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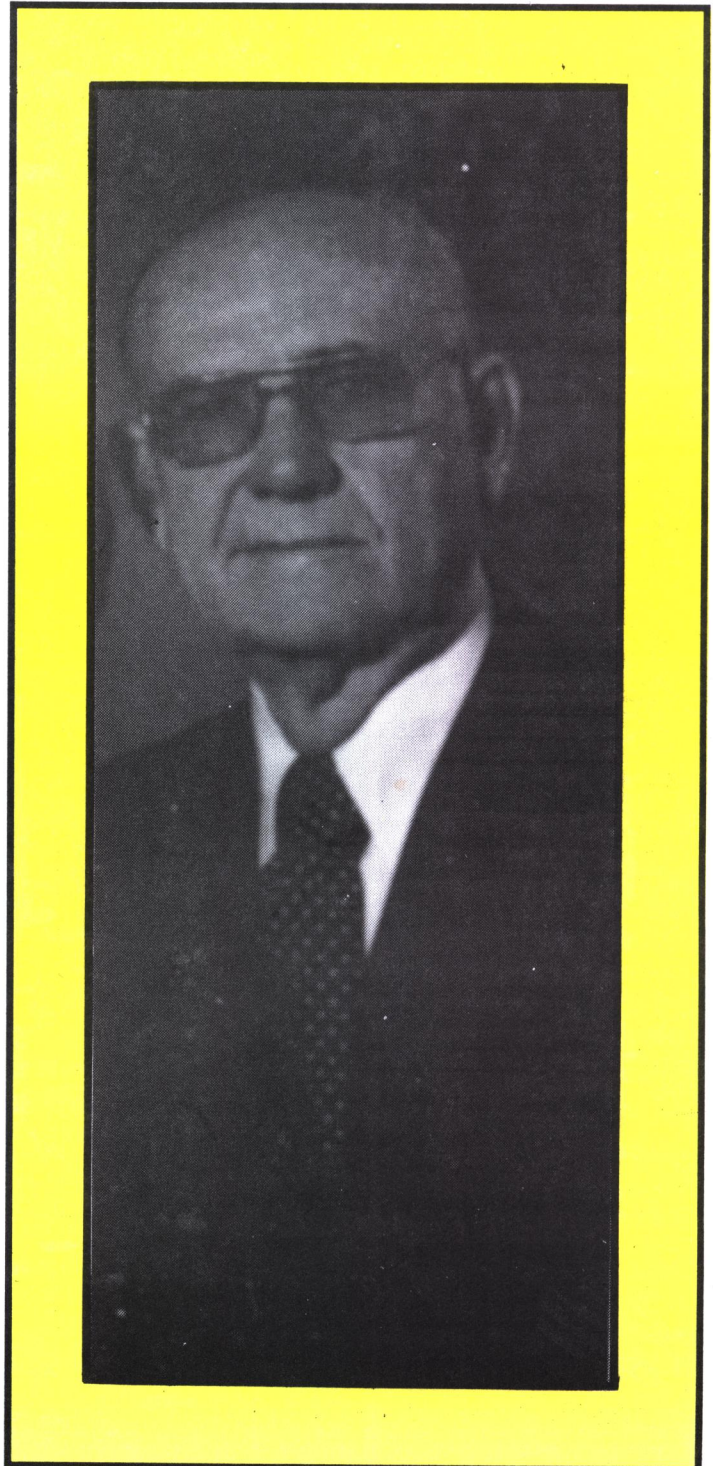
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ARTICLE VII**

**Doctrine**

A young woman in Scotland, in the days of persecution in that land, one Lord's Day was on her way to a place of worship, when she was met by a company of hostile cavalry, and required by its commander to make known her destination. At this crisis this promise presented itself to there mind, namely, "*It shall be given you at that hour what you ought to answer;*" and she put up a silent prayer that the Spirit of God would put the right words into her mouth. In a moment these words suggested: "I am going to my Father's house. My elder brother has died; His will is to be read today, and I have an interest in it." The commander bid her go on her way, expressing the hope that she would find a rich portion left to herself.

...Selected

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 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.

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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, Matt. 19:8-9.

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 teaching 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.

# NEWS UPDATE

## ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

### VOTING DISTRICTS PROPOSED

17 Ministers and 11 Church representatives met with the Board of Directors at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas on Feb. 3, 1995. District lines were proposed by the Board to establish 3 voting districts.

The first district would include California, Wyoming, Western Kansas and the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle. This district would include 18 voting churches.

The second district would include Eastern Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas consisting of 14 voting churches.

The third district would include Southern New Mexico, all of Texas except the panhandle area, and Alabama. This district would include 14 voting churches.

Much discussion followed, but no major objections were expressed. A mailout is being prepared for all voting churches and ministers.

*A vote of acceptance or rejection will be taken by ballot during the business meeting at the closing of the '94-'95 school term.*

### AMENDMENT PROPOSED

The Board of Directors proposed the following Bylaw Amendment addition:

#### ARTICLE II, Section 1a

... The membership body shall be divided into three districts as to accommodate a balanced representation. Each district shall be responsible for the election of two of the seven Trustees. One Trustee shall be elected by a general vote of the entire membership body.

#### ARTICLE II, Section 1b

... One (1) Trustee is elected each year from each district for two years and on the third year one Trustee shall be elected by the entire membership body.

## NEW CHOIR BUS

We have recently acquired a 1985 Falcon People Mover in exchange for our '57 Golden Eagle and \$2,560. It is a 26 passenger shuttle type bus. It has a Ford Chassis with a 460ci gasoline engine. The newly rebuilt motor has only 1,500 miles. The bus has been newly painted with a green and burnt orange stripe for \$1,580. The bus will go to the mechanic's shop for a tune-up, break job and A/C repair. All of this has been paid for with the \$7,000 insurance money that we received because of a broken windshield on the old bus.

