

# The Apostolic Faith Report

## A Fork in the Road

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Isaiah 35:8- *And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness: the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.*

In the beginning of creation, man and God walked the same path. Man was made in God's likeness and image and was clothed in God's holiness. Sin created a path away from God. Adam may not have fully understood Satan's temptation in the Garden of Eden. Satan said unto Adam and Eve, "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." This was a temptation to autonomy, for man to be in charge of self and walk his own path. Which he did, away from God, hiding from their daily walk.

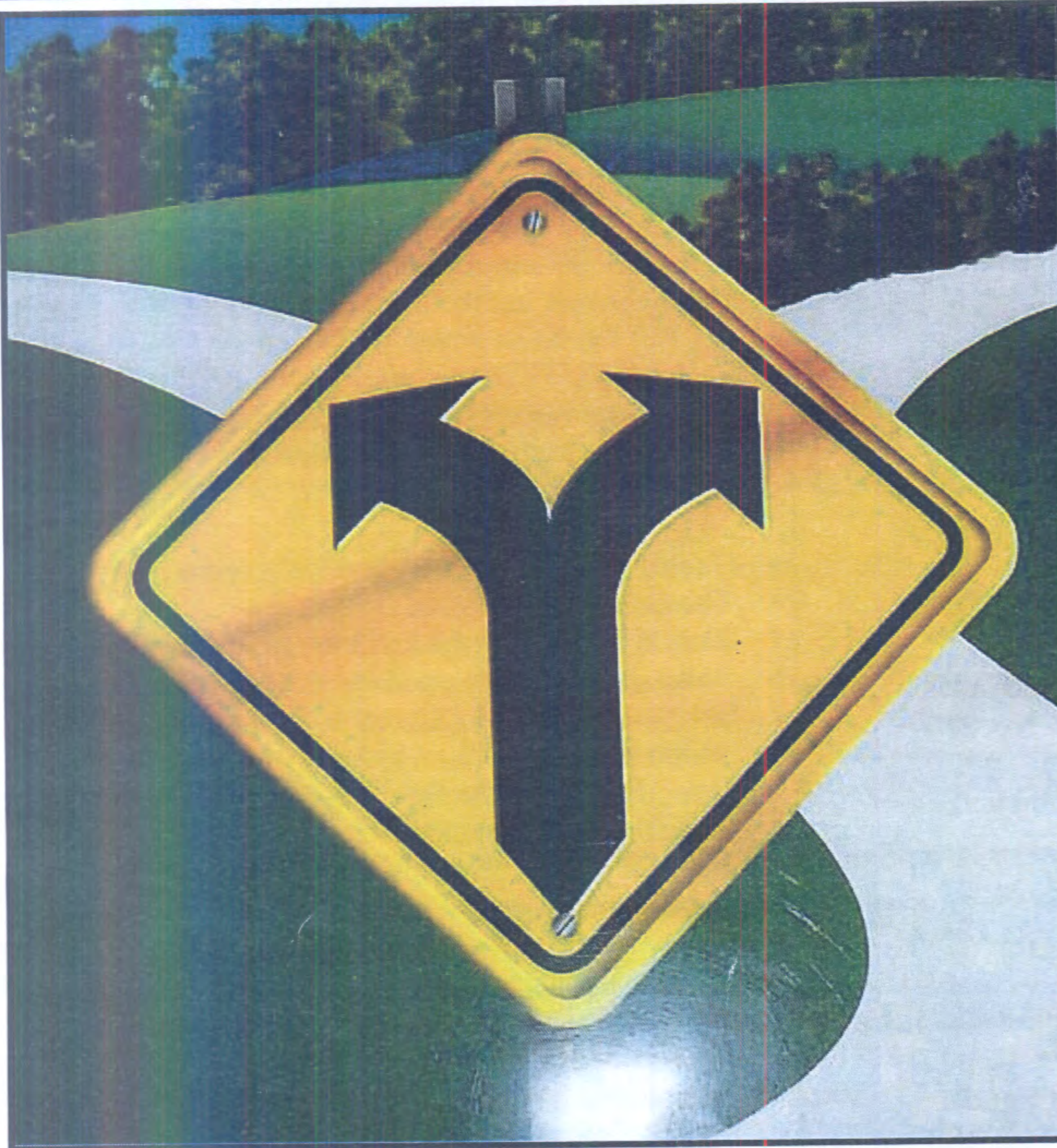
Adam and Eve created a new path, one that God had warned them against. God told them: "the day you eat or touch this fruit, you will die." They did die that day. They died in their relationship to God.

They were no longer walking the same path, no longer clothed in His holiness, no longer able to bear the fruit of God's glory. They were dead to the life they knew.

The path they were now on, was the way of death and cursing. The path they lost through sin, was the path of life and blessing. Because God loves man, He promised Adam and Eve that their seed would one day break the curse of sin. How could a child be born under the curse break it? The child prophesied would be the second Adam. Created by God in Mary's womb, created in righteousness and true holiness. This child was on God's path. He had in Him the light and life of God. When He died, He paid the debt of sin for every man, the righteous for the unrighteous. In His resurrection, He rose with healing in His wings. In other words, He rose with ministry to reconcile man to the path of God.

Jesus presented two paths to those who heard Him, the wide and the narrow path. The grace of God interrupts our walk of sin and presents a fork in the road. On one hand, we can continue in our way ignoring the way God has made for us. On the other hand, we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him.

God had called both heaven and earth as witnesses against man, that He has set before us life and death, blessing and cursing; and admonishes us to choose life, that we and our posterity might live. Satan came into man's life to steal, kill and destroy. Jesus came that we might have life, and that more abundantly.





