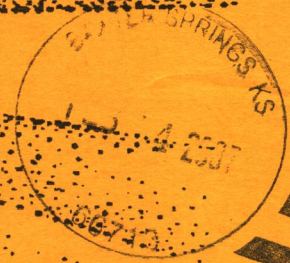
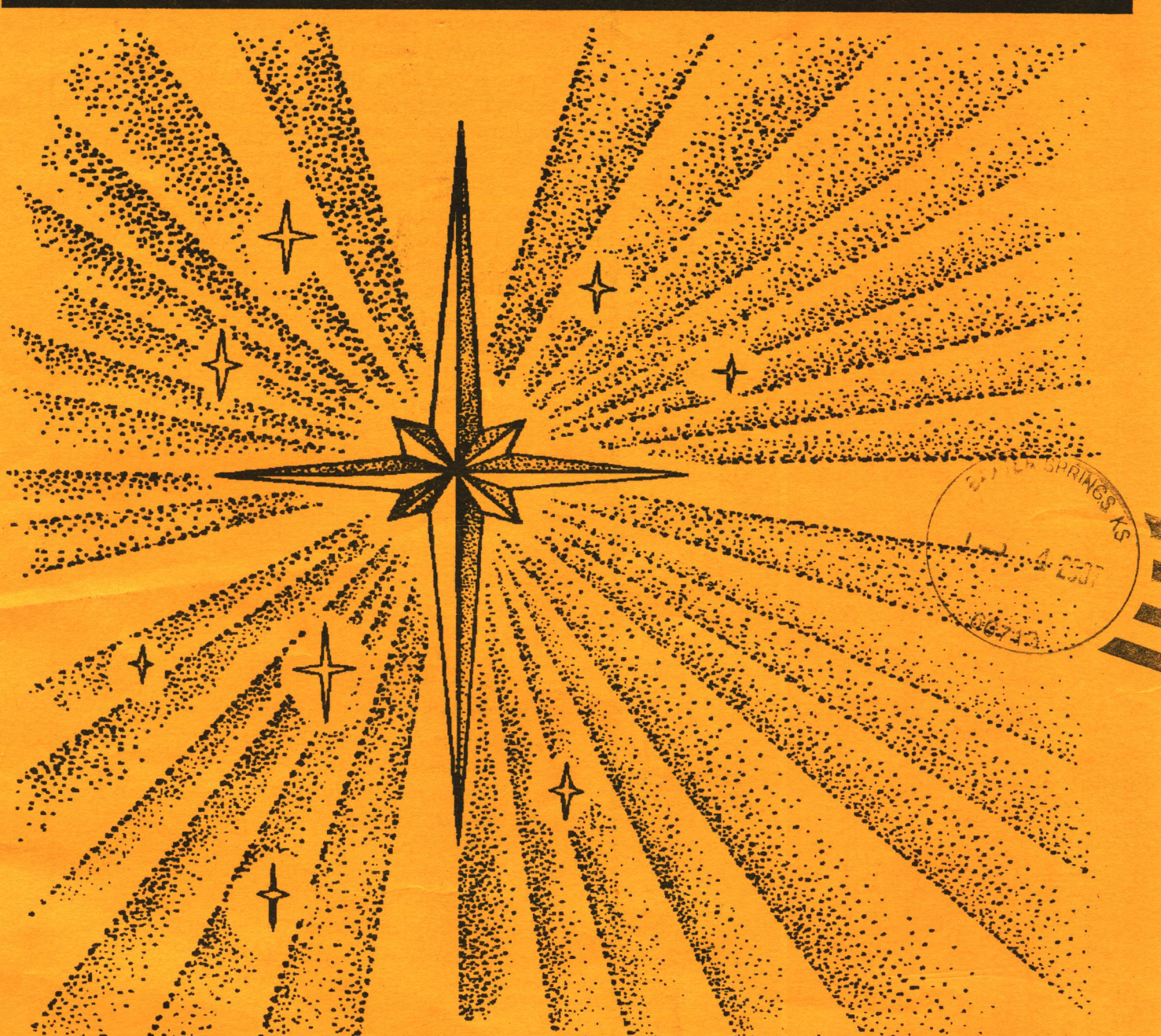


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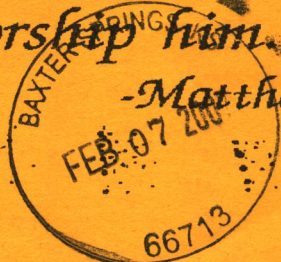
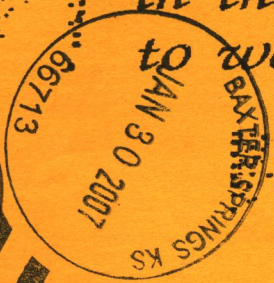
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*We have seen his star  
in the East, and have come  
to worship him.*

*-Matthew 2:2*





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## BY LAWS OF THE Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc. 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 the are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.



