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He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

Psalm 91:15

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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 basic doctrines.



APOSTOLIC
FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE

Go to learn. Learn to go.

The new school year is well underway here at AFBC.

We currently have 2 third year interns, 6 second year students, and 14 first year students. It is a great group of students and we are expecting God to do some awesome things in and through them. Our amazing staff, which I am happy to report has not changed at all from last year, will be instrumental in seeing things come to pass.

When I accepted the position of AFBC Superintendent, the call I felt from the Lord was "to build and to grow." Over the last two years, I feel I've dealt much more with the "building" aspect of that call, but I believe God is aligning things to establish growth.

One area we appreciate tremendously, and are looking to grow in, is maintaining and creating connections with churches. Our Music Ministry tour has proven to be the most effective way to do this, however, we don't have enough time available to both maintain connections and establish new ones.

In order to connect with twice as many churches in a given year, we are expanding and forming a second music team. We've known this is the direction God is leading us as a school, but we believed it was further down the road. With the postponement of our fall tour to the spring, this is the perfect time to institute a second team. One benefit from doing so this year is, we have six months to work out any kinks with two music teams before tour, as opposed to six weeks in a normal year. Plus, we have the ability to visit all of our regular churches this year, even though we won't go on fall tour.

As always, with expansion come expense, and we don't currently have the funds we need to make this happen. We estimate it will cost between 50-60,000 dollars to purchase equipment needed for another music team. This expense includes another van and box trailer, a sound system, instruments, microphones and speakers. We know God's vision is funded by His provision, so we trust Him to provide. If you would like to help fund this new endeavor you can do so online at afbiblecollege.com or through the mail at P.O. Box 110, Baxter Springs, KS 66713.

Thank you so much for your continued love, prayers, and support. We appreciate your faithfulness and are excited about what the future holds.

Expecting Big Things,

Brian Harris

AFBC Superintendent

AFBC Faculty—2020-2021

For ever , O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Psalm 119:89



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AFBC 1st Year Students 2020-2012

Shew me thy ways, O Lord. And teach me thy paths. Psalm 25: 4



RyLee Buschman, 18, is the daughter of Keith and Abby Buschman, AFBC Alumni of Joplin, MO.

They attend Southside Apostolic Faith Church where Brian and Cheryl Moser are pastors.

Alexis Bynum, 19, Livingston, TX is the daughter of Crystal and Kirk Hearren.



Her home church is Beech Creek Assembly of God. Don Goodwin is her pastor. She learned of AFBC from family and friends.

Eric Dillon, 18, is from Belleville, WV. His parents are Eric and Orlena Dillon. Everett and Betty Snyder are his pastors at Tri-County Worship Center. He learned of AFBC from Sekka Hernandez, AFBC alumni.



Madison Gwatney, 18, of Diamond, MO is the daughter of Tambra Jones.

She attends Community Chapel in Joplin, MO where her grandparents, Jeff and Kim Jones are pastors. She learned of AFBC from Matthew Harris.



Grant Grier and Shi Grier, both 25, are from Alvin, TX. Parents of the couple are Tracy and Dawn Grier and Samuel and Jennifer Barajas all of Alvin.

Their home church in Alvin is Trinity Apostolic Faith Church where Bill and Christina Derixson are pastors.



Kaitlin Harris, 18, is the daughter of Calvin and Debbie Harris of Rock Island, TX. Her parents are pastors at her home church, Rock Island Full Gospel Church. Several of her family are alumni of AFBC.



Ethan Milot, 21, is from Spearman, TX. He is the son of James and Juanita Milot. Mark Murray is the pastor of Union Church in Spearman where Ethan attends and where he learned of AFBC.



Langston McGuire, 19, is the son of Michael and Larissa McGuire of Oronogo, MO.

He attends Oasis Church of Joplin, MO. Steve Finney is his pastor. He learned of AFBC from a friend, Dan Pinto.

Aysia Randolph, 20, daughter of Debbie Randolph, is from Mineral Wells, WV.

Her home church is Victory Assembly of God. Jeff Staffanov is her pastor. She heard of AFBC from friends that attended.





Adrian Reyes, 18 is from Carthage, MO. He attends Oasis Church of Joplin, MO where Steve Finney is his pastor.

