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**Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.**

**Philippians 1:6**



## *Pearls of Promise*

**But my God shall supply all your need  
according to his riches in  
glory by Christ Jesus.**

**Philippians 4; 19**

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## **BY LAWS OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE, INC.**

### **Article VII**

### **Doctrine**

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

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

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



## From the AFBC Directors Office

All of our yesterdays are history, some are historic.

On Thursday, May 4, 2023 at our annual business meeting history was made. All in attendance stood united as we corporately declared the split (which took place in 1951) between the Full Gospel Evangelistic Association and the Apostolic Faith publically annulled. We raised our voices together in prayer, praying for forgiveness, and selflessly asking God to bless the FGEA. I'll never forget Bro. Ted Barker taking the microphone with tears in his eyes and simply thanking AFBC's leadership for what had been accomplished.

This was not an unprecedented event. On Tuesday, April 26, 2022 in Bentonville, AR, the FGEA, at their National Convention, publically annulled the split between our two groups and voted to officially partner with the Apostolic Faith Bible College. Praise the Lord for healing, restoration and unity!

During my first year as Director of AFBC (2019), I was seeking the Lord for direction at a camp meeting in Rock Island, TX. Three teachers were resigning at the end of the year, and I needed wisdom on how to fill the resulting staff vacancies (14 classes). I had been praying for weeks about what to do with no direction. On Thursday evening standing at the altar, God spoke to me. He didn't give me the direction for which I was looking. He told me the FGEA and Apostolic Faith were going to begin working more closely together. I was stunned by what I'd heard. On one hand, God had ignored the problem at hand and not given me the specific direction I was seeking; on the other, it seemed an impossible task. I've relayed this story to individuals and to our staff, but I had not spoken it publicly until May 4 at our annual business meeting. This is the beginning of the manifestation of the word of God and the fruition of countless hours of prayer through the decades. Thank You Jesus

We as AFBC publically repent of unforgiveness and pride and humbly ask that each person who reads this search their heart, and if necessary, do the same.

Thank you so much for joining us in this historic process. We are excited about what God is doing! We are excited about healing and restoration, and we are excited about the direction we are heading.

We love you, Brian and Jenny Harris

AFBC Directors

**BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY WE  
EXCEEDED OUR GOAL OF \$20,000 FOR NEW BEDS**

**THANK YOU!**







**Renew:** give fresh life or strength to

This was the theme of the Ladies Conference hosted at Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO on Saturday April 15th. Women from the Joplin area gathered together to worship and receive encouragement. Lori Scantlin from Riverton, KS and her team lead us to the Father in worship. Sally Thrasher from Norman, OK



reminded us that renewal comes from submitting ourselves (and our issues - we all have issues) to God. She shared the story of the woman who had an issue of blood from Mark 5 and her friend Melissa shared a powerful testimony. Lunch

was served by some of the men from the church and door prizes were drawn. We concluded the day taking communion, It was a blessed day of renewal and refreshing! We were so thankful to be able to share the day with our sisters-in- Christ in the Presence of God. Cheryl Moser



**Alumni & Friends Banquet**

Over 100 people gathered to celebrate the goodness of God at the Annual Alumni & Friends Banquet on Wed. May 3, 2023. The delicious meal prepared by Bro. Jim Boyd was served by the



2023 student body. Sister Shari Cook and friends brought music for the evening and Rev. Marlon Sparks from the class of 1973 shared a message of God's faithfulness.

It was good to see friends from classes celebrating the reunion including David Turner (class of 1973) who brought the invocation for the evening and Rev. Bill Derixson (Class of 1998) who gave the benediction. Throughout the evening we recalled the "Goodness of God" in word and song. And we know this to be true!