## *Pearls of Promises*

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*  
*I Corinthians 15:58*

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- \* 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.





*“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound..” Isaiah 61:1*

Since the beginning of the second semester, the theme at AFBC has been consecration. The Holy Spirit has been calling us to surrender, sacrifice, and diligently pursue Jesus. The students have responded to the call, and have been more passionately seeking the Lord. God hasn't been disappointed. He's shown up and drawn nearer to us as we've drawn nearer to Him. The Holy Spirit has been moving in power and gifts of the Spirit have been in operation. I love it! It's been an amazing few months, and I'm so excited about what the future holds!

As I type this, I am sitting in South Texas with our Music Ministry Team and our Missions Team leaves tomorrow for Phoenix, AZ. We have missed being able to travel and minister as teams and we are thrilled our students are getting a platform to tell others about all that God has been doing in their lives. We know the Spirit of the Lord God is upon us, that we're anointed to preach the gospel, and to proclaim freedom to the captives. I can't wait to share the testimonies of God's goodness and faithfulness on these trips with you. We're expecting Him to do some amazing things! This call isn't reserved only for AFBC students and alumni. YOU ARE called to be an anointed minister of the Gospel! You are called to proclaim freedom to the captive and to heal and comfort the brokenhearted. What are you waiting for? If your life doesn't line up with this scripture, find Jesus. Ask, Seek, Knock. Turn away from your sin and accept Jesus as your Savior. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. It will require sacrifice, but I promise it will be worth it. Tell someone the good news today; Jesus changes lives, and if you'll allow Him, yours could be next.

Thank you so much for your support of AFBC! We love you and appreciate you so much!

Believing Big,  
Brian Harris  
AFBC Superintendent

## **AFBC Closing Exercises**

May 4-5, 2022

AFBC Board of Trustees Meeting— May 4,-9:00 a.m.

Annual Alumni & Friend Banquet-May 4,-7:00 p.m.

Annual Business Meeting— May 5,- 10:30 a.m.

Graduation— May 5,- 7:00 p.m.

The Apostolic Faith Bible College Alumni and Friends Association would like to invite you to our annual Alumni and Friends Banquet, “Joy Comes in the Morning” on Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. featuring the music of Greg Winn and serving Jim Boyd's BBQ. Tickets will be \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for kids. RSVP to Cheryl Moser at 417-540-8737 or [mosergirls4@gmail.com](mailto:mosergirls4@gmail.com)



## ALTERED AT THE ALTAR

By Ron Noble- Pampa, TX

Perhaps at the first hearing of the word "ALTAR", we think of wooden benches in the front of a church; some physical piece of furniture put there for the purpose of the saint or sinner to 'find a place to pray:' something that has been made for the express reason where a person can kneel and make their petition before God.

I remember the times I knelt at repeatedly (although looking back, not enough...not enough!) There have been many but the ones I recall most were at the small country church I grew up at Balko, OK, of the ones at the chapel of AFBC in Baxter Springs, KS, and the different ones at the youth camps at Laverne, Ok, Baxter Springs KS, Bolton, MS; Pine Crest, AL and Warda Camp in S. Texas. Oh how I wish I could kneel at those once more! But WHY...why?

It's one thing to talk about an altar; it's something else to talk about what happens when one gets there. And we 'pray through' (a term not heard much anymore). Does it happen much more?

I recall a song that made such an impression on me from years ago. It was by a group called "The Hinsons", entitled "An Old Fashioned Altar". I borrow the chorus that says, "I took a trip to the altar, that old fashioned altar. I can still feel the teardrops as they fall. Many kinds of earthly splendor, sometimes I can't remember, but that old fashioned altar still means the most of all." Does it now?

My dad used to play records on Sunday mornings before we left for church. One of the songs said, "I went to church one day to hear them sing and pray. The preacher firmly plowed the Gospel Plow. He said you must repent so down the aisle I went and now it's different...Oh so different now."

I have been thinking much about this issue at the altar. An altar can be anywhere of course. With trembling in my heart, I wonder where have the altars gone? Of course, the altar is to be more than just a tangible 'religious' item that sits at the front of the church. Maybe, just maybe, if I understood the purpose of the altar, I wouldn't treat it so lightly. It must become a place where true communion with God can be had, an opportunity for one to pour out his heart to God in repentance and receptivity for whatever God may have; A PLACE WE LEAVE BETTER OFF THAN WHEN WE WENT! The title came to me because I believe this is what must happen at the altar, THIS MUST HAPPEN! There must be an altering; a change in character; an alteration of our behavior. Is there something in my behavior that is unseemly as a Christian? What things are in my life that's keeping me how I am instead of how God wants me to be? Have I—have you—had a change (from bad to good) at the altar? If there's no change of our character; no Christ modification in, not just how we act but how we are, can we claim that we've really been to the altar?

Consider the N.T. definition for ALTAR. It is from Strongs Concordance, no. 2379 and is defined as "a place of sacrifice or offering". Sacrifice!?! What a word! As a verb, it means to kill or slaughter. As a noun, it is to surrender a possession as an offering. You can 'see' where we go from now can't you? How many times have we heard the verse from Romans 12: 1 about presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice? I may have heard it but have I always listened? How many times do we practice-live out -verse one of Romans 12? Have I really surrendered all to Him; freely given all to Him? What of this verse (which I do like— or do I?) Mark 8:34. "And when He had called the people unto Him with His disciples also, He said unto them, "whosoever will come after me, let him deny (to forget oneself, lose sight of oneself and ones own interest) himself, and take up his cross and follow me." SELF DENIAL? In a world of self help books, selfishness, a wrong perspective of self worth and self fulfillment preached, who takes this seriously? This could be written about at length. This needs to be practiced at length! Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid, your heart does the Spirit control? What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought,( worked, shaped by hammering) since Jesus came into my heart? I have light in my soul for which long I have sought....!

