed in the teaching and reading of the Bible. His presence and divine approval has been felt in the classroom where prophecy, doctrine, evangelism, English, speech and music have been taught, and in addition some were sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit, healed as shouts of joy to His praise filled the air. What more can we hope for or desire? I can only say, brother, let the good work continue until the Saviour comes and says "Tis enough." May our people continue their support of this great institution, the Apostolic Faith Bible School.

As Ever Your Friend  
T. B. Tucker

*Faith is not a sense, nor sight, nor reason, but a taking God at His Word.*

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body of revealed truths ever committed to man. You are custodians of these truths together with all others who have received and embraced them. Not only are you "Stewards of the mysteries of God" but also of the "manifold grace of God."

We are told in the scriptures that faithfulness is required of a steward. The Lord expects you not only to be faithful in preaching and teaching the word of God, but also in living a Bible christian life.

I. Faithfulness in living a Bible Christian life.

- A. Faithful in maintaining right relationship with God.
  - 1. Self-denial, cross bearing. Mt 16:24-25; Gal 2:20.
  - 2. Heart purity. Mt 5:8; Holiness Heb 12:14.
  - 3. Humility. I Pet 5:5-6.
- B. Faithfulness in maintaining right relationships with fellowmen.
  - 1. Love thy neighbor as thyself. Lu 10:27.
  - 2. Seek the welfare of others. I Cor 10:24.
  - 3. "Let each esteem other better than themselves." Phil 2:3.
  - 4. "In honor preferring one another." Rom 12:10.
  - 5. Love your enemies, pray for those who despitefully use and persecute you, return good for evil. Mt 5:44; Rom 12:17-21.
  - 6. Don't judge others on hear-say testimony.
  - 7. Be the servant, not only of your special friends in the Church but of everyone.

II. Faithful in Ministry: you may not be a great singer, gospel worker or minister as men count greatness, but you can be faithful in the use of your talents. Mt 25:14-28.

The word of God is a sword not given to cut and slash at people, whether saved or unsaved, but to fight sin and the devil. Abuse, ridicule, verbal clubbing and harshly, critical preaching will do little or no good. Don't compromise with the truth, but speak the truth in love.

- 1. Be thou an example of the believer. I Tim 4:12-16.
- 2. You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Mt 5:1-16.
- 3. You are known and read of all men. II Cor 3:2.
- 4. Study. II Tim 2:15.

How you may become great. Mk 1:35, 45.

How you may become successful.

Jos 1:8-9; Ps 1:1-3; Jos 14:11-14.

Caleb was strong, subdued giants, captured walled cities on the summit of a mountain because he wholly followed the Lord. You too may be successful in the service of the Lord, and whatever you do will prosper if you delight yourself in the law of the Lord and wholly follow Him. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro upon the face of the earth seeking to shew himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward Him."

## NEWS BULLETIN

The *Apostolic Faith Report* is proud to announce the purchase of a new, state of the art, duplicating machine called the **RISOGRAPH GR3750** for \$11,000. For the last 6 months we have been experimenting with an used **RISOGRAPH** machine to print the *Apostolic Faith Report*. The used machine worked wonderful, but it could not use the size of paper that we needed and we did not like the stapling job on our last issue. Therefore, under the direction of the Board of Directors a new machine was purchased with cash from book sales. The money will be replaced with the money saved by our inhouse printing and from private donations. This issue was printed on our new machine.

Editor

## Island Missions Update

**BIBLES FOR CUBA:** We now have 20,000 on order for Cuba-Help us pray for the funds to pay for them. We were in Cuba in January 1996.