*"All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so so good. With every breath that I am able. I will sing of the goodness of God."*



by Grant Grier -Mission Team Leader

God is doing amazing things in and through AFBC Missions. This past year, we were able to travel to Mexico and visit 2 different ministries. Our first stop was with John and Jenn Koehler at the YWAM base in San Juan del Rio. While there we had the opportunity to host an all-day kids event at a local school. We worked with numerous inner-city drug rehabs and even held several Sunday services. Then after our time with the Koehlers was up, we traveled about 4 hours north to San Luis Potosi where we visited Josh and Jessica Cornell. During our time with the Cornells, we hosted a youth night, a women's conference, a Sunday service, and served food to the local community in the village. Overall, this trip was a success. We saw many people set free from bondage, we saw healings; our team was challenged and our team was stretched... and in the end, the Lord was faithful. Thank you for your continued support of AFBC Missions.





**2023 Music Team Report— Kaitlyn Derixson— AFBC Graduate**

This year was a very special year for the music team. Not only was it our last year with the wonderful Matthew Harris as our director, but the first year to have two separate traveling music teams. One team started in Alabama and the other West Virginia, but both tours ended in Texas after holding about 8 services each. It was amazing to see God’s presence move so mightily in only 2 weeks. The ability to travel and minister was such a special opportunity for me and many other students. Being given a safe and

supportive space to grow in our ministry and spiritual gifting, was so encouraging. Tour trained me to hear God’s voice through the ministry of music and allowed me to better understand where He was calling me. Before every service we prayed for the Holy Spirit to take over our service and that God’s will be done. We saw the impact of true worship had on us and a congregation. Praise God, we were able to see people healed and touched by God! We had some setbacks.... We had some get sick, and our van broke down while we were heading to south Texas, but God took care of it all! Our students got better and people from the Alvin, TX church came and helped get our van fixed and back on the road! No matter how the enemy tried to slow us down, my teammates, leaders and even members from churches we visited, were there to uplift and support us. This tour grew us closer together and taught me the power of worship ministry, and the strength that is found in the body of Christ.



This drawing reminds me of the altar in my home church, when I was growing up.

***My Home Church  
The Apostolic Faith Church in  
Midwest City, Oklahoma***

By Rev. Fred Huff— Yukon, OK

I was raised in a small Pentecostal church in Midwest City, OK. Our church was in fellowship with the trinity-believing, Apostolic Faith group based in Baxter Springs, KS

The pastors that I remember from my childhood were Brother Frank Stimpson, Brother Ross Briles, Brother Amos Harris and Brother Harold Bollinger. Our congregation was never very large. Fifty people was a large crowd for our church.

Even as a small boy, It was obvious to me that the Holy Spirit was moving in our midst. Like many small boys, there were times that I “acted up” in church. I remember being startled more than once because of a loud snap of my Dad’s fingers, which was usually followed by some discipline after church. But there were other times that the music was so anointed that I could hardly sing for the lump in my throat and the tears in my eyes. Sometimes the people would shout their praises to the Lord, speak in tongues, raise their hands in the air, and maybe even dance around a little bit. It was not unusual, especially on Sunday night to have an altar service that lasted an hour or two.

Since we lived next door to the church, our family would sometimes clean the church between Sundays. I don’t remember much about mowing the grass or sweeping the floors, but I will never forget dusting and polishing that altar. It was usually stained with the tears of those who earnestly prayed there. To my young mind, those tear stains were proof that we were genuinely worshipping the living God.

I heard a lot of good preaching and was blessed to have sincere parents, a godly grandmother, and faithful teachers who prayed for me and taught me the Word of God. But what I most vividly remember from my childhood years in church is the wonderful, glowing feeling that we were in the very presence of God Himself.

I am thankful for those who made sacrifices to bring the gospel to an ornery little boy like me. When I gave my heart to Jesus at age 12, it was because Jesus had proved to me that He was real, and He loved me. That proof was partly the thought of the old rugged cross where He shed His blood for me. But, part of the proof was also that old tear stained altar, where genuine believers had prayed for the lost, including me.



## 2023 AFBC Scholarship Recipient

Kaitlyn Derixson, 2023 graduate of the Apostolic Faith Bible College is the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Bill Derixson of Alvin, TX. She was the recipient of a 4 year scholarship on May 4, 2023. Randall Bensch presented it to her during the AFBC Annual Business Meeting.