## Apostolic Faith Bible College

At the Bible College Semester break and Christmas break come together. Undoubtedly there is rejoicing in both quarters. At the College the semester end is a summing up of scholastic efforts, an extra busy time, some worrying about final grades, along with joyful anticipation of the coming vacation.

The semester has raced by, leaving the satisfaction of some tasks well done, and taking with it missed opportunities, failed goals and dissatisfaction about our own spiritual progress. But the knowledge that God is still our strength remains through thick and thin, reminding us that our future is entwined with His promises and the potential for victory is ever at hand.

Our task here is simple, teaching and instilling in the hearts and minds of our students the very attributes of God, and the knowledge that adopting those gifts of grace will empower them to rewarding acts of faith and charity.

We see a dearth of spiritual understanding among our young people, even those fresh out of our own churches and members of families long acquainted with the gospel. The value of Bible College consequently looms larger than before and our task seems greater and may be a last - ditch stand in our desire to see a new cadre of Christian warriors.

Physically our needs have been cared for by the generosity of Bible College patrons, friends and supporters from near and far. It is to these that we owe a great deal of gratitude. More and more we realize that our system of support for the school is dependent on folks who respond to the voice of the Holy Spirit. The system is fool-proof when He is our guide, but dangerously fragile when He is ignored. But we praise the Lord that He is in charge, and our confidence level rises when we understand the truth.

Lowell Long- Superintendent

## *AFBC Fall Choir Tour*

On October 14, 2006 the Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir departed from Baxter Springs, KS for a 2 week promotional tour. Services were held in 13 churches throughout the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles along with Kingman KS and a new stop at the First Assembly of God Church in Stillwater, Ok.

Included on the tour were first year students: Daniel Jeeter, Katy Cloud, Casey Blythe and Miranda Grimmer along with second year students: Michelle Buschman, Joey White and Crickett Duree. Also accompanying the group for the tour were Superintendent Lowell Long and his wife Thelma, choir director Cheryl Moser and her husband Brian and daughter Loryn, and bus drivers Randall Bensch and Dennie Oakes. There were many good services and we enjoyed the presence of the Lord who was so gracious to bless and teach us many things. We would like to offer a special thanks to all who housed and fed our students and faculty.

Thank you also for your generous support and giving throughout our tour and all year long.

May God richly bless you!

Cheryl Moser - Choir Director



*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Colossians 3:16*



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## *The God We Serve Does All Things Well !*

Brothers and Sisters,

I'm so thankful to be able to share with you the miracles the Lord has performed in mine and my families lives. I also want to thank each of you for your prayers and support during my ongoing recovery. I wanted to give you an update on my progress due in large part to your initial and ongoing prayers.

Some of you may not know that on May 10, 2006 I was struck broadside on the driver side by a semi-truck going approximately 65 mph. The first miracle was that I survived! Next, I was awake and alert during the medflight to the hospital. Upon first examination at the ER I had broken ribs and a collapsed right lung, a fractured pelvis in three places, broken bones in the left upper and lower arm and leg. (Plate in upper arm, rods in upper and lower leg bones), a deep laceration the entire width of the right foot, but miraculously no severed tendons. No brain damage was discovered on the initial scans but after eight days in the ICU another scan revealed bruising in back of the brain which resulted in almost total blindness. After another six days in the hospital and approximately a month in rehab, I was finally able to go home!

Progress has been in some areas very fast, some areas slow, but always a steady progress. As of the first of December, I have gone from wheelchair to walker to walking unassisted with only a slight limp. My arm usage has been restored approximately 80% and my eyesight has gone from almost total blindness to 60%. My right peripheral vision in both eyes is still almost completely gone. We still know and believe that He who has begun a good work in me, according to His Word, will complete it. *Praise the Lord, the God we serve does all things well !*

Through all the recovery process the Lord has helped me keep my eyes on Him and the joy of the Lord is our strength. The Lord is continuing to grow us as His Word says, "He is changing us from glory to glory".

This October, my husband and I were both baptized in the Holy Spirit! We look forward each day with excitement to see what the Lord has in store for us.

