

“This is my
commandment,
that you love
one another
as I have
loved you.”

-John 15:12

LOVE

John 3:16 - *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 - *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

Romans 5:8 - *But commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were sinners, Christ died for us.*

Ephesians 2:4 - *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.*

1 John 3:1 - *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knoweth him not.*

Romans 8:35-39 - *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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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 in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

He who is too busy to pray is busier than God ever intended him to be.

ATTN: Share Holders of the Apostolic Faith Church Bible College, Inc.

by Superintendent Savoy Grimmer

You may have thought, "What an odd way to start a letter to the financial backers of a ministry!" Yet, the word *Share Holder* does convey a more appropriate message than the words *Contributor* or *Patron*. In truth, you do *share* in what we do at the Bible College. You are a part of us and it takes so many parts or *shares* to make the whole. It takes a certain number to make any ministry happen. There are those who work, those who pray, and those who support financially. For 1996 it took 1,250 contributions at an average donation of \$102 given from 351 share holders (42 of which were church organizations).

I am humbled to see the great army the Lord has assembled to accomplish the task of educating our future **Ministers, Missionaries, Board Members, Sunday School Superintendents, and Christian Householders**. When I view all the worthy ministries, both inside the boundaries of the United States, as well as, outside our borders, I am awed to see the generosity of so many toward the school. I do not desire, nor expect, the school to prosper financially while our home churches suffer without the necessary resources. I do not feel the school should survive at the expense or loss of our Ministers, Pastors, or Missionaries. We do need to plan for the future, but we must also care for the things of today.

Last year we operated for the first time in my four years in the red for a period of 4 months and closed the year \$1,000 short. Expenses seem to be higher than ever. Sometimes I feel the dam has too many leaks and I need to plug a few. I need your prayers for wisdom and guidance to manage the resources (faculty, students, finance, and buildings).

The investments you have made in the lives of men and women will continue to bring a return for years to come. Brother Barker, our Prophecy Instructor, expressed it this way in a recent Chapel Service.

Making an investment in other people's lives is like dropping a rock in a pool of water. It creates ripples that continue outwardly forever.

From a personal perspective it was 20 years ago that people made an investment in my life. I came through these doors backslid and far from God. My only purpose in being here was to prove to my parents *Lealand and Edna Lee Grimmer*, that I loved them. Brother Howard Whiteley, our Revelation, Pauline Epistles, General Epistles, and Old Testament Instructor, was the Superintendent. On a Sunday night he preached "This could be your last call!", the night I gave my heart to Christ. The ripples began and have continued to grow larger and larger. God has taken me down a path that has lead me to pastor two churches over a thirteen year period and then back to the Bible School where I sit as Superintendent trying to influence others.

The returns on your investments are based upon the principle of multiplication. Each person that is impacted, turns and influences not only one, but many different

ones. Just as Christ did with the five loaves and two fished. He blessed them, broke them, and then feed them to 5,000.

Dr. James Dobson, a noted Christian Psychologist, in his *Life on the Edge* video series, tells young people to live their life as a *death bed* experience. In other words, we need to go forward in time when we will pass from this life and look backward. When we have drawn our last breath, what will matter most? Will the houses and cars that we have struggled to gain matter? Will the size of our bank accounts matter? No. The things that will matter most are; *Who have we loved? Who has loved us? What we have done for Christ?*

Among your other rewards will be the investments that you have made in the lives of *twenty-three* students and *ten* faculty members plus the lives that they will touch in the future. Thank you, from all of us. Thank you for caring, loving, and expressing your concern by the way of prayer, verbal encouragement, financial encouragement, and written encouragement.

I would like to close with a brief excerpt from a recent letter of one of our students who attended a semester in 1996 and who is now working in the Job Corps in Arkansas.

... I am also getting to be a witness to others. One boy got saved. We have bible study every night, about five of us so far. The Lord is really using me here. I hope to one day return to Bible College. I have grown spiritually and have learned a lot there. Even my family say that. Many days as things happen and in situations I face I realize how much I learned at AFBC.

And the ripple goes on and on.



1997 AFBC Graduating Students

William Jason Hill

Jason was born and raised in Lineville, AL. He is the son of Billy and Diane Hill. He has two older sisters that still live in Alabama.

Jason knows what it is like to be met with tragedy. His mother passed away when he was sixteen and has been raised since that time by his father. Jason did not let this obstacle stop his success though, he graduated from *Lineville High School* with an Advanced Diploma (having some college preparation classes) in the year of 1995. In his Junior and Senior years of high school, Jason competed and placed in the *Scholar's Bowl*; *Alabama State Mathematics Competition*; and the *DECA Cooperative Group*. He attended the *Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Leadership Conference* as the Lineville High School's Representative. He participated in the *Mu Alpha Theta, Senior Beta*; *Advanced Mathematics Clubs* and the *Spanish Club*.

Jason has worked for: *Benefield Funeral Home, Lineville Nursing Home* and *Tyson Food Service Corporation*. He has worked in building security and sanitation; food preparation and courier services.

Jason came to the *Apostolic Faith Bible College* in the Fall of 1995. Since then he has co-authored and participated in the skit production, "*The Final Cry*"; he has been a counselor and teacher in the summer youth camps; he has worked on the student annual; he has completed the *New Hope Hospice Volunteer Training Program* (in Joplin, MO), and he has worked as the sound technician and trouble shooter for the *AFBC Choir Ensemble*. Jason has preached in churches six times this year.

