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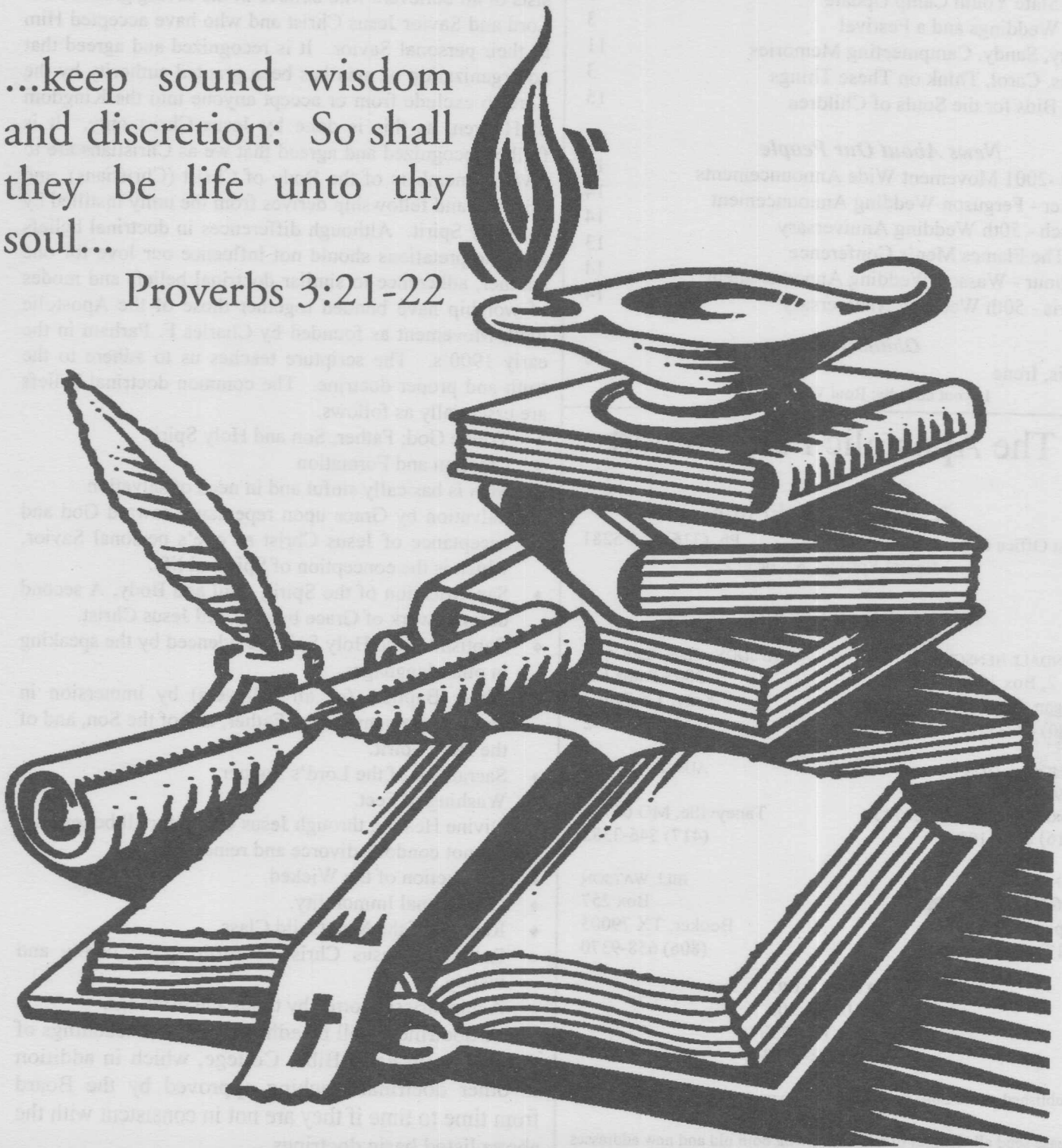
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...keep sound wisdom  
and discretion: So shall  
they be life unto thy  
soul...

Proverbs 3:21-22







## Think on These Things

by Carol Oakes

Open a newspaper, turn on the radio at news-time, watch the television and what is the main theme or topic? Harmful things that have happened to the public. It is so rare that we read or hear of the good things that happen to people that one begins to wonder if good things happen any longer. Even our music is so full of lying, cheating, immorality and ungodly lifestyles that radio listening for uplifting entertainment is getting to be scarce.

What happens to the human lifestyles when we are bombarded continually with these "harmful impressions"? Look around and see. Events like the one at Columbine High School in Colorado and the other schools throughout the United States begin to happen as well as other acts of immorality throughout the entire country.

Why does it happen, one will ask. Look into oneself and see what is fed the mental animal of man. The news media support the bad events and build days of broadcasts upon these events and the music is played over the airwaves, permeating the minds and filling that void of learning with immoral lessons. The only playback from the individual is to do what is learned. A young child is a "product of teaching" from infancy and adults are no different. One never becomes too old to learn and being continually bombarded with bad news and bad ideals will produce bad actions.

