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Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life, He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. St. John 11:25

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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
- PO Box 254 * 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 the are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

Chapel Restoration Report

The inside of the AFBC Chapel interior is getting close to the end. We are now working on the rooms behind the stage upstairs. This, which was two rooms, now has been made into one large classroom. In the near future we will endeavor to finish this room as we have money to do so. We have stripped the walls and will soon be ready for sheetrock. This will give us two classrooms downstairs and one large classroom upstairs. All classrooms can be accessed from the new back entrance. This will keep the traffic in the upstairs Chapel to a minimum. We still have a few little things to do downstairs to put the final touches to the project.

Now to share with you about what we need to do to finish the outside of the Chapel. We need to replace the roof with a metal roof. This would take us many years in the future in the overall care of the Chapel. We also need to replace the rain guttering. The wheelchair ramp needs repair and awnings need to be added to the front entrance.

We need your continued support to finish the Chapel Restoration. Please, help us raise the money needed to complete this project.

If you have not been to the Bible College in several years I would ask for you to come by and see the improvements the Bible College Board has undertaken. We feel the need to make our facilities as attractive as possible.

I challenge us all to find the direction God would have us move from here.

Thank You,
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A Runner's Analogy

By: Ronnie Hoskins

Paul the Apostle wrote, "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win" (1 Cor. 9:24, NAS). This is one of many references made in the Bible about running. Paul, it seems, was especially fond of the event and I believe his writings reflect that. Like Paul, I find myself thinking about running, because for two years now I've done a lot of running. In April 2002.1 ran the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon and finished in just under four-hours. As 1 ran and trained for the marathon, I began to think upon the analogies between the physical and spiritual courses that I run. There are a lot of them, and there's no way I can share them all, but I would like to share a few.

The Starting Point

Every course I run on has something in common; they all have a starting point. At the Memorial Marathon there were hundreds of runners all at one starting point. All runners had to start the race at the appointed place and at the appointed time or be disqualified. We wore computer chips that were either strapped around our ankles or laced into our shoes; the chips

would activate and start recording our race time only after the "official" starting line was crossed.

The spiritual course that I run also has a starting point. My spiritual race starts with my faith in Christ, you see its Christ that set up the course and the only way to get into the race is to come to Him. Jesus said, "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved..." (John 10:9, NAS). Peter said, "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12, NAS). It's scriptures like these and the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, which convinces me that Christ is the architect of my spiritual course. I must come to Him and start the race under His terms or be disqualified.

The Course

Before a race I'm usually supplied with a map of the course. I study the map with enthusiasm trying to figure out how the course is laid out and how to take the twist and turns to make the course as short as possible. Ok, I know what your thinking, but there's no since in making the course any longer than need be. It's easy to think about running, but to actually do the running takes much more than thinking, it takes commitment and effort. Author and runner John Bingham wrote, "The miracle isn't that I finished... The miracle is that I had the courage to start." The course is always there but if I want to be a runner on the course I must take courage, get on

the course, and run the race.

I'm also supplied with a map that lays out the spiritual course. This map is called the Bible. The Bible gives much information about how to properly run the spiritual course, but just studying the Bible isn't enough; if I want to be a runner on the spiritual course I must put into action the things I learn from the Bible. I believe it takes a lot of commitment and effort to run on the spiritual course, because there seem to be

many obstacles. The Greek word "race" is the same word from which we get our word agony.

Running a race is a struggle to push past the obstacles, both inward and outward. To be successful on the spiritual course I must fix my eyes squarely on Jesus, take courage, and run.

Once I decided to start running, I quickly learned that to finish a race in good tune, especially a marathon, I had to master the art of building endurance. I've heard it said, "you can't fake a marathon." I believe that statement to be true. Maybe you can wake up one fine morning and decide to run a short race, but few of us run far enough and long enough to jump into a marathon without special training. I use several techniques to help build endurance; here are a few of the most

important ones: Know when and how much water to drink, use energy bars or food to help maintain strength., run early in the day, keep a training log, strive for variety during training, enter races, and think about my health and family while running. I've found if any of these elements are removed my endurance suffers, my race time becomes slower, and my chances of finishing the race are seriously weakened.

