

# Apostolic Faith Report



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## AFBC Ordination / Graduation

And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28

18-20



Students, faculty families and friends gathered in Baxter Springs, KS for the Ordination / Graduation May 6th through May 8th.

At the Annual Business Meeting on May 7th it was reported again of God's faithfulness to the faculty, students and the ministry of AFBC. His

blessings continue to reign over His people as they continue to seek and serve Him.

May His Name Be Forever Praised!

Wed. evening, May 7th, after a message on consecration brought by Rev. M.D. Methvin, of Follett, TX, fifteen students were dedicated to the service of the Lord. They were Jacob Evans, Kendall Glenn, Cory Hall Cody Harris, Michael Highley, Laticia Laramore, Abigail Morrison, Nathanael Morrison, Rebekah Lyon, Shannon Pena, Mason Pliier, Adela

Rodriguez, Kalee Smith, Stephen Smith and Kayla Tottey.

Following the dedications, Steven Law of Anderson, MO, AFBC Class of 2013, was ordained into ministry and a certificate of ordination was presented posthumously to the family of John Isaac Fleming.

Thursday morning a final concert was given by AFBC students who had traveled as a music ministry team.

Following the concert we enjoyed the Annual BBQ made possible by Rev. &

Mrs. Jim Boyd, Rev. Calvin Harris & Rev. Brian Harris.

Commencement Exercises were held in the evening, May 8th with eleven 2nd year students graduating.

The Valedictory speech was given by Cody Harris and guest speaker for Graduation was Rev. David Mashburn of Elkins, AR. Diplomas were presented by Rev. Fred Huff and AFBC Superintendent, Rev. Bill Waggoner.

2014

## 141 Attend 27th Annual Alumni Banquet

The 27th Annual Alumni and Friends Banquet was held on May 6th, 2014 in the AFBC gym with 141 attending. Graduation Years that were recognized were '54, '64, '74, '84, '94, 2004 and 2014.

Kay Wheeler, AFBC Alumni &

Friends Association President did an outstanding job of coordinating this year's event. Helping her with the music was Shari Cook, Granby, MO She coordinated the "Sing Along" and specials; a quartet consisting

of Jack & Kathryn Cornell, Bill Patterson & Ted Barker; a trio with Fred & Sandra Huff and Carol Oakes and soloist, Rev. Jimmy Wallis (I've Had A Vision Of Jesus).

What a blessing it was to gather with friends of like faith,

to enjoy friendships made throughout the years and to again be reminded of God's blessings not only to AFBC but to each of us individually.

He Truly Is Faithful!

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### **By Laws Of The Apostolic Faith Bible College**

#### **Article VII Doctrine**

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers who believe in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians) and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows.

- \* Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- \* Creation and Formation
- \* Man is basically sinful and in need of salvation
- \* Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.
- \* Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body, a Second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- \* Baptism of the Holy Spirit, evidenced by the speaking in other languages.
- \* Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- \* Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- \* Washing of Feet
- \* Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.
- \* Do not condone divorce and remarriage
- \* Destruction of the wicked
- \* Conditional Immortality
- \* Rapture of the Man Child Class
- \* Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly
- \* A ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These doctrines shall be adhered to in the teachings of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.





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## Apostolic Faith Bible College 2014 Faculty & Students

1st Row L-R– Brian Moser (F), Cheryl Moser (F) Jordan Moser, Karen Oakes (D), Bill Waggoner (Superintendent.), Rhonda Waggoner (F), Pat Hawley (F,D) Madison Brown, Molly Brown (D).

2nd Row L-R– Matthew Harris (F), Lea Annette Lozano(2), Kayla Tottey(2), Laticia Laramore (2), Kalee Smith (1), Shannon Pena (2), Abigail Morrison (2), Darla Oakes (F), Michelle Cloninger (F), Lynette Brown (F), Bev Karber (F).

3rd Row L-R– Seth Reed (F) Jacob Evans (2), Kyle Randall (1), Michael Higley (1), Rebecca Nix (2), Jessica Lyon (1), Rebecca Lyon (2), Adela Rodriguez (1).

4th Row-L-R– Branden Gonzales (2), Kendall Glenn (1), Corey Hall (1), Steven Smith (1), Cody Harris (2), Nathanael Morrison (2), Mason Pliier (1).

Not pictured: Michael Buchanan (D) Jean Harrison (D), Jim Whitlock (D), Kelly Walters (D).

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

*Matthew 28:19*



## Changed Lives.... 2nd Year Students

### **Jacob Evans– St. Paul, AR**

I have gained so much from coming to AFBC. God has molded me and stretched me. I have learned so much. God has won many of my battles for me, and I am now victorious through Christ. I am thankful that there are people who are supportive of this school and wanting young people to come and grow in the Lord. Thank you so much for allowing me to come and have a better walk with the Lord.

### **Branden Gonzales-Midland, TX**

I would like to thank everyone who has supported and given, not only me but also my classmates, the opportunity to come to a place to learn and grow in a relationship with the Lord. The Lord ultimately opened up these doors for me to come but He used many to help provide. I've learned that I am not alone and that He will always go before me and never leave me. I've learned that a blessing is to be shared and I pray God blesses all those who have helped the Lord with the blessings you've provided for me to come to AFBC. God Bless you!

### **Cody Harris– Rock Island, TX**

My time here at AFBC has been one that totally changed my life and turned it completely around. I have dropped my old bad habits and acquired new ones. My heart has been softened and my flesh crucified with Christ. My old life style has ended here, but my new life was transformed here. Thank you to all who have supported this mission field and blessed it through prayers and finances. I thank you for allowing me to come here on your behalf. Thank you and I love you all.

