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On Thanksgiving Day 2014 family and friends gathered at our home to celebrate the faithfulness of our God. We enjoyed so much the bountiful meal together along with the wonderful fellowship.

At one point our grandsons decided to practice target shooting with a new rifle that had been recently purchased by one of them. They found an old piece of wood for a target and placed it in a pile of limbs from a tree that had been removed. I was soon invited to join the festivities and that was exciting since I had never shot a gun before. Soon they were laughing at grandma, apron and all. It was not long until a picture was taken and ended up going out on the internet for all to see. I guess some things you can't keep quiet.

"VICTORY" Written in Red



Soon the day was over, family and friends left, leaving all of us with good memories to enjoy in days to come.

A few days later as I glanced out of our kitchen window something caught my eyes. And then I saw it—the piece of wood used for a target was really an old sign that had been removed from an old church building. As I read what the sign said I felt the sweetness of the Lord's voice saying "When parts of your life looks and feels like just a pile of rubbish don't forget that **"VICTORY"** is still there. It may seem like it has been shot at and is upside down but there is still **"VICTORY"** and it has been written in **red** with my blood."

My heart filled with praise to the One who bought and paid for **"VICTORY"** that I have needed and still need in my life .

As I looked at that upside down sign I knew we needed to do something different with it. I asked my husband if he could hang it right side up on a tree so it could be seen when we looked out the window. He did that and now daily we are reminded again and again that **"VICTORY"** was bought and paid for at Calvary for all of us.

Perhaps there could be some of you that needs to be encouraged and made aware that **"VICTORY"** is yours no matter what circumstances look like. Be encouraged for He has already won the battle and **"VICTORY"** is yours.

Praise be unto our God
Karen Oakes



Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers ; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. I Peter 1:18-19

Pearls of Promise

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

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Article VII

Doctrine

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

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

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

AFBC Closing Activities

May 5th

Alumni Banquet

7:00 PM- \$12.50 each

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May 6th

Annual Business

Meeting

9:00AM

Ordination Service

7:00 PM

May 7th

Final Music Ministry

Service

10:00AM

BBQ Lunch

Noon

AFBC Graduation

7:00PM

From the Superintendent

Dear AFBC Faithful Supporters,

On behalf of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, I would like to thank the members of the following three families, Marvin Boyd Sr., James Wawak and Hervey Oliver for the donation of the Big Springs Church Facility and property in Big Springs, Texas to the Bible College.

It is my understanding that the buildings and properties had gone unused for quite a number of years and it was the desire of these three families to donate the properties to AFBC. The properties have since been sold and the proceeds of that sale amounted to sixty-five thousand dollars. I would also like to report that the purchasers of the property will continue to utilize the facility for church purposes and community outreach.

I would like to thank former AFBC Board Member. Bro. Jim Boyd, for his personal giving of time and resources in facilitating the transfer and sale of the property acting as a representative of AFBC. It is also noted that none of the contributors, including Bro. Jim Boyd, have received any material goods or benefits from the transfer or sale of this property.

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Camp Meeting 2015

We are already getting excited about Camp Meeting! You will want to plan now to attend!

Camp Meeting will be held on the Campus of the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas, beginning with an Evening Service Thursday, July 23rd and ending with the Evening Service Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

Saturday, July 25th will consist of a Special Day of Activities to include:

- A Super Saturday for children ages 4 to 12.
- A Women's Conference 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- A Men's Conference 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- A Marriage Seminar 2 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Evening Service at 7:00 P.M.

Don't miss these special, anointed services and times of fellowship. We need each other in these closing days of time! Reserve these dates on your calendars NOW!

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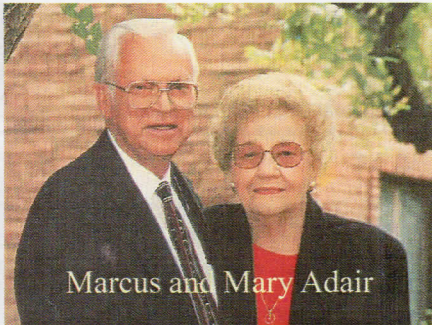
Faith Community Church Celebrates Expansion

By Amanda Rogers—The Canyon
News

Sunday, February 15th, was a day to celebrate the answers to prayers made long before faithful church members could see their hopes come to fruition. Faith Community Church located at 2706 4th Avenue, Canyon, TX held a dedication service for its recent renovations and additions.

For several years members have had the hope of one day acquiring the building next to the church, which was most recently Sage Brush Galleries. "We felt like if it was the Lord's will to have that building, even before it became available, he'd bring it to pass. So, we started saving money so if the building became available, the money be there," said Nolan Brown, a member of the church's advisory board. In 2009 the church bought the building for \$85,000. Just \$25,000 was financed in the sale, with the church paying that off in eight months. "Today has been wonderful. This is what we had in mind, even before we bought the building," Brown said. "We wanted a place for good fellowship, plenty of space and restrooms on top of that." Again, the church began to save to one day connect the two buildings, as well as add two handicap accessible restrooms.