Thank you again for your continued prayers. We appreciate all of you!

Love in Christ,

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Don, Shelly, Aaron & Dustin Mullins

## *Revival in Hinton, Alabama*

Greetings in the name of the Lord! We here in the South are doing good. Our church enjoyed a very great time in the Lord in revival with Mary Baily, Follett, TX in September. I was highly impressed with her ministry and could recommend her to any of our churches for revivals or fill-in-services.

A couple of the ladies in our church has taken the burden to upgrade and beautify our Sanctuary- Mrs. Sylvia Mathis and Mrs. Evon Lambert. We will send in a picture when we are finished.

We are a small country church and ask an interest in your prayers. We will be having a spring revival with Rev. Jim Boyd of Vanderpool, TX.

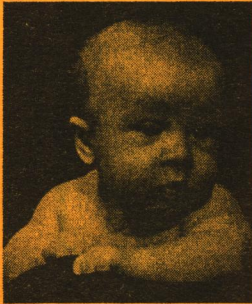
God Bless You  
Myrtle Carney - Pastor



# Births

## Noah Conner Williams

Chad and Stacy Williams, Stella, MO announce the birth of their first child,, Noah Conner Williams on Sept. 4 , 2006. Noah weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21 3/4 in. long. Noah's grandparents are Cecil and Beth Williams of Stella, MO and Tom and Angela Anderson of Stark City, MO. Great grandparents are Janice Prewitt of Wheaton, MO and Carol and June Carney of Granby, MO. Noah and his parents attend the Gospel Tabernacle in Granby, MO where Sheldon and Vanessa Harris are pastors.

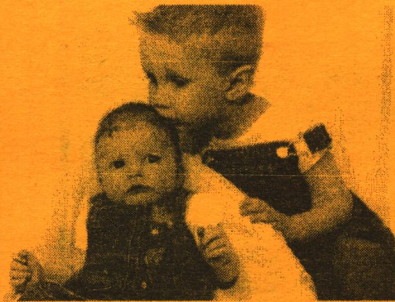


## Hunter Lee Bard

Hunter Lee Bard was born on Sept. 15, 2006 to Grant and Leslie Bard of Joplin, Mo. He has one big brother, Thomas Clay Bard. His grandparents are Mark and Ieetha Bard of Joplin, MO and Dennis and Lana Craig of Laramie, WY. His great grandparents are Lee and Mary Oakes of Neosho, MO.

Hunter and Thomas were dedicated to the Lord on Nov. 26, 2006 at Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO where they attend. Rev. & Mrs. Richard Morris are their pastors.

## Macee Paige Oakes



Dylan Brady Oakes, age 2, announces the birth of his sister, Macee Paige Oakes, born at 12:40 p.m. on Oct. 2, 2006 at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Mo. Macee weighed 9lbs. 9oz. and was 21 1/2 in. long and looks just like me! My Mommy and Daddy are Brady and Whitney Oakes, who attend Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, Mo. Bro. and Sis Richard Morris are their pastors. Also of Joplin are Pawpaw and GonGon (Dennie & Karen Oakes), Nana (Regina Jones) Poppy (Jim Jones) of Liberal, KS, and Papa (Joe) and Granny (Ruth) Dorris of Purcell, Mo.

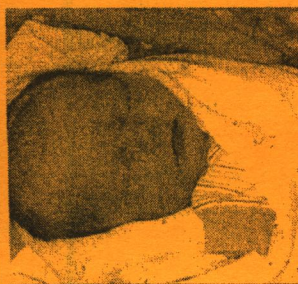
*And of course I am her Big brother! I yuv you Macee!*

## Aiden Gabriel Slater

JR and Angie Slater of Duenweg, MO announce the birth of their first child, a son, Aiden Gabriel Slater on Oct. 12, 2006 at 12:44 p.m. at St. John's Hospital in Joplin, MO. He weighed 7 lbs 7 oz and was 21 in. long. Aiden's grandparents are Judy Moore of Joplin, MO, the late Rev. Earnest Moore, Donna Slater of Joplin, MO, Don Slater of Marion, IN and Great grandmother, Esther Cook, of Webb City, MO. Aiden's family attends the First Baptist Church in Joplin, MO where his parents are Youth Pastors.



## Nolan Keith Royce Buschman



Nolan Keith Royce Buschman was born Nov. 3, 2006 at 3:53 p.m. He weighed 8 lb 9 oz and was 20 in. long. He was born in Weymouth, MA.

