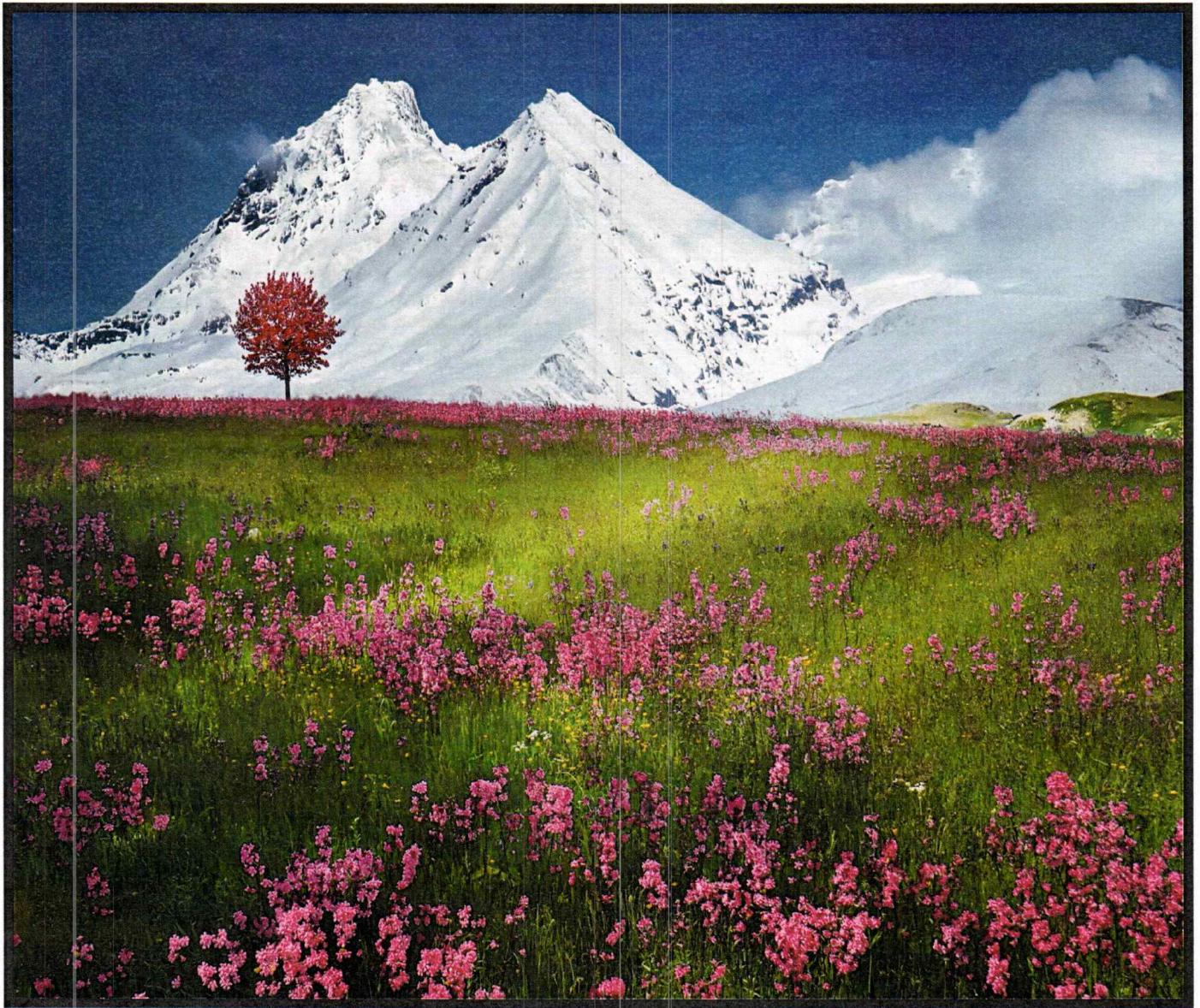


The Apostolic Faith Report



*For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*

Isaiah 55:12

Pearls of Promise

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isaiah 1:18

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Article VII Doctrine

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

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

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



“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?” Luke 11:13

AFBC is back in session following Christmas break. It’s always good to have time off to spend time with family, but with an international mission trip and music tour quickly approaching, we have hit the ground running. All of our students returned for the second semester and we are in the process of preparing for their respective trips.