"We have a basement here but the stairs got to be where they were a problem for older people, and there is quite a few of us. We needed a place for a fellowship hall. We did need a classroom for the little kids," said Floyd Pletcher, a church member who supervised the project as the church was its own contractor. "It's just something I felt like doing. Seeing everyone in that building eating lunch and having a good time, that's the great part."



Marcus and Mary Adair

The original church was built in 1962 after Marcus and Mary Adair moved their family to Canyon in 1960 to start the ministry. One of their three daughters, Velora Cummings of Dalhart, was at the service. "I know the vision my daddy had for bringing the ministry to Canyon. It wasn't necessarily an easy thing to do. It took finances and God's blessing to make it happen, as well as people coming on board with him. It's amazing to see that the church - ever how small it was or ever how large it was - has still stayed faithful," Cummings said. "I knew the vision Daddy had that someday he would like this property to join the church property. He was such a visionary. "When I look around and see all of the people, and there are a lot that I recognize who knew, Mother and Daddy, I see people who are faithful members of the church. I'm grateful it's still a thriving ministry

where people can come to know Jesus."

Layton Chettinger, an advisory board member of the church, said that he hopes that the congregation can now grow with the addition of facilities. "It's what God wanted to be done, and his people did it. It's not the people's house; it's God's house. Everything in here is His. With a little effort from everybody, God can work in mysterious ways and everything comes together," he said. "I'm just so happy to be a part of this church. It's a little church, we don't have a big congregation, but we're here to worship the Lord. It's a family, and when one person has a problem, we all have a problem. For those who don't know the Lord, it's a good place to come to know him. It's a friendly church."

Damon Deaton has been pastor of the church since 2001. "It is important not only to remember why we dedicate things to God, but also how we honor those who have invested their lives in what has been done. The act of dedication is to publically declare that a person or possession belongs to God, and that those who are a part of the dedication are strong in their resolve to help the person or use the possession in a way that glorifies God in all ways," he said during the Sunday service. He said that the additions will not only help the older members with accessibility, but also allow the younger families to enjoy new amenities. "It was phenomenal Sunday to see the culmination of the work the people have done together and to see the dreams of the founding family come to pass. It was a vision of the Adairs to at some point in time have a larger facility," Deaton said. "There were times during the construction that I would walk through the area, and it was just unbelievable to see it finally coming together."

The Body of Christ

Ephesians 4:1-20

By Travis Bard— Carl Junction, MO

“Church”. Pause and think about this word for a moment. What comes to your mind? A building? A group of people? A weekly event? The thing that comes to your mind when you think about the word church reveals what you believe about the primary identity and purpose of the church.

If we are not careful, our image of the church will be shaped by our American traditions more than it is shaped by the Word of God. All too often our concept of what church is centers around the building, the leadership structure, or the various programs and ministries. We see the church as an institution that is put in place, staffed and funded by our tithes and offerings to meet what we perceive to be our own needs. We often shop churches much as we shop for insurance, finally settling upon the one institution that can best provide what we desire. As a result, many churches institute programs and make ministry decisions based upon what they think will attract and retain members. In this paradigm, pastors and other staff members are seen as the providers of all things spiritual, and the congregation relies upon them to get them through all the difficulties of life. Unfortunately this way of thinking about the church usually leads to weak, immature and dependent believers and burned out pastors and staff.

“ And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he might have the preeminence.” Colossians 1:18. In the biblical paradigm, the church is not a building, an organization, an institution, or a weekly event. The church is the ekklesia, the assembly of the reborn. It is the collective body of believers who were dead but have been made alive through Christ. It is the fellowship and communion of the body of Christ, unified under the headship of the living Son of God.

In Ephesians 4, Paul presents a blueprint for the operation and edification of the church. The church is one body, identified by one baptism, united under one head and empowered by one Spirit. When Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave gifts to His body, the church. Paul identifies these gifts as five ministry callings, anointed by the Holy Spirit, and set aside especially for the body of Christ. God has placed apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers in the church to minister to His body. The purpose of their ministry is given in verses 12-15. God gave these gifts to the body, **“For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.”**

The word perfecting in verse 12 means the furnishing or fitting out, the equipping of the body. Just as ship builders fit out and equip their vessels with all that is necessary to do a particular job at sea, God gave these gifts to equip the church with all that she needs to go out and do the work of the ministry and edify the body of Christ. God never intended for the pastor and a church staff to do the work of the ministry and edify the body of Christ, He intended that the church itself, the body, do the work of ministry and edification. But to do this, the church has to be equipped and mature. Paul speaks of the church coming into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man having the measure of the stature and fullness of Christ. This means that the church, the body of Christ, must come to a place where they rise up as fully mature men and women of God. The five ministry gifts are given by God to bring the church into full maturity of Christian manhood so that the church can impact the world for the Kingdom of God. Without this maturity, the body of Christ will be immature, ill-equipped, and easily torn apart by every new teaching that comes down the pike.