Jason feels a calling to the ministry. He is interested in working in the area of youth ministry, although he would like upon graduation to serve in various areas of the church to gain ministry experience.

De Lee Baughman

De Lee Baughman is the daughter of Janie and Jerry Baughman. De's parents were employed as a cosmetologist and building contractor. As a child she grew up in Morris, OK. Upon their separation her mother, and sister then moved to Dallas, TX.

Growing up De's interest has been the love for medicine and working with various types of people. In junior high and high school she worked as a tutor and peer counselor. She also sang with the *Texas Girl's Choir*.

In high school she trained in medical laboratory and nursing assisting. She became a Certified Laboratory Technician and Certified Nurses Assistant while attending high school. She served her peers as President and Parliamentarian in the *Texas Association of Health Occupational Students*. She graduated in San Diego, CA, at *Montgomery High School*, where she was involved with the *Accapella Choir* and *Army and Navy Junior Reserve*

Officer Training Corps.

Upon leaving high school she worked in private and hospital care as a nurses assistant. She, also, was a chauffeur and security officer. Returning to college she got a certificate in Office Technology from *El Centro College Job Training Center*. Immediately upon graduation she worked for the *American Red Cross* as an Accounts Payable and Receivable Clerk. She also worked for *Terminix International, Inc* as a Service Desk Coordinator (assisting customer with complaints). De has also done many types of sales at the *Southland Corporation, Inc*.

In 1993 De returned to college as a Computer Science and Business major. She concurrently ran a free clinic for *Soul's Harbor Rescue Mission* where she served as the Assistant and Director of the Free Clinic (totalling 2 1/2 years). While she was at Soul's Harbor she trained as a facilitator for the *Rapha Chemical Dependency Program*. When attending *Missouri Southern State College* she was a broadcast announcer for *KXMS Radio*.

De became a student at the *Apostolic Faith Bible College* in 1995. During that time, she has worked on desktop publishing projects for AFBC and the *Apostolic Faith Report*; she has been a vocalist and guitarist for the *AFBC Choir Ensemble* and served as a minister-in-training at the *Trinity Full Gospel Church* in Camp Wood, TX; she has also written an article "Creation and Formation of Mankind" for the *Apostolic Faith Report* (Vol 44, No. 10-12, October-December 1996), and composed a couple of original songs.

While at AFBC, De has felt called into the ministry; at this time, she does not know what capacity she has been called to serve (she has had experience with the homeless, the abused, chemically dependant individuals, and the elderly (although she would not like to be strictly limited to working with these backgrounds only). She wants to work within a church upon completion of her classes in May.

Julie Taylor

Julie has been raised in the community of Ashland, AL. She is the daughter of *Larry and Harriet Taylor*. Julie is their only daughter of seven children. When Julie was twelve years old she started attending the *Bethel Christian Church* in Ashland and has been a member ever since.

In 1985 Julie graduated from the *Bibb Graves High School* in Millerville, AL. During her sophomore through senior years in high school she attended trade school to get a certificate in automobile mechanics. While attending high school, Julie worked part-time at a neighbors ranch working with small livestock.

After Julie graduated from high school, she worked on the assembly line for *Wellborn Cabinet, Inc*. In her 9 1/2 years of service, Julie became a key person for her

company, in that she cross-trained in many areas within the cabinet shop. In her time with Wellborn she became a lead person training others to perform their tasks on the assembly line. Julie paid close attention to the work going out from her line, helping the Quality Control team turn out a good product.

In 1995, Julie became a student at *Apostolic Faith Bible College*. She has served by cooking the evening meal; she was a participant in the student skit production "The Final Cry"; she assisted with youth rallies in the local area; she also was the coordinator of the student bulletin board for the *AFBC Choir Ensemble*, and has also worked on the student annual.

She is interested in working with youth and drama.

Kenneth Cruse

Ken comes from the Texas, Panhandle region. He is the father of three children: Steven (age sixteen), Rebecca (age fourteen), and Crystal Dawn (age nineteen). Steven and Rebecca live with their father, while Crystal Dawn is living independently in Phoenix, AZ.

In the Navy, Ken received a second year college GED. He served his country as a Radioman in the service advancing to second class petty officer.

Ken has been employed by companies such as: *Cornerstone Builders, LATCO Inc., and MNX Trucking Companies*. He has performed various levels of construction ranging from remodeling, building from the ground to turn-key, and construction superintendent. Ken has supervised the building of banks, elevators and libraries, to name a few.

For a two year period of time, Ken was a cowboy. He is a commercially licensed over-the-road driver. He has driven as much as 3200 miles weekly and has hazardous material and passenger endorsements on his license.

Ken became a student of the *Apostolic Faith Bible College* in 1995. During this time, Ken has preached in several churches, and has served as youth leader for the *Apostolic Faith Church* in Baxter Springs, KS. He has authored an article "Weightier Matters" for the *Apostolic Faith Report* (Volume 44, No. 6-9, June -September 1996).

Even though Ken has had much experience in the working world, he has a desire to fulfill his calling into the ministry. He has interests for radio and television evangelism, missions to the Navajo Indians and Inner Cities types of ministry (although he would not like to limit himself strictly to these areas).

