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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 inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

Letters of Appreciation

Dear Supporters of the Apostolic Faith Bible College,

My name is Tim Wasson. I have attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College for the past three years, traveled on four choir tours, and have been in many churches of the Apostolic Faith Movement. During this time, I have been able to meet many of you.

I am writing to express my appreciation to all who support the Bible College and to share what God has done in my life.

Thank you to all who have sacrificed of their lives, time, and money. You helped make it possible for us to have a place to come and learn about God. When I came to this College in the fall of 1998, I did not know what to expect. I had never attended any other academic or bible training. I had been filled with the Holy Spirit just months before coming here.

When I came, I received a great welcome of love. Not knowing until then, that their were people who would love me for who I am, not what I am... This seemed unreal like I was in another world. Someone that cared about me was now a part of my life... This was a part of my life that had previously not been filled. Before, I had to perform to be accepted. I never understood how to love or be loved, and this affected my life so much that I did not believe that God loved me. This kept me in fear, that God would not accept me unless I behaved and did everything right. However, the past three years have allowed me to overcome that fear and forgive my family of all the hurt, and I was also able to forgive myself for the mistakes that I had made. Now I am able to go on with my life without fear, and guilt of anything of my past. Being able to accept God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness, allows me to grow closer to our Heavenly Father, Jesus our Lord, and the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost.

Thank you all so much for everything!

Your Brother in Christ,

Tim Wasson

We the students of AFBC
would like to take this time
to express our deepest appreciation
for all the prayers, love, and support
you have shared with us,
during our time here at AFBC.

We will probably not get to thank
each of you personally,
but we do want you to know
that it has meant a lot to us!

Please, continue to keep us in your prayers
as we go out from the school.

We hope that somehow,
we will be able to minister to you
as you have been so faithful to minister to us!

Thank you
so much for
everything!

Tim & Roni
Wasson love, console

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Obituary



Mike Long was born September 30th, 1955, at Cheyenne, OK, and died May 1st 2001, at Laverne, OK at the age of 45 years, 7 months and one day.

Mike attended grades 1-11 at Beaver, OK, and graduated from Laverne High School with the class of 1973.

After leaving high school Mike worked at a number of jobs, including a body shop in Guymon, OK, a pipeline near Laverne, several years of drilling rigs and construction jobs, including helping to build the ammonia plant west of Woodward, OK.

Mike and Ruby Caulkins were the parents of one son, Logan Dirk, and he was a step-father to Ruby's two girls, Stacy and Tara Jean. Mike was always a small town person, living in Laverne, May, and Arnett, OK.

When Mike moved back to Laverne in 1989, he worked for Trees, Incorporated and Asplund, being foreman of a tree trimming crew.

Mike had been a diabetic since age seven, and as his kidneys failed he was restricted as far as work was concerned. He was put on home dialysis for three years, till in October 1995 he received a kidney transplant which extended his life five-and-a-half years.

Three great events in his life were the birth of his son, Logan, the day he renewed his experience with God in 1995, and his kidney transplant, also in 1995.

Mike has been involved with buying and selling antiques and collectibles. He kept antique booths in Joplin, Neosho, and Granby, MO.

He leaves as survivors his son Logan of Woodward, OK, his parents, Lowell and Thelma Long of Granby, MO. Three brothers, Kurt of Laverne, his wife Sunny, and daughters, Brooke, Kassie and Erica. Clint Long of Norman, OK and Jeremy Long also of Norman, OK. One sister, Radonna Fiorini, her husband, Phillip, and two children, Elana and Andrew of Lafayette, Indiana. In addition there are many aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of good and true friends who stood by Mike when he needed help and encouragement. And lastly his churches, Laverne Apostolic, and the Granby Gospel Tabernacle, of Granby, MO.

Mike is buried in the Laverne Memorial Cemetery.

Island Missions Update

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers.

We have made another trip to Cuba with Joe and Judy McQueen, Dorthy Jordon, Art Turnbull. Dorthy is Judy's mother. She is 80 years old and in great shape.

We had a great trip we took in 27 suit cases, one was full of hams that the McQueen's were taking in but they were taken away from us, I am sure someone had a ham feast.

One case had Bibles and Solar power radios that only tune in to a gospel station. The people going through the case was so amazed at the radios, that they didn't say anything about the bibles.

