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"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Psalm 23:6

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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
- A ministry supported by tithes and offerings

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

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Apostolic Faith Campground Letter to the Churches

We are currently experiencing a financial shortfall at the campgrounds near Laverne, Oklahoma. This is due basically to three different reasons.

- 1. Capital expenses for the year 2001
 - A. A new lawn mower (Dixon 72" ZTR 22HP).
- B. Two new kitchen stoves with ovens (Stainless steel with 6 burners and double ovens).
- C. New icemaker for the cafeteria (Crushed ice with 450 pounds of storage)

Lawn Mower - \$7,519 Kitchen Stoves - \$4,988 Icemaker - \$3,795 Total - \$16,302

- 2. Expenses are up every year (Insurance, utilities, upkeep on aging buildings, and plumbing and wiring).
- 3. Donations from Churches and individuals have been slightly lower with each passing year.

Simply Put:

To keep this facility operating in the future, as it

has in the past, we need your financial help. If you feel in you heart that our campground is an important part of your heritage, an important place for your children and grandchildren to experience a week of prayer & Jesus Christ, or will promote you and your loved ones spiritual lives, we ask for your support. We have recently borrowed money from the Bank of Laverne to meet the current monthly expenses. There are always improvements we would like to accomplish at the camp, but we would rather not borrow funds to accomplish these things.

Thank you
Sincerely,
Board of Apostolic Faith Camp

Jack Cornell - President Larry Deal - Secretary - Treasurer Randall Bensch - Member

Please send Donations to: Apostolic Faith Campgrounds % Larry Deal Rt. 1 Box 160 May, OK 73851

Are You a Wise Man Today? - Bruce W. Schroeder

The Church we attend had a candlelight Christmas carol and communion service the Sunday evening before Christmas. I was struck by the thought that in one service we were observing the full life of Jesus Christ - from his humble birth in a manger through his death on a cruel cross. The soft glow of the candles made me think of what it must have been like in the manger when baby Jesus was born. Part of the scripture read that evening was from Matthew 2. Even though I have heard and read these verses many times, a thought crossed my mind as the first two verses were read: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem; Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." (Matt. 2:1-2). They did not come to worship king Herod, but to worship a baby. A baby who could do nothing for them. A baby who although they called him King of the Jews, would never hold a scepter in his hand, would never wear regal robes, would never sit on the throne of a kingdom. Yet they worshipped him with precious metals and spices. This baby would grow up and live the common life of a carpenter. He would grow up and live a life similar to ours in every respect with one exception - he lived a perfect life, one without sin. Because of this, he was able to die on the cross as atonement for our sins.

As the communion sacraments were being prepared, there was a tremendous thunder and lightning storm going on outside. It made me think of what the crucifixion scene may have been like as Jesus was hanging on the cross, crying out loud, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46). It made me think of the agony Jesus endured on the cross - a sinless man bearing the sins of all mankind. Enduring not only the physical pain of the cross, but also the weight of all the sins of the world. Once again, men were calling him the King of the Jews. But this time they were not worshipping him as the wise men, they were mocking him. "And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise, also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others, himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now came down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth." (Matt. 27:37-44). Jesus could have very easily come down off the cross, but by saving himself, he would have condemned us. Although he was in the form of God and equal with God, he humbled himself and became obedient to death on the cross (Phil. 2:6-8).

Just as the wise men over two thousand years ago sought the baby Jesus to worship him, wise men today still seek and worship the Lord Jesus Christ. But today, we do not have to bring most precious gifts to worship him. He gave his life that we might have eternal life. The most precious gift we can present today is to accept Him as Savior and Lord of our lives. This same Jesus, who was born in a manger, lived a perfect life, yet still suffered an agonizing death on the cross for sins he had not committed, has promised us that He will return. His second coming will not be into humbleness, but will be with power and great glory, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, with every knee bowing and every tongue confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord (Matt. 24:30; Phil. 2:10; Rev. 19:16). My prayer and my desire is that all of us are prepared for the Lord's return, just as the wise virgins were ready for the bridegroom's coming. Woe to us if we are like the foolish virgins who return to find the door shut and hear the words, "Verily, I say unto you, I know you not." (Matt. 25:12). Are you a wise man today?

News from the Crosses Community Church, Crosses, AR

The congregation of the Crosses Community Church is praising the Lord and giving God all the credit for the blessings we are receiving. We have gone through quite a battle, but God has carried us through to victory! We have a new pastor, Bill Waggoner, and we are excited about moving forward to spread the gospel to this Community. Bill accepted the call into the ministry in October of 2001, and God sent him to be our pastor in December. God has proven over and over that He does provide for His children!!