Ken, upon graduation at AFBC would like to pursue a full-time gospel ministry in the *Apostolic Faith Movement*.

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Jenny Elisabeth Wheeler

Jenny Wheeler is a native Texan. Her parents are the Reverend Wayne and Kay Wheeler. She has two sisters locally working with their parents in the *Prosperity, Apostolic Faith Church* (here in the four-state area).

Jenny has been involved in many phases of ministry since she was small. Her family has traveled to many areas throughout the country and has a lot of experience meeting new people. She has grown up within the home of the *Apostolic Faith Movement*.

Jenny is a graduate of *Webb City High School* in Webb City, MO. She was a member of the choir, and took French and Spanish. She has also developed a skill in the art of Karate. Over the years, Jenny has been active part in her church youth group.

Jenny is a third generation Bible college student at the *Apostolic Faith Bible College*. She has helped with youth rallies, the school annual and the *Apostolic Faith Choir Ensemble* as a singer, violinist, and deaf interpreter. She also organized the 1997 Valentine Banquet held at the college.

Upon graduation Jenny wants to continue working in the church and go to cosmetology school to be a hairstylist.

When you turn your back on God, any way you go is the wrong direction.

WANTED!

Alumni Alert!!

Progress is being made. We can *patch up* the Chapel for around \$19-\$23,000 with a 2 year guarantee or we can completely redo the Chapel, add insulation, increase the appearance value, increase the dollar value, and solve our old problems for around \$45-\$50,000 with a 20 to 30 year guarantee. This would solve any future problems at their expense.

Alumni, Now is the time to come to the aid of the *AFBC Restoration Fund*. We have received in only a 10 month period a little over \$12,000 from 62 of the 1,700 Alumni. That is only a 3.6% participation. Help spread the good news to all our Alumni.

I am sending an article for the Report meant to be a tribute to my husband on the one - year anniversary of his death, February 24, 1996.

It is an encouragement to others to give a "wake - up" call to those who are away from God and His righteousness.

Also, it denotes the importance of letting others know they have been a blessing while there is still time and opportunity.

The enclosed paper is based on a letter written by Polly Barker, to her grandfather, James Kenneth Elkins. It is submitted by Mary Jo Elkins.

Just in Time

"Polly Ann, are you ready for church ?", I heard the big voice question. "Oh yes sir Papoo!", I quickly answered. We chatted for a minute or two and I hung up the phone while calling to my classmates, "Now I have to go to church!"

I rolled out of bed and went to the living room of the apartment that I shared with three other girls. "But I don't want to go to church," I whined. "So don't go," offered a roommate. "But I have to go because I already told my grandfather I was getting ready, and I can't lie to him." I said. "Well you'd better go ." said another girl. "I don't want to go by myself, will one of you go with me?" I said pleading. "No thanks!" chimed the roomies.

I vividly pictured the scene as I typed a letter to my grandfather. Papoo, as I lovingly referred to him, was showing signs of deterioration as he struggled to live with cancer. The lymphoma had returned after seven and a half years of healthy remission. The doctors considered him cured and we considered him healed because he had required no treatment of any kind until now. He had undergone the first chemotherapy treatment and was feeling very sick.

I had written this letter numerous times in my mind over the years since college. Now the time had come to put it on paper.

The doctors had given us much hope that he would continue a normal, healthy life after the chemo, but something deep within told me that this was the beginning of the end. I continued to click away at the keyboard.

Papoo always had a certain way about him. He could really make me evaluate my life with a simple question like, "Are you living for Jesus?" On the outside he was small of stature but he had a BIG voice. Some would say that he was full of vinegar, for often there was a gruff, abrupt manner that appeared. But those who knew him, friends, loved ones and church family saw a side to Papoo that was camouflaged by the protective crusty shell. He had a heart as big as they come for I have seen many tears melt in his eyes when confronted with tender moments. He couldn't pray without crying or speak of

his Savior without a brokenness in his voice. I knew without a doubt that he loved Jesus and he loved me.

I kept typing as I remembered the time during college that I was away from God. He and my grandmother continually prayed for me and kept in touch on a regular basis. They had been asking me for several years to join them at a church camp meeting in the summer. Year after year, I always had an activity or job to rely on as an excuse. The Christmas of 1986 they made me promise to go in the upcoming July, but it was a promise I never intended to keep. My grandparents faithfully reminded me every time I saw them of my promise and as July approached I began making plans to attend. I wondered how in the world could a hot, July camp meeting in Baxter Springs, Kansas make an impression on me?

I had wandered away from the Christian values that I had once held dear. My parents and grandparents were concerned, but I was the Master of Disguise! I said the right things and did the right things while I was at home. I still sang at my church anytime I was asked but I was a chameleon that turned a different color when I left my hometown where everyone knew my family and the standards we lived by. The game had become boring and the conviction hovered over me like a dark, gloomy cloud. I so desperately wanted the peace that I had come to know at the age of seven at an altar at my church.

Those five days at camp meeting proved to be life changing for me. I met the man I would marry just ten months later and my heart experienced a homecoming that was long overdue. I was at peace with God.

These memories were just a few that I recalled that day at the computer while writing the letter to Papoo. I needed to tell him how much he had impacted my life.

