

Take Inventory of Your Time

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Let us take inventory of our resources as to time and review our habits of using it.

There are 168 hours in each week. Fifty-six of these we spend in sleep. Of the remaining 112 hours, we devote fortyeight to work. This leaves sixty-four hours, of which let us assign twelve hours



for our daily meals. This allows thirty minutes for each meal, and one and one half hours extra to promote good digestion. We have left fifty-two hours net, of conscious, active life to devote to any purpose to which we are inclined. Is it too much to say that God requires a tithe of this free time? One tenth of fifty-two hours is five and two tenths. How much of this tithe time do we devote to strictly spiritual matters? If we attend Sunday School, that will take an hour. If we attend church twice on Sunday that will take three hours. If we attend prayer meeting, another hour. We have two-tenths of an hour left.

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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
- 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.

You may have had a bad start in life, but you need not have a bad ending.

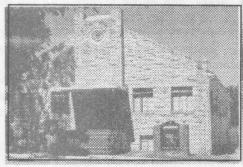
AFBC News

AFBC Chapel Restoration Project Begins



n 1950 the Bible College Chapel was erected debt free. The rock on the outside has served the school well for nearly 50 years. Like everything else, with the passage of time, things deteriorate. For the last several years the rock has begun to fall off, especially on the bottom five feet.

At the Alumni Banquet in May '96 a challenge was presented by Austin Sutton to all Alumni to monthly send a minimum of \$10 to the General Fund for the daily operation of the school and \$10 to a Restoration Fund. The newly established fund would be used for renovations of the school starting with the outside of the chapel building. Bids were received from several contractors on a Dryvit Exterior Finish System which ranging from \$45,000 - \$50,000. The Dryvit System will modernize the building as well as increase the R-Value of the Chapel. The Board of Directors supported the project and promised to go forward with the project as soon as three-fourths of the money was collected. Recently Board Member Dennie Oakes has received another bid for



\$30,000! The Board has given the GO-AHEAD! The workers are to begin to remove the old rock the third week of February. \$20,586 have been collected. We only need \$10,000 to complete the project! Please continue to pray concerning this and future projects. Thank you for your cooperation. We can accomplish the task in hand and look forward to future tasks as we labor and work together. Please make your check payable to the AFBC Restoration Fund and send it to either:

Austin Sutton Box 7 Taneyville, MO 65759 or Apostolic Faith Bible College Box 110 Baxter Springs, KS 66713

Bus Sold

he 1985 Ford F350 People Mover, pictured at the bottom of the page, has been sold. The 26 passenger bus was purchased Jan 30, 1995 with the money from an insurance claim on the 1950 Golden Eagle Bus. The Golden Eagle was traded for the People Mover with us paying a difference of \$2,560. All the churches in the Movement were given an opportunity to submit a sealed bid (minimum bid \$3,500). The bus was sold to the highest bidder.

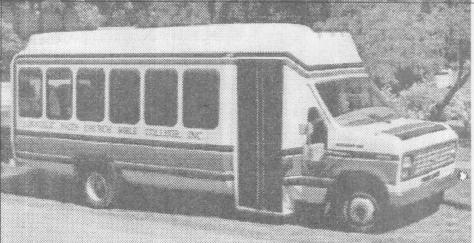
Bus Purchased

oard Members Dennie Oakes and Paul Clanton traveled to Indiana to inspect a 1970 GMC 49 passenger bus that Board Member Austin Sutton had located. These men had already traveled to Mississippi searching for a suitable replacement. The bus has a newly rebuilt diesel engine. It has a four speed transmission, 160 gallon fuel tank and a restroom. The bus was purchased for \$14,250. A portion of the money (\$10,000) came from the Ronald Shorb Estate, a portion (\$2,250) came from a private donation and the rest of the money came from the General Fund. The money from the sale of the People Mover will be returned to the General Fund.

Scholarship Fund

his year \$220 were donated to the *Scholarship Fund*. The fund is managed by a committee of three. They review all the applications and award the scholarships. To-date the fund has a total of \$2,542. \$1,670 is kept in a C.D. drawing interest.

Future students may pick up an application from their Pastors. Pastors may contact the school for more applications. Call 316-856-3283.



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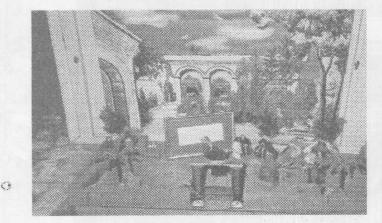


Archive Building Fund

Nearly 40 years ago Ms. Rosetta Lopez of Joplin, now 81, and her late husband, Sunday, started teaching Sunday School at their church in Escandido, Calif. Ms. Lopez was browsing through some materials with tips on how to interest children when she ran across an idea that inspired her to use miniatures to make biblical dioramas for teaching Sunday School lessons. She has illustrated over 50 different stories of the Old and New Testament. (*Ed Note: Notice the picture at the bottom of the page. It is the story of Peter in the Temple.*)

For over a year she has searched for a permanent home for their work. The only requirement: they must be accessible for the children. They are not toys to be handled, but rather to be watched, observed and studied as the Bible unfolds before their eyes. She had contacted many churches in the area who never gave her the time of day. Finally she remembered teachers who had brought students over from a Bible College in Baxter Springs. Her daughter searched through records until she found the names of Sister Yvonna Whiteley and Sister Kathryn Cornell. They called and asked if we would be interested in receiving all as a gift. Words fail to describe the fervor that ran through the school at this offer.

Recently a letter was sent to all the Women's Ministry Groups in our churches to raise money for a permanent home for the miniatures and an Archive room for the Apostolic Faith Archives. Their estimate was \$6,000 and to-date they have received \$3,383. Thank you everyone and please continue to pray for this project.