**RADIO:** *Send The Light Bay Islands*

Dr. Mark Guy was an answer to our prayers concerning the Island Mission Radio Program. He came to our home offering to assist the production and supervision of the Program. The radio is a strong ministry in many parts of the Island's and Caribbean. Albert Durham produced the program for (5) five years before his death in 1995. *Continue to pray for this penetrating ministry.*

**JESUS FILM:** The strongest Mission tool of the century for the unreached *PEOPLE GROUPS* of the world.

**JAMAICA:** We are happy to report sending Jesus Films projection and equipment with Reverend Vince Graham. Vince is over 14 churches in Jamaica.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** Dr. Paul and Eileen Allyn has been working several years, physically healing and ministering into the Mountain Villages. We've just sent generator, projectors and Jesus Films to their dedicated workers.

**CUBA:** At this time we are in Cuba with the Jesus Film. We are also happy to report the distribution of 16 video of the Jesus Film just keep us in your prayers.

**CUBA BIBLES - 1995:**

12,197 Bibles in Cuba distributed in 1995.

**Bob and Lawrice Durham**



# News Notes

## PAMPA, TEXAS

Brother Ron and Sister Evelyn Noble with Bryant and Brooke came to be our pastors on August 13, 1995.

We do welcome them and have enjoyed the Spirit anointed sermons and have seen an increase in our attendance. We had a Christmas program by our children and dinner afterwards which was well attended by the parents, including some who were not regular attendants. Sister Evelyn is teaching the children, and is doing a great job. We are encouraged with the number of children we are having in Sunday School and services.

Brother and Sister Jimmie Wallis will hold a revival late in April of this year and we are looking forward to that.

Pampa Chapel, Reporting

## HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

Hello from Hempstead! In September the Singles / Married Class hosted a marriage seminar with guest lecturer Brother Calvin Springer from Rockdale, TX. There was good attendance and valuable reminders of God's plan for a successful marriage.

In October a few of our ladies attended the Ladies Retreat held at Pine Cove near Tyler, TX and reported that it was the best yet! Great job to the Katy Apostolic Faith Church ladies!

Also, the Singles / Married Class hosted in October a Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner. Each class member previously selected two Seniors and interviewed them regarding their community and church activities over their lifetime. At the dinner a brief summary was given of each Senior. There were many interesting and unknown facts that were learned. Our church is what it is today because of these people.

### Front row:

Roy Matthews, Deanie Matthews,  
Laura Hardcastle, T. C. Hardcastle

### Second row:

Hervey Oliver, Kenneth Elkins, Mary Jo Elkins,  
Elva Mathis, Anna Beth Merten,  
Louise Crowhurst

### Standing:

Pauline Shelburne, Jerome Crowhurst,  
Donald Mathis, Bryant Mathis, Norma Mathis,  
Bobbie Mathis, Raymond Mathis



## Birth Announcement

Glenn and Vicki (Bartel) Gardiner announce the birth of their son, Brett Austin on December 14, 1995. He weighed 9 lb 11 oz and was 21 1/4 in long.

They live at 5526 Parliament Drive, Arlington, TX 76017. Phone 817-478-8066.

Grandparents are Pete and Delores Bartel of Balco, OK and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gardiner, Corpus Christi, TX.



## You Are Invited 80th Birthday Celebration

Come and help us celebrate the 80th Birthday of Rev. A.W.Ferguson, Joplin, MO, on June 1, 1996 at the Southside Apostolic Faith Church, 45th & Main St., Joplin, MO, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. We want this to be a special time for a special man who has meant alot to all of us. For more information contact:

Shelly Mullins, Rt. 2, Box 90, Baxter Springs, KS 66713 or Martha Trayler (505) 526-4276.



## 65th Anniversary



On December 25, 1995 Harlan and Olive Clarke, Amarillo, TX celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married in Meade, KS.

Sister Clarke presently resides at Vivian's Nursing Home and Brother Clarke is able to spend a lot of time with her. Remember them in your prayers.