We will need to pull a trailer for our luggage and equipment. There is no restroom on the bus. This can be interesting when you take a whole group of people of a long trip!

## SCHOOL MUSICIANS

In the ensemble group there are 5 guitar players, 1 violin, 1 keyboard player and 1 drummer.

## STUDENT MINISTERS

In the ensemble group there are two students studying for the ministry. They are Sean Thomas of Woodward, OK and Thomas Tolleson of Campwood, TX.

## ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS SUNG

We are singing 4 original compositions and playing 1. We are singing *Great Anticipation* written by student Thomas Tolleson, *Tomorrow* and *Time Was No More* both written by AFBC Music Instructor Karen Grimmer. We are playing the instrumental *Flat Top Christian Pickin'* written by student Thomas Tolleson.

## TOUR THEME

The theme for this year's Spring Concert Tour was taken for the song entitled *Calvary's The Reason Why* written by Del Way. The song features Glenn Oakes with backup singers Karen Grimmer and Kristal Urick.

## Albert Lee Durham

I was born August 3, 1905 at Girard, KS. I was converted at the age of 17 in McDonald County, Mo. I received the Holy Spirit in 1924 and made my commitment to the ministry on Easter Sunday of 1924. I was ordained by Bro. Charles Parham and a group of ministers at Baxter Springs, KS on June 6, 1925. I traveled sometime with other ministers, helping in the ministry, doing what I could with them - and then I started ministering myself in 1924 and 1925.

Our first revival was conducted at the Kings Valley School House, north and west probably of Powell a little bit. Bro. Orville Kidd, who was helping me at the time, and I, conducted the first meeting there in the month of February 1925. There was 6 that came to the altar and professed to find Christ in that service and we did our first baptizing there in the little creek that ran by the school house. We had to walk most of the way, most of the time to the meeting, and our folk lived about six miles from there. Out of the 12 nights meeting we walked six nights ( I think ) each way. We conducted meetings then in Missouri and Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, and for the most part we had no way to go for some time. Finally, we were able to purchase a car and did our traveling by automobile.

On November 17, 1929 I was married to Ava Cooper at a home wedding. Bro. and Sis. Yeakel were married at the same time in a double wedding, and this was at her parents home near McNatt, MO. My father gave us a little tract of land on the corner of his little farm, and this was incidentally on the same place or area (almost) where the church sat at the time I was converted. At that time, it was known as Mt. Carmel. It was called "the Slat House" by the community (some of them), and it was later changed then after the church was moved and is now the Union Chapel Church near Beth Page, MO. We built our home on this little tract of land and lived there when we were at home, until 1941. When we sold this property and moved to Granby, MO - where we built another home near the Full Gospel Tabernacle there.

About that time, the pastor had resigned there and the church asked us to assume that responsibility for a time. Our first pastorate, however, was in Colorado on the western slope, west of Olethan - what was known as California Mesa and we spent the winter of 1930 and 1931 there. It was in 1942 and 43 that we pastored the Gospel Tabernacle at Granby. We resigned then in the summer of 1943, and of course we always attended Camp Meetings. That summer, we had made a trip to South Texas to a Camp Meeting. Of course, in the mean time we conducted two camp meetings at

Granby with our cousin and Bro. Robert Parham through those years of our time that we were there. After we had resigned at Granby, the New York Tabernacle at Wichita, KS at 207 New York Street invited us to come and pastor the church there - which we did. We moved there, (I believe) in the month of October 1943 and were there until the spring or summer of 1947. Ava was then invited to pastor the church at Dumas, TX and which she did throughout that winter and I taught in the Bible School at Baxter Springs in that winter session and had been there one of the years when we pastored at Wichita.

While we were at Wichita, she was asked to pastor the Hoover Orchard Mission, which was about 5 miles from the New York Tabernacle there on New York Street. She pastored out there for about a year. We did go on to Dumas in the fall of 1947. We had conducted some meetings that summer - especially in California - at the Silver Strand Country Church below San Diego. Also, we conducted a meeting that year at Stockton, California. Then, that fall we moved to Dumas and I went back to the Bible School, in the meantime during this time (sometime), we did some remodeling of the church there. It seemed that when we went to pastor churches we saw that there was a need in the church for improvements, and so on each of the buildings we tried to do some improvement.

She resigned in the spring or summer of 1948 and we conducted some meetings that summer. We conducted a meeting in Baxter Springs, KS. Bro. and Sis. Lamunyon were pastoring there. We borrowed a tent from Bro. Jack Barker and conducted a tent meeting there. We later took the tent to Arkansas and conducted a meeting in the south part of Fayetteville and we helped the people then in construction of the People's Chapel there for a time. In the meantime, the church at Spearman, TX - The Union Church - asked us to pastor there; and so we moved to Spearman and we pastored there for two years. In 1950, after we had resigned, Ava stayed with the church and our son, Robert, who was born in November of 1933 and I, made a trip to Alaska to help Bro. Reese and Bro. Palmer in the building of the church there - the Spennard Chapel. We later came back then, after spending two months away from home, either on the road to or working on the church there. We worked about five weeks on the building. The rest of the time was spent mostly on the road, as we drove the Alkian Highway in going up there.

We moved then back to Wichita and bought a lot on the South Hillside, where we built a home that we had there for several years. We did not realize at the time we were buying there that we were being put into an area where there was no Full Gospel Church. In the process of building, which was about two years actually, we held a number of meetings and Ava held a number of

meetings - she had felt the call to the ministry at this time, and she or I would go out and hold meetings, while the other would either stay with the church we were pastoring or would stay and help send our son to school. We had a baby boy in October of 1937. His name was Harold Gene - he lived six months and died in the month of April of 1938.