Our Church Sold! Where is the Money?

(Ed. Note: The term school in the following article refers to the Apostolic Faith Church Bible College, Inc. in Baxter Springs, KS.)

Have you heard anyone make the statement "The Apostolic Faith Bible College survives on the death of the churches in the Apostolic Faith Movement?" Here are the facts from the last 10 years. None of the money received was spent on Faculty Salaries, Utility Payments, or Food. All the spent money was for repairs or equipment upgrades and in agreement with the governing body of the donating congregation. *Feel free to contact the school office at (316) 856-3283 if you would like a more thorough report on any of the listed churches*.

The Apostolic Faith Church of Arnett, OK was sold in 1998 and they sent the school \$2,000. It is in a savings account.

The Trinity Apostolic Faith Church of Neosho, MO was sold in 1997 and they sent the school \$30,000. It is in a savings account.

In 1995 the Bethel Wayside Chapel of Stockton, CA was sold and they sent the school \$7,500. It is in a savings account.

In 1994 the Apostolic Faith Church of Dickinson, TX was sold and they sent the school \$8,000. The Dickinson Board of Directors requested the money be spent on repairs and new beds for the dorms. (12) beds were purchased, a new central air unit for the mens dorm was purchased, a new roof was put on the Teachers Dwelling, misc. small repairs were made and \$703 remains.

In 1991 the Apostolic Faith Church of Enid, OK was sold and they sent the school \$8,608. The Enid Board of Directors requested the money be spent on repairs. The Chapel, Parsonage, and Women's Dorm were insulated. The Parsonage was re-plumbed. The Women's Dorm was reshingled. All of the money was spent.

The Apostolic Faith Church of Bayrd Nebraska was sold in 1990 and they sent the school \$4,000. The Bayrd Board of Directors approved the purchase of the choir P.A. system, risers, and music stands. All the money was spent.

The Apostolic Faith Church of Dumas, TX was sold in 1988 and they sent the school \$35,500. The property at 310 W. 10th in Baxter Springs was purchased with \$14,706 of the money. The remaining amount of money along with the accrued interest (\$27,662) helped to purchase the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church of Neosho, MO.

Impressions Of Paul by Ken Cruse, Snyder, TX

Probably more has been written of the Apostle Paul than any other person who ever lived, with the exception of Jesus Christ. So I could offer little comment on his life and ministry other than the impressions which he has thus far made on me.

Paul impresses me with his remark that he was separated unto God from his mother's womb. It is interesting to me, and inspirational as well, that the Almighty God has a plan in His mind for an individual from before birth.

Paul was from Tarsus, a great melting pot of humanity, culture, religious practices, and philosophies.

Born to a family which must have at first seemed to Paul to have been hopelessly old-fashioned, he was given the Word of God. His father, though a Jew, was a Roman citizen with all the rights thereof and yet he was intensely concerned that his son be schooled in the Jewish laws and customs and particularly in the Law and the Prophets. Accordingly, he sent Paul ton sit at the feet of the most respected Jewish teacher of those times, Gamaliel.

So Paul grew up with conflict. He must have sensed a great difference between Tarsus, his home, and Jerusalem, where he was trained.

Paul must have been a Jewish Zealot as he saw his people, the chosen people of his God, mistreated by Gentile dominion under Roman rule.

Hoping, as he must have, for the Messiah to come and set up a kingdom, it is no wonder he was filled with such hatred as he had for the new sect which sprang up and called themselves followers of the way.

No wonder he rebelled against the reason and restraint of his teacher, Gamaliel. His reputation as a descendant of Benjamin and his role as a Pharisee was being threatened by this new bunch of people who sprang up in his young life with their teaching of one who had risen from the dead.

So, Paul took all his assets and directed them against these followers of Christ. The zeal of his Jewish heart and the freedom of his Roman citizenship with the wit and wisdom of his Greek mind must have indeed struck fear into the hearts of early Christians.

Or, maybe not! Paul had the Jewish privilege of holding the cloaks of those who stoned Stephen, but I don't believe he saw the fear he was looking for in Stephen.

My impression of Paul, as he heads for Damascus, is that of a madman. His reason and resolve have been brought to bear on destruction of these people whom he believes to be traitors to his God and troublemakers for his people. Granted, he is acting in good conscience at this time. But a man bent on destruction is a madman.

My next impression of Paul is that God, who separated him from his mother's womb and gave him life, is calling him unto Himself. It impresses me that God can cut through madness and religious bigotry and reach unto and into the life of a mere mortal, even when man is in total ignorance of God's plan.

So, then I see Paul humbled and helpless in the presence of this same Jesus whom he has been persecuting.

As Paul allows himself shortly to be baptized, I am impressed with the change in his nature after his encounter with the light of Jesus Christ. I would have thought that Paul, with his high opinion of himself, would have needed a "Big Preacher" to baptize him, but, instead, is baptized by a layman of the church.

I am impressed that God had a man ready and willing to minister to a man like Paul. With Paul's reputation, it must have been a great blessing to him to hear Annanias call him "Brother," and to know that he had now become a part of the family with no dependence on pedigree for inheritance.

My next impression of Paul is that of a man on a mission of mercy. Having had no mercy and having obtained mercy freely, he now knows that every man needs this same humanity in an effort to bring this message to all mankind.

It impresses me that Paul's earlier life now begins to pay dividends in the kingdom of God. I can imagine that the young Paul, being a Roman citizen and evidently prosperous, resented being taught the trade of the tentmaker. His father had followed the Law of God in teaching his son a trade and now Paul is able to provide for himself (and sometimes others) so as to make the gospel to be dispensed as freely as it was given to him.

It impresses me that Paul's ministry was in demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit. With all his training and understanding and revelation, he might have held seminars. It is impressive to me that the greatest theologian of the church to date preferred to come to people with the simple message of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ preached in power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost.