David Wilkerson once said that he saw more of the world impacting the Church than the Church impacting the world. What about the "supposed" change that we as Christians are to have? Is it enough that others may see it, or is it not evident enough in our lives that no one takes notice? O preacher, my experience with Christ isn't to be a show. Really? Then what's all this talk about letting our light shine that others may see and glorify our Father which is in heaven. What's all this talk about having a testimony that others may see Jesus reflected in how we live? Can 'they' tell us apart from 'those' that live in the world?

So returning to the subject of the altar did I mention that figuratively part of the definition of the 'altar' was the cross on which Christ suffered an expiatory death? The CROSS was an ALTAR— a place of sacrifice! And what a sacrifice it was! Jesus was the Sacrifice, the offering that was killed that all those that believe on Him could live... really live.

The last thing that needs to be thought on is this: the altar of burnt offering in the OT. Let it be known unto us that all the sacrifices; all the rituals. All that was connected to the Tabernacle— all pointed to Christ, the Lamb of God, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. The 1st item that the people encountered when entering in to the court was the Altar of Burnt Offerings. This was to remind the Israelites they could not approach a Holy God without offering a sacrifice that had been demanded. Did we 'catch' that? God cannot be approached unless 1st there is a sacrifice made for sin! He made Him that knew no sin to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. Let this last part go to your heart, not your head. I'm so glad we have an altar;... Heb. 13:10. Have I—Have you been altered at the Altar?



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Ephesians 4:11-12

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**100th Celebration**

I am happy to announce that on Jan. 22,2022, Spring Grove Church had it's Centennial Celebration. The church was founded by Bro. Charles Parham when he held a revival in Galena that was in 1903.The church was first started at it's present location in 1920 and the first official meeting was in 1922. There have been a number of pastors in all this time.

At the Celebration our new pastor, Jimmy Smith and his family were formally introduced. Different speakers gave a history of how the church got started and how it has progressed to date.

At this time we are finishing a total remodel of the sanctuary. Also, some of our ministries are a weekly Bible Study and soup kitchen, a monthly prayer breakfast, also a monthly sing-sparation where other churches are invited to be a part of the service.

The church has been very blessed for the remodel of the sanctuary is at the time of this writing, totally paid for. Praise God for His provision!

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The Jimmy Smith Family

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good news.

Romans 10:15





**TWENTY FIVE YEARS!** Who would have believed that the Lord has allowed me to have the privilege to work with Him in Moldova for twenty five years?

As I think of the multiple turns and twists in my life I would never have dreamed of being a missionary. Probably Brother Ted Barker would have some doubts when I was in Bible School in Baxter Springs, KS. In Alvin, TX Jim Wallis led a small group. Of all the group I would have probably been the last one he would have believed to accept the challenge to reach the world. I never could understand what my Aunt Barbara Waterbury saw in me but she always encouraged and supported me. She saw beyond my shortcomings and believed God could use me.

Then there are the hundreds who have helped me make the journey to be here. David Stump letting me use his sport jackets for chapel in Baxter Springs, Terry Carmen who helped me have the transportation to go on my first mission to Trapper Creek, Alaska. In Trapper Creek the Smiths became life long friends who have prayed and supported over the years. Then there are those like Ron and Brenda Martin that opened up the opportunity to a young person to make a disaster of preaching. How can I mention all who I thank God for in my life.

In Moldova, there are others that have stood by me for years to allow me to be a part of God's work. Watching this wonderful nation change over the last twenty five years has been amazing. Recently while driving to the capital I mentioned to a friend how amazing the lighted villages are at night. When I first came to drive across Moldova, a night was dark for miles and now small villages dot the horizon.

The Lord allowed me to teach in the Bible school, train Sunday School teachers, help church planters, help young men and women to finish Masters in Theology, minister in more ways than I could say. Through Horizons Foundation I was able to help a group of young men and women in Balti, the second largest city in Moldova, to plant a church, operate a Bible School, children's at risk program, music school and more.

I am still working beside some young men that I taught in Bible School when I first came to Moldova. They have grown in ministry skills way beyond me. Some are working with national ministry responsibilities. Finally at seventy two, I have come to realize that my focus on ministry needs to be changed.

1. God decided before the foundation of the world to send Jesus to manifest His love toward us.

**A Basic Part of My understanding God.**

2. Jesus said,...." if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32.

3. I need to agree with what Jesus said.

4. I need to agree with the Holy Spirit's work, ..... when the Helper comes... He will testify of me." John 15:26

5. I need to allow the Holy Spirit to glorify Jesus by talking about Jesus"...when He, the Spirit of truth has come.. He will glorify Me." John 16:13-14.

6. The early church asked God for boldness to preach Jesus with manifest signs and wonders. "Now Lord...grant to your servants that with all boldness they may speak your word, by stretching out your hand to heal and that signs and wonders may be done through your name of your Holy servant Jesus." Acts 4:29-30

7. I really do not seek signs or miracles, what I want is God's manifest love to be shown through His Son Jesus. I want to agree with God so the Holy Spirit can glorify Jesus.