It is God’s blueprint that every believer grow into spiritual maturity, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and be anointed with power to perform his or her unique function of the body. Every member of the church should be growing in the grace and knowledge of God. If this is the case, then the body edifies itself as every joint supplies in proportion to that which the Holy Spirit is doing in that joint individually.

There is no such thing as an insignificant or unimportant part of the body of Christ. God desires for every believer to be filled with His Holy Spirit and empowered to supply to the body his or her own unique calling and function. Believers were never intended to sit in pews, sing songs, listen to sermons, and come back next week for another installment. They were never intended to be consumers of programs for which they pay their weekly tithes and offerings. Believers were intended to be integral and vital parts of a living body. They were intended to grow into maturity and to move in the power of the Holy Spirit as they minister to one another and to the world around them.

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The Body of Christ-con't

I want to give a word of encouragement to leaders. To those who are gifts to the body of Christ in ministry, ask yourself these questions. "How can I see Christ formed in the people I am called to lead?: What can I do to see these people grow into the stature and fullness of mature Christian manhood?" "How can I teach, equip believers and teach them to do the work of ministry?"

I want to encourage all believers to ask God to reveal to you His calling and purpose for your life. You are not called by God to be a consumer of spiritual programs, but to be a supplier of life to the body and a minister of reconciliation to the world. Begin to pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in your life to do the work of ministry. Purpose to spend more time with the Lord, and more time in His Word. Purpose to supply to the body of Christ that which only you can supply, and pray that God would anoint you to do so. Your function as a mature Christian is vitally needed. God has set all of us as members in His body, and the body cannot function as God desires it to function if you do not rise up and take your place.

19 Years in Moldova

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord! Kinda hard to believe that soon I start my 19th year of ministry in Moldova. I can still remember Bro. Roland Busch at my interview for ordination. He said that I might not fit in well at some places but he recognized the Lord's hand on my life. To me it seems like Bro. Roland's words were a prophecy that day.

How can a person really say Thank You? Some years back I visited with Bro. Ted Barker and asked him to forgive me for being at Bible School. Ronnie Martin was one of the persons on the list to seek forgiveness. He opened up his pulpit more than one time to me while I was in Bible School. Upon remembering my start I thank God for so many who helped me. My Uncle Harrol Waterbury who drove me to Baxter Springs, Tommy Pletcher who bought me some clothes to wear before I went. David Stump who shared his suits. Doc Methvin who taught me phase three gospel work. Jimmy Wallis who had patience like God himself. The Smiths, graduates from AFBC, encouraged me more than once in Trapper Creek, Alaska. Never can I imagine being where I am today if it were not for an aunt, Barbara Waterbury, who loved me and encouraged me in spite of my faults. And on and on I remember those who helped me start. Amazingly all those who helped me start and their influence helped build into me the ability to be where I am today.

Also I thank the Lord for two things. One is the Apostolic Faith Bible College where I received my base of biblical understanding. The teachers were so kind. My first class with Sister Louise Sutton was interesting. She set me on the first row and began the class asking everyone to turn to Mark. I turned around looking for Mark. The student next to me kindly showed me the top of a Bible with Mark written on it. The second reality I came to understand at Bible School was faith. Hearing so many stories of those who have gone before who lived by faith. As a missionary not associated with a large organization, holding on to the assurance of God's provision is all I had. Last year after walking for a year and a half the Lord miraculously provided the funds for a car. And some dear friends from the panhandle of Oklahoma gave a very generous donation that almost tripled my year's income. Thank the Lord for those who regularly support His ministry and those who hear His voice and give, sometimes without knowing the need.

Struggles— we all have them but on the mission field sometimes the struggles seem overwhelming. By remembering that you were sent, "And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:15a KJV), gives a courage and resilience to hang in there.

Missionary! Me a missionary? That is what they call me. But in many ways I feel like a small piece of a very large puzzle. Teaching students, studying with students, helping train Sunday School teachers, helping develop children at risk programs, helping start an orphanage, encouraging missions, and my favorite ministry of all— talking about Jesus. Many times just equipping and helping someone start a ministry.

Students that I have taught now live in Moldova, Ukraine, Russia, France, Spain, Germany, Tanzania, Norway, Canada, the United States and many other countries, many of them active in ministry and faithful to life in Jesus. I have studied with students that I have taught, while working on our Masters and I am going ahead with them to soon work on a Doctorate of Ministry. I found out that if I do something it is easier for others to follow. A children at risk program turned into many other programs throughout the nation. It also caused the birth of a Christian orphanage, thanks to the help of Horizons Foundation in St. Charles, and today that orphanage is a home to a K-12 school. Encouraging a pastor to challenge his church to be involved in missions grew to a national missions program being established.