I left the letter with him on Tuesday evening after visiting with him. It was the first time I had seen him since he had lost his hair. He had beautiful, silver-white, wavy hair and now it was gone. My mother had warned me before I came over what my eyes would behold but I was determined to be upbeat about the whole event. I walked straight over and playfully patted his slick, bald head while kissing his cheek. After we had dinner, my husband loaded the kids in the car and I bent down to kiss him goodbye. He looked up with tears in his eyes and I said "I love you, Papoo!" and he smiled. I turned to walk away and laid the letter on the kitchen counter. I told my grandparents that I was leaving a letter for them to read.

The next night at 10:45 my mother called me and asked us to pray for Papoo because he was having terrible headaches. I assured her that we would and I went to sleep. My Mom called me back at midnight to let us know they were taking him to the hospital in Houston. He was having excruciating pain and he didn't think he could make the night. Mother promised that she would call me back if the doctors were concerned enough to call the family in.

The next morning I woke up and telephoned to see how they made it. My grandmother told me that he was sleeping and the doctor had ordered some tests. I dressed and left the house for the thirty minute drive to the hospital. I remember thinking, Oh he'll be fine, it's just the side effects of the chemotherapy. I got to the hospital and headed straight to his room on the cancer floor. Little did I know that my grandfather would never leave the hospital alive. I greeted Mamoo, my grandmother, with a kiss and went to Papoo's bedside. I told him I was there and I had brought him a surprise. (A gooey cinnamon roll, for he had an enormous sweet-tooth which I gladly inherited.) He tried to wake up, but a groggy mumble was all he could express before nodding back to sleep. I sat down with my grandmother to listen to the events that had transpired the night before. My mother arrived and before long all three of us were discussing and diagnosing his situation. Mamoo looked over and told me she had read the letter to him on Wednesday morning when the headaches began. When the pain would become unbearable he would ask her to read it again. Mamoo said it was the only thing that seemed to comfort him as he tried to combat the pain.

A little after 1 p.m. that afternoon my grandfather experienced the first of three grand mal seizures. He was moved to the Critical Care Unit where we began our two and half week vigil. He slipped from a semi-conscious to an unconscious state. The small man with the big voice began to shrink. Everyday he grew weaker and smaller. Many times in the room I would talk to him and demand for him to get better.

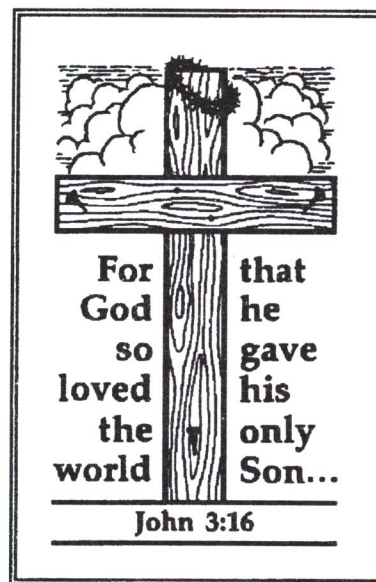
Watching the life ebb out of a loved one is very hard, but it was even harder to think about life without him. I knew before long that his pain would end, but ours would continue. It seemed like this process would go on forever and I remember telling him to go home. "Papoo if you're hanging on for us, don't do it anymore!" I implored. "Go home, Go home to peace and no more pain, but save me a place right beside you!" I said, for I knew I would see him again.

Two days later Papoo died. My Mom, Dad, and aunt were there with him and they said it was so peaceful.... He just went to sleep. Death is painful at any time, but it can be bittersweet with the promise of a reunion day.

Looking back I am so glad that he made that phone call to me on a Sunday morning in the spring of 86', and I am so grateful that I finally unlocked that letter in my mind and put it on paper. Now I know it was just in time.

Example of Power

A young girl was asked, "Whose preaching brought you to Christ?" "It wasn't anybody's preaching, it was Aunt Mary's practicing." she replied.



The Kiss That Was Told In A Cross

A father one day to his own little son
 a letter of love had penned;
 He could scarcely read, so young he was,
 so just at the very end,
 To show my love the father said,
 I will close it with a kiss.
 That single sign he will surely know
 and he made a sign like this..X
 Yes, right at the end where he signed his name,
 he added a simple cross.
 And the letter was sent, and he knew what it meant -
 The kiss that was told in a cross.

And God wrote a letter, a wonderful Book;
 He wrote it o'er earth and sky.
 A Book that the humble in heart could read
 When lifting their heads on high.
 And looking at stars so far away,
 and looking at flowers so near,
 They noted the carefree birds sweet song,
 in them God's care did hear.
 Yes, over it all He signed His name,
 on sea, on earth and in sky;
 And the letter was sent, they knew what it meant,
 who lifted their eyes on high.

Then when the course of time had run,
 a letter of love God sent.
 It was writ so plain, that all might read,
 and know what the Sender meant.
 For there at the end, where all might see,
 a sign they could not miss.
 He placed in the language of childhood's day;
 the sign of a child's pure kiss.
 But why if it told us of God's great love,
 Oh why was there only one?
 The letter was sent, so you know what it meant -
 God's love in the "Cross of His Son".

AFBC ALUMNI BANQUET

Ramada Inn -- Joplin, Mo. -- May 9, 1997

6:30 P.M.

