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## Revelation Chapter 21

*A new heaven and a new earth.*

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth : for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

4. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7. He that overcometh shall inherit all things and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whore-mongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

9. And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

11. Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto astone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

12. And had a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and *names* written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

13. On the east three gates; on the north three gates; and on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

14. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16. And the city lieth four-square , and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

17. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred *and* forty *and* four cubits, *according to* the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18. And the building of the wall of it was *of* jasper: and the city *was* pure gold, like unto clear glass.

19. And the foundations of the wall of the city *were* garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation *was* jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

20. The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysopterus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

21. And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

22. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.

24. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations in to it.

27. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, *neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

# TESTI F

## The Apostolic



Jerrilyn Allen  
Katy, Texas

I just want to praise the Lord for saving my soul and for letting me come back to Bible School for a second year. This summer the Lord really blessed me. I helped at the youth camp at Warda, Texas. I had the best time and I had a dorm of girls I counseled. The spirit of the Lord was there during the camp. I just want to say I love everyone and I appreciate everyone's prayers.



Shauna Arnall  
Millerville, Alabama

I became a Christian at an early age. I thank God because I was raised in a Christian home. The Lord has blessed me abundantly throughout my whole life. Eight years ago my sister attended AFBC, and it was then that I decided to go to Bible College. There was never any doubt in my mind about it until my senior year of high school. I was offered several scholarships to secular colleges, and that really looked good to me. Satan tried to tell me that I needed to make something of my life, and that I needed a college education to do that.

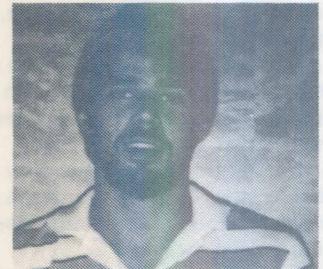
This summer I attended Pine Crest Youth Camp, and the Lord spoke to me, and I felt the calling to be a gospel worker. I then realized that I would make something of my life--something more than any college degree could give me. So my mind was made up; I planned to go to AFBC, and here I am today. The Lord is richly blessing me, and I am learning so much more about the Bible.

I plan to attend AFBC for two years and then, possibly, go to another college, but I will go wherever the Lord leads even if it isn't back to the beautiful state of Alabama.



Stephanie Barker  
Katy, Texas

The best way I could ever start to thank the Lord, is to thank Him for my loving mother and dad, for always being there to pick me up when I would fall. I was always a pretty good kid, I never did anything really "Drastic", and even if I would have my parents could have handled it! They were always so loving and caring for me that they taught me to live in the way that I should go, and that was to walk in the shadow of "Jesus", as long as I am stepping on the shadow of Jesus I know that I cannot go astray...I agree that I have tried to run from God a few times, and yes you are right I did not run for long, because I soon grew tired and weary of that long dull life. Again there was my parents and Jesus waiting for my, all of the time that I was astray Jesus kept me in his loving arms, he loved me so much that even when I did not care he still cared for me. Now I am a saved and spirit filled christian, living a happy life, and saying "Lord I want to love you more"!



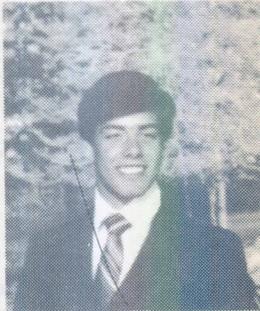
James Bolt  
Houston, Tx.

Thank You Lord for your blessings on me.

I believe that is the best way to describe my testimony. I don't have a "wild life of the past" testimony to share, that usually excites every one. I thank God for these testimonies though, because it is wonderful to hear of the marvelous love and grace of God and how much He will do for a person. My life started with one of the greatest blessings a person could ever have. Both my parents were, and still are born again, sanctified, and Spirit filled. Even though there have been times in my life when I have tried to run from God, and even rebelled, God has never given up on me. Even in those unstable times of my life, it was the solid foundation of Christ I had been raised on, that opened my eyes to where I was and where I was headed. I have not always realized the blessings of God that many of us have destroyed me. The blessings I have are gifts from God that many of us have and yet too often they are taken for granted. I have praying parents, a beautiful family full of love, good food on the table, a good place to sleep, shoes on my feet, clothes on my back, and contentment with what the Lord supplies, but the most wonderful blessing of all is peace with my God and Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. With all the things God has done for me, the life he has given me, and the good health to live it, I can't help but say "thank you Lord for your blessings on me."