The hospital was so glad to get twenty-two bit suit cases of medicine, and yet there are still so many needs. They need linens, pajamas and medical equipment.

We attended services at Brother Samuel and Brother William's church. And was impressed with both. A woman at Brother William's brought her idols up because she believes in Jesus now that her daughter was healed. They took a hammer and broke them, aren't we glad we serve a God that doesn't break. The Bible Schools are growing they have 88 students this year and another church in joining.

Brother Samuel has built another story to his house to teach the children in. They are doing a wonderful work.

Monnie and Joanna still have the bibles in Missouri and are very busy sending them out, in fact it is time to order the Spanish New Testaments. Hopefully, we can get 10,000 for thirty seven cents a piece. We need your prayers for financial support for the bibles.

Ernstine Boen also made a trip in to Cuba in February, preaching the gospel in Camagvey and Santiago. She has just returned from Mexico, she had a great trip with people saved and delivered.

Our vision is to obtain operating equipment, more bibles and more medicines in to Cuba.

May God bless you all,
Lawrice Durham
Island Missions
2279 County Road
Quitman, MS 39355
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Give Thanks To Mom - By Carol Oakes

Because Mother's Day is just past it is only fitting and right that we write accordingly. Mother carried each of us near her heart until the time of birth arrived. The heaviness of pregnancy and the pain of the birth were all part of our arrival. There is nothing we can say except, "Thank you Mom for letting us share your world." A mother feels the hurt of a child that a father doesn't. The emotional aspect of the mother can "heal" the hurt of a skinned knee with a kiss when Dad's touch of logic "hydrogen peroxide" is still painful. "Thanks again Mom."

It seems as if mothers just don't know how to do it or can't seem to get with the program when we are young. That knowledge seems to change though as we grow into adulthood or move away from home to attend college or serve our country in a military service. Suddenly, who will do the laundry or prepare our meals? Who is there to listen when we become mentally distressed? Suddenly Mom really did know what she was talking about as we were growing. Read with us in Proverbs, chapter 23, (verse 22-25 KJV) Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. (23 KJV) Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. (24 KJV) The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. (25 KJV) Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

The gracious Savior who purchased pardon and

peace for his people, with all the affection of a mother, counsels us to hear and be wise, and is ready to guide our hearts in his way. Here we have an earnest call to young people, to attend to the advice of their godly mother. If the heart is led into truth, the steps will be guided. Buy the truth, and sell it not; be willing to part with any thing for it. Do not part with it for pleasures, honors, riches, or any thing in this world. The heart is what God requires. We must not think to divide the heart between God and the world; he will have all or none.

Praying mothers are praying for us when we are away from home, whether we be wayward or even if we are the keepers of our own household. Having borne us until birth, mothers seem to have a more intimate relationship than fathers. Being able to feel our fetal movements and finally to see us come into this world as a new creation, we have been more a part of Mom than of Dad. Thanks to you dad, also for your part, but most of all "Thank You Mom" for letting me live.

India Gospel Outreach

Greetings in Jesus Name!

This is just to let you know our present address.

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Church Planting - America's Hope

- Did you know: statistically it is easier for a baby to be born in Asia, Africa, or Latin America to be reached for Jesus than for a baby born in America?
- Did you know: that globally the evangelical population is growing at a rate 3 times faster than the world population, but in America the Church's rate of growth lags far behind population growth:?
- Did you know: one half of the churches in America did not baptize a single convert last year? (88% of church growth in the USA is discovered to be transfer growth.)
- Did you know: every year in America about 3,750 churches close their doors, and only about 1,500 new churches are started?
- Did you know: every month in America 25,000 individuals are converted to non-Christian religions?
- Did you know: every denomination in America that is growing is doing so because it takes church planting seriously?

Christ's commission to "go and make disciples" was not simply a first century command. It is still valid for us today - for you and me - in America. And we have become passive and lazy. The church in America has gone to sleep!

Perhaps you are asking, "Why start NEW churches?" Why not simply fill up the half empty church buildings we now have?

The most compelling reason is that new churches are the most effective way to reach unchurched people. Consider these ratios of church age to converts:

Church age:

- 100 years and older ——— 1 convert for every 75 people.
- 50 years to 99 years old — 1 convert for every 50 people.
- 20 years to 49 years old — 1 convert for every 36 people.
- 10 years to 19 years old — 1 convert for every 19 people.
- 5 years to 9 years old ——— 1 convert for every 6 people.