It is doubly impressive to me that the same Spirit confirmed His Word again and again as Paul preached it. It impresses me that Paul's most famous sermon, that of Mars Hill in Athens, did not result in the establishment of a church. I don't pretend to understand why not, but I am encouraged to know it was not his last sermon.

I am impressed that Paul lived in such a manner that he could face death knowing that he had fought a good fight and that there was waiting for him a victor's crown.

I am impressed by a man who can not only talk about death, but can speak directly to death and demand of it "Where is thy sting?"

You notice I have not referred to Paul's name before his conversion. The greatest impression Paul makes on me is that what I once was cannot even be remembered by God.



Alvin, TX

On Feb. 8 our congregation voted to accept the plans for building new restrooms, heating and air conditioning and improvements. In our church bulletin there was a quote, "We need everyone's financial support to go forward with this project." Praise God, the offering for this project was \$ 8,832.00 collected in one day.

Feb. 14, we had a Valentine Banquet for folks 18 and older. The church dining hall was decorated beautifully and a delicious meal was catered. The highlight of the evening was entertainment by Barry Methvin. His talent of playing musical instruments and humorous story telling was enjoyed by everyone.

Our youth have been working hard to meet their goal to go skiing. Some of their projects have been car washing, a spaghetti dinner and baby sitting the night of the Valentine Banquet.

Our church bulletin usually contains words "From the Pastor". I quote, "I was strengthened as the hand of the Lord my God was upon me" (Ezra 7:28). Do you feel too weak to accomplish the task before you? Pray and God will strengthen you to go on with your work. God never assigns any man to a task he can not do through Christ.

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

Katy, TX

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus! Recently you received a letter announcing Convocation '98 in Katy. Because of a change of plans, we have decided to cancel it for this year. I hope this change has not or will not inconvenience you.

May God richly bless you and keep you, is our prayer.

Katy Apostolic Faith Church Ted Barker, Pastor

Winston Barker & Austin Sutton Recover From Health Surgery

Instructor Winston Barker and Board Member Austin Sutton have undergone Heart Surgery since December of last year.

On November 12 Brother Barker visited a cardiologist and had an E.K.G. and an Ultra-Sound done. The Doctor said he needed his aortic valve replaced. On November 18 Brother Barker was admitted to St. Johns Hospital in Joplin, MO. He had surgery on the 21st and for the next 12 days remained in the Intensive Care Unit. During this time he was rushed back into surgery three different times to correct malfunctions. Brother Barker left the hospital on Dec. 31.

He was moved from the Mens Dorm and placed in a house on the corner of Grant and 11th street for his recovery. This is the school property referred to as the Teachers Dwelling. His sister, Roberta Methvin, has been with him all during his surgery and through most of his recovery time. She has been a wonderful blessing to him. On February 12 he returned to the classroom. Brother Lyndel Arnall drove from Neosho, MO on Tuesdays and Thursdays to teach Brother Barkers Prophecy Class. We owe Brother Arnall a special thank you for his help.

On December 30th Brother Austin Sutton had an angiogram and on the 31st had a four by-pass heart operation. They had not intended to do the fourth by-pass until after the surgery when he had problems after they took him off the machines. They immediately went back to surgery and did the fourth by-pass. At first he was placed on medication for diabetes, later it was reduced until his blood sugar returned to normal. He has had trouble with his lungs collecting fluid. Once he nearly collapsed while taking a shower. For nearly thirty minutes he struggled to keep from passing out. The Doctor later drained 2 & 1/2 liters of fluid from one of his lungs. The worst difficulty of all has been the healing of his legs where they removed the blood vessels for the by-pass operation. He has had a reaction to the stitches, dissolving them too soon before the legs could heal. As a result the wounds remain open the entire length of his right leg. The Doctor cauterized the leg (literally burned the flesh) to prevent the wound from bleeding.

Brother Austin has not been permitted to return to the pulpit. Rev. Dwight and Sister Carla Wilson have been

filling in for them. We owe the folks a special thank you for their help.

Both men would like to thank everyone for their many fervent prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, and financial gifts they have received. They covet your continual pravers. May God bless you richly.

Hempstead, TX



We were excited about the celebration of our 70th anniversary of the church. This was a great time in renewing acquaintances, reminiscing and sharing together. How great it is to be a part of the "Family of God". Our goal at the Hempstead Apostolic Faith Church is to have a place for friendship, learning, service and worship.

Our celebration began with a morning service opening with the chorus "Family of God". Special music was provided by Norma Doty and the Mathis Quartet. Rev. Paul Clanton brought the message. An afternoon service followed a barbecue lunch. The church history was delivered by Elton Mathis. Remarks were given by Rev. Roland Busch, Rev. A.W. Ferguson, Rev. Johnny Arnall and Rev Jim Morris. Special music was provided by Dona Barker, the Mathis Quartet, the Mathis Trio and a male quartet consisting of Elton Mathis, Danny Tompkins, Steve Hackett and David Buschman.

Hempstead Church History

The Apostolic Faith Church in Hempstead, Texas had its beginning in July of 1923. Evangelist S.W. Ditto of Houston, Texas conducted a tent meeting approximately one block north of the Waller County Courthouse. He was assisted by gospel workers from several area communities including: Waller, Katy, Tavener and Houston. These people converted to the Pentecostal teachings of Charles F. Parham of Baxter Springs, Kansas. In 1900, Parham conducted a Bible School in Topeka, Kansas. During a watch night service at this school, the Latter Rain had its beginning. All Pentecostals trace their roots to this place.