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So over the years a long time missionary sees many changes, some good and some with brokenness and tears not so good. The years help understand how to share Jesus clearly in a different culture. In time the missions world and focus also changes. The longer on the field, the more of those who sent the missionary on the field change. At times support decreases as needs grow. Yet, now, some of my greatest challenges and opportunities are before me. Translated from mission speak to practical language, if the Lord provides the needed support I can minister in a greater capacity in reaching more for Jesus and accept opportunities to teach and minister in other countries. All is to the Glory of God and His son Jesus. Glory be to our Lord Jesus Christ both now and forever. Amen.

More than ever your prayer and support are needed to help fulfill the mission He set before me. If you would like to be added to an email or postal update, please let me know.

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4-State Youth Camp Update

The 4-State Apostolic Faith Campgrounds in Baxter Springs, KS has been in operation for over 50 years serving as a retreat from the world and a place to encounter God. The last couple of years have been difficult after vandals broke in and caused extensive damage to the cafeteria, boys' bath house, and some of the dorms. The board of trustees of the camp had set in place a plan to restore the cafeteria and build a new dormitory (which will also include showers and toilets) on our beautiful grounds. Phase one of the plan is to secure the property. A mobile home has been purchased and the installation is now complete for a tenant/groundskeeper. He will help with maintenance, mowing and security. The next phase is to build a dormitory building (a 60ft. X

90ft. building with an initial estimate of \$50-\$70,000 to construct) and restore the cafeteria building. There are currently enough finances to finish out phase one and for the operation of camps for the coming summer, but funds for the restoration process have been exhausted. Funds will be needed to proceed with phase two of the plan.

Many people have camped, prayed, sang, preached and worshipped the Lord on these special grounds over the last 50 + years. Many of us have special memories of times that the Lord has touched us while attending services or camps there. Would you prayerfully consider giving back to help the ministry of our campgrounds continue so that future generations can experience the presence of the Lord here? Any help to the Apostolic Faith Youth Camp will be appreciated.

May the Lord bless you abundantly as we all work together in His Kingdom/

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In Memory



Neva Jean Mullins —Sept. 30, 1924 - Nov. 8, 2014

Neva Jean (Nanny) Mullins passed from this life on Nov. 8, 2014 at National Health Care in Joplin, MO. Neva was born Sept. 30, 1924, in Cyclone, MO to the union of Homer Alfred and Ina Eddie Elizabeth (Milleson) Pierce.

Neva was married to Ray Wesley Mullins on Oct. 14, 1943 in Anderson, MO but later separated. He preceded her in death.

Neva spent her life as a homemaker, loving and caring for her family and friends. She was a member of Southside Apostolic Faith church in Joplin, Mo where she was known as a prayer warrior. She enjoyed cooking and writing poetry.

She is survived by two daughters, Billie Jean Mullins, Joplin, Mo and Ruth Ann Whitlock and husband Jim, also of Joplin; two sons, David Wesley Mullins, Longview, TX and Don Rodger Mullins and wife Shelly of Baxter Springs, KS; 15 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. Neva was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Ima Dean Hiner and Naomi Allene Bone; 3 brothers, Teddie Ray Pierce, Alvin Pierce and Alfred Pierce.

Funeral services were held Nov. 12, 2014 at Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO with Pastor Richard Morris and Rev. Joel Dorris officiating. Interment was in the Owsley Union Cemetery, Stella, MO.

Anna Margaret Kinser - May 17, 1943- Nov. 24, 2014

Anna Margaret Kinser was born May 17, 1943 at Spearman, TX, the 2nd child of Carl and Edna (Fullbright) Scroggs. The Scroggs family made their home in Waka, TX where Anna attended schools through 8th grade. She then attended high school in Perryton, TX where she graduated in 1961. Anna worked in the Sears Catalog Store in Perryton for about a year during which time she purchased her 1st car, a 1961 Ford Falcon.

Anna felt that she was called to be in ministry from the time she was very young. She accepted Jesus as her Savior at the age of 5, and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, at the age of 8. In 1962, she attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS. Feeling the call to ministry, she began gospel work helping in revivals with music and other activities. Her 1st place of ministry was in Sugarland, TX where she worked under Rev. Ted and Deanna Barker. Later she worked in Laverne, OK under Rev. Jim and LaMoyne Fox. It was during this time that she became acquainted with Ollie Kinser. In the fall of 1963 she returned to Bible School for a 2nd term which was Ollie's 1st term and they became friends. They worked together in revivals and Vacation Bible Schools. In 1964 Anna returned for a 3rd term of study and Ollie came for a 2nd term. On Dec. 5, 1964 Ollie asked Anna to be his bride and she consented knowing that it was going to be a lifetime ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. They married March 6, 1964 in Spearman, TX.