Robert survived and was able to finish high school with the many, many moves that we made. One year he was in four states and five different schools. So, we decided that one of us should stay with him, which we did after we had moved around a great deal. But, in 1952 we felt that there was a need in Southeast Wichita and started the work there that eventually became the Full Gospel Chapel there at 3033 S. Hillside. We spent about 7 years there, I guess it was, at the church there. Calvin Springer then came and took the work and stayed with it about 14 years. The church still survives and is going on with what we hear is good report.

We spent some time in Lubbock, TX and then moved back to Wichita again and then we moved to Joplin, MO where we had made an attempt for two churches there - one of them at 602 Moffet, where there as a number of people saved. We purchased an old church that had been a Christian Science Church and there was a number of people saved and a good many filled with the Holy Spirit and a good many miracles there. We resigned the church there after about 7 years time and moved here to Anderson, MO. We were asked, after Bro. Bob Cooper passed away, to help in the work at Union Chapel, and this was a community where I was first saved (over 60 years ago now), and we spent about 12 or 14 months with the people out there.

At present, we are here in Anderson, MO. My wife's health is not a bit good and mine is not too good, but we are doing what we can. She has prayer meetings service in the home here each Tuesday morning - where some 4-6 different church groups meet, sometimes not very many and sometimes several, and she just takes the prayer request of the many who have needs and pray. I have ministered, of course, in some of the camp meetings. I ministered in the Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting for many years and taught three different years in the Apostolic Faith Bible School. And at present we are involved in making some tapes and sending them out at the people, since it is next to impossible for us to go at the present time. At the time of this tape, it is the 13th of September 1985. I have passed my 80th year now and I have spent more than 60 years in the ministry. We have helped to build several churches, helped in some Bible Schools, and we helped some in the building in the first orphanage down at Reynosa, Mexico where Bro. Don Russell has

charge of the orphanage there. They have since enlarged their work to some four orphanages, I believe, in Costa Rica and in Honduras, as well as the one there at Reynosa. There have been a number of people saved through the Word a number of years, and I feel like the only reward that we ask for is for these people who have found the Lord, that they might be able to continue on in the work of God and be faithful to the Lord.

It may be that our ministry is coming to a close, from the outward looks of it. It appears to be that we are not going to be able to travel - though God has provided us with a nice motor home and a nice home - not extravagant but liveable and workable, and of course we appreciate that. Our son, Robert, has been saved, has been healed, has been filled with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and has helped to organize what is known now as Island Missions, Inc. As of this taping there has been a number of Bibles, I guess some 8 or 9 thousand Bibles sent to Island Missions in the Caribbean and more are on order, and he is working faithfully now for the Lord - for which I am grateful.

Rev. Albert Lee Durham passed away on Jan. 19, 1995 at his home in Anderson, Missouri.

Bro. Durham was born Aug. 3, 1905 at Girard, KS. He moved to Anderson from Joplin, MO 15 years ago. He had lived in Wichita, KS., Lubbock, TX., Palm City, CA., Alaska and Mexico. He was a retired evangelist and a member of the Anderson Full Gospel Church.

He had pastored churches in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas and Oklahoma. He had been a radio evangelist periodically since 1929. For the past five years, his *Send the Light* radio program was broadcast daily to Central America. Twelve hours before his death he taped his final message entitled "Are You Ready".

Survivors include his wife, Ava; a son, Robert "Bob" Durham, Tampa, FL.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Jan. 21, 1995 at the Anderson Full Gospel Church. Rev. Marcus Adair, Rev. Dean Royce and Rev. Cecil Hall officiated. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Stella, MO.

Tapes of Bro. Durham's last message are available by contacting:

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# THE MIND UNDER THE BLOOD

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace; whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee: (Isa. 226:3.)

The Mind is an entertaining room and in some instances it is a very packed chamber. All visitors to one's threefold being come in through the mind. These visiting thoughts first enter the mind, then drop down into the spirit and get root, then seize the tongue, then put the hands and feet into action and so possess the whole man.

Fear dashes into the mind and runs us down and captures us. The little heart palpitates while fear holds us fast and some visiting sickness in the community from hell grips us.

How many souls have entertained fear and have been caught by the thing itself. "I fear and it came upon me". (Job 3:25, Heb.)

A thought knocked at the door of the mind. It was admitted and communed with. It was locked arms with and walked off with and obeyed and it let to the gallows.

Passion enters the mind. It is looked at awhile and possesses the whole being and leads to sin and shame.

Anxiety, shaking and nervousness appear and drive off rest and keep one setting up all night for nothing. Doubt, as full of death as hell itself, is let in and consulted with and blows out every light and fills the room with darkness.

Trouble, many faced, many handed, very suggestive, big and squat and imaginary, will fill the room and stay all day and return in the morning by the time you open your eyes.

Slander appears with a large mop dripping with filth and want to paint the whole being.

Poverty, long, and thin and pale and empty, will come and lean against the wall and warn you like a ghost.

Care, as big as the earth and with a thousand weights of a thousand pounds each, comes to unload in the room.

Old self, under God's judgements, and refusing to die, wants to stay on hand all the time, with a ready sword of protection, and having pity attendants on hand with fans and camphor bottles in case it is hit or wounded or slighted or knocked down. It wants the best chair in the mind and the most attention notwithstanding it is the most unwholesome visitor on hand. It has been deposed by God and is under His everlasting curse and yet wants to lurk around all the time.