The Apostle Paul had the answer in his writing to the Philippian church when he said... Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (Philippians 4:8 KJV)

Keeping ones priorities of mind in this order will lead to upstanding living with a mind fixed on doing good things toward all men and turning away from immoral deeds.

### FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FESTIVAL

A combined group of junior age youth from the Granby, Prosperity, and Trinity Southside Apostolic Faith Churches performed a youth musical last May 6, at the Joplin Southside Church at 7 in the evening.

This is a musical about the Biblical story of Ruth and Boaz with emphasis on the Kinsman Redeemer. With the upbeat music and the humorous lines, the youth were enthusiastic about being a part of the cast. It is an original play written by Marc and Cyndi Romero of Manassas, Va. (children of Sam and Lachelle-Whiteley Yoder).

Cast members were: Seth Reed, Dustin Mullins, Tim Tandy, Josh Reed, Amanda Morris, Alex Ferguson, Ashley Slater, Willie Nabors, Daniel Nabors, Jeff Morris, Jonathan Severence, Aisha Horner, Katie Nabors, Veronica Lewis, Brandy Tandy, Aaron Mullins, Jeffrey Landsaw, Nick Tandy, Zach McCleary, Sara Weber, Joe Butler, Sapphire Corbin, Payton Corbin, Katy Cloud and Price Cloud.

Roberta Sluder, Paula Oakes, Carrie Oakes and Diana McCleary were the directors and did a fabulous job. Jacob Oakes did the choreography. Most of the costumes were made by Kay Wheeler.

It was an outstanding performance and the audience responded with laughter and remarks of enjoyment. This material can be purchased from the Misty Hollow Inc. Publishing Do., 10704 Flory Rd., Nokesville, Va. 20181. You can view this and other material at [www.mistyhollowinc.com](http://www.mistyhollowinc.com) or call 1-877-594-3844. Lachelle will be glad to hear from you and to make suggestions for your youth department.



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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15



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# AFBC Students

## First Year



Denise Bensch, 18, comes from Logan, OK, where she attends the Midway Country Church under the ministry of Rev. & Mrs. Neil Ragan. Her parents are Randall and Joyce Bensch.

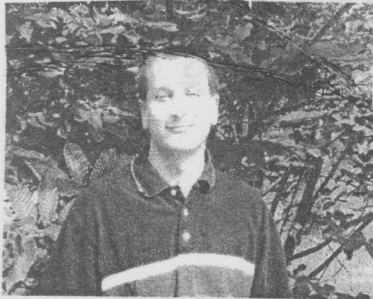


Crystal King, 18, Granby, MO, is the daughter of Rogers and Dana King. Her pastors at the Granby Gospel Tabernacle are Lowell and Thelma Long.

Nathan Burney, 19, of Hollister, MO is the son of Larry and Mary Burney also of Hollister. Nathan attends the First Church of the Nazarene in Branson, MO under the ministry of Rev. Jimmy Cariker.



Jimmy Kitchens, 19, Ocala, FL is the son of Pete & Kim Kitchens. He was under the ministry of Rev. Ed Johnson at the First Baptist Church in Ocala.



Jon Clayton, 23, is the son of Phillip and Kathy Clayton of Joplin, MO. Jon's pastors are Richard and Renee Morris at Southside Apostolic Faith Church, Joplin, MO.

Jacob Manning, 20, son of Dan and Patty Manning, comes from Laverne, OK. He attends the Apostolic Faith Church. James and Lynn Brown are his pastors.



Charles DeVaughn, Jr., 20, comes from Palestine, WV. He attends the Rockport Full Gospel Church in Rockport, WV under the ministry of Everett and Betty Snyder. His parents are Charles DeVaughn and Connie Hickel.



Mark Morgan, 18, is from New Martinsville, WV. He previously attended the Praise Cathedral under the ministry of Ken Westerman. He is the son of Demi Urick.



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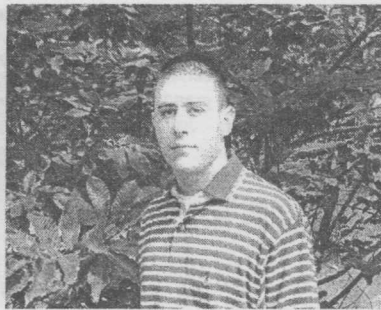


Camille Morgan, 27, New Martinsville; WV is the daughter of Demi Urick. She previously attended the Praise Cathedral under the ministry of Ken Westerman.



Marvin Talley, 41, Pittsburg, KS is the son of Harley and Rose Talley. Rev. Carl Walker is his pastor at Evangel Christian Center.

Rocky Rodriquez, 18, Roswell, NM is the son of Rocky and Penny Rodriquez. He attended the First Church of the Nazarene under the ministry of Dr. M.K. Rigsby.