The Scholarship fund was started several years ago to help graduates of AFBC further their education.

Pray for her as she continues to work for the Lord and as He opens doors for her.



## 50 Years

As I consider the 1973 AFBC Class celebrating their 50th reunion I reflect on the blessing AFBC has been to me personally.

My first acquaintance with the Apostolic Faith Bible College was in the fall of 1973. It's hard to imagine that was 50 short years ago. I wish I could say that I was a stellar student at that point, but that would be a big stretch. (Bro. Ted Barker could attest to that fact.) As a matter of fact, I was so under conviction that it was hard for me to be there, and I eventually left prior to the end of the semester.

After leaving AFBC in '73, I tried to busy myself in work and other activities but I couldn't find contentment. So in the fall of 1975 I again enrolled at AFBC. As I made this decision to return to Bible School; I was sincere in asking the Lord to give me someone to come along side me to help keep my focus on HIM. Although I was raised in a Christian home, and thank the Lord for a Christian heritage, I had not committed my life to the Lord until the fall of 1975. Shortly after the start of that semester I committed my life fully to the Lord and HE was faithful to fulfill my request and provide my help-mate. The following year I married Rhonda (Sanger) and for 47 years we have tried to encourage one another in the Lord. The scripture says, "Ask and it shall be given you." When the Old Testament saints seen God work in a mighty way, they often built altars to remind them of how God worked in their behalf, and this answered prayer early in my walk with the Lord has been an altar I have looked back on many times as I petitioned the Lord in other ways. As a young Christian, this was a testimony of God's love and faithfulness.

As I was working on the job in the Spring of 1976. I felt the Lord's call on my life to minister His gospel. I only shared this encounter with the Lord with my wife and my Dad. We decided we shouldn't rush into anything but pray to see if this really was God. As a result, we continued to "do life", raising three wonderful children, and tried to pacify the calling in the Church as Sunday School teachers, Sunday School Superintendent, and serving on the Church Board of Directors. But as we continued to work in secular jobs and in the church in many capacities, there was always the "knowing" that we weren't fulfilling the "call". However, God was so good to us, and during what we call our "wilderness years", God continually blessed us in our jobs, and put us in places and under mentors that prepared us for what was to come. 25 years later, in the fall of 2001, I finally surrendered to the Lord, and my only regret was not doing it earlier. We have found being totally in the "will of God" brings peace and contentment.

Our years of ministry have been so fulfilling. Not always easy, but always possessing the peace of God knowing when in His "will", the battles was the Lord's, and we just had to stay the course and trust HIM.

We have been so blessed with a beautiful family, and seven of the cutest, smartest grandchildren ever, as well as wonderful people to pastor, and the great privilege to serve as Superintendent of the Apostolic Faith Bible College from 2011 to 2017. The students and staff that passed through the College during those years are near and dear to our hearts.

I love the Lord and thank HIM for every blessing in my life.

Bill Waggoner- Fayetteville, AR

AFBC Class of 1973



## 50th Year Reunion

As they say, "Time flies when you're having fun." I'm not exactly sure who "they" are but in my case "they" weren't far off. What a great ride it's been over the past 50 years (or so) in ministry.

It truly only seems like yesterday when a good friend of mine invited me to attend the Lost Pines Singing School in Warda, TX. It was there that a man by the name of Ted Barker invited me to attend AFBC in Baxter Springs, KS. Bible College was not exactly on my radar until he mentioned that there could be the possibly be an opportunity to sing in a men's quartet. Now, he had my attention!

I had given my life to Jesus at the age of 8 and felt a definite calling on my life at the age of 12. My entire childhood had revolved around ministry, I loved being raised in the home of Rev. Bill and Patsy Sparks. My mom had me and my 2 sisters in front of the church singing as far back as I can remember. My love (or should I say obsession) for gospel music was developed early on.

