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-Revelation 7:12

A Work In Progress

In the past few years, the Baxter Chapel has undergone many changes. Three years ago, work was done on the outside. The Permystone was replaced with Drivit. Last year, the church installed new windows and Venetian blinds. This year the upstairs is being remodeled from the top to the bottom. The walls were totally stripped, insulated, sheetrocked, and then textured. They removed the false beam, pillars, and banister rail. They placed a Waner Coat (wood covering the bottom 3 feet of the wall) around the sanctuary, along with all new trim, and baseboard. The stage has been enlarged and now spreads across the entire width of the church. A wheelchair accessible restroom has been installed upstairs. The carpet has been replaced at a cost of about \$8,000. The wood theatre seats have been replaced with stackable padded chairs. Mark Palmer raised almost \$10,000 to purchase new chairs, and only \$1,200 is lacking. The restoration project including all these repairs and miscellaneous items, cost a total of approximately \$20,000... so far.

Dorm Damaged by Fire

September 29th, Darla was alone in the girl's dorm, she noticed a strange smell, and began looking for the cause. The search lead her to one of the back bed rooms. When she reached the room, she opened the door and black smoke immediately surrounded her. The Fire Department was notified and quickly came to the rescue. They were unable to save that room, but they were able to keep the fire from the rest of the dorm.

Denise Bensch and Lori Lewis lost everything in the fire. The other rooms suffered extensive smoke damage and therefore, the other girls also lost some items. The Apostolic Faith Movement, the Baxter community, and the Red Cross stepped in and helped provide the girl's immediate needs. The students were not covered by the school's insurance, and therefore some things were not replaced.

The room where the fire originated was completely destroyed, and therefore, had to be completely renovated. The other rooms were repainted, and the carpet replaced as a result of the smoke damage. The work was completed in a little over a month, and the girls were able to move back in on, Tuesday, November 7th.

Out of Pocket

The damage done to the girl's dorm, as a result of the fire, was taken care of for the most part by the school's insurance. The insurance paid around \$30,000, to restore the dorm back to its former state. The insurance paid 75% toward all new beds, they needed to be replaced due to smoke damage, the school was still left paying \$450. Even though the insurance covered the most of the restoration, the school, was forced to make changes not covered by the insurance in order to meet the current fire codes. This included purchasing new heaters because the fire marshal condemned the old ones. The school was also required to buy smoke detectors for every room, fire extinguishers, fire proof doors, and many other safety devices. During the restoration of the dorm the discovery was made that they needed to spray for termites, this was an extra \$1,000. There were many expenses that were not counted on just miscellaneous things... However these things add up very quickly. The total that the school has had to pay so far is approximately \$7,300.



A Small Miracle

God deals in miracles of all sizes... even small ones.

It is amazing how when you stop and look at the road your life has traveled you can clearly see how the Lord's hand was upon you. After many attempts at fertility treatments, a miscarriage and surgery, the Lord has blessed us with a beautiful child. Although it was hard for me to see at the time, I know beyond a doubt that the Lord was in control.

I had a very difficult pregnancy. After seven months of complications, I had to deliver our child 7 weeks early. Due to blood pressure problems, I was in the hospital being monitored. We knew the baby would have to be delivered in the next few days but we were waiting on a test to determine if the baby's lungs were developed. However, we never got the results of that test. I began having excruciating pain and the doctor said the baby was in major distress. Within a matter of minutes, I was being prepped for surgery while trying to make frantic phone calls to Glenn to tell him the baby was coming. Glenn made it to the hospital just in time to wave to me from the door. At this time, the seriousness of the situation still hadn't hit me. This was the day our small miracle came into the world.

Our lives completely changed that day. The doctor rushed to deliver the baby immediately as he knew the outcome didn't look good. When Cooper was delivered, he was dead. Immediately, a neonatal nurse took over and resuscitated our son. After getting him back, they put him on a ventilator to help him breathe. At 33 weeks, our baby weighed 3 lbs. 10 oz. and was 16 1/2 inches long. They took a couple of pictures and let Glenn see him briefly. He was beaming as any proud father would.