Casey Tucker, 18, of St. Clairsville, OH is the daughter of David and Selene Tucker. Casey's home church is the Rockport Full Gospel Church where Everett and Betty Snyder pastor.

Darrell Lee Shultz Jr., 19, is from Parkersburg, WV, where he attended the Rockport Full Gospel Church.



Everett and Betty Snyder are his pastors. His parents are Darrell and Cheryl Shultz.

## Second Year



Darren Butcher, 24, the son of Richard Butcher and Becky Kinkade comes from Taneyville, MO where he attends the Taneyville Apostolic Faith Church. Austin and Shirley Sutton are his pastors.

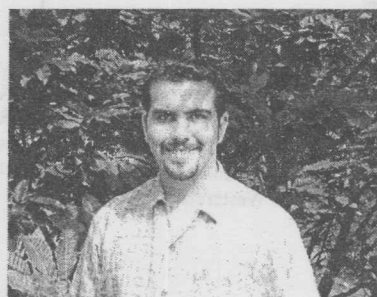


Michelle Cloninger, is the daughter of Larry and Lesia Cloninger of Columbus, TX and is 22. She attends the Christian Gospel Church of Alleyton, TX Seldon and Vanessa Harris are her pastors.

# AFBC Students

## Second Year

Danaisa Ellis, 20, is the daughter of Tracy & Dawn Grier of Alvin, TX. In Alvin she attends the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church. Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Arnall are her pastors.



Daniel McCain, 19, is the son of Jim and Sharon McCain of Ritchey, MO. He has recently attended the Taneyville Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of Austin & Shirley Sutton.

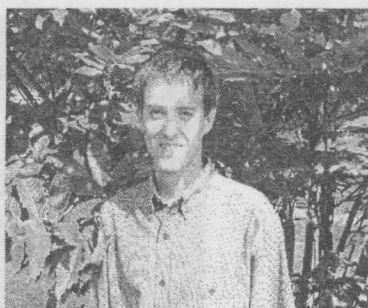


Greg Goering is 22 years old and is the son of James and Karen Goering of Wichita, KS. Greg is a music leader at the Rock in Kingman, KS.

Debbie Madersky, 19, is the daughter of Jeanette Madersky of Murdock, KS and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Wimer also of Murdock, KS. She attends the Apostolic Faith Church in Kingman, KS under the ministry of Bill & Christina Derixson.



Lori Lewis, 19, daughter of Keith and Juanita Lewis, comes from Rolla, KS. She attends services at the Rock in Kingman, KS.



Jeremy Manthe, 19, comes from Follett, TX. His parents are Ivan and Kay Manthe of Follett, TX. This past summer he worked in the Apostolic Faith Church in Kingman, KS under the ministry of Bill & Christina Derixson.

## Third Year



Rachel Hernandez- Rachel returns to AFBC to participate in a 3rd year work-study program. She attends classes, is the assistant to the Dean of Women, and is the librarian. She also prepares the supper meal and works in the ministry at the Baxter Chapel as teacher and is a deaf interpreter for Sunday services. She comes from Columbus, TX where she

attends the Christian Gospel Church under the ministry of Seldon and Vanessa Harris. Rachel is open for calls on Wed. evenings.

Timothy & Roni Wasson- Tim is a returning student, who is also active in the 3rd year. Work-Study program. Tim attends classes, is the Dean of Men, is in charge of yard maintenance, and is the sports organizer. Roni is also on the 3rd year Work-Study Program. In addition to attending classes, Roni works in the kitchen, AFBC office and the Apostolic Faith Report Office.

Tim and Roni are currently attending Sunday services at the Apostolic Faith Church of Prosperity, MO. Tim and Roni are open for calls on Wednesday evenings.





# Four State Youth Camp 2000

God is good! We had another great Youth Camp in Baxter Springs, Kansas this year. For the last several years, we have seen a large increase in the numbers of campers coming to our camp. Three years ago, we had to begin splitting our camp into two camps, one for the juniors and one for seniors. This year we had 71 campers in junior camp and we had 114 campers in Senior Camp. We also had an abundance of good help. We thank God for that blessing. We were totally overwhelmed by the numbers of young people desiring to be in camp. But what was even more overwhelming was their desire to seek the Lord. They came to camp expecting great things. The Junior Camp was wonderful. Sister Tammy Dorris had the evening services. She did a wonderful job talking right on the junior level. They did not have a problem understanding her messages. She has been blessed with an ability to communicate Jesus to young children. She was totally lead by the Holy Spirit. One could feel His presence in the services. The very first night, 13 junior campers gave their hearts to the Lord. The following nights were just as wonderful as many others came to know God for the first time and many more grew closer to the Lord. The young people also enjoyed the music ministry of Sister Julie Pulsifer and her team of young people.