### **Laticia Laramore– Rogers, AR**

My time here at AFBC has really matured me and stretched me. It has shown me who I am in Christ. I'm very thankful that I had the opportunity to come here and to have a time set aside to just seek and to get to know God. It has really changed my life. Thank You!

### **Lea Annetee Lozano– Alleyton, TX**

Being here at AFBC the past two years has taught me so much about God, about His Word, about who He says I am. I am grateful for those who supported me with prayer and for those who supported me financially, that gave me this opportunity. God has used this time, this experience, this college to change my life. Thank You!

### **Rebekah Lyon –Hornbeck, TN**

Dear Faculty, Students and AFBC Family– My extreme gratitude can simply not be expressed in such a way that would do justice to all the ways you have loved and supported me these two years attending AFBC. Thank you so much for investing and pouring into me the wisdom of Jesus Christ. I'm forever changed because of God and this incredible opportunity He gave me through all of you. Your prayers, your support, your time, again I thank you. Thank you for the bright future I'm now looking forward to!

### **Abigail Morrison– Hudson, WY**

One thing that I have learned while at AFBC is that the Lord is my confidence. It doesn't matter what other people say about me! I would like to thank all the faculty, Board of Trustees and all the people of the Apostolic Faith for making me welcome when I have come to your churches. Keep your hearts open and bless people as you have blessed me.



## Changed Lives....2nd Year Students

### **Nathanael Morrison-Hudson, WY**

When I first came to Bible School I had a lot of rough edge. I was coming from a back ground of biblical training and high expectations. I thought that Bible School was just going to be another boring school filled with boring and annoying teachers and people. Not only did I find good people and fun stuff, I found out that Bible study and classes could be fun and that God wasn't just someone my parents taught me to follow. I could deepen and establish myself here for His glory,

### **Rebecca Nix- Alvin, TX**

Bible School has taught me so much and has been a huge blessing. I always knew from a young age that you were supposed to read the Bible but I thought it was just stories. At the beginning of my first year I always got mad because I wasn't receiving from God and one day I decided to read, God showed me so much and spoke to me like never before. I have also learned to trust Him a lot more. Thank you for supporting this place and giving all of us opportunity to find who we are in the Lord.

### **Shannon Pena- Leedy, OK**

In my second year at AFBC the Lord had been dealing with me on my love for Him and how much He desires to love me. He's tested me on my devotion and commitment to Him and the application of things He has shown me. I know full well now how important it is to keep close to God and His ways. I'm not perfect but I'm striving to be better and better. To the Staff and Faculty, I thank you very much for being obedient and faithful to God and His plans for you. In doing so you have taught many new disciples for Christ. I love you all!

### **Kayla Tottey- Combs, AR**

Before coming to AFBC, I went to church and was involved with many church activities but never really had a true (genuine) relationship with the Lord. I've learned that having a relationship is very important and requires my time and effort, just like any other relationship. Thank you to everyone who has sown prayer, time, money, etc. into my life and I pray God blesses you all for blessing me. Love y'all!

# Thank You's

*For every thing you've done...  
for being the special people that you are...  
thank you so very much.*

To those that make the AFBC Scholarship Fund possible, thank you. You have blessed me beyond what words can say. Thank you for allowing me to continue my education with the help of this scholarship. This past year I have attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK.

May your lives be blessed as you have blessed mine.

Kyle Cook- Weatherford, OK  
AFBC Graduate 2013

After graduating from the Apostolic Faith Bible College in May 2013, I have had the opportunity to attend the Ecclesia College in Springdale, AR. As an alumnus of AFBC, I was considered and accepted to receive the scholarship offered to alumni who are intending to continue their education.

I would like to say Thank You, not just to the scholarship committee, but also to anyone who has given to the scholarship fund and to the college in other ways. Receiving a scholarship is about much more than the financial support a student receives. In receiving this scholarship, students are encouraged to do well, as this shows them that there are people out there who believe in them and hope for them to do well.

As a recipient of this scholarship, and financial support while I was a student at AFBC, thank you for believing in me and my fellow AFBC students.

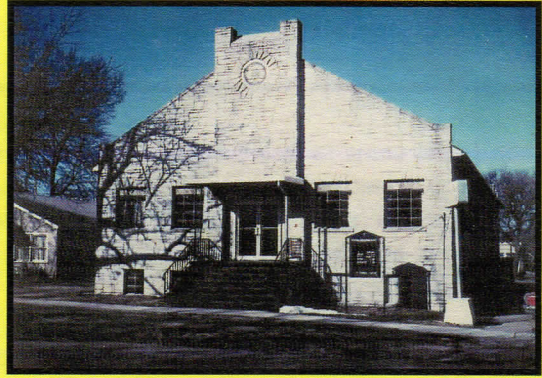
Melissa Turner- Granby, MO



## AFBC-1964

If you were a student at AFBC in 1964 you would have attended a 3 month term beginning in Sept. and closing in Dec. The boy's dorm was located in the basement of the Chapel and the girl's dorm was in the Old Home building that also housed the dining hall and kitchen.

Classes were held in the Chapel.



Married students provided for their own places to live during the term.

As God provided then, He continues to provide for all who trust in Him. **He is Faithful!**



## Can't believe it's been 50 years since we attended Apostolic Faith Bible College!!!

We attended the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs, KS in 1964 and our lives have never been the same! We had felt the call into the ministry for several years, but struggled to make the commitment to fully surrender.

Jimmie quit his job and we bought a small house trailer to live in. We parked it on the lawn next to the old home. Couples had to provide their own housing at that time. The girl students lived upstairs in the old home. The dining hall was in the back of the old home along with the kitchen and detail area.