- 2 years to 4 years old ——— 1 convert for every 1 person.
- 1 year old ————— 1 convert for every .23 people.

We as part of the Apostolic Faith Movement should be deeply committed to evangelism and reproduction. Even before we launch a new church, we should already be trusting God to "reproduce" or "give birth" to another new congregation.

If you want to be directly involved in evangelism... if you want to obey Christ's command to "go and make disciples"... then give to church planting efforts. Thousands of new churches must be started. WE NEED YOU! Millions may never find Christ if we don't partner together to reach America. And while you pray about giving, please pray for church planters. The church in America needs a huge ingathering of laborers whose eyes are truly on the harvest... on the lost... and not on the ease and comfort of just attending church. May God help us! May God heal our land and save our lost. Amen!

We need to establish a fund for new church planting. Please discuss this in your churches, and at the Bible College. If we don't advance as a Movement, we fall back. New churches are necessary to build the Faith, and the Movement.

In less than two years my wife and I will be attending Bible College, and then Church planting Boot Camp. We then pray that, God willing, to plant a new Apostolic Faith Church in the Miami Oklahoma area. We will need support from the Movement, both spiritually and financially. We will also not do this alone, we will take a team of at least four families with us to be the core and help-meets of the new church. All members of the team are expected to get regular jobs as well as do continuous evangelical work. This job will be hard and draining, but God will provide! If you feel the call to help or someone at you church feels this call please pray! Then contact me at bilbobpk@yahoo.com or Route 1 Box 2 Litchfield, NE 68852. Pray for the healing of our land and the saving of the lost!

Your Servant in Christ:
Bill Largen II

Church News

In March I traveled with my daughter and Son-in-Law to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri to see my grandson Rocky graduate from basic training. On the return trip they went a little out of their way to drive me to Baxter to see the Bible College. I had not been back to Bible College since I was a student in 1958. What a thrill it was to be there again. I found Bro. Whiteley in the Office Building. He gave me a tour of that building and the chapel. He would have taken me to all the buildings but my ride was waiting on me. The chapel looks nice. All the hard work has paid off. God bless everyone who helped financially or physically on the renovation of the chapel. Thank you Bro. Whiteley for taking time to show me around Bible College. It was great.

Sincerely,
Joann Hall - Class of 1958
413 S. Sequoia
Roswell, New Mexico 88203

Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ,

We want to thank everyone who helped us during Roland's cancer surgery at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. His surgery was the 5th of March, and we returned home the 31st.

We appreciate the prayers visits, cards, phone calls, financial support, and other kindnesses shown us during this time.

Roland is gaining strength slowly. The tests show he is cancer free, Praise the Lord. He has found that he can preach sitting down if he needs to. Our Spearman Church Family has been very supportive during this time as have the whole Apostolic Faith Movement. We pray God will richly bless each one.

In Christian Love,
Roland & Loretta Haney



Winston Barker and Mary Rodriguez were united in marriage on October 14, 2000, at the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, Texas.

Mary has served the Lord for 50 years and has been a member of the church in which they were married.

Winston has been in the ministry for 54 years serving as pastor in several churches, evangelist, and faculty member of the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

They would like to announce that they are available to pastor. They can be contacted at:

Winston and Mary Barker
1320 West Adoue St.
Alvin, Texas 77511
Phone - (281) 331-0247
(281) 331-9517

New Pastors in Hardesty, Oklahoma

The Apostolic Faith Church in Hardesty, Oklahoma has new pastors as of April 1, 2001. They are Kevin & Tena Cornell, formerly of Springfield, MO. They have 3 children, Joshua 19, who is an educational missionary in Monterrey, Mexico, Jonathan, 18, and Rebekah, 14.

Kevin and Tena's new address is:
Rev & Mrs. Kevin Cornell
PO Box 109
Hardesty, OK 73944
Home phone: (580)888-4555
Church phone: (580)888-4278
E-mail: k5cornell@yahoo.com

More Church News

News from Midway

The Midway Country Church has just completed a week's revival with Bro. Jimmy and Sis. Lavonda Wallis as the Evangelists. Services were very good with a lot of visitors from the neighboring towns. Each Apostolic Faith church that attended brought the special music for that night. There were several other visitors. A church dinner was held on the last Sunday of revival honoring our Evangelists and also our 2 graduating seniors, Lindsay Arnall and Bill Ron Meyer.