There is much to do in the physical, but we are not overlooking the spiritual. This quarter, we are focusing on Spirit-filled-lives. With the start of the new year, we are reprioritizing, decluttering, and consecrating our lives to the Lord as we stand on the above verse. Pray for us, as we trust the Lord to move in awesome ways. Many students are seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and we are excited to see them walk in the fullness of that promise.

Having addressed where we are going, I’d like to praise God for His faithfulness where we’ve been. Over the last three months, we’ve had a few mechanical issues that ended up costing over \$10,000.00 to fix. I’m thankful that God is faithful all the time! He provided the funds we needed to get all this taken care of and then some. Praise the Lord! He hears our prayers and meets our needs!

I’d also like to thank all of you who support AFBC. You make what we do possible. Thank you so much! We love and appreciate you very much!.

Brian Harris
AFBC Director

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

Philippians 4:19



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And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12

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*Dear Apostolic Faith
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I know it has been awhile since I have written but I thought I would give an update.

I graduated this past semester and started my full-time job as a staff accountant this month (January).

Thank you for your financial support and prayer support through my college career. God bless!

*Alexandra Tennant
Parkersburg, West Virginia
AFBC Alumni*

Lord of the Kitchen

By Buford Lich

A thoughtful husband gave his wife a picture of Christ. Later he was surprised to find it hanging in the kitchen. Tactfully he suggested it be placed in the living room where they enjoyed times of leisure or in the bedroom where they had evening devotionals or in the dining room where they gave thanks for their daily bread.

"I put the picture in the kitchen" she explained "because I need a reminder of Christ to help me complete my work or there would be no leisure. I need Him in the kitchen to help me face the problems of the day, or I'll be too discouraged to remember my devotionals at night. I need Him in the kitchen to inspire me as I prepare meals or there will be no gratitude for the provisions at the dinner table."

We need to combine the labor of Martha with the devotion of Mary and apply our faith to daily tasks. Christ in the kitchen or shop or classroom is real Christianity in the workplace.

In and Through

By Virginia Smith-Burns, OR

In Romans 8:35-39, Paul asks,

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”

Then he lists the attacks that Christians had faced.

“Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?”

American Christians may not face the same dangers today, but we have no shortage of problems. Health issues, financial pressure, family challenges, the unraveling of our society are a few things that can try our faith.

This is a list of nouns. In a sentence, nouns matter. People, places and things are the subject of sentences. They are the “what” we are talking about. He uses the verb “separate”. Verbs are where the action is. “Separate” is what the enemy is trying to do. Separate us from Jesus. Separate us from each other.

But the real key to this passage is the prepositions. These little words we don’t notice. They have a big impact.

Notice prepositions in scripture in our theme scripture.

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

IN all these things.

We are not **going to be** more than conquerors when the battle is over. It’s now, when the rent is due and the bank account empty. While we lie in a hospital bed looking a dire prognosis, as we watch our children destroy their lives with poor choices. In the middle of those circumstances God shines through.

This world has never been an easy place. Why does that surprise us? Jesus warned, “In the world you will have tribulation.” But Jesus went on to say, “Cheer up, I have overcome the world.” We experience trouble, heartache, sorrow, frustration and discouragement, but we are safely in His hands.

Being more than a conqueror can sometimes look and feel like being a loser. Jesus didn’t look like a winner hanging on the cross, but with his dying breath, he won our salvation.

Think about the apostles. Here is how Paul described their lives.

I Corinthians 4: 11-13— *Even unto this present hour we both hunger and thirst, and are naked, and we are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; And labor, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless: being persecuted, we suffer it: being defamed we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.*

No doubt the intellectuals of their world called them losers. Wasting their lives preaching about a dead guy. But they became known as “those guys that turned the world upside down.” They shook their culture. They tore down strongholds of the enemy with nothing but their testimony and their willingness to give their lives for the Kingdom.

I don’t about you, but when I look in the mirror, I don’t see myself as having what it takes to be more than a conqueror. But it ‘s not about my abilities. Look at the other preposition in our key verse.

through Him who loved us. Romans 8:37

We don’t live in our own strength. We live in His.

