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## ***At This Printing***

The summer has swiftly passed by as have youth camps, vbs's, camp meetings, and vacations. In most locations schools have started back up for a new year. It is the same at AFBC. Enrollment, orientation and classes will have started by time you receive this issue. 24 on campus students are busy getting acquainted with fellow students and faculty and have begun the study of the Word of our Lord.

May we lift up all of our students everywhere (children, teens, college age and including all of our educators) to the Throne of God asking for safety from the enemy of their souls. We are in perilous times and we must remain vigilant and Hold Fast!

**HE IS COMING SOON!**

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## **BY LAWS OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE, INC.**

### **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.

# From the Superintendent



Dear Family of God,

What a wonderful experience to be part of the family of God! We have been blessed in so many ways and to share all of the God stories of the past year, much less the past 70 years would be an impossibility!

But, can you believe it, 70 years of God's unfailing guidance by the Holy Spirit and His unfailing supernatural provision! Can the longevity of the Apostolic Faith Bible College be attributed to one thing? Yes. It can!! In Psalm 91 there is insight as to God's blessing of longevity here. For example: "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in Him will I trust." (verse 2) "Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation." (verse 9). "With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation," (verse 16).

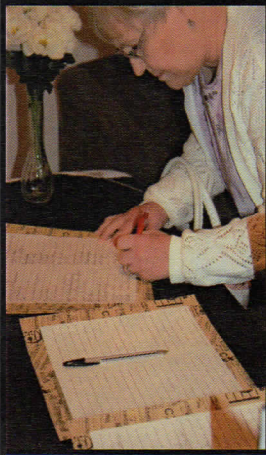
Don't you see it?!! We are still here because those men and women of God that walked this path before us made God their refuge and trusted in Him. They made the ministry and the buildings on this campus a [place for the habitation of the Holy Spirit. And because of that God has given us "LONG LIFE" and has satisfied us with His presence and provision! And right here is a good place to insert a "PRAISE THE LORD" and a "THANK YOU JESUS"!!

So, are we going to continue in the old paths? Can we do that in today's society and still be a relevant force for the Kingdom of God? Sure we can, if we keep first things first! Like teaching young people these five Biblical points, (1) "meditate on the Word: Joshua 1:8, (2) "Practice the Word" James 1:22, (3) "Give the Word first place" Proverbs 4:20-22, (4) instantly "Obey the Voice of the Spirit" II Corinthians 5:17 and let's not forget (5) PRAY WITHOUT CEASING" I Thessalonians 5:17. Pretty simple plan with great results. I believe if the five points mentioned above are adhered to and the Lord carries another 70 years we will still be here and will still be teaching the unchanging Word of God to new generations of young people.

Now, I would like to mention one other thing that I know to be true. The other factor in the longevity of the Bible College can be attributed to the fact that there have been many of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ that have gone on before us who refused to quit under adversity, they refused to give place to Satan and his devices! And now they have the same testimony as the Apostle Paul when he said in II Timothy 4:7-8, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, **but unto all them also that love His appearing.**"

So I say in closing, "Glory to God in the highest" for blessing us all.

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## *"The evening concluded with a congregational singing of Amazing Grace...."*

How do you celebrate 70 years of God's faithfulness? With live music, good food, friends-old and new, and praise to our God! And that's what happened on the evening of May 3rd, 2016 at the annual AFBC Alumni and Friends Banquet.

Approximately 149 people gathered together on the campus of the Apostolic Faith Bible College in it's current location. Music was arranged by alumni Karen Hackett and husband Steve of Hempstead, TX. A tribute choir

made up of Valerie Fleming, Vanessa Harris, Karla Theilen, Russell Ball, Larry Arnall and Steve and Karen Hackett sang and shared memories of former choir director, the late Janae Harris Kenny and of their time at Bible College. Past superintendents, Ted Barker and Savoy Grimmer along with current Super-



intendent Bill Waggoner shared testimonies of God's faithfulness during their tenure at the college. Steve, Karen and daughter Sarah Hackett sang a trio. Then a video slideshow of AFBC history featuring pictures of students and staff accompanied by music performed by AFBC choirs and musicians was shown. The evening concluded with congregational singing of the song Amazing Grace and a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for all our great God has done!



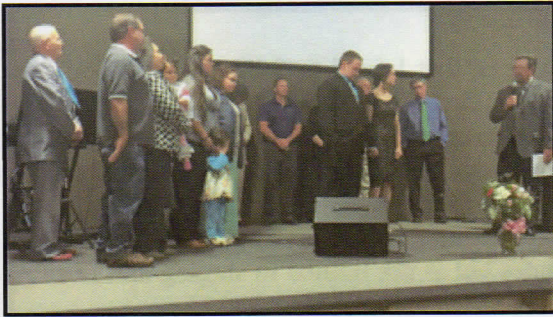
As this was my first time to organize the banquet, I want to thank all who those who contributed or helped in any way. Special thanks goes to Kay Wheeler, Lucy Webster, Karen Oakes, Michelle Cloninger, Darla Oakes, Karen Hackett, Kathy Heidlage Catering, Glenda Buschman, Lolly Simon, Tracy Stephens, Norma Johnson, Joyce Bensch, Brian Moser and the 2016 Students and Staff. Thank you to each of you who give to the work of the Lord and make the Apostolic Faith Bible College and gatherings such as this possible!