All of these complications were due to an abruption. This happens when the placenta tears away from the uterus. My baby was slowly losing the substance that was keeping him alive. The doctors said I had a 98% tear. We have been told by many that had this occurred while I was at home, neither one of us would have lived. When Cooper died in the womb, his lower

organs began shutting down, one by one, in order to save his brain and heart.

The first couple of days were a complete blur for me. I vaguely remember waking up for a brief second while Glenn showed me pictures and said Cooper was in the NICU. Two days later, I finally got enough strength to go see him. I still remember how tiny he looked on the big bed. He had been taken off the ventilator the first night because his breathing had improved. The nurse now had a canister-like contraption over his head to help him breathe. We were allowed to touch him but we could not stroke him or hold him.

Cooper's most severe medical problem was his kidney's. They had shut down and weren't functioning like they needed to. The doctors were hopeful as many babies in this situation bounce back within a couple of days. However, Cooper took a lot longer. He began to swell and at times looked like a regular sized baby. It was heartbreaking to see him look almost deformed at times due to the swelling. After seven to ten days, his kidney's finally started working. The doctor's were hopeful but they weren't functioning exactly how they should. Everything was passing through his kidney's, including the nutrients that he needed to sustain his body. When a major organ in the body isn't functioning properly, the whole body suffers as a result.

The next problem Cooper faced was nutrition. Because he couldn't differentiate what was being filtered through the kidney's, they were not able to feed him for the first 20 days of life. They gave him nutrients through an IV but this can damage the liver. One doctor told us it was likely that he could starve to death.

As a result of the trauma of his birth, Cooper developed extremely high blood pressure. His pressure's sometimes exceeded what a normal adult would have. Our baby was breaking new ground that the Joplin doctor's had not dealt with. He became extremely mottled and had to be kept sedated in order to keep the pressures down. After being put on six different pressure medications, the doctor's informed us that it was time to go to Children's hospital in St. Louis. They had done all they could do with their

limited capabilities. Cooper needed stronger medication and it was a possibility that he would need dialysis. He also had a valve in his heart that had opened due to all the fluids that were being pumped in his body that would require surgery. It could not be treated because of the high blood pressure. At this point, Cooper was 13 days old. The decision to send our child to St. Louis was extremely difficult.

It tore us apart to have to send our critically ill son on a jet and not be able to be with him. I spent the four hour trip trying to convince myself that we had done the right thing. When we arrived in St. Louis, we found the NICU and asked to see our baby. It was a miracle! He had already been put on a very strong blood pressure medication and taken off of four others. His pressures were staying down and he was starting to lose some of the swelling. The St. Louis doctors were very optimistic and thought he might be able to go home in a few days.

Things started to look up from there. We were basically told that his problems were slowly healing. The valve in his heart had closed by itself. Praise the Lord! All he needed was to get bigger and start eating and he could do those things in Joplin. Six days after his arrival in St. Louis, we were on our way back to Joplin. We felt like the worst was behind us. After his blood pressure was under control, Cooper started to lose a lot of the swelling. Because of this, we saw our baby go down to 3 lbs. and 6 oz. He literally was skin on bones. However, he started eating through a tube and getting stronger and stronger. Just when we thought everything was going our way, Cooper turned another corner.

When Cooper's blood pressure got so dangerously high, it caused him to have a bleed in the ventricles of his brain. The ventricles were so swollen that they would not let the spinal fluid pass through. Cooper's head would become very large and it was necessary to do a spinal tap to relieve the pressure. During this time, they monitored his brain activity to make sure it was still in tact. The doctor's said that sometimes, the ventricles will heal themselves and surgery is not necessary. This was not the case in Cooper's situation. The doctors performed eight to ten spinal taps but it was not working. We had to make the decision again to head back to St. Louis.