On June 5, 1924, Charles F. Parham began a tent meeting in Hempstead that lasted for twenty-one days. The site of this meeting was on the block where the Hempstead water tower now stands. At that time there was also an old dance hall at the location that had been previously been rented for church services.

Some of the early ministers and helpers were the following: the Morton Sisters, William Bacon, Mack Wyatt, S.E. Waterbury, Mrs. Ragsdale, Mrs. R.E. Feagan, Joe B. Dewees and A.B. Stanberry. They normally preached on an assigned Sunday of each month and would minister at other churches in the area.

In the summer of 1927, a meeting was called to discuss the building of a church. A building fund was begun on Sept. 24, 1927, after Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Dewees gave one lot on the north side of town for construction of a church building.

In 1927 the building was completed. Since that time a number of ministers have served in the capacity of pastor, including: Joe B. Dewees, Ed & Frances Stork, Jacob Regier, Paul Clanton, Donald D. Dibbens, Jim Morris, George Polvado, R.D. Wooster, Lee Brock, Waple Ferguson, Johnny Arnall, Roland Busch, Mike Brening and Jerome Crowhurst.

Birth Announcements



Robinson

Mr. & Mrs. Danny Mac Robinson of Granby, Mo. announce the birth of their son, Nathan Blythe Robinson on Oct. 6, 1997. Nathan weighed 10 lb. 1 oz. and was 21 and 1/2 inches long. Nathan has a sister Marissa and two brothers,

Drew and Garrett. His grandparents are Rev. & Mrs. Danny Robinson, Branson, Mo. and the late Lora Arnall Boyer of Joplin, Mo.

Harris

Bethany and Kara Harris and their parents Seldon and Vanessa Harris, Columbus, Tx. welcomed a baby brother, Joshua Lee, on Feb. 17, 1998. Joshua was born at their home with midwives Debbie Perry and Cathy Rude assisting. He weighed 11 lbs. and was 23 and 1/2 inches long. Joshua's grandparents are Ron and Shirley Freshour of Columbus, Tx. and Dennie and Karen Oakes of Joplin.

Smithwick

Rebecca Nicole Smithwick was born Sept. 11, 1997 at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Keflavik, Iceland. Her parents are Roger and Lauren Southwick. Rebecca's grandmother is Anna Santiago and her great grandmother is Mary Rodriguez of Alvin, Texas.



James W. Arnce, Alvin Lee Barker, Winston Barker, Alberta Barker, Euteva Barker, Erma Curtis, Reba Clingon, Cecil Clingon, *Dorcas Crouse, Archie N. Crouse, Gilbert Cowart, *Earl Davidson, Ida Drachenberg, Jessie Dibbens, Lewis LaVaugn, Atrel Freguson, Wapłe Ferguson, *John L. Fortner, *Pauline Fortner, *Jessie Green, *Opal Fay Harold, Walter C.Jacobs, Leota Jacobs, *Charles L. King, *Rosemary King, Densel LaMunyon, Naomi Ruth Mahan, Marsena Mahan, Paul Mahan, Eva Modrick, *Loren Lee Meek, Mitchell Modrick, Ramona Modrick, Don Ogdon, Ouida Mae Pipkin, Patsy Peterson, Ruby Peterson, Henry Pletcher, * Carl Pitts, Neil Ragan, Wyona B. Roosa, Bill Sparks, Calvin Springer, Belle Stewart, Edna Scroggs, Clay Stewart, Anna Ruth Scott, Eula Mae Taylor, Roy O. Townsend, Wanda Townsend, *Charles Vest, L.F. Weaver, Opal Whiteley, Howard Whiteley, Mrs. Archie Crouse, Raymond Christianson, Phoebe Flannigan, *Mrs. Travis Flowers, Mrs. Lewis Ott

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Sammie Ames, Donna Anderson, J.J. Arnall, Johnny Arnall, Kathy Arnall, *Barry Beckwith, Glenda Bensch, Jimmy Botter, *Glenda Bruce, Betty Carney, Sharon Cates, *David Chambers, *Glenda Chambers, Terry Cloud, Sheryl Cox, Karen Crouse, *William Crume, Joe Davidson, *Terry Diebold, *Kanell Ehrlich, Joy Flenniken, *Kim Flowers, Gary Foster, Norma Foster, Diana Gorrell, Dale Grimmer, Debbie Grimmer, Peggy Hill, *Ernest Hinshaw, *Kaye Hunter, Diana Johnson, *Richard Johnson, Donna Kinser, Calvin Klaus, *Tom Lord, Kay Macias, *Tony Martinez, David McCance, *Joann McGee, Garold Oakes, *Jonnie Pavolillo, Jimmy Russell, Kathy Russell, *Arville Satcher, *Ruby Shoemaker, Trulla Simineo, Linda Sparks, Marlon Sparks, Teloa Stanberry, David Stollings, David Stump, Deena Stump, *Jeanie Thomas, David Turner, Glenda Turner, Billy Waggoner, *Debra Walls, Kathleen Wimer

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In Memory Of

Roland Eugene Busch

Aug. 4, 1920 - Dec. 28, 1997

Roland Eugene Busch was born August 4, 1920 in Tavener, Fort Bend County, Texas to Otto Paul Busch and Bertha Maeding Busch. He departed this life December 28, 1997 in the Katy Medical Center, Katy, Texas at the age of seventy-seven.

At the age of eight Roland accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and throughout his life the promotion of the gospel was his first priority. In 1933 he moved with his family to Katy. After he graduated from Katy High School he became involved in farming and enjoyed fifty years of rice farming and ranching.

June 20,1943 he was united in marriage to Lela Kathryn Peck and for fifty-four and one half years they resided in Katy. In the spring of 1997 both were honored by the Katy Apostolic Faith Church with a beautiful formal reception and dinner in recognition of their many years of dedicated service. Roland served many years on the Board of Trustees and Lela Kathryn served over fifty years as Secretary-Treasurer.