# DNIES

## h Bible College



Ron Brening  
Aurora, Colorado

If I could spell, I could probably write a good testimony. I would write about my conversion, but I always begin to cry. So, I am going to tell you about something that happened to me this summer. The Lord let me go home for two weeks or so right after school last year. I am a second year student. Then, the Lord opened the way for me to work in Granby, Missouri this summer under Bro. Edwin Waterbury. I learned many things, especially about visiting people. I also learned how to wreck a brand new mower and break the belt on a vacuum sweeper and break a glass all in the same day. Seriously, I had a good time in the Lord and met many friends that I always will remember. I worked in youth camps and a V.B.S. I was able to go to campmeeting and afterward go home for a week to see DAD and MOM. Then return to school for a youth retreat and then the start of Bible School. Also, I went to Illinois to a campmeeting. In all this I just wrote, the Lord was the Guider. When I would be down and out, the Lord would remind me that He had put me here to learn and to gain understanding. Solomon told us search for knowledge, wisdom and understanding of God. This is my testimony.

Bessie Brown  
Joplin, Mo.



The Lord has really been dealing with me since I have been at Bible College. I have learned so much already. The spirit of the Lord is ever present with us in our studies, devotion times, and church services. We can never have enough times of reading and studying the word of God. He

has blessed my life so much! It was really hard for me to leave my friends, family, and church. I hate to admit I only live fifteen minutes away, but at times it can seem like miles. I believe it is all worth it though. I know he has great things in store for me and my classmates. For this, I praise Him!



Donna Carlstrom  
Baxter Springs, Kansas

I was first convicted to attend A.F.B.C. in the fall of last year. I wasn't sure if it was what the Lord really wanted me to do. That little bit of uncertainty was all Satan needed. Since last year he has been telling me not to come. After weeks I finally heard what God was telling me. And praise the Lord I listened to Him. I have loved being here since the very first day and I have grown so much closer to the Lord! "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Bill Carter  
Bellville, Texas



I grew up not knowing too much about God except that He existed. About ten years after my father's death I began to feel His presence, but it was an emotional things that didn't last long. I gave up on God many times, but He never gave up on me.

In 1982, I spent thirty-five days in an alcohol treatment center in Wichita Falls, Tx. At the age of twenty I was an alcoholic. I tried to let man help me stop, not knowing then that God was all I needed. I had what I needed all the time, but just wouldn't accept it.

I tried many things trying to find an answer, but just made matters worse. I decided to try going back home where I thought everything would be easy. I was going to a Baptist Church and I quit drinking and honky-tonks. Then the rug came out from under my feet. My mom was sick so I went back to Texas and my relationship with my girlfriend came to a halt. Well, I was full of the earth and turned my back on God. I started doing drugs and anything else that was available. I got into rock music. I found by staying high everything was all right.

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A. F. Report

## AFBC Testimonies -----

Bill Carter - continued

I went to work for my brother who is a plumber and he fired me because I was drinking and not getting my work accomplished. Once again I decided to go back to Indiana. I figured if I went back to Indiana, I could change my life. A voice told me that this wasn't the right way. I told my sisters about the voice. I was actually being instructed by God not to go back to Indiana. It was only a miracle that I made it back. On the trip I rode in the back of a pick-up truck which was covered with a tarp. By the time my family pulled me out of the pick-up, my eyes had rolled back in my head and I was totally paralyzed by exhaust fumes and the worse thing about it, I didn't even know it until I came out of it. I was never so scared in all my life. I was almost dead and I didn't have Jesus.

This incident stayed on my mind and as I was drinking one day I said, "This is it! There's got to be something better" and, my friends, that's when I found Jesus. And from that day I have devoted my life to repay Him for His life, because He spared mine. I know He is my Savior.