I must also build endurance to run well on my spiritual course. The writer of Hebrews puts it like this: "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us," (Hebrews 12:1, NAS). This verse makes several good points about running. Not only does it let us know about the importance of endurance, but it also reminds us not to be entangled by sin. I can't emphasis this enough, runners hate entanglements! Entanglements make it hard to run, they slow you down, and they cause injury. Encumbrances are also devastating to runners. It's amazing how fast a piece of clothing, that you think you need at the start of the race, can quickly become a burden. I've seen runners go to great extremes to shed clothing on the racecourse. An encumbrance slows the runner down and makes the race hard, some times impossible, to run. If I'm ever to build endurance on my spiritual course I must stay away from encumbrances and entanglements. I must also master the basic skills that help build endurance: Bible study, prayer, church attendance, love for others, and persistence in holiness and godliness. I've found if any of these elements are removed my endurance suffers, my race becomes harder, and my chances of finishing the race, as God would have me finish, are seriously weakened.

The Finish

As much as I love running I'm always glad to see the finish line. There's nothing like the feeling of finishing a well-run race. However, there are times that the finish line seems unattainable and failure seems immanent. My heavy breathing and rapid heartbeat tell me I'm getting close to my limit. Every step becomes an act of defiance. I keep demanding that my body push on although my brain says stop! Sometimes I must slow to a walk, but only for a short time and then the running must resume. When

I finally make it to the finish line, I know beyond any doubt that I've earned the right to stop and rest and no one can tell me differently! I don't believe the feeling of accomplishment and well-deserved rest can be described with mere words, it must be experienced.

As with the physical course, there's a finish line to be obtained on the spiritual course. It's my desire to run the spiritual course in a manner that enables me to look forward to its finish, and not to fear it. It would be a sad thing to fear the finish of a race. It's my wish to have as much confidence at the end of my race as Paul the Apostle had at his. Paul wrote: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing"(II Tim. 4: 7-8, NAS). Paul again uses a runner's analogy, this time to describe what's in store at the finish line. Paul lets us know that there is not just one winner but with Jesus all can be winners.

I believe many of the lessons learned from the finish of my physical course will apply at the finish of my spiritual course. I believe I will experience a well-deserved rest that's so great it can't be describe by mere words. I believe I will have a since of accomplishment and joy that's overwhelming and it will make me quickly forget about all the pain and difficulties the course dealt.

At the finish line it will become crystal clear that the race was well worth running. I am not sure what kind of reward, besides eternal life, I will receive. But I do know what ever it is, Christ will be the one awarding it to me. I hope to hear Him say, "well done runner, well done!" You see, Christ is the only one that can sincerely give that kind of praise, because He's the only other one that knows what it's like to have run on my course. As I think upon it, in the end Christ will be my trophy, and being in His indescribable presence will be of much greater value than any trophy made of wood or metal.

"And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable."

I CORINTHIANS 9:25

Church News

Taneyville Apostolic Faith Church

We here at Taneyville would like to say hello to everyone and give you an update of what God is doing here. My wife and I came eight months ago to become associate/youth pastors after hearing from the Lord to come. When we were first asked to come, I knew that it was going to be hard financially, but God knew exactly what I was thinking. That night I had been reading through the book of Philippians and I read the scripture in chapter four, verse nineteen which says "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." The next morning we went to chapel at AFBC and that same scripture was given. We then went to revival that night and again that same scripture was given. We got the point and God worked everything out and here we are today. Since we have been here we have seen God's blessings abundant in our lives, and the lives of others. Every time we turn around God is doing something wonderful in each life. Sometimes we have to go a little deeper than the surface to see the blessing but it's always there.

When we came we immediately saw a challenge in seeing the youth group grow. There were only four young people in our youth group when we started, but through much prayer and obedience we have seen our youth group grow from four to twenty. It's not by anything we've done, but by what we've allowed God to do. It really opens your eyes to see what God can do if you don't try to control Him and let Him control you.

We recieved an addition blessing when Bro. Mark Palmer came and held a revival. He shared with us out of Joshua and made the Word come alive. It was truly a time of spiritual refreshing for our church.