## HAROLD EUGENE SUMAN

Harold Eugene Suman was born December 19, 1927, in Kansas City, MO, to Sam and Gladys Kuder Suman. Mr. Suman lived in California and Arizona, and moved to Joplin, MO in 1968. He owned and operated H.C.R. Company, an air conditioning and refrigeration service, for many years. He was a member of Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church north of Duenweg, MO. On May 3, 1957, he married Chloe Cook at Joplin. He entered into rest at 7:42 a.m. Saturday, January 13, 1996, at St. John's Medical Center in Joplin, following a short illness, at the age of 68 years, 15 days.

He is survived by his wife, Chloe, of the home; a son, Tyrone E. Suman of Webb City, MO; a daughter, Teresa Marie Hoover of Joplin; a brother, Charles R. Suman of

Joplin; and an aunt, Irene Martin of Hemet, CA.

Graveside services were held 2:00 p.m. January 16 at the Granby Memorial Cemetery, Granby, MO with Rev. Wayne Wheeler and Rev. Fred Franks officiating.

## CLAUDIE ESSLINGER

Claudie Esslinger of Roswell, NM was born May 6, 1912, in Lamesa, TX to Richard Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Esslinger. He departed this life November 4, 1995, after a short illness at the age of 83 years, 5 months and 28 days.

On December 24, 1930 he was united in marriage to Opal Crenshaw. To this union were born two sons, Kenneth Glen of rural Roswell, NM and Cecil Dwayne of Lubbock.

Claudie was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, one sister and his beloved wife Opal.

He was an independent truck driver for many years. He served in the US Army Cavalry at New Mexico Military Institute from November 1937 to October 1945.

He and his faithful wife Opal attended the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church for more than 60 years. He was very active in the church serving as a board member for many years. He also served as Sunday School Superintendent. His church was important to him. He loved gospel music and singing.

His wife Opal passed from this life February 13, 1994. They had been married 63 happy years. They both were active in the church and helping everyone they could until illness took them out of the service.

He is survived by his sons, Kenneth Glen Esslinger of rural Roswell, NM and Cecil Dwayne Esslinger of Lubbock, TX, two sisters, Bulah Hager of Gatesville, TX, three grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and one great, great grandchild.

He will be greatly missed by his family, a large host of friends and the church at Roswell. A warrior has fallen we must make up the hedge and stand in the gap.

Funeral Services were conducted at the Trinity Apostolic Church November 6, 1995 with Louise Sutton in charge. He was laid to rest at the South Park Cemetery in Roswell, NM.

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# "I WILL NOW...SEE THIS GREAT SIGHT." (Ex. 3:3)

by Ron Noble, Pampa, Texas

As I begin to write a flood of memories rush to my mind and heart! As a Fathers Day gift from my wife, in March of 1995, she sent me on a never to be forgotten journey to a land 'to which I've never been before.'-the Lord's Land, Israel.

Even before I went, I was impressed with the Lord's work in this. As a fulltime minister, I was entitled to a \$400 discount if I left before a certain date. However, my departure date was a few days later than the one the touring company had listed. As a result, I received a letter from the company, explaining they were unable to offer the scholarship, but they hoped it wouldn't be a problem. I replied to the company that without the discount it would probably be unlikely that I could make the trip. I soon received a letter from them stating that 'certain modifications' had been made and that I was now eligible for the scholarship. I am thankful to the Lord as I recall how He provided my monthly payment and expenses that I encountered.

On February 28, I boarded the plane in New York, that would take me to the Ben Gurion Airport at Tel Aviv. After the several hour plane trip (which is an experience within itself), we had a 2 1/2 hour bus ride to Tiberias. As it was dark at this time, all I could see was the surrounding lights of the towns and villages. I could now readily understand that 'a city set on a hill cannot be hid.' We finally came to the Tiberias Caesar Hotel where we stayed for the first few days.