Pictures from this event can be found on our Alumni and Friends Facebook page. Like our page to keep up with future events and happenings and reconnect with old classmates. DVD copies of the anniversary slideshow are available upon request. You may contact me via our Facebook page or by phone or email listed below. I hope to see you at a future gathering! Until then keep on praising the Lord!

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## ***AFBC Ordination Service***



Kendall Glenn, a 2015 graduate of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Baxter Springs, KS was ordained May 4, 2016. Kendall is originally from St. Paul, AR and attended the Crosses Community Church in Elkins, AR. He was called by God into a life of ministry at a young age and has been faithful to his calling. Kendall and his wife Laticia (Laramore), who is also a graduate of

AFBC and a strong support to her husband, currently reside in Cave Springs, AR and are available for evangelistic work.

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## **Right From The Heart 2016 Graduates**

### **Lula Napolitano**

My 2 years at AFBC has been a life changing experience. It has made my relationship with God grow deeper. To know who He is in my life. AFBC has brought me out of my comfort zone into a role of leadership that I never even thought I would be capable of. AFBC is also a place where I know that I'm safe to grow in preparing me to go out and be in helps ministries to the world. AFBC is also a home of family, where students and staff become close as a pack, as one. AFBC will always be a home to me, a place that I can look back on and say that AFBC changed my life."

### **Ashley Taylor**

"My 2 years at Bible School has impacted my life greatly. Before school I was a shy, quiet person who wouldn't even pray out loud. Now I pray out loud and have even spoken in front of people. I have been teaching kid's Sunday School and my Child and Youth Evangelism Class really prepared for ministry. I now feel more confident in ministering to others."

### **Linda Witten**

"The Holy Spirit has used AFBC to change my life forever. I began my first year as a confused, depressed and heart broken person. As my second year came to a close, I am no longer that same person. I know who I am in Christ and I have learned what being Spirit-led is all about. Graduation was not the end of my journey, it is simply the beginning,"

### **Rebekah Walters**

"During my time at AFBC, not only have I grown as a person, but also in my relationship with the Lord. I have found deeper meaning in the scriptures, my faith has been strengthened and I now have a better understanding of what it means to live a life that is fully devoted to the Lord. I leave knowing that I have many friends here who will encourage and support me in my walk with the Lord. I feel truly blessed to have been allowed to attend this school.

### **Jessica Lyon-3rd year Student**

"I've enjoyed my 3rd year at Bible College and I'm thankful to have been here 3 years. God has shown me during my time here that He is the only one that can change me and because of the love He gave there is always hope. He is our hope. To all of you who have blessed us with your prayers and support, Thank You!"

# Time To Clean House

By Rev. Ron Noble  
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I'm becoming increasingly convinced that I need to follow the truth of the admonition of David when he said in Psalm 34 "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth." For one thing, to bless the Lord means to speak well of Him, I sometimes wonder how well I do in speaking to others about Him. I don't mean just verbally. I mean with my actions (which I have heard 'speak' louder than words anyway.) Do I praise Him continually, which of course includes but is not limited to singing and raising

our voices or hands in 'worship'? How do I praise Him? How do I exalt His name?

I've thought much on this. It should be our highest desire to please Him. Are the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart acceptable unto Him? Are we doing what's right because of our motive to find approval of Him? Jesus said that He did always the things that please God? The Word says that Jesus learned obedience by the things which He suffered. It would seem that God places a great deal of emphasis on obedience. We all know this (however this doesn't mean we always do it though). So is there a connection with obedience and praise?

Let's consider the popular verse that we enjoy hearing the promise of in II Chronicles 7:14 is that He will heal our land, yet look at the conditions for Him doing so. If those people... will humble themselves...and turn...(although this word has many different definitions, the one I thought most interesting was to slide back!) Look what they were to 'slide back' from, not to their wicked ways. Then He will do as He said, but not until. Can it be that a turning from; a forsaking (abandonment) of sin is something that we've forsaken? Is this part of the reason we pray and sing our songs and go to church and read our Bibles but still lack such power a should be employed by the believer in God-still fail to 'see' His workings?

Why are we so reluctant to forsake sin? Could it be that we enjoy it? No, that wouldn't be it. Have we become insensitive to sin? Does the thought of displeasing God bother us, bother me less and less as iniquity abounds? Are we repulsed? Disgusted? Offended by sin as much as we preach God is? Do we abstain from the very appearance of evil? Maybe that's the problem. Sin doesn't appear as sinful as it once did. Maybe we enjoy flirting with it, thinking we can take fire into our bosoms without getting burned?