Many were the nights in high school that I would spend the entire evening listening to my gospel albums. Thankfully, the crazy mixed up, rock & roll pre and post Vietnam era scene of that day would have no appeal to me. Groups like the Happy Goodman Family, the Rambo's, the Imperial's, the Oak Ridge Boys (before their 'Elvira' days, HA!) and others would dominate my entertainment needs. I long had a dream of possibly one day being on a stage singing with a gospel group. And now, with Ted Barker's invitation, this dream could become a reality.

Well, long story short, that dream came true. Some of my fondest memories are being on stage with the AFBC Men's Quartet, various ensembles, choir, etc. This would later be turned into a great time traveling with Rev. Jack Cornell (as our fearless leader) representing the Bible College across many parts of the USA including Alaska. My love for all people involved in these endeavors is measureless.

After graduation from the 2nd year at AFBC in 1974, the group Son Rise Singers was formed. We traveled for a time singing in churches, youth camps, camp meetings, gospel singing conventions, and revivals, until 'life' separated us.

My time of traveling in music ministry was not over, however, I soon would be afforded the opportunity to be part of the 'Weatherford Quartet'. This opportunity would take me into nearly all 50 states. The places we would minister and the people the Lord allowed me to meet, many times, would completely overwhelm my young 20 year old mind. God had been so good to me and I was truly just getting started,

For the next several years I traveled in the preaching and singing ministry as a solo. In 1980 I met and married Kathleen Bonorden from Gause, TX and we traveled for time until a call came from Perryton, TX where they were in need of a pastor. My only hesitation was in how much it would affect my traveling ministry. I was assured that there would be liberty to travel beyond our pastoral responsibilities. A confirming Word of the Lord came to me saying, "You can get anywhere in the world from wherever you are, including Perryton, TX."

That word has proven true as we have now ministered in over 30 nations around the world and have recently celebrated our 41st year as Pastors of Victory family Church.

What are the key points of life I take away from these many years (though too many to mention);

**God Is Faithful and Good**

**God's Grace (undeserved favor) Rests Mightily Upon His Children**

**God Is My Healer, Provider, Miracle Worker**

**There Still Power in the Blood of Jesus, His Word, and His Name**

**His Anointing Removes Burdens and Destroys Yokes**

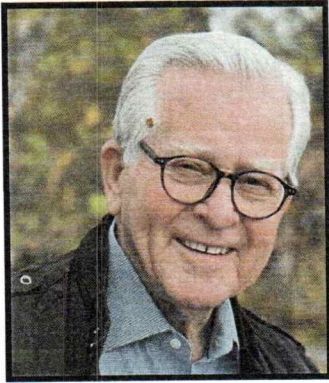
**The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit Is Just As Powerful and Relevant As It Was On Our Forefathers**

**We Reign in Life Through the Abundance of Grace and the Gift of Righteousness- Romans 5:17**

**And the greatest of all, JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW**

Pastor Marlon Sparks ,a proud part of the 50 year alumni of the Apostolic Faith Bible College





## Rev. James Wallis— 1931-2023

James Edward Wallis was born in Los Angeles County Hospital, Los Angeles CA on Nov. 8, 1931. He departed this life on Feb.20,2023 and entered, with rejoicing, into the presence of the Lord. Jimmy or “Pa” and “Jpa” as he was known to most of his family, along with his younger sister, Fay, were raised by his paternal grandparents, James Oliver and Etta Ellen Wallis. His father, Virgil, died by accident in Ouray, CO in 1935 and his mother, Bertha, abandoned both he and his sister. Jimmy attended the 1st and part of the 2nd grades of school in Ouray, CO. Then with his grandparents and sister moved to Olathe, CO where he completed the rest of grade school and high school education. While in grade school and high school Jimmy sang on countless occasions for local functions, parties and churches. He knew and sang most of the popular tunes of the 40’s and 50’s as well as numerous familiar

gospel songs.