On March 1, the first thing I saw as I looked out my hotel window was the beautiful Sea of Galilee. About 8:30 a.m., I stepped on the sailing boat that would take me for The Ride upon the most famous body of water in the world! As we sang songs and had a time of Scripture reading (as we did every place we visited), I took a few moments for myself. (Before I came to Israel, I studied from the Bible each place on the tour, making a list of the happenings there). On this Sea, I tried, with my finite imagination, to see Christ walking on these waters and to hear "Peace, Be still." As our hotel was not far from the Sea, I had the opportunity, in the early morning, to walk along it's shores, as Christ did.

We had an excellent guide, Abraham of Levitical ancestry. He reminded us often that many places we would see were tradition, and to celebrate the event, and not to over emphasize the physical location. I tried to remember this as I viewed the ruins of our first stop after getting off the boat-Capernaum, the city of Jesus, just North of the Sea. We went to the house of Peter's mother-in-law and the Synagogue. Jn 6:24-69 was read and I wondered how many 'sermons' had these ruins witnessed; how many people had 'sought for Jesus here?

Traveling a short distance to the Mount of Beatitudes, I thought of the 'mountainous' sermon Christ preached here. I looked over the Sea I had just sailed on, and

listened as each individual in the group told what their favorite hymn was and what place they wanted to visit most. It was a wonderful time that we had singing and worshipping the Lord on that place. As the weather was just beautiful, so were the flowers, palm and citrus trees (loaded with lemons, dates, bananas, etc.) Once, there was a light sprinkle, but the entirety of the trip we enjoyed 70-75 degree weather.

We made an unscheduled stop at the Primacy of Peter, the traditional place where Christ had bread and fish on the fire and asked Peter "Lovest thou me?" Abraham asked me to read the Scripture-Jn 21! The most memorable event of the day was my trip to the River Jordan! There were several people getting baptized there, and also I took the opportunity! My good friend, Everett Synder, put me under the cold water, but I'll never forget the warmth that I felt when I came up. Before leaving the water, I picked up a stone as a reminder of my time here and also the priests were commanded to do so in Joshua's day.

While we were in Cana, we went to the Wedding Chapel, reminder of the first miracle of Christ-turning water into wine. We went on to Nazareth, winding our way through the narrow 'streets' on the way to the synagogue. All the ministers in the group had their picture taken inside, and I had mine taken while sitting in the High Priest's chair.

The most sobering time for me during the trip was as we traveled toward Meggido, driving across the Valley of Jezreel-the battleground for Amegeddon. I wondered at the thought of a land so beautiful and peaceful looking being the future site of the Final Conflict! The next place we would go was one of the sites I especially wanted to see-Mt. Carmel. I don't know if everyone felt the same excitement that I did when I Ki 18 was read, but I heard of Elijah and thought of the phrase in the song "A Double Portion" that says "...through eyes of faith thy wondrous works I can see..."

Day five. I walked down to the Sea of Galilee for the last time, as today we head south. The scenery starts to change, as it seemed there were fewer trees, making the rocks more evident. When we reached Qumran, I understood perfectly why the Bible refers to the Judean wilderness as 'barren.' Jesus certainly would have had solitude here. It was like nothing I've ever seen before.

As I climbed the ruins of Jericho, I could see to the west the supposed Mt. of Temptation, and on the east across the Jordan was Mt. Nebo, from which Moses viewed this promised land. I again picked up a rock, a fitting souvenir from the city whose walls fell down flat! Close by here is Elisha's spring, mentioned in II Ki 2.

"On the Jericho Road" we drove westward, stopping by the Valley of the Shadow of Death, so winding and massive that it was unbelievable.



Day six. Even now it's hard to grasp that I have stood on the Mt. of Olives! So many events have happened here, but we were especially reminded of the time that Christ wept as he viewed the Holy City as we visited a chapel built similar to a teardrop. I stood outside of the Chapel of the Ascension and paused to gaze up into the heavens, as the apostles did in Acts 1. I also echoed John's words "Even so, come quickly." What a thrill it was, and is, to know that 'this same Jesus' will return from this same sky touching the same piece of ground!