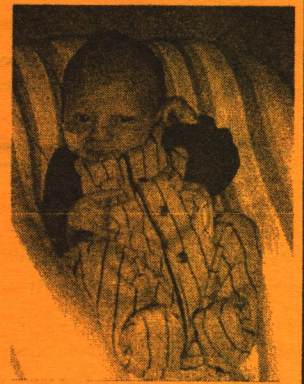
His proud parents are Keith and Abby Buschman of Joplin, MO. He has 2 very excited older siblings, RyLee, 4, and Isaac, 2.

His grandparents are Mark and Ieetha Bard, Joplin, MO, Alvin and Glenda Buschman, Cave Springs, AR. Great-grandparents are Lee and Mary Oakes of Neosho, MO, Glenford and Gracie Bensch of Laverne, OK and Benny and Leola Buschman of Stinnett, TX. Nolan and his family attend Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO. His pastors are Richard and Renee Morris.



## Damon Cochran

Jeremy and Sarah Cochran, Carl Junction, MO announce the birth of their second son, Damon Conner Cochran, who was born on Nov. 16, 2006 at Barnes Jewish Hospital South in St. Louis, MO. He weighed 7 lbs 15 oz and was 18 in long. Damon was also welcomed by his big brother, Myles, age 3, and his grandparents, Greg and Barbara Cochran of Lebanon, MO, Beth Brooks of Webb City, MO and Dan Sanders of Joplin, Mo. Jeremy and Sarah attend Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, Mo. where Rev. & Mrs. Richard Morris are pastors.



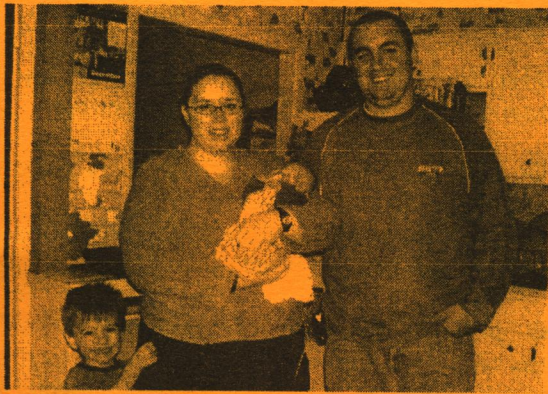
### *Editors Note*

Many of you are aware that Damon has a condition called hypoplastic left heart syndrome. Damon has already had the first of three open heart surgeries. Damon has done well and we thank God for his progress. The Cochran family were able to return home on Dec. 1st. Damon's father Jeremy recently sent the following note:

After leaving the hospital Damon is doing really well. The only concern that we have right now is getting him to eat from the bottle. He can eat from the bottle some, but not enough to take his feeding tube out. For continuous updates on Damon's condition please visit our website:

<http://blesdamonsheart.bigdre.com/>

Our family would like to say thank you for all of the love, prayers and concern that have been made on Damon's behalf. We know that God was there with him and continues to be with him. Damon is our little blessing and we know that someday that he will have an amazing testimony of God's faithfulness.



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## *Jana Miller - Nicholas Doty United in Marriage*

Jana Miller and Nicholas Doty were united in marriage on Friday, November 3, 2006 at 4:00 in the afternoon at the Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church, Prosperity, MO. Rev. Wayne Wheeler officiated at the ceremony. A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church. Parents of the couple are Chris and Levina Miller of Cave Springs, AR, and Pat and Leah Doty of Galena, KS.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Bentonville, AR High School and a 2006 graduate of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. She is currently attending Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, MO. The groom is a 2004 graduate of the Association of Christian Homeschooling Families and is currently enrolled as a second year student at the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Baxter Springs, KS.

The couple now resides in Joplin, MO where they both work as customer service representatives for Medicare. They also work as children's ministers and music ministers at the Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church where Wayne and Kay Wheeler are pastors.





## **Servanthood**

The work study program at AFBC is a program of learning how to serve others. The students are involved in many ministry opportunities such as the Thanksgiving Banquet for pastors and youth pastors. They do many jobs at AFBC: in the kitchen, grounds, office, local ministries, prayer and study of God's word and reaching out to others. The following articles were written as an assignment. Due to the lack of space I am unable to print all of them but will print more in the next issue.