And friends and foes, and husbands and wives, and children and houses and lands and tomorrow and the work on hand of whatever

nature, and what was and what is and what is to be, and this and that and the other, real and imaginary, and demon impressions and suggestions and the thoughts of friends and foes toward you, coming to you in dream and things in the different shapes and sizes and sounds will harass and possess and occupy and claim all the attention of the mind possible if allowed.

People who are against you, their thoughts and words, like demons spirits can visit you and harass you almost to death.

Thousands are in the grave and madhouse and other thousands are in physical torments and sickness because of the mind thus occupied.

And many honest souls are craving deliverance. How it is found? These visitors cannot be humanly driven off. They are too many and too strong and too smart for us. They have no shame nor feeling. Kick them out and they are right back. Throw them out and they get up and come in again. Lock them out and they every one have a Master-key.

But, thank God, there is a way of deliverance from these tormenting thoughts, spirits, things, and that way is through the precious Blood of the Lamb once slain. I have been in trouble with people. I have done all I was able and knew to do. I was willing for all I saw to be God's will, yet they would come into my mind every day and consume the whole day, talking over the thought, the old troubles, etc. When my eyes opened from sleep, they had made an early start, cleaned up the house and were on hands to torment, these old thoughts these people in thought. All of them would come. I was helpless. I knew not what to do with them. And the Lord showed me that door in Egypt with the blood sprinkled over and around it, into which no destroying spirit could come and that I saw just simply to be willing to commit my mind to Him in helplessness and then to claim and believe and see the Blood of Christ over and around it just like that door, that room in Egypt.

It was a new and blessed thought to me. I did so. They came again and I said, "The Blood is over the door. The world is dead to me and I am dead to the world. You cannot enter under the Blood." They backed off. Again and again they would come, but I simply pointed to the Blood over the door, the mind. I thought on the Blood whenever they came; and soon their power was gone and they ceased their visitations, my torments ceases; my mind had rest, I committed all to God and thought on the Blood. The spotless Lamb of God had shed His most precious Blood for you, to

cleanse and cover and free and keep you not only from sin and sickness, but in mind from torments and distractions as well.

The blood is your one safety. Not a death-dealing troubling, tormenting, fearful visitor could enter the room that night in Egypt where the blood was on the door. And dear, tormented soul a thousand-fold more real and powerful than the blood of that little lamb is the precious Blood of the Lamb of God. See by faith His Blood sprinkled over the mind; the door to your being, when these things appear and knock for attention, throw up your hands, helpless soul, and point them to the Blood on the door. By faith put death between them and you. Consent to your death in that Blood and take your place definitely and continually under its protection. Say to thoughts and all hindering visitors to the mind distraction from God and peace. "I am dead to you and you are dead to me" Say it in faith; day it over and over; say it persistently to all those who come to talk over in your mind past difficulties. Point to the Blood on the door.

Commit humbly your mind to God, and point to the Blood in faith when thoughts to hinder appear. Death has lost its terrors; sin has lost its power; Through the Lamb once offered all the curse is o'er; Not a foe can enter at the sprinkled door, for the Blood it covers me.

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*And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.*

*Exodus 12:13*

## The Lords Loss

Little Johnny was given two dimes one Saturday evening. "One of the dimes," said his father, "is for Sunday School tomorrow, and the other is for an ice cream cone for yourself."

As Johnny ran to the confectionery to get his ice cream cone he stumbled and one of the dimes rolled into the sewer drain, "Oh," said Johnny, "there goes the Lord's dime"

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## How Long Does It Take To Read the Entire Bible ?

It takes 70 hours and 40 minutes to read the Bible at pulpit rate.

It takes 52 hours and 20 minutes to read the Old Testament.

It takes 18 hours and 20 minutes to read the New Testament.

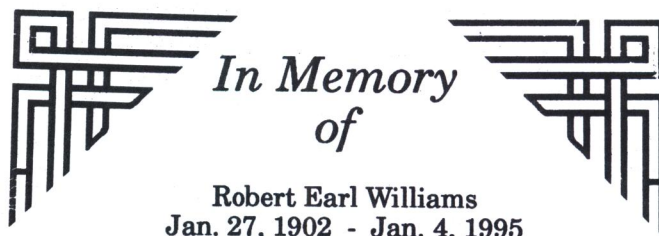
It takes 4 hours and 28 minutes to read the longest section in the Old Testament and Psalms.

It takes 2 hours and 43 minutes to read the longest book in the New Testament and the Gospel of Luke.

It takes 2 months and 10 days to read the entire Bible at a rate of 1 hour a day.

It takes 1 year to read the Bible 5 times and be one-third of the way through the 6th time.

Can you find a better way to spend your time than with the written Word? Especially so since Jesus said the words that He spoke shall judge a man in the day of judgement.



Robert Earl Williams was born Jan. 27, 1902 in McDonald County, Missouri to Robert and Delpha Woodard Williams. He entered into rest on Jan. 4, 1995 following a long illness at the age of 92 years 11 months, 8 days.

On Feb. 20, 1927, he married Beatrice Poe in McDonald County. She preceeded him in death on March 15, 1991.

Mr. Williams was a retired carpenter, a life long member of Granby Full Gospel Tabernacle and attended Pineville Christian Church. As a carpenter he knew the importance of a right foundation, that being Jesus Christ. Earl Williams built his house on the rock and now he has an enduring place with the Lord.

He is survived by a daughter, Louise Underwood of Pineville, Mo.; a brother, Oscar Williams of Anderson, Mo.; a sister Opal Mustain of the state of California; a grandson, Rob Goade and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Jan. 8, 1995 at the Clark Funeral Home, Granby, Mo. Rev. Lowell Long officiated and interment was at Granby Memorial Cemetery, Granby, Mo.

