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*And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.*

Daniel 12:3



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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 in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

*I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side.*

Abraham Lincoln



# Is There A Man In The House?

by Ron Noble, Pampa, TX.

Although this lesson was inspired by a sermon that I heard a few years ago, I have since been so enlightened and convicted that I have searched the Scriptures and my heart to see 'whether these things were so.' When Sister Karen had asked me to put this lesson into written form, I gladly consented to do so for I can tell you, without a doubt, that from the Bible and personal experience, this message is right, timely, and needed.

In Ezekiel 22:23-31 is both the account and results of the sins of the Jewish people. There isn't time to examine every item described, but it's not hard to see similarities between the conditions of then and the present dilemmas of this country.

Beginning with v.25, there is a conspiracy (an unlawful alliance or treason) spoken of among her [the house of



Israel] prophets and priests-the ones that have been placed in positions of spiritual authority. They have turned from the people unto their own ways. Having failed in that responsibility, many souls have been devoured and many widows have been left. Wid-

ows here means 'discarded (as one who is divorced),' but I believe there are many women today who may just as well be termed as widows because their husband is dead. He may be there beside the woman, but he's dead spiritually. His spirit has ceased and he's inactive in the role to which God has ordained Him. The woman is discarded because the male has discarded his place.

Eze. continues, under divine inspiration, detailing more of the transgressions of 'the people of the land.' Then in v.30, God, almost with a sound of dismay, declares "I have sought (to strive after, require, desire) for a man that should make up the hedge (the enclosure representing a wall or protection) and stand (by, fast, still or up, repair) in the gap (an opening made by a parting or breaking, breach) before me in the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Verse 3--"Therefore have I poured out my indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads (highest point, chiefest), saith the Lord God"

"I sought for a man," God says. I believe He's still seeking today for men that are to be in the positions of authority, to rise up-to stand up-to wake up and repair the openings made by sin; to be present when God needs a man to fulfill the rupture in society and the home. Beloved, there is an attack on the home and the headship of today. We see nearly half (if not more) of all marriages end in divorce. One could speak at length of the children's loss of respect for the parents in the home or the assaults of the homosexual and lesbian force that is pushing against the institution of the Family. God said 'the heads' were recompensed; they felt the consequenc-

es, as there always will be when there is a dysfunctioning, neglective and abusive spirit within the family and the church (which came after the home!) The heads will be brought low when not living up to the standard of being 'the head.'

Turning now to the account of the REAL FIRST FAMILY in Genesis two and three, God is doing something marvelous. Starting with Gen. 2, after God spoke the world into existence, verse five says, 'There was not a man to till the ground.' God then takes from His creation, the earth, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." The Bible says that God planted a garden in Eden and put the man there. Verse nine speaks of the trees that God had also planted; one pleasant to the sight and the other, the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Going to V.15, the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden to dress-(to work, husbandmen) and to keep-(to attend, protect). Verses 16 & 17 concerns the instruction given to Adam not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. After this God, upon creating the world and all that therein was, 'saw that it was good.' Yet vs. 18 is the only place in these first chapters that God said that 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make an help-(aid, surround protect) meet-(counterpart, mate). It is that the Lord God formed every feast and fowl out of the ground (from which man came) but the woman was made from and for Adam. God took from the man the rib-(curved, from the side) and made He a woman. Certainly, then, she was bone of Adam's bone and flesh of his flesh; taken not from the head (for the husband is the head of his wife, and only his wife, not all wives!), not from his feet to be trampled on or walked over, but from the side to add support and receive covering and comfort.

Chapter Three begins, "Now, the serpent was more subtil-(crafty, cunning) than all the beasts of the field. Entering into a conversation with the woman, he asked, "has God said..." Has he really said? The woman replies to the serpent with what she's heard-that God had said that in the day they ate of the forbidden tree, they would die. This first lie is one that unregenerate man (and some Christians) still want to believe today; that no matter what God has said, no matter what we do, we shall not die.

Doubt was planted within the woman having been promised another thing which man cannot possibly achieve-that the eating of the fruit would give her godhood. Men are not 'gods' nor do they have the capability to become so. There is one God the Bible plainly states. The tragic beginning of sin was when the woman saw the seemingly goodness of the tree and the wisdom that it was supposed to give. She beheld the pleasantness of the forbidden, taking "of the the fruit thereof, and did eat and gave also unto her husband with



## Is There A Man In The House? ... continued

by Ron Noble, Pampa, TX.

her, and he did eat." "And the eyes of them both were opened..." Enlightenment and conviction came with disobedience as they vainly tried to hide from God.

Verse eight begins with nine exciting words "And they heard the voice of the Lord God..." Normally, this would have been something to look forward to, but this time it was not. In verse nine the Lord called 'unto Adam and said unto him, Where are thou?" Although the woman was in the transgression, God sought for the man to take responsibility. Whatever happens in the home may not always be the man's fault, but it is his responsibility.

Remember, according to the Bible, God didn't tell the woman not to eat of the tree. She wasn't even formed until after God had given Adam instruction concerning the tree. It was Adams responsibility to tell the woman and although he may have done this, again the Bible says that Adam was with her when she took of the fruit. Adam, the man, stood there and watched his wife have a satanic encounter and did nothing about it! Women even today are encountering attacks on the family and her God-given role. When the male doesn't fulfill his role as the spiritual leader; when he stands idly by and does nothing, women have a tendency to get frustrated, angry and resentful. Satan was able to get to the woman as he did because Adam was not 'there' as he needed to be, just as the devil would have a much harder time getting to the wives if the husband's were in their place. Of course, this is not to say women can't be spiritual leaders, for I know many. Oftentimes, unfortunately, the woman has to be simply because the men aren't. Ephesians 5:23 continues (after the part men love- 'the husband is to be the head of his wife') with 'even as Christ is the Head of the Church...(25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it.' Adam should have been giving himself for his wife instead of her giving to him. This is opposite to what God intended. Man is supposed to give to the wife and she takes it, returning it better. He gives her groceries, she gives him a meal; he provides a house and she makes it a home; he gives her seed and she gives him a baby. Regrettably (and I believe we as a people and nation will regret it) it would seem we live in a time where we have a 'take' mentality instead of realizing our purpose in marriage should not be, 'what can I get out of it,' but 'what can I put into it?' When men don't know the proper use of a woman or their own purpose, society will continue to deteriorate. We abnormally or wrongfully use something when we are ignorant of it's purpose. To command our wives to do everything and act like a slave is a form of abuse, which is abnormal use. Also, if the husband shows disrespect and unfairness towards his wife, the children will usually follow his example. What children grow up with at home will have, generally speaking, a big impact in their own life and marriage. This may not always hold true, but one doesn't have to look far to see this. If the man or women

is critical, resentful, dominating, or degrading towards the spouse, the children see that and portray it the way they deal with others.

God called, "Adam (man), where are you," (emotionally? spiritually?) Missing men or men inactive, where are you? There is no reason for men to be as absent as they are today. When God asked His second question, who told you that you were naked or exposed Adam tried (what so many of us do) self-justification. "This woman you gave to be with me, she did it! The woman also passed the blame onto the serpent who received the curse in V. 14, "and dust shall thou eat." The Lord formed man out of dust and even today the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he can devour. The devil is attacking, especially the male seed. He tried it with Moses, and then during Christ's time, and he trying it today with a brutality called *abortion*.