### **The Heart of the Servant**

by Michelle Buschman - 2nd year student - AFBC

**Servant** is found in the Bible in 462 verses , 502 separate times.

**Servants** is found in the Bible in 441 verses , 480 separate times

**Serve** is found in 193 verses, 209 times

**Served** is found in 72 verses, 74 times

**Serveth** is in 7 verses, 9 times

**Service** is found in 116 verses, 132 times

**Menservant(s)/Maid servant(s)** - 29 verses , 37 times

Grand total:

Found in a total of 1267 scriptures and 1445 separate times

Just for the record, that's more than love( and all the different forms of the word).

#### ***I think this servant business is pretty important.***

Yet where am I in the midst of all this? Next, I could list for you all the Greek and Hebrew word's that are translated for "serve", but what good would that do?

If I am not a servant it is pointless. I could show you definitions all day, but if my heart is not in the right place, my display of knowledge would be futile.

Think of the servant at the restaurant. a waiter coming to your side to bring you food and drink, take care of any needs you might have. If the service is horrible, that only reflects on the restaurant itself and it's owner. If the service is good, that too is a reflection on the host.

If I am going to be a good reflection of my host as servant, I need to know who my host is. I John 4:16 says "God is love: and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

The basis of our servanthood must be love. We can do good for people all day, but without love, we will never be able to reach anyone. I Corinthians 13:2 "Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains and have not love, I am nothing."

I've been at the Bible College for a year and half now. From the very first week of school my first year, I have been pondering the question of being a servant. I'll be honest with you. I am not very fond of cleaning. Food can get stuck in some very odd places in the kitchen and no, I really never thought of it being there before. I like my bed a little messy and prefer not to have a top sheet. And sometimes I forget the lobby is not my bedroom.

But what I do know how to do, what I try to do, is to love people. When God gives me a burden to pray for someone, I do it. It's more than that though, far more. I try to love them as God loves them, try to say what God would have me say to them. this may sound so utterly simple, and even though it should be, it's not. When they hurt me, I still love them. When they use me, betray, crush every hope I have, I go ahead and choose to love them.

Because that's what Jesus did for me. No matter what anyone did to him, he chose to forgive them. He took the mockery for them. He accepted the stripes across his back. He embraced the cross for them. And not just for them, but for me.

The cross was mine. The crown of thorns was meant for my head, the beating meant for my back, the nails for my hands and feet. But the Son of God loved *me* and gave himself for me.

So I won't give up on loving on those God has given me the burden for. Jesus didn't give up on me.

### **What is a Servant?**

by Joey White - Spring, TX - 2nd year student - AFBC

To be a servant is to give of yourself and not expecting anything in return. By giving of yourself you deny everything that you want or desire. Being a servant to God is to give up all earthly things to pursue the will of the Heavenly Father. The best example of a servant is Jesus. Jesus gave up his life in Heaven to become flesh and to die. While here on earth he had the opportunity to do like the rest of us, He could have sinned when Satan tempted him in the wilderness. Yet He didn't give in to His flesh. (Matthew 4:1-11) In the garden Jesus could have said, no I'm not going to die for this self-loving world, but he didn't do that, he just simple said, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine be done." (Luke 22:42) By doing that Jesus set the bar for all mankind. So, for the 1 1/2 years I have been here I have learned how to be a good servant, to be cheerful, uplifting, considerate and helpful when ever needed and to always have a smile on my face, even when I don't feel like having one.



### Giving

by Casey Blythe - Wadsworth, Ohio - 1st year -AFBC

Alot of people give to be seen. How often do we give without letting any know what or how we give? How often will we give money to the needy just to make ourselves feel better about seeing the horrible life they live? Instead of giving tangible items, how often do we give our time,talents, or even lives? One of the many things I have learned at AFBC is that sometimes we need to give more than money or any kind of tangible items for that matter. There is never enough money in the world to heal a broken heart, or never enough possessions to fix loneliness and depression. We must give more of ourselves if we really want to see a difference in this dark,cold world. in John 17:8 Jesus prays, "For I have given to them the words which you have given me and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from you and they believed that you sent me." God could have given a whole bunch of money and alot of possessions to share with the world, but He gave us so much more. He gave us His Son so that our sins could be forgiven and we would have the opportunity to have eternal life.

We tend to think that money is what we need to give for people to live better but Jesus gave His life so we could live forever. John 3:16 says tah"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son". That verse is so powerful because it reminds us what we were given. We are all needy until we understand that Jesus gave his life for us so we could live happier and forever. to truly call ourselves Christians we need to be more Christ like. Until we can give more of ourselves, until we can give our lives, we will continue to live in this cold, dark, world.