Tracy Cooper  
Baxter Springs, Ks

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." Ps. 28:7. This scripture really sums up my life for about the past year. The devil tries to put all kinds of doubts in our minds and hearts. But as long as we have faith in Him, and let Him be our strength and shield; we can always rejoice in our hearts and sing praises to His name!



Kayla Doll  
Ringwood, Okla.

I was really privileged to have been raised in a good Christian home. I have had the Lord Jesus Christ in my life for a long time, and He has never failed me. He has always taken good care of me, and I have been blessed greatly since I have been here at Bible School. I am enjoying my closer

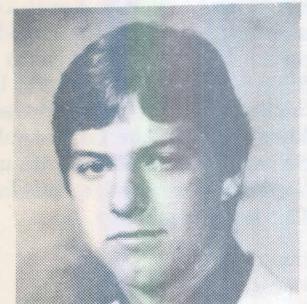
walk with the Lord. He has shown me my need for trusting completely in Him. I really love the Lord, and I am so thankful for everything He has done for me.



Dawn Fenton  
Granby, Mo.

I have wanted to come to the Apostolic Faith Bible college since I found out about it. I thought that it would be a good place to come to school before I got out in the world. I think A.F.B.C. is a great place to prepare for life. We have been here six weeks and it is so neat to know that everyone is a Christian. Here you do not hear any fighting or loud rock music and everyone takes each other into consideration when we do things.

I would like to praise the Lord for giving me a family that will help me and support me while I am seeking the Lord's will in my life. Praise the Lord for people like you. People who care about young people and about the Truth.



Doug Forbes  
Riverton, Kansas

Praise the Lord! God has been great during the past few months. To start things off, I'd like to praise God for a friend like Bro. Johnny Scruggs. He has always been there when I needed someone. May God bless him and use him in his ministry.

This summer I have had a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel around the country and witness to others about Jesus Christ. I traveled with two of my cousins, Valerie and Vanessa Oakes. The Lord really blessed us. We first went to Alvin, Texas. Then we went to Lost Pines Youth Camp, Hardesty, Oklahoma; Laverne Youth Camp, Four State Youth Camp and Mississippi Youth Camp. I then traveled to Campmeeting in Iola, Illinois and Campmeeting in Laverne. After all that the Lord opened another door so that I could go on an expense paid trip to Canada.

I'm back at Bible College now, and I wish you would remember me in prayer that through this study others will see Christ through me.



Rena Gibbs  
Lincoln, Ark.

I was really confused during my senior year in high school. I didn't know whether or not to come to Bible College. I didn't want to leave my home or family. I also didn't want to leave my job. I really loved it! Then when the Apostolic Faith Bible College choir came to my home in Cave Springs, Ark. I decided to come for sure.

Now I am really glad that I finally decided to come. I really love it! God has blessed me so much. Be praying for us.



Fay and Rene Haines      Follett, Texas

First I give my praise to the Lord from whom all blessings flow. Truly I have been blessed as I attend my second year at A.F.B.C.

My husband and I had been thinking about returning to school but never thought it would happen because of our bills. When camp meeting came around we both felt the call of the Lord to return to school. We were both scared to pull up our home in Texas. I think the thing I prayed the most was to have courage. For a while we were really excited because the Lord told us He would meet our needs if we would only ask Him and believe in Him.

Soon it was only days before school was to begin. We still hadn't been led to buyers for our trailerhouse and blazer. I knew I needed to be packing but I just couldn't be motivated because nothing had been sold. Soon I realized what was wrong! God had told us He would sell the trailer and blazer, but He never said they would be sold BEFORE we left for school!

That night I began the long process of packing. The really great thing was that the next day the blazer was sold and soon the trailer was sold.

We both know we wouldn't be here if it hadn't been the work of God. We both learned that we need to set our faith into action. If you are a married couple and you feel the need to attend school, trust the Lord and set out on faith. He'll meet your needs.

My favorite verse is I John 4:4. "...GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU. THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD."

I would like to start out by giving the Lord praise. He really worked things out for me and my wife Fay to be able to get to come to Bible School.

Back around the first of the year the Lord was dealing with me about not doing enough for Him. So I prayed and prayed about it. And the Lord impressed me to be a

counselor at youth camp. And during and after youth camp the Lord started to deal with me again about doing something for Him.