They held revivals in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Nebraska, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas. Anna's musical talents opened many doors of opportunity for them to minister in many places. Ollie and Anna served as pastors in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas. She served along side Ollie as pastor and minister of the Gospel. Her anointing to preach the Word of God was powerful and still influences and encourages those who heard her speak.

In Nov. 2001, Anna and Ollie founded Abundant Life Fellowship in Liberal, KS where she served as pastor along side Ollie and sons Delvin and Darrin and daughters Rhonda and Angela. She has been outspoken concerning her faith in God and flowing in the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Her pride has been and is, her children and grandchildren loving and serving the Lord, continuing the ministry to which she was called when she was very young.

During the past 2 years of difficulties in her health, she has spent much time declaring the truth of the Word of God, believing and receiving the Lord's healing touch on her life. Her faith never wavered, even in the last few days she continued to speak her trust that God would raise her up as a witness of His miracle working power.

Anna passed away on Nov. 24, 2014 at Southwest Medical center in Liberal, KS. She was preceded in death by her father Carl, and an infant sister, Arlita. Survivors include her husband Ollie, two sons Delvin (Rhonda) of Liberal, KS, Darrin (Angela) of Turpin, OK, five grandchildren, Bradley, Alyssa, Mark, Anna and Dawson; her mother, Edna Scroggs, Spearman, TX; three sisters, Donetta (Jimmy) Green, Spearman, TX, Marcena (John) Hutson, Coweta, OK and Noveta (Curt) Leming, Poteau, OK. Many nieces and nephews who called her "Auntie" who will miss her joyful laughter and many friends remain to remember her songs of praise.

All of the grandchildren participated in the celebration of Anna's life. Delvin and Rhonda shared words of remembrance and Darrin and Angela spoke of her relationship with family. Ollie read scriptures that Anna stood on and read words of a song, "I Don't Regret A Mile". Rev. Ted Barker read the eulogy and shared memories of times spent in ministry. Rev. Tonya Weston Roby shared a message of hope and promises of God to be fulfilled in we who remain.

Wilma Lorene Drew

May 6, 1916– Nov. 28, 2014

Wilma Lorene (Casey) Drew, 98 years old, of Laverne, OK passed away on November 28, 2014 in Harper County Community Hospital. She was born on May 6, 1916 in Harper County Oklahoma in a sod house to Noel and Opha (Priddey) Casey. She lived most of her childhood in that sod house with her parents as they farmed the land.

On March 15, 1936, Wilma married Guy Drew. To this union three sons were born; Don, Jim, and Max. Guy worked for Harper County. He and Wilma lived and worked on the family farm for about 40 years before retiring. The couple moved to Laverne in 1973.

Wilma was a member of the Trinity Faith Fellowship Church. She worked as a cook for the Rosston School and later the Laverne Hospital. She enjoyed going to the Senior Center everyday to eat and visit with friends. Wilma loved having the grandchildren visit at the farm.

Preceding Wilma in her death were her parents; her husband Guy; her two sons Don and Jim; her brother Leo Casey; her sister Maxine Jones; a daughter-in-law Lillie; two granddaughters Jayme and Connie; and a great grandson Michael.

She is survived by her son Max (Connie) Drew of Laverne; grandchildren, Marty (Darlene) Drew of Buffalo, Terry (Kim) Drew of Buffalo, Debbie (Jeff) Blackshaw of Alva, OK, Donnell (Greg) Glass of Alva, Billy (Tiffanie) Drew of Bethany, OK, John (Amanda) Drew of Bethany, Casey (Ashley) Drew of Hardesty, OK, Gary (Jocelyn) Forrest of Dallas, TX and Leslie (Chad) Bowman of River-ton, KS; 23 great grandchildren; and 13 great-great grandchildren.



Larry Don Deal -

Sept 19, 1956– Nov. 29, 2014

Larry Don Deal passed from this life on Nov. 29, 2014. He was born Sept. 19, 1956 in Mooreland, Oklahoma to Lawrence and Dixie (Baker) Deal. Larry graduated from the Laverne High School with the class of 1974 and then attended OSU Okmulgee and received an Associate's Degree in Diesel Mechanics, where he met his future wife, Helena Staudt. The couple wed on March 19, 1977 in



Oklahoma and to this union two children were born; Chad Ryan Deal in 1982 and Mindy La'Rae Deal in 1985, whom he loved dearly.