Glenn and I both felt a peace about this as we knew

that God would watch over our child. Again, the St. Louis doctors were wonderful. The surgery consisted of inserting a shunt that would allow the spinal fluid to drain from the brain. The surgery was a success and I was able to carry him out of recovery back to his room. The doctors saw no reason why he couldn't leave the hospital the next day. This gave Glenn and I a bit of anxiety as he still seemed like a sick baby.

It was decided that it would be better for Cooper to return to the hospital in Joplin for a few days to follow up care. During this time we saw our baby gain weight and slowly become stronger. Fifty-eight days after he was born, we were finally able to take Cooper Alan Oakes home. It was like Christmas morning! We wanted to show him off so bad that we went to church that very night.

I know I have left much of this story out. There is far too much to mention. Everything we prayed for during this time, the Lord brought to pass. He is so good! I don't know why we had to go through this, but my prayer is that we may now have the knowledge to help others in similar situations. From conception to his release from the hospital, we can see the Lord's hand. And he is continuing to bless us.

People ask us how we were able to handle such a tragedy. All I can think to tell them is that we had to. We had no other option. However, I know that many of you held us up everyday. We want to thank all of you who prayed for our son. It is because of you that we could bring him home. The Lord was so good to us during this time. Even though our faith wasn't as strong as it could have been, he gave others the faith to see us through. One confirmation that we received from the Lord was a scripture given to us through more than one person: "But Moses hands were heavy... and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side..." (Exodus 17:12). We thank you for holding up our hands when we couldn't do it alone.

At the time I'm writing this article Cooper is four months old and is doing great! He smiles and giggles all the time! He weighs about 9 lbs. and is around 23 inches long. He is still a little small for his age but is slowly catching up. Again we thank the Lord for his goodness and for giving us such good Christian friends. We love you all!

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Editor

AFBC Chapel Restoration

The Restoration of the Baxter Chapel is not yet complete. The sanctuary is almost finished, but plans are now being made to begin work on the basement. As a result of the fire, in the girl's dorm, the chapel was examined, and required to make a few changes, in order to meet the fire code. This has made more work for the restoration project.

The restoration in the basement will include each of the rooms. They are planning to make one classroom, as well as three apartments that could also serve as classrooms. A guest seating lounge will be created, and the water fountain replaced. A laundry room and refreshment center will be added for guest's convenience. Improvements will be made on the restroom facilities. The chapel will need a room designed to house the heating and air conditioning units, and another room for storage. The basement's back door is in need of total repair. As you can see there is much work to be done, however the restoration fund has been depleted... The restoration can not continue without the support of our movement. We would appreciate any contribution that you could make. Thank you!

Austin Sutton - Chairman

Follett Chapel News

The Follett Chapel welcomed our new pastor, Brother L.J. Ehrlich, to our church on Sunday, September 17. Brother L.J., a native son, has been a blessing by challenging our church to pray and read God's Word daily. A recapturing of the vision to reach lost souls has been instilled in our hearts.

A reception was held in the Follett Community Center on October 22 to welcome our pastor and his wife, Ida to our church and community. Brother L.J. and Ida were married on October 14 in Tulsa. Sister Ida is a special and loving addition to our church family. Her talents and love for the Lord are much appreciated.

Needed work has been done on the parsonage. Walls were painted and new carpet and vinyl installed throughout the parsonage. Brother L.J. has been most helpful in spray painting interior doors, closets, cabi-

nets and drawers. Our inside joke is that you don't spend too much time in one spot in the parsonage, or you might get spray painted! We give our pastors thanks for his labors in making rooms look lighter and brighter!

The Chapel enjoyed the music and ministry of the Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir. They were a blessing! Thanks to Sister Karen and Brother Savoy Grimmer for their efforts with the choir. Brother Gene Barber of Kingman, Kansas has also been with us in services. We appreciate his life and dedication. It is so good to get together with God's people! Come see us!