Roland taught Sunday School classes in the local church, and worked in Youth Camps throughout the movement. As a result of his faithful support of Youth Camps and singing schools, many young lives were influenced for good. He traveled many miles in interest of the Apostolic Faith Bible College and served on the Board of Trustees. He enjoyed many revivals as an evangelist and served as interim pastor in several churches of this area.

He is survived by his wife, Lela Kathryn; two sisters, Norma Busch of Austin, TX and Lydia Pyles of Angleton, TX; sister-in-law, Naomi Busch of Baxter Springs, KS; a number of nieces and nephews and numerous friends.He was preceded in death by two brothers, Reuben and Otto A., and two sisters; Esther and Hertha.

Memorial services were held at 10:00 a.m. December 31, 1997 at the Katy Apostolic Faith Church. Rev. Jim Fox gave the sermon and Pastor Ted Barker and Rev. Harrol Waterbury participated in the service. Music was provided by Organist, LaMoyne Fox and Pianist, Rita Scott. Trio, Buddy and Doris Stanberry and Norma Jean Doty sang "Someone to Care" and "Joy Comes in the Morning". "What a Day That Will Be" was sung at the graveside and Rev. Ted Barker read scripture and offered prayer. Interment was in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

George R."Ted" Jackson

Oct. 1, 1912 - Dec. 1, 1997

Rev. George "Ted" Jackson, 85, 1524 Galena Ave., Galena, KS died on Monday, December 1, 1997 at Quaker Hill Manor, Lowell, KS after a long illness.

Rev. Jackson was born October 1, 1912 at Sparks, OK. His parents were George W. and Mary Catherine (Reese) Jackson. He moved to Seneca, MO as a young boy, living there until 1944. He moved to Galena, KS in 1951.

He was a member of Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church, Galena, KS.

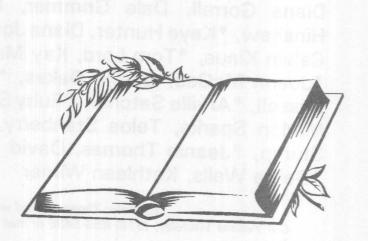
Rev. Jackson has been a minister in the Apostolic Faith Church since 1945. He has pastored at Union Chapel Church, Beth Page, MO; 5th St. Mission, Baxter Springs, KS; Apostolic Faith Church, Bayard, NE: Apostolic Faith Church, Arnett, OK; a second pastorate at Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church, Galena KS; Empire Mission, Galena, KS and the Saginaw Church, Saginaw, MO.

He also owned and operated Jackson Construction Company from 1951-57. Ted last worked for the Eagle Picher Company in Galena, KS and Joplin, MO for twenty years retiring in 1977.

Ted was married to Dorothy Irene Taylor on June 20, 1932 at Neosho, MO. She survives.

Also surviving is one son, George Jackson, Galena, KS; one daughter Bonnie Comer, Riverton, KS; three grandchildren, Todd, Vince and Joy; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on December 4, 1997 at Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church, Galena ,KS. Rev. Joel Dorris officiated. Burial was in Lowell Cemetery, Lowell, KS. Pallbearers were Max Clanton, Brian Cox, Bud Rogers, Edwin Porter, Dwayne Hansen and Bobby Henderson.



In Memory Of

Erma E. Pool

June 21, 1910 - Feb. 17, 1998

Erma E. Pool, 87, of Checotah, OK died Feb. 17, 1998 in Checotah. Funeral services were held on Feb. 20, 1998 at the Assembly of God Church of Checotah officiated by Rev. Elbert Pool assisted by Rev. Roy Rogers. Interment followed in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Erma Elvis Pool was born June 21, 1910 in Marble City, OK to Elbert Elvis Saylor and Hattie "Tisher" Saylor. She was a homemaker and a member of the Assembly of God Church of Checotah. She was also a member of the Women's Ministry of Checotah Assembly of God and Warner Home Demonstration Club.

She is survived by three daughters and son-inlaws; June and Gene Buck of Amarillo, TX, Ruth and Bill Isaacs and Dee and Gail Bruce both of Checotah. Two sons and daughter-in -laws; Elvis and Rexanna Pool of Checotah and Elbert and Carol Pool Des Arc, AR. Three sisters; Eva Anderson and Elsie Massey both of California and Charlene Green of Michigan; twenty grandchildren, thirty great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband John Pool in 1989, three brothers, one sister and one child Geneva Faye in 1930.

Olive Bridges Clarke

Olive Bridges Clarke, 86, of Amarillo, TX passed away on Jan. 22, 1998. Services were held at the Memorial Park Funeral Home, Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Neil Ragan officiating. Internment was in Sophia Cemetery in Beaver County, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Clarke was born in Beaver County, Oklahoma. She was a homemaker and a member of the Apostolic Faith Church.

She married Harlan Clarke in 1930 at Meade, KS. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Marvin Clarke of Amarillo, TX and Leroy Clarke of Santa Fe, NM; six grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and one step great grandchild.

Hester Weems Haney

Feb. 6, 1912 - Sept. 7, 1997

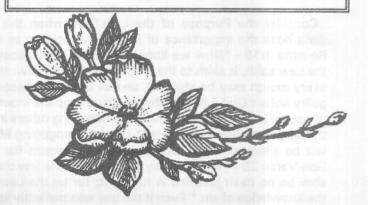
Hester Haney went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 7, 1997 in San Antonio, TX at the age of 85. She and her late husband Johnnie had been living in San Antonio since December of 1992 near their older son, J.O. Haney, Jr. For most of their 66 years of marriage, Hester and Johnnie had lived in Big Spring, TX or the surrounding Howard County area. Johnnie went to be with the Lord in March 1995.