About this time camp meeting was here. After the service one night as I was praying for guidance the Lord revealed to me that He wanted me to come to Bible School. I told the Lord that he knew what I needed to have done before I could go.

I was paying on a Trailer House and a Chevy Blazer and a Ford car. And about two weeks before school started I was getting worried, and I started to doubt the Lord. And all of a sudden I sold the Blazer, and then about two weeks later I sold the Trailer House, and by selling the Blazer and Trailer I paid off the rest of my car, and so I was able to come to school.

One thing I would like to say is, in every trial a person goes through he or she must learn something from it, and the lesson I learned was to never again will I doubt the ability of my God, and I hope yours.



Valerie Hopson  
Clay Center, Kansas

I just want to say that my praise to the Lord is for making the opportunity for me to come to Bible School last semester and this whole year. Last year I grew with the Lord more than I had since I had been a Christian. And I hope to grow in the Lord this year and show the world that I do have something different, and that I want to share it.



Bryant Mathis  
Hempstead, Texas

About six years ago, my older daughter attended Bible College. I made the statement then that when my younger daughter goes, I'm going too.

As the years went by, I gave very little thought of going. When the time came to decide I began making myself excuses. I have a good job, cattle to see after and things of this kind, which I felt would be a legal excuse.

It was then the Lord reminded me of the statement I had made years ago. You said you were going, you need to go, now what about it? I began praying about it and left it all in

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## AFBC Testimonies.....

Bryant Mathis, continued

God's hands. I had an experience just a few months prior to this that reminded me; it pays to listen to the voice of God.

The first thing was to ask for a nine month leave of absence from my job. Within two weeks this was all worked out. My pastor, Bro. Johnny Arnall, so graciously agreed to see after my cows. I had no more excuses and it was up to me. Well I'm here in the middle of it all. I have enjoyed studying God's holy word.

The Lord has been so precious, so kind, so loving, so merciful to me the past years of my life. My desire is to be more like Jesus every day. I want to be ready for His return...Pray for me.



Janis Mathis  
Hempstead, Texas

I cannot begin to express the goodness of God to me. I love Him with all of my heart. There are no many things we should be thankful for as God's children. I couldn't start counting His blessings on me. I'm thankful that He is always there when I need someone to talk to. He never puts anyone on hold. He always has time to hear our prayer. I know I have failed the Lord many times, but yet He is always there picking me up and helping me start all over again. No one else would do that, but God. I have found whatever the problem, test or trial the only solution is JESUS. If you don't know Him, you are missing the greatest blessings ever.

Karen Mathis  
Hempstead, Texas



I was raised in a Christian home all my life. My parents didn't send me to church, they took me. I am thankful for this blessing that God bestowed upon me.

If it wasn't for God, my life would be a useless waste, He has made me everything I am, and everything I ever will be is in His hands. He has given me blessings that I never deserved because He loves me and wants to use me.

I enjoy using my talents for the Lord. It's good to see

people being blessed. Jesus said, "If I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

I want to be able to lift up Jesus so that others may know Him.



Kim Mathis  
Hempstead, TX

The Lord has truly been wonderful to me! His blessings are bountiful and great. He is so worthy to be praised! I thank the Lord for his precious Holy Spirit he's given me. Everyday is a new experience with the Lord. Sometimes I have to stand back in awe when I see the Lord working. He always knows what's best for me.

I was fortunate to be born and raised in a Christian family where the truth was taught. Sometimes I wonder why the Lord chose me. The verse John 15:16 really ministers to me. It says, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruits should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." It makes me feel really special when I read the part that says, "I have chosen you."

The Lord has a purpose and plan for all of us. I do not know what my future holds, but I know it is in good hands. My desire is to stay sincere to the leading of the Lord and to do His perfect will.

Ron Noble  
Balko, Okla,



Before I started writing this, I searched for a verse that would express my very thought about the wondrous works of The Almighty in my life. John 21:25. "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen."

I often think of the story concerning a man that would always give the same testimony in church, but within a few words, that testimony was a praise to God. "I thank the Lord for life, joy, and strength, and for meeting my needs day to day."