\$13.50 Tickets

To be honored this year at our Annual Banquet will be the class celebrating 50 years -
- Class of 1947 and the class celebrating 25 years -- Class of 1972.

If you are a member of either of these classes, contact your friends to meet you in
Baxter Springs....brings old and new pictures, mementoes and just enjoy a time of
renewing friendships.

Last year was a wonderful event...and we wish to make this year even better. With
your help we can do so together. Let us have your reservations by May 5 even if you
need to pay at the door.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING
AFBC WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS!

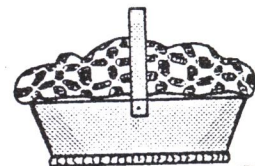


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FOR A GOOD TIME
OF FUN AND GREAT
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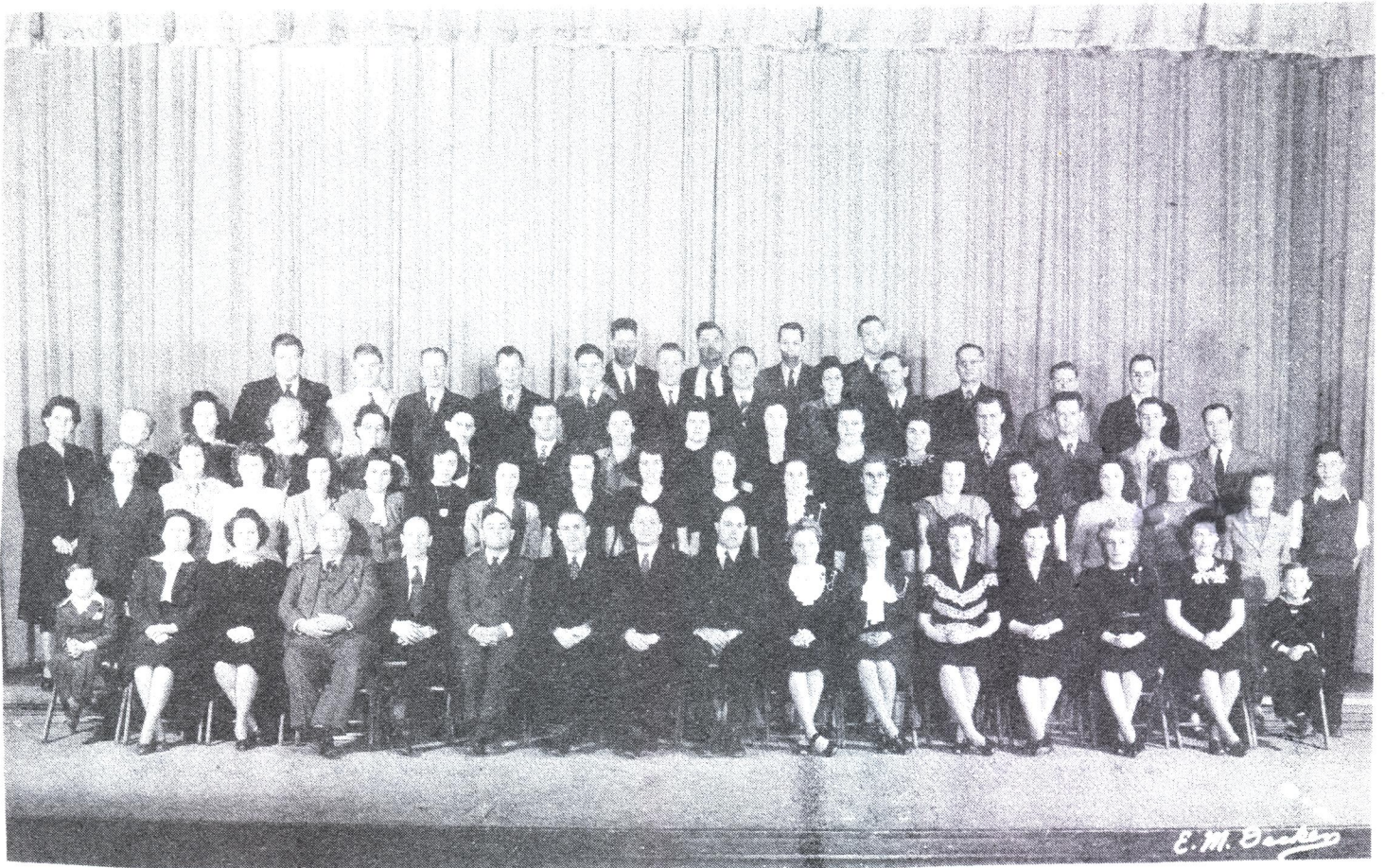
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(Ed. Note: Those marked with X are deceased....those marked with a star, we need current addresses)

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What is Your "Work of the Ministry?"

by Shirley Nelson of Amarillo, TX

Ephesians 4:1-16 - *"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love: Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up unto him in all things, which is the head, even Christ; From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

What are you good at? What are you called to? What is your part in the perfecting of the saints? What is your ministry?

Starting at verse 1 let's look at what Paul says here. He starts off by saying, "I beseech you, I beseech you." It's like Paul is down on his knees saying, "Please, please walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called."