### Giving

by Crickett Duree - Baxter Springs, KS - 2nd Year student - AFBC

I'm a 2nd year student here at AFBC this yearand I've heard alot about "servant hood", "submission", "giving" and "sacrifice".I can't tell you how many times that phrase is used not only daily but sometimes hourly. It seems to be the main aspect they try to instill in the students here. I never realized how important it was.

I like Rev. Cecil hall's way of describing submission,"It isn't really submission unless it's hard to do." I see that tying into giving as well. Imagine, (and this is an actual account from last year) you wake up starving on a Saturday morning at 10 a.m.. You stayed up late the night before and just want to sneak downstairs to the cafeteria, get a bite in the weekend refrigerator and get back in bed. You put your jacket on and walk downstairs. You turn the lights on and there in front of you is a huge mess. The rain flooded into the building. Obviously it rained excessively the night before or someone forgot to clean out the leaves at dinner. You don't really want to clean it up, however you do it anyway. You grab a squeegee from the closet and clean it up with no complaints, no praise and no prompting from anyone else.

The Word of God talks about how giving is important...let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver."( II Cor. 9:7) There are plenty of times I hear these words, know them as truth, but never apply them to my daily life. Innumerable times have I wanted to just sleep instead of doing dinner detail. On those quite frequent occasions I know my expression isn't cheerful. I do it because I have to, not because I want to or raised my hand to volunteer my time to do it. I try my best to keep my mouth shut and never say a word if I can help it. However, that's not how our attitude toward things is supposed to be. I know there is no joy in the work, however there is pleasure in the food. In II Thessalonians 3:10 it says,"that if any should not work, neither should he eat."

Something so simple as a nightlight can mean the world to someone else. Last year Darla Oakes had given me just that for Christmas. What she probably didn't realize was how grateful I would really be for that. I looked at the things I had received, lotion, nail polish, scarf and socks. And when it came to the nightlight I cried.It was so simple and yet it meant alot. I had this fear of always being left behind, being left alone. I was afraid of the dark and hated to sleep in absolute darkness without my roomy being there. Thinking back on that simple gift brings a symbolic meaning to the whole thing. God gave Jesus to be the light in our lives. Jesus will never leave you no matter what happens in your life and will be there to protect you. When I got back from break I think I used that night light for maybe a couple of weekends when my roommate was gone. After that I believe I stopped using it.

Even the simplest of gifts are more precious than something big and flashy. Just offering to help a lady take in groceries to her house could be the best gift of all. Things that come from the heart are the best.

With Christmas coming , I have to think of the most awesome gift of all, Christ himself. I would say God is the most giving being I have ever heard of, giving His only Son to us.Imagine how hard it could be to give away your only child up and watch him suffer to his death.

I know 2nd year students love to compare the previous year to the current and although things change with people, personalities and even faculty, one thing stays the same and that's the giving hearts and teachings of giving that are within this Bible College. Thanks to everyone who's given their time, effort, money, prayers and love into making this school function.

### Servanthood

by Morgan Goins - Alvin, TX - 1st year student - AFBC

Servant hood is very important in the ministry of God. To be a servant you have to be willing to "give up" yourself and help others. You must put others before yourself. In the Bible it says, "The first shall be last and the last shall be first." Also in order to be a servant, you have to have a servant's heart, which means that you have to have the want , to put others first.

By coming to Bible College, it has shown me that servanthood is very important because Jesus was a servant in many ways. It says in the Bible,"But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man." So we are to be servants and try to be more like Him each and every day. And by coming here I have learned that it is sometimes hard to be a servant, but it is necessary and sometimes you may be the only person to help them, whether it be helping with their work, doing the dishes, or giving someone money or even picking up their trash without them asking you to.

Even though you may not know or recognize it, being a servant is very important, because when we are being a servant and have the attitude of a servant, your reward in Heaven will be much greater than those who weren't servants.





And the Word became flesh  
and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;  
we have beheld his glory ...  
John 1:14

*It is with thankful hearts that we  
say to you Merry Christmas and  
a very Happy New Year!*

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**AFBC Advisory Board meeting**  
Baxter Springs, KS  
Feb. 16, 2007  
10:00 a.m.

**AFBC Choir Tour**  
March 11-26th

**AFBC Closing Exercises**  
Apostolic Faith Bible College  
Baxter Springs, KS  
May 8-10

**Alumni Banquet**  
May 10

**South Texas Youth Camp**  
Tabernacle in the Woods  
Conroe, Tx.  
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**4-State Youth Camp**  
Baxter Springs, KS.  
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**Pine Crest Youth Camp**  
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**Midwest Youth Camp**  
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