In the last few months we have welcomed two new lives into the world and into our congregation, Joshua Strahan Jr. and Kiley Opfer.

Our new church building project is still trying to get underway, it's a slow process but we hope to see some results soon. Your prayers would be much appreciated concerning this matter.

Our pastors Bro. Austin and Sis. Shirley Sutton are good mentors and very supportive to everyone in the church. We appreciate their service and dedication to the Lord. We are all watching and waiting for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and working to bring as many as we can with us on that great day!

-Keep looking up for redemption draweth nigh Jon & Crystal Clayton

Golden Anniversary

The Rev. and Mrs. Howard Whiteley were honored with a reception March 8, 2003 to celebrate their 50 years of marriage and 50 + years of ministry. it was hosted by their children, Lachelle and Sam Yoder of Nokesville, Va. and Lynn and Ute Whiteley, triplets; Ryan, Renee ad Rebekah, of Bristow, Va., at the Apostolic Faith Bible College Education Building.

Over 100 family and friends arrived between 2-4 to wish them well and help them to enjoy a wonderful time of remembering. They have pastored churches in Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. During this time they have conducted youth camps,



camp meetings and VBS crusades. Yvonna has written 3 youth camp study books. Both have taught in the Apostolic Faith Bible College (Howard for 15 years and Yvonna 10) and he served as AFBC Superintendent 2 years and on the Bible College Board of Trustees 2 years.

We don't regret a minute of our service for the Lord and would do it all over again if we stood at the beginning one more time. We are very thankful to the Lord that both of our children are busy in the service of the Lord. He has blessed us beyong measure.

AFBC 2003



Bottom Row: Lowell Long, Garry Sutton, Darla Oakes, Savoy Grimmer, Howard Whiteley; Second Row: Thelma Long, Darla Sutton, Bev Karber, Karen Grimmer, Yvonna Whiteley; Third Row: Ann Richardson, Mary Bailey, Kristen Grimmer, Ashley Campbell, Michelle Cloninger, Tyeasia McCrary; Fourth Row: Chad Crane, Tim Hubbs, Red Harper, Aaron Mullin, RanDell Largen, Marvin Talley; Fifth Row: Steven Haney, Alan Windeknecht, Casey Mays, Wesley Sellers, David Bailey, Frank Carroll.

Chairman's Desk

By: Austin Sutton

WHAT DOES satan KNOW?

How smart is the devil? (I do not capitalize his name for he is not deity.) What does he know?

God is Omniscient? (infinite knowledge)

Omnipotent (infinite power)

Omnipresent (universal presence)

by any power that be or shall be. God is God and beside Him there is no other.

"dumb". Since he is the opposite of what God is he is the definition of "dumb". John8:44 "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." If you agree, then why would we listen to anything that he has to say? In God is, the truth, whole truth and nothing but the truth.God knows what is best for humanity and is always trying to plant the Word of Truth in us.

If this is true then "What does satan know?"

In Matt.5:6, satan speaks unto Christ in one of the temptations and quotes from Ps. 91, "He shall give His Angels charge concerning thee: and in Their hands They shall bear Thee up, Lest at any time thou dash Thy foot against a stone." Also in Gen. 3:1 serpent quotes Gen. 2:17, "... Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden." What type of knowledge does satan have on the Word of God?

Paul makes a profound statement in his writing to Timothy in the second book written to him, chapter 3 verse 16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God. and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17, That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." The Word has been given to the Church! We find the Gospel Truths in the Word. We find righteousness for the Word chastens us and teaches us how to come in alignment with the God who loves us so much. Without the Word we could not be enlightened to the Truth that brings us to Christ. Romans 10:14, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not heard? And how shall

they here without a preacher? 15, "And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Only the Word of God brings the knowledge of sin, to light, in our lives and then God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleans us from all unrighteousness." 17, 'So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." How powerful the Word of God is. Heb. 4:12 "For the Word of God is quick. and power-God has no equal or rival. Lie is not intimidated ful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul, and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the In stating these facts then the devil has to be thoughts and intents of the heart." The Word searches out sin, then starts a process to eradicate sin from the heart of mankind. The Word goes where no surgeon has ever gone. The Word becomes a deep seated part of the Christians talk, walk and breath.