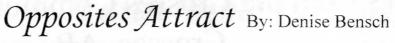
We welcome you to come worship with us if the opportunity arises. We are planning a Homecoming Service on Sunday, April 28, 2002. Bro. Roland Haney and Bro. Joel Dorris (former pastors) will be our special guest speakers. We will follow with a fellowship dinner after the morning service. We invite all former pastors, gospel workers, and friends to join us for this special reunion.

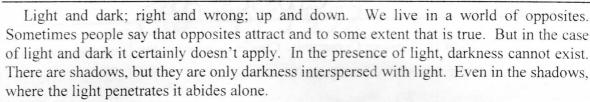
A Note from the Pastor

Many of those reading this have already heard that I have accepted the call into the ministry. It may have come as a surprise to many people, but the Lord works in mysterious ways. I would like to share this testimony with all those who have known Rhonda and I over the years.

While attending the Apostolic Faith Bible College I found the Lord as my personal Savior and began a journey that has had many bends and turns. It was also at Bible College that I met Rhonda (Sanger) and asked her to be my wife. We were married on February 6, 1976. Together we have raised three wonderful children, the youngest of which will graduate from high school this spring. We have served the Lord in many capacities over these years and He has blessed us beyond measure. What many people do not know is that in June of 1976 God called me to preach. At that time in my life I did not accept that calling. But, the calling God put on my heart never went away. During the past two years God placed us in areas that caused us to grow spiritually to the point I could no longer deny the calling He placed on me many years ago. I am so thankful that God didn't give up on me. After accepting the call into the ministry God placed us at the Crosses Community Church to pastor. Many of the people still attending church at Crosses taught me in Sunday School many years ago and I feel so privileged to have the opportunity to minister to and serve the Lord with this group of people. We are also blessed to have Rhonda's sister Jana (Sanger) Eaton and her husband Rex and two children coming to church at Crosses to help us. I have no doubt that this is where the Lord has placed me. Pray for us as we strive to do the Lord's work and please remember our church in your prayers.

In Christian Love, Bill Waggoner 659 N. Center Elkins, AR 72727 479-643-2632





Christians are compared to light by Jesus in Matthew 6:14. The purpose of the Christian life is defined by this comparison to light. Christians are to share what they have with everyone they come in contact with. Just as light and dark are opposites, Christians are to stand in contrast to the world. Also, as it is impossible to hide light, so it is impossible for a true Christian not to share what Christ has placed inside of them.

If we look closely though there is a place where light can be hid. In the middle of many other lights even a bright light will serve little purpose. Its true potential cannot be fulfilled unless it is placed in the presence of darkness.

Christians are commanded to go in Mark 16:15. They can have a fully realized life only if they are spreading the light within them. This world is definitely full of darkness. Even those in sin recognize to some degree the extent to which the darkness has spread. Christians cannot reject the part they have played in the expanding darkness. By staying in the places of security together, the light of the Christian world has not lived up to the calling placed upon it by God. Light in one place is still shining, but how could you find your way to the light if the path you walk on is covered in darkness? Those in the world are walking blindly in darkness. They need the gentle light of truth to shine on the obstacles that are in their way. That means Christians must be around them. The world must be able to see their light clearly and brightly.

The world will not always appreciate the light that comes through. In John 3:19 Jesus plainly said that "...men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Christians are called to shine their light but it is the choice of those that see what they do with the truth. Just as no one can save themselves, neither can they save another. They can carry out what God has called them to and leave the rest in His hands. If persecution comes, as it surely will, then they can continue to shine and set an example of endurance and love.

In this dark world Christians can be encouraged that their source of light has not changed. Hebrews 13:8 states "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Jesus is still shining brightly into lives prepared and willing to reflect Him. And as its nature calls for, the light will prevail and stand no matter how much darkness comes.



Community Full Gospel Church

The construction is now complete with the City giving us approval to occupy. Praise the Lord! We have been having Services in the New Building since December 0f 2000. Now the sign is on the front of the building letting the neighborhood know that it is a Church and not just another apartment building. We can now begin visiting in the neighborhood and pass out fliers inviting them to

come and worship with us. We have already had several new families come and join us in worship.

The dedication service was held on November 25, 2001. We extend our thanks to all of you for your support and prayers during this loooong time of construction.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers as the battle with satan has just begun. He is fighting for the lives of us all. But we know God is Good and we are the winners because we have read the back of the book. Love to all!

Homer and Sue Allen

A True Love Story By: Casey Tucker

The man looked, and watched with a deep compassion and eyes filled with love, as his wife was standing on the auction block being sold as a slave. She had been unfaithful, sinful, and rebellious, but he loved her deeply. He could not let her be sold to someone else who would treat her badly. She had left him, to return to her former life of prostitution. When the auctioneer asked for a price, he bid as high as he could. He knew no one would out bid him for a mere slave, but he was bidding for something much more important. This was the love of his life. He did it! He bought her back! She cost him a whole lot, but to him she was worth every bit. He took her home with him, and continued to love her unconditionally.