Now turning to the woman, He says, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children: and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall have rule over thee." This is the curse of the women-to have exactly the thing she didn't want imposed upon her-the rulership of the man over her when it was her desire in the first place "to be as gods." As hard as this may sound, I believe He dealt harder with Adam for this reason-the Bible says (I Timothy 2) that the man knew what he was doing and that he was not deceived, intentional sin. The curse given to the women consisted of only one verse while man's curse was given in three. Man had it 'easy' in the garden, for it was all good. But now he had "hearkened unto the voice of the wife" (which is not always a bad thing. Just make sure she is saying the right thing!), the ground would be cursed for Adam's sake. "In sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of your life; Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of your face shall thou eat bread, till thou return to the ground."

Finally, in the last of the chapter, Adam names his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Today, it is that there is an abortive spirit with many factors contributing to this 'alternative.' Beloved, let us realize that abortion is not always just some 'surgical procedure' done in a clinic. Many children are aborted today simply because one or both parents constantly neglect them and have aborted their own roles.

Beloved, this has to stop. America will be recompensed someday because of our sins. And God is calling out for men.

Women, instead of tearing down your husband, lift him up in prayer (if you are a praying woman). Men, act like a man and instead of walking over your wife, walk beside her, both growing in mutual respect protection and aid for each other. I sought for a man. Will you be one that will be found?



# What Makes You Tick?

by Bob Taylor, Laverne, OK

A young boy had misbehaved and had gotten a spanking. Soon afterwards, his family discovered that he was missing. After awhile his family found him out in the chicken house, sitting on the roost, with his face in his hands. They listened for a moment to what he was saying to himself. They discovered him saying, "What makes me do it -- what makes me do it?" Over and over he repeated that statement. The little boy did not understand what made him misbehave as he often did.

We too often wonder why we do certain things when we know Christians ought not do those particular things. Perhaps our attitude is not what it should be. Our reactions to a particular situation is not right. Jesus explains these things in Luke 9:51-56. Jesus told his disciples, "*Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of*". These were Christian men who were operating under the influence of the wrong spirit. Many good intentional christians find themselves operating under the influence of that same, wrong spirit or a spirit very similar. The sad thing about this situation, these Christian men thought they were doing the right thing by showing loyalty to Jesus by wanting to call fire down from Heaven to destroy those who would not and did not receive Jesus and they were very rude to their friend and master. Have you ever been around a person or a group of persons and you felt they resented you being there? Sometimes you felt that they were just tolerating you and they would rather that you got lost. James and John felt this spirit of resentment, which was definitely wrong, but they also were operating under the influence of a spirit that was not right. We can be so right that at times we are wrong. There are always three sides to the story ... your side, my side and the right side.

In Numbers 13, we read that there were 12 spies sent out to spy out the land of Canaan -- Ten of the spies returned, operating under the influence of a negative spirit, which said that it was impossible for them to recover the land from the enemy. However Caleb stood up and said, "*Let us go up at once, for we are well able to overcome it*". What a different spirit that Caleb was operating under! Caleb was operating under the influence of the spirit of overcoming, while those other 10 were operating under the influence of the spirit of defeat. Numbers 14:24 God made this statement, "*But my servant, Caleb, because he had another spirit with him and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereunto he went and his seed shall possess it.*" Success or defeat depends, not on the circumstances, but on the spirit which you and I are operating under.

Isa. 29:9-10 A spirit of deep sleep was poured out on the nation of Israel, a sleep that has lasted for nearly 2,000 years. Verses 11-12, the prophet explains why Israel has not been able to understand about Jesus Christ, our wonderful Savior and Lord. They rejected him, as Bethlehem's babe, therefore God poured out a spirit of sleep upon them. They are awake physically but spiritu-

ally asleep.

Daniel 5:11-12, Daniel possessed an excellent spirit ... a spirit of knowledge, understanding, interpreting of dreams, shewing of hard sentences and dissolving of doubts. Again in Dan. 6:1-3, Daniel had an excellent spirit so he was preferred above the Presidents and Princes.

Ezek. 8:3, The prophet was given a vision of the spirit of jealousy that Israel would possess after God turned against Israel and turned unto the Gentile Nations.

I Kings 22, King Ahab, King of the House of Israel, weaved a network of evil counsel for himself, which led to his ruin. Ahab preferred lies rather than the truth, so God just allowed Ahab's lies to be the instrument of punishment to him.

I Tim. 4, *Some departed from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy.* A suggestive spirit can overpower common reasoning and thereby will destroy us.

I John 4:1 We are admonished to try the spirits ... not all spirits, that saved people operate under, are of God. Everything that we do or say, is influenced by the spirit of God or the spirit of the devil.

I Cor. 10:12, "*Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed, lest ye fall.*" It is very necessary to understand what makes us tick! We may be well meaning and yet we may be operating under the influence of the wrong type of spirit. Let us be cautious about what spirit we are of.

## Birth Announcement



### Fleming

Micah Fleming ,age 3, and his parents, Brian and Valerie Fleming of Joplin, Mo., announce the birth of Micah's brother, Samuel Brian Fleming, on July 21, 1998. Samuel weighed 9lbs. 2oz. and was 21 in.

long.Samuel's grandparents are Tom and Irene Fleming, Lamar, Mo. and Dennie and Karen Oakes of Joplin, Mo.

### Slavens

Shane and Robin Slavens, Neosho, Mo. announce the birth of their first child, a son, Bryce Kyle, on June 13, 1998. Bryce weighed 8 lbs.14 oz. And was 21 1/4 in. long. His grandparents are Phil and Mary Moser of Joplin, Mo. and Lynn and Marlyn Slavens of Diamond, Mo. His great-grandparents are Brooks and Betty Moser, H.C. and Norma Jean Slavens and Fayanel Burris.





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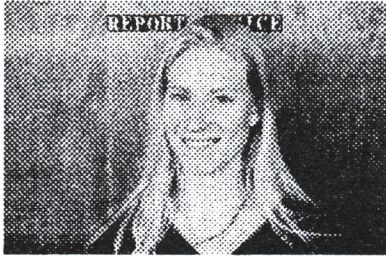




# AFBC Students

## First Year

**Nicole Ashwell, 19,** comes from Waterloo, Iowa and is the daughter of John and Carol Slevin. She graduated in 1996 from Ft. Lupton High School and has attended the Aims Community College. Her home church is the Heartland Vineyard Church.



**Troy Foster, 20,** Follett, TX. is the son of Gary and Norma Foster. He graduated from the Follett High School in 1997. He attends the Follett Chapel under the ministry of Paul and Margarett Morrison.



**Calvin Barber, 22,** comes from Kingman, Kansas. Calvin's mother is Georgine Barber. His home church is the Apostolic Faith Church, Kingman, Kansas. Louis and Kim Keeling are his pastors.