The boys dorm was in the basement of the church. All of the Bible classes were held upstairs in the chapel. There was also a library and pre-school nursery that Carol Baker taught. Our son, Steve was 4 years old and he attended the nursery class while we studied. Kayla was in 1st grade at Lincoln Elementary School.

We started each morning with Chapel and the students had to share in the service with music and speaking (sermonettes, readings, etc.)

Rev. & Mrs. Gene (Fran) Waterbury were the Superintendents that year and they were marvelous. Sis. Fran taught piano and voice. We had a wonderful year.

We will forever be indebted to the Bible College for the Spiritual Heritage we received and the difference it made in our lives. We were taught to step out by faith and "God would supply all our needs according to His riches in glory". David said, "Once I was young and now I am old and never have I seen God's seed forsaken nor begging for bread." And that is still true. God is still faithful!!!

Thanks AFBC for the foundation you gave to us. God Bless You!

**Jim And Lou Arnall- Ordained 1964  
Ashland, AL**



## ***Ordained as minister of the Gospel in 1964.....***

I was ordained as a gospel worker on my 18th birthday at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in 1962. I knew at that time that I was called into the ministry, but I was far from ready to preach. Fortunately, there were friends in the ministry who made sure that I had a place to minister in Youth Work. I was very busy in Youth Work from Jan. 1963 until Sept. 1967. I appreciate four couples who made ministry available to me; Jack and Kathryn Cornell; Ted and Deana Barker; Jim and LaMoyné Fox and Ed and Eula Modrick.

**In 1964**, again at the Apostolic Faith Bible College, I was ordained as a minister of the Gospel. Fifty years have "sailed" by very quickly. I still owe a great debt to Rev. Jacob Regeir and Rev. Robert Girouard. They taught me by demonstration, the value of being a serious Bible student. It is fifty years later, and I am still a serious Bible student.

### **Some of the HIGHLIGHTS:**

**1971-1974**-Established Vicki and the Royalheirs, a singing group that ministered in song. Vicki and I learned in our travels that just a "good sound" was not nearly good enough. God required anointed singing. Otherwise, it was merely entertainment.... not ministry.

**1975-1980**-Worked with Ed Modrick as Assistant Pastor, teacher and praise and worship leader. The members of a choir at Panhandle Bible Center worked together as a ministry team to provide the atmosphere of praise and worship. The praise was so effective that the oppression of the enemy was driven away, making it easy for the attendees to be able to receive the Word of God.

**1980-1982**- Vicki and I traveled in a "Teaching and Singing Ministry". (Bill -Vicki Ministries).

**1982-1987**-Co founded and co-pastored at Faith West with Gary Kerr in West Houston, TX. One of the joys of this time, again involved music. Vicki and I enjoyed so much the musical talents of Jimmy and Tawanna Botter. We became a close team, many times so anointed in the Spirit, that healings and miracles occurred while the congregation stood and sang praises with us. We experienced, every Sunday, the power of Praise to the extent that healings would certainly take place. During this time, someone on the staff of M.D. Anderson was sending their terminal patients to Faith West. To no-ones surprise, God would heal them. Praise concerning the Name of the Lord absolutely silences (Psalm 8: Matthew 21:16) the enemy, whose motive it is to plant thoughts of doubt and unbelief and condemnation into the minds of those needing healing and deliverance. The anointing of the Spirit of God prevailed and triumphed over the enemy Sunday after Sunday-Praise the Name of the Lord!

**1970- 2010**- My most effective ministry has been responding to the "assignments" that God has given to me. An assignment for me to be involved either an individual or a married couple who desperately needed God. It required from me two years of intense teaching and prayer for that individual or couple. When the assigned individual or married couple arrived at the spiritual place where they were able to continually win the battle with the enemy, my assignment was ended.

**Dec.2010**- I joined the staff of AFOL Bible College, which became the Great Commission Bible College. I am presently the Vice President of this ministry. It is both an Internet Bible College (4150 students in 100 countries) and Bible Teaching through Distance Learning Centers. We call these centers Great Commission Bible Colleges. We have over 50 Bible Colleges, mainly in Africa and Europe. A Great Commission Bible college is established when one of our graduates translates our Bible courses into his/her native language and teaches local students in a classroom setting.

My main ministry for GCBC is two-fold. 1.To create new Bible courses and to encourage the GCBC graduates in Africa to start new Bible Colleges. Our mission is to make disciples of all nations. In order to accomplish this, we must teach the Word of God in a thematic, systematic manner. It is my privilege and joy to be a part of this ministry.

**Bill & Vicki Patterson  
Jenks, Ok**



## Kathryn Booth Cornell—Ordained 1964

### I felt the call of God

on my life in 1956 while at a Youth Camp in Center Point, TX. After High School Graduation I attended the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs, KS for 2 years working in Gospel Work when not in school.

In the year of 1959 I married a young minister, Jack Cornell. Immediately after marriage we began evangelistic revivals and fill-in work. The following summer in 1960 we began our pastoral duties. We are still pastoring after 54 years. The churches we have pastored have been: Balko, OK, Follett, TX, Laverne, OK(2 times), Canyon, TX, Baxter Springs, KS(2 times), Hardesty, OK, Alvin, TX, Guymon, OK, Woodward, OK, Midway Country Church, OK and now presently at Spearman, TX.

During the pastorates I have worked with the youth, children (including Kids Crusades, VBS & Youth Camps), music, ladies ministries, bulletins and other duties that pastor's wives minister. During these years we were blessed with 2 wonderful children, Tonya & Kevin who were a blessing to our ministry.