As I described the story of Hosea and his wife Gomer, found in the first few chapters of the book of Hosea, it depicts the love, faithfulness, care, forgiveness, and kindness of our God. Hosea continued to love his wife, even though she turned her back on him many times. His love never failed, just as God's love never fails. God sent his son to die for us so we could be free from death.

As John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 15:13 says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." When we have repeatedly turned our backs on Him, like Gomer did to Hosea, he still paid the ultimate price to free us from the bondage of sin.

Just as Hosea's love triumphed in the end, so will Christ's love prevail as He looks forward to the day He can take us to the home He has prepared for us, to live with Him eternally.

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A Time to Spiritually Renew!

Union Church Indoor Campmeeting in Spearman, Texas Begins June 3rd at 7:00 PM and continues through June 6th. Three services will be held Daily. The times are 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, and 7:00 PM. All meals will be provided and RV hookups are available. Lovely room accommodations will be available at Waka Christian Center. Please call ahead for arrangements.

The international Windmill Association will be having their first convention in Spearman during our camp meeting the first week in June 2002. Therefore, all available rooms have been booked a year in advance, which could have caused a real problem were it not for the Waka Christian Center in Waka, Texas. They have graciously consented to our using their dorm style beds (half beds), showers, gym privileges, and even kitchen use if you so desire. These are available at a small fee of \$10 per night, per person. Normally they charge \$15, but since our church donates monthly to this facility, they are offering it to us at this reduced cost. Of course the Union Church Fellowship Hall is on first come, first serve basis for bedrooms and shower accommodations as well as having R.V. hookups.

The Waka Christian Center has around 80 half beds and also one mobile home where possibly 2 couples might stay. This facility is supported by the surrounding area churches, organizations, and individuals and is booked for Walk to Emmaus meetings, family reunions, singing groups, and many other functions. Please let us know your desires for accommodations as soon as possible. You will need to bring linens, pillows, etc.

Hope to see you in June, Spearman Union Church

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Apostolic Faith Bible College Class of 1952



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Apostolic Faith Bible College Class of 1977



Faculty

Howard Whiteley, Jerome Crowhurst, Lyndel Arnall, Jacob Pletcher, Yvonna Whiteley, Joan Cooper, Demerita (Beagle) Pletcher, Peggy Crowhurst, Kathy Arnall, Tom Day, Paula (Buschman) Cheatwood, Vicki Bartel, Mollie Lewis

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Wedding Announcement



Scavenger Hunt leads to Marriage

Jeremy Manthe and Debbie Madersky were united in marriage Saturday the 29th of December 2001. Jeremy is the son of Ivan and Kay Manthe of Follett, TX. Debbie is the daughter of Jeanette Madersky of Murdock, Ks, and the late Andrew Madersky.

The ceremony was held at the Presbyterian Church in Kingman, Ks. The officiating minister was Neil Ragan. The reception followed, and her two best friends kidnapped Debbie. She was brought back 15 minutes later by the police. Jeremy collected enough

ransom money to send the couple on a nice honeymoon.

The couple met at Bible College and dated the two years they were there. Jeremy proposed with the ring while the 2nd year students decorated for the 01' fashioned Christmas party. Jeremy sent Debbie on a scavenger hunt while Jeremy waited on one knee in the supplies closet.

The two are currently residing in Kingman, Kansas and are working in the Apostolic Faith Church. Jeremy is employed at Cargill Grain Elevator in Hutchinson and Debbie is a student there at the Hutchinson Community College. Jeremy and Debbie are excited about what the future holds and the things that God will do in their lives.

Obituaries

Lillie Spencer

Lillie Spencer, a resident of Carrollton since 1968, died November 27 at Trinity Medical Center following a brief illness. She was 68 years old.

Services were held at the North Dallas Fellowship Church. A burial service followed at Hilltop Memorial Park.

Mrs. Spencer was born Lillie Mae Pshigoda in Shattuck, Oklahoma. She grew up on the family farm and then lived in Perryton, Texas. Mrs. Spencer was a 1950 graduate of Perryton High School, and attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in 1951. She devoted herself to family and service to the church from then on.

"She was creative, artistic, and talented," said her oldest daughter, Sue Ann Spencer of Dallas. Her mother painted with oils, she added, and her pictures always had meaning to her. Most often they related to family, Ms. Spencer said. She also said her mother "had a flair for making the most commonplace beautiful."

And when it came to being a grandmother, "She was the best," Ms. Spencer said. "She left some pretty giant shoes to fill."

Mrs. Spencer was a member of North Dallas Fellowship Church, where she taught Sunday school and served as a leader of the Women's Fellowship. She also worked at the church for 18 years.

"The biggest mark she left is in the hearts of those that knew her," her daughter said.