He learned of AFBC from Langston McGuire.

Jonathan Ritter, 19, is the son of James and Amber Ritter of Webb City, MO. He attends the Apostolic Faith Church in Prosperity, MO.



Joel and Tammy Dorris are his pastors and he learned of AFBC from them.

Cody Stump, 17, is from Wirt, WV. His parents are Brad and Lisa Stump.



His home church is Tri-County Worship Center where Everett and Betty Snyder are pastors.



Michal Wasson, 18, is from Joplin, MO. Her parents are AFBC alumni, Timothy and Veronica Wasson.

Her pastors are Richard and Renee Morris at Uncommon Life Church in Joplin, MO.

AFBC 2nd & 3rd Year Students 2020-2021



Daniel Anima, 21, is from Spearman, TX. His parents are Alfredo and Rebecca Anima. Mark Murray is his pastor at Spearman Union Church. During the summer he worked with his parents and helped with the youth of his church.

Daniel Corral, 37, is from Joplin, MO. Richard and Renee Morris are his pastors at Uncommon Life Church.



This past summer he served as an intern at the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, TX under pastors Bill and Christina Derixson.

Rana Clement, 20, from Huntsville, AR is the daughter of Manty and Ramona Esli.



She helped in her home church, Huntsville Living Faith this past summer. Junior Jurelong is her pastor.



Courtney Derixson, 20, of Alvin, TX attends Trinity Apostolic Faith Church where her parents are pastors.

During the summer she helped in her church and family and at a nutrition and chiropractic clinic.



Cooper Oakes, 20, is from Joplin, MO and attends Southside Apostolic Faith Church where Brian and Cheryl Moser are pastors. His parents are Glen and Carrie Oakes.

He worked at Sutherlands Lumber Company this past summer.

Jacob Urick, 19, of Alvin, TX is the son of Jacob and Kristal Urick. In Alvin he attends Trinity Apostolic Faith Church. Bill and Cristina Derixson are his pastors. During the summer he worked before returning to AFBC.





Ivan Caro, 20, of Spearman, TX is a 3rd year intern at AFBC. His parents are Ivan and Maria Caro Sigala. In Spearman he attends Union Church where Mark Murray is

the pastor.

Rebecca Gregg, 21, a 3rd year student, is from Shawnee, Ok and the daughter of Steve and Dawna Gregg. Her home church is Abiding Grace Tabernacle. Paul and Lessie Gregg are her pastors.



Andrew and Janet Estep of Joplin, MO are second year drive in students. They attend Fairview Baptist Church in

Joplin, MO where Joshua Branham is pastor.



Miesner-Harris Marriage

Haylee Miesner, daughter of Greg and Billie Jo Miesner of Spearman, TX and Josh Harris, son of Seldon and Vanessa Harris of Granby, MO were married on May 16, 2020 at Frisco church in Webb City, MO. Josh's father, Seldon Harris officiated.

Josh and Haylee now live on campus of the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS. Josh serves as an instructor, Men's Residence Director and Assistant Missions Director. Haylee recently started cosmetology apprenticeship at Dr. Fly's Salon in Joplin, MO.

Noah Wren Harris

Noah Wren Harris was born on Sept. 21, 2020 and is the daughter of Cody and Kaylan Harris of Baxter Springs, KS. She was born at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, MO at 5:14 p.m. weighing 5 lbs 7 oz. and was 17.5 in. long. She is the granddaughter of Calvin and Debbie Harris of Rock Island, TX, Christi and Johnny Smith of Follett, TX, Mike and Christy Caldwell of Dumas, TX, great granddaughter of Ron and Shirley Freshour of Alleyton, TX, Butch and Sue Meyer of Columbus, TX, and Clifford and Carol Cook of Follett, TX.





Donna Berry– 1935-2020

Donna Berry, 85, of Amarillo, TX formerly of Pampa, TX passed from this life on Sept.7,2020 in Amarillo. Donna was born August 14,1935 to Robert and Joe Blanch Girouard. In 1953 after high school graduation, she attended John Brown University in Siloam Springs, AR for two semesters. In 1956 she attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS. Later that year she married William J. “Bill” Berry in Siloam Springs, AR.. Bill passed away on June 29, 2014.