The Senior Camp was a much anticipated event this year. Last year, many of the senior campers came away from camp with a supernatural strength from the Lord. They came back to camp this year proclaiming that they were able to grow closer to God after they went back home last year. They were excited that they had stayed true to the Lord throughout the year. And they were not disappointed by this year's camp. Again, God showed how good He is. The very first night of camp was truly wonderful with many gaining ground in the Lord. Brother Matt Snyder was our evening speaker. He was a great speaker for young people, identifying with them, and keeping their full attention each night. But the most awesome thing that happened was on Thursday evening when 60 young people and 2 adult workers were filled with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. And what a sweet Spirit it was. Again, the young people enjoyed Sister Julie Pulsifer and her team who lead the wonderful worship music.

We want to thank everyone who gave up their time to work in camp. It was so appreciated. Also, to those who supported the camp financially, we want to thank you. It doesn't cost a penny to come to our camp. It is all done on free-will offerings. Thanks to all who were obedient to God in their giving. God richly blesses us financially this year. Most of all, we want to thank God for His Greatness. He never fails us.

I have received several testimonies from some of those that attended camp this year. I felt I needed to share them with everyone. I hope you enjoy reading these testimonies as much as I did. There are testimonies from campers and from workers. They will bless you!

Youth Camp is a very vital and important place. Many young people's lives have been forever changed there. I was saved at that very camp in 1972 when I was 14 years old. I know how life-changing a few days at camp can be. Pray for our young people and encourage them. Support our camps with your prayers as well as financially. It is so worth while.

The 2000 Youth Camp Committee

Glenn and Carrie Oakes

Darrel and Paula Oakes

Richard and Renee' Morris

Paula Oakes, Reporter

## Four State Youth Camp Testimonies

I got closer to the Lord and the Lord touched me about all of my problems. And I got to minister to other people who don't know the Lord.

Amanda Morris

Junior Camp (Camper)

Southside Apostolic Faith Church

Joplin, Missouri

I don't know where to start this testimony because the way that God has helped me can't easily be put into words. God did a lot for me this year at camp. He showed me how much He loved me and He showed me who He really was. I began to realize He is more than God, He is a friend. God helped me in such a way that I can't explain it. Ever since youth camp, I have begun to trust God more. At camp I would talk to other people about God. Now I find myself talking about Him more often to others. God taught me to trust Him more and to love Him more. He has given me courage to witness. He has helped me to realize that life isn't all that bad and He has

helped me to see that He wants to be more than my God. He wants to be my friend also. Youth Camp has helped me find God on a personal level. I thank God for such a camp.

Aaron Sumler  
Senior Camp (Camper)  
Goodman Full Gospel Church  
Goodman, Missouri

Camp was exciting. God made this year wonderful for me and my sister. My sister got saved and then filled with the Holy Spirit. I led my friend to God. I would like to tell you how great it feels to see all those young people worshipping and praising God! I wish camp was year round. I pray that camp is better next year. Thank you for what you did for the campers. Thank you to all those who helped with cooking.

Thank you for what you did to the camp.

Veronica Lewis  
Junior Camp (Camper)  
Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church  
Prosperity, Missouri

In Luke 6:38, the Bible says, "Give and it will be given to you." I have never experienced this promise quite like I did at Youth Camp this year. As the time of camp grew closer, I wondered why I had agreed to counsel all week because I never even went to church camp as a child. But God, knowing all of my weaknesses and fears, helped me to see that He can use us wherever we are. As the kids began to arrive, I felt myself feeling intimidated by them. Since I was not accustomed to dealing with teenagers and had absolutely no wisdom of my own, I could only rely on the Lord's wisdom. And His wisdom and ways will never fail. As I prayed with those kids at the altar and they poured out their hearts, the Lord began to work on my heart. I realized how many times I look on outward appearances and actions. But our loving, Heavenly Father looks on the heart and He knows exactly what has gone on in each of their lives to cause them to be and act like they do.

The Lord used Youth Camp to bring about a needed change in my life; to look past what is being said or done on the outside and see a child inside that Jesus loved so much that He died on a cross for them. I thank God that He was willing to use me for the entire week of camp and that He still continues to work on me. I left the camp so tired, but so blessed.

Mindy Forbes  
Junior and Senior Camp (Counselor and teacher)  
Southside Apostolic Church  
Joplin, Missouri

I expected great things at Youth Camp this year, especially after the awesome camp we had in 1999. I started praying for the camp a few months beforehand not only for the camp in general, but also that I would get something special out of it. I wanted to experience God on a whole new level. Camp started the way it ended last year, with lots of praise and worship. As the week went on, the rallies as well as the evening services were about the Holy Spirit. It was awesome!! I graduated this year and had plans for college and moving out with a friend, but God has changed my plans. He wanted me to attend Bible College in Baxter. I was very worried about changing my plans and I was afraid I would lose my scholarships but I prayed very hard about this decision. I didn't realize that God was on my side and if I did what He wanted everything would be fine. Everything has worked out and I am going to the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter. It is amazing how God can work things out (if you let Him)!!!