Jack was the Superintendent of the Apostolic Faith Bible College for 7 years during which I taught Child & Youth Evangelism and gave piano and voice lessons. During this time I ministered in the Wednesday night services when Jack would be gone on promotional tours, etc.

Presently I am teaching the Adult Sunday School Class along with other pastoral wives duties. While pastoring at Midway my ministry changed from the youth to adults. Whatever age I have ministered to I have thoroughly enjoyed.

I have never regretted answering the Call of God that He placed upon my life when a teenager. I was ordained at the Bible College in 1964 while we were teaching in the school between one of our pastoral changes. God has been faithful in supplying every need just as He promised in His Word. **GOD IS GREAT AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED!**

## Ordained 1964-Myrtle Carney

### *My First Year At Bible School Was In 1962 At The Age Of 16*

I attended that year and then returned home to graduate from High School. I returned in 1964 and 1965. and I was ordained on Dec. 10,1964.

I worked in Crosses, AR and Cave Springs, AR between years at AFBC because the school was only 3-4 months in duration. In 1966 I traveled in evangelistic work from January to July with three helpers, Peggy Sutton, Dorothy Kinser and Ginger Raney. I thank these ladies for helping me launch my ministry. In Aug. 1966 I went to Big Spring, TX as Youth Director. And in Sept. 1967 I accepted the pastorate at Hinton, AL Apostolic Faith Church.

In 1972 I returned to Big Spring, TX as pastor. When my mother suffered a stroke, I took a break from pastoring to care for her. I did fill in work in the church at Hinton, AL.

I then served in 1975 AND 1976 on the Faculty at AFBC as Dean of Woman and Evangelism teacher. In 1977 I returned to Hinton, AL as pastor—where I still pastor today.

God has blessed me with many friends through the years in ministry. I have enjoyed the journey, I thank the people of the Apostolic Faith for giving me an open door and the right hand of fellowship. God has been faithful to me and I've tried to serve Him to the best of my ability.

I wouldn't take anything for my journey. I Thank God for His guidance and provisions— He has sustained me in all the places I've been. **Praise His Name!**

1964

Jack Cornell-Faculty  
Kathryn Cornell-Faculty/Ordained  
Jim Arnall-Student/Ordained  
Lou Arnall-Student/Ordained  
Bill Patterson –Student/Ordained  
Myrtle Carney– Student/Ordained







## Hymns We Sing

We sing "Onward Christian Soldiers"  
 yet wait to be drafted in His service.  
 We sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer"  
 And are content with one minute a day.  
 We sing "Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"  
 And don't use the one we have.  
 We sing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"  
 And let the least little offense sever it.  
 We sing "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing"  
 And stay home when it rains.

We sing "We're Marching To Zion"  
 But fail to march to Sunday School.  
 We sing "I Love To Tell The Story"  
 And never mention it to anyone.  
 We sing "Cast Thy Burden on the Lord"  
 And worry ourselves sick.  
 We sing "O Day of Rest and Gladness"  
 And wear ourselves out traveling.  
 We sing "Throw Out The Lifeline"  
 And wear ourselves out with throwing out the fishing line.  
 We sing Standing On The Promises"

## CAMP MEETING 2014

JULY 25- 30

LAVERNE , OK

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## *And the two shall become one.*

### *Hodge-Mullins*

Tisha Hodge and Aaron Mullins were united in marriage on April 19, 2014 at Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO. Rev. Richard Morris performed the wedding ceremony.

Tisha is the daughter of Tony Hodge of Baxter Springs, KS and Tonya and Greg Campbell of Quapaw, OK. She is the granddaughter of Logan and Virgie Turner of Quapaw, OK.

Aaron is the son of Don and Shelly Mullins of Baxter Springs, KS. He is the grandson of Neva Mullins, Joplin, MO and Ellen and Ed Barefoot of Big Springs, TX. His great grandparents are the late Rev. Marvin and Lavenia Boyd.

Aaron is a graduate of the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS.

The couple attend Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin and are living in Baxter Springs, KS.

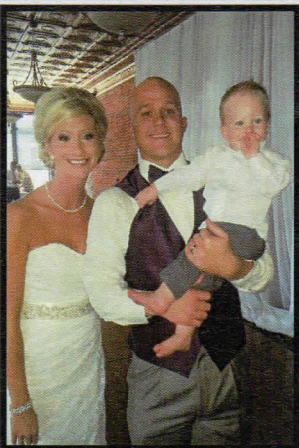


### *Qualls-Morris*

Rev. & Mrs. Richard Morris of Joplin, MO would like to announce the marriage of their son Jeffrey Cade Morris to Kristen Kayleen Qualls on Sat. May 3, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Southside Apostolic Faith Church.

A reception followed at the Ramsey Building in downtown Joplin. They were joined by many friends and family wonderful occasion.

The couple attend Destiny Church and are making their home in Joplin., MO.





## Lois Pearl Allen 1936-2014

Lois Pearl Allen, 78, San Diego, CA, died Jan. 1, 2014. She passed away peacefully at 1 a.m. on New Year's Day, while being cared for in a hospice facility in Bonita, CA. Lois was in and out of the hospital for 6 months, while she struggled with her health. She was cared for at her home, as long as possible, by her niece, Lesley Dorris and husband, Benjamin Dorris, and by her sister-in-law, Sue Allen.