Now as we examine II Chronicles there are three things that need to be noted. First is the direction of the Priests and Levites were given to sanctify themselves. Secondly they were to sanctify the house of the Lord and thirdly (and this is the one we want to consecrate on) is the phrase in verse 5..."and carry forth (to come out of) the filthiness (among other definite ns are impurity, immorality, idolatry) out of the Holy Place. The first two could be discussed at length as separate issue but all these tie into one another. Verse 6 & 7 explain why what they had done to 'earn' the result of verses 8 & 9. They have the Word declares trespassed (acted unfaithfully) and done evil and forsaken (to leave, depart. Abandon) God. Those who supposed to be God's chosen had turned their faces from Him-the One who was to be their habitation( Psalm 91:9). They had abandon Him and because of that the wrath of the Lord was upon Judah and Jerusalem. The Lord delivered them to trouble (maltreatment, agitation), astonishment (ruin, desolation) and to hissing( I like the first four words of Verse 9, "then the Levites arose (remember He is speaking to this group in verse 5). Now this is the action- the consecration in reality that we teach. Verse 16. the Priests went into the inner part of the house of the Lord, to cleanse it and brought out all the uncleanness (defilement) that they found in the temple.... And the Levites took it to carry it out. Simple. Direct. The foreign objects things that should not have been in the temple, the trash and the stuff that was in a place that was supposed to be used for a place of worship.

Now in John 3 Jesus had gone to the feast and finds in the temple (sound familiar?) those things that displeased His Father; those things that weren't conducive to the true purpose of His Father's house (that it should be called a house of prayer)/ Verse 15 says that "He drove them all out ( carry forth the filthiness) and said take these things hence. Jesus detested the abuse-the irreverence of what He had found (to discern, get knowledge of).

Of course we know from scriptures that He knows what is in the heart of man; that His 'find' in the temple wasn't anything He didn't know about. Yet His driving out of those things that didn't belong was a visual aid to four groups; His disciples ( they remembered Psalm 69), the money changers, the rulers and priests of the temple and the ones that had come to truly worship God.

Now, the lesson should be obvious. We as believers in Jesus the Son of man and God are to be a dedication-consecrated "house". I know that as such, He expects and demands that we (yes, we) be involved in the cleaning process. II Corinthians 7:1 has the incredible versus that says we ought to cleanse ourselves from all (guess what- filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfection holiness in the fear of God.

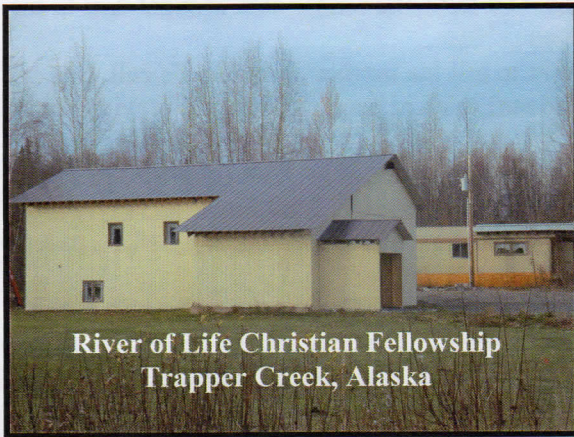
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What a great passage! Remember in Chronicles it said they found uncleanness when they went in. Does this mean they were unaware of it but with a renewed commitment to God, did actually find things that were wrong? Or does it mean that they knew about the uncleanness but just decided to 'Let it lay' because it's a hard job to clean something up?

What would Jesus 'Find' in our lives that shouldn't be there? Perhaps we could ask what would He discover to us—make us aware of it— if we weren't so calloused and open to conviction. What have we not seen or is it that maybe we just don't want to see? And after we 'find' the filthiness, are we willing to bring it out? Is our house His house— s place where we say that He can reign supreme in but still have our 'stuff' in the way? Are we willing to surrender it all? God, help us to clean house.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

River of Life is pleased to announce the selection of a new pastor to re-open and lead the work in Trapper Creek, Alaska. Jeff Spotts and his wife Linda are from Montana, They have seven children, two of whom are adults. Both Jeff and Linda have studied at Elim Bible Institute in New York and at Alaska Bible Institute in Homer, Alaska. They have been serving in children's ministry at their local church for a number of years. Jeff and Linda have lived in Alaska previously and have been feeling led of the Lord to return to the Great Land. Jeff has visited Trapper Creek and met some of the people of the community. They are looking forward to getting better acquainted this summer.



River of Life Christian Fellowship  
Trapper Creek, Alaska

The big challenge for the church is providing adequate housing for the Spotts family. There is an older mobile home on the property, which we had hoped to renovate. However, after thorough examination, the board came to the conclusion that it would require more than it was worth to make it habitable. Therefore the Board has

decided to build a new home on the property. We plan to begin construction as soon as possible, with the hope of the building being closed in by the fall. Jay and I went up there in June to get things started. Jeff and Linda arrived early July. More details on the plans and schedule will follow as they are finalized. In the meantime we are turning to the body of Christ to assist as they feel led. Some possibilities are:

- Prayer for wisdom, direction and God's supply for what needs to be done.
- A one time contribution to help with the cost of construction and /or the cost of their move.
- A monthly commitment to help with construction and/or costs of operation for the church as it rebuilds
- Skilled workers that would be willing to help with a portion of the construction.

If you feel led to help in any of these ways, or in any other ways that you can think of, please contact me. I will be coordinating the planning efforts as we prepare for this endeavor.

Thank you and God bless you.

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The Jeff Spotts Family



A very special and touching service was held at the Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting, on the grounds of the Midwest Camp Grounds, Laverne, OK. Sis. Joye Watson of Dumas, TX was ordained into the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ on Sunday, July 24, 2016, for the express purpose of ministering as a Hospice Chaplain. Rev. Fred Huff led the ordination service and Sis. Joye's immediate family was along side to support and encourage. We have attached her heartfelt speech given at the service. Thank you Sis. Joye for picking up the sword!