So in my years of teaching and preaching, I look back and think how many times have I failed to agree with God's plan by not sharing Jesus. As a minister I wonder if we have the temptation is to preach everything in the Bible but little of Jesus. Why do everyday Christians share about church, family, moral causes, and much more but do not share Jesus. Sometimes I wonder if the devil cannot turn us to the world he is happy to keep us off the real message of change. I am trying to develop a course on how to share Jesus to rid sin the heart.

My ministry goals— develop a national ministry focus on Jesus, help a few young people grow in discipleship and ministry skills and help facilitate a church plant near Balti where I live. One of the larger monetary needs is for a facility. The needs come from hundreds of fathers and mothers that work outside of Moldova. Hundreds of children have a great disconnect learning basic personal qualities of life. My desire is to start a skill center for woodworking, vehicle restoration, computer basics and a few other areas. Beside being practical each of these will be focused on personal relationship, mentoring, developing inner character traits; patience, fortitude, team work and many other things, the Bible and prayer will be a part of the daily routine.

Also, the church has contact with hundreds of elderly people who have little because their pension system was destroyed when the Soviet Union collapsed. Many times we all have needs of workers in the ministry. In our case we have qualified workers for the children's program and elderly program. The vision for the elderly is to buy a facility and



Twenty Five Years (con't) -and start a day meeting center. A gathering place where Jesus will be shared but also a checker game can be enjoyed. Unlike the skill ministry center, that needs a building to operate The ministry to the elderly can start but needs a consistent budget for ministry support and ministry cost.

Most of all, I have a vision for a few more years of ministry. As Romans teaches, a missionary needs to be to be sent in prayer, encouragement and support. I pray that the Lord will raise up others to walk with me in this ministry of the Lord in Moldova. Many who have helped are now with the Lord.

Thank the Lord for those who have prayed over the years for the Lord's ministry in Moldova. Also thank the Lord for the Apostolic Faith Bible College that gave me a grounding in the bible, faith and prayer.

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Austin and Sarah Laubach of Joplin, MO are excited to announce the birth of their son, Silas James Laubach! He was born on Oct.11,2021 weighing 8 lbs 1 oz. He has been such a blessing to them and they have been amazed at how much God has provided for their little family.

His grandparents are Shane and Robyn Laubach of Webb City, MO and Calvin and Debbie Harris of Rock Island, TX.

Silas and his family attend Frisco Church in Webb City, MO under the ministry of Matt and Stephanie Snyder.

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights.*

**James 1:7**

Brek and Breanna Walker of Joplin, MO are blessed to announce the arrival of their baby girl. Adelynn Jo Walker arrived on Thursday Oct. 14, 2021 at 2:05 a.m. She weighed 4 lbs. 14 oz and was 18 inches long, She was welcomed by her grandparents Shane and Robin Slavens and Jason and Kali Bard. She is also loved by several great grandparents, uncles and aunts.

The Walkers attend Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO where Adelynn's great uncle, Brian Moser, is the pastor. She was dedicated to the Lord there on Feb. 13,2022.



### Dorris-Harvey Wedding



Kendra Dorris and John Harvey, together with their families, were united in marriage on Feb. 12, 2022 p.m. at the Miners Day Building in Webb City, MO. Kendra's brother, Benjamin Dorris officiated the ceremony. Standing with the

groom was John's son, Jaxon and Kendra's son John. Attending Kendra was her lifelong friend, Haley Salazar, her sister Merrigrace Rho and Kendra's daughter Alexia. John and Kendra will reside in Follett, TX and minister in their community at the Filling Station Youth Center. They would like to thank everyone supporting them and attending their wedding.

### 90th Birthday Celebration

On Sat. Feb. 19, 2022 family and friends gathered together at Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO to celebrate the 90th birthday of Volley Rose of Carthage, MO. Sunday morning the 20th, several members of his family surprised him by attending church at Southside with him and his wife Juanita.





## In Memory



### Rev. Bobby Taylor– 1928-2021

Bobby Glen Taylor was born on Aug. 1, 1928 in Beaver, OK to Silas Bob Taylor and Chloe Rececca Flagle Taylor. Bobby was the baby of the family, and he enjoyed the benefits that come with being the youngest of the family. He enjoyed high school and the activities involved with high school. Bobby graduated from Beaver high School. He also enjoyed church activities and played the piano for church.

On May 15, 1947, Bob was married to Hazel Mattie Shepherd at Perryton, TX. As a young girl, Hazel told her parents that she was going to marry Bobby Taylor. She had met him at a camp meeting. Several years after meeting, they started singing together and then dating. After marrying, Bob and Hazel attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS.

They returned to Perryton for a time and then began a lifetime of serving the Lord as pastors of several churches. They pastored churches in Enid, OK, San Diego, CA, Spring Valley, CA, Denver, CO and Big Springs, TX. Then they came to Midway Country Church at Logan, OK, where they pastored Midway for nine years. They then moved to Laverne, OK where they were pastors at Laverne community Church. They were also caretakers for the Midwest Youth camp. They worked so hard at the youth camp to make it nice for the young people who came to camp. Because Bobby played the piano and Hazel did not, Bob would play the piano for worship service and Hazel would lead the service until time for preaching.

Bob and Hazel were both very interested in craftwork. You could be sure the young people who came to vacation Bible School were going to have an outstanding project to work on and take home.

The most important thing to Bob was that all people would know about Jesus and love Jesus. His ministry spanned 60 years and he was faithful to always share the gospel.

Bobby Taylor was preceded in death by his loving wife Hazel, parents, four sisters and two brothers. He was also preceded in death by his only child, Bobby Wayne Taylor in 2003, and he was also preceded in death by a special nephew, Jerry Howard in 2020.