Crystal King  
Senior Camper  
Granby Gospel Tabernacle  
Granby, Missouri

Words cannot describe how awesome Youth Camp was this year. One could just feel the presence of God and that, also, is too much for words. The Lord did so much for me at camp. I am so thankful for everything He has done. At the 11:00 rally on the last day, I rededicated my life to God and I was filled with His Holy Spirit. The day before, I was touched by the message that was given at that same rally, by Travis Bard's message at another rally and by the sermon given by Brother Matt Snyder. I knew that I desperately wanted the Holy Spirit in my life. I couldn't leave camp without Him. And thankfully God was so gracious as to pour out His Holy Spirit upon my life. It was a free gift from God because Jesus paid the price years ago. I just had to accept in faith.

Having the Holy Spirit in my life has changed me so much. I'm not afraid to talk about God and to witness to people. I want to work for Him and walk in His presence. I want to be with Him always. I know that I can be because He will never leave my side if I do His will. I just have this love in my heart for Him and for everything that He's done.

I would like to say thanks to all of the counselors and workers, and everyone that was at camp. But most of all, I want to say thank you to God.

Dyana Bard  
Senior Camper  
4th Street Apostolic Faith Church  
Joplin, Missouri



I praise God daily for the work that I saw done at the camp. You people are truly doers of the Word. I don't know where to begin. I saw God moving in all aspects of the camp. But, first I want to PRAISE HIM for filling me with His Holy Spirit. It has helped me to trust in all things. The music this year was so worshipful and healing to me. The bonds and friendships with the kids are so great. I still pray for "my" kids. Teaching God's word to young people is so exciting. I witnessed a healing of a relationship between some young women. I saw myself wooed by the Holy Spirit. The message on the Holy Spirit on Thursday night, I felt was just for me. I could hardly contain myself until the altar call. God is so mighty and awesome. I know I have other people in agreement with me on certain things. We are just faithfully waiting for the answers. The camp has brought some dear friends into my life. I may only see them at camp, but it feels like you never miss a beat. Praise God. I hope to be a faithful servant in the future.

Dayna Sumler  
Junior and Senior Teacher (Kitchen Help)  
Goodman Full Gospel Church  
Goodman, Missouri

I got to know a lot of new people. And pray with them about things I had no clue that was going on. I spoke in tongues a lot. And had a great experience that I can't wait to have again next year.

Alex Ferguson  
Junior Camper  
Southside Apostolic Faith Church  
Joplin, Missouri

## Campmeeting Memories

I remember as a little girl in San Diego listening to stories about "Dad" Parham, the Apostolic Faith Movement, and most of all, Camp Meeting. I would sit for long periods of time, glued to every word of the people of our congregation, as they spoke about the Camp Meetings of years gone by. I imagined what a Gail Schultz or a Ben Barker might have looked like. I could only paint my own picture of an Otto Busch or a Jake Regier from the descriptions I heard. I didn't know exactly what they looked like, but I knew what they stood for, and I knew how much I wanted their passion for God.

Listening to the Bible College singing groups who occasionally came to our church, I pretended that a Camp Meeting choir stood before me. I had never heard such beautiful harmony. I fell in love with Southern Gospel music. If a Camp Meeting choir sounded better than these singing groups, I thought, then that must be what the angels sounded like when they filled Heaven with song. I knew that I wanted to sing among them someday, to feel the joy in praising God with so many voices.

I sniffed deeply at each church dinner when I was a little girl, taking in the aromas of homemade food, imagining that the Camp Meeting dinners I had only heard about must smell like this, maybe better!

As I gazed at the stars over the beach in the San Diego sky, I remembered hearing how Camp Meeting altar services found God's people praying into the wee morning hours. What would make people stay on their knees so long, I wondered. Having been raised in a non-Christian home, their were many nights I too stayed on my knees by my bed, praying till I cried myself to sleep. I didn't want to leave that place of prayer until I felt God cradling me, assuring me that He'd take care of me. Maybe that's why those Camp Meeting people prayed all night, I thought. Whatever blessings they were finding under the stars, I wanted them too.

I would listen intently as visiting pioneers of the movement shared their Camp Meeting memories. With tear-filled eyes and broken voices, they spoke reverently and affectionately of an event that I could only dream about. Every time I sang "I'm So Glad I'm A Part Of The Family Of God", I remembered those pioneers telling of the joy they felt in embracing old friends at Camp Meeting. I thought about my Christian friends, and I knew what they meant. Those friends were like my favorite relatives. I never wanted our time together to end.

Today, as I watch my children's faces light up as they experience Camp Meeting by my side, I am in awe of how very blessed I am. That which was once merely a dream for me is now a reality that I share with my family. Thank God for Camp Meeting memories handed down from generation to generation. Maybe there is a child somewhere wondering what a Johnny Arnall or a Myrtle Carney or even a Roland Haney looks like! Maybe that child imagines what it must be like to pray all night under the stars. Maybe that child, like me, simply can't wait for Heaven, where we will finally gather for that eternal Camp Meeting around God's glorious throne.