> Satan may be able to quote the Word of God but what does he really know? He knows he has but a short time to work. He knows he is condemned and separated form the presents of God. He understands humanity fell from the Grace of God and is in need of the sacrifice of Christ to be reconciled to God.

BUT

Does he know the spiritual interpretation of the Word of God?

II Peter 1:20 "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." 21, For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.""

The Holy Word is Spiritually given and Spiritually interpreted. Without the Spirit of God, in the reading of the Holy Word, the scripture is just words read. Example: Ethiopian eunuch Acts 8:26-3 8 He was reading from Isaiah the Prophet verse 32 tells us what he was reading. "He was led as a Sheep to the slaughter; and like a Lamb dumb before His shearer, so opened He not His mouth: 33, In His humiliation His judgment was taken away: and who shall declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth."

The disciples came to Jesus one day and asked, Matt. 13:10 "... Why speakest thou unto them in parables?" Jesus answers verse 11,13,15 "... Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand." how many time have you heard,"The Holy Word of God the Bible is just another book of history." For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time thy should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. (Read John 1:1-8)

We see the position the people of the world that in relationship to God, lost, alienated, and strangers., void of understanding of God's Word. We know that God, through the Holy Ghost, shines the Word of God into the hearts of men to enlighten them of their need of the sacrifice of Christ.

God has sent strong delusion on the world thy they would believe the lies of satan which would lead them to destruction.

The Word of God instructs us that we have the power over our lives and over the devil. We can either yield ourselves to God or satan. We are told to"put on the whole armor of God.' Part of this armor is the "sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

Now the real question; "How much of the Word of God is understood by satan?" Could it be that God has given the Christian His Word for spiriitual interpretation and hid this valuable Word from satan? Could God have given the Christian a weapon that satan can only read but is out in the dark on the meaning? I think this is one of the truths that God has given to us to overcome satan.

Why do we give the King's Meat away? The promises are unto His Children! I Corinthians 2;12, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."13. "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual." 14. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."15. "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man..But we have the mind of Christ." II Peter 1:3"According

as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and Godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue:" 4. "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

God's promises are to His Children! Where do you think this leaves satan? I believe he is totally out of the picture!

Let us take Hope at the promises of God. They are ours for the taking. What do you think?



Florence Mary

Schrimpf Berry was called home to be with the Lord, our savior, Feb. 6,2003 at her home while surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Berry was born April 15, 1905, at St. Clair, Mo. to August Charles and Eldora Ellen Red-

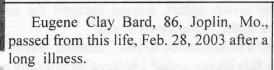
hage. Her early life was spent in Mo.,Ok.,and TX. She was married to Lloyd Allen Schrimpf on July 31, 1920 in Oklahoma City, ok. In 1960 she and her husband moved to Kingsmill,TX. to be near family, where she lived until 1977. Bro. Lloyd was in ill health and could no longer serve as pastor or evangelist. However, Bro. Schrimpf continued ministry through his correspondence and counseling people. After Rev. Schrimpf's death in 1976, she married Fred Berry of kingfisher, Ok. She lived in Kingfisher for 13 years before returning to Pampa in 1990 to be near family. Mr. Berry preceded her in death in 1993.

Survivors include; 2 daughters, Mary Helen Ross Chavez and husband, Col. Joseph D. Chavez of Albuquerque, N.M. and Bonnie June Pletcher and husband Paul Allen Pletcher of Pampa, TX., 2 sisters: della Perkins and Helen Then both of San Antonio, TX., 8 grandchildren: Elaine Ennis and husband John, Janelle Yuska and husband Mark, Janeva Bailey and husband Rev. John Bailey, Joyce Creed and husband Rev. Kevin Creed, Marilyn Tillery and husband Edward, Myrna Jean Pletcher, Timothy Pletcher, and Rebecca Barton and husband Rev. Scott Barton; 11 Greatgrandchildren, 2 greatgreat grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Services were held on Feb. 6, 2003 at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church with Rev. Albert Maggard and Rev. Scott Barton officiating. Interment was in the Kingfisher Cemetery, Kingfisher, Ok.