He graduated both grade school and high school with honors and upon graduation from high school was awarded a four year-all-expense-paid scholarship to Western State College in Gunnison, CO for exceptional achievements in drama (acting) and sports (baseball). However, he never exercised his opportunity to attend Western State College, but felt called at an early age to go as soon as possible into Ministry. He, therefore went to the Apostolic Faith Bible College for 2 years in Baxter Springs, KS where he and his first wife, Lavonda Barker, both attended and he asked her to marry him. They were married on Aug. 23, 1951 in Laverne , OK. Jimmy had preached his 1st sermons and was responsible for Rev, Ralph Durham’s weekly radio program over KUBC in Montrose, CO for 3 months, while his pastor was in Alaska, when he was 18. He also traveled with “Bitsy” and Ruby Reece for a short evangelistic tour when he was 12 years old. Their travels took them through Spearman, TX where he sang for Johnny Modrick and his congregation and was introduced to Hattie Boulware’s song, “I’ve Had A Vision Of Jesus”. That song would eventually become Jimmy’s signature song as he was requested over and over to sing it. Jimmy was officially ordained as a minister, on March 25, 1951 at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS with Rev. Gail Schultz as the minister in charge of ordination. Just after the 1st term of Bible School, Jimmy went with Otto and Naomi Busch in tent revivals in KS, AL, and MS while Lavonda was traveling in ministry in OK and TX with the Charles Mahan family. Jimmy drove Otto’s farm truck carrying all the equipment for the tent revivals and took a wrong turn in Memphis, TN. No cell phones in those days so Otto and Naomi had to turn around and search for him. Jimmy pulled over to the side of the road and waited until a frustrated, animated, yet understanding German evangelist found him and led him back to the correct way.

When Jimmy and Lavonda were married they traveled extensively in the United States in revival meetings. They were even traveling a few days prior to the birth of their twins, Randy and Kandy who were born Feb, 21, 1953. After they were born, Jimmy and family settled down to pastor various churches in the Apostolic Faith Movement. They pastored in OK, MO, CO, KS and TX. They worked in full time ministry until retirement to Tulsa, OK in Sept. 1999. Even after moving to Tulsa, Jimmy and Lavonda continued to serve and minister up until the home going of Lavonda on Oct. 10. 2011.

After 5 years of being alone, God brought into Jimmy’s life another beautiful companion who had also been through heartache and loss. He and Barbara dated for 3 years ( why did I take so long?). On a beautiful evening, Sept. 27, 2019, Jimmy and the former Barbara McMurray were married at the Glass Chapel in Broken Arrow, Ok. The smile and joy returned to Jimmy as God was responsible for adding extra blessing and love back unto his life. Barbara was and is a special gift from God. My love for Barbara, as I write this, grows each passing moment.

While pastoring in Liberal, KS Jimmy graduated with honors, in the school’s 1st graduating class from Seward County Community College in 1971 with an Associate of Arts Degree and a major in Social Science. He later completed work for and received degrees of Bachelor of Religious Education, Master of Sacred Literature, and Master of Ministry from Trinity College and Theological Seminary in Newburgh, IN. His most important accomplishment, however, had nothing to do with himself. Through God’s unmerited favor and grace he was born again and received eternal life at the age of 11 all because of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The moment of truth occurred for him on a Sunday morning in a small country church on “California Mesa” just west of Olathe, CO. He followed his conversion by being baptized by immersion, in the cold water of an overflowing canal near Olathe in the spring of 1942.

He was preceded in death by his father & mother, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Wallis, his paternal grandparents , Mr.& Mrs. J.O. Wallis, (the couple he always considered his parents), his maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Brumfield, his half sister, Verltn Doert and his own, much loved Arvilla Fay Killeen, numerous uncles, aunts and relatives, (many of whom were like a brother or sister to him) his father and mother-in-law, Rev. & Mrs. Jack Barker (another special set of



parents) and his first wife, Lavonda Barker Wallis. Jimmy is survived by his wife , Barbara Wallis, daughter, Kandy Sharp and her husband ,Roger, son Randy Wallis and wife Lou Ann, daughter Heidi McMurray, son, David McMurray and wife Darcy, grandchildren, Heather Rhynes and Dr. Jason Heath Sharp, Jordan Wallis, Cameron Wallis and Donna, Maren Baker and Aaron, Dustin Seidel and Jennifer, Sommer Adcox and Brent, Taylor Gilstrap, Corey Conrardt and Rickey, Britni Hill and Caleb, Lucas Bersin, Barrett Bersin, , Olivia Mills, Cheris Bersin, Braden Bents, David McMurray III, Charles McMurray and 19 great-grandchildren.