**Veronica Freshour, 18,** Alleyton, TX. is the daughter of Ronald and Shirley Freshour. Roni graduated from the Columbus High School in 1998. She attends the Christian Gospel Church under the ministry of Seldon and Vanessa Harris.



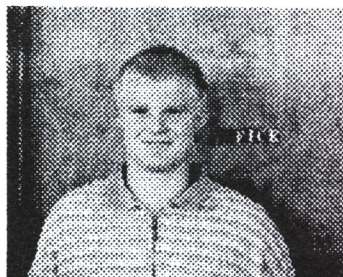
**Julie Barker, 19,** comes from Richmond, TX. and is the daughter of Jerry Barker and Lavanda Donnell. She graduated from BF Terry High School in 1997. She attends the Apostolic Faith Church of Katy, TX with Tim and Polly Barker as her Pastors.



**Rachel Hernandez, 19,** Columbus, TX. is the daughter of Paul and Ruby Alvarez. She graduated from Columbus High School in 1998. She attends the Christian Gospel Church under the ministry of Seldon and Vanessa Harris.



**Amy Buie, 18,** is the daughter of David Buie of Booker, TX. and Rhonda Buie of Perryton, TX. She graduated from Perryton High School in 1998. She attends the First Baptist Church under the ministry of Ted Latham.



**Jonathan Lewis, 18,** Shattuc, IL. is the son of David and Mary Ulibarri. He graduated from Carlyle High School in 1998. Jon attends the Gospel Lighthouse under the ministry of Curt Matthews.



# AFBC Students

## First Year

**Kami Lively, 20**, is the daughter of David and Carolyn Lively of Woodward, OK. She graduated from Woodward High School in 1996. She attends the First Assembly of God Church under the ministry of J. Paul Sharpe.



**Brandon Nordike, 19**, is the son of Frank and Kathy Nordike of Carlyle, IL. He graduated in 1998 from the Carlyle High School. He attends the Odin Gospel Lighthouse under the ministry of Curt Matthews.



**Junior Longoria, 33**, Sealy, TX. is the son of Ralph Sr. and Virginia Longoria. He attends the Christian Gospel Church under the ministry of Seldon and Vanessa Harris.

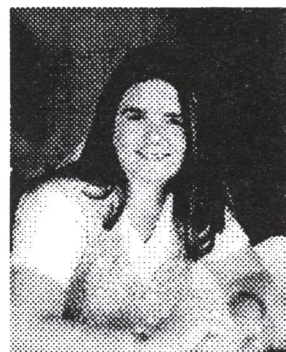


**Brian and Denise Robinson**, from Guymon, OK have been married for over four years and feel a call into the ministry. They have been under the ministry of Fred and Cynthia Edmiston.

**Daniel McCain, 17**, is the son of Jim and Sharon McCain of Ritchey, MO. He graduated from the ABEKA Pensacola Christian School in 1998. He attends the Southside Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of Richard and Renee Morris.



**Timothy Wasson, 18**, is the son of Tom Wasson and Janet Beard of Hollister, MO. He graduated with a GED from the state of Missouri in 1998. He attends the Taneyville Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of Austin and Shirley Sutton.



**Traci Nelson, 18**, is the daughter of Rev. Lee and Shirley Nelson of Amarillo, TX. She graduated from the Palo Duro High School in 1998. She attends the Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of her parents.



**Melanie Whitlock, 19**, is the daughter of Jim & Ruth Whitlock of Joplin, MO. She graduated from the Joplin High School in 1997. Melanie attends the Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of Joel and Tammy Dorris.



## 1998 AFBC Graduating Students



### Cheryl Rae Bensch

Cheryl has lived in Logan, Oklahoma most of her life. She is the daughter of Randall and Joyce Bensch and the sister of Denise. They attend the Midway Country Church.

In 1997, Cheryl graduated Valedictorian from Laverne High School. She was active in

choir, band, track, leadership, and academics. She received several awards such as *State Superior Vocal Duet*, *State Championship Girl's Track Team*, *Oklahoma Honors Society*, *Delegate to Oklahoma Girl's State* and was voted *Miss Laverne* in 1996.

Leadership was important to Cheryl. She served as Class President during her Junior and Senior years as well as Vice-President and Devotion Leader for *Future Homemakers of America*. She also held offices in *4-H*, *Beta Club* and *Student Council*.

All throughout high school Cheryl was actively involved in a Christian club called *B.A.S.H., Building A Spiritual House*. During her presidency she helped organize the *30-Hour Famine* and the *See-You-at-the-Pole* rally. One of her favorite outreaches was a teen drama ministry called *His Team*. The group toured several churches and youth camps and competed locally.

Cheryl has been active in her church and community youth groups. In her home church she sang in the choir, directed the choir at times and has played the piano for the choir. When the youth were in charge of the service she would take her turn as the main speaker.

In 1997 she attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College and maintained a 4.0 over a 45 credit hour class load. She was a member of the promotional team. On the tours she played the keyboard and drums, helped arrange and perform the drama, and sang in various groups. While at the Bible College, she received Sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with freedom in prayer. Her time at AFBC taught her many things about herself gaining spiritual and emotional growth. With the addition practice choir tour and piano lessons gave her, she has been able to improve her skills in this area.

During the summer months she worked with the youth group and in the music department at the Cave Springs Apostolic Faith Church and ministered at the Four-State youth camp and at the Senior youth camp in Laverne.

Her job experience includes public relations and education at a weather museum, child care, farming, elderly care, and as a Wal-Mart associate.

Cheryl desires to minister to troubled teens. She is interested in counseling and leading others to the true counselor--Jesus Christ.

### Keith Allen Buschman



Keith is the son of Alvin and Glenda Buschman (alumni of AFBC) who presently live in Cave Springs, Arkansas. Although Keith has lived many places because of his father's ministry, he has spent the majority of his life in Cave Springs with his older brother, Paul, and younger sister, Michelle.

Keith graduated from Bentonville High School in 1997. He was accepted into the Renaissance Club for two years because of his A/B average. He was on the football and track teams all four years of high school, and received the Kiowa Club Sportsmanship Award for track. He was also involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes his freshman through senior years and was senior class officer.

Keith started working at the Wal-Mart in 1995. He has held many positions, including cashier, customer service desk, and manager in two different stations. In 1996 he received Sam Walton's Hero Award for being the Wal-Mart Cashier of the Year as well as being the fastest cashier in the entire company. Keith is currently on his fourth year at Wal-Mart.

As well as working at Wal-Mart, Keith created his own web page on the internet trading and selling sports cards he bought at auctions or in stores. He has experience and knowledge in computers and html.

Keith was a member of the AFBC choir, playing the drums, singing, and performing in the drama. He feels that the Bible College has given him an opportunity to gain spiritual and emotional maturity. Since coming to AFBC, Keith has totally consecrated his life to God and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. He has gained boldness in speaking, practical skills in electrical work and carpentry, along with a greater knowledge of the Lord.

Keith has led the singing at his church in Cave Springs since he was 14. This summer he worked in the Baxter Camp, preached at Midway Country Church, M.C.ed at Camp Meeting, and began working in his home church as the youth leader.

His plans after Bible School are to work in the Woodward Wal-Mart Super Center ministering to co-workers and to be involved with a youth group.