A. F. Report

# 50th Anniversary



April 30, 1995 promises to be an exciting day for the people of the Midway Country Church of Logan, OK. On that day they will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the church. There will be at least three services throughout the day with a good old-fashioned basket dinner served at noon in the activity center, formerly the Victory Schoolhouse. Pryor to that day beginning Wednesday, the 26th of April, there will be services every night through Sunday. It is hoped that each of the ministers now living that have pastored Midway Church will be able to take one service. Brother Marcus Adair and his family will have charge of one of the Sunday services.

Many ministers preached sermons in the various schoolhouses around the community before Midway was established. Some of the local ones were; Mack Barker, Ben Barker, Johnny Modrick, Mrs. Chloe Taylor, James Hosler and Marcus Adair.

Brother Marcus had a strong desire to build a church in the southwest corner of S22, T2, R26 in Beaver County on Highway 270. On this plot of ground in early years there had been a small broom factory and a well that furnished water for thirsty travelers.

"Here," Brother Adair said, "where travelers have stopped for water in times past, they will now stop for spiritual water."

Blue Ribbon Schoolhouse was offered for

auction in May of 1944. The people of Brother Mark's congregation, who met in the Victory Schoolhouse, after much prayer gave the go-ahead to buy Blue Ribbon. The high bid was \$450 offered by Marcus Adair. In October 1944, the school was moved to the Midway Corner where James and Ella Hosler had given one acre for a church site.

The church was dedicated to the spreading of the Gospel and as an aid to the community on March 11, 1945. On that day Brother Albert Durham began a revival, his ninth annual revival in the community.

The new church had no name but Bro. Robert Parham solved that. He traveled across the OK and TX panhandles holding meetings. One meeting was held in Perryton, TX and another in Laverne, OK and the third "somewhere midway" between. The name stuck.

Ten pastors and their wives have well served the church. They are:

Marcus and Mary Adair	1943 - 1954
Harrol and Barbara Waterbury	1954 - 1956
Kay and Mona Kerr	1956 - 1959
Murphy and Marguerite Barns	1959 - 1961
Edwin and Eula Modrick	1961 - 1964
Doyle and Mary Wiles	1964 - 1967

(In August of 1967 Mary Wiles was killed in a car-train crash in Guymon, OK. Bro. Doyle served alone as pastor when he married Jo Turner,



they served until 1974).

Howard and Yvonna Whitely 1974 - 1977

Bob and Hazel Taylor 1977 - 1986

(For nine months the church was without a pastor. Steve Arnall and various laymen from other churches preached many sermons.)

John and Debbie McClendon March to July 1987

Neil and Billie Ragan 1987 - present

The present church board consists of Leonard Elston, Ezra Simpson and J. D. Jett.

God has richly blessed the church and its people. Its influence has been spread across a great portion of the United States as the young people moved away to serve God in other areas. The Midway church continues to offer spiritual water to all who will accept it.

Please plan to attend any or all of the services from April 26th through April 30th. You will be greatly blessed and very welcome.

...Billie Jett

## WE NEED . . . . .

Your church news. In recent months I've heard from several asking if the churches could send more news. God is still working in every church - Let's share what's happening.

*Karen*

## From the Camerons

Since our last letter, Crystal, Tammy and I have moved to Rock Island, Texas. Tammy is attending Columbus High School and has some of the same teachers I had while in High School. She is a sophomore and is doing great. Crystal is working at Wal Mart in the shoe department. She is busy helping in Church activities and has already begun working on an Easter program. I am teaching a Special Assignment Class at Rice High School, and enjoy working with the students. Several days ago while at school, I dated some paperwork 2-6-94. When I caught my mistake, I sat a while thinking of the year gone by and began recounting the blessings God had entrusted us with. My list began with the blessing he gave to Crystal and myself, when He brought Tammy into our lives. My pen in hand and desiring to share just how I feel with Tammy, I wrote this poem. Words do no justice to the love we feel for others, and I feel this poem related to all of us. God asks us, "WILL YOU BE MY LITTLE GIRL, WOULD YOU BE MY LITTLE BOY?"

## MY LITTLE GIRL

Although you were not a baby,  
When God gave you to me,  
And though you are all grown up,  
A little girl is all I see.  
A little girl always needs  
a strong Father to be there,  
In times when it hurts the most,  
when life seems so unfair.  
As a parent, I am responsible  
to discipline once in a while.  
It hurts me to see you hurting,  
I'll try my best, to help you smile.  
I can only imagine how abandoned  
you felt that terrible day,  
And I'll never forget the look in your eyes  
When we asked if you wanted to stay.  
You need to know you are very special,  
And I'm glad God gave you to me.  
That, no matter how old you are,  
My Little Girl, You will always be.  
To be a hero or your best friend,  
a shoulder when you are sad,  
In time, these will come natural.  
But, for now, Can I just be your Dad?  
Will you be, My Little Girl?

(God sets the solitary into families...Psalm 68:6). "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son ... To redeem ... that WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE ADOPTION OF SONS. AND BECAUSE YE ARE SONS, GOD HATH SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO YOUR HEARTS, CRYING, ABBA, FATHER. (Galatians 4: 4 - 6)

As the list grew, mind began to wander to the places we as a family had traveled (Youth Camp, Campmeeting, the close of Bible School, and numerous trips to the hospital). Each place a memory, each memory a valuable and cherished keepsake. My heart began to rejoice, and with no warning to my students or myself I shouted, Praise God! As the student looked on (one with a smile, another with a look of agreement and others with stares of confusion and disagreement), reality took the place of my daydream. In a matter of minutes, of thought and recollection, an entire year had been stored away in my mind.