On March 25 we had a special Sunday honoring the past and present Board Members. Bro. and Sis. Dorothy Simpson had recently moved to Amarillo to be closer to their children and doctors. So it also served as a farewell time for them. He had resigned his position on the church board earlier. Plaques were presented to the deceased board members' families. Bro. Marcus Adair ministered in the morning service and then following the dinner, Bro. Harrol Waterbury ministered in the afternoon service.

Several of our church family participated in the Community Easter Cantata. This coming Sunday our church will host the Community Fifth Sunday Sing.

The parsonage has just completed a redecorating project. A central heating and air system has been installed, the interior has completely been repainted and new carpeting installed.

Due to pastoral change and the church being without a permanent pastor for a few months the church was not listed on the last minister/church directory. So we would like for each of you to write us on it. We have 2 addresses and phone numbers as we are still living at Hardesty with my Mother and stay at Midway only part time.

Midway Country Church
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Jack & Kathryn Cornell
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Hardesty, OK 73944
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A Family Affair

The family, according to a classical definition, is identified as the fundamental social group in a society, typically consisting of a man, a woman and their offspring. We grant that the family in society has changed in the last decades, but is still "Home base" to most of us.

As a youngster I played Junior Legion baseball, and you could be on first, second, or third base, but you were never really safe until you reached home plate. And ideally, family should provide a safe have for its members. Here should be order, discipline, shelter, nourishment, encouragement, training and acceptance, along with love and understanding.

My father had a deep sense of family. His own father abandoned his mother, and his brothers and sisters. His mother died shortly after this, and dad was raised by his older sisters and in an orphanage. He joined the army in 1916, at the ripe old age of sixteen (an older brother signed for him) and they shipped him to France.

And somewhere in all that anguish and trauma he developed a longing for a home and family that no one could take away from him. He and my mother achieved that goal, and all of us, eight brothers and sisters, benefited enormously from their sacrifices.

But my family situation pales and dwindles dramatically when I consider a greater family, where family ties are superior to any we might weave here. A family that can fill the void left by the absence of earthly

family, where even people abandoned as my father must have felt abandoned, could find love and acceptance.
IT IS THE FAMILY OF GOD!

Eph. 3:14-15 "For this cause I bow my knee unto the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Here we see reflected the true picture of fatherhood for all the world, providing the pure example of family that has proven true through the centuries.

In Gen. 12:2-3, God promised Abraham that through him all the families of the earth should be blessed. Not through the Law, but through faith; for Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness.

Then Gal. 10 brings a new testament flavor. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially those of the household of faith." The word household means relatives or family. The family of faith.

Eph. 2:19 describes us as fellow citizens with the saints and the household of God. We as Christians together are close kin. And to be part of this family we must also be blood-relatives. Israel traced its lineage meticulously, because to inherit, the blood relationship had to be proven. To be blood-kin in the Christian household we must be washed in the blood of the Lamb. We cannot be strangers, foreigners or aliens.

The makeup of Christ's church is well defined in scripture. Eph. 1:22-23, tells us that God has made Christ head over all things to the church, and that the church is His body, which represents the fullness of Christ. There is further information in Titus 2:1-7. Here the scripture lists old men, young men, old women and young women. This illustrates the building blocks of the church; the older teaching and training the younger, and the younger giving due respect and consideration to the elder, for the purpose of the edification of a body that has continuity.

The church consists in working form of ever member, from the smallest child to the eldest senior. The church cannot fulfill its purpose as a cohesive body without recognizing its family makeup. Problems arise when we attempt to isolate and separate within the family structure. Such actions disrupt the natural transitions from one Christian level to another. This practice tends to hold certain life-groups in a state of physical and spiritual animation.

We can't imagine thirty year old teenagers, or fifty year old young adults, but if we are not careful we create spiritual generational divisions that may isolate themselves and disrupt the natural learning and growing of the body.

Like the fifty year old lady who still dresses as a teenager, attempting to hold onto her youth when it has abandoned her, there are Christians who refuse to grow in grace and the knowledge of God, never reaching the upward heights one can enjoy when they accept God's life-plan for fulfillment in the family.