Mrs. Spencer is survived by her husband of 50 years, George Wesley Spencer; two other daughters, Gay Spencer and Dorothy Spencer, both of Dallas; a sister, Ruth Dearing of Perryton; a brother, Eddy Pshigoda of Perryton; and five grandchildren.



Winston James Barker

Born August 15, 1926 in Beaver County Oklahoma, to Ermal and Fern Barker. He married Alberta Reiswig on May 26, 1945 and they moved to a farm close to Elmwood, Oklahoma into a house built by Ben Barker. Clifford Dale was born April 16,1946. They attended Camp Meeting in Baxter Springs, Kansas in August of that year where Winston was ordained into the ministry. Signing his ordination certificate were: Ben Barker, Charles Mahan, Otis Wade, and Roland Busch.

In January 1947, they attended their first Bible School at Baxter Springs. After Bible School they traveled to the Broken Arrow, Oklahoma area where they held several revivals along with evangelists; Leland Grimmer, Don Ogdon, and George and

Wilma Clay. The Clay's and Barker's came back to Beaver County where they built a box on the back of a Ford truck, loaded up a tent, and went to Phelps, Texas for a great revival with Rev. Jack Shandley. Thus began a long succession of tent revival meetings that took them to several states and all the way to California. They always enjoyed having a good gospel party, and over the years, dozens of young people traveled with them to help in their ministry.

During those years, two more Sons were born to the family. Keith Alan in July 1947 and Jerry Winston in August 1948.

Bro. Barker's first pastorate came in October 1948 at Hoover Orchard church in Wichita, Kansas. He came to pastor the Alvin church for the first of three different times in 1953, when the church was located on Gordon Street.

Another of his great loves was Youth Camps. He served as a director along with Bill Patterson and John Whipple at the first Youth Camp held in Laverne, Oklahoma in July of 1952. Over the years, he gladly directed and worked in many youth camps and camp meetings where he loved seeing young people come to know Christ as their Savior.

Winston pastored churches over the years in Roswell, New Mexico; Amarillo, Buckhorn, Spearman, and Rockdale, Texas; Beaver, Oklahoma, and Taneyville, Missouri.

Another opportunity for service which Winston dearly loved was his time spent teaching at the Apostolic Faith

Bible College. He enjoyed several terms over the years and never tired of trying to pass on his great love of God's Word to the students there. His final term ended in May 2000.

On October 14, 2000, after 18 years as a widower, he was united in marriage to Mary Rodriguez and they made their home across the street from the church in Alvin, Texas. Winston continued to minister in any way he could until he was hospitalized in August of 2001. Complications kept him in the hospital for 110 days and after his release, he never fully regained the good health he had enjoyed for 75 years.

Last Sunday, February 3, he and Mary attended Sunday service where he dismissed in prayer for the final time. That afternoon he fell at home, was rushed to the hospital later that night, and died at 3:30 am February 4, 2002.

He will be missed greatly by his loving wife Mary. His sons and their wives: Clifford of Meridian, Mississippi, Keith & Charlene of Burleson, Texas, Jerry & Gaylene of Houston, Texas, His two brothers: Richard & Esther of Katy, Texas, Walt & Molene of Durant, Oklahoma, and sister: Roberta Methvin of Alvin, Texas, His grandchildren: Chanin & Mandy Barker, Chris & Lissa Barker, Kristal & Jacob Urick, Shannon & Matthew Ward, Stephen & Courtney Barker, Mindy Brooke Barker, Julie Marie Barker, And 4 GREAT grandchildren: Elizabeth Nicole Barker, Anna Elizabeth Barker, Moriah Dawn Urick, Jacob Elijah Urick.

Rev. Winston J. Barker Memorial Scholarship

A memorial scholarship fund has been started in the name of Rev. Winston J. Barker. The family intends for a Bible College student, each semester, to receive a scholarship check to help with their expenses. Anyone desiring to contribute to this memorial fund, please send your donation to the Bible College marked: Rev. Winston J. Barker Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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AFBC Closing Activities

May 8

Board Meeting 2:00 PM Final Concert & Ordination -Dedication Service 7:00 PM

May 9

Cathedral of Praise 10:00 AM Graduation 7:00 PM

May 10

Annual Meeting 10:00 AM
Board Meeting 1:00 PM
Alumni Banquet
(Butcher Block Banquet Hall) 6:30 PM

Union Church Indoor Campmeeting Spearman, Texas

June 3 - 6
For more information see the article on page 7

4 State Youth Camp Baxter Springs, Kansas

Junior - June 5 - 8 Senior - June 9 - 15 For more information contact: Junior Camp: Karen Oakes 6069 Goldfinch Rd. Joplin, MO 64804 417-624-7525 Senior Camp: Steve Stockton 417-472-3988

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