She loved to cook, read, travel and visit with her friends. Donna was a loving wife, mother, grandmother as well as a devout Christian.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill Berry; a son, Tyler Berry; and a brother, Robert Wayne Girouard. Survivors include her son, Todd Berry and wife Terri of Bakersfield, CA; a sister, Patricia Boren of Lubbock, TX; two grandsons, Ryan King and wife Maria of Clovis, CA and Scott Berry of Amarillo, TX; and 3 great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Sept.10th at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, TX with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

James Ray “Jamie” Cheatwood-1953-2020

James Ray “Jamie” Cheatwood, 67, of Stinnett, TX passed away Sept.18,2020. Jamie was born to Alton Cheatwood and Novelle Cobb Cheatwood in Borger, TX.



On Feb. 23, 1953. Jamie was a “River Rat” and grew up in Electric City. Jamie was a proud Phillips Blackhawk of the class of 1971. He earned his Electrical Engineering Degree from Texas Tech University in 1975. Jamie married the love of his life Paula Buschman on May 27, 1978 in Borger, TX and they made their home in Stinnett.

Jamie worked for Phillips Petroleum and Chevron Phillips for over 40 years before retiring in 2015.He was a lifelong and faithful member of Riverview Baptist Church where he served as treasurer, deacon, head usher, soundman, trustee and taught the “Pairs and Spares” Sunday School Class for 44 years. When he wasn’t working at the church or at Camp Masterson, Jamie loved to travel, chase grandkids and eat Oreos.

Jamie was preceded in death by his mother and his father-in-law Benny Buschman. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Paula of the home, daughter Barbie Green (Brandon) of Borger, son Alton Cheatwood II (Amy) of Borger, sisters Susan White (Danny) of Granbury, TX and Nancy Kelly (Mike) of Masterson, TX, grandchildren, Jamie II, Jacob, Kaitlynn, and Bradley, “maw-in-law” Leola Buschman of Stinnett, multiple beloved nieces and nephews and more cousins than can be counted.

Services were held on Sept 21, 2020 at Riverview Baptist Church. Graveside services followed at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Stinnett.

Violet Darline Harris—1937-2020

Our dear mother and grandmother, Violet Darline (Kildow) Harris, went to her eternal home in Heaven on Sept. 18, 2020 at Heritage Estates in Gering, NE. She was born on March 2, 1937 to Henry and Mollie (Heimbeck) Kildow at Bayard, NE. Violet attended rural school in the Bayard area until 8th grade and graduated from Bayard High School in 1954. She went to Chadron State College for a summer and received her teaching degree. Violet fell in love with the new young pastor, Amos Harris Jr. They were married Dec. 22, 1954 at the Apostolic Faith Church in Bayard, NE. Violet was an elementary school teacher, store clerk, a hairdresser, and a bookkeeper and enjoyed being a mom to three children, Janae, Mark and Paul.



Violet, being the wife of a Pastor, was very dedicated to the ministry work and was involved right beside her husband. In 1973, A&L Construction was formed by Amos and Pastor Leo Brotzman, and Violet served as the secretary, bookkeeper and later became President of A&L. She enjoyed working side by side with Amos, and her children and grandchildren as they were old enough.

Violet never let anyone go away hungry. She fixed meals every day at the office and would often have family and friends together around her table at the house. She had five grandsons during the summer and loved to cook for them.

Violet was preceded in death by her husband Amos (9-16-19), daughter Janae Kenny, her parents, 3 sisters, Amy, Mollie and Elnora, 2 brothers, Henry Jr. and Harlan. She is survived by her sons Mark (Joan) and Paul (Julie); 5 grandsons Jeremy (Rachel), Erik (Alexandria), Andrew (Tara), Kyle (Lisa) and Adam (Carli) and 4 great grandchildren, Lyla, Axel, Scarlett, Carter, and Brielle coming in October; brothers Larry Kildow and Richard (Jill) Kildow; and son-in-law Stephen Kenney.