We love you all and look forward to seeing you or reading your letters.

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# REBECCA

I guess to properly start this testimony, we need to begin on May 26, 1992, the day Rebecca Sue Harris was born. She arrived at 9:52 p.m., weighing in at a full 10 lbs. 6 oz., the first girl in a line up of 3 older brothers. Right from the start, she was totally different from them. This fourth pregnancy was the worst of all (including now a fifth pregnancy, but we'll get to that later.) It was also the worst delivery--although God was merciful, and still it did not come close to some of the horror stories I have heard concerning some deliveries.

Time passed, and we were still trying to get adjusted to this new little girl. By the time she was 5 1/2 months old, she was crawling. By 8 months, she was walking. I don't know when we first began to notice, but by the time Rebecca was 1 year old, she had a definite curve in her right leg. We didn't know if it was a problem with her leg bone, her hip, her ankle, or what, but we knew that God was big enough and could take care of it. We had had special prayer for her at several different churches, with several different people, plus we prayed for her and her leg at home. Still we saw no results, but we knew that God could take care of it.

During this time, I had become pregnant for the fifth time. Due to various reasons, I had a really hard time accepting the fact that I was pregnant AGAIN. There was very little joy to accompany my ever increasing and impossible to hide tummy. To make things more complicated, there was no insurance and no money to accommodate another "little bundle of joy".

On Tuesday, July 20, our oldest son, Brian, became sick. He didn't seem to be running any fever, but by that afternoon I knew that something was wrong, and that the devil was trying to get the upperhand. Brian began to make little sense when he would talk, he would start sentences and not finish them or just say things that had no meaning. In 1987 my sister Ann went into a coma for three days, and the symptoms that Brian was having was a lot like some of the ones that she had. (The doctors never did find out why Ann went into that coma, or what caused it, or why she came out of it totally well, but we knew, because once again GOD reached down and sent a miracle.) I had talked to Vanessa Harris, my sister-in-law, earlier, requesting prayer for Brian, because he had been sick at his stomach. Vanessa said something about the scripture of "our joy being full", and I knew at the time that I felt like I had no joy.

Well, when Brian started "talking out of his head", I knew I needed more help, so I called Vanessa again. No answer. I made several other phone calls--no answers. I knew I had to get down

to business with God and carry the load myself. I began to pray for Brian, yielding to the Holy Spirit, and I didn't care who heard me. I felt I was in a battle for my child's life. I went to the bathroom to continue to pray, and I knew that I could not come out until I KNEW that God WOULD take care of the situation, and no matter what the circumstances looked like when I came out that Brian was going to be all right. I do not know how long I was in the bathroom-- God took care of the other kids and they did not bother me. I continued to pray in the spirit, and in the midst, the Lord brought the part of the scripture "Love one another" to my mind. After praying, and KNOWING that Brian WOULD be all right, I went to find the scripture. I looked in my references, and decided to check the scripture in II John. When I began to read, I started to cry. It started out. "The elder unto the elect lady and children. . ." I felt like God himself was talking to me. I read on, it talked of peace, of thy children walking in truth, that we love one another, and in verse 12 "Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come to you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full." There was that scripture again - - that our joy may be full. I knew that God had every thing under control, and it just thrilled me!! I knew that we had a meeting scheduled for the following week with Randy Dalton, and I felt that God had some message for me that would somehow come out in the Revival. Brian recovered fine that day, and has never had those symptoms again, and in the Name of Jesus he won't have them again. I eagerly waited to see what God had in store for me. I also realized how thankful I was for the Holy Spirit, because I knew that God was hearing my prayers, and if I had not had that reassurance, I do not know what might have happened to Brian.

Bro. Randy Dalton started his revival meeting at the Rock Island Full Gospel Church the next week. On Tuesday night, July 27, he was preaching and talking about George Mueller and his little girl that God had given. My ears perked up. Then he said, "remember that, all life comes from God. When conception takes place it's not a mistake. Because God is the one that begins life and life comes through God. There's no life outside of God. Remember that, you're not a mistake." THAT WAS MY ANSWER !! At that moment, I knew that I was suppose to have another baby. I just had to trust God, that he knew what was best for us, even if we could not see it. Those few God given statements changed my whole attitude about the baby. My husband Calvin was running the sound system

and taping the service. I got a copy of the tape and listened to it over and over, and each time it seemed that God would reveal something else to me that I had missed before. I was searching for anything and everything in the Word that I could stand on, and little by little He was giving it to me. My joy began to return.

At this time, I had a very strict definition of the word "need" (I've since broadened it). I felt that if it wasn't almost life or death, it probably wasn't a need. Well, I knew that I needed to be able to pay for this baby, and we didn't have it. I tossed around the prospect of having the government pay for it, but I just couldn't do it. I felt that if God could give us a baby, then God would provide the way to pay for it. One morning, He gave me the scripture "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory . . . Phil 4:19. (I had to look it up to find the whole scripture.) THAT WAS ANOTHER ANSWER !! this was definitely a need, and here was my promise to stand on! I was doing everything I could to be in God's will, because I needed some answers and some help. For the next several months, it seemed that every preacher I heard was talking about how God would provide, how He would meet the need, how he would take care of us if we would put Him first. I knew that I had to get a hold of this concept and these promises, because it was all I had. I knew that God could take care of it.

While all this was going on, Rebecca's leg was getting worse, and getting noticed. I lost count of how many people made comments on her leg, and how many of them knew somebody that had a problem when they were younger and had to wear braces. The pressure was beginning to mount as more people notice. I was glad for Fall so she could wear pants. The only problem was she was beginning to be hindered by her leg and foot when she walked. Inevitably, when she ran she would fall, usually flat on her face, and that was becoming more and more noticeable also.