Hester was born in Big Spring but her family moved to the Texas panhandle where they lived in several places before her father died in 1918. Her mother later remarried, a widower (John A. Clanton), and they moved their combined families to Howard County, north of Big Spring. Hester was saved in her teens before she and Johnnie were married in June 1928.

Known for their hard work and love for the Lord, their home was always open to ministers and their teams traveling through West Texas. Hester and Johnnie developed many lasting friendships and fond memories of those who stayed with them. They had a passion to see the "good news" spread and were generous in giving to the Lord's work.

They were part of the Apostolic Faith Church at Vealmoor in the 1930's and early 1940's and for many years after the church moved (1946) into Big Spring. Hester was involved in various ladies prayer groups, many of them in the Haney's home. The Haneys were active in an interdenominational church until health prevented them. Johnnie was an elder of Christ Fellowship Church which is now a part of Living Water Christian Fellowship in Big Spring.

Hester is survived by two sons, J.O. Haney, Jr. and his wife Patricia, of Bulverde, TX and Don Hal Haney and his wife, Judy, of Seattle, WA, seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers including Rev. Paul Clanton of Baxter Springs, KS.



The Law and Grace by Ron Noble, Pampa, TX

Upon study in and reflection from, the Word of God, increasingly has been the conviction that I have not been a law abiding citizen!Indeed, I have been laid low as some very revealing truths have come to light and God has shown me some things I have not seen before.

This is a very important lesson, not merely an article, for it has caused such a newness in my thinking that I have hardly been able to think of anything else. I have in view a different yet not new, approach concerning Evangelism, and it has helped me personally in my witnessing to others. I have realized that I have been trying to tell people what Christ will do for them if they would "Try Jesus", however, the Lord has been impressing on me that my main focus should be on telling people what He has already done for them, and what they need to do in response.

Today, people are still the same as those of the pastlost, confused, consumed with pleasure. It's not the same age, as there are new and more "convenient" ways of doing everything. If The Gospel is not different, nor man's need for salvation changed, why then does it seem so hard for people to be convinced of that need?What I share with you, is not new, nor original, for it began when God spoke it. Perhaps what we need to do is to get back to it.

Consider, if you will, The Law - the Ten Commandments specifically.In Exodus 20, these Words of God were given to the people shortly after their deliverance from Egypt. Many times the people were exhorted to "Keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I will command thee" Dt.4:40."Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his Testimonies, and his statues, which he hath commandeth thee." 6:17.These words, "Keep the commandments, although originally declared long ago, are as important now.

The Bible says in Ps. 19 the Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul...It is the Law that contributes greatly to the saving of the soul.

Consider the Purpose of the Law.Only when this is done does the importance of it become more so to us. Romans 3:19 - "Now we know that what things soever the Law saith, it saith to the that are under the Law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world become guilty before God." Notice the Law is to stop the mouths of people justifying themselves and deceiving others into thinking that they are innocent of any wrongdoing.Men will be silenced when brought to the judgment Bar of God.Verse 20 - "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall be no flesh justified in his sight; for by the Law is the knowledge of sin." Even if the law was perfectly kept (which it cannot be), righteousness is not by the law. The law cannot be done away with for it is the law that reveals to us the knowlegde of sin, showing us our true spiritual estate. Answer this, "Is the Law sin?" The Bible says "God forbid... the Law is holy and the commandments holy, and just and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? (Again) God forbid... for we know that the law is spiritual." Romans 7:7-14 explains this in such a way that we are without excuse for not understanding.

The law's purpose was not, is not, "for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane..."- 1 Tim.1:9. Galatians 3:19 asks, "Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added for our transgressions...."

On the mount of God, with his finger, the Almighty wrote the rules by which we must live; the Laws that a Holy God issued so that he may have a Holy people.

Yet if God had not said, "Thou shalt not...,"it wouldn't have been a sin. Paul says,"Nay, I had not known sin, But By the Law;... For I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died."

Have we forgotten about the sinfulness of sin or do we care anymore ? Do we take lightly the breaking of the same or dare we think we are incapable of doing so? 1Jn. states that sin is the transgression of the Law. James declares that if we offend in one point, we are guilty of all. To transgress is to trespass, which is going beyond the boundaries that have set. He has set such and has said that we are not to go past them. He has set a standard which his own are to abide by and when we come short of what He deserves and expects, and continue doing so, the wages; the recompense will be spiritual death. The law is insufficient to save, but not insignificant in it's work; powerless, but not purposeless.

If then the Bible is true when it declares that there is not one that sins not; that all have, are under condemnation when not in Christ Jesus, what then is our hope, our salvation? If the Law has revealed to us our sinful estate, but cannot save us from it, then to what or Whom can we go?

Consider the second part of it's twofold purpose given in Galatians in the third chapter, written in verse 10-12 is "cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them" Although no flesh is justified(Made clean, innocent)by the (keeping of) the Law(for the Law is not of faith), it is meant to be kept; but, the man that doeth them shall live in them."The Law isn't against the promises of God, it just couldn't (and can't) help bring righteousness needed for all people. Understand, before Faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up to the faith which afterwards be revealed - v. 23. If then the law couldn't give life, then what was it for? Then, as well as today, the Law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. The Law could not, can not, save but it does show us to the One who can and will. It is the Spirit that giveth not only life, but also where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Where the Spirit of the Lord is not, there is no liberty.Now, upon the coming of faith by His death, we are no longer under a schoolmaster; no longer kept under, but we can have dominion over and have a way of escape from sin and the condemnation that it brings. Christ, our Teacher, Our Hope, Our Life, came not to destroy the Law or the prophets, but to fulfill what had been lacking or neglected in true Worship and Service to God.