Barbara Foster, reporter
L.J. Ehrlich, Pastor

The Filling Station Youth Center Follett, Texas

Early in September Brother L.J. Ehrlich, pastor of the Follett Chapel, was given the vision of establishing a youth center in the town of Follett for the community youth. We continue to see progress daily toward the completion of the youth center.

God has blessed us with the purchase of an old, abandoned service station on the corner of Highway 15 and Main Street in Follett. A prime spot to attract young people! Fay Haines was even inspired by the Holy Spirit to come up with its name: The Filling Station!

Brother L.J. and our band of volunteers, both young and not-so young, are in the process of demolishing an old three bedroom house, donated by the city, for the lumber in the house. The lumber will be used to re-roof The Filling Station and sheathe the outside against the weather. Other portions of the lumber will be utilized in the interior decorating of the building.

Brother Ehrlich's main desire is to reach hearts for Christ. Brother L.J.'s vision is to provide our youth a

place where wholesome games, videos and music would be available. Area Christian bands and vocal groups will be invited to come share God's Word through song each Saturday evening. At other times, youth ministers would be invited to speak of God's saving grace.

God has provided housing for a permanent youth director in Follett. We are so thankful for that! The Holy Spirit has intervened in this undertaking multiple times! Minds have been changed, hearts stirred and actions taken at just the right time have all come from God! We give Him all the Glory for His faithfulness!

Work crews are welcomed! We have a hammer to fit any hand!

Stay tuned for future developments! Great things are happening! Praise God!

Barbara Foster, Secretary
L.J. Ehrlich, Director

Community Full Gospel Church San Diego, California

We are now in our new church. The old Church building has been removed and the parking lot put in. We are in a transition period while the final touches are accomplished and the final buy off from the City. It should come within the next few weeks.

In September, we had to increase our \$240,000 loan to \$310,000 to finish the building. This has increased the monthly payments from \$2100 to \$2800. Until the congregation is large enough to make the full payments, we will continue to need the

help of our friends in the movement to help us meet each months payments. We want to thank those who have so graciously helped out during this time. May God bless each of you. When the City gives us the final buy off, we will plan a Dedication Sunday. An announcement will be sent out so you can participate in the blessing that the Lord has given to us.

Remember us in your prayers,
Homer and Sue Allen, Pastors

Study For God's Approval

While perusing the net and old papers, we *By: Carol Oakes* need only look into the Word of God and find what must be done in order to gain the knowledge to live life and answer the questions of life within our own selves. Open the Word and read (II Timothy 2:15 KJV) Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

“Approved unto God” is a statement that all Christians can find favor with as it can be also read as “in favor with God.” All individuals want to have favor with peers, spouses, family, and workers. How fulfilling it is to know that one has found favor with God!

Not ashamed and able to divide the word of truth. Here the word, through daily study, is accurately and correctly handled in both the analysis and presentation. God will reveal the meaning by the Holy Ghost and let the presentation stand in contrast to the inane interpretations of the false teachers of this day in which we live.

Once again, “Study to show yourself approved or favored with God” stand against the enemy and evil of this world, rooted and grounded upon the complete Word of God.

They lie on the table side by side
The Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
One is well worn and cherished with pride.
Not the Bible, but the TV Guide.
One is used daily to help folks decide.
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide.
As the pages are turned, what will they see.
Oh, what does it matter, turn on the TV.
So they open the book in which they confide
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide.
The Word of God is seldom read.
Maybe a verse before they fall into bed.
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be.
Not from reading the Bible, but from watching TV.
So then back to the table side by side,
Lie the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
No time for prayer, no time for the Word,
The plan of Salvation is seldom heard.
But forgiveness of sin, so full and free,
Is found in the Bible, not on TV.
No title or author was given for this poem, but one