We walked down the Mt. of Olives, stopping at what was the most quiet place so far, despite hundreds of people that were there-The Garden of Gethsemane! Before I went in, my mind raced with the words, "I come to the Garden alone...and He walks with and He talks with me..." I saw the ancient olives trees that perhaps were here to witness Christ in His Agony. I had a wonderful time as I knelt to pray inside the Garden Chapel where, by tradition, is the rock where Christ prayed. Whether it was the actual place or not, it made no difference to me, for I know somewhere, sometime, Christ did indeed pray for me! This was one of the few places where I wished I could have stayed longer at.

Day seven. I really enjoyed the events of this day. Since this was the day for the optional tour, some decided to go instead to the Jewish Holocaust Museum. As the rest of us headed on our trip for the day, and since it was Sunday, my two pastor friends, Fred Franks and Everett Snyder, arranged a worship service. We stopped at the Good Samaritan Inn (a place to buy drinks and souvenirs) and there, sitting on a small rock wall in the increasing heat of the sun, Bro. Franks preached on the Wholeness of Man. I wouldn't have traded this time for anything!

After the service, we drove to Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress, build and used by Herod the King. After the fall of Jerusalem in 70 a.d. by Titus, the surviving Jews traveled to Masada to make their stand against the Romans. The history is fascinating and Masada literally astounded me! It would be too much to try to describe, but I will say that it surpassed any ruins that I had seen yet! As I stood on Masada, which was 1300 feet above the Dead Sea (which is about 1/2 mile east), I again became aware of 'smallness' compared to the vastness of this land.

We then went to the Dead Sea. I only waded in it, but I did see several people swimming or rather floating on

the water. Abraham told us that this sea is almost more oil than water, and I found the water to be a slick nature. Near the Salt Sea there is a rock formation called Lot's Wife, for it resembles an image of a person encrusted with many layers of salt.

Day eight. Finally, we were on our way to the old city of Jerusalem. Of course, our hotel being in Jerusalem, I had seen the walls of the old city several times from the outside. Now we were going in. What I saw enlightened, excited, and saddened me. I saw the sober faces of the adults and children, each, it seemed to me, to be just trying to make it through another day. As I walked through the narrow streets, I marveled at the hurried pace the people kept, and I felt sorry for them because as fast as they seemed to go, it seemed to me they weren't going anywhere.

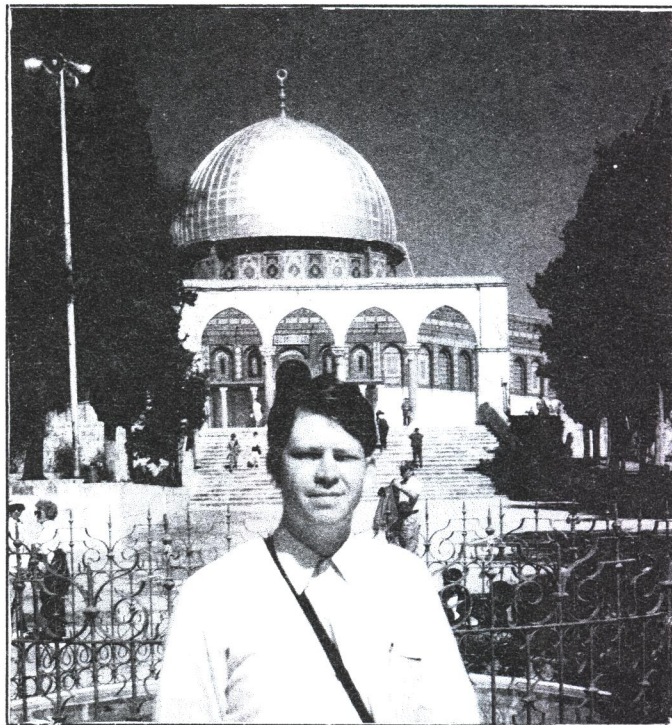
We walked up and down through the streets with high walls on both sides, finally coming to an open place, and there I saw it-the Wailing Wall! There were hundreds of people gathered there with the men on one side, separated by a partition from the women's side. As I approached the Wall, an unexpected eagerness came to me. As Bro. Franks and I touched the Wall, my heart broke as I cried unto the Lord. It was such a time of refreshing, I would like to visit the Wall again.