Bob is survived by three grandsons: Robert Millison, Blake Taylor and Jeff Taylor. He is survived by a granddaughter, Sunday Dawn Fike. He also had two great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters, and five great-great grandchildren. Bob is also survived by his daughter-in-law Janice Taylor, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends,

Graveside services were held on Nov. 10, 2021 at the Ochiltree Cemetery, Perryton, TX. Rev. Gus Blackwell officiated.

### Beth Williams– 1953-2021

Elizabeth Susan "Beth" Williams, age 68, of Stella, MO passed away Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 at Freeman Hospital West in Joplin, MO. She was born March 31, 1953 in Stella, MO, the daughter of Eugene and Janis (Pennington) Prewitt. On Oct. 15, 1976 in Ridgley, MO she was united in marriage to Cecil Williams, who preceded her in death on Aug. 8, 2017. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one brother, Wesley and one sister-in-law, Joyce Prewitt. Surviving her are one son, Chad Williams and his wife Stacey of Stella, MO; one brother, Ferman Prewitt of Wheaton, MO and one grandson Noah.

Beth grew up in the Wheaton area, graduating from Wheaton High School. After graduating from Wheaton High School she began working at the show factory then married Cecil and started their family. Later she was employed by La-Z-Boy, Midwest Furniture Factory in Neosho as a seamstress. A few of her favorite things to do were reading murder mysteries, going to the lake house with her two best friends and sitting outside enjoying the weather. She loved watching Noah play video games and cruising with Stacey. She was a very faithful Christian, taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and loved to sing. Beth was a member of Ridgley Baptist Church.

Services were held on Dec. 3, 2021 at McQueen Funeral Home in Wheaton. Officiating were Rev. Joel Dorris and Tony Ball. Interment was at Union Cemetery, Stella, MO.







**Marcus Duane Adair– 1940-2021**

Marcus Duane Adair (aka uncle Dee/Grampy), age 81, of Edmond, Ok died on Nov. 30,2021 at his home. Duane was born on Aug. 6,1940, in Shattuck, OK to Marcus and Mary Adair. Duane was a great man, generous landlord, and a committed husband to Carrie Adair for 30 years. He was the father of two beautiful daughters ,Ginger Dee Adair and Jill Allison Adair Hampshire, who gave him four grandchildren, Addie Adair Ryan, Emma Adair Ryan. London Adair Bulgarelli and Maxximo Adair Bulgarelli.

Duane graduated from Follett, TX High School in 1958. He then attended George Washington University for a short time while working for the FBI in Washington, D.C. and later attended West Texas State University. Duane held a variety of jobs including selling pots and pans door-to-door, working in the oil, industry for Texas Oil and Gas and Lear Petroleum Corporation, a private investigator for 20 + years and finally another career with his own company, Energy land Consultants, Inc.

Duane is preceded in death by his parents, Marcus and Mary Adair, his youngest sister, linda Peck, and brother-in-law Marvin Hays. He is survived by his wife, Carrie Adair, sisters, Velora Cummings and Ann Hays, as well as his daughters and grandchildren.

Services were held on Dec. 4, 2021 at the Spring Creek Assembly of God in Edmond, OK.

**Marcia Turner- 1956-2021**

Marcia Lynn Turner, age 65, departed this life on Dec. 31, 2021 after a courageous 16 month battle with leukemia. The youngest child of the late Bill and Betty (Burrows) Turner was born March 24, 1956. Marcia is survived by two sisters Glenda Turner Cloud and Cynthia Turner both of Joplin, MO as well as her brother David Turner and wife Karen of Waco, TX.



Marcia, a lifelong Joplin resident, was a graduate of Joplin Memorial High School, class of 1974. She attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS in 1974 and 1975. She was a 30 year employee of the J.C. Penny Company. She retired in 2012. She was a faithful member of Community Chapel in Joplin as well.

Nieces and nephews abound who will dearly miss her. Among them are: Tara (Ryan) Clark of Bella Vista, AR; Gillian Cloud of Colorado Springs, CO; David Price Cloud of Joplin and Caitlin (Daniel) Bard of Jasper, MO. Also included is Amanda (Jacob) Beyerlein of Pflugerville, TX; Benjamin David (Vanessa) Turner of Rhome, TX and Lee Eric Turner of Houston, TX.

A Memorial Service was held on Jan. 8th,2022 at Community Chapel in Joplin, MO with Rev. Alvin Buschman, Rev. Jeff Jones and David Turner officiating.



**Rev. Dr. Rinaldo J. Feldman- 1948-2021**

Rev. Dr. Rinaldo (Ron) J. Feldman, Air Force Veteran, age 73, of Windber, PA passed away after a four year battle with metastasize colon cancer at the Windber Hospice Inpatient Unit in Windber, PA. He was born June 22,1948 in Buenos Aries, Argentina to Abraham and Rosa Feldman. His family immigrated to the United States when he was 15 years old. He was proceeded in death by both of his parents, Abraham and Rosa Feldman. He is survived by his wife, Beverly Feldman and two brothers Mario Feldman. Horacio Feldman: children, Brian ( Denise) Feldman, Frank (April) Carroll; daughter Lesley (Benjamen) Dorris; daughter Elizabeth ( Salvador) Inga; grandsons, Brandon Feldman, Joahua Feldman, Bryant Carroll, Lincoln Carroll, and granddaughter Eleanor Carroll.