Graveside services were held on Sept. 25, 2020 at the Bayard Cemetery followed by her Celebration of Life at Zion Evangelical Church in Scottsbluff with Pastor Andrew Griess officiating.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Matthew 5:14

“Influence”

Even though Youth Summit 2020 was different this year, it went well and we had a blast.

We held three, one day Youth Summit events this year in three different locations: Baxter Springs, KS; Laverne, OK; and Alvin, TX. On our three, localized events we had over 100 teens in attendance. Our theme was “Influence, and we focused on two things: *what influences us and how are we influencing others?*”

We talked about the importance of unplugging in a media driven society, and spending quality time with Jesus through the Word and prayer. We can only be a light in the darkness and minister to those around us out of the abundance of our relationship with Him. We challenged each student to spend more time with Jesus, and to make an impact in their sphere of influence through giving of themselves.

Thanks to all who came and supported Summit! We love and appreciate you!

Brian and Jenny Harris

Youth Summit Directors

“Where He Leads Me I Will Follow”

Pastor Brian Moser asked his wife Cheryl to lead the church (Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO) congregation in “Where He Leads Me I Will Follow” several Sundays ago at the end of the service. It took me back to a place in my past and left me with an overwhelming gratitude that was with me for days. I can almost feel the coolness of the waters of Shoal Creek and hear the accordion music as Joyce (Bard) Babst played the song and the church sang along. “I can hear my Savior calling,

“I can hear my Savior calling,

I can hear my Savior calling,

I’ll go with Him, with Him, all the way.

Where He leads me I will follow,

Where He leads me I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow,

I’ll go with Him , with Him, all the way.”

The men were at the waters edge to be certain I didn’t slip as I made my way to the waiting pastor. I can’t really remember if it was Brother Ollie Kinser or Brother Neil Ragan because both played such a vital role in my young life as did Brother Otto Busch. I’m sure I didn’t understand what I was doing that day, but I knew for certain Jesus loved me and I sure did want to follow Him! The pastor prayed a blessing over me before he gently lowered me into the waters of baptism and then back up again. There were smiles and tears and I just knew I had done the right thing. The women would be waiting for me on the bank with a comforting towel to lovingly wrap my small, wet body in. I can be pretty sure Mom(Karen Oakes), Aunt Mary Oakes and Sandra Forbes were there. The pastor’s wife, Anna Kinser or Billie Ragan would have been there too. To tell you the truth I can’t really remember all the specifics of what they taught me, but it was always with love and my eternal future in mind. And it was always Jesus. And as I write, tears of thanksgiving roll down my cheeks and I can hardly contain the gratitude.

Oh, that cloud of witnesses I am so grateful for! Some have already taken their last earthly breath and their bodies laid to rest awaiting the resurrection, others still faithfully, working and teaching and loving.

I’m so thankful they taught me about Jesus, the Author and Finisher of my faith. He will still be with me long after they are gone, the one constant in my life in an ever changing world. And so, I too, am running with patience the race set before me. And if I would one day lay my eyes on the final prize, I will heed the apostle’s words to lay aside every weight and sin that would hinder my race. I will not despise the chastening of my Lord when the Holy Spirit shines the light on a thought or attitude or action that might hinder. Because life can turn on a dime and my next breath could be my last, I must continue to keep my eyes on Jesus and follow Him. Surely if I want the happily ever after I must follow Him in this life as well. And for whatever struggles that seek to hinder me along the way, He will surely give me grace and glory.

Saints, thank you, thank you for telling me about Jesus! If you’ve ever taught me or loved me or prayed for me, “Thank You”. If you ever thought I didn’t appreciate it, I do. Keep your hope in Jesus. Keep teaching, keep loving the young ones to Jesus.

Sinners or struggling ones- surrender to the one who knows you, has forever loved you, and makes all things possible- Jesus the Author and Finisher of Your Faith.

“And go with Him, with Him, all the way”.

Vanessa (Oakes) Harris



Granby, MO.

The Granby Gospel Tabernacle in Granby, MO has been going strong even though the church has been without a full time pastor for two years. The church has slowly seen growth within the congregation. The church has had a variety of speakers and has thoroughly been blessed by each one. The Holy Spirit is leading, stretching and challenging the body of believers by the men and women of God who have filled the pulpit each Sunday. It has been exciting anticipating the working of God through the Holy Spirit each Sunday. We are grateful for God's faith-

fulness and the faithfulness of God's people. We are excited to see what God will bring to us in the future!