Finally , it is Jimmy's desire that those who do survive him will not grieve for him, as those who have no hope, but catch a vision of Jesus returning, and live with the blessing of Christ upon them and seek to hear the Lord tell them, "Well Done!"

Memorial services were held on Feb. 27, 2023 at The Assembly in Broken Arrow. OK and interment at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens.

### **Joann Hall- 1938- 2023**

Mildred Joann Blackmon Hall was born Oct. 26, 1938, in Rockdale, TX to Floyd Edward Blackmon and Mildred Louvina Stockwell Blackmon. Joann passed away on Feb. 14, 2023, in Roswell, NM. Funeral services were held at the First Church of the Nazarene in Roswell, NM, with her grandson Dane Wilkerson officiating. Her grandsons and great grandsons were pallbearers, and her sons-in-law were honorary pallbearers. Music was provided by her daughters and her son-in-law , Dwayne Wilkerson.



Joann was a 1957 graduate of Rockdale High School in Rockdale, TX, where she was active in the high school band, playing the trombone. She was named Miss RHS her senior year. She was on the annual staff as assistant editor, in the choir, and in many other clubs. She was offered a band scholarship at San Marcus State College, but instead moved to Houston, TX and started working at First City National Bank for 6 months. In January of 1958, she moved to Baxter Springs, KS where she attended one semester at the Apostolic Faith Bible College. In June of 1958 ,Sis. Tucker from Katy, TX, invited Joann to go with her, Sis. Lula Parham and Sis. Edna Neff to hold Vacation Bible Schools in Oklahoma and Kansas, which she did in the summer of 1958. She moved back to Rockdale at the end of that summer and in Oct. 1958 ,Sis. Fran Waterbury asked her to move to Roswell, NM , where they were pastoring, and work in the Apostolic Faith Church. She moved to Roswell in Nov. 1958, where she continued to serve until her death. Joann was the church pianist and gave many young people piano lessons over the years. She sang many solos and group specials , and she took great delight in playing the piano and singing with her daughters. Church attendance was very important to her , and even if her children felt as if they were sick and dying, they were going to church so they could be prayed for.

To Joann's first union, four daughters were born, and to her second union ,one more daughter was born. Joann held many jobs in Roswell while raising her daughters. She was employed by White's Automotive and Black's Laundromat before going to work at K-mart. After retiring from K-Mart, she went to work for Cobbeans Stationary Company, where she worked until her health would no longer allow. Joann was a huge Roswell High School Coyote fan, along with the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Longhorns, and as late the Kansas City Chiefs because Patrick Mahomes was a Texas boy.

Joann is survived by her 5 daughters and son's-in -law; Tammie (Dwayne-1972 AFBC Alumni) Wilkerson, Portales, NM ,Pamela (Mark) Boyd, Roswell, NM, Laurie (Danny) Goolsby , Wichita, KS, Penny ( Rocky) Rodriquez, Roswell, NM, and Sherrie Hall (Kennon)- Crowhurst, Roswell, NM. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren : Hollie Gallegos (Paul) , Justin Johnson (Amy), Rocky Rodriquez Jr (Andrea) , Heather Daugherty (Payton), Heidi Oas (Kris), Dane Wilkerson (Stephanie), Autumn Boggs (Jesse), Ryan Rodriquez( Lindsey), Sybil Rottman (Ramsey), Jeremy Johnson, Marcus Boyd and Randy Rodriquez (Lauren), 28 great grandkids &1 more on the way in Aug., and one brother, Gail (Doris) Blackmon of Caldwell, TX. She is preceded in death by her parents, brother, Floyd Edward Blackmon II, sister-in-law Carolynn Blackmon, son-in-law Eddie Johnson and one grandson Heath Wilkerson.