It had been taught by some religious folk in the Bible that it was indeed the very act of bearing false witness; of killing; of stealing, of committing adultery, that was expressly spoken against. But Jesus came, saying in Mt. 5 - 7, you have been exposed to hearsay concerning the Law, but I want to show you the true meaning; the true extent of how far reaching this all is. Christ, then expounded on many issues but it wasn't until the chapter 22 that Christ gave four of the most important scriptures of the Bible.Starting with verse 343, the self-righteous lawyer(Whose mouth would soon be shut) asked Christ for the chiefest commandment. Jesus gave to him the essence; the summary of the first four commandments concerning our relationship with God simply love him with all that is within us, for soul, body and Spirit to be involved in bringing glory and others to him. To love God-Oh what a glorious privilege and a great responsibility -it is only reasonable that we love Him who first loved us and gave himself for us.

The second is none less demanding, yet cannot be fully accomplished without regard for the first, as the first cannot be done without keeping the second.

The Lawyer may have frowned (as well we might) at hearing Jesus say, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Not a request, nor a option, but a Law,(Roval, says James 2:8). The combination of the last six commandments which the ruler said he observed from his youth, but Jesus showed him his lacking. Top answer his question; to his quest fir eternal life, the Lord said it would be to his perfection for him to give up what he held most precious in life. While obeying the letter of the Law, his "many possessions" possessed him; hindered him from obtaining to the obedience of the first of the Law. With this man, his possessions could have been anything. Jesus just as easily could have told him to not trust in your power, or beauty or status. But go your way, for if any man will come after me, let him deny himself.

Will you also go away sorrowful after that by the Law, it has been revealed there is a lacking in your life?Will you abide by the Law or be a convict?The Law-holy-justgood- yet not able to save us.Only by confession of guilt and acceptance of the work of Jesus can we hope to live by faith. It's hard to explain the unsearchable riches of Christ; better to experience him.

I hope this small (in comparison to the vastness of the subject) will induce us all into a further study of Law and Grace.

How Long Has It Been Since You: Anonymous

Took the time to go see someone who lives alone? Wrote a letter to someone who crossed your mind? Read the Bible to someone too ill to read for himself? Encouraged someone who was having a hard time being a Christian?

Prayed earnestly for someone faltering?

- Tried to have a Bible study with someone you knew was lost?
- Told a teen that you were proud of his efforts to live for Christ?
- Spent more time on your knees praying than on the phone talking?
- Informed your family of your love and appreciation of them?
- Every Christian can do something to encourage someone else!

As Far As We Know

Author Unknown

So far as we know, no bird ever tried to build more nests than his neighbor.

No fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in the earth in which to live and hide.

No squirrel ever died from anxiety lest he should not lay up enough nuts for two winters instead of one.

And no dog ever lost sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones buried in the ground for his declining years.

Tithing Surprises

Adapted

The Christian who tithes will be surprised:

- 1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
- 2. At the deepening of his spiritual life in giving the tithe.
- 3. At the preparation this gives to be a faithful and wise steward over the nine-tenths remaining.
- 4. At himself for not adopting the plan sooner.

Gentiles' Salvation by the late Dora Beydler

When God made the promise to Adam and Eve of a Savior to come, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Gen. 3:15) The promise was made to all people. There was no Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: "ye are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28)

As time passed and their descendants of Adam and Eve multiplied, Abraham became a central leader of those who would follow their creator. God gave another promise. This time was when the Lord and two angels came to confirm the promise of a son to Abraham and Sarah; then to reveal His plan to destroy the wicked city of Sodom. "And the Lord said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?'" (Gen. 18:17-18) The promise was made for all people.

Shall we read again from Galatians 3:28? God makes no difference between man and woman, color of a person or nationality. We are not classified before Him except as to the way we serve Him and yield to our God.

But we are getting ahead of our subject, so, let us return to the beginning. As the population grew and scattered some forgot their allegiance belonged to their Maker. God chose to make the family of a great grand son of Baraham the beacon light to show the rest of the world population the descendants of Judah, or Jews as we call them today, liked the popularity of being like their neighbors and followed the foreign gods instead of their own one true God. Isaiah 5:2, likens Israel to a choice vine which God planted and showed it tender care, but instead of grapes it yielded "wild grapes."

Jesus came to earth to fulfil the promise made to Adam and Eve but because of the promise in the blessing Jacob gave to Judah, "And the scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." (Gen. 49:10) Read Genesis 49:8-12.

Jesus came through the tribe of Judah, known as Jews today. Since His earthly ancestors were Jews, He, too, was known as a Jew and they were called "His own" in John 1:11. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." He told them, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." (Jn 10:16) It was prophesied in Isaiah 42:1, "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon Him: He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles." Then in Matthew 4:14-16, and we read again in verse 15 where He preached to the Gentiles beyond Jordan. "The land of Zebulun, and the land of Nephthali, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles." Mark 12:13 says in the KJV: "The common people heard Him gladly." The Greek New Testament reads, "The great crowds heard Him gladly." Paul has often been referred to as the Apostle to the Gentiles. After he had preached to some Jewish leaders at Rome and they failed to heed, he said, "From henceforth I will go to the Gentiles." (Acts 18:6b)

Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and they will hear it." (Acts 28:28) In the Bible a Gentile is anyone who is not a Israelite. There were several years between the time Jesus turned to preaching to the Gentiles and Paul's turning to the Gentiles. Meanwhile, Peter was sent to the household of the Roman officer (Cornelius) and other Romans accepted the Lord. The priests were so far from God, they left off the giving of God's word to the people, and turned to their own ways trying to be the law-givers of the nation. Soon they fell into the corruptness of those who practiced immoralities; they were a Sampson when he had allowed his Philistine wife to cut his hair. Judges 16:20 reads: "And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him." As a result God had to punish the whole nation and allowed the Babylonians to take them into captivity for seventy years. When the last captives were taken, the temple, many of the houses of royalty, and much of the city including the gate and wall were either torn down or burned.