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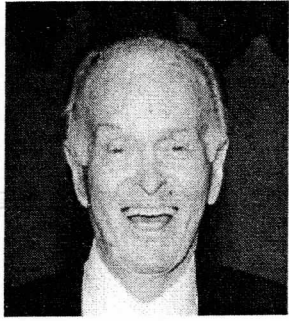
Courtney Anne Derixson

June 1, 2000

Bill and Christina are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Courtney Anne Derixson. Courtney was born Thursday, June 1, 2000, at their home in Kingman, Kansas. Courtney weighed 5 pounds and 6 ounces and was 18.5 inches long at birth. Now she is a beautiful bright eyed five month old. She laughs, smiles, rolls over, and is now trying to crawl. She is now in the dreaded process of cutting teeth.

Obituaries

Robert G. Palmer



Robert G. Palmer, born in Webb City, MO., on January 24, 1924, to Golden and Irene Palmer, passed away October 1, 2000, at Providence Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska, after a two-week illness. In his early years he resided in Webb City.

He was a minister for many years, pastoring several churches in the four-state area and in Texas. In 1947, he went to Alaska as a missionary and, together with the G.K. Rees family, established a church in

Anchorage. For the past thirty years he has been pastor of Maranatha Full Gospel Church in Anchorage.

He is survived by his wife, Twanda Palmer, one son, Mark Palmer and wife, Dawn; two daughters, Ann James and Nancy Kilpatrick; one granddaughter, Renita Kilpatrick; all of Anchorage; one sister, Betty Arnce of Joplin; one brother, Walter Joe Palmer of Coffeyville, KS; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held October 3, 2000, at Maranatha Church in Anchorage. A memorial has been established with the church.

Veneta M. Townsend

1906 - 2000



Veneta May Collins Townsend of Bentonville, AR went to be with her Lord and Savior September 19, 2000. She passed away peacefully at her home. She was born November 22, 1906 to William Lewis Collins and Hattie Nelson Collins near Gray, Beaver County, OK.

She received her higher education in colleges in Alva, OK and Canyon, Texas. She also attended business college in Amarillo, Texas.

After teaching school for five years in Oklahoma and Texas, she went into accounting and followed this line of work until she retired in 1972.

Veneta married Arthur Townsend October 26, 1928. They owned and operated their own business in Perryton, Texas for 22 years. In 1957 they bought a ranch in Benton County Arkansas, sold their Texas property and moved to Arkansas in 1960 and lived their the rest of their lives.

Veneta was converted to follow the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 16 and remained a devoted Christian until the end. She always worked in the Church, mainly teaching young people and serving as choir director for several years. She also served as a board member of the Cave Springs Church for a short while, filling the vacancy left when Bro. Art passed away March 10, 1987.

She leaves to mourn her passing one sister, Wanda

Townsend of Booneville, AR., five nephews, Byron Pierce and Leonard Pittman of Bentonville, Bruce Collins of Eagle River, AK., Raymond Collins of Houston, TX, and Darrell Townsend of Little Rock, AR., several second and third generation nephews and nieces, friends in several states and many brothers and sisters in the Lord. She dearly loved all of them and by her own testimony she felt that she had been loved more than anyone deserved.

Veneta and Art enjoyed their Christian home and their church and were always faithful to the Lord and to the church; they were always quick to tell others the Lord had been very good to them.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 23, 2000 at the Apostolic Faith Church in Cave Springs, AR with the Rev. Alvin Buschman, the Rev. Waple Ferguson and the Rev. Marcus Adair officiating. Sister Glenda Buschman accompanied Addie Juarez, Pat Palmer and Mona Laramore as they sang "The Eastern Gate" and "I'll Meet You in the Morning".

Pallbearers were Mark and Craig Pierce, Steve and Jerry Sizemore, Kenny Laramore and Terrell Pittman. Interment was in the Bentonville City Cemetery.

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