### **Who Will Pick Up MY Sword ?**

Through the years, generations take on special characteristics.

In our family, the legacy of ministry has come full circle. My father, the late Jacob C. Regier, was born prematurely in 1913 and was set aside to die. His Godly mother knew in her heart, he would live. She also believed he was destined for God's service. Her faith and tender care brought him to maturity.

My father was called into ministry at a young age. He was apprehensive to tell his mother about God's call. She had known since his infancy that he was to be a minister. He was relieved to learn she had been waiting and praying for his declaration of service since his birth,

More than a half century of ministry, my father died from a fall on the ice. The poem, *Who Will Take Up My Sword*, written so expressively for my dad, was presented at his memorial service. His nephew, Fred Huff, artfully penned words declaring my dad's faithfulness in carrying God's sword. Now, the question was presented. *Who Will Take Up My Sword?*

The importance of living for God had been implanted in my heart from the beginning. The day I was born in the back seat of the family Ford sedan, I'm certain my parents dedicated me to God's service. God has always called me to be a witness. As a student at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas, I laid out a fleece to God. If asked to present a devotional at morning chapel, I would know God was calling me into ministry. The opportunity never came. Consequently, my fleece was answered. However, I was ordained as a gospel worker.

College, family and a teaching career was in my future. Along the route, God called me to numerous positions of Christian leadership. Although I've served in many capacities, I never felt the need to be ordained into the ministry. Shortly after retiring from an art and English teaching career, a call came from out of the blue. Steve Arnall, Midwest Youth Camp Director, invited me to be the evening speaker. My quick first response was, "I can't do that, I'm not a preacher." Before we finished our initial conversation, God began preparing my heart for a very blessed time at camp.

Still, no thought of ordination crossed my mind until cousin Sandra Huff said, "Joye, you need to be ordained." Again, my response mirrored the one I gave Steve Arnall. "I'm not a preacher."

That camp experience created a fire storm in my spiritual life. God has given me many opportunities to minister all over the country especially to women's weekend retreats. My art background has proven beneficial as I often illustrate my presentations as I speak. Devotionals for the Singing Women of Texas provide excellent times to witness. It is my pleasure to paint a two-and-half-minute watercolor picture to illustrate one of our spiritual choral selections. Still, no thought of ordination. But God had been preparing me to be ordained for some time although I didn't recognize the call.

Over the years, I had numerous invitations to become a hospice volunteer. Our family had been through so much sorrow in losing loved ones, hospice volunteerism seemed to be an aspiration to ponder for another day. But, eventually, the appropriate became apparent, and I joined as a hospice volunteer. I quickly found joy and personal reward in serving patients and their families in final stages of life.

Enter God's clear voice saying, "You are called to be a volunteer hospice chaplain." All the many years of God's service flashed across my mind. I had been carrying God's sword since childhood. With God's help, Hospice chaplaincy would sharpen my sword.

The hospice chaplaincy title requires one to be a counselor or an ordained minister. God's timing is always perfect. My desire to become a hospice chaplain was the divine motivation to be ordained into ministry.

The legacy of ministry set by my father, the late Jacob C. Regier, has indeed, come full circle. The honor to pick up his sword through the volunteer chaplaincy will bless eternity.



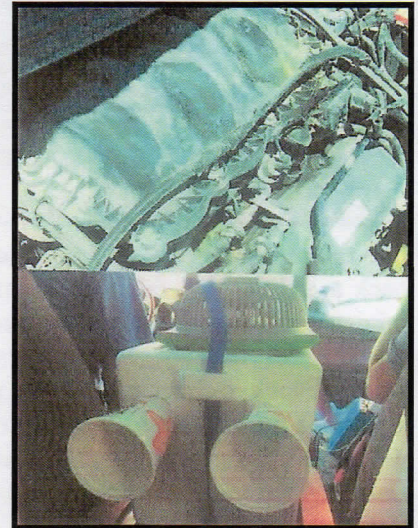


# The Kindness Of God

## Above and Beyond Our Thoughts



Thank you so much!  
Ruth 2:12



We thank the Lord for the blessing of attending Camp Meeting every summer! We have made that our goal for the last 4 years... It is a time to meet the Lord and see Him instill His Word in our hearts in every service. This year was not the exception. Every message was special to us and a direct word from God to the many things we were and have been facing. One of them was the topic of trust and faith. Two weeks before Camp Meeting our minivan broke down in Mexico which meant a trip in a 1987 Ram van with no AC system built into it. My first reaction was sadness and bewilderment, I couldn't understand God's purpose for that...we had traveled in it last summer and it had been hard; especially on our health. So, on our way to the border (3 hour trip) and with our windows up, we tried a DIY air cooler system we saw on YouTube. It turned out to be a failure since it created a sauna in our van. As we traveled under those conditions, I couldn't help but cry and pray...I asked the Lord just like the disciples in the boat did; "Do you not care that we are perishing?" Service after service the Lord said to me; 'I care. I know what you need. I have plans, trust! Where is your faith?' Long story short, Saturday night the Lord surprised us when our boys were called up front by Bro. Bill Waggoner. I thought they were going to sing a song or quote a verse ( we even got ready to video) but instead Bro. Bill shared with the audience our need for an AC unit in our old van. Of course I couldn't do anything else but cry as I saw what the Lord was doing. So many of you responded so generously and with great love... we could see God's kindness in all of you and His mercy. God went far beyond our thoughts and expectations. It was not advisable by the mechanic to attempt to put a AC unit in an old model since he didn't see much life left in it. Instead, God decided to give us a 2002 Ford-350 Super duty V8! You can probably imagine our gratitude...first of all to the Lord and then to each and every one of you. You all are so dear to us. You are just like family. Thank you for receiving us with such love from the first camp meeting Thank you for your love offering. We are all so happy! It is such a huge, comfortable easy to drive, and air conditioned blessing! It will be so handy in our mission!