People often take the Lord's gracious love and blessings for granted. The opportunity to attend Bible College is one of the best events that has happened to me. I sincerely pray that more people will study the Word for the oncoming times. At the Bible College, each student and teacher has an advantage that, unfortunately, many people don't have and that is getting to study, pray, learn His Word several hours a day.

Although the Lord may not call me to be a full-time preacher or evangelist, He has plans for me doing his work. Every Christian should be, must be, a preacher anywhere. Every Christian must have a vision for without a vision, no one has anything to work for. The vision that I share, perhaps with many others, is to lead people to Christ, to preach the Gospel whenever I have the chance, and not for my own praise, but to be a spiritual leader to ones in need. The Lord may not want me to be world-known but I do know that He, the Ever-Present Being in our life, desires us to witness to the people we came in contact with.

Without Christ, we can do nothing. I enjoy living a Christian life here on the earth, but I, as are all of us, am just passing through. Christ is calling His Children to His Home. Material possessions are going to be left behind. Not one person came into the world with anything and no one is certainly not going to carry anything out. For Christians, the reward is already prepared.



Valerie Oakes  
Joplin, Mo.

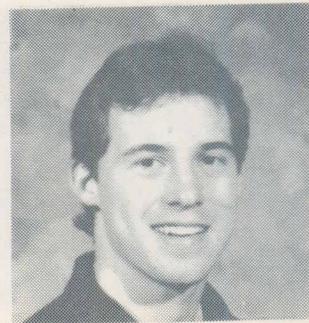
The Lord has been so good to me. I hardly know where to begin because God has blessed me so much in my lifetime. He has given me the wonderful privilege of coming to Bible College here at Baxter Springs and the presence of the Lord has been with us so much. All my life I have planned to come to Bible College. Every year when school started I wanted to quit school right then and come. The Lord told me my chance to come would be soon. But as I got older and began to plan graduation events, I really didn't want to come to Bible College. I wanted to go to a regular 4-year college and begin a career. I wanted to do as all my friends from High School were doing. As time went on, I drew farther and farther from God. I was probably the most unhappy person on the face of the earth. I had listened to Satan and I had let Satan control my life. Then in February of 1984, Bro. Ted Barker came to Webb City for a revival. The Lord really roused me and lovingly brought me out of my unhappiness and took me back into his arms. He gave me such a desire to come to Bible College and I am so thankful. I am here now, and it is more wonderful than I ever dreamed. I praise God for letting me come to Bible College.

I also thank God for giving me such wonderful Christian parents and a wonderful Christian family. Also, I want to take this opportunity to tell my parents "thank you" for listening to the Lord as they brought me up. I love you, Dad and Mom.

Vanessa Oakes  
Joplin, Mo.



I have so much to be thankful for. God has blessed me in so many ways. I have been raised in a wonderful Christian family that I love very much and the Lord has given me so many Christian friends to share with. All through my school years the Lord has walked with me every day. He has been the best friend I've ever had. Now he is giving me the privilege to attend Bible College. It is such a beautiful place to study and draw closer to the Lord. I could never ever Thank Him enough. He is everything to me.



Wayne Rucker  
Katy, Texas

My testimony is of my last summer in Katy, Texas, where I started to work as soon as I got out of Bible School. I had an outdoor job and the heat was one of the hardest things to endure. The music that I heard played by the other workers also was a problem to me. If I left it up to Christ every time I heard it played, I hope they would see Christ in me.

I thank my dad very much for giving me a job. I wish I could have worked harder for him because I love him very much and I know the Lord will be a better worker for him. I don't know how much I was helping him but the Scripture in Proverbs 3:5. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thy own understanding."

The Blood of Christ and everyone's prayers supporting me there is no way I can lose this life that Christ gave to me.

I try to remember this everyday and maybe this could help you. Hebrews 13:5b. "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."



Karla Schelf  
Taneyville, Mo.

If I were to attempt to make a list of all the things the Lord has done for me, I can safely say that it would never be completed. For the Lord has blessed me in so many ways and He continues to do so everyday of my life. He knows every part of me. He sees how I feel, when I am hurting, and when I am rejoicing, and He shares in both.