Well, the fullness of time had come, and Cody Lee Harris was born on November 2, 1993, over 2 weeks late. The Lord had provided enough money (through people) that had kept the doctor's happy and the hospital "off our backs". I never thought people would just walk up and give us money, but some did. One day, Pastor Nick Williams and his wife Marie gave us an envelope with cash money in it. To me, it was a LOT of money. They said it was not all from them., but that God (again through His people) had provided it. I cried and cried on my way to my appointment that day. But now Cody was born, and the rest (several thousand dollars) was due. It had been an easy delivery, as far as deliveries are concerned, with no real problems. Again, the pressure was beginning to mount.

As I look back, I can't recall when it start-

ed, but the middle of November I was a mess. My spiritual life seemed almost nonexistent between caring for a husband, 4 kids (the oldest of which was 7), a new baby and myself. We stayed in church because we knew we had to, (but it was where we wanted to be also) or we felt that God had no obligation to meet our needs. However, I felt my day to day spiritual life, which is the most important thing, was severely lacking. I felt like I was beginning to sink. I knew that God could take care of Rebecca's leg and the hospital and doctor bills, but when would he?? How long could I wait before I had to do something?? I had no answers, and the pressure was really mounting. the I got the phone call.

It was Thursday night and the phone rang. It was my mother, and we talked for a while. Then came the shocker. She wanted to know if it would be all right with Calvin and I if she took Rebecca to the doctor just to find out what was wrong with her leg and what was causing the problem. She felt if we knew that, then we would know better which direction we should go and how better to pray about a specific problem. I began to cry. She said she didn't want to upset me, but she was really concerned about Rebecca, and if something needed to be done, it would be better done while she was still small. She said to think about it and let her know. Now there was more pressure, because I was now facing a time limit.

Calvin and I talked about it, but we both wanted to trust God completely and wait on him. The next day was Friday, and I attended ladies meeting that was held at Vanessa's house. Afterwards, Vanessa and I talked, and I just poured out my heart to her. She sat and listened, like the great friend that she is, and then we began to discuss the problems, from my spiritual life to Rebecca's leg, to all the bills, I knew God could take care of it, but I felt my life was not good enough and I hadn't been faithful enough for Him to do it. Vanessa asked me what I felt like I needed to do and I told her. She looked at me and said, "Well, just do it." I laughed through my tears and said, "Vanessa, it's not that easy." I felt I needed to spend more time in prayer and bible study at home, but just couldn't seem to do it. I felt like I was at the end of my rope, holding on to the knot, and my knot was beginning to slip. I decided then that I was going to do whatever it took to try and do better. We discussed what we'd do about Rebecca's leg, and I told Vanessa that I was going to fast and pray for 3 days, and on the way in the door, Rebecca slipped and fell right in the doorway, and chipped a small piece off one of her front teeth. The pressure continued to mount.

I do not remember if I had already started my fast, or if I was going to wait until Monday. One morning, I believe that it was Saturday, I set my alarm for 4:00 a.m., so I could get up and read

my Bible in the peace and quiet. I read for quite a while, but then I fell asleep. I felt better for at least making the effort to study, even though I wasn't very successful. Sunday rolled around and we went to church as usual. In the service, our pastor, Nick Williams, read some scripture about healing, and God taking care of whatever we needed. I felt it was a promise we could stand on, so I looked back at Calvin, who was in the sound booth, to see if we would be in agreement on having Rebecca's leg prayed for once again. I looked back two or three times, but I could never get his attention. (I found out later he have been looking at me when I wasn't looking.) While I hesitated, Bro. Nick said something about not doing this very often, but he felt like he needed to today. Then he called me out to bring Rebecca up for prayer for her leg. Before I ever got to the front, I was crying. Bro. Nick and several others had prayer for her, and then Bro. Nick admonished the congregation on the situation. I don't remember much, but I know he was saying something about them not saying anything that would discourage our faith. I knew this was it. I KNEW that God had heard our prayers, and had even initiated this time of prayer by dealing with Bro. Nick. We had not talked to him and he did not know the pressing seriousness of the situation. This time I KNEW that God WOULD take care of Rebecca's leg. I knew I had to stop looking at the circumstances, believe God's Word, and thank Him for healing Rebecca. Going to the doctor was never brought up again.

For lunch that day we were invited to

Calvin's parents home. While there, we were discussing the service that morning. Come to find out, they were having prayer for Rebecca at the Christian Gospel Church in Alleyton at approximately the same time we were having prayer for her in Rock Island. That just confirmed it for me.

Time passed. In February of 1994, we were able to borrow the rest of the money to pay off the doctor and hospital through the retirement plan at the company that Calvin works for. We'll have to keep trusting God for awhile yet to continue meeting that need every month, and I'm sure through it we will grow some spiritual lives. Rebecca was doing better, she wasn't falling as much, and at times her leg looked like it was doing better. Even a few people noticed and said so.

My sister got married in June, and of course we took lots of pictures. Rebecca was dressed really cute, and I wanted to take her picture. Rebecca and Kara (Vanessa's youngest) were in the church and I took their picture. It was not until I got those pictures back did I realize just what a wonderful job God had done in correcting Rebecca's leg. It was STRAIGHT! Over time, God had healed it, and we had not even realized how much He had done until we saw the evidence in the pictures! I can not tell you how much this means to us, and how thankful we are for every one who prayed, and to God for honoring those prayers and touching her. We can trust God, He cares for us, and He will take care of us as His children, if we will just let Him. To God be the glory, praise God for the great things He has done! !