“In all these things” is the **context**. *“Through him who loved us”* is the **means**. It is the “how to”.

I suspect each of you is going through something. Let me encourage you to daily realize that you are more than a conqueror through Jesus. You can do all things through Him. Right smack dab in the middle of the mess, you are a shining light to those around you. Because you are more than a conqueror, you are a beacon of hope to a desperate world.

My Testimony - Crystal Green, Joplin, MO



10/30/2022



When I was 3 years old, I watched my Mom go to the altar and give her life to Jesus. I remember her crying, but I knew she wasn't hurt— it was a beautiful cry. This has stuck with me my whole life. When I was 8 my Dad put us on a church bus every Sunday morning and Wednesday night. We were sent to an Assembly of God Church. I have always believed in God but never knew what a true relationship with God was even all about until November of 2021. In 2004 I was in a horrible marriage. I was called awful things by my husband and treated very bad. At this time I was a car hop at Sonic and was dealing with hip and back pain. I was only 23 at the time. My husband at the time got me a pill to take away the pain and it worked and I continued to take them. I finally went to see a doctor to get my own prescription and he told me they were addictive. I had no idea what that meant until it was too late. I got a divorce from my first husband and I was raising my 3 boys by myself. The addiction got worse.

In 2007, my husband I have now came into my life and I wanted to be a better woman for him. I started going to church and went to the altar often praying for Jesus to change me. We got married in March of 2009 and not a month later we lost our house due to my addiction. I lied all the time to my husband and turned into an awful person. After bouncing from house to house finally ending up homeless, my aunt, which was an addict at the time told me of a place close to home where I could get some help. I went to therapy and on 7/14/14, I went into rehab. I was mad at God. I couldn't believe He would just let me slip away like that. One day, while I was on my nature walk I was thinking about God trying to get an understanding and this little drop of dew was on a leaf and the sun was shining on it so perfectly. I knew at that moment there was a God and He was here with me and I fell on my knees thanking Him for being there in that moment with me. There were so many people praying for me and God truly showed me this was out of the misery I had put myself in. I went back home living with my family working along side of my husband to raise our family. We were drinking daily and our marriage was going to ruin. There was no respect between us. One day we were watching the movie Noah and I said "I wonder if there were giants in the Bible." My husband, Caleb started digging in the Word.

Several months later, he came to me and said I'm not drinking any more. I truly thought he was leaving me. Then he said, "I m going to church" and I told him "not without me." That following next two Sundays we went to church trying to find us a church home. On Wednesday June 23, 2021, we walked into Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church. We were back with the pastor that married my husband and I. It wasn't easy to give up my life living in the world. I fought my husband every time we drove to church but every time we went the Word changed me.

On Nov. 23, our song leader had us raise our hands and said give whatever we were going through to the Lord. This is when I went to the altar and gave my whole life to Jesus. I wanted to live for Him and be obedient to His Word. I fully surrendered and was baptized in the Holy Spirit. That day changed my whole life. Things I couldn't get rid of on my own like my anger, cussing and cigarettes. I remember praying and asking God to give me other words to use. Now it would break my heart to get angry or use foul language. I'm beyond blessed God called me by name and pulled me out of the misery I was in. I thank God everyday for never giving up on me. God gets all the glory! I could never have done any of this on my own. I needed God's strength and love throughout my whole life and I need Him every day. God restored my marriage. We love each other more now than we ever have before. There is a respect and true communication between us now. I try to get into God's Word everyday and being in His presence. When I miss a couple of days of being in His Word I start getting irritable. The enemy likes to keep us busy to keep us from God's Word. Don't allow him. Be in His Word and in prayer. God wants us to worship Him and have a relationship with Him.

In Memory



Donniss Mitchell– 1951-2022

Donniss Barker Mitchell, age 70, passed away at her home in Redding, CA, surrounded by her immediate family on July, 13, 2022.