Ron was a lifelong learner and enjoyed his educational pursuits. He earned a Master in Business Administration from the University of Redlands, Redlands, Ca, Master Degree in Religious Studies from Southern California Seminary, El Cajon, CA, Graduate Certificate in Christian Ministry from Kings College and Seminary, Van Nuys, CA and a Doctorate in Ministry from Evangel University, - Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Springfield, MO and a Board Certified Pastoral Counselor with the American Association of Christian Counselors, Forest, VA,

Ron served on the board of Directors at his home church Community Church San Diego, San Diego, CA. Ron was ordained in the ministry of Jesus Christ in 2006. In the fall of 2009 to the spring of 2011 he served on the faculty staff at the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Baxter Springs, KS, teaching both New Testament History and Practical Living. In 2010 he was invited to teach a short course on New Testament History at the

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**Ron Feldman- (con't)**

Moscow Theological Institute. For over 40 years Ron worked in Health Care in CA, MO and PA. Ron came to Windber to work at Windber Hospital Chan Soon -Shiong Medical Center at Windber as the Director of Materials Management in July 2014.

He was very active in his Windber/Johnstown Community. Ron served as the president of the Board of Directors at the Windber Public Library and served on the Cambria County Drug Coalition Committee. He supported the Johnstown Concert ballet and his ballet debut was the 2019 production of the Nutcracker at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center. He loved fine music and enjoyed many concerts of the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. He was an avid hockey fan and loved going to the Johnstown Tomahawk home games. Ron participated in the Sunday School Ministry at the Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church and was a member of the Greater Johnstown Christian Fellowship.

Funeral Services were held on Feb. 4, 2022 at the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, KS. Interment was at Baxter Springs Cemetery.

**Donald Scott- 1938-2022**

Donald Scott, age 83' of Webb City, MO passed away from a short illness on Jan 31, 2022. Donald was born on June 15, 1938 in Webb City to Earnest and Alice Scott. He served in the US. Navy from 1956-1960. He worked in the maintenance department at Atlas Powder Company for over 33 years. Donald was member of the Elks Club, Masonic lodge, Shriners and Webb City Lions Club. Donald was active in little league baseball. He loved to dance, fish and go to the lake.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Earnest and Alice Scott and his second wife, Inez Mae (Jordan) Scott. He is survived by his sister, Sue Allen and husband Homer of San Diego, CA and his first wife Neona Scott. He is also survived by his children; Travis Brett Scott, and Becky Morey of Webb City, MO Robbie Carey (Geneva) of Joplin, MO, Chet Carey of Grove, OK and Angie Koch (Ronnie) of Grove, OK; his grandchildren Jared Carey, Justin Scott, Cheyenne Merriman, Ryan Scott, Deja Williams, Levi and Katie Morey, Trevor Morey, Shelbi Giberti, Maddy and Will Dyal, Whitney and Aron Dunbar and Sydney Koch; seven great grandchildren as well as nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 5, 2022 at Simpson Funeral Home in Webb City.

**Beulah Rose Hall-1934-2022-**

Beulah Rose (Vanderpool) Hall, after 87 years on this earth, celebrated a joyous reunion in heaven on Wed. Jan. 26, 2022. She was greeted by her beloved husband, Carl "Corky" Hall who has been waiting for her since 1995. Also present were family members who had preceded her in death: her father and mother Joe Vanderpool and LaTressa Vanderpool Moore, two sons, Carl Michael Hall and Jimmy Ray Hall, a brother, Jerry Vanderpool and a sister, Wanda Dougan. She temporarily leaves behind a family who adores her, including two daughters; Linda (Tim) Shallenburger and Margie (Jim) Bugni; a son, Joe (Sherri) Hall and a daughter-in-law, Jo Ellen Hallas; as well as 18 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren; one sister, Norma Wilkinson, Anchorage, AK and countless cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Rose was born on Feb. 19, 1934 in Galena, KS and attended Galena High School. She married the love of her life, Corky Hall on Aug. 5, 1950, raising their 5 children in Riverton, KS. They spent many hours as a family in a boat on Spring River. She worked for King Louis and then at FAG Bearing in Joplin, MO until her retirement in 1998. She was a well regarded member of the Apostolic Faith Church where she led Sunday School classes, VBs programs and Bible Studies throughout her life.

Rose was happiest when she was doing something for someone she cared about. If "love is in the details" we can't begin to measure the depths of her love. She made countless costumes, dresses, doll outfits, cakes, paintings, and afghans for family and friends. Her attention to detail was unparalleled and she knew exactly where to place a button, accent or switch for maximum impact. She was kind, creative, strong and strong willed. When she decided she was going to do something there was no stopping her. She was a seamstress, designer, baker, gardener, crocheter. Her life was full of family, love and joy.

We are so happy she is healed and with her Savior, but grieve the hole it leaves in our lives. She was an amazing Mother, Grandmother, aunt and friend.



**Beulah Rose Hall- cont**

Services were held at the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, KS with Pastor Cody Harris officiating, Her final resting place is in Lowell Cemetery in Lowell, KS.

**Sandy Talley-1960-2022**

Sandy Talley, of Joplin, MO passed away on Jan.30,2022 at Freeman Hospital. Sandy was born on March 9, 1960 to Larry and Carolyn ( Crowder) Storm. She lived in Joplin until she was 14,then attended high school in Seneca, MO graduating in 1978. After high school, she moved back to Joplin, got a job and attended Missouri Southern State College. After marrying her first husband in 1982, she had their daughter, Emily, in 1985. At that time she became a stay at home mom until 1996. She then followed her calling and became a daycare teacher.



She married Marvin Talley in 2003 and continued working in various daycares until her health would no longer allowed.