### Tara Richelle Cloud

Tara is the daughter of retired Chief Petty Officer Terry and Glenda (Turner) Cloud, both alumni of AFBC. She was born in Minnesota, lived in Virginia, Oklahoma, Mississippi,

Connecticut, and Joplin, Missouri. She has two sisters and a brother, all younger than she.

Tara graduated in 1997 from Gulfport High School in Gulfport, MS. While there she received an award for highest art gpa. As president of Christian Outreach her senior year, Tara coordinated the See you at the Pole Rally and True Love Waits program. She was a member of the environmental club for two years and vice president her senior year. Through this she participated in community activities such as the Coast-wide beach clean up. She was also in the choir participating in various ensembles. Tara especially enjoyed her involvement in three community plays, having a lead role in one of them.

Her work experience includes asking donations for the Special Olympics, working in a photographic lab, and substitute teaching.

While in Mississippi, she was very involved in her youth group and song services. Tara has also substituted in classes at church, and has worked in the Laverne and Baxter youth camps. She sang at an inter-denominational concert in Perryton, TX and in various churches. This past summer, Tara went to Canyon, TX helping with their VBS and singing specials.

Tara has received much from the Bible College. It was during this time that she received Sanctification, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and freedom from former philosophies. She was a part of the fall choir tour as a vocalist, guitarist, and acting in the drama. From this experience she learned about true ministry.

Tara feels called into full time evangelical ministry. She would love to go to higher education probably studying in religion, English, or music.

### Alicia Renae Cunningham

From West Virginia, Alicia is the daughter of Bill and Darlene Cunningham. She has three sisters (Barb, Missy, and Sarah) and a brother (Scott). She attends Macfarlin Community Church.

Alicia graduated from Calhoun County High School in 1997. While in high school she participated in band, choir, Future Homemakers of America, Student Coalition Against Tobacco, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Alicia enjoys working with the elderly, youth, and children. She has taught Sunday school classes, Vacation Bible School, and counseled at youth camps. She spent her summer in Edgewood, IL teaching and ministering.

As part of her growth at AFBC, Alicia has gained teaching skills, boldness, and spiritual maturity such as Sanctification, a renewing of the Holy Spirit, and a freedom to pray. She feels that the Bible College has given her an opportunity to learn skills that will help her in her future ministry.

After preparation in Bible school, Alicia plans to travel to the Navaho Reservation with Edgewood's youth pastors Ted and Lisa Williams. She then plans to return to either West Virginia or Illinois as the Lord leads.



### Kalle Marie Hollis

Born in Wisconsin and raised in Riverton, Kansas, Kalle is the daughter of Jack and Ginger Hollis, the youngest of seven

children. She has attended the Spring Grove Apostolic church in Galena, Kansas most of her life.

Kalle went to Riverton High School, graduating in 1995. She was actively involved in Future Homemakers of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and volleyball. She has also participated in many community activities.

Kalle has worked at a grocery store as a checker, at a restaurant as a waitress, and at a factory working with electronics assembly.

The Apostolic Faith Bible College has given Kalle and opportunity to grow both spiritually and emotionally. She has received Sanctification, more freedom in prayer, strength, and has followed the Lord in water baptism as well as skills to aid her in her ministry.

Throughout her life Kalle has had much experience with children. She has babysat for many years, worked in Sunday school classes and youth groups, and volunteered at St. John's Hospital in the pediatric ward and daycare in Joplin, MO. This summer she worked in the Laverne and Baxter camps as a counselor and in Kingman, Kansas with the youth and as she was needed.

She feels her calling will be with children and youth ministries.



## 1998 AFBC Graduating Students continued



### William Paul Sims

From Taneyville, Missouri, Willie is the son of Roger and Martha Sims. He has one sister, Andrea Harris, who is an alumni of AFBC. He has lived in the Taneyville area all his life and has attended the Apostolic Faith church since about the age of three.

He graduated from Forsyth High School in 1995. While in high school, Willie was involved in basketball, tennis, cross-country, baseball, Future Farmers of America, and Beta. He is also a former Cub Scout.

Willie has worked with carpentry, landscaping, building and selling houses, asking donations for S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving), cooking at The Olive Garden, and phone soliciting for America Online.

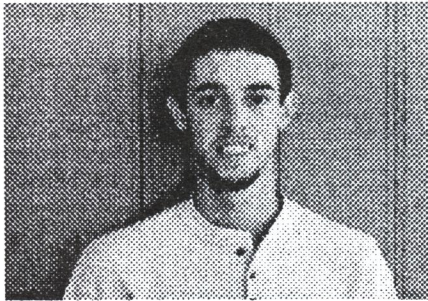
He has been involved in the church as a Sunday school teacher and has worked in the Baxter camps as a counselor.

While attending the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Willie feels that he has gained more confidence, an improved prayer life, and a greater understanding of the Bible. Since he was also working during school, Willie was able to witness to co-workers and learn to manage his time. Willie hopes to be a leader to the first year students throughout the rest of this year.

Willie is called to spread God's Word

### Phillip Brian Moser

Brian is the son of Phil and Mary Moser of Joplin, Missouri. He has three siblings: Tracy Stephens, Robin Slavens, and Brent Moser. He



was born and raised in Joplin where he and his family attend Southside Apostolic Faith Trinity Church.

While a student at Diamond High School, Brian was active in sports and leadership organizations such as Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, basketball, baseball, cross country, and choir. He has held the offices of student council representative, student body vice president, and cross-country captain. Because Brian was so actively involved in these areas he won many awards such as 1996 Best Overall Athlete for Diamond High School, All-Conference Baseball 1996, 3 time Cross-Country State qualifier, member of the 3rd place 1995 Missouri State 2A Basketball team, and member of the award winning Entrepreneurship Team.

Brian has worked with his father and grandfather for several years maintaining petroleum equipment in southwest Missouri. He has coached a little league basketball team and umpired little league baseball games.

After graduating from high school in 1996, Brian attended Crowder College in Neosho, MO, working toward a Bachelor of Science degree. Feeling the call to attend the Bible College, Brian came to Baxter Springs. He toured with the choir performing in the drama and gaining skills in electronics as a technician for the group. Since coming to the Bible School, Brian has received Sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with confidence and boldness in prayer. He has known what it is to speak under an anointing, to discern others under conviction, and to pray with freedom in the Spirit.

In his church, he has filled in for Sunday School classes and helped with Vacation Bible Schools. He counseled at Baxter youth camp and preached at Midway Country Church.

Brian feels called into the ministry as a teacher and/or board official.