I praise the Lord for allowing me to return to Bible School. Over the summer the Devil fought me and I was so confused about my future, but praise God, if we will seek Him, He will show us the way. There is no doubt in my mind that this is where the Lord would have me to be. I have felt His presence in our school from the very beginning.

I do not know where the Lord will lead me after Bible School, but I know that if I will keep my life in His hands and seek His face. He will show me and guide me in His time.

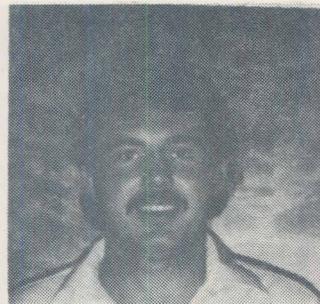


LaDonna Snyder  
Rockport, WV.

I am abundantly blessed, for the Lord has been so good to me. I thank him for allowing me to be born not only to Christians, but to a minister and his wife. My parents have set forth a beautiful example for me on how to live a victorious, overcoming, Christian life.

I was raised in a Christian home, so I was taught to love God. I was saved for the first time at the age of eight. My walk with God has not always been as close as He would have liked it to be. People can say what they want, but I know those times came when I neglected my Bible reading, and prayer life. But, do you know what? God was there all the time. He said He'd never leave us nor forsake us. Often we forsake him though.

I praise God for allowing me to attend AFBC. I've grown so much in the love of God. If I was to tell you just one thing I want to do with my life, it would be to serve God to my fullest extent everyday.



Clinton Shannon  
Leakey, Texas.

First of all I want to say that since 11 years old, Jesus has been the light of my life. He has never failed me in anything, and he has always been with me. I met Christ in a peaceful pasture. The trials of life had become too much for a child of eleven. My mother's back was twisted in the lower spine and she couldn't walk. My father was in the hospital with Muscular Dystrophy. As oldest I had responsibility of two brothers and three sisters. We lived in a one room trailer with my grandmother.

I fell on my knees and cried Lord, I can't make it on my own. Come help me with this, Lord, and the Lord reached down and touched my heart and through his love for me, I received two miracles. After one small month my father's disease was stopped, he was coming home. Mom was scheduled for an operation to fix her back. The amazing thing is all I did was love God, and give him my life. He has given me everything I've asked him for.

Praise the Lord!!!



Traci Snyder  
Columbus, Texas

Making decisions has never been easy for me. I did not learn until recently that if you ask God to help you, He will make it much easier and He will tell you what His will is in your life. I learned this after I graduated from high school. I had to make the big decision of where I was to go to college. I thought I knew which one I wanted to attend. Then I heard about Bible College in Kansas. I could not make up my mind which one to go to. It was the hardest decision I ever had to make.

I thank God for my Christian parents because they did not pressure me into making a decision right away. They told me to pray about it and ask God what his will was for my life. This was not easy because I had never really asked Him to help me in this way before. I thought when I asked God, that he would answer me right away. I was wrong about that. God made me wait on the answer. At first I thought he had forgotten me and was not going to answer my prayer. Then about a month later, God answered my prayer. He told me I needed to go to Bible College.

He was there all the time, I just had to wait on Him for the answer. This showed me that God may not answer your prayers right away and give you an answer, but you have to have patience and wait upon him.



Ginny Stafford  
Formosa, Kansas.

When we are asked to give or write a testimony we automatically try to think of some miraculous healing or some tremendous spiritual feat that has happened to us. If we can't think of one we panic and say I can't! What about the little things? God needs to be glorified in them also!

My testimony may not seem to be very outstanding to some and a little strange to others but the scriptures say, "In everything give Him thanks." This includes the little things, too.

This incident took place shortly after I left home this summer to return to Bible School. My car looked like any other Bible students car, every conceivable space was filled. I was driving down the highway not far from home debating on which of two routes to take. One was a little longer than the other but I kept having the feeling I should take it. As I began to approach my turn off to the short route I began to pray, "Lord, you know what lies ahead. Please show me which road to take." Something distracted me and I missed my first turn so I promptly said, "I assume Lord I'm to take the longer route."