Sandy Haney

# Faith is Based on Knowledge

## Exalting Truth Above Fact

Romans 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

By: Travis Bard - Carl Junction, MO

as the world defines common sense. Think about

If we don't look carefully at this scripture, we will interpret it as saying that faith comes when we hear the word of God. But this verse says faith comes by hearing. Faith comes by hearing what? The scripture says hearing comes by the word of God. So what is hearing? Surely not the hearing of physical sounds.

In Matthew 13, we find Christ explaining why He uses parables to speak to the people. He quotes Isaiah when He says, "because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand: And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive." These people heard with their physical ears, but they did not hear. They did not perceive the truth that Christ was showing them. The thing that will bring faith, the thing the people could not hear, is truth. John 8:31-32 says, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Continuing in the word of God will bring about the knowledge of the truth, and through the knowledge of the truth, we will have a freedom bringing, yoke breaking faith. When we read that faith cometh by hearing, we can see that our faith will be fruitful when we really perceive in our heart the truth of God, and perceiving the truth of God comes by saturating ourselves in God's word. Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

If we are going to be filled with the truth of God to the place where we see our faith become fruitful, we must be mindful of one very important thing. Truth and fact are not the same thing. What is true is not always truth, and what is truth will not always agree with what our senses tell us. Look at Romans 8:5-7. "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." The word "carnally" does not mean sinful. A sinful person will have a carnal mind, but a greater number of Christians also have a carnal mind. Carnal means of the flesh, or of human nature. To be carnally minded means having your mind working in the ways of human nature. Actually, a good synonym for being carnally minded is being worldly wise, or thinking by using good common sense

the mere sound of the term, com-

mon sense. God's truth is not at all common. It is supernatural sense. You see, the truth of God will often fly directly in the face of what your five senses, and all of your worldly experiences tell you. It will often be diametrically opposed to these things. For example, you may look at yourself and say, "I am very sick and I am going to die." The word of God, on the other hand, says that, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with His stripes we are healed." You see, these two things are opposites. They say two conflicting things. The question then is, which of these two things are true. They cannot both be. Which one of these statements are you going to agree with. You may say, "but I have been to the doctor, and I know I am sick. Look at my body. Look at the facts. I know what the Bible says, but look at the facts." You have just elevated fact over the truth of God's word. Your faith will not be effective. You need to take the advice of Paul in Romans 3:3-4. "For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged." When your sensuality, that is your five senses, scream at you that you are sick, you need to resist that thought and stand on the word of God. God is true, and my five senses are liars. God is true, and the doctor is a liar. God is true, no matter what. Truth must be exalted above fact if we expect to see our faith bear fruit. If you choose to believe you emotions, or what the doctor said, or what your five senses tell you, or anything else, you may be choosing to believe what the enemy wants you to believe. You see, he will fight you in all of these areas, but the word says in John 8:44, "there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

When I was young, I can remember the old timers preaching about movies, about television, and about other forms of worldly entertainment. I listened to what was being said, and unfortunately I rejected much of it. I did this because I was never given a reason why these things might harm me. I was only given a list of right, and a list of wrong, and was told to do the right, and shun the wrong. So is there anything wrong with movies, and television, and the like? No, these technologies are just metal, plastic, and electricity. They make use of physical laws that God set in motion to be used for His glory. They are all things that can be used to further the kingdom of God. I will tell you this though, even the most innocent things that are on secular television can



keep you from operating in faith towards what God has done for you if that is the kind of thing that you choose to feed your mind on. Why? Is it because God is looking down at you saying, "I see that person watching television, so they do not get healing from me today?" Absolutely not. The healing work has already been done. It was done 2000 years ago when Jesus bore our diseases, died on the cross, and rose from the grave. Now we must act in faith towards what has already been done for us. We receive by faith, and faith comes by being full of the truth of God, and not full of the truth of the world. If you spend countless hours watching Bugs Bunny on television, and a few minutes in the word of God, when it comes time for you to act in faith, all that will come out of your heart is, "What's up doc?" The world will give you anti-truth that will war in your heart and mind against the truth of God. A lot of Christians worry. They worry about getting sick. They worry about the financial situation in the world. They are worried that they might not have enough. Why? They are full of the facts of the world, and are not full of the truth of the Word. God's word says that my needs will be supplied, and that it is God's will to prosper me, and for me to be in health, so let the world go nuts. I serve a living God.

Jesus once sent His disciples out and gave them power, "to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:" Later, a man came and told Jesus that the disciples had not been able to cast a demon out of his son. Why? They had seen the boy foam at the mouth, gnash his teeth, and manifest many visual signs of demon possession. They focused on the sensual, and not on the truth that Jesus gave them power to cast out demons. When they asked why they could not cast the demon out, Jesus said, "Because of your unbelief." He later told them that this kind cometh not out but by prayer and fasting. Now, He was not saying that if we pray and fast, that we influence demons or God any differently than if we don't pray and fast. God and Satan are not impressed with the fact that you did not eat. We cannot by our actions convince God to do anything. That would be manipulation, and God does not work that way.