She was a member of Celebration Church in Joplin where she volunteered in the nursery, babysat during the weekly Mother’s Bible Study and enjoyed being with her friends in the ladies ministry. She was like a second mom to all the ladies at church and all the kids favorite “Miss Sandy”. She also attended a Ladies Bible Study at Southside Apostolic Faith Church and was a blessing there as well.

She was the best wife, mother and kitty grandma ever. She is preceded in death by her parents, grandparents and six siblings.

Memorial services were held at Celebration Church on Feb. 11,2022. Pastor Brandon Dorris officiated.

*Beloved, let us love one another ; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.  
I John 4:7*

**Frances C. Cooper- 1934-2022**



Frances Carol (Kinkade) Cooper, age 87, of Galena, KS passed away on Feb. 6, 2022 Frances was born on Feb. 13,1934 to the union of Albert Lincoln Kinkade and Bessie Fane (Morrison) Kinkade. She graduated from Galena High School with the class of 1952 and had been a lifetime residence of Galena. She worked in quality control dept. of Safeway Bakery before retiring in 1996. Her passions included cooking and being the “1” Babysitter: for Dancy Blizzard, Gage Girton, and of course her grandchildren.

She was a member of the Baxter Springs, KS Apostolic Faith Church. She always had a smile and was a special lady that will be sadly missed by many Her children admired her very much.

She is preceded in death by her parents as well as 6 sisters and 3 brothers. Survivors include one son, Brian Carter of Galena; two daughters, Michelle (Bob) Price of Joplin, MO, and Valerie Shallenburger (Carl Capps) of Galena; one sister, Dorothy Walton of Riverton, Ks; three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Services were held on Feb. 9,2022 at Derfelt Funeral Home in Galena. Pastor Cody Harris officiated. Burial followed in Oak Hill Cemetery of Galena.

**Barbara Foster- 1939-2022**

Barbara Joan Haines Foster was born on Feb. 19,1939 in Shattuck ,Ok and passed away on Jan. 30,2022, in Dallas, TX. Her parents Oscar and Betty Haines, raised her on the family farm in Follett, TX and Barbara attended school in Follett, graduating in 1957, She attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS. Afterward she attended the West Texas State University (known today as West Texas A& M University) in Canyon, TX, earning a Bachelor’s Degree.



After teaching elementary school in White Deer, TX, Barbara signed up with the United States Defense Dept. as a civilian teacher abroad. She was sent to Adana, Turkey, where she taught the children of American service members stationed at Incirlik Air Base.

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### Barbara Foster-con't

It was at the base's Officer's Club that she met her future husband, Charles Foster Jr. They were married Nov. 24, 1970. The Foster's settled in Moultrie, GA where Charles retired from the Air Force and ran a construction company alongside of his uncle. Their daughter, Catherine Elizabeth (Katy) was born in 1974. In 1976 the Fosters returned to live on the Haines family farm in Follett. Barbara worked as a substitute teacher at Follett High School, then earned certification to become a Relief Postmaster for the Follett Post Office before she retired. She was very involved with the Follett Chapel, playing the piano, singing and teaching Sunday School classes.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Charles Foster, and their daughter, Katy Foster Richardson, both of Dallas, TX; her brother Donald Haines of Follett; her grandsons William Richardson and Andrew Richardson, of Dallas; and her many nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life Services were held on Feb 19, 2022 at the Follett Chapel.



### John "J.J." James Arnall- 1954-2022

John "JJ" Arnall-, age 67, of Granby, MO entered into rest on Feb. 22, 2022 at his home. He was born June 16, 1954, in Granby, the son of Johnnie B. and Ruth Elizabeth (Stewart) Arnall. On May 19, 1989, he married Terry Lynn Rose. She survives of the home.

J.J. graduated from East Newton High School in 1972 and from the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS. He thoroughly loved gospel music and throughout his life and with various groups, even recording several albums. J.J. worked in the oil fields in Alaska, lived in Marietta, Ohio, where he worked in oil and gas production, construction, and facility management. He was worship leader for Tri County Worship Center in West Virginia and returned to Granby in 2010 to be near his family. While residing in Granby, J.J. worked for Mike's Heating and Air and attended and ran sound for Frisco Church in Webb City, MO. He

was an avid fisherman and loved spending time with his family and the many adventures shared with his grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother, Ruth E. Arnall of Granby, two sons, Jason (Carla) Arnall of Joplin, MO and Jordan Arnall and his partner Adam Wilcoxin of Snohomish, WA; stepson., Jeremy Stewart of West Virginia, two brothers, Frank (Corrie) Arnall and Fred (Debbie) Arnall all of Granby.; sister Carrie (Bobbie) Brock of Neosho, MO; three grandchildren, Dalton Stewart and Aldric and Dinah Arnall and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. His father, Johnnie B. Arnall, preceded him in death.

Services were held on Feb. 28, 2022 at the Frisco Church in Webb City, MO with Rev. Matt Snyder and Rev. Everett Snyder officiating.. Burial was in Granby Memorial Cemetery in Granby, MO.