Lois was born in Aransas, TX on May 5, 1936. She graduated from Mar Vista High School before attending the Apostolic Faith Bible College, where she taught the nursery class and wrote the Children's page in the Apostolic Faith Report. She later attended Bob Jones University and received a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She then went on to attain her Master's Degree. She taught elementary school for over 30 years and made an impact in the life of her students. Along with her teaching career, she taught and homeschooled many of her nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and even her great-great nephew. Teaching was her passion and she had a gentle way of helping children learn even the most difficult concepts, with games and techniques that she developed herself.

Lois loved to read and write. She wrote and illustrated many children's books for the kids that she loved so dearly. Those books will always be cherished as a reminder of her love. Lois also enjoyed knitting and teaching others to knit.

Although Lois never married or had children of her own, she loved and was loved by many. She was survived by her siblings, sister, Lurla Peters, and brother, Homer (Sue) Allen; nieces and nephews, Pamela (Steve) McAtee, Beverly (Ron) Feldman, Todd (Christy) Allen, Scott (Julie) Allen, Bill (Candy) Peters; many great and great-great nieces and nephews and extended family and friends. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all that knew her.

A Memorial Service for Lois was held on June 6, 2014 at Community Full Gospel Church, San Diego, CA.

## Richard Barker 1921-2014



Richard Ermal Barker was born July 14, 1921 to Ermal and Fern Groendyke Barker in Elmwood Community, Beaver County, Ok. At the age of 3, the family moved to the old homestead of Grandpa Morton Groendyke. Richard grew up farming and raising livestock with his Dad.

Richard was saved at the Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting in Granby, MO in 1942. He was inducted into the U.S. Army Air Corps that same year.

Richard met Esther Lewis of Bayard, NE at the Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting in Baxter Springs, KS in 1945. They were married December 9th of that year. They made their home in the Elmwood Community. They helped in revival meetings in numerous places, as far away as Mt. Sterling, KY. In 1949, their home was blessed with a baby girl, Lois Marie. Richard continued farming with his Dad until 1953, then moved to Katy, TX and started farming and raising cattle with his cousin, Raymond Barker. In 1959, their home was blessed again with another daughter, Starla Fern. Richard went

to work for Mr. J Des Woods in 1971 on the rice farm.

They attend the Apostolic Faith Church in Katy, TX where Richard served on the Church Board for 21 years.

Richard Ermal Barker passed away on May 15, 2014 in Houston, TX at the age of 92 years, 10 months and 1 day. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Esther, daughters, Lois Marie Bell and her husband Russ, and Starla Fern Tyler and her husband Travis, grandchildren; Amy, Heather, Sarah, Jason, Adrienne and Timothy; 9 great-grandchildren, sister, Roberta Methvin and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Winston, Walter and Leslie.

Services were held on May 19, 2014 at the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Katy with Rev. Jim Fox, Rev. Phillip Clements officiating. Rev. Ted Barker officiated at the Katy Magnolia Cemetery Service where Richard awaits the Resurrection (Revelation 20:5).



## My Song

By John I. Fleming

As I sat down and looked,  
At the ebony and ivory,  
The events of the day passed  
And it was just God and me.

My fingers, then slowly,  
Hit the black and white,  
A song from my heart  
I began to write.

I sat there, contemplating,  
Over what I should sing,  
Then, the slightest little thought,  
and it began to ring.

Fast, and quickly,  
The chorus did come.  
I knew that truly  
The one and only God it was from.

Yes, yes, I knew it was there,  
A song I had to sing, a song I had to  
share.

As my voice began ringing,  
The words from my heart,  
These are the words that I  
was singing.

*"Teach Me How To Love"*  
By John I. Fleming and Josh Harris

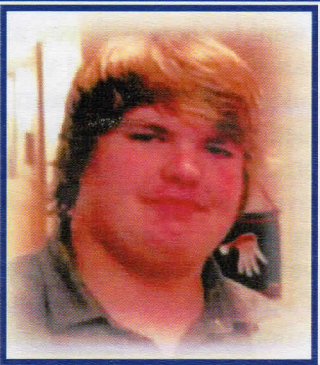
*"Teach me how to love,  
Show me how to care.  
There's a dying world out there.  
Give me the strength to live  
from day to day,  
Give me the words to say.  
Teach me how to go,  
Show me how to share,  
We need some gospel in the air.  
Give us the faith to proclaim to the  
world today,  
We need. to turn to God and pray.  
Teach me how to love".*

I knew it was real,  
I knew it was true,  
It had to be spread,  
To even you.

Don't take this poem lightly,  
Don't pass it on by.  
If you give it all to God,  
You will reach eternal life.

This isn't just a grade,  
This isn't just a story.  
Whoever is reading this,  
Give God all the glory.

**John Isaac Fleming, 14**, of Webb City, MO passed away Sunday, April 27, from injuries sustained in a 4-wheeler accident. John was born on Sept. 14, 1999 in Joplin, MO to Brian and Valerie (Oakes) Fleming. He was an 8th grader at Webb City Junior High School. He was a member of the Webb City Jr. High Marching Band, the Jazz Band, the Junior High Choir, Select Choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Student Council. He played the tuba, drums, guitar and keyboard. He played team basketball and football in the past and had recently been on the track team, throwing the shot put. He loved playing basketball after school with his good friends. He loved to attend church camp in the summer. John enjoyed playing the guitar with his Dad and brothers and loved riding the 4-wheeler.



John was baptized in 2009 after making a decision to follow Christ. He had attended church at Riverton Friends Church. He currently was a member of the Prosperity, MO Apostolic Faith Church. He was very active in the youth group and was on the praise team. He was a children's church volunteer and had volunteered at Watered Gardens with his youth group. He was a member of the contemporary Christian band, Immortal Devotion, and wrote songs for them. John felt like he had a "call from God" on his life to be a preacher. He spent many hours listening to sermons of others and studying his Bible.