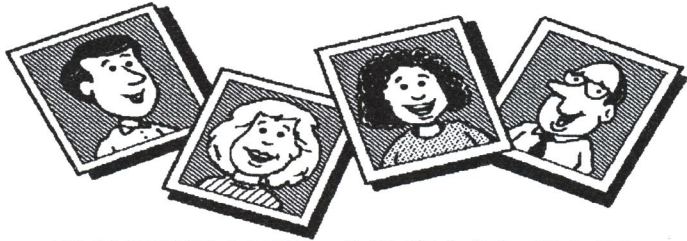
### In Memory Of Jacob Elijah Urick

April 28, 1998

On April 28, 1998 at 12:29 p.m., Jacob Elijah Urick was unexpectedly born to the family of Jacob and Kristal Urick. Though his entrance was untimely, he was welcomed with genuine love. There is no greater joy than to see a life come into this world that is half of you. To see him move, to hear him cry, and then to watch him leave this life is a joyful sorrow we would never trade. We thank God for this life changing experience for we will never be the same. It's a miracle how a tiny, short life can have such an impact on our lives. The most valuable privilege we have had in our lives was to be a mommy and a daddy for two and a half hours. The greatest thrill is to know that because of God's mercy and Christ's sacrifice, we will see him again. Although Baby Jacob was never really ours, just on loan for awhile, I thank God for his life. Paul wrote to Timothy, "*I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*"

We want to thank everyone for all of their prayers on behalf of our family. Baby Jacob rests at Bethel Christian Church Cemetery next to Bethel Christian Church in Ashland, Alabama. Even though we are miles apart, we will always carry the most valuable part of our son with us where ever we go.





# NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

## Alvin, TX

J-Bar-J Youth Camp was attended by five junior campers with Allen Strickland as their director and about nine senior campers from our church. The theme was S.T.O.M.P. (*Staying Turned On My Purpose*). Bro. Randy Dalton from Ava, Mo. brought the messages and the report was "He was great!" In our Sunday service following camp several of youth testified they had received salvation. We thank the Lord for this.

Vacation Bible School was attended by approximately 46 children. Brother Duane Methvin and his marionette puppets presented a successful program. The children had a lot of fun while learning about the Lord. Besides bringing his family, it also took a lot of help from the youth of our church, who quickly learned what they were to do, where and when it was to be done. Many of our church folks volunteered to bring refreshments and gave of their time and talent to help. VBS was a blessing to our youth (young and old alike). The seeds have been planted for the Lord. We must continue to nurture them and watch them grow.

Our building program is progressing. Once the addition is completed it will surely make it convenient to go from the chapel to the classrooms and offices in the other part of the building.

From the Pastor's Study - *Be ye not weary in well doing. Work for the Lord until weary and you will never weary of working for the Lord.* We appreciate our pastor, Brother Johnny and Sister Kathy Arnall. They never seem to weary of working for the Lord.

Trinity Apostolic Faith Church  
Johnny and Kathy Arnall, Pastors  
Dorothy Cannon, Reporter

## Alleyton, TX

God has been so good to us here at Christian Gospel church. He has blessed us with some growth, both in number and spiritually. For this we are so thankful.

We sent several young people to Youth Camp in June. They received help from the Lord, but need prayer. They face fierce spiritual battles.

I had the privilege, along with my sister-in-law, Roni Freshour, to attend Youth Camp in Baxter Springs, Kansas in June. It was a great camp and we were all so

glad we were able to make the trip.

We had VBS in July with over 80 young people enrolled and a lot of workers. It was a big success.

Some of our church family traveled to West Virginia for the *Singing Hills Camp Meeting* the first week in August. It has been announced for the week of July 19-23 next year.

We were both glad and sad to see two of our young people, Roni Freshour and Rachel Hernandez, go to Bible College this year. Glad because we feel they made a good choice and sad because we miss them. We are praying for them and the other students as well.

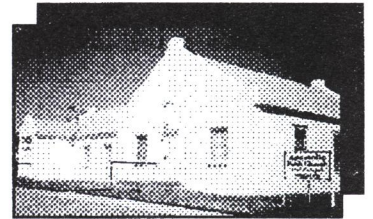
Seldon was able to attend the *Promise Keepers* rally at the Astrodome in Houston recently. Around 50,000 men were there to worship together and make stronger commitments to God and their families.

Keep us in your prayers.

Christian Gospel Church  
Seldon and Vanessa Harris, Pastors  
Vanessa Harris, Reporter

## Woodward, OK

The Woodward Apostolic Faith Church family hosted a special honor for Bro. Cecil And Sis. Marie Armstrong on Sunday, June 21, 1998. Many of their family along with Bro. Marcus and Sis. Mary Adair were present. They were presented with a lovely plaque, flowers and a framed proclamation from the Woodward Mayor. Their son, Harold, representing their three sons, gave a beautiful tribute to his parents. Bro. Marcus Adair had many words of thanks and encouragement for the entire group. Pastor Jack Cornell made many appropriate remarks, poems and scriptures. Jack and Kathryn Cornell sang one of the late Sis. Grace LaMunyon's songs, "*The Song of the Reapers.*"



The Armstrongs opened their home in 1942 to begin an Apostolic Faith work. They conducted midweek services with Bro. George Vassar Sr., Jack Hisey, Joe Smith and Marcus Adair in charge.

In January 1945 this number had outgrown the home and were allowed to conduct Sunday morning services in a room of the old courthouse. They continued to have services there until March 1946.

At that time a church building was purchased from north of Woodward and moved to its present location at 1st and Locust. It was called the *Apostolic Faith Mission*. In 1954 the attendance had grown so they built an addition on to this building. This is the same building we are





**Woodward continued ...**

worshiping in today.

Sis. Marie has been Secretary/Treasurer since the beginning along with being a Sunday School teacher.

Bro. Cecil has been Board member, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent. In the last year, at the age of 81 he has spent many hours painting and doing carpenter work both inside and out. He keeps the yard immaculate. These are great people of God!

There were a few times when the church would have closed if it had not been for the faithfulness of the Armstrongs in praying and giving of their finances. Each time the Lord sent a pastor.

Listed below are some of the ministers who have served this church.

George and Irene Vasser Sr.	Jack Hisey
Joe and Georgia Smith	Marcus and Mary Adair
Roland and Loretta Haney	Gale and Elma Miller
Gene and Stella Cornell	Eric and Crystal Cameron
Jack and Kathryn Cornell	

Kathryn Cornell, Reporter

**Sherwood Bible Camp Peaceful**

44 campers and staff graced the grounds of Camp Peaceful in the beautiful Sierra Nevada during the week of July 19-24. It was a great time of worship, fun, games, learning, and seeing God's mighty hand at work in nature! Our group not only learned about the miracles of Jesus: born of a virgin, turning the water into wine, healing of the ten lepers, raising Lazarus from the dead, but experienced interesting games, great puppet and black light shows, wonderful weather, hikes, volleyball, crafts and just talking to one another. We owe a special thanks to our camp speakers; Duane, Marlese and Brooke Methvin, as well as our camp director, Ross Briles.

Throughout a person's life they make commitments, choices, and decisions --- some big, some small. During our week at camp many young people from our church made several commitments, choices and decisions. Many chose a new life --- a life with Jesus Christ as their Savior, a life without drugs and alcohol, a life without cursing, a life without bad thoughts, a life with an ETERNITY!!!!

I implore you to take the time to remember all our campers in your prayers --- not only this month, but for eternity! Many of them were touched by Jesus Christ and made significant commitments. Many of the campers call our church their home, however, some live in other towns or states or do not attend church. They have only begun, but with a great Christian family like ours, they will make it to the end with their same commitments and many more!!

Thank you for your continual prayers and interest in our work in Modesto, California.