Obituaries

Eugene Clay Bard



He was born March 28, 1916 in Joplin, Mo. He was the oldest son of the late Claude and Mittie

Bard. He married Edith (Knirck) Bard on Aug. 21,

1941 in Las Vegas, Nev. She survives.

(Peggy) Crowhurst of Hempstead, Texas, Linda Lee in the tooling heat treat department and was a supervi-Bard of Hempstead, Texas, Mark Alan Bard and wife Iletha of Joplin, Mo., Wayne Douglas Bard of Joplin, Mo.; grandchildren, Melanie Crowhurst of Hempstead, Texas, Stephanie Tompkins and husband Danny of Hempstead, Texas, Kennon Crowhurst and wife Sherri of Roswell, N.M., Travis Bard and wife Stacey of Joplin, Mo., Grant Bard and wife Leslie of Joplin, Mo., Abby Buschman and husband Keith of Little Rock, Ark.: great-grandchildren, Hanna and Emma Tompkins, RyLee Buschman, Daniel and William Bard; two brothers, James F. Bard and Max L. Bard; one sister, Bonnie Clanton. Preceding him in death is a brother, Jack E Bard and a son-in-law, Jerome Crowhurst.

Clay attended East Fourth Street Chapel of the

Original Apostolic Faith Church of Joplin. He was a charter member of the church. Clay was also a charter member: of the Four State Apostolic Faith Youth Campgrounds at Baxter Springs, Kan.

In his early years of work he was employed at General Steel Company, Joplin, Mo. Clay was employed at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, Calif., from Also surviving are his children, Margaret Ruth 1940 to 1946. During this time he served as a supervisor sor of welding in the jig building department. He also taught welding classes for the United States Government during this period.

> Clay became a partner in the former Bard and Bard Company and the former Bard Oil Company in 1946 and semi-retired in 1984.

> Funeral services were March 4, 2003 at Mason-Woodard Mortuary. Rev. Paul Clanton officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Elmer Chriestenson and Rev. Richard Morris, Burial was at the Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery. Escorts were grandsons and great-grandsons.

> Editor's Note: Sis. Vivian Bard has moved. Her new address is: Vivian Bard 46460 Hwy 290 Hempstead, TX

Floyd L. Richardson

Floyd L. Richardson, 87, passed away on Monday, April, 2003 at the Spring Valley care Center in Baxter Springs, Kansas, after a long illness. He was born in Isom Springs, Oklahoma on December 3, 1915, the son of Melvin and Alice (Hamilton) Richardson. He had lived in Baxter Springs for 69 years.

Lillian Margaret Heavin and Floyd L. Richardson were united in marriage 64 years ago on March 26, 1939. She survives. He worked for Yellow Freight Systems in Baxter Springs for 32 years before retiring in 1973. Floyd, his wife Margaret and his family started attending the Baxter Springs Apostolic Faith Church in 1950. He served as Board member, a Sunday School teacher and Sunday School superintendent. Floyd



and Margaret also helped in the kitchen of the 4-State Apostolic Faith Youth Camp for many years. Adults in the church remember him best for his bass solos and the children remember him as the "gum man" who gave them a piece of gum each service.

Survivors also include their three children, Dorothy Turner and husband Gene of Overland Park, KS, James Richardson and his wife Sandi of Farmington, NM, Bev Karber and her husband Joel of Joplin ,MO., six grandchildren and seven great- grand children.

Services were held on Friday, April 4, 2003 at Derfelt's Baxter Chapel. The Rev. Howard Whiteley and Rev. Paul Clanton officiated and burial was at Greenlawn Cemetery in Columbus, KS.

Viola Modrick Hutson

Viola Modrick Hutson was born May 6, 1907, on a farm north of Shattuck, Oklahoma, the only child and daughter of Edgar and Lucy Bondurant. She graduated from high school at May, Oklahoma, and later graduated from the Church of God Bible College of Fine Arts in Iowa, with a degree in missions and elementary education. She returned to the Oklahoma panhandle to begin a teaching career; while there she taught in a one-room schoolhouse, with responsibility for all twelve grades.