We would like to thank the following men and women who have come and ministered at the Tabernacle: Bill and Vicky Patterson, Alvin and Glenda Buschman, John and Debbie McClendon, Darla Oakes, Eddie and Missy Sanchez, Wayne and Sandra Blythe (Pat Robinson's brother), Bill and Christina Derixson (pastor of Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, TX), Jeff and Becky Higgens (Adult Teen Challenge pastor), Travis and Stacey Bard, Mark Taylor (KNEO radio manager), Joshua and Jessica Cornell, (Missionary to Mexico), Jason and Lauren Nill (graduate of Teen Challenge surrendered to the ministry), Tori Davidson(surrendered to mission work in Denver, CO), ministry in music by Chanin Barker and group Trinitas Trio, the Victorymen Quartet, Apostolic Faith Bible College, Steve Fisher (Teen Challenge graduate and staff member). Also faithful members of our church who have filled the pulpit and taught our Sunday Schools: Dan and Pat Robinson, Ira and Linda McKinney, Steve and Sabrina Stockton, Stan and Misty Carter, Pat Kelly, Clarence Scott, Janice Arnall, Jackie Williams, Jeff Gallemore, Ralph and Sandy Stockton and Frank and Corrie Arnall.

We are grateful and blessed by all these men and women who have ministered at the Tabernacle and we are anxiously awaiting to see what God has in store for our future!

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Granby Gospel Tabernacle

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Pastor Needed

The Follett Chapel at Follett, TX is in need of a pastor. If someone would pray and receive a burden concerning this work contact: Don Haines at 806-653-2211.

*Experiencing the power of His presence
and the presence of His power!*

The Lord has helped me to write and publish a book entitled, "The Expediency of the Spirit." For information about receiving a copy you may contact me at: Ollie L. Kinser Ministries, 1300 S. Grant Ave. (P.O. Box 1043) Liberal, KS 67905- 620-370-7159- Email: annakinser@att.net

Southside Apostolic Faith Church

Joplin, MO

Well, like many of our churches and even the world, this year has been different for us. We went online with our services from mid-March until Mother's Day. Camps and Camp Meeting were cancelled so we missed meeting with many of our friends that we normally see during the summer. But God has proven Himself faithful to continue to teach and minister to us in many ways.

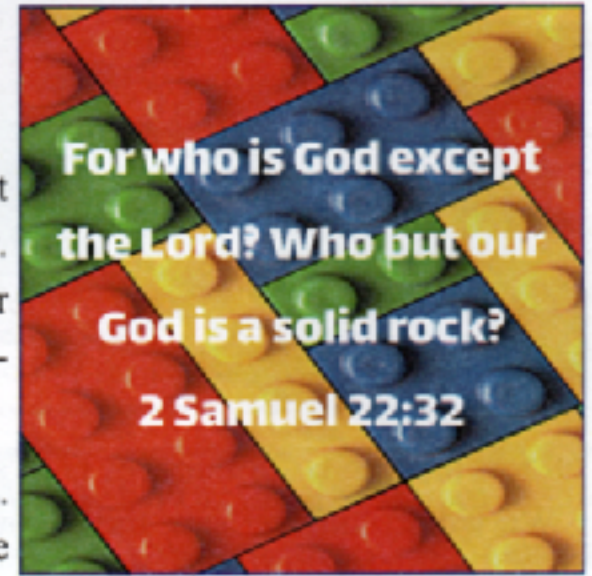
In January, God gave us a word for the year as He has done the past several years. This year however it wasn't one or two or three words to focus on for 2020. The word that God placed in our spirit to focus on this year was THE WORD-the Bible.

We were encouraged to hold on to the Word, God's Word, to make it a daily part of our lives and focus. We started a daily Bible reading plan and encouraged our congregation to hold on to the truth found in its pages. It seems like a simple thing, but this simple practice in something that can be life changing. It wasn't that we hadn't been teaching the Word or studying it before, but a reminder to put an emphasis on the Word of God in our lives. Time and time again, we have come back to the promises and teachings of the Scriptures and learned what it means to be founded on the Word. This focus has proven to be so helpful in the uncertain times we have been living through this year.