Entering the work force in July 1976 at Brown Buick & GMC in Shattuck, Oklahoma, Larry continued there until April 1978. That same month he began working for Arco Oil & Gas/Vastar Resources as a Roustabout & Mechanic helper. He then began pumping wells and would spend 17 of his 20 years working for the company in this capacity. In September 1998, Vastar resold and Larry put his full time into his mechanic work as Larry Deal's Repair. In May 2006, Larry went to work for Cabot Oil & Gas pumping wells. He remained at this job until his health and muscle loss from A.L.S. would no longer allow him to work in March of 2014. He took great pride in his work and was determined to do his job well, always quoting his friend and mentor Bill Mulbery when it came to doing things right the FIRST time.

Along with his day job, Larry also had a cow/calf operation which he shared the work load with his best friend/Dad Lawrence and his son Chad, and in recent years, his son-in-law Nick. Taking his grandkids with him to feed was a great joy to Larry; they learned to moo like a cow very early in life.

Larry kept the farm equipment of many farmers running smoothly, making time to get them fixed and back in the field as soon as possible. We have heard many times since his illness how he is greatly missed in that roll. Larry also had a custom hay operation with help from, again, his son Chad and his Dad.

Larry loved people and he loved to visit. He was a faithful member of Trinity Faith Fellowship in Laverne and served on the Church Board for many years at different times. Larry was always there when there was a work or instillations project to complete and helped with many remodeling projects. When helping with the youth fundraiser dinners, Larry's job was P.R.; he made the rounds visiting with those eating. Larry loved to laugh and even when he was feeling badly he would still show you that big wonderful smile. It is etched in our hearts and lives forever.

His children and grandchildren were his pride and joy. Larry always made time to see them as often as possible. He loved to tease them and later when he couldn't give them a hug, he always had them give him a 5 hand slap. He entertained them at the computer with many songs he would find. They danced and laughed and sat on his lap. He loved life and his many talents and gifts will be greatly missed.

Surviving Larry is his wife Helena of the home; son Chad and wife Angela Deal and granddaughter Stella Kate of the Laverne community; daughter Mindy and husband Nick Nichols; granddaughter Alexia Kennedy and grandson Taden Dean Nichols of Forgan, OK; parents Lawrence and Dixie Deal of Laverne; sisters Patty (Dan) Manning, Laverne, Brenda (Duane) Barnett, Amarillo, TX; brother Alan Deal and wife Shiloh, Laverne; nieces, nephews and many friends.

*I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7*

Remembering A Man Of Faith

Lowell Wayne Long

July 21, 1931– Dec. 30, 2014

Lowell Wayne Long was born in a farmhouse on the Nebraska prairie on July 21, 1931 to Charles G. and Elsie (Gee) Long. He was the next to the youngest of 8 children– 6 boys and 2 girls. The family had moved to Beatrice by the time he started kindergarten. 11 years were spent in the schools there, K-11. The family moved to Beaver County Oklahoma just before school started in 1948. He attended his senior year in Beaver, OK graduating with the class of 1949. Years later when Lowell went back to Beatrice for a class reunion, some of his former classmates thought he was pulling their leg when he told them he was a minister. They expected him to end up in the federal pen, not behind a pulpit.

The Long boys developed quite a reputation in the small town of Beatrice, NE. We're sure Lowell didn't share all of his childhood exploits, but one event stands out. He and his brother, Dean, snuck a hair-triggered .22 rifle out of the house and went squirrel hunting in the city park. It's not known if they got any squirrels, but on the way out of the park Dean was walking ahead of Lowell and Lowell was carrying the gun, which accidently discharged and the bullet lodged near Dean's lung. Lowell was sure he was going to prison for that, so he ran and hid in a movie theater until one of his friends came and found him. Dean survived but carried that .22 slug in his body the rest of his life. Other memories included picking off potato bugs in the big gardens his father always had growing in the productive Nebraska soil. He spoke of mowing yards for a quarter each earning spending money, adding that hamburgers were a nickel a piece. As he got older many happy hours were spent hunting, trapping, fishing and camping.

From his father, who served in France during World War I, and older brothers, Ivan and Bob ,who served in World War II, Lowell learned a love of country. He enlisted in the Army in Sept. 1950. He and Dean served in the Korean Conflict, being stationed near each other part of the time. The exploits that the two had are worthy of a book, but he probably wouldn't want us to share them since they happened before the Lord redeemed him. Lowell was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant in Sept. 1953.

He began his lifetime of service as a minister in 1956 after attending two terms of Bible study in the Apostolic Faith Bible School (now College) and took his first position as a pastor in 1960, helping to establish and build the Apostolic Faith Church in Beaver, OK. Prior to settling in Beaver in 1960, he and his small family helped build the Youth Camp facilities at Pine Crest, Mississippi, the Crosses, AR church and worked wherever needed in camp meetings and youth camps always admiring the elder ministers, anxious to learn how to fulfill the call God had placed on his heart and life. Lowell was among the ministers and laymen helping to build the Midwest Camp Grounds near Laverne, Ok. He served on youth camp and camp meeting committees with others several times through the years. The year after he left Beaver as pastor he traveled holding revival services in 13 churches in Missouri, Texas, New Mexico, Alabama, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Lowell pastored churches in Laverne and Arnett, OK and Granby, MO. He served as interim pastor at Spearman, TX and Beaver for 6 months each while they were searching for a pastor. He taught at AFBC twice during the early years of ministry and then 11 years from 1999 until retiring in 2010. Lowell served as superintendent of the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS for 2 years during that time.