Fasting and prayer affects a change in us. It causes us to lose our carnal mindedness and focus on the word of God. The disciples were not focused on the words of Christ. They focused on their own senses, and that brought about unbelief. The same will happen to us if we are filled with the "fact of the world and not the absolute, unchanging truth of God's word.

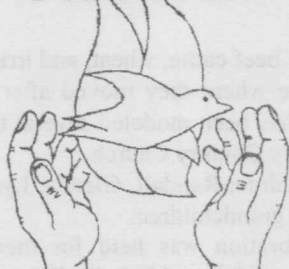
You see, there is also an opposite truth to Romans 10:17. A lack of faith is all that will result from not hearing or perceiving the truth of God, and constantly hearing what the world has to say, rather than what the Word has to say, will cause us to have unbelief. Doubt is really faith in something other than what God says. If the knowledge of the absolute, unchanging truth of God is really revealed by the Spirit of God to our own spirit, then we cannot doubt. Our doubt is a result of wrong knowledge. I once heard a person say, "Well it is flu season again. I always get the flu." She then began to name all of the different strains of the flu that were going around. She had a lot of knowledge about sickness, but it was the wrong knowledge. I did not even know about the latest flu epidemic, and sure did not know the names of the different types of flu. That kind of knowledge is carnal, and it will produce death.

Get into the word of God. Fall in love with it like you never have before. Let it become such an addiction to you that you cannot wait to get home from work so you can spend time in the word. Seek God to give you understanding, and open the word to through the Holy Spirit. His word, His truth is alive, and it is powerful. In Psalms 138 we read that, "thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." God had magnified His word above even His own name. Shut off all of the other forms of knowledge, and plug into the life giving word. Let the truth of God so saturate you that you cannot believe anything or anyone else. Fact is not truth. Truth changes fact.

## FAN THE FLAMES

### OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I TIMOTHY 1:6



**MEN'S CONFERENCE 2000**

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Fan the Flames is a gathering of men who are hungry for a greater manifestation of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our homes, and our churches.

Join us the evening of November 17 and all day November 18 for uplifting praise and worship, anointed preaching and teaching on the Holy Spirit, and great times of seeking God together for a greater move of His Holy Spirit in our lives.

The conference will begin at 7:00 p.m., Friday November 17 at the Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin and will conclude sometime Saturday night.

If you would like to register, or if you would like more information, and/or your church has not received information, please contact us at (417) 782-6962. Leave your address, and we will send you more information. There is no fee to register, but please do so by October 1 so we may make adequate preparations.

# Freshour & Wasson Wed The Bensch Love Story

Timothy Ray Wasson and Veronica "Roni" Freshour were united in Holy Matrimony, August 1, 2000. The wedding took place at Shadowrock Park in Forsyth, MO. Tim is the son of Tom Wasson of Kisse Mills, MO and Janet Beard of Hollister, MO. Roni is the daughter of Ronald and Shirley Freshour of Columbus, TX.



The couple first met at the Baxter Youth Camp, and have attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College for the past two years. They have now returned to AFBC for a third year. Tim and Roni would like to thank all of you for your love, support, and prayers!

On August 6, 2000, Glenford and Gracie Bensch celebrated their 50th anniversary. In tribute, we their children would like to share their story.



**CHILDHOOD AND HIGH SCHOOL**  
In December 1929, Gracie L. Loesch was born south of Booker, Texas to Fred and Maggie Loesch.

Mom was raised in the rural Viewpoint Friends Church (now the Booker Friends Church). In high school, mom loved literature and history and was champ at ping pong. She graduated from Booker High School in 1948 and went to Friends Bible College (now Barclay College) in Haviland, Kansas.

In 1931, Glenford H. Bensch was born north of Seiling, Oklahoma to Harry and Rosa Bensch. Dad grew up in the Seiling Friends Church. Dad loved football, basketball, and track, and won the 1949 State Championship in discus. Dad graduated from Seiling High School in 1949 and went to Friends Bible College.

**THE COURTSHIP**

They began dating while attending the Friends Bible College. On most dates they would walk to downtown Haviland to a little drug store for a soda.

**THE WEDDING**

On the High Plains, August isn't always the nicest time of the year to get married. The heavy rains in July had packed the soil in the fields. On August, 6, 1950 the strong south wind churned dust against the little Viewpoint Church. There was, of course, no air conditioning. To open the windows meant letting in more dust, but to leave them closed meant getting married in an oven, so they compromised and opened the tops of the windows just slightly.

**THE FARM**

Right after their honeymoon, they settled on a farm in the Logan community. In 1953 Dad decided he wanted to dairy. He bought Holsteins and began to build a herd. Dad loved dairying and he was in it for 34 years.

**TODAY**

Dad and Mom continue to raise beef cattle, wheat, and irrigated alfalfa. They live in the house where they moved after their honeymoon, though the house has been modeled several times. Mom and Dad attend the Midway Country Church.