### **Sandra Forbes- 1939-2023**

Sandra Ann Forbes, age 83, of Riverton, KS, passed away on Saturday March 4, 2023 at the Solace House in Joplin, MO following a long full-filled life.

Sandra was born on Nov. 25,1939 in Stella, MO, the daughter of Raymond and Vera (Carter) Endicott. Sandra's father was a Joplin Police officer who died in the line of duty in 1949 when she was only eight years old. She graduated from Joplin High School in 1957 and attended Joplin Junior College. She met and married the love of her life, Bill Forbes on Jan. 24, 1958 in Joplin. Together they were blessed with three sons. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

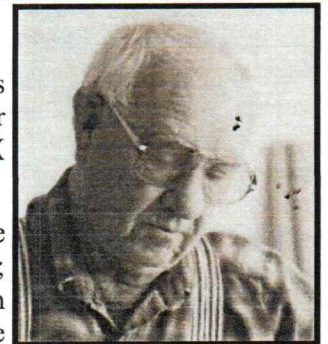
Sandra was a long time member of Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO. Through the years she taught numerous Sunday School classes. Sandra also enjoyed cooking for many years for the church youth camp and camp meetings held in Baxter Springs, KS.. She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and step father, Arnold Johnson, and a son Scott Forbes. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Bill Forbes, Riverton, KS; two sons, Brad Forbes and wife Kara, Overland Park, KS and Doug Forbes and wife Mindy, Riverton, KS; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Forbes, Katy, TX; four granddaughters, Charissa Howard, Katy, TX, Haley Stockton, San Diego, CA, Emily Stockton, Overland Park, KS and Kelsa Walton and husband Dusty, Riverton, KS; two grandsons, Gavin Forbes and wife Ashley, Joplin, MO and Cale Forbes, Riverton, KS and five great grandchildren, Hugo Howard, Archer Galo, Brynleigh Forbes, Rylann and Colton Walton; one brother, Danny Endicott and wife Rae, Branson, MO and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Friday March 10th at Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO with Rev. Richard Morris and Rev. Brian Moser officiating. Burial was in Hill Crest Cemetery in Galena, KS.

### **Floyd Pletcher– 1932-2023**

Floyd Raymond Pletcher, 90, of Canyon, TX passed away on March 4, 2023. Services were held on March 11, 2023 at Brooks Chapel in Canyon with his four daughters and other family members officiating. Interment was at Ochiltree County Cemetery in Perryton , TX with his brother Dale Pletcher officiating.



Floyd was born on Nov. 27, 1932 in Ochiltree County to Paul Odessa and Alice Beatrice (Kile) Pletcher. He had four brothers; Paul Allen, Tommy, Henry, and Dale; and two sisters; Roberta and Bertha. He was hard worker and a lifelong learner. In 1951 Floyd left Perryton to attend the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS. There he met his future wife , Julia Carol Busch.

He then began training as a carpenter's helper, first in Perryton, TX then in Pampa TX and traveled to Rockdale, TX for weekend visits with Julia (Judy) and her family. On August 19, 1952 the couple married and settled in Pampa for a short time. Eventually Floyd and Judy moved to Katy, TX where he built houses, working with Judy's father Reuben Busch. They began their family there and built their first home.

Later they moved to Pampa and then to Canyon. In 1965 Floyd and Judy then moved along with 4 daughters to Nevada to develop farm land under the Homestead Act. Their land was 65 miles from the town of Battle Mountain. The farm produced first some grain crops and later, high grade alfalfa hay. Floyd also worked as a construction supervisor during the winters. He joined the Carpenter's local Union # 971 and mentored several young men in carpentry skills and in spiritual living. While in Nevada , the family faithfully attended a Baptist Home Mission church that first met in several homes. The pastor made a circuit so Sunday services were at 3 p.m. Floyd was instrumental in building their community church in Reese River Valley.