He was a writer who penned many sermons, articles, poems, short stories and longer works and his work was published many times. Writing for Rev. Marcus Adair's Torch of Faith for 32 years gave him much satisfaction using the gift of words he treasured. Having been a member of Oklahoma Writers Federation since 1971 he was awarded many certificates for excellence in several genres. Many were for short stories, western novels and poems. He also published 2 books of poetry and twice was invited to read his poetry at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering at the Western Folk Life Center in Elko, NV

An accomplished carpenter, Lowell owned a small construction company in Laverne, OK for 21 years and did repairs on many homes and businesses throughout northwest Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle.

Lowell was a dedicated father, grandfather and great - grandfather who loved his family and provided well for them. He enjoyed the times when all the generations could be together. He was a compassionate man of wisdom and wit who had many friends.

Lowell married Thelma L. Woodson on Sept. 3, 1954 in Midway Country Church, Logan, OK and she survives. Other survivors include 4 children– Radonna (Phillip) Fiorini of Lafayette, IN, Kurt (Sunny) Long of Laverne, OK, Clint Long of Edmond, OK and Jeremy Long of Norman, OK; one brother, Stanley Long of Wilmington, IL; one sister, Eloise Day of Eldorado, TX; eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren and a great granddaughter on the way. His oldest son, Michael W. Long, preceded him in death, May 1, 2001.

Funeral services were held Jan. 5, 2015 at Clark's Funeral Chapel, Granby, MO. Rev. Jim Wallis, Tulsa, OK, Rev. Frank Arnall, Ashland, AL and Lowell's pastor Rev. Seldon Harris , Granby Gospel Tabernacle , Granby, MO officiated the service. Cecil Williams, Stella, MO and Sabrina Stockton, Granby, MO sang solos requested by Lowell. On Jan. 7, 2015, a private burial with the family was directed by Scotty Schilling of Myatt-Laverne Funeral Home at the Laverne Memorial Cemetery. At 11:00 a.m. a Celebration of Life service was held in the Trinity Faith Fellowship Church in Laverne. Rev. Ted Barker led songs chosen by the family and some guests shared memories.. Pastor Coby Cook read the obituary, Rev. James Brown read tributes written by family and Rev. Herb Bridgewater gave a message of Hope.

Memorials were made to the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS.

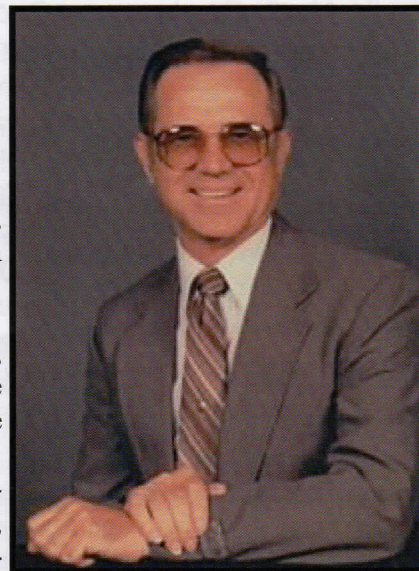
In Memory Of
Rev. Doyle Wiles
October 22, 1923– February 24, 2015

Rev. Doyle L. Wiles, age 91, of Bentonville, AR passed away on February 24, 2015 at Northwest Medical Center in Bentonville. He was born in Laverne, OK on October 22, 1923 to the late Alonzo and Mary (Robinett) Wiles.

He was a US Navy veteran of World War II. As an ordained minister in the Apostolic Faith, he served as pastor in churches in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and California, most recently serving at the Apostolic Faith Mission in Cave Springs, AR. Also he served on the Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Jo Wiles; children Katy Osborn and husband Jim of Guymon, OK, Delvin Wiles and wife Rita of Bedford, TX; a sister, Marie Skinner of Liberal, KS; five grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren. sixteen great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Thursday Feb. 26th at Callison–Lough Funeral Home in Bentonville. Rev. Ted Barker and Rev. Jack Cornell officiated. Interment was in the Bentonville Cemetery.



ATTENTION PASTORS AND YOUTH LEADERS!

Youth Summit 2015, held on the Apostolic Faith Bible College Campus, has been scheduled for Thursday, July 30th through Saturday, August 1, 2015. Please get these dates on your church calendars and notify your TEENS so they can make plans to attend. For information contact Brian Harris; 417-499-9209.