To their union they had 5 children, Randall, Glenda, Lynden, Curtis, and Stuart. They have 9 grandchildren.

A Golden Anniversary celebration was held for them on Saturday, July 29th, at the Midway fellowship hall. We want to thank all the friends and family who shared in this to make this a special day for the folks.

Love, The Bensch kids, Randall, Glenda, Lynden, Curtis and Stuart

# Beaver + Ferguson = Love



It first began Oct. 19, 1999 over a "bag of apples"!! Waple Ferguson of Joplin phoned Sue Beaver of Granby inquiring about the apple orchard east of town. After a phone call or two they decided to make the trip to purchase some Golden Delicious apples, from there, it was lunch at Monett,

then a relaxing drive on to Roaring River State Park. The Courtship ended June 16, 2000 when they were united in marriage at the Southside Apostolic Faith Church by Rev. Jim Arnall of Ashland, Al. They now reside at 2811 Matthews Dr. in Joplin, Mo and invite all their friends to come by for a visit anytime.

# Golden Anniversary

Richard & Renee' Morris, along with other loving family members, helped Mr. & Mrs. Fred Morris celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11th, 2000.

Fred and Peggy are the parents of Richard and proud grandparents of Jeffrey, Amanda & Jeremy. Richard, Renee', and family, along with all the Morris children and grandchildren (13), and great-grandchildren (3) were present to enjoy a very special day for a very special couple.



The reception was held at Bethel Christian Church in Millerville, AL where pastor Jim and Mary Lou Arnall are presently serving. Fred and Peggy have attended Bethel now for approximately sixteen years.



## OBITUARY

## Irene Hollis

1924 - 2000



Irene M. Hollis, 75, passed from this life Monday, July 3, 2000, at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin, Mo., following a short illness.

Mrs. Hollis was born August 11, 1924, in Galena, Kansas to Ray and Marie Collins. She was the foster daughter of Jim and Anna Dunnivant. In 1965 she and Bill moved to Baxter Springs where they lived until their deaths.

Mrs. Hollis was a member of the Apostolic Faith Chapel in Baxter. For many years she served her church in Galena as a director of crafts for VBS and then at the 4 State Youth Camp. God had blessed her with an artistic ability and she used it in His service. After moving to Baxter Springs she was a Grey Lady at the Baxter Memorial Hospital and then later a member of the Mended Hearts Association in Joplin. Bill and Irene were members of the Baxter Miners Camping Club. People will remember Irene as a Faithful Christian and a faithful member to her church. Her sweet disposition and smile will be missed by many people.

Irene Mae Collins and William T. "Bill" Hollis were united in marriage on July 1, 1941, in Joplin, Mo. He preceded her in death January 14, 2000.

Survivors include a foster son: Alvin and wife Eva Hollis of Guymon, Okla. Two grandchildren: VanAl and Dani Hollis of Rocky Ford, Colo., and Kandi and Jeremy Henson of Guymon, Okla... Several nieces and nephews besides many friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Derfelt Baxter Chapel July 6, 2000, at 10:30 A.M. Rev. Howard Whiteley was assisted by the Revs. Paul Clanton and M.D. Methvin. The Rev. Audie Tash officiated at the graveside rites. Music was furnished by Joan Cooper, a niece, and organist Yvonna Whiteley. Nephews served as pallbearers.

## "WHO BIDS FOR THE SOULS OF CHILDREN?"

Who bids for the souls of the children  
Body and soul and brain?  
Who bids for the souls of the children  
Young, and without a stain?

"Will no one bid?" said the Nation,  
"For the souls, so pure and white,  
and fit for the good or the evil,  
The world on their page may write?"

"Give me the little children."  
Said crime, "Ye rich, ye wise.  
and let the busy world spin 'round  
While you shut your idle eyes.

"I'll bid for the little children."  
Cries the communist — atheist too;  
"I'll shatter the God they believe in,  
and tell them the Bible's not true.

I'll plant in their hearts deep rebellion,  
I'll teach them to hate Church and State,  
I'll use them to bring revolution  
To this country; and I'll seal their fate."

"I'll take the souls of your children,"  
Cries the horrible monster called War!  
"I'll use them for cannon fodder  
And scatter your sons afar.

I'll fill them with venom and hatred  
And place in their hands a sword  
To kill every man, his brother,  
As he follows my blood-thirsty horde!"

"We bid," says the pest and the famine,  
"We bid for life and limb,  
Fever and pain and squalor  
Their bright young eyes shall dim.

When the children grow too weary,  
We'll nurse them as our own,  
And hide them in secret places,  
Where none shall hear their moan."

"Oh! Shame!" Cries the Heart of Jesus  
"Oh! Shame that this should be!  
I'll take the little children  
Oh! Give them all to me!

I'll raise them all in kindness  
From the mire in which they've trod,  
I'll teach them words of salvation,  
And lead them up to God."

—Selected

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