In early August, we held a one-day VBS: "Let's Go!-- Build a Faith Foundation on Christ." Stories from the teachings of Jesus: the Wise and Foolish Builder from Matthew 7, the Good Samaritan from Luke 10 and the Way, the Truth and the Life from John 14 once again encouraged us to build our lives on the solid Rock of Jesus and His Word. He truly is the foundation that stands firm no matter what storm we may face in life.

This year has been a challenge for everyone, but God's Word stands firm. He is the hope we hold on to when circumstances all around us are changing. God is a rock and He will never fail.

Brian and Cheryl Moser
Pastors
4430 S. Main
Joplin, MO



AFBC Scholarships

Several years ago a scholarship fund, supported by donations, was started at AFBC for graduates who have completed a two year term. At the closing of each school year students who are interested in furthering their education may apply to the Scholarship Committee. After consideration of grades, attitudes and recommendations of faculty, recipients are awarded a 4 Year Scholarship to the college of their choice at the closing exercises of AFBC. All recipients must be full time students and during the 4 years information from the colleges concerning grades must be sent to the Scholarship Committee.

Many AFBC Scholarship recipients have finished their education and are in their respective fields continuing service unto our Heavenly Father. Thank You for being a part of their lives and may God's blessings be upon you.

And He said unto them, **Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.** Mark 16:15

Thank You

Dear AFBC Scholarship Committee and Friends,

This has been a crazy year, but God has been good through it all. It has been definitely been a time of reflection and a continual dependency on God. I'm still grateful for your support as I continue my education at College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, MO. I was scheduled to graduate in Dec. of 2020 but I had to extend to another semester, so I will be graduating in May of 2021. I continue to seek guidance from God and He continues to lead. I pray He continues to guide you all through this time and beyond.

Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Ashley Taylor-Joplin, MO- 2016 AFBC Alumni

His Love Endures Forever

AFBC Scholarship Friends,

Thank you for your continued financial support as I continue college. I am a junior this year with three years left to finish both of my degrees. God Bless!

Alexandra Tennant- Parkersburg, WV- 2018 AFBC Alumni

God Bless You!

Thank you very much for the scholarship that I received last year. It has been a true blessing to get it. Thank you for blessing students like me.

God Bless You!

Abigail Wingo-Laverne, OK-2019 AFBC Alumni

AFBC Alumni & Friends

In the Report I am usually writing to you about our annual banquet and gathering at AFBC commencement. This year of course was very different and I don't have any pictures or news from the banquet to share with you.. Instead I'd like to share with you some insights God has given me over the last few months in hopes that it will encourage you to keep the faith.

Looking Forward in Faith

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God." Hebrews 11:8-10 ESV (emphasis added).

If 20/20 is perfect vision, what might this year of 2020 teach us about ourselves and our faith? We entered the year 2020 with high hopes for great things and then soon encountered difficulties we never anticipated. A virus spread world-wide. People became sick. Events were cancelled. Businesses were closed. Economic hardship was widespread. Natural disasters of other kinds occurred. And our eyes were opened to many things within our self and our country that maybe we hadn't seen before. Sometimes it is trials that reveal our true character and teach us lessons about our self and God that we would never learn any other way. Lessons in faith and trust.

Abraham too learned these lessons of faith and trust in his God as God asked him to leave his homeland and journey to an unknown place. By his faith, the Bible says, Abraham was accounted as righteous before God.(Genesis 15:6) and it is by faith that we too enter and continue on this journey. Faith in Jesus as our Savior begins us on this path, but we continue on this journey by faith as we grow to trust Him more and more. Trials and difficulties along the way prove our dedication to the One we are following and also reveal, like a mirror, reflecting what's really in our hearts. If we allow Him to, God will use these things to make us stronger and better for His glory---, making us righteous.