AFBC 3rd Year Student Interns



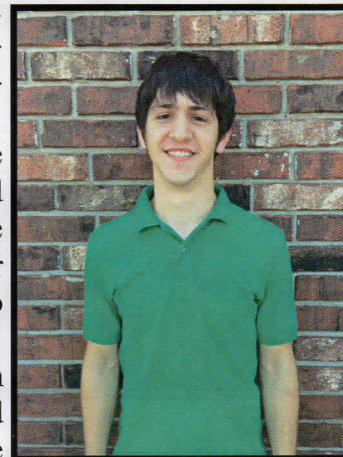
LeaAnnette Lozano – Kayla Tottey
 Alleyton, TX Combs, AR

As third year student interns, we were allowed the opportunity to attend the Mid-Winter Camp Meeting in Rock Island, TX this past February. However, this was not just a vacation for us. We were there to represent AFBC and help wherever needed. We were more than happy and willing to help cook, clean, and prep in the kitchen for each meal every day we were there. We attended each service and were involved in congregational singing, specials, running sound and the computer.

It was an encouraging and unique time of worship, teaching/preaching, and fellowship with other believers whose paths we do not cross often. Through all of the preaching and testimonies of their life experiences, we were able to obtain wisdom and instruction, allowing us to leave being encouraged, renewed, and refreshed spiritually.

We are very grateful and appreciative of the opportunity we had to take part in this Camp Meeting. Thank you to the Rock Island Church, as well as Bill and Rhonda Waggoner, AFBC Superintendents, for allowing us to go and help. We were richly blessed.

LeaAnnette, Kayla and Cody



Cody Harris
 Rock Island, TX

Eddie Hugh Clark, son of Zac and Bethany Clark (both AFBC Alumni), of Stella, MO was born on Dec. 26, 2014 at 7:10a.m. in Joplin, MO. He weighed 9 lbs 8 1/2 oz and was 22 in. long. Eddie's grandparents are Karen Clark and Seldon and Vanessa Harris of Granby, MO. Eddie was named after his late paternal grandfather, Eddie H. Clark, who passed away in 2013. His great grandparents are Ron and Shirley Freshour of Alleyton, TX, Dennie and Karen Oakes, Joplin, MO, George and Janette Burgess of Neosho, MO and June Linton of Quapaw, OK. Wanda Allgood, Joplin, MO is his great-great-grandmother. Aunts and uncles are Emma Clark, Josh Harris and Taylor Harris, Granby, MO and Kara and Suede Eutsler, Neosho, MO.



Eddie attends the Church of God in Granby, MO where his Daddy and Mommy serve as youth pastors.



Last summer during Camp Meeting held at Laverne, OK this photo was made of those who had been in ministry for 50 years or more. There are many more who were unable to attend whose names are listed in the Minister - Gospel Workers Directory. It is with grateful hearts that we say "Thank You" for all of their ministries. May God's richest blessings be upon you as you continue in the work of the Kingdom.



Pictured L-R

1st row (seated): Jewel Nestegard, Elizabeth Hopson, Loretta Haney, Thelma Long, Sue Allen, Deanna Barker, Kathryn Cornell, Lucy Webster.

2nd row (standing): Curtis Nestegard, Jack Hopson, Roland Haney, Lowell Long, Homer Allen, Ted Barker, Jack Cornell, Ross Briles.

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Retired-Really?

The dictionary definition of retired is: withdrawn into seclusion; away from contact with others; withdrawn from business or other activity; withdrawn from circulation, as an issue of money.

In this current issue, we have several listed as being retired from ministry, but I must say that they are far from the definition given above. Some are senior pastors, church board members, Sunday School teachers, writers, chaplains, small group leaders, Bible study teachers, music ministries, encouragers, card ministries, church greeters, givers to those in need, prayer warriors, online teachers and the list goes on and on. They certainly are not novices in the ministries that they are involved in. Many have spent more years in ministry than some of you have even been here on this earth. ***Retired-Really?***

I am reminded of an elder man who sits in a Joplin, MO place of business whistling hymns and also in that same place another Christian man that served our country in WWII as a prisoner of war and works as a greeter. Years ago, I knew of a lady who was no longer able to hardly get out of her home but had a vibrant prayer ministry. One day as I visited with her in her home the phone rang and rang with requests - ***Retired-Really?***

I am also reminded that in God's Word I see no mention of retirement in His service. It is true that our physical capabilities change as we grow older or have health issues but even then there is much work that can be done in the Kingdom.

To those of you who are "***Retired***" may I say to you "Thank You" for all you do in the service of our Lord and soon coming King. Please remember - "***And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.***" Galatians 6:9 and Hebrews 6:10 - "***For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints and do minister.***"

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