Floyd and Judy retired and returned to Canyon in 1984 and he built 9 houses after he retired. They were members of Faith Community Church (formerly Faith Chapel) in Canyon.

In addition to his focus on farming, carpentry, and his faith, family, and friends Floyd took a course in geology at West Texas State University and had an interest in Biblical archaeology, particularly in the excavations at Masada in Israel.



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He was preceded in death by his parents and 5 siblings. Survivors include his wife, Judy Pletcher, daughters Rhonda Gayle Pletcher, Lyn Dickerson and husband David, Jayne Reynolds and husband Randy and Janis Sluder and her husband Michael; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren and one brother Dale Pletcher.

Floyd's family appreciates all the thoughts and prayers and friendships through the years.

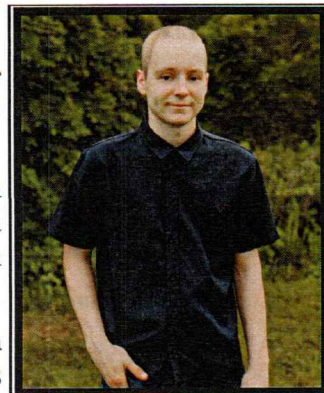
### **Nathan Robinson—1997-2023**

Nathan Blythe Robinson , Granby, MO was born Oct. 6,1997 in Joplin, MO, one of four children to Danny and Rae Mona (Arnall) Robinson. He entered rest on March 28, 2023 with his loving wife by his side at age 25.

Nathan graduated from East Newton High School and currently was employed as an electrician for Dalton Technical Services. He was working towards his certification as a journeyman. Nathan loved to fix things and had built a four wheeler and a mini bike from pieces. He could fix anything. He enjoyed 3 D printing and was not afraid of anything'

His greatest joy was time spent with his wife and daughter. In October at Granby, Nathan and Taylor Shiree Daniels were united in marriage and Taylor survives. In addition he is survived by a daughter, Jacelyn; his parents, Danny and Rae Mona Robinson of Granby, grandparents, Danny and Pat Robinson of Granby, MO; three siblings, Brennan Robinson and wife Olivia, Marissa Robinson and Garret Robinson, all of Granby, MO and four nieces and nephews, Jackson, Blakely, Carter, and Hannah. He is preceded in death by a baby daughter and his maternal grandparents , Floyd and Laura Arnall Boyer.

Celebration of Life Services were held on April 13, 2023 at Hope City Church in Joplin, MO.



## **Jesus is Powerful !**

By Don Marek- Alvin, TX

Jesus could not contain the power given to Him by His Father in Heaven.

Power to resurrect dead people, heal people, save people from the devil, see people far off, read peoples minds. Present power over the God's in Egypt, power over water, power over weather, power to create and destroy, and most importantly give other people power. Even today, to enhance His purpose.

Our power is limited compared to God's, though we have enough to teach others about His power. I think the abundant life here on earth is a glimpse into what eternal life will be like in paradise.

Prophets were given enough power to describe God's plan for us here on earth and eternity.

While Jesus taught and prophesied here on earth, His main message was about His Father in Heaven. Who He is, what He does, when His big events will happen for our good. We Christians can seek God, call on His name, pray in His name and visualize His response as His intentions are always for us to have His abundant life here on earth.

When a doctor tells you to prepare for leaving this world, do you have a place to go, or will the devil take you where you don't want to go?

Only the Gospel found in God's Word can teach you about an alternate route to paradise. Otherwise, you won't know about it, unless you are called and let a Christian explain the possibility of believing.

So, even though you are a part of many people living in darkness and need to be drawn into the light so God can see and talk to you about His Son Jesus who made a way for us to live in His light forever.

Unfortunately, you won't have another 2000 years to decide your fate as the Day of the Lord approaches which was told by God's spokesman the prophets.

All you can do right now is seek God by looking for a Christian, a Christian church, or even call ( an evangelists phone number) and say what do I have to do to be saved?



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