### Wedding Plans

One night in a church service a young woman felt the tug of God at her heart. She responded to God's call and accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. The young woman had a very rough past., involving alcohol, drugs and prostitution. But, the change in her was evident. As time went on she became a faithful member of the church. She eventually became involved in the ministry, teaching young children. It was not very long until this faithful young woman had caught the eye and heart of the pastor's son. The relationship grew and they began to make wedding plans. This is when the problems began. You see, about one half of the church did not think that a woman with such a past as hers was suitable for a pastor's son. The church began to argue and fight about the matter. So they decided to have a meeting. As the people made their arguments, tensions increased and the meeting was getting completely out of hand. The young woman became very upset about all the things being brought up about her past. As she began to cry, the pastor's son stood to speak. He could not bear the pain it was causing his wife-to-be. He began to speak and his statement was this: "My fiancé's past is not what is on trial here. What you are questioning is the ability of the blood of Jesus to wash away sin. Today, you have put the blood of Jesus on trial. So, does it wash away sin or not?" The whole church began to weep as they realized that they had been slandering the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Too often, even as Christians, we bring up the past and use it as a weapon against our brothers and sisters. Forgiveness is a very foundational part of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. If the blood of Jesus does not cleanse the other person completely, then it cannot cleanse us completely. If that is the case, then we are all in a lot of trouble.

*What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!*



## Greetings from Trapper Creek, Alaska

Praise God, 2021 was a year full of activity and blessing. It seems like it has passed all too quickly but we are looking forward to what God has in store for the new year.

In January the church finished up a study on Revelation and started one in Hebrews. One of the men in the church, Glen Kerr, has been teaching the Wednesday night study and has blessed the church with his thorough and thought provoking studies. After a break for the summer, we resumed in the fall with a study on the book of Romans.

Life for Christ members drive up from Wasilla several times a year to minister to us. When they come, they do music and skits for the Sunday morning service. They always bring food for fellowship following the service. They often bring clothing and household goods to bless the congregation.

Our annual dip-netting campout at Kasiloff is a time for getting away, enjoying fellowship and adding more food to the freezer. September brought another addition to the food supply. Jeff and the men from the church were actually out moose hunting near Trapper Creek when a bear approached. Jeff shot it. No moose on the hunt, but the bear was good eating and a danger in the neighborhood was gone.

In September, it was back to school for the Spotts bunch. Chris is 17 years old and a junior. Aisha and Lena are 15 and are sophomores. Charlie is 11 and in the 6th grade. They all attend SuValley High School, which is 15 miles south of Trapper Creek. They have a long bus ride each day, and we do a lot of driving so they can participate in sports. Miracle is 7 years old and a 1st grader at Trapper Creek Elementary.

The church held a special service in the community hall for Veteran's Day. Veterans were honored for their service and were asked to share any experience from their time in the military. Each one of the men shared a story and some of the audience members shared stories of sons and grandsons enlisting. Dave Rittenberg shared that his bunk was near the engine room and there was a pipe that ran the length of his bunk just over his head. He had to train himself to sleep with the engine noise. Just one of the inconveniences our military personnel have to deal with. Thank you, veterans. We are reminded that scripture urges us to endure hardships as good soldiers for Christ.

Later that month the church held a clothing giveaway. Both church and community members participated in all the work involved and the community was blessed. There was a good response, and a lot of clothing went out the door. The majority of the left over clothing continued to bless the community through the Trapper Creek Free Box.

Holiday season events included Trunk or Treat at the local store and gathering place. The kids in the church decorated and filled bags that were given out. In spite of the cold, damp weather, all the children of Trapper Creek turned out for this annual event.

The second annual Santa Run was a huge success. One of the men of the church, Lee Sebesta, used his trailer and built an outline of a sled to put on the side. He used his pickup to pull around the streets of town, a three hour run. Santa visited all the children's homes in Trapper Creek, passing out bags of candy. Some places were ready with hot chocolate and goodies for Santa.

The planned New Year's Eve event was canceled due to nearly hurricane force winds in the area. Power was out at the church and in the community for extended periods. Praise God, Trapper Creek was spared any damage, although our major shopping center, Wasilla, 70 miles to the south, was hard hit. Businesses were closed for a few days and some buildings sustained severe damage.

Our special prayer request for 2022 is for God to raise up or bring someone in to work with the youth on a regular basis. Our young people are facing tremendous challenges and need those adults who would pour love and teaching into their lives. Thank you for being a part of our church family, whether you are local or extended family. We appreciate all of you that stand with us in prayer as we ask God to touch and bless our community in 2022.

God bless you all,  
Pastors Jeff and Linda Spotts





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### THE SONG

“You got to have Faith, Hope and Charity, that’s the way to live successfully, how do I know? The Bible tells me so. Don’t worry about tomorrow, just be real good today, the Lord is right beside you, He’ll guide you all the way. So you got to have Faith, Hope and Charity that’s the way to live successfully. How do I know; the Bible tells me so.”

When I taught the little kids Sunday School class, we sang this song. Thinking about it now, these little kids probably didn’t know much about Faith, Hope and Charity. They might have thought about being real good today. Thinking about this song, it can be for anyone, little, big, young or old. Here are some scriptures on Faith, Hope and Charity.

#### **FAITH**

*Hebrews 11:1– Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

*Hebrews 11:6– But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.*

*Matthew 17:20– And Jesus said unto them” Because of your unbelief; for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you.*

#### **HOPE**

*Psalm 38: 15– For in thee, O Lord, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.*

*Psalm 39:7– And now, Lord , what wait I for? My hope is in thee.*

*I Corinthians 13:7– Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.*

#### **CHARITY**

*I Corinthians 13:1– Though I speak with tongues of men and angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.*

*I Corinthians 13:4– Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.*

*Colossians 3:14– And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.*

*I Corinthians 13:13– And now abideth faith, hope, charity these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*

This song covers a lot, also, it says don’t worry about tomorrow. Jesus said: Matthew 6:34– Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Some things in life can be hard, but it does take faith and the hope we have in Jesus to carry us through, and not to forget charity.

Joyce (Joy) Babst– Neosho, MO