She was born on Oct. 19, 1951 in a Houston hospital and resided in Katy, TX with her family through her early years. She was the daughter of Raymond and Dona Tucker Barker. She attended Katy elementary schools and graduated from Katy High School. She attended West Texas State University and graduated with a BA in Communications. She also attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in 1970 and was an ordained minister of music. Donniss moved to Rancho Palos Verdes and worked with En Agape, a Christian ministry with national and international outreach founded by Roberta (Bob) Parham Hromas.

She is survived by Mark Mitchell, her husband of 44 years and her son and daughter, Joel and Lora, and her sisters Gina Corsi and Cheryl Wright.

She will be remembered for her deep faith, musical talent, kindness and abundant hospitality.

A Memorial service was held at Katy Christian Fellowship, Sat. Aug 20, 2022. A private interment was held at Green Hills Cemetery in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA on Sept. 20th for her family and close friends.

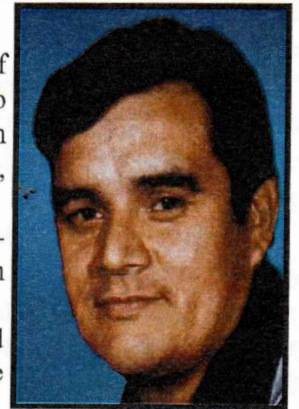
Rudy Sanchez- 1941-2022

Rudy Sanchez, 80, of Joplin, MO passed away peacefully from this life into the loving arms of our Lord, surrounded by his loving family on Oct 22, 2022. Rudy was born to Mauricio Sanchez and Sara Monjes on Dec. 27, 1941 in Tracy, CA. After graduating from Tracy High School, Rudy joined the Air Force. On Dec. 7, 1962 he married Louise Berry in Kansas City, MO.

Rudy is survived by his wife of 59 years, Louise, as well as his children Kelly (Steve) Phillips, Cathy (Ken) Cox, Eddie (Missy) Sanchez and Kim (Rudy) Sanchez, 20 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Rudy worked for many years around Webb City, MO as a Frito Lay salesman and you would often see him at local sporting events as he was a coach for Little, Junior and Senior league baseball, football and basketball and was a licensed basketball official.

Rudy is preceded in death by his parents Mauricio and Sara, his sister Maria and son Rudy Paul. Graveside services were held on Oct. 27, 2022 at Ozark Cemetery in Joplin, MO.



Elva Dean Mathis– 1932-2022

Elva Dean Mathis, of Hempstead, TX was born on Oct. 6, 1932 and passed away on December 8, 2022. She is preceded in death by her parents Joe B. and Mary Dewees and siblings Mary Jo Elkins, Parham Dewees, Claude Dewees and James Dewees.

Elva is survived by her loving husband of 71 and a half years, Donald Mathis; daughters Doneva McPhetrige and husband Ted, Elva L. Sevcik and husband Curtis; brother John Dewees; grandchildren Jennifer (Matt) Nelson, Dana (Mark) Rouse, Jonathan (Jennifer) Blythe, Scott (Sally) McPhetrige, as well as numerous other family members and friends.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 12, 2022 at Canon funeral Home with Rev. Johnnie Arnall and Rev. Ronnie Martin officiating. Interment was at Old Salem Cemetery.

Rose Marie Briles– 1937-2022

Rose Marie Briles, 85, Modesto, CA, wife of Ross Briles passed away on Dec. 8, 2022 at Memorial Medical Center. She was born on August 29, 1937 in Burleson County, Texas to Jasper and Lillie Arnold. She grew up and attended Rockdale High School and the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS

After moving to Modesto, CA, she faithfully served Sherwood Bible Church for over 60 years as well as working at Putt-Putt Golf/ Funworks alongside of her husband.

Marie is survived by her husband, Ross of 63 years, children, Cheryl and Alethea Jan, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren and her sister Laura.

A Celebration of Life took place at Lakewood Memorial Park on Wed. Jan 4, 2023 in their Riverside Chapel.



Lenola Jean Jacobs Barnett Addleman- 1925-2022

Lenola Jean Jacobs Barnett Addleman was born Nov. 4, 1925 in Beaver County, OK to Jess Edward and Pearl Evelyn (Clark) Jacobs. She departed this world the morning of Nov. 29, 2022. She was 97 years old.