Survivors include his mother, Valerie Fleming, of the home; his father, Brian Fleming, of Webb City, MO; brothers, Micah and Samuel, of the home; maternal grandparents, Dennie and Karen Oakes of Joplin, MO; paternal grandmother, Opal Irene Fleming also of Joplin; maternal great-grandmother, Wanda "Mamaw" Allgood, Joplin, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and "best friends".

John was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Thomas Fleming and a cousin, Thomas Adam Fleming.

A Posthumous Award was presented to his family at the Ordination Service at the Apostolic Faith Bible College. John also was an organ donor giving several others a gift of life.

Services were held at Christ's Church of Oronogo, MO with Wes Davis officiating. Tributes were given by Brian Fleming, Jim Fleming, Don Roy, Nathan Hulstine, Justin Belt, Vanessa Harris, Kendra Dorris, Karen Oakes and his pastor, Joel Dorris. Uncles and teachers served as pallbearers. Interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Webb City, MO.

Memorials were given to the 4-State Youth Camp, Baxter Springs, KS. and the Band Boosters in Webb City, MO.

### I Timothy 6: 11-12

But you, Timothy, (John) are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses.

### *Thank You from the Flemings and extended family*

Words cannot adequately express the gratitude in our hearts for all the kindness that has been shown to us in the last few weeks. Many of you called, texted, sent sympathy cards or FB messages, gave donations, cooked meals, and attended the Visitation/Memorial service. All of your actions and words have been greatly needed and were much appreciated. You have been an extension of God's love to us. Our hearts have been a little less heavy because of your kindness.



## ***WHOSE REPORT WILL YOU BELIEVE?***

I want to share with you my experience of the healing power of God. In Oct. of 2012 I began experiencing extreme sickness of nausea and vomiting with pain in my abdomen and back. In Nov. I spent a day and night in the hospital thinking I might have heart problems. Tests that were done revealed that my heart was and is strong, but I was diagnosed with H-Pylori which is an excessive amount of bad acid in the stomach. It is necessary to have acid in the stomach, but certain kinds of acid are destructive. Medications seemed to solve that problem and I was much improved for about 3 weeks. In Dec. I became jaundiced and the nausea and vomiting returned. Now the doctor said I was low on potassium and had to go to the hospital to have an IV drip that took 6 hours to build up my potassium levels. In Jan. other blood tests were done, but the doctor could find nothing that would cause this illness. In Feb. a CT scan was performed which indicated atrophy of the body and tail of the pancreas. There was evidence of marked dilation of the biliary tract hepatic duct, common bile duct and pancreatic duct. This indicated obstruction at the head of the pancreas. There was excessive stool in the large bowel and diverticular disease in the sigmoid colon. All of this was highly indicative of malignancy. The doctor never explained any of these findings to us, but as a result of that test the doctor referred me to a specialist in Wichita, KS with an appointment scheduled for April 18th. The doctor in Liberal, KS indicated that he wasn't sure that I could live long enough to make that appointment. However, in the strength and power of God, I made it.

The doctor in Wichita ordered a MRI and blood work that revealed a narrowing of the bile duct from the liver and pancreas. On April 24th he put in a stint to open that duct, but referred me to another specialist who is a surgeon. This doctor ordered another CT scan. This scan revealed that the stint had slipped and needed to be replaced. Later the same day. May 8th, he reported to me and Ollie that there was a tumor that covered about half of my pancreas and half of my stomach which would cause me more pain than I have ever had in my life. He said this would be at least a 12 hour surgery and could take up to 16 hours. He finished by saying, "If you could live through it." I have had 6 surgeries through the years and this doctor said I could combine all the pain I had experienced with them together and it would not compare with what this one surgery would bring to me. However, he said that the tumor had grown so much he would not be able to do that surgery. I determined I would not put myself through that even if he could do it. He told us there was nothing that could be done to correct this condition. No chemical treatment was even offered. Though he didn't use the word specifically, his judgment was that there was no hope for me.

We left the doctor's office and returned to our hotel room and fell on our faces before the Lord, declaring the truth of the Word of God, "By the stripes on Jesus we are healed and have health." Every day since we have prayed the Word of God over my life. The words of Mike Murdock's song "When You've Got Nothing Left But God, You've Got Enough To Start Again," kept going through my mind during this time.

On May 14th the doctor in Wichita did another procedure to take out the first stint and replace it with a permanent one. He told me that there was some good news. The excess stool in the bowel was cleared. So God was bringing healing even though other reports were not good.

The jaundice is gone, all symptoms of disease are gone, and I have never had the pain that all 3 doctors had forecast. I declare that I am healed even though 3 doctors expressed opinion that I could not live. The Healer is in the house!

Sometime between the Feb. appointment and the April 18th appointment the Lord gave me a revelation on self-examination. Ollie and I were reading a book of Smith Wigglesworth's life. He said we need to see the gifts of healing and the working of miracles in operation today. Some say that it is necessary for us to have the gift of discernment in operation with the gifts of healing. **"Most people seem to have discernment, or think they have. But if they would turn it on themselves for 12 months they would never want to discern again. The Gift Of Discernment Is Not Criticism!** This spoke to me like as sharp knife going through me. I saw a radar gun and I turned it on myself. The Lord started showing me the way He sees me. This called for repentance, which I did. There were even some people I had to go to and ask them to forgive me. Do you know that's the 1st step to receiving your healing? **FORGIVENESS!** The Lord will take out our stony heart and give us a heart of flesh. **"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised."** Hebrews 10:23

I began to study the scriptures from Romans 8:11 **"But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you."**

On June 4th, as I went to bed I was praying that scripture and declaring that the Holy Spirit lives in me, and that He was quickening my mortal body. I went to sleep and about 2:30 a.m. I was awakened and that scripture was going through my mind. I felt an intense heat begin at the top of my head and go down my body and out my feet. I said to the Lord, "I know You have just burned that tumor out of me."