After Jesus came and took the gospel to the Gentiles and Paul and others of the Apostles also began to evangelize the Gentiles, it became a "whosoever will" to accept the good news of salvation -- purchased for us through the blood of our Lord. Many people have become converted since that time; a large percentage of them apparently have not been sincere enough to follow through and become established to withstand the fierv darts of Satan. Though the Gentiles received the Word of God, many fulfilled the story of the seed in the first three kinds of soil in the parable about the sower. "And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up: some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprung up, and choked them." (Matt. 13:4-7)

Today the cares of this life seem to be the downfall for a great many. It is difficult to keep our priorities in place but if anyone would be counted among those who are deemed worthy to be in the one hundred forty-four thousand caught up from the earth and out of reach of the dragon; "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne." (Rev. 12:5)

The next hope to escape the persecutions of the anti-Christ anyone can reach for would be so much harder to attain and hold is those for whom God will have made provision for their care on this earth tucked away in a wilderness. These people will often be plagued with trials and persecutions if those hard days are only because of the deeper roots and much more severe results will arise.

Then comes the scripture in Revelation 12:4c where we read, "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth." In verse one of this same chapter "stars" are used as a part of the crown for the woman's head. Since the woman of chapter 12 represents the true church, it is only understandable to see these stars drawn down by the dragon, as Christians who are the crowning glory of the true Church. Another scripture calling the People of God "stars" is found in Daniel 8:10 where we read, "And it waxed great, even the host of heaven, and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them." This verse is taken from one of Daniel's prophecies in which he prophesied of Antiochus Epiphanes who was a pre-figure of the anti-Christ. He caused many of God's people to be trampled or killed. It will be one-third of these people who will be of the stars of the crown of the church resurrected by the dragon.

Since Jesus paid the price for salvation for Gentile and Israelite alike, (Gal. 3:28), the rewards for both Jew and Greek will be the same (the word "Greek" here means a non-Jew or anyone who is a Gentile). And both will pay the same price for neglecting acceptance of the Messiah who was heralded by the angels so many years ago (Luke 2:13-14).

Even the terrible sufferings from the wrath of God to be poured out by the angels during the time commonly known as "Jacob's Trouble," will befall the unbelieving Gentile the same as the unbelieving Jew. This will take place during the last half of the seven years of the anti-Christ's reign. It will be the climax of God's wrath upon all the wicked and unbelieving of the earth.

Jesus will then set up His kingdom and will reign for a thousand years on this earth. Then we will see the fulfillment of the prophecy by Daniel when the angel told him, "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." (Dan. 12:11-12) In His sermon on the mountain, Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matt. 5:8).

If It's Doubtful, It's Dirty

Author Unknown

A boy was dressing to go out for the evening. He called to his mother who was in the adjoining room. "Mom, is this shirt dirty?" Without so much as looking she replied, "Yes, it"s dirty. Get a clean one."

When he had dressed he entered his mother's room and inquired how she knew the shirt was dirty when she had not even looked at it. "If it had been clean," she replied, "you would have known it and would not have asked me. Remember, son, if it's doubtful, it's dirty."

In this little incident there is a sermon. It applies to all of us who flirt with temptation and seek approval of others for the things we desire to do. In many cases in our Christian living, if it looks doubtful better leave it alone.

Prayer is the openness of the soul to God; the out-looking, up-looking of the soul to God; the humble sense of self, the silent and the spoken cry for the light and help of God. *Pulpit Commentary*

It Takes Courage

Selected

To refrain from gossip when others about delight in it. To stand up for the absent person who is being abused.

- To live honestly within your means and not dishonestly on the means of others.
- To be a real man, a true woman, by holding fast to your ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar.
- To be talked about and remain silent when a word would justify you in the eyes of others, but which you cannot speak without injury to another.
- To refuse to do a thing which is wrong, though others do it.
- To live according to your own convictions.
- To dress according to your income and to deny yourself what you cannot afford to buy.

If We Lived The Christian Way

A renowned specialist in nervous diseases once said, "If people lived in a truly Christian way, half the diseases would drop off tomorrow morning and we would have a new, superior race of human beings."

The joy of the Lord is the strength of God's children. "He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast." (Prov. 15:15) "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones". (Prov. 17:22)

How miserable are God's children who live in unconfessed and unjudged sin; "When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me." (Psa. 32:3-4)

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AFBC Final Concert and Ordination/Dedication Service May 6, 7:00 PM

'98 Celebration In Song and Verse Contact: Savoy Grimmer, Supt 316-856-3283 May 7, 10:00 AM

> AFBC Graduation May 7, 7:00 PM

AFBC Business Meeting May 8, 9:00 AM

AFBC Alumni Banquet Ramada Inn, Joplin, MO May 8, 6:30 PM Tickets: \$14.50 Reservation Deadline: April 4 Contact: Yvonna Whiteley 316-856-5438 or 316-856-3283

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Midwest Youth Camp (Senior) May 31-June 5, Laverne, OK Chairman: Ron Brening 580-888-4555

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Indoor Camp Meeting Union Chapel 31 S. Endicott June 1-4, Spearman, TX RV hookups & showers available First Service: June 1, 7:00 PM Breakfast and Noon Meal provided Contact: Bill Sparks, 806-659-5073 Roy Botard, 409-295-0076

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Four-State Youth Camp June 13-17, Sr. Camp June 17-20, Jr. Camp Baxter Springs, KS Chairman: Mark Reed 417-455-2013

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Peaceful Pines Youth Camp July 19-24 Chairman: Ross Briles 209-529-2127

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