You cannot be a stranger and be a functioning member of the holy household. The stranger could not offer sacrifices or touch the holy things. We are made blood kin by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the application of that sacrifice to our lives.

There are so many things that depend on our family ties. Our safety lies there; our refuge is the family structure, and everything from happiness to our very existence is woven tightly into the family fabric.

All of us know how devastating it is to an extended family when someone is unfaithful to their family commitment. It adversely affects everyone in the family chain, often having a domino effect that goes on and on. Knowing that, we realize how we disrupt our godly family when we are unfaithful to Him, our Lord.

Let us honor the family of God. We are fellow citizens in the household of faith, and we feel at home when we are in harmony with Christian brothers and sisters. We ought to joyfully say, "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God."

If you have doubts concerning your family ties, and cannot claim holy lineage through Christ; join the family. Get your name in the book. And if you already have the keys to the kingdom, strengthen the bonds and let the knots that bind the family together be drawn even tighter.

-Lowell Long

"Double Whammie"

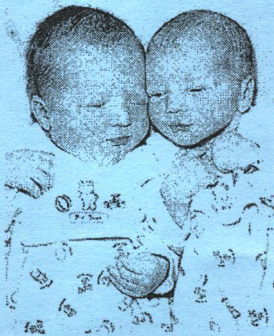
For those who have been inquiring "We hit you with the double whammie" was the way one doctor put it. Two major surgeries in just short of two months. Triple heart bypass and removal of 24+ colon. There were no malignancies and Waple is improving daily. We'll see if all these milkshakes will push the weight on the scales upwards again.

Thanks for your many prayer, cards, visits and concerns.

"To God be the Glory"

A. Waple & Sue Ferguson
2811 Matthews
Joplin, MO 64804
Phone: (417) 625-1415

Birth Announcements



Chad & Corey Stephens

Paul & Tracy Stephens of Duenweg, MO joyfully welcomed the arrival of their twin boys born on March 15, 2001. Chad Michael Stephens was born at 8:06 pm weighing 6 lbs 15 oz and was 20 inches long.

Corey Phillip Stephens arrived at 8:18 pm and weighed 5 lbs 4 oz, and was 19 inches long. Chad and Corey have an older brother, Nicholas, age 3. Grandparents are Mary Moser and the late Phil Moser, Mike and Mary Stephens. Great-grandparents are Brooks & Betty Moser and Kas & Leona Stephens.

Leah Grace Reed

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Reed, Neosho, Missouri announce the birth of a daughter, Leah Grace Reed on January 25, 2001. She weighed 9 lbs. 12 oz. Leah was also welcomed by her brothers Caleb, Joshua, Seth, and her sister Hannah. Her grandparents are Johnnie and Ruthie Arnall of Granby, Missouri and Leroy and Dolores Reed of Stark City, Missouri.

I Found Love in Your Arms

When I was born my mother's arms were the first to calm my fears. From there I went to my Father's arms which gave me safety and security that only a father can give. Nothing could ever harm me as long as I was in His arms and in His care.

Later on in life another set of arms came into my life. They were the arms of my "only" childhood Sweetheart and later my husband of 52 years. When his long, strong arms went around me I felt that not even the biggest giant in the world could do me harm. That protective Love & Care took away all the fears and calmed the strains of life. When we are safe in the arms of Jesus - the trials of this earth will seem so small.

Because you have Loved me, I have found joy. Joy in a sense of Security and Inner Happiness. Because you did join you life with mine - in Christ - we grew together with Strength & Power from the Holy Spirit. You needed me as I needed you, for that Deep Communication we had with each other. Because of you Love for me, I learned tenderness and patience through you Loving Nature.

We had busy moments and we had our anxious moments in raising (3) wonderful sons and working in the Lord's House. But you still took the time to hear my Hopes - my Dreams and my Deepest Longings. I cherish the many long night talks and prayers we had together (I shall miss those). The word divorce was never mentioned one time during our 52 years of life together, for this I am most proud and thankful to the Lord.