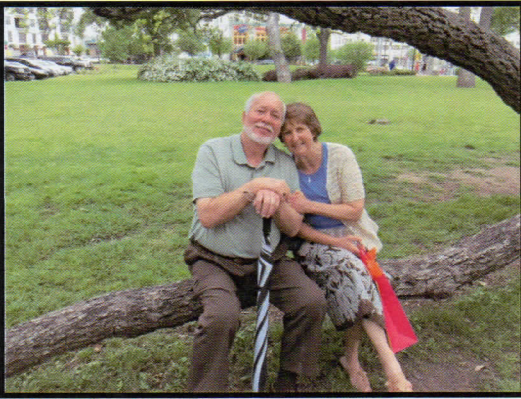
**" For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall my covenant of peace be removed. " says the Lord, who has mercy on you,"**

Isaiah 54:10

Joshua, Jessica,  
Josue and Judah  
Cornell

## 50 Years of God's Amazing Grace

By Keith Barker



In 1965 like many graduating seniors from our churches, I found myself in Baxter Springs, KS for a term of Bible College before heading off to college. I planned to have a good time being with friends and get some concentrated Bible Study. I imagined it to be like an extended Youth Camp (it couldn't get any better than that). I had no intentions at all of getting called into any kind of ministry. The next spring, without any real direction in my life, I decided to attend West Texas State University, where the Marcus Adair's had an active campus student center. I jumped

into the middle of that and intended to stay there for my college education, but the Lord put a desire in my heart to go back to AFBC that fall. After many nights of struggling and praying for His will, I submitted to the Lord's call into ministry. I was ordained at the close of that term with no clue as to the plan God had for my life. As the New Year's Convocation in Katy, TX that year concluded, I was asked by Ron Martin to join him along with Delvin Wiles and Dewey Flock to form a quartet to preach, sing, witness and "set the world on fire" for God. We only lacked one thing - a place to go. Finally we were asked to have Sunday Services in Hempstead, TX. They asked us to stay for a revival and we were off and running. We had a blessed and fruitful spring and summer holding revivals and helping in Youth Camps. That fall at AFBC was an incredible time of absorbing the Word and growing in my relationship with the Holy Spirit.

I decided to go back to college at WTSU and found my niche as the student center minister, working with many wonderful Christian students and sharing Christ on campus. During this time I discovered the love of my life, Charlene Spicer, who consented to be my lifelong partner in the summer of 1970. I'm sure she had no idea what that would mean, or she would have said "no way". That fall Ted Barker asked us to come be on staff at AFBC. I taught music theory and Charlene tried to keep Ted organized in the office.

In the spring, with both of us having 1 1/2 years left of college, we went back to WTSU where we worked in the student center, traveled with the choir and enjoyed making memories and life-long friendships. We graduated together in 1972, not knowing where the Lord would take us next.

We soon received an invitation to move to Wichita, KS to be the Youth Pastor for Charlene's home church, Faith Chapel. This was a new and exciting ministry opportunity and I enjoyed working alongside a senior pastor. Our son, Chris, was born and it was a wonderful time of growing in my faith and feeling used of God.

However, I felt an overwhelming desire to go back to graduate school to get a Master's degree, which would allow me to teach college approved Bible classes at WTSU. I chose Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and we arrived there for the spring semester of 1974, not knowing anyone in the area except some good friends of my parents, Alan "Shorty" Broyles and his wife Pauline (Clanton). They invited us to attend a Nazarene church with them and we soon fell in love with the people and the church. I was asked to be their music minister and we certainly made some more life-long friends. I transferred after a year there to Bethany Nazarene College. While there we worked with Barry Methvin in his church and celebrated the birth of our daughter, Shannon.

My intention was to finish my degree there, but in the summer of 1976 we received a call to become the pastor of our church in Pampa, TX. After much prayer seeking the Lord's will, we decided to make the move. We were there for 3 years and I learned so much about myself and about "shepherding a flock". God used that time to teach me so many valuable lessons and took me all through the highs and lows of a pastor experiences. I wouldn't trade the time for anything, but I also learned that pastoring was definitely not my calling. One of the many bright spots, was the birth of our daughter, Mindy Brooke.