Jean grew up in the Oklahoma Panhandle during the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. She loved sharing stories of those times.

Jean was united in marriage to Archie Dean Barnett on May 14, 1944 while he was serving in the Army Air Corps. They had three children, Linda, Larry and Merrie. Dean passed away on Dec. 14, 1964. She married Harvey Addleman on May 28, 1966 and moved to Merwin, MO.

Jean was a very talented seamstress, quilter and artisan. She made everything from doll clothes to wedding dresses, along with toys, quilts and afghans. She and Harvey loved woodworking and refinishing and reupholstering furniture together. Many of her family and friends were blessed to receive some of their handiwork.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband Dean, her parents, her brother Walter Jacobs, her son Larry Barnett, Harvey her husband of almost 50 years; her sisters Wilma Clay and Pauline Messner; stepson, Jay Addleman, her Barnett in-laws, her Addleman in-laws and many other family members and friends. Jean had the distinction of being the longest living members of the Clark and Jacobs families.

Jean is survived by her sister Ilene Sanger, brother Les (Susie) Jacobs and sister-in-law Della Ruth Barnett, her daughter Linda Jean Barnett Campbell and her children; Tami (Vivtor) Polanco, daughters Victoria Polanco and Asher, Courtney Polanco, Synna and JJ; Stacey (Stacie) Campbell, sons Branden (Taylor), Ethan (Hannah) and Garret; Tracy (Jennifer) children Lucas and Marissa. Daughter Merrie Lynne Barnett (ted) Ferguson and their daughters; Erin (Aaron) Shulz and Brody; Nikki (Daniel Chabot and Rowen. Step-daughter Delores Addleman (Denny) Shannon and their children; Delora (Kelly) Fritts and family. Mary Addleman (wife of deceased step son Jay) and their children Brad (Kim) Addleman and family and Tonya (Kyle) Ours and family.

A memorial will be held by the family at a later date.

Lela Kathryn Busch– 1919– 2022

Lela Kathryn Busch was born Sept. 17, 1919, in Katy, TX to Fred D. And Ruth Monigold Peck. She graduated from Katy High School in 1937. on June 29, 1943, she married Roland Eugene Busch in the Apostolic Faith church in Katy. Lela Kathryn was a lifelong member of the Apostolic Faith Church and served as Secretary/ Treasurer for over 50 years.

Lela Kathryn Busch, a lifelong Katy resident, passed away at her home on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, at the age of 103.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 1/2 years, Roland Eugene Busch, on Dec. 28, 1997; by her parents, Fred D. and Ruth Monigold Peck; two sisters, Mildred Ditto & Floy Stockdick; and by a brother, Leonard Peck.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, Dale & Pauline Ditto of Choctaw, Ok; Kaye Mott of Missouri City, TX; Roseanne Lopez of Katy; Judy & Floyd Pletcher of Canyon, TX; Roland Paul "Buzz" & Leslie Busch of Baxter Springs, KS; and Brad & Sandy Busch of Grove, OK. Lela Kathryn was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by great nieces and nephews along with a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Trinity Faith church in Katy, TX on Dec. 13, 2022 with Rev. Ron Martin and Rev. Ted Barker officiating. Interment was in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.





Ruth Elizabeth Arnall - 1935-2022

Ruth E. Arnall, 87, Granby, MO went to be with the Lord on Dec. 18, 2022 at Medicalodge in Neosho, MO following an illness. Ruth was born July 2, 1935 in Elizabeth, N. J. one of four children to Frederick Stewart, Sr. and Mary Fritzsche Stewart. She graduated from Battin High School in Elizabeth, N. J. She was a homemaker and enjoyed crocheting, fishing with her husband and singing, performing with the Silver Follies for many years. She was an avid quilter and shared her quilts with family members. Ruth was dedicated to the church of Saint Patrick on July 11, 1935, and was baptized on March 29, 1944 and later joined the Granby Gospel Tabernacle where currently was a member.

Ruth and Johnnie B. Arnall were married on Oct. 31, 1953, in Cranford, N.J. and he preceded her in death on Feb. 20, 2013. She is survived by three children; Frank Arnall and wife, Corrie, Fred Arnall and wife, Debbie of Granby, MO Carrie Brock and husband Bobbie, of Neosho, MO; daughter-in-law, Terry Arnall of Granby, MO; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her son, John J. "JJ" Arnall, two sisters, Mildred and Marie and a brother Fred, Jr.