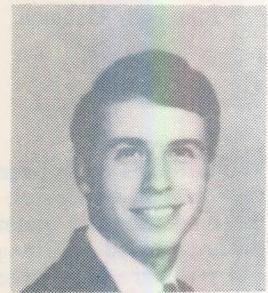
About 10 miles down the road a highway patrolman, going the opposite direction that I was, had a lady pulled over for speeding. Just a short distance from there I began to think about my brief case and if I had left it or not. So I pulled off the road and walked around to the other side of the car to check if I had it. As I walked around the car my right rear tire was going down. I opened the trunk and got out the jack and spare and began to change the tire. My jack wasn't very secure and the wind was shaking my car. I prayed once again, "Lord, please help!" I heard a car pull up behind me moments later. As I turned around, who else but the highway patrolman should be there. He got out of his car and changed my tire then helped me get everything back into the trunk.

Some may think this was a coincidence but I don't believe in coincidences. I feel like the Lord knew Satan was going to try to upset me with a flat tire and as I prayed for direction at the fork in the road He lead me where I would receive help.

I think as we walk down life's road if we would ask for directions road and say, "Lord, you know what lies ahead. Please help." He will, and things would be so much easier in our Christian walks.

I fall back on a promise in Psalms 32:8, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."

His promises are true. He will guide us even when we need a highway patrolman.



Kelly Stevenson  
Vanderpool, Texas

First, I want to praise God for this fabulous opportunity to come here and study His word. I've dreamed about A.F.B.C., but never thought I'd have the privilege of attending it. Since I've been here I've made everlasting friends and fantastic family. The atmosphere is totally centered around Christ and the spirit of God has been great in all of our services and classes.

I want to praise God for the privilege of living around a Christian family and attending an Apostolic Faith Church for most of my life. I also thank God for the Apostolic Faith movement and this Bible College they offer to any and all.

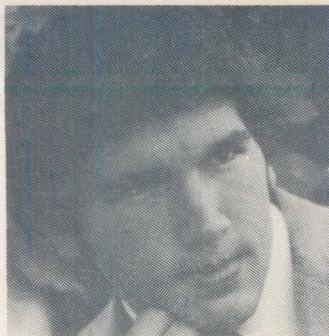
There's been something I've noticed since I've been here and that is the dedication of the staff. I ask all of you to earnestly pray for the staff and the student body. God bless all of you because without your support we, the students, couldn't enjoy this God given opportunity.



Shelly Stevenson  
Vanderpool, Tx.

It's so hard for me to mention everything the Lord's done for me. He's really made me realize just how much my family means to me and how blessed I am being raised in a Christian home. The Lord has answered so many of my prayers. Since I've been here at Bible College, the Lord has shown me what he wants me to do with my life. I've learned that if you put the Lord first in everything, that it will always work out. I was always making my own plans and dreaming my own dreams without the Lords consent. How close I am to him now and you know He's been there all the time.

James Swanner  
Pine Hill, Alabama



The Lord has really been good to me in the last year. Bible College was wonderful. God blessed me in the classes. I received a greater understanding of His word and His will toward us. God gave me good friends that I will have forever and we share some great times together. These times are some of the best times in my life. The times we spent in worship helped me grow in the Lord and I love these times dearly. I want to thank God for all these things. I also want so thank God for letting me come back for another year. I know this year will be better than the last.



Kevin Theilen  
Lahoma, Oklahoma

My name is Kevin Theilen and I come from Lahoma, Oklahoma. I was raised in church, but had never experienced God's saving grace. After graduating from high school I went to Tonkawa College. At the beginning of this Fall semester I brought my cousin, Kayla, to A.F.B.C. for her to enroll. My plans were to return to college. After arriving here, Kayla talked me into coming back for a visit. I did come back to Bible College to visit, but I never imagined the special blessing that awaited me. On Sunday, Sept. 9, 1984 I was saved and I thank the Lord and praise Him for His love that reached down to me. I am thankful for the opportunity now to come and study at A.F.B.C. I am excited about all that lies ahead.

Kem Yost  
Sarcoxie, Mo.