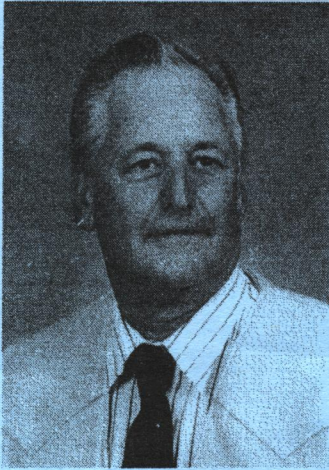
I thank God for you, His gift to me, for the joy we have found walking together in Faith & Trust, and faith and trust in each other - because of Jesus Christ - who taught us the meaning of Love.

In these Last few months - as we have come down to the fragile line of Deaths Crossing Over, my hands are helpless. Now that you have gone and I remain - everything you have touched I will try to complete. The one thing that you have completed is you work with our boys and their families. So diligently you have helped them all purchase their Tickets (paid in Full) for their journey ahead to Heaven.

The Lord didn't say we would never see death - but He did promise us the Resurrection.

- Norma Jean Doty

Obituary



James Andrew Doty *May 21, 1930 - September 23, 2000*

James Andrew Doty was born on May 21, 1930 in Houston, Texas to J.O. and Stella Mae Hassel Doty. He passed away on September 23, 2000. He is survived by his faithful wife of 52 years, Norma Jean Doty. Also surviving are his three sons and their wives, James Keith and Frances Allen Doty of Baxter Springs, Kansas. Gordon Douglas and Lynn Whitfield Doty of Smithville, and Jarrell Andrew and Earline Anderson Doty of Chappel Hill, Texas. He leaves 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, J.O. and Stella Doty, his brother, Kenneth Doty, his sister, Odessa Doty Mott, his grandson, James Keith Doty, Jr, and his faithful dog, Dino.

James and Norma Jean Stanberry were married in Katy, Texas on August 2, 1948. A faithful loving husband, devoted father, hard working, God fearing, faithful Christian, fair minded, and family loving man are words that could only begin to describe James.

James was born into a hardworking family. Living in Alief, Texas for most of his childhood, the Doty family owned a large dairy farm with 300 cows that had to be milked twice a day. Many nights he would come in from a date with Norma just to change into work clothes and start the 1:00 AM milking. Later on the family business went into rice farming which they still do today. James worked closely during those years with his brother Kenneth and his brother in law Virgil Mott. After moving to Smithville in 1961 James found his true love in the cattle business continuing even to his ill health several years ago.

He loved his children deeply. He was a strict but fair father and when the time came he welcomed three daughters into his heart. He then took on the role as a fun loving and practical joking PaPaw.

He has served on the church boards since he was 19 years old beginning in Alief, Sugarland, Rockdale, Coon Neck Community in Elgin and most recently at the Assembly of God Church in Bastrop. Serving the Lord was his passion. He made it his ministry to do a good deed everyday.

He was also on various civic boards, serving on Smithville Independent School District Board, the Smithville and Bastrop Chapters of the Future Farmers of America, and the Leper Colony Board in South Korea with the Jerry B. Walker Evangelistic Association.

His heart was also with a girl's orphanage in Israel. His dream was to give them all a new dress and a pair of shoes. He helped this orphanage for over 25 years. The first of every month his check was in the mail. He loved the people of Israel and all the history that was there. He made several visits to the Holy Lands where he left his mark on the hearts of those he met.

For the past 5 years, James and Norma Jean have enjoyed worshipping at the First Baptist Church in Smithville, Texas where James enjoyed sharing and hearing the gospel and Norma Jean played the organ. They made many dear friends and the Lord blessed their lives.

He studied the Bible daily and deeply. He searched for answers so that he could always be accountable when asked. He loved to be put on the spot and he always had an answer. He was at his best when serving the Lord. He said many times that he wanted the world to see Christ in him and he made it his mission to go around doing good. He had a beautiful smile and sparkling blue eyes that will be missed by all who knew him and especially those who loved him.

Services were held on September 26, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Smithville, Texas. Rev. Harrol Waterbury, Rev. Erwin McCorkle, Rev. Ronnie Martin and Rev. Mike Clements officiated. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Smithville, Texas.

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Junior - June 11 - 15

Chairman: Nick Williams

Phone: (979)234-5289

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Baxter Springs, Kansas

Junior - 9 - 12

Senior - 12 - 16

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Phone: (417)472-3988

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Pine Crest, MS

June 10 - 13

Chairman: Mike Brening

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July 22 - 27

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Thursday, August 2, 2001

1:00 PM

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