Funeral Services were held at Clark Funeral Home in Granby. Her pastor, Rev. Carol Oakes officiated. Interment was at Granby Memorial Cemetery.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Revelation 21:7

Do You Believe in God's Full Circle?

By Don Marek-Alvin, TX

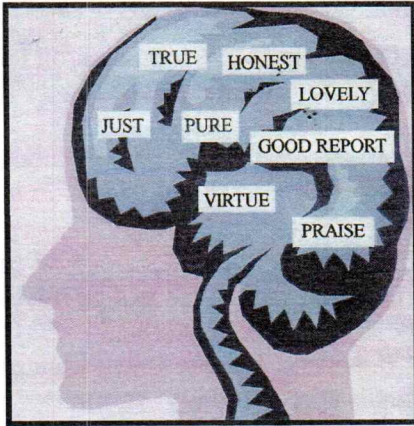
The great tribulation is akin to an airplane descending to earth and Believers? Unbelievers die which is a manmade catastrophe. The great tribulation is a development orchestrated by God with the same outcome, believers/unbelievers die. Death during the tribulation is the same death we experience today because death is death no matter when it comes.

Life means being a living creature on earth with spiritual attributes. We are born into a physical and spiritual world created by God for us to reside in until we die. Therefore, life revolves around life itself and then death comes.

One thing death does is stop the brain activity where analysis based on various forms of knowledge comes to an end. This event is destined by God because of wrong choices made by Adam and Eve. While we can't undo that mistake, God does by presenting to us His Son Jesus as the only atonement for our bad choices through Jesus death on a cross. As God makes a way today, we must respond to God's grace of salvation by believing His Son died in our place, accept spiritual rebirth, and perform God's work, not ours, prior to our death to attain eternal life with Jesus. Unless we attain this spiritual gift from God, upon our death we will spiritually be separated from God eternally.

There is another death approaching mankind called the great tribulation described in the book of Revelations. God uses the antichrist to make war with Israel, to purge the earth of unbelief and then Jesus returns and kills the antichrist.

Now Full Circle is on the horizon, where Jesus lives with believers on earth for a thousand years and then the restoration of the Garden of Eden takes place, and we live eternally with God just like the beginning of time. Yea!



Think On these Things

Bill Derixon– Alvin, TX

Philippians 4:6-8 *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

Where is your focus? Believers are admonished to set our affections on things above and not on the things of this world. Our wisdom is to come from above, where God is enthroned, and not from the chaos beneath. The wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, and a blessing to all. The wisdom of this world is sensual and devilish after the lusts of men's flesh.

Paul instructed us to take every thought captive and bring it into the obedience of Christ. In other words, our thoughts are not to be given free reign. Does your thinking honor, obey, and glorify Christ Jesus? If not, who does it honor, obey and glorify? The answer is self! We cannot serve two masters, but we will serve one. Does God offend you or does a sense of self offend you? You will love one and hate the other, and you will cling to one and despise the other. You cannot serve yourself and God!

Are your thoughts, words, and deeds based on God's will accomplishing your will on earth? Are your prayers self driven, or driven by a sense of love and devotion to Christ?

Many in the church are guilty of idol worship. They change the glory of the incorruptible God into a version that suits them better, even if it's only in their mind. This is witnessed in churches all over the world. Man's traditions are making null and void the Word of God, and men's practices are becoming more and more wicked.

"Evil men will wax worse and worse", the Bible say. Meaning if you exchange the truth of God for a lie, you will be deceived by it. That deception will lead you away from God, that's idolatry.

Paul tells us to redirect our mind to the goodness, purity, virtue, truth, honesty, holiness, and good report of God. Believe and serve God and not yourself. The heart of man is deceiving, desperately wicked, and cannot be trusted. Serving your will and desire will take you out of service to God and others. You will also find yourself offended at the idea of serving God and others. But a transformed mind will find joy and pleasure in serving.