While seeking to know God's direction and will for me, I received an invitation from Edwin Modrick to move to Amarillo, TX and help in establishing a brand new church. I soon was working a full time job and enjoyed watching a beginner church grow through the efforts of some very dedicated Christian friends, Unexpectedly, my job transferred us to Fort Worth, and we became reunited with the Nazarene church there. Working with the music and youth there I began seeking God for His will for me back into full time ministry. I was transferred again to Houston, and we decided to live in my home town, Katy, and work with Jim and LaMoyne Fox. Once again we were blessed to serve alongside a dedicated and Spirit filled pastor.

## 50 Years-cont'

Then, out of the blue, I received a call from our Nazarene pastor, asking me if I would consider becoming the Camp Administrator of Camp Arrowhood, a 60 acre, 350 bed Nazarene camp on the banks of the Brazos River in Glen Rose, TX. This seemed to be too large of a "leap of faith", but God knew my heart and my desire to be in full time ministry. We moved there in 1984 and cannot begin to tell all the ways our lives were enriched and blessed. Our children grew up there and learned the meaning of working hard, serving others and relying on God for strength and commitment. While at the camp we watched a production called The Promise come together. It's a live musical-drama of the life of Christ portrayed in a large outdoor amphitheater and we were privileged to be in the cast in 1993. In the fall of 1994 we went with the cast and crew to Moscow, Russia and had the life changing experience of performing in the Kremlin State Palace. We have continued being a part of the cast for 15 seasons. We consider our involvement in it to be one of God's "surprises of joy" that He loves to pour out on His children, We were at the camp until 1996 and stayed in the area until Mindy graduated from high school.

Since then, we have moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex area where Charlene has taught school and I work. We have been serving in a Baptist church for the last 18 years, where we both sing in the choir and often get opportunities to sing duets. We also teach Sunday School and volunteer in several other area of the church. Our 3 children, wonderful daughter in law, and 3 beautiful grandkids all know Christ as their Savior. The past 50 years of our journey with God has been both exciting and challenging, but through it all, God has been good, and God has been faithful, and we have been so blessed.

From my first year of Bible School 'til now, my life verse has been Proverbs 3:5-6- *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths."*

For the Lord is great and He will protect and provide for us. He is always by our side and He will be forever. He is the Most High God. He created you and I so He could have someone to talk to. He sacrificed His Son for us. We ought to love Him more and more each day The Lord loves you more than anything and hopes you love Him too!

Dylan Oakes- 6th grade  
Joplin, MO

## 60th Wedding Anniversary



The children of Ted and Deanna Barker hosted a beautiful reception in honor of their parents 60th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 23, 2016. Ted and Deanna were married June 15, 1956 and have been in ministry their entire married life. This union has been a blessing to the Kingdom of God as many people have been impacted by their ministry through the years.

The "Barker Boys" (Danny, Steve, Tim and Ty) and their precious wives were all present, as well as some of their grandchildren, with their parents at Camp Meeting, which was an annual event in their

lives growing up. What a reflection of Godly parents.

Congratulations to the Barker's. We pray continued blessing on them and their family.



## Laramore-Glenn Marriage



Kendall Marue Glenn and Laticia Lynn Laramore were united in marriage on March 19, 2016 at Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Cave Springs, AR. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Randy Dalton of Taneyville, MO.

Laticia is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenny (Ramona) Laramore of Rogers, AR. Kendall's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Roger (Sheila) Glenn of Combs, AR.

The couple resides in Cave Springs, AR. Kendall works for Hydraulic Solution Innovations and he does evangelistic work where needed. Laticia works for K&R Motors Paint and Body.

Kendall and Laticia are both AFBC Alumni and are members of Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Cave Springs, AR.

**Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.**

Matthew 9:38

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## GREAT COMMISSION BIBLE CENTER Carl Junction, MO

proudly hosted the Celebrate Church Memorial Day Event featuring The Brandon Dorris Band of Joplin, MO and Consumed By Fire Band from Waggoner, OK on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

There was food and games for the children as we worshipped God and proclaimed the "Great Commission" and the message of the Cross through song and preaching. Estimates were approximately 225 in attendance.

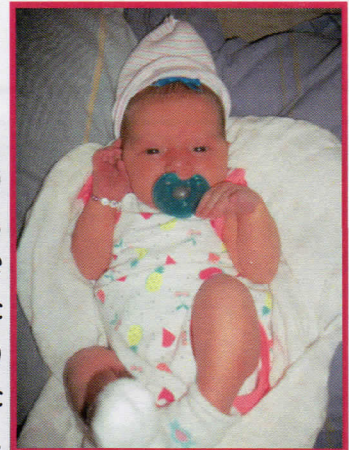
Sept. 17, 2016, 2 p.m., we will celebrate graduation exercises of students who have taken classes online from Great Commission Bible College. The ceremony will be held at Southside Apostolic Faith Church, 4430 S. Main, Joplin, MO.

You are welcome to join us as we celebrate!

Mike Fiedler—Pastor  
27345 Fir Road  
Carl Junction, MO 64834  
417-434-8936

## Jalena Ann Nichols

Gage and Jessica Nichols of Joplin, MO announce the birth of their first child, Jalena Ann Nichols on August 18, 2016 at 2:42 p.m.



She weighed 8 lbs 4 oz and was 21 inches long.

Jalena's proud grandparents are Carl and Jama Nichols, Joplin, MO, Great grandmother is Janice Myers also of Joplin, MO.