Ross Briles, Director  
Aletha Jan Briles, Reporter

**Pine Crest Youth Camp Report**

We come rejoicing over the continued goodness of the Lord at Pine Crest Youth Camp! This year we had 80 students and 30 workers on the grounds during the week of camp. Several states were represented this year at camp: Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma. Bro. and Sis. Jim Arnall and Bro. and Sis. Freddie Lindsey, pastor from Lanett, Alabama, were faithful to come and bring helpers and supplies for our camp, as well as preach in the evening services. This year we were blessed to have Steve and Cathy Arnall and their children come from Texas and minister to us in the music classes and specials with the young people. We thank God for the core group of supporters at Pine Hill Chapel for making camp possible every year. The theme for our classes was "*Honoring God in Your Relationships*", taken from the story of Jacob and Esau. We saw hearts touched and lives strengthened, for which we give the Lord all the praise!

Mike & Peggy Brening, Directors

**Four State Youth Camp**

Praise the Lord! Youth Camp was a success! The committee feels that the success of the camp was due to the hours of prayer that were invested. Thanks to all of you that added us to your prayer list.

This was the first year to split the camp between seniors and juniors. Not only was this great for the campers but for the workers as well. We were able to focus the preaching and teaching to the specific ages. The Lord truly blessed.

We would like to thank all of the workers, counselors and teachers who helped this year. You did an extraordinary job! We would like to give a special thanks to Janis Brening, Karen Hackett and Kim Mathis for their music ministry. The kids loved the music and it was a blessing to anyone who heard the choirs. Our thanks goes to Bro. Barry Methvin and Bro. Richard Morris. Their messages were powerful and touched the lives of so many. The Holy Spirit was present at the 1998 Youth Camp. We saw many saved and many renewed their hearts to God. Friendships were formed and lives were changed forever. The committee praises God for the opportunity to be involved in such a wonderful ministry. While we worked hard in preparing for camp, the Lord deserves all of the praise for the camp success.

Thanks again to all those that helped!

4-State Camp Committee  
Mark & Carrie Reed  
Darrel & Paula Oakes  
Glenn & Carrie Oakes



## India

The Lord has enabled me to be back in this country for a short while. He is helping me to travel and visit several of my old friends in this country in the Movement in particular and minister in different churches.

The Lord is blessing our work in India. Our Bible College, India Bible College, is in session now with over 260 students enrolled, both boys and girls. They are learning and equipping themselves to be ministers of the Gospel to carry the Gospel to the unevangelized areas of India. We are able to carry this work on by the financial help we receive from friends like you as no tuition or boarding is charged from the students. We are thankful to you for all of your help.

We are thankful to all our friends who are helping us with your finance and prayers. We request you to continue to pray for the work in India.

With Christian Love and prayers.

India Bible College, T.S. Abraham, Founder

## Wedding Announcement

Rhonda Cornell-Wood (AFBC class of 1974) married Wayne Milham in a private ceremony, performed by Pastor Steve Jennings in Canyon, TX. on Feb. 28, 1998.

They and Rhonda's daughter, Ashley Elizabeth, make their home in Canyon where Rhonda is attending WTAMU full time as a psychology major. They attend Faith Community Chapel.

## 40th Wedding Anniversary

June 15, 1958-98

Dennie and Karen Oakes celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows on June 12, 1998 at the Southside Apostolic Faith Church, Joplin, Mo. Rev. Richard Morris, their pastor, opened the service with prayer. Rev. Paul Clanton, who performed their wedding in 1958, also officiated at their vow renewals. Music was provided by their daughters Tammy Dorris, Carla Wilson, Valerie Fleming and Vanessa Harris. Dawnya and Daniel Wilson, Brandon and Brady Dorris, Charity, Benjamin, Autumn, Chelsey and Kendra Dorris, Bethany and Kara Harris and Micah Fleming, all grandchildren of Dennie and Karen sang also. A poem was written and read by Vanessa Harris. Valerie Fleming asked four people who were at their wedding in 1958 to share some memories. They were Keith Griffis (who introduced Dennie and Karen), Mary Oakes (their sister-in-law), Iletha Bard (a niece) and Karen's mother, Wanda Allgood. Dawnya Wilson and Brandon Dorris stood up with Dennie and Karen as they repeated their vows.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church with their daughters as hostesses.

*(Ed. Note: The following is a poem written by our daughter, Vanessa Harris, for our Anniversary.)*

You started your life together some forty years ago  
And where that path would lead you, you didn't really know.

You were young and you were in love with many years ahead of you.

You promised your lives to each other  
Whenever you said "I Do".

You said your vows and meant them  
With your lips and in your heart  
For better, for worse, in sickness or health,  
You promised till death do us part.

Life is a mixture of good and bad  
And through it your love has grown.  
Hard times were easier for you to face  
Just knowing you weren't alone.

Hand in hand you've walked through life  
With faith in God above,  
So grateful for his faithfulness  
And for his never failing love.

A two-fold cord of love is strong  
But a three fold stronger still.  
A marriage will stand the test of time  
If both are seeking God's will.

We've gathered today  
For you to renew your wedding vows.  
God's same grace will continue to keep you  
As it has from then until now.

We never know what lies ahead  
Or what we will go through,  
But you will face it together  
As once again you say "I Do".

You'll take these vows and mean them  
With your lips and with all your heart  
For whatever might happen - till death do us part.

Life is filled with many ups and downs, twists and turns, and altogether stomach dropping, breath taking, fear evoking experiences. And with all the inconsistencies in your roller coaster ride of life, there is no greater place to be than in the center of God's will.

Give to the world the best that you have ... and the best will come back to you. .... Roy Derfelt



## In Memory Of

### Raymond Ben Barker

May 25, 1923 - July 17, 1998

Funeral services for Raymond Ben Barker, 75, of Katy, Texas were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday July 20, 1998, at the Apostolic Faith Church in Katy. Services were officiated by the Rev. Tim Barker, Rev. Ted Barker, Rev. Mark Mitchell, Rev. Harrol Waterbury, Rev. Jack Cornell, Rev. James Wallis, Rev. Edwin Modrick, Rev. Winston Barker, Rev. James Fox, Rev. Randy Wallis, Dr. Wilbur Fullbright and Richard Barker.

Pallbearers were Andy Corsi, Boyce Lynn Tucker, David Fox, Glenn Fullbright, Karl Fullbright, Dale Fullbright, Doug Hibbs and Cal Cook.

Honorary pallbearers were: Aubrey Alsup, Alvin Lee Barker, Richard Barker, Walt Barker, Rev. Murphy Barnes, Raymond Dollins, Rev. Dewey Flock, John Groendyke, Elmo Gregory, John Hamm, Cecil Harrison, Jimmy Johnson, Rev. Gary Kerr, Frank Kroeker, Cliff Little, Rev. Ron Martin, Don Nash, Bob Perry, Allen Peterson, J.L. Rose, Melvin Scott, Buddy Stanberry, Ward Stanberry, Rev. W.C. Stockdick and Rev. Edwin Waterbury.

Music was provided by the Stanberry Family, Rita Scott, Gina Corsi and a choir led by Ted Barker.