I finished praying and went to sleep knowing that the Lord had burned that tumor from my body.

I would speak only what I wanted, not what it looked like or felt like. The Lord began to stop that affliction, and I began to improve daily. I still read the healing scriptures every day and declare the word over my body and I believe that I am totally healed by the power of God.

There were times when the devil would harass me with the idea that I had not returned to see the doctor to gain what the world would call scientific proof of my healing. But as I attended a women's conference I went forward for prayer because of the harassing spirits. The pastor's wife began to pray for me, and the Lord told her to tell me that He had done a divine transplant and I have a brand new pancreas. This gave me all the proof I needed and assured me that I am healed.

**“Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be established; believe and remain steadfast to His prophets and you will prosper.” II Chronicles 20:20**

**“ The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him. But with an over running flood He will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue His enemies. What do you imagine against the Lord? He will make an utter end; affliction shall not rise up the second time.” Nahum 1:7-9**

Anna Kinsler– Liberal, KS

***Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised. Hebrews 10:23***

## **My Time at the Apostolic Faith Bible College Was My Foundation**

After several requests to respond to what happened to me and my children, I am writing what I hope is a short note. My name when I was at the Apostolic Faith Bible School was Mary Payne. My children were Chery, age 3 , and Terry, age 18 months. We left under sad circumstances as my husband, Bennie Payne, died on March 6, 1960, while we were residing at the home across from the school/church.

I can thank Bennie for my being there at all as I thank him for introducing me to Jesus. And many thanks go to my wonderful sister-in-law and late brother-in-law, Lucy and Yogi Webster. We were great friends also with Bennie's sister Mergie as well as other members of his family. Lucy and Yogi saw me through several years of my early widowhood. The camp meetings and youth camps were wonderful. They strengthened my relationship with Jesus and gave me strength, courage and guidance to go on with my life.

Never say never is an old saying that I learned the hard way. I said I would never go back to school. After 7 1/2 years at the University Of Tulsa I graduated with a Master's Degree. Then I went on to teach New Testament Greek at Oral Roberts University for several years. It was at ORU I met Ted Spreiter. After seven years of being a widow I married Ted. About one year to the day after our marriage we had a boy and girl twins. Later we had another daughter. And then, somewhat like Yogi and Lucy, we took on another 4 year old daughter who has been a delight.

Some of my work experience in addition to my time at ORU has been one year at Rhema Bible Training Center, several years in administrative work and teaching at Oklahoma City Southwest College. I have taught different places as well as raised a rather large family. My time at the Apostolic Faith Bible School was my foundation. I appreciate beyond what words can say what help, love and education I received from the wonderful people there.

Thank you for all your help. I know the younger generation will not remember, but for those who do remember many long years ago, I want to personally extend my Thanks. We have been more than blessed. We now have not only 6 children, but 12 grandchildren, 4 step grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Thank you all for the great blessings you have been.

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## A Study In Holiness— Where Has It Gone?

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**Leviticus 44a and 45 b says this: “For I am the Lord your God; ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy.... Ye shall therefore by holy , for I am holy.”**

**I Peter 1:15,16 Says this:”But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy, in all manner of conversation; Because it is written , Be ye holy; for I am holy.”**

**I Thessalonians 4:7 says this: “For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.”**

Each of these verses deserve closer inspection, and I pray that the Holy Spirit will open them to our understanding. Now we know we serve a holy God and we’ve just read that He has called us to be holy as well. But is this ‘achievable.’ can we live as God demands? It must be or God wouldn’t have told us to be something if it were not possible. He will give us the ability to be whatever He says to be... won’t He? It is Jesus living in me that makes it possible to do all things through Christ. It is the language of the Redeemed in Galatians 2:20. “I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not advocating that we are made holy by doing. We serve because we are His servants, not to be His servants. We are not saved BY works, but saved UNTO good works. We are saved to serve not saved by serving.

Certainly there are things to be walked out by faith and not by sight. What needs to be done as God directs will not be accomplished as it ought to be by the ‘help’ of self –help books, will power or by any other human aid, but only by Jesus working in us. Any external show of godliness that doesn’t come from a heart that’s been given over to the Lordship of Jesus Christ is just that –a show; a performance (all too often motivated by a need for self-inflation). Good works done for self or the applause of others comes from a corrupt spirit.

I hope it’s plain that I am not talking about trying to keep the letter of the Bible. I know that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But is this a liberty to live as though there are no requirements or restraints in serving God? We may ask, “Am I to understand that there are laws that I have to keep in order to walk in liberty? I thought I was free from the Old Testament ‘stuff’! While there are many things in the O.T. that Christ was and is the end of, I don’t believe that we are “free” from the idea of living a holy life. We are free to live in those standards of righteousness that were so vividly and ferociously defended in the O.T.

As I read the O.T. I see a very stern loving God intent on upholding the issue of righteousness, of purity and cleanliness, of holiness. I have read of God’s mercy yet also of the consequences of violation of God’s word. Don’t we still get a sense of the view God holds when we read what Jesus said in Matthew 5:21, “For I say unto you. That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter in the kingdom of heaven?? Jesus said that they had heard how they were supposed to be, but he wanted to tell them that they had to go beyond an outward display of rightness; you have to quit going on hearsay and live from the heart the commandments of God.