Jalena and her family attend Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO

**Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:7**

## FROM THE EDITOR

A few months ago while preparing for the Sunday School Class that I teach in my home church I came across some interesting statements made by General Douglas McArthur in 1940. They expressed his ideas about failure in war. I knew he was talking about his experiences serving in the United States Army during wartime. History records him as being a very great general.

I was reminded that we too are in war time, only we do not fight against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12). We cannot lose this war and so I used what Gen. McArthur had observed and learned in the time he served the United States and I turned to the Word of God for guidance from our Commander in Chief and for His guidance as we serve Him.

### **A Soldiers Creed**

by Gen. Douglas McArthur (1940)

**The history of failure in war can almost be summed up in two words: TOO LATE**

**TOO LATE in comprehending the deadly purpose of a potential enemy.**

(The thief cometh not but for to steal and to kill and to destroy. I am come that they might have life and that more abundantly. John 10:10)

**TOO LATE in realizing the mortal danger.**

(For to be carnally minded is death but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Romans 8:6)

**TOO LATE in preparedness.**

(Therefore be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh. Matthew 24:44)

**TOO LATE in uniting all possible forces for resistance**

(Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Ephesians 6:13)

**TOO LATE in standing with one's friends.**

(But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. I John 1:7)

**VICTORY** in war results from no mysterious alchemy ( any seemingly magical power) or wizardry but depends entirely upon the concentration of superior force at the critical point of combat.

(The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face; they shall come out against thee one way and flee before thee seven ways. Deuteronomy 28:7)

Today and in the days ahead may we all be vigilant and not **TOO LATE** in any and all of our service to Him. May we always recognize the enemy and may our thoughts be always on God and His ways. We must be completely outfitted with the Armor of God, always prepared for battle. We need to stand together and hold each other up to the Throne of God as we face the battles of this life. There is power in prayer as we join together. And above all, we must realize that as we fight a battle that it is God who will fight for us and we will be victorious because of Him.

**HOLD FAST!**

# In Memory



Delores June Oakes  
1930-2016

Delores June (Martin) Oakes, passed away on Thursday August 4, 2016. She grew up in the Cyclone, MO area and lived most of her adult life in the Joplin area.

Delores was born June 15, 1930 in Eaton, CO. On Dec. 19, 1948 she married the love of her life, Emery Oakes, who preceded her in death on May 10, 2007. Together they raised three children who feel blessed to have had such wonderful parents. Throughout their 59 year marriage, Delores and Emery were a team who worked tirelessly to provide a good life for their family and who relished the time they had with each other. Delores worked for 20 years as a parts inspector at O & F Machine Products in Joplin, MO. She enjoyed taking care of her home, helping Emery build several houses, gardening, fishing on Grand Lake and spending time outdoors. She was an active member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, volunteering her time to a myriad of church activities.

Survivors include two sons, Jack Oakes and wife, Cindy, Dan Oakes and wife, Heidi, and children, Jared, Katelin and Danae; and daughter Kathy Bard and husband Jim and children, Jason Bard and wife Kali and children, Kyle, Brek, Jacie and Jase; Rebecca Shackleford and husband Jeff and children Jonathon, Kaden, Ethan, Maddie, Josie and Sofiah; Michael Bard and wife Keri and children Malachi and Corban, and Dyana Judy and husband Caleb. Other survivors include brothers-in-law Forrest Lee Oakes and Dennie Oakes and wife, Karen and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Rosie Martin, parents-in-law, Lester and Leon Oakes; and brothers Elmer and wife Mildred Martin, Phil and wife Beverly Martin, sister Juanita and George Wiseman, sister-in-law Wynona and husband Vernon Lindquist, Mary Oakes and Eutiva Martin.

Services were held Monday Aug. 8, 2016 at the Oak Grove Baptist Church. Jared Oakes, Michael Bard and Rev. Johnnie Wilkins officiated with interment in Owlsley Union Cemetery, Powell, MO. Her grandsons and great grandsons served as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers were Forrest Lee Oakes and Dennie Oakes.

