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*"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Hebrews 6:10*



Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Jeremiah 17:8

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## 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 basic doctrines.

**60th Anniversary** - Lowell and Thelma Long, Granby, MO were honored with a joyous party on Sat. Sept. 6th at Water's Edge Campground, Joplin, MO. Their 4 children and families hosted the event with food for a generous light lunch, a beautiful two layered wedding cake and a short program. Approximately 57 guests shared the come and go afternoon with Lowell and Thelma, their children, grandchildren and 2 very active great granddaughters.



60 Year Celebrations are milestones for this couple in 2014. They both celebrate 60 years of blessed Salvation in Christ Jesus in mid August; Lowell met with the graduating class of '49 from Beaver, OK (65) on Memorial Day Weekend; Thelma, 60 years with 1954 class of Laverne, OK in late September. All were happy times, but none so great as the joy of walking with the Lord for 60 years. The making of so many acquaintances through those times has brought about forming of many dear friendships. The arrival of nearly 50 beautiful cards expressed those connections along with the memories and cards shared at the party. After the clean up and guests were gone, photos were taken by granddaughter Kassie (Long) Huyen of Lantana, TX

Lowell and Thelma wish to express their heartfelt "Thanks" to everyone who remembered them generously, spent time, sent a card or called with good wishes. Also, "Thank You" Radonna Fiorini, Kurt and Sunny Long, Clint Long, Jeremy Long, Heather Anson and Nicholas Long, Brooke and Avery Stone, Kevin, Kassie and Karys Huyen, Zack and Erica Theil. It was a fabulous memory maker!



**Spearman, Texas** The Spearman Apostolic Faith Church recently had a new insulation, metal siding, trim and shingle job done on the parsonage. It looks so nice and know we will benefit this winter. Last year they had a new metal roof put on the church building.

In our night services we are now going through the "God's Plan For The Ages" chart. This is always an interesting study. We have a newly married couple in our church which we enjoy their ministry so very much, Billy Johnson and Sharon Scroggs Whitefield were married on August 30, 2014. He is on our church board, assistant Adult Sunday School teacher, singer and she is our pianist and also sings. Our other 2 board members are Steven Greever and Benny Buschman.

We so enjoyed the AFBC group being here in our area and church. They also had a service at the Hansford Manor, which the people dearly loved them coming.

Pray for our small group of faithful people that we will be found doing God's will until Christ's return.

Pastors: Jack & Kathryn Cornell



**Address Changes**

Rev. Bob Taylor, retired pastor, recently moved from Laverne, OK. His new address is: Rev. Bob Taylor, Heritage Community Living Facility, 501 NE 15th St.-A-26, Guymon, OK 73942. His phone # is 580-651-1083.

We want to update everyone on Bro. Howard and Sis. Yvonna Whiteley. They have made their move from Baxter Springs, KS to Nokesville, VA to be closer to their family. Their son, Lynn and his family live next door to their daughter, Lachelle and her husband so they are able to enjoy being with all of their family!

Their address is: Rev & Mrs. Howard Whiteley,

c/o Sam & Lachelle Yoder- 10704 ,Flory Road,

Nokesville, VA 20181.

Email: howanna@comcast.net-/ Phone 540-729-4361

**90th Birthday**

A 90th Birthday celebration will be held on Nov. 8th for Dona Barker of Katy, TX at the Apostolic Faith Church-2-4 p.m. Birthday wishes may be sent to: P.O. Box 218, Katy, TX 77492o

# AFBC FACULTY—2014-2015

Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Psalm 34:11



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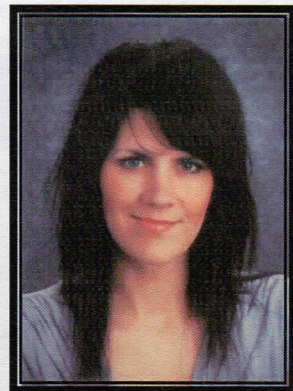
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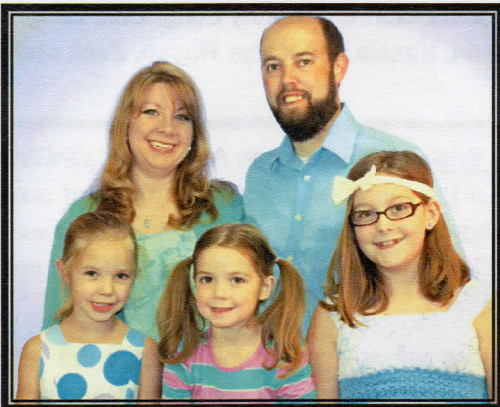
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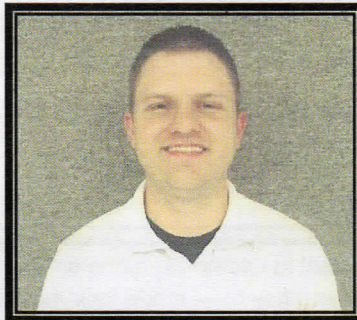
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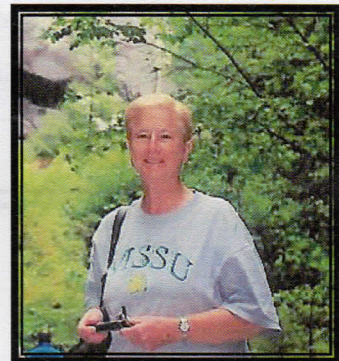
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Instructor



**Brian Harris—Instructor**



**Bev Karber—Instructor**



**Pat Hawley**  
Assistant Chef

## AFBC 1st Year Students 2014-2015

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



**Jessica Nicole House**

18, from Neosho MO, is the daughter of Michelle Standlee and Kevin House. She attends Southside Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of Richard and Renee Morris.

**Lula Napolitano**

19, from Huntsville, AR, is the daughter of Ramona Napolitano. She attends Crosses Community Church under the ministry of Rex and Jana Eaton.



**Ashley Taylor**

18, from Joplin, MO, is the daughter of Cassy Rogers and Chris Taylor. She attends Southside Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of Richard and Renee Morris.



**Rebekah Walters**

18, from Joplin, MO, is the daughter of Jeff and Kelly Walters. She attends Southside Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of Richard and Renee Morris.



**Kelly Walters**

42, drive-in student from Joplin, MO, is the wife of Jeff Walters. They attend the Apostolic Faith Church in Prosperity under the ministry of Joel & Tammy Dorris, where she is a Youth Director.



**Linda Witten**

18, from Hardesty, OK, is the daughter of Glenda and Mike Witten. She attends Hardesty Community Church where Casey and Ashley Drew are pastors.



## AFBC 2nd Year Students 2014-2015

Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6



**Kendall Glenn**, 19, Combs, AR, is the son of Roger and Shelia Glenn. He attends Crosses Community Church, Crosses, AR, under the ministry of Rex and Jana Eaton. During the summer he worked and he occasionally preached at the Crosses Community Church and Cave Springs, AR. Apostolic Faith Church.

**Cory Hall**, 21, Carl Junction, MO, is the son of Michelle and Jake Standlee. He attends Southside Apostolic Faith Church, under the ministry of Richard and Renee Morris. During the summer he helped roof houses and worked in both 4-State and Pine Crest Mississippi Youth Camps.



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**Michael C. Higley** 