How do we do that? Verse 2 answers that question. We do it with lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. What is lowliness? When I think of lowliness I think of a child being born in a stable because there was no room in the inn. What is meekness? When I think of meekness I think of a child of 12 who when He was in the temple going about his Father's business, yet when his earthly parents found him, he was subject to them. What is longsuffering? When I think of longsuffering I think of a man who spent three years trying to share the kingdom of God only to be rejected, mocked and murdered. Yet in the end He still said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." What is forbearing one another in love? When I think of forbearing I think of the scripture found in

1 Peter 2:21-25 *"For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an exam-*

ple, that ye should follow his steps; who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth; Who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened none, but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously; Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep gone astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. He reviled not, threatened not and He did this as an example to us!

Back in Ephesians 4 verse 3 it says we are to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is very little unity in the body of Christ. This is not because of anything God has done, but comes about because of our own human failings. We look at all the things that divide us, not the things that unite us. Even the apostles had their disagreements, such as Paul did about taking John Mark, but in the end works it all out to bring unity. We need to pray for the unity of the Spirit in the body of Christ. It starts right here in this temple of the Holy Spirit-(me). This is what verses 4-6 are trying to get at when the word one is used over and over. I like the phrases in 6 & 7 where it talks about in you all and unto every one of us. It's for all of us.

Verse 8 tells us that God gave gifts unto men. God has given you a gift. Are you aware of what that gift is? Verse 11 mentions some of these gifts - apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Did you ever think of a Sunday School teacher as being a gift? Well, it is. Leading music and doing specials, those are gifts also, gifts from God. Do we use them as we should, by giving them back as gifts to those around us?

The other day for the first time in my life I realized I was a musician. That may sound very strange, especially since I am 40 years old and have been playing the piano since I was a child. But for the first time the Lord showed me that I was a musician called by Him for the work of the ministry. I can tell you that makes an impression on a person. It makes you want to take your job more seriously and to put more effort into it. As verse 1 of **Ephesians 4** says, *"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, Beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called."* We need to do our best!

Did you ever think of the position you are in at work as being a gift, a ministry and a calling of God? It can be. I used to work in the garden center at K-mart when we lived in Florida. I probably could have found a better job, but at that time it was where God wanted me.

Being in the garden center was a whole different world from being a cashier in the main store. Up front the people were always in a hurry. They could be impatient and downright rude if things didn't go as fast as they thought it should. In the garden center most of the customers were there to take their time picking out the best plants. They weren't in a hurry and you got a chance to get to know them. I liked them and they liked me. In

fact when I told one of my regular ladies, who was in her 90's that I was leaving she gave me a hug, kissed me on the cheek and said she was really glad to have known me. Things like that can really touch a person. Another time a truck driver who I had never seen before and who I never saw again, walked in, looked at me and said, "Well, here's a Godly woman." Now what would make a person I didn't know, who didn't know me say something like that? I guess the Lord knew I needed some encouragement that day. I was so surprised by what he said I just answered and said, "I hope so." I know one thing for sure, it is something I will never forget.

Quite often I had to go into work at 7 a.m. to water the plants. Everyone else would be dragging in with their coffee or Coke trying to wake up and here I was smiling and ready to go. They really didn't appreciate my cheerfulness that early in the morning. My boss even called me Smiley one day, and the way he said it I don't think it was a compliment. The thing is, we need to enjoy what God has called us to do, walk worthy of it, and do it wholeheartedly unto Him.

Did you know that being a parent or a grandparent is also a gift and calling from God/ In the world's eyes I may not be that valuable because I have no college degree and no special skills. I'm "just a housewife." But I am a mother and it's something I really enjoy being. And it goes beyond just my immediate family. Almost all of Traci's friends from JROTC call me Mom. I can't tell you how many times Traci has told me that one of them has commented to her, "I wish I had a Mom like yours." (It means a whole lot to me because I have always felt like I have a hard time relating to today's teenagers. They are so different than when we went to school. They have so much more to face than we ever did.) It was not something I even tried to do, it just happened as they would seem each day when I would give them a ride home from school. That is why it is so important to be a worthy example of Christ. As the scripture in 1 Peter 2:21 said about Christ leaving us an example to follow, we must also leave that example for our children and grandchildren.

Every now and then I, get to share the Word of God with the cadets as opportunities arise. The other day one of the cadets cussed in front of Traci. She always makes it a point to correct them when they do it. As he was getting into the car the cadet said, "Well, so and so made me say it." I simply asked him, "Do you think that your blaming it on someone else will stand up before God?" I didn't ask it in a preaching way, it was just an honest question to make him think about what he was doing.

Each one of us has certain talents. This doesn't mean that God won't take us out of our comfort zones and put us in new situations, but it does mean that we need to work at what we do. We need to seek Him daily in how we can put our gifts and talents to work for Him.

There are certain things that I can do that maybe you can't, but there are also many things that you can do that I can't. That's why we need each other. We need

each other to keep the wheels of the body of Christ turning, so nothing gets in the cogs and throws it all out of whack. You are unique in your qualities and personality and no one can fill your place in the body. We need each other to fulfill that common purpose that brings about the perfecting of the saints and the unity mentioned in verses 12-13 in Ephesians 4. This unity only comes about when we seek the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. As we grow in this love of the truth the whole body works together as it ought to and increases the body unto edifying of itself in love. (Verses 14-16).