May God grant us a heart transplant and a mind transformation, that we might accomplish His will and purposes instead of our own. I promise, you will experience a more full and blessed life serving God, and trusting God will meet your needs.



For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6



River of life Christian Fellowship– Trapper Creek, Alaska

Praise God- last year was full of activities and blessings! It seems like it passed all too quickly but we are looking forward to what God has in store in 2023. We are excited that new people are attending and becoming involved in serving the church.

In Dec. we finished our study in Romans and began a new study since the holidays. Thank you to one of our members, Glen for teaching this and for filling in for Pastor Jeff while he and his family visited with family and friends in the states during the Christmas season.

This year, we saw the passing of one of our members, Royce Kelley. He and his wife Janna have been part of the church for 6 years. He often would open the service in prayer and serve as an usher for communion. He will be missed but we rejoice in the fact that he is celebrating with Jesus.

Jeff continues to work at Trapper Creek three Bears. Linda is part time at Three Bears and Trapper Creek Elementary. Their involvement gives them contact with many people in the community. This is an opportunity to minister to those who may never come to the church building. Need in the community have increased this year and we have been blessed with opportunities to help. One gentleman needed help with utilities and groceries and the church was able to bless him. When he found out we were going to help him, his response was , "Oh my God, there is a God!" Sometimes people need to meet Him in a tangible way.



Virginia Smith

This year we turned our office into a coffee nook and in Oct. we were able to have our entryway redone. It looks great and helps keep the heat in. We are also turning a downstairs room into a meeting room for the men's fellowship , the ladies get-togethers and other small group gatherings.

Virginia Smith came for a visit in Oct. She shared her heart for this church, taught on prayer at a Ladies Fellowship Meeting and celebrated our son's (Chris)18th birthday. Aisha and Lena are 16, Charlie is 12 and Miracle is 8. We also had a Trunk or Treat in Oct. and a community dinner in Nov. and also had a dinner at the church for a time of fellowship and feasting. Dec. brought holiday activities.

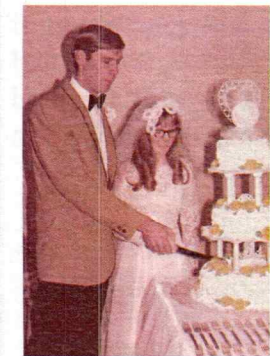
Thank you for being a part of our church family, whether you are local or extended family. Thank you for standing with us in prayer as we ask God to touch and bless our community in 2023.

God Bless You All! Pastors Jeff and Linda Spotts



50 Years

Randall and Joyce Bensch of Logan, OK celebrated 50 years of marriage on Jan. 5, 2023. They along with their family, hosted a celebration in Stillwater, OK on Saturday Jan. 7, 2023. Stillwater was the location of their wedding so it was fitting to have the celebration there, although the weather was much better than it was 50 years ago.



Guests in attendance included their children, and grandchildren, many of the wedding party, the wedding singer, and even the pastor who performed the ceremony (who is now 90 years old) as



well as several other friends and family members.

We would like to thank all those who came out for the celebration or sent cards & well wishes. We consider ourselves very blessed to be able to celebrate such a wonderful couple and to be surrounded by our caring family and friends.

Cheryl Moser

Greetings from Balko Community Faith Church!

There have been so many great things happening around BCFC that I'm so excited to share with all of you reading this! Let me begin by saying that God has been so good to us and we certainly appreciate all of your faithful prayers. I feel so very privileged to be surrounded by so many wonderful people of God in all of our Apostolic Faith Churches.

God has been doing a great work in our church over the past year. Earlier this past fall, we were able to distribute about 50 Bibles to the area at our local county fair. This was so touching to me, as one couple who took a Bible shared that neither one of them had ever owned a Bible before. We had some wonderful people in our church who were faithful to distribute God's Word and several Bible tracts to people in the area.

We are having a Young Adults Life Group which meets once a month at our home. We have really enjoyed getting to fellowship with one another and study the Word of God together. As many young adults try to find ways to navigate the early stages of their lives, it is a blessing to be able to seek God's will for our lives together and find answers to all the burdening questions that our young adults have. The Holy Spirit has really been at work in their hearts.