Raymond died on July 17, 1998 in Katy. He was born on May 25, 1923, the only son of Ben and Hazel Mineola Groendyke Barker in Beaver County, Oklahoma and the proud brother of his surviving sisters, Lorraine Fullbright, Texanna Allen, Euteva Gregory and LaMoyne Fox. His family resided in Beaver, OK., Houston, Tx., Laverne, Ok., and southern California for a period of two years.

Raymond served in the Army Air Corps for approximately 30 months as a staff sergeant for two generals and was stationed for the greater part of his service in Brazil. He was responsible for working with the FBI and Secret Service during that time to help round up approximately 130 Nazi agents living in South America and for various other administrative duties.

He married Dona Maxine Tucker on June 12, 1947. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1948 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a major in marketing and a minor in geography. He moved to Katy in 1948 and lived the rest of his life there.

He was the dedicated father of Edward Ray Barker (deceased), Donnis Renee Mitchell, Cheryl Gae Wright and Gina LaKaye Corsi.

He was the loving grandfather of Joel Benjamin Mitchell, Lora Elizabeth Mitchell, Gia Marie Corsi, Joshua Ray Corsi, Nina Raquel Corsi and Matthew Boyce Corsi and step-grandson, Steve Wright.

Upon settling in Katy, Raymond pursued the rice farming profession, managing the Tucker Rice and Drier operations and up to four farms at one time. He was also active as a real estate investor in Houston, Tx. owning four apartment complexes. He developed several innovative approaches to land and crop management until He finally retired after 25 years of dedication to his profession. In his own words, rice farming was "good to him."

Raymond faithfully served on the Board of the Apostolic Faith Church in Katy for more than 40 years and on the advisory committee of Faith Outreach Student Center at West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M). He was also a member of the American Rice Growers Association during his active farming years.

Raymond's love, however, was for young men and women to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. He accomplished this through the building and development of the Lost Pines Youth Encampment in Warda, Texas. This camp and affiliated singing schools were made possible by the generosity of the Tucker Foundation and Raymond and Dona's personal benevolence. It should be also be noted that Raymond's capacity to spend countless hours in preparation for the camps was made possible by his ability to delegate the management of the farming operations to his trusted cousin, Richard Barker, and the rice drier operations first to Ollie Nash and to Albert Lambert in later years.

Raymond's greatest passion, however, was the Word of God. He loved to study and teach, particularly in the area of prophecy. Raymond was asked to present his studies in various Apostolic Faith churches, the Apostolic Faith Bible College and meetings throughout the United States. It was a fond memory of his children watch him spend long hours in preparation for the publication of various books on related subjects.

In addition to his personal development, his legacy was one of a family history rich in the provision of members who were dedicated men and women of God who gave themselves in sacrificial ways for the sake of the commission of Christ. Raymond never looked for public affirmation of the work of the Lord. Most of the time he labored with others in obscurity. His satisfaction came from standing back and seeing the fruit of his labor manifest in the changed hearts of the children and adults that were recipients of his labor.



## In Memory Of

### Paul Eccles

June 4, 1920 - January 26, 1998

Paul Eccles, the son of Raymond and Flossie Eccles, was born in Booker, Texas on June 4, 1920. He passed into rest at Ochiltree Hospice in Perryton on Monday, January 26, at the age of 77 years, 7 months.

Paul attended Booker schools where he graduated in 1939. He and Mona Russell were married in Booker on November 17, 1940. Three sons were born to them; Larry, Donnie and Ronnie.

Paul and Mona lived in Wichita, Kansas for several months during World War II while Paul worked in a defense plant, after which they moved back to Booker where he was involved in dairy farming and ranching until they moved near Logan, Oklahoma and farmed from 1947 until 1953.

They moved back to Booker in 1953 and he continued dairy farming and ranching until retiring from those activities in 1979. Paul and Mona operated a Bernina Sewing Machine Shop in Booker from 1979 until 1993. Paul was involved as a sales person and developed real expertise as the Bernina service and repair person for the business.

Paul loved to fish and he was a master wood craftsman. He took great pride in his carpentry and his wood crafts were evidence of his desire for perfection. Many Vacation Bible Schools were provided with beautiful handcraft materials from his shop tools.

Paul accepted Christ at 20 years of age and was a devoted Christian for the rest of his life. He served on the Board of Elders at Midway Country Church for about four years and on the Board of Perryton Full Gospel Church for 35 years. He loved people and they loved him in return. He taught many young people's Sunday School classes, helped sponsor many ski trips and retreats for Full Gospel Church teenagers—they knew he was their friend.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Juanita John. Survivors include his wife of the home; his sons and their wives: Larry and Joan, Ronnie and Shiela, all of Pampa, Texas; Donnie and Vicki of Beaver, Oklahoma; 5 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren; one brother and his wife, Russell and Alice Eccles of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; two sisters, Joy Wright of Lubbock, Texas; Pauline and her husband, Dub Welch of Downey, California; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.



### "Good Night, Paul, We'll See You In The Morning"

Memorial to Paul Eccles by Barbara Waterbury

"Good night, Paul, we'll see you in the morning..."  
We're not saying "goodbye!"  
He's gone out of our sight and we miss him,  
And yes, sometimes we cry...  
But it won't be long until we join him  
There on heaven's shore  
Where sickness and death are strangers,  
And hunger and thirst are no more!  
We'll comfort each other  
with our memories of his special ways ...  
The ornery things he said and did  
that put laughter in our days!  
We'll remember that his description  
of his home town was unique...  
He'd tell us, "Booker is so small,  
it's only there three days a week!"  
He was fun, but he was more than fun,  
he was a committed man ...  
His example made Christianity  
easy to understand!  
He's the kind of man who keeps church doors open,  
he was always there ...  
Loving, giving, working, praying ...  
His pastors' friend ... priceless and rare!  
He loved his wife and family,  
those who knew him had no doubt  
That commitment to walking "The High Road"  
was what Paul was about.  
"Good night, Friend, we'll see you in the morning"  
is not just some cliché...  
With Joy we anticipate the dawning  
of Eternity's day!



## Use Your Elbows! Push Yourself In!

by Murphy Barnes, Austin, TX

I use bus transportation almost every where I go. Recently I was on loaded bus and was going to make a transfer to another bus to get to my destination. While sitting on the front row of the bus and talking to the driver he said, "The bus you are going to transfer to may only have one seat or several, but whatever you do when you leave my bus, don't be polite or you may not get on the next bus. Just use your elbows and crowd right up to the door or you may be left standing in the crowd." I found that to be a true statement and I thought what a sermon title. When the bus driver shuts the door of his bus, no one else gets on. You may think I have a ticket, but you were too late.

Hey! Purchasing time for tickets is now! If you can't get to an altar, build one; at home, in the barn, in bed or wherever. Don't wait until you get in a fix, like the thief on the cross. It may be a minute too late because when God shuts the door, knock all you want to, no man opens the door. When He, the Holy Ghost, the third person of the Trinity has finished His work here on planet Earth and gone back to the Father from whence He was sent, you are out and can't get in. This ride we are fixing to take is very, very important, so plan now and make all preparations. It will blow your mind what we are going to get to see. In my mind I can hear the bus rolling into the station, and it will be marked *Heaven* on the front of it.