In 1929 a young evangelist named John Modrick asked for her hand, and they were married. For the next twenty years they traveled extensively in evangelistic efforts all across the central United States. Viola lived a long and full life. She was a mother, housewife, preacher's wife, school teacher, church pianist, children's instructor, Bible class teacher, caregiver, and devoted witness of her faith. She was gifted as a "proclaimer" of God's truth, and besides partnering with her husband in ministry, busied herself reaching out to others, even in her later years. Viola was widowed twice, most recently in 1989. She lived independently until 1996 when she became a resident of Bivins Nursing Home where she slipped away from this life on Easter Sunday evening, having lived just 15 days short of 96 years.

She was preceded in death by one son, Marion Dean and one daughter, Ella Frances. Her first husband, John Modrick. as well as her mother Lucy Bondurant both passed away in 1957; her second husband, Carl Hutson, died in 1989. Viola is survived by one son, Pastor Ed Modrick and his wife Eula of Amarillo, by her grandchildren Mike and La Parsha Wise and by 4 great-grandchildren—Jonathan, J'Rhea, Jossalyn and Jacob Wise, also of Amarillo. Interment was in Beaver, Oklahoma, at Mountain View Cemetery.

Paul D. Mahan

Adoring husband, kind father, attentive brother, loyal friend, loving grandfather, known by all the grandchildren as Poppy, Paul D. Mahan,72, son of Charles Oren and Anna Ruth(Dibbens) Mahan was born May 7, 1930 in Cheney, Kansas and departed this life for his home in Heaven, April 5, 2003 at his Laverne, Ok. home. The son of an Apostolic Faith minister, his childhood was spent in several places(Garden City, Ks. San Diego, Ca., Laverne, Ok. and Wichita, Ks.) He accepted Jesus as his personal Savior at an early age and was a devoted Christian all of his life. God graced Paul with a beautiful tenor voice. He sang in his early years with his family, with various groups and as a soloist. He married Maxine Marilyn Pennington on Nov. 16, 1951 in Astoria, Ca. while stationed there in the U.S. Navy as a Yeoman First class. He served in the Korean war. To their union were born Rhonda Lynn (Hamner), Laurie Lee(Sawyer) and Shannon Kay(McGiffert). Paul's first wife passed away Nov. 17, 1985.



Paul, his 3 sisters and their parents all attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas in the 1940's. His father Bro, Charles Mahan was superintendent in the 1950's.

Paul attended Wichita State University after leaving the Navy and graduated with a bachelors degree in Business Administration. After his certification in the late 50's, he began his practice with Elmer Fox & Co. in Wichita, Ks., San Francisco, Ca., and Century, Ca. He has been in private practice since 1980. He has had a fulfilling and honorable career up to the last day of service.

On March 1, 1988, he married Joy Lotspeich Seeger of Laverne, Ok. They split their time between their two homes in Fortuna, Ca, and Laverne, Ok. He is survived by his loving wife, Joy of Laverne; three sisters, Naomi Busch, Baxter Springs, Ks., Dorcas Spicer of Edmond, Ok. and Marcena Mahan of Wichita, Ks.; his loving daughters and their families; Rhonda and Curt Hamner and their children, Garret Paul and Sarah Hamner and Graham Michael Hamner of Forest Falls, Ca., Laurie and Terry Sawyer and children, Lucas Landon, Jessie Noelle, Marilyn Rose, Shelby Caitlin, and Claire Joy of Point Reyes Station, Ca., Shannon and David McGiffert and children; Evan Julian and Natalie Marguerite of Topanga, Ca., son Kenney Seeger of Oklahoma City, Ok. and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held April 9, 2003 in the First Baptist Church of Laverne, Ok. with Rev. Michael Delamarian of Hydesville, Ca. and Rev. Gaylon Cox of Laverne, Ok. officiating. Ministering in music were Joyce Hughes, Margarette Hendrick, Jackie Hocking/niece (female soloist), Norman Behymer and James Sailor. Casket bearers were; Kenney Seeger, Curt Hamner, Terry Sawyer, David McGiffert, Garret Hamner, Graham Hamner, Lucas Sawyer, R.P. Busch(Buzz) and Bradley Busch. Interment was in the Laverne Cemetery.

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