My wife, Tayler has been teaching monthly at her women's ministry which began in September. This year Tayler is teaching over the Fruit of the Spirit. It is such a blessing to have women come to our church who are seeking the Lord's help to become better mothers, daughters, sisters and friends. Tayler will fix some snacks and have a time of activities and a Bible lesson.

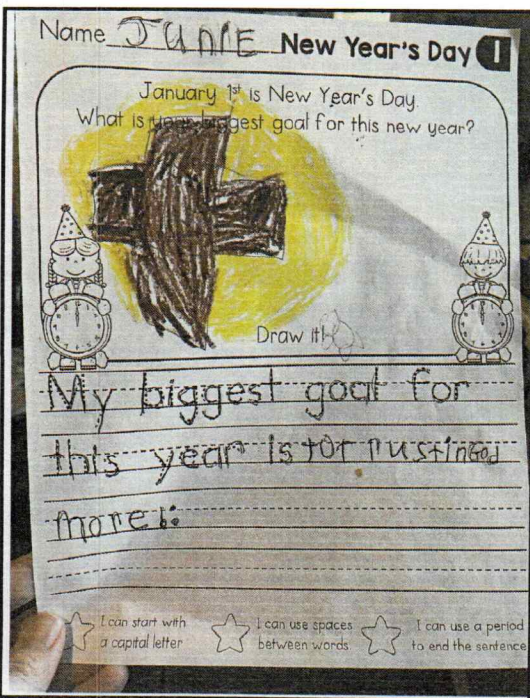
I have been so blessed in the past year to be preaching the Word during our morning service and also our Sunday night Bible studies! We just wrapped up our Sunday night studies over the parables of Jesus and are doing a study on the Seven Churches of Revelation. The folks in our church have had such a passion for studying end time events. I believe this is so important in the day and age that we live in. Just as Christ said in Rev. 16:15; "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

We appreciate each and every one of your prayers! We are praying for all the Apostolic Faith Churches and each of you reading this report..

God Bless You!

Pastor Ben Clubb

A New Year's Resolution of a 5 Year Old



Junie Clark, age 5, is the daughter of Zac and Bethany Clark of Stella, MO and the granddaughter of Seldon & Vanessa Harris and Karen Clark of Granby, MO, great granddaughter of Ron & Shirley Freshour, Alleyton, TX, Dennie & Karen Oakes, Joplin, MO and George & Janette Burgess, Neosho, MO



As I read what she had written it touched me so much. I asked her if I could use it in this issue and she said yes.

So to all of us, may we have the wisdom of a 5 year old and trust in God more.

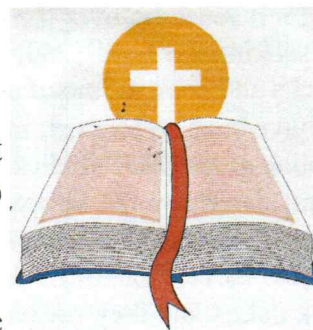
Proverbs 3:5— *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

Karen Oakes

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God's Love Letters to Us



The older I get the more I tend to reminisce. I guess it's true for just about everyone and really makes sense- as you age you have more to look back to and learn from.

Recently I was reading some old emails from my Grandpa. While he has passed on now, I can reread his words and remember what a sweet and wonderful man he was. I am so thankful to have those emails saved to read over and over again. And for a moment reading them feels almost as if he is still here., we know that Jesus ascended back to the Father and is no longer physically here with us.

While God has never left us or forsaken us (Hebrews 13:5b), God has promised and provided a gift through His Holy Spirit that supersedes His physical presence here on earth. Through the Holy Spirit, God is with us and IN us capable of accomplishing His work on a greater scale through millions of Believers worldwide. And beyond that, in the Bible (that is active and alive- Hebrews 4:12) we can read His words and hear His heart for each one of us as if He were here right here speaking to you and I.

Just as I am so thankful I have old emails to look back on and remember my Grandpa's words to me, I am thankful for the Word of God to His people- reminding us of who we are in Christ and His great love for us! Today I challenge you to reread His "love letters" to you (the Bible) and remember what an awesome God we serve and just how much you are truly loved!

Cheryl Moser
President
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