Rebecca is in the middle of the 1st Row



Rebecca and her cousin Kara

*Who can say, I  
have made my heart  
clean, I am pure from  
my sin?*

*Proverbs 20:9*

## THE HEALTHY HEART

...by Dora Beydler

We can read an interesting story in II Chronicles 25:2. There we can read of a King Amaziah where it tells us he did right in the sight of God but not with a perfect heart. There seems to be very little written about Amaziah's life but when we really look into this verse we can find an interesting or perhaps, I should say, thought provoking summary of his life. Today the expression would be, "He does his work but his heart is not in it." Many today will tell you they are Christians but if we listen and watch them a short while we can see where they have failed to live a Christian example. We each need to remember that each day we live is a sermon to someone. Jesus talked about this in His words found in Matthew 7:21-23. One of the meanings of iniquity is a deviation or to do it in a way we think it is a short-cut but not the way God says is the best way. Amaziah did things God wanted done but fell short of completion because he desired to please people by letting them live like they wished (to serve their Gods also). Jesus said, "depart from me, ye workers of iniquity. I never knew you."

Ezekiel wrote, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die", Ezekiel 18:20. According to this we will reap for our own way of life according to right or wrong by God's own word's. We may differ some in our understanding of interpretation, but must measure everything by the word of God.

When we consider all the scriptures; they tell us we must really turn away from all our unrighteousness and truly serve the Lord. He does not condone our living a double life. We cannot live for the world and at the same time claim to be a Christian. A good way to get things done right is to ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do if He were in my place?" Just quietly ask this of yourself and

answer it quietly in what you do about it. One thing to always remember is a motto of years ago. It read, "For when the one great Scorer comes to write against your name; He writes not what you won or lost, but how you played the game." The Prophet Micah wrote, "He hath shewed thee a man what is good and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with the Lord They God." Micah 6:8. When Jesus was teaching one time, a young scribe asked Him "Which is the first commandment of all?" and Jesus answered him with "The first of all the commandments is "Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength; this is the first and greatest commandment and the second is namely this; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:28-31. Matthew reads in similar words, "on these two commandments hangs all the law and prophets." Matthew 19:43.

It was written of King Amaziah that he did what was right in the sight of the Lord but not with a perfect heart. We can find many scriptures about the heart but in our verse to study the king did not have a perfect heart.

Today the word heart is used in many ways such as "the heart of a matter and other portions of conversation. Daniel purposed in his heart to not defile himself by eating the wrong foods. This is found in Daniel 1:8. The first part of each of the two commandments Jesus quoted said "Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy heart." In Ps. 19:8 we find "The statues of the Lord are right; rejoicing the heart..." Then, Paul wrote in Romans 10:10, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." Then we can add to what we can read about King Amaziah (that his heart was not perfect), when we read from James 4:8, "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands ye sinners; and purify your hearts ye doubleminded," Jesus' words recorded in Matthew 6:24, "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other or he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

We have seen by these scriptures the dangerous and often the outcomes of one trying to please people while serving God; but let us read a little about serving God with a whole heart. Paul wrote in Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." A portion of Hebrews 6:1 reads, "Therefore leaving the principals of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection..."

While the last of chapter 11 in Hebrews tells us God has prepared something better for us so let us not give up but go on to receive it with a healthy heart. How is your heart today?



# RUNNING OUT OF GAS

... Shirley Nelson

How often have you told your children to do something over and over (like cleaning their room or taking the trash out), yet it's as if they haven't heard a word you've said? Before you answer too quickly, think about how many times our Heavenly Father has told you to do something, with the same results. Maybe you forgot about it or thought "I'll do it later", just the same way ott kids do.

Recently that still small voice had been prompting me to put gas in our car. According to the gas gauge, we still had half a tank. For 2 or 3 days in a row I thought "I'll do it tomorrow when I have more time." As always, tomorrow never comes. On the way home from work the next morning, Lee ran out of gas. I was scheduled to go to work shortly after he would have arrived. Needless to say, I didn't make it to work on time.

As with most parents, our Heavenly Father showed His grace and mercy in this situation. Lee stopped at a house where there just happened to be a kind Christian lady at home. Understandably she wasn't sure whether or not to let this stranger into her house to use the phone. In the end she not only let Lee use the phone, but she also ran him to the gas station to fill up his gas can and loaned him the cash for the gas because he didn't have any with him.

We walk now in the day of grace, but the day is very shortly coming when we cannot afford to be disobedient or be out of gas. Matthew 25:1-13 tells us what it will be like in those last days. Of ten virgins, five were wise enough to have their lamps and their oil prepared. The other five had only empty vessels. When the bridegroom arrived the foolish ones asked the wise ones to share their oil. But they would not. (At this time there will be

no kind Christian lady to help fill up the tank!) As in no other time that has ever been before, it is so very important that we be prepared.

In verse 13 of Chapter 25, Jesus admonishes us, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day or the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." God had just said the same thing in Matthew 24:42. The disciples had heard Him say it both times. Yet if we go right over to Chapter 26:38-41 we find that the disciples were not watching as they had been instructed to. They were sleeping instead and because of it they ended up scattered abroad like a flock of sheep.

When that day arrives for us, will we be walking in the spirit, with our lamps filled, or will we be walking in the weakness of our flesh, with empty vessels?

"And He spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree and all the trees: When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." (Luke 21: 29-36.)

Brian and Valerie Fleming, Joplin, Missouri announce the birth of their first child, a son, Micah Thomas, on January 16, 1995. Micah weighed 10 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces and was 23 inches long.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fleming, Lamar, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Oakes, Joplin, Missouri.

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