A while ago in a crowded station, I was standing at the door of the bus and had been there for some time and did not know how much longer I was going to be able to stand. A stranger pushed a wheel chair right up beside me and said, "Use this chair and sit down." I could hardly believe it. I just thought, there are angels just walking around in crowds to help God's people when they feel exhausted. At airports there are flight attendants to assist you in getting on the plane. In this flight if you need help God will send you an angel to give you a lift! We are not alone, and the pilot Jesus has proven to us that he really cares. Once in Philadelphia, Pa. I asked the pilot, "Can I get off to use the phone in the airport?" he permitted it and I quickly returned to the waiting plane. After using the phone the pilot watched every move I made until the next stop. I would like to tell you our pilot Jesus is watching our every move and he will make a way for us, if we crowd or push our way in! Christianity is not for the lazy person! Listen to these verses: Deuteronomy 4:29 *"But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou shalt seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul."* Use your elbows to push in! Verses 30-31, *"When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are coming upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God and shalt be obedient unto his voice. For the Lord thy God is a merciful God; he will not forsake thee nor destroy thee nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swear unto them."* Well, you have to push to get to stand close to the door!

While sitting on that plane waiting for takeoff the stewardess said "You will have to lay that cane down on the floor." Well I had one end on the floor and the other end on the seat, but she said I would have to lay it all the way down on the floor. Made me think, some things we have to lay down if we're going to make this great flight. Let's make a clean departure or we will be left out. A clean starched shirt, beautiful necktie, great shoeshine, a silk suit and all that is good, but God is looking on the inside of the heart of every passenger and we can't fool Him at all. Get ready, push up to the door--I can hear strange noises--transportation comin in!

## Be Ye Doers

by the late Dora Beydler

Many today have seemingly remembered to be doers but have forgotten the next phrase, "of the word". People today seem to have a general idea that if they just belong to a church and attend Services for Easter and Christmas it makes them Christians. The rest of the time they run here and there to keep up in the Sports world, clubs of various kinds, giving fund raising dinners (even for the church) and they feel they are being doers, The only things they actually believe are my church "teachers" and they frequently speak the Lord's name when they use it for slang words.

Jesus talks of things like this in Matthew 7:21-22. Here is part of what He says, *"Not every one that sayeth unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven."* In Jesus' own words He bid us to do the will of God. Even in the Old Testament in the times of Micah he wrote *"He (God) hath showed thee, O man, what is good and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"*, Micah 6:8. This verse stresses living as God wants us to do while we are doing our good works. I do not mean to leave an impression that being interested in the things that are of interest to our children and young people are all wrong, but keep God first and teach them to do likewise. There is a warning in Deuteronomy 28, especially the later part, were God warns Israel that if they do not listen to the Lord, He will allow many troubles to come upon them. Jesus goes on to say in Matthew 7:24, that whosoever does His sayings will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock and the storms of life cannot blow it down because he has built his life on the solid foundation (Christ). Then Jesus goes on to say the foolish (or those who do not heed His words) are building on sand. The things done by people who are only Christians for show or trying to live it the way that pleases themselves and when trials come along the foundation of sand will crumble and wash away.

In Ezekiel 18:4 we can read these words, *"Behold, all*



souls are mine, as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die". Verse 20, of this same chapter continues on with the same thought, but puts a different word (meaning the same thing) when it reads, "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. But if the wicked will turn from his sins that he hath committed and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right. He shall surely live, he shall not die." In Jesus words found in John 6:37 we can read "him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out," In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus gives an invitation to anyone who will heed His words. Here Jesus says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden (troubled with cares of life) and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

We need to keep in mind the words of the Prophet Isaiah when he wrote, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon, For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways, saith the Lord." Isaiah 55:6-8.

### AFBC Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	OCCASION
12-17-98	Baxter Spgs	Semester End
02-12-99*	Hempstead, TX	Advisory Meeting
05-12-99	Baxter Spgs	Closing Meeting
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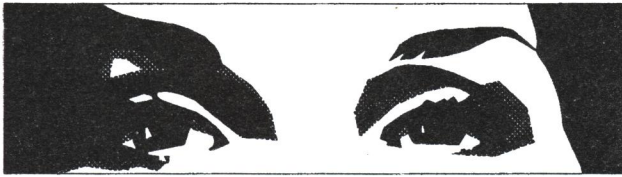
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## PRAYER: The Greater Work

John 14: 12-14  
 James E. Wallis

- I. What is prayer?
  1. Worship: *John 4:23-24*
  2. Work: *John 14:12-14*
  3. Warfare: *Eph. 6:18-19*
  
- II. What does God want today?
  1. He wants us to hear His voice: *Heb. 3:7*
  2. He has a desire for us to pray: *2 Chro. 7:14; Zech. 4:6*
  
- III. What does it take to hear God's voice? *Mat. 21:12-16*
  1. It takes purity: (Jesus cleansed the temple)  
*Read verse 12*
  2. It takes prayer: (Jesus called it a house of prayer)  
*Read verse 13*
  3. It takes power: (Jesus healed the lame and blind)  
*Read verse 14*
  4. It takes the Holy Spirit: *Rom. 8:26-27*
  
- IV. What is effective praying? *John 15: 7-8*
  1. Effective praying comes from abiding in Him
  2. Abiding in Him:
    - a. Produces conformity to Him
    - b. Conformity to Him equals kings and priests  
*Read Rev. 1:6*
    - c. Priestly praying is prevailing prayer
    - d. Prevailing prayer is effective praying
  3. Lord teach us to pray! *Luke 11:1*
  
- V. What does it mean to be a true worshiper?  
*Read John 4:23-24*
  1. Jesus spoke of a threefold worship
    - a. Ignorant worship  
*Read verse 22*
    - b. Intelligent worship (having a knowledge of God)  
*Read verse 22*
    - c. Spiritual worship  
*Read verse 23*
  2. Jesus spoke to us of His Fathers desire v.23
    - a. The Father is seeking spiritual (or true) worshippers
    - b. Spiritual worship is being in harmony with God
  3. Spiritual worship includes praying in harmony with God's desires
  
- VI. What will help me to pray without ceasing?  
*Read 1 Thess 5:16-18*
  1. The entire sacrifice of our life for God's work
  2. Having a deep confidence our prayer is effective
  3. Recognizing the Life of the Holy Spirit in us
  4. Knowing that Jesus teaches us to pray





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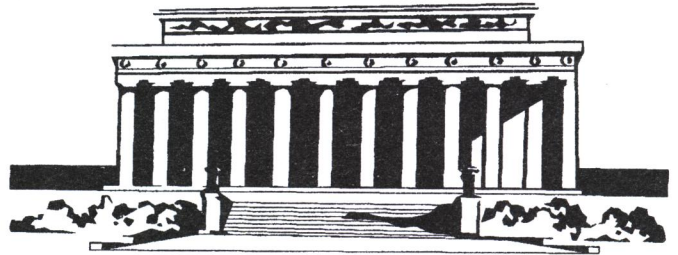
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Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

— Romans 5:1