One last scripture I would like to look at is in II Timothy 1:5-10. Paul wrote this to Timothy, but I would like you to read it as though it was written unto you. "*When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also, Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which has given us in appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel;*" Verse 5 shows us a true life experience of what we were talking about earlier of how important it is as a parent or grandparent to be a Godly example. Because of Timothy's mother and grandmother he had seen faith in action.

Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee. Stir up the gift of God, don't let it get stagnate. It is a holy calling of God, not by our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But now it is made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Recipe for Charm

A dear old Quaker lady, distinguished for youthful appearance, was asked what she used to preserve her charms. She replied sweetly, "I use for my lips, truth; for the voice, prayer; for the eyes, pity; for the hands, charity; for the figure, uprightness; and for the heart, love.

When We Surrender

by the late Mrs. Lida Kerst

It's when we surrender every thing to Him,
The all wise God that knows everything.
Then our burdens will be lifted
And the victories will be won,
Through the blood of our dear Saviour,
Yes, His only begotten Son.

For He knows when our heart is heavy,
And our burdens more than we can bear,
But my child, He loves you
And we know He surely cares.

When your tears flow so freely
And you don't know what to do,
Has He not said, "Look up my child
And I will take you through".

The battle is not ours,
We're just soldiers of the cross.
Has He ever been defeated
Or a battle He lost?



Don't look at your weakness
And the things that you can't do,
Just look by faith and believe Him
And He will take you through.

Now let us look to Him
And know His ways are best
When the trials seem the hardest
And He's proved us through the test.

Then when we learn our lesson,
Lay our burden at His feet,
May we hear His sweet voice saying,
"Child, in Me, there is no defeat."

Man's Work Compared With God's Grace

Longfellow - could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it and make it worth \$6000 - that's Genius
Rockefeller - could sign his name to a piece of paper, make it worth a million dollars - that's Capital
Uncle Sam - can take gold, stamp an eagle on it, make it worth \$20 - that's Money
A Mechanic - can take material that is worth \$5 and make worth \$50 - that's Skill
An Artist - can take a fifty cent piece of canvas, paint a picture on it and make worth \$1000 - that's Art
God - can take a worthless, sinful life, wash it in the blood of Christ, put His Spirit in it, and make it a blessing to humanity - that's Salvation

**LO, I COME:
IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN...
Psalms 40:7, Hebrews 10:7**

This planet did not need to be surprised by the coming of Jesus. Details of His life were predicted hundreds of years earlier. Here are a few of them.

Prophecy	Where Predicted	Where Fulfilled
Born of a virgin	Isa 7:14	Matt 1:20-23
Son of David	Jer 23:5	Matt 1:1 Isa 9:7
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matt 2:1-6
Flight into Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matt 2:13-15
Slaying of the infants	Jer 31:15	Matt 2:16-19
A forerunner prepares the way	Isa 40:3-5	Matt 3:1-3
Compassionate ministry	Isa 61:1-2	Luke 4:16-21
Prophetic ministry	Du 18:18-19	John 12:48; John 14:24; 17:8
Triumphal entry	Zech 9:9	John 12:13-14
Rejected by the Jews	Isa 53:3	John 1:11
Betrayed by a friend	Psa 41:9	Mark 14:10
The price of betrayal	Zech 11:12-13	Matt 26:14-15; Matt 27:3,5,7
Silent when accused	Isa 53:7	Matt 26:62-63
Scourged and spit upon	Isa 50:6	Matt 26:67
Suffered for sins of others	Isa 53:4-52	I Cor 5:21
Hands and feet pierced	Psa 22:16	John 20:7
Casting lots on His robe	Psa 22:18	Mark 15:24
Buried with the rich	Isa 53:9	Matt 27:57-60
Raised from the dead	Psa 16:10	Acts 2:30-32

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ.

Philippians 4:6-7



The Audit

Why was this waste of the ointment made? Mark 14:4

A teacher and his wife received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service,

which was challenging their tax returns from the previous two years. The couple reviewed their records and could not see a problem. They made an appointment to meet with the IRS agent, gathered their files, and, with their two small children, drove 50 miles to the IRS office. After a long wait, an agent saw them. He opened their returns and focused on one line - Charitable contributions. "We don't understand how you, on such a small income, could give so much to your church."

The tone of the agents voice implied that a family of four certainly had better things to do with their limited resources than to support Christian ministries. His challenge to their distribution of the family income was much like the Jews challenge when Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus, chose to pour expensive perfume on Jesus' head. "Why was this waste of the ointment made?" they wondered out loud.

The choices you make to support your local congregation, Bible Colleges, and missions is a personal decision. God blesses those who give their firstfruits back to the Lord. It may not make sense to the IRS, but it is God pleasing.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:10

Tried and True

Religion you say is old fashioned?

How true! So is food, so is drink
So are fathers, mothers and neighbors,
And all things of value I think.

A new fangled creed has no power
until it is tried by the years;
If good, it endures through misfortune,
and abides in the valley of tears.

True faith, understanding and kindness --
well, these are old fashioned virtues too;
Thank God for old fashioned religion
in a world where too much is new.

Choice For Life

by Alethea Jan Briles of Modesto, CA

The day she went to the doctor's office
it was just a routine call
Until she found inside of her
that there was something very small.

Now came the choice she had to make
if what was in her womb
Would be given a chance to live,
or go to an early tomb.