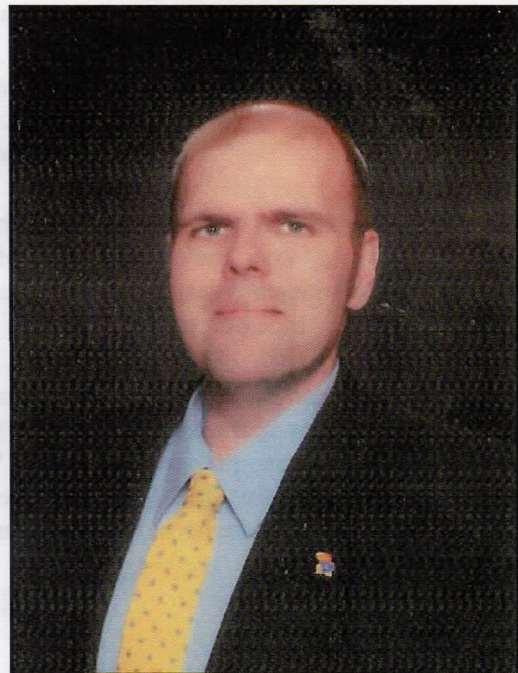
Jeremiah John Hawley  
1976-2016

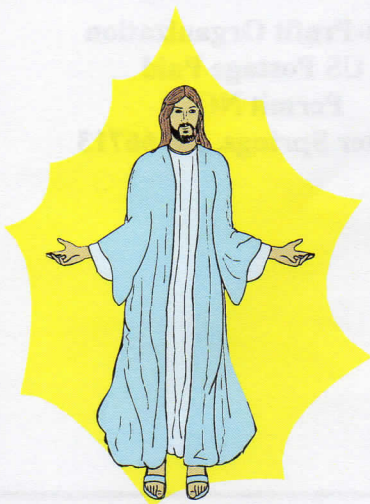
Jeremiah John Hawley was born Nov. 6, 1976 in El Paso, TX, to John C. Hawley (deceased) and Patricia A. Hawley. He passed away on August 11, 2016, in River-ton, KS after a three year battle with cancer. He is now at peace where his faith in Jesus Christ carried him through.

Jeremiah is survived by his mother Pat Hawley, River-ton, KS; sisters Dawn Konforty (Asher), Denver, Co, Christina Derixson (Bill), Alvin, TX. Summer Stephanie Hawley, Hawaii; uncles and aunts, George (Sally) Herren, Deming, NM, Roy (Carla) Herren, Napa, CA, Jim (Valorie) Herren, Rockwell, TX, Alice (Allen) Brueckner, Lorena, TX, and Melissa Hawley, Lulling, TX. He is greatly missed by his nieces, nephews, cousins, many close friends and colleagues.

Jeremiah spent his early childhood in the Middle East because of his father's work. He was formerly a police officer in Baxter Springs, KS. He attended Jesus Chapel High School, El Paso University of Texas, El Paso, TX; Apostolic Faith Bible College, Baxter Springs, KS; Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS (chemistry), and Kansas University, Lawrence, KS (MBA and Doctor of Pharmacy).

Memorial services were held on Aug. 27, 2016 at the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, KS.





## What Would Jesus Say?

By Rev. Fred Huff  
Balko, OK

What would Jesus say,  
If He appeared to us today?  
Would He be glad we've traded  
old ways for the new?

Instead of spending hours in prayer,  
Would Jesus be content to stare  
at the television,  
as we often do?

Does Jesus still think "All lives matter,"  
even those of the unborn?  
Has He been changed by all the chatter,  
all the ridicule and scorn?

Would Jesus say that He regrets  
destroying Sodom in the flame?  
Or, would we see that Jesus Christ  
forever the same?

Would Jesus words still be in line  
with all He said before?  
Would He ask us to return to Him,  
and still say "I am the Door?"

Would Jesus say, "Go tell the lost  
I died for them upon the cross?"  
Would He mention that His precious blood  
still flows for us, a cleansing flood?

I think Christ would say this, and more  
if He appeared today.  
I know this, at my very core,  
it's time to WATCH and PRAY!

## Biggest Youth Summit Ever!

This year we had the largest Youth Summit ever! We had over 110 teenagers in attendance and over 50 sponsors/workers. It was awesome! Rooms at AFBC were packed with girls and nearly 70 guys stayed in the dining hall at the 4 State Youth Camp. We had an amazing time!

The theme this year was "Stories". My heart was to encourage teens in whatever state they found themselves. I wanted them to know that they were not alone and other people had been there. We heard many powerful "stories" of what God has done. From healing to provision, to peace and comfort. God has proved himself faithful. I believe the teens were challenged and encouraged to continue to trust the Lord no matter their circumstances because God is faithful. Thanks to all who came and helped make this year's Summit another big success. God Bless You!

... *"they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony". Revelation 12:11*

I wanted to take a quick minute and apologize for any scheduling conflicts Summit may have caused with Camp Meeting. Even though they didn't actually overlap, it has come to my attention that some people had to leave Camp Meeting early to make it to Summit. This is not my intention. We schedule Youth Summit for the last weekend in July to be as close to the beginning of school as we can get without getting too deep into extracurricular activities. Football, volleyball, cross country and band all start in early August (if not before). We potentially lose many teens to practices if we wait to hold Summit in August. To avoid further conflict we have already scheduled next year's Youth Summit for July 27-29, 2017. I hope this helps avoid scheduling conflict in the future. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support.

Brian Harris  
Youth Summit Chairman

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**But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches  
in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19**



It is wonderful to serve a God that knows and understands our needs. Recently our AFBC Dining Hall received a donation of used food service equipment. This equipment came to us through the Pampa, Texas School District, who wanted to donate it to a not-for-profit organization. With a bit of scrubbing, wiring and heavy lifting we were able to install it before this fall semester. We are excited for this upgrade and very thankful for the Lord's provision.

Our appreciation goes out to everyone who prayed and donated to this project. With the gifts we received we were able to purchase new pans, utensils and extra storage to use along with this food service line.

We would also like to say thanks to Ron, Evelyn and Bryant Noble for the contact and to Coby and Stephanie Cook for transporting, installing and working alongside the AFBC staff members who worked hard to get the equipment up and running.

Our vision is still to see future upgrades to our kitchen and dining facilities. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we go forward and grow at AFBC.

Michelle Cloninger– AFBC Head Chef/Instructor