I have heard it said many times over the last several months how eager people are to have this year behind us and move on. But I have also heard people express fear of the future and what uncertainty may be awaiting us ahead. What do we have to look forward to? I too have wondered with a bit of dread as to what might be in store, but then I am reminded of the promises of God and what waits for His children. You see, I have read the end of the story. I know who wins. Our adversary, the devil, though he may seem loud and in-your -face, does not win in the end. While we may face difficulties or even lose some battles here and there, he does NOT win the war! There is now and will forever be VICTORY for the child of God through Jesus Christ! Even if we lose our physical life, we have eternal life that can never be taken away from us.(I Corinthians 15:55-57) This is why we can look ahead with confidence no matter what we face knowing that God will keep His word and walk beside us all the way (Matthew 28:20).

2020 has revealed many things and taught many lessons. One of those lessons is that we don't have to fear or dread the future when God is on our side. While our journey may seem a bit uncertain at times, the destination is not unknown. God has us a promised land for us too if we keep our faith and trust in Him. That is why we can, like Abraham, look forward in faith with a clear vision even when these uncertain times try to cloud all the wonderful things that God has in store for those who love Him and look for His appearing (II Timothy 4:8) This is why we can have hope. And that, my friends, is GOOD NEWS and something to look forward to!

Cheryl Moser

AFBC Alumni and Friends President

Psalm 46

1. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
2. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
3. Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.
4. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.
5. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.
6. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved; he uttered his voice, the earth melted.
7. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.
8. Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

The Prayer Track

In a certain West African village the native Christians had no privacy for prayer in their huts, so each one made off to the bush behind his bungalow for seasons of prayer at regular intervals. After awhile there was a worn track from the hut to the place of prayer. If it ever happened that the track became overgrown from want of use, another Christian villager would admonish his neighbor, "Brother, there is grass on your prayer track!"

Pearls of Promise

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

II Chronicles 7:14

Diary of a Bible



Jan. 15—Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of the year my owner read me regularly (New Year's Resolution), but now he has forgotten me I guess.

Feb. 2—Cleaned up. I was dusted with other things and then put back in my place.

Feb. 9—Owner used me for a short time, looked up a few references. Went to Sunday School.

March 7—Cleaned up. Dusted and in my place again. Have been down in the lower hall since my trip to Sunday School.

April 2—Busy day. Owner led a meeting and had to look up references. He had an awful time finding me, although I was right there in my place all the time.

May 5—In Grandma's lap. She is here on a visit. She let a tear drop on Colossians 2:5-7.

May 5—In Grandma's lap again this afternoon. She spent most of her time in I Corinthians 13 and the last four verses in the 15th chapter.

May 7, 8, 9—In Grandma's lap every afternoon now. It is a comfortable spot. Sometimes she reads me and sometimes she talks to me.

May 10—Grandma's gone. Back in the old place again. She kissed me good-bye.

June 4—Had a couple of four leaf clovers stuck in me today.

July 1—Packed me in a trunk with clothes and other things. Off on vacation I guess.

July 10—Still in the trunk even though nearly everything else has been taken out.

July 15—Home again in my old place. Quite a journey, though I don't understand why I went.

Aug. 1—Rather stuffy and hot. Have two magazines, a novel and an old hat on top of me. Wish they would take them off.

Sept. 12—Used by Mary a few moments today. She was writing a letter to a friend whose brother had died, wanted an appropriate verse.

Oct. 5—Was carried to church today: Rally Day, and held up to be counted. Glad I can be of some use.

Dec. 31—Tomorrow (New Year) I expected to be opened at random by each member of the family, in turn and a finger placed upon a verse. Suppose the finger rests on John 5:39?

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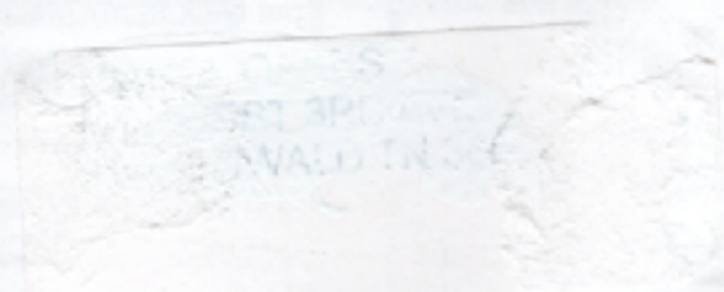
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