Although I didn't get to go to it, several times I was able to see the Eastern Gate! I rejoiced in remembering that

some day this seated gate will be opened for the King, whom we shall see when He comes.

Now we begin our walk on the Via Dolorosa-the Way of Suffering. We started at the Praetorium (Mk 15:16) or the Pavement where our King was crowned with thorns. It is said that this is the actual place where the soldiers brought Christ. It was a solemn time for everyone.

We were reminded as we walked along of the different events that happened to Him in the Way: the consoling of the women of Jerusalem, the carrying of His cross by Simon, the stripping of His garments, and being nailed to the Cross. At one point, there is was a beautifully done Mosaic showing the latter events concerning Christ's body after He was taken down from the cross. It shows, at the very bottom of the cross crushing the skull of the first man, Adam! I thought this to be interesting.





Day nine. This day we had open, so I went for a short walk by myself within the Old City. I saw much of what I saw yesterday, and had some new experiences. After noontime, all of us went to David's tomb and sang "We're Marching to Zion." We went to the Upper Room and I'll never forget what happened there. Abraham turned to me and asked I would read the Scripture-Acts 2:1-18! It was a very moving time.

We went to Golgotha and the Garden Tomb. Inside the tomb is not very large or impressive, but on the door is a sign that says it all: He is not here, He is Risen! We had communion, all 42 of us doing this in remembrance of Him. Our last meal was in Bethlehem, then we drove to Tel Aviv to begin the trip home.

I'm finding I am enjoying my trip as much now as when I was there. It was a time never to be forgotten, to know I've walked where Jesus walked, But I pray that even now I will walk even as He walked.

Dear Readers of the Apostolic Faith Report,

1995, is now history and we are well into 1996. To each of you I want to say "Thank You" for your support of the ministry of the Apostolic Faith Report. Without your help this ministry would not be possible. Your prayers, finances, articles and news are always appreciated.

May we all work together this year, telling others about Jesus. His coming draws near and we must be ready. God bless you.

Karen Oakes, Editor

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

### Doctrine

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

essentially as follows.

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

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

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**Easter Convocation**  
Katy, TX  
April 8-11  
Contact: Ted Barker

**AFBC Final Concert**  
April 30, 7:00 PM

**AFBC  
Ordination/Dedication Service**  
May 1, 10:00 AM

**'96 Celebration  
In Song and Verse**  
May 1, 2:00 PM  
Contact: Savoy Grimmer

**AFBC Graduation**  
May 1, 7:30 PM

**AFBC Business Meeting**  
May 2, 9:00 AM

**AFBC Alumni Banquet**  
May 2, 6:00 PM  
Ramada Inn, Joplin, MO  
Tickets \$13

**Deadline for tickets - April 29**  
Contact: Yvonna Whiteley  
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**Midwest Youth Camp (Senior)**  
June 2-7, Laverne, OK  
Chairman: Ron Brening

**Midwest Youth Camp (Junior)**  
June 9-14, Laverne, OK  
Chairman: James Brown

**South Texas Youth Camp**  
June 3-7, Sealy, TX  
Chairman: Tim Barker

**Four-State Youth Camp**  
June 16-21, Baxter Springs, KS  
Chairman: Joel Dorris

**Pine Crest Youth Camp**  
June 23-26, Pine Crest, MS  
Chairman: Michael Brening

**Peaceful Pines Youth Camp**  
July 21-26, California  
Chairman: Ross Briles

**Camp Meeting**  
July 22-28, Laverne, OK  
Co-Committee: Jack Cornell  
Co-Committee: Neil Ragan

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