Commandments ? You mean The Ten? Oh, I can’t keep them. (I know). As long as I show the love of god to people and forgive, that’s the important thing, some may reply. I am not discounting the love of God. Actually it is the driving force behind the demand for holiness. If God didn’t love you and me, He would let us do whatever we wanted. The second commandment is loving our neighbor as ourselves, and that is only possible when we love God with the entirety of our being.

That’s what the Word says, right? To love God with our heart, soul, mind and strength. But how do we? How do we express our love for God? From what I see and believe in the Bible, it’s in our PRAISE (our gratitude for what He’s done) and our WORSHIP (reverence for who He is!) And when is our ‘worship service’. Only on Sunday? At the church? During the music? I believe we can and should show our love to the Lord in out worship service... don’t you? After studying I Cor. 10:31, I can only come to one conclusion; my worship service to Him needs to be every day, all the time, involving whatever I am doing. I show love to God, not only in verbal praise, but in my daily ‘worship service’!

But must it always come down to this? Can’t I just be led by the Holy Spirit and not worry about any rules? I don’t know...can you? Actually I do know. You and I can’t. The leading of the Spirit always will be in accordance with the Word of God. I can never know the revealed will of God until I know the revealed Word of God, one of my teachers told us at AFBC.

What does the Word of God say? Now, one of the 'bottom line' questions that I must ask of myself of the condition of today's church (which I am in) is my experience with the Lord as it should be and if not, why not? Comparing my life with how it's described in the Bible as how it ought to be, I see it woefully lacking. What about yours? I may have mentioned it before but still the inquiry of the song title presses me, "Is My Lord Satisfied With Me?"

Now finally, the title of this writing and the question that has pounded on my heart is the result of seeing the declining morals and commitment among us that call ourselves Christians. Doesn't it seem like there is lessening of standards among us? Do we see an increase in apathy, of neglect and slothfulness, prayerlessness and laziness? Are more and more people letting the Word of God 'slip' (Hebrews 2:1) with many being shipwrecked? Maybe it's time I consider my ways (Haggai 1) and see if what I am is really how I ought to be; to examine every part of my life and see if Jesus approves of it.

So, it has to be asked, WHERE HAS THE HOLINESS GONE? Or is it? Is today's brand of holiness able to stack up against that which we read of in the Bible? If holiness isn't diminished, why isn't it more readily seen; more readily exercised? Maybe it's time for spiritual inventory to see if we've really got what we say we do. Are there any areas in my life; your life that need examining?

I have no doubt that many of us have Jesus living in us. The real issue is how much have we allowed Him to live through us; to control our live sin every aspect? We may say, "Well God loves me the way I am. He made me this way," and use that as an excuse for how we are. It's true that God's love is enduring, that his mercy and grace are ours. But what of His APPROVAL of what we do? Isn't there a difference between the two? As far as Him making us the way we are, of course in one way that is true. He owns us by the act of creatorship, but what about Lordship? What about letting Him be Master? Have we done that? Those ways in us that aren't very Godly, those things that aren't becoming to a Christian— you're going to say that God made you that way? Come now.

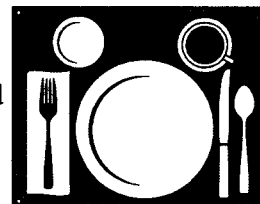
Let us look at Hebrews 12:1. There may be things in our life that aren't sins, but is that the only thing to be considered? What about the weights—the hindrances and burdens that seek to slow us down in the race that is set before us? Is it beneficial? Is it spiritually enhancing or will it make me to decrease in my appetite for the things of God?

One more verse. Colossians 3:17 (very close in nature to the one in I Cor.). When I have looked at some of my deeds and words, I didn't like what I saw. You might not like what you see in your life either. There have been several verses given. Each one of them deserves closer inspection and could be written more in depth. May the Holy Spirit

## That's Why I

## NEVER EAT

Everybody has an excuse for not attending worship services. If we take those excuses and apply them to something else we do or don't do, they might look like this list:



**I don't eat anymore because.....**

I was forced to eat when I was a child.  
People who eat all the time are hypocrites; they aren't really hungry.  
There are so many different kinds of food, I can't decide what to eat  
I used to eat, but I got bored.  
None of my friends will eat with me.  
I only eat on special occasions, like Christmas and Easter.  
I'll start eating when I get older.  
I'm too busy working.  
I don't really have the time.  
I don't believe that eating does any good. It's just a crutch.  
Restaurants and grocery stores are only after your money.

Laughable, isn't it? Regular attendance for worship is vital for a healthy soul (Hebrews 10:25) Our relationship with God is far more important than regular, balanced meals. Without spiritual food, we will die. (I Peter 2:2)

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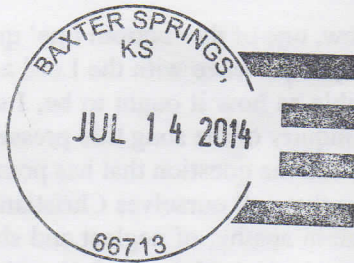


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## **AFBC Remodel Project**



The remodel project for the superintendent's new home is under way. The house has new water lines, which was not in the plans but we found that the old lines were rusted and crushed in places. The bathroom was gutted and decided to move the washer and dryer into the bathroom to open up some space in the kitchen. We had to replace the rotted floor in the bathroom and put in a new shower kit. More work needs to be done but we do have a good start on it. Plans are to replace the old wiring throughout the house. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless all those who have and will be helping with this project.