A few months more and she felt it move
and then the doubts were few,
God helped her know the best to do,
choice for life: that she knew.

Editor's Note: *January 26, was the Sunday that the Sanctity of Life was observed. A special thanks to Jan for sending her poem.*

For thou Lord will bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Psalms 5:12

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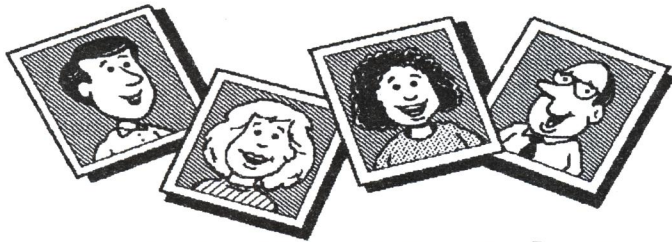
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*Never doubt in the dark
what God has shown you in the light.*



NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Roswell, New Mexico

We have not sent a report from Roswell in a while. Greetings from the Land of Enchantment. We welcome all of our former pastors, gospel workers, family and friends to come and visit us.

We in Roswell feel blessed when we look west and see the mountain that is about seventy miles away standing tall and beautiful. It's a reminder of God's creation and what a big God we serve.

Due to many happenings our church is small. We lost some to death, we have seen some move away and there are others that are attending other churches. I am thankful that the little white stucco church is still open on 17th and Washington in Roswell, New Mexico. I think the song "Little Is Much When God Is In It" was written for us. We pray God will send hungry hearts that we can be a blessing to and help lead them to the Lord.

In 1996 our church was active in giving to the needy. We collected food and personal hygiene items and gave them to Lend A Hand to distribute as needed. At Christmas we adopted a Grandmother and her eight year old granddaughter who lives with her. We gave them food and gifts. They were so happy. What a blessing we received in giving. We plan to do the same this year.

In 1996 Bro. Glenn Waggoner passed away. Due to ill health Sis. Vernie Waggoner had to go to a rest home. We go and read the scripture, sing and visit the residents. We have had a good response from the people. It has been great. God blesses us each time we go.

We are so proud to have Leona Winkler back home. She retired from her job with the Soil Conservation Service after twenty years of service. She sold her home in Amarillo and is home in Roswell. Sorry, Amarillo Church, your loss is our gain.

Our church is blessed to have Sis. Louise Sutton for our pastor. She preaches and lives the truth. She cares much for her little flock. Sister Louise is diabetic and fights a battle daily with her health. She still stays busy and keeps a smile on her face. Keep her in your prayers. Again we say, come see us. We do not get many visitors since we are so far in the desert. We do enjoy the Bible College tour every year.

Pray for us and God bless you all.

Joann Hall

Galena, Kansas

Watchnight services were held at the Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church, closing out 1996 with a hope and a vision for 1997.

Four speakers ministered at two services, all of which were from various towns and churches. God brought the same message in a different way through each speaker. As we entered the New Year we partook of the Lord's Supper. Although no one actually took a count there was approximately 150 in the first service and 100 in the last service..

We do not know when the return of the Lord will be , but we need to have a vision of lost souls coming to the altars, surrendering their lives to Jesus.

We would like to thank everyone who helped as well as though as those who attended.

Rick Crouch

Pampa, TX

Greetings to Everyone!

We had our children's Christmas program Sunday morning, December 15th. It was enjoyed by all and was directed by Sis. Evelyn Noble, assisted by Stacey Phillips. Our annual Christmas church dinner followed with a good crowd including several visitors and was enjoyed by all.

We are so pleased to have Brother Ron and Sister Evelyn Noble as our pastors, and we request your prayers for our continued growth spiritually and in numbers attending.

We trust that all of you are enjoying a Happy 1997.

Ron Noble, Pastor
Anabel Simmons, Reporter

Southside, Joplin, MO

We have turned our Wednesday night services into prayer services for a new move of God in our church and God is blessing.

The southern gospel quartet, Canaan Bound, were in concert on Feb. 16.

The youth attended a *Lock-In* on Feb. 28 at the Olympic Fitness Center following our area Youth Rally at the church.

The Rick Crouch family have received an opportunity to work with the church family of the Spring Grove Apostolic Faith Church in Galena, KS. We wish them well even though they will be missed greatly.

Billie Mullins, Reporter

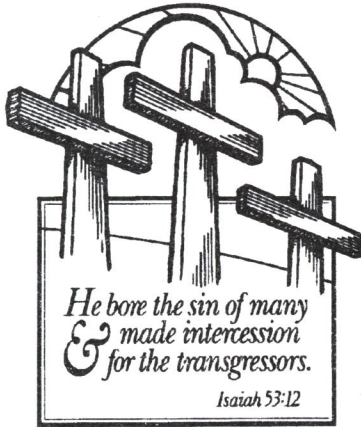
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AFBC Business Meeting
May 9, 9:00 AM

AFBC Alumni Banquet
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Midwest Youth Camp (Senior)
June 1-6, Laverne, OK
Chairman: Ron Brening

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June 8-13, Laverne, OK
Chairman: James Brown

South Texas Youth Camp
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Teens: May 31-June 4
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Four-State Youth Camp
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June 22-25, Pine Crest, MS
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Peaceful Pines Youth Camp
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