In all my life, I have never seen so much love in one place than I have seen here. The people here at AFBC become your second family and no matter who you are, where you've come from, or what you've been through, they treat us all the same. You can truly feel the love of the Lord here. I never knew that this school existed until 3 weeks before school started. I'm so glad that God sent me here because now I have a chance to find out who I am in the best environment that you can find.

I know that this year is going to be great not only with the new friends that you make, but also with the spiritual growth that you experience.

Thank God there are places like AFBC here in the world.

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## 25th Anniversary



### Rev. and Mrs. Ross Briles

Rev. & Mrs. Ross Briles, pastors of the Sherwood, Bible Church, Modesto, California celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. A reception was held on August 26, 1984 at the Sherwood Bible Church from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. The Briles have two daughters, Cheryl and Jan.



## October Notes

### Rockdale, Texas

We are having a busy summer here in Rockdale. We had several young people attend Youth Camp. Warren and Dora Haney are our youth leaders, and they are doing a fine job.

Our V.B.S. was well attended, with an enrollment of 71 students.

A revival in the early spring with Bro. Doc. and Sis. Juanita Methvin was a real blessing to the church. Souls were saved and many victories were won.

In May our niece, Myrtle Carney, accompanied by Sister Donna Pearson from Hinton, Ala. held some special services for us, and were certainly blessed and inspired by their ministry and special singing.

Bro. Johnnie Scruggs from Hempstead, Tx had a Sunday service while we were away. We heard many good reports about this young man's message.

Our youth group just returned from the Youth Retreat in Baxter Springs, Ks. One of our young men was saved in one of the services. We appreciate those who made the retreat possible.

Our church men are busy with a building project. They are building a fellowship hall and new classrooms. We have also added a new kitchen and utility room to the parsonage.

We are so thankful to have Marty, Sandy and Steven Haney back in Rockdale. Marty will be teaching in the school here. They have been living in Killeen, Tx.

Our attendance has been good through summer, especially on Sunday mornings. Remember us in your prayers.

Pastor--Roland Haney

### Cave Springs, Arkansas

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised Ps. 48:1

The Lord is certainly to be praised for all His blessings upon all of our church family here in Cave Springs. We are enjoying an increase in attendance and the many daily victories that the Lord wins for each of us.

We enjoyed a wonderful revival with Bro. Randy Dalton in April. Other visitors who have ministered in our pulpit this summer are Sis. Myrtle Carney and Bro. Terry Mathis. Some others include Sis. Donna Pearson, Bro. and Sis. Carrol Oakes and family, and Bro. and Sis. Delvin Wiles and family.

We invite any of you to come by and visit us. The Lord richly bless you all.

Pastor Alvin Buschman

October, 1984

### Galena, Ks

Praise the Lord for He is the same yesterday, today and forever! He is always there when you need Him. He never fails to come through with the right answer.

The Lord has been blessing in our services. The precious Holy Spirit is convicting the lost and making souls hungry for deeper blessings.

Some of our church people are back in church after illnesses and surgery. Praise the Lord! Remember others of our church family who are shut ins at home or rest homes.

We enjoyed the Rev. & Mrs. T.S. Abraham from the country of India on Sept. 11, 1984. We also enjoyed Rev. & Mrs. Tom Day on August 26th. Bro. Day brought the message that morning. Sept. 2 Bro. Bobbie Bishop ministered for us. His wife, Barbara, is the daughter of Sis. Audrey Henderson. The Bishops are from Florida. We were also happy to have Sis. Margaret Yeakel and Sis. Emmabelle Ashley from Wichita, Ks. We welcome all of our brothers and sisters to come by and worship with us at any time.

Psalms 119:10 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Howard Whitely - Pastor

May Rowland - Reporter



Mr. & Mrs. Fred Arnall announce the birth of their second son, Adam Wade, on August 28, 1984. He weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. Adam's brother is 3½ year old Chad. Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Elvis Adams of Quapaw, Okla. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie Arnall of Granby, Mo. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Ruby Adams of Quapaw, Okla.

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**Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.  
ARTICLE VII  
Doctrine**

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. 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 Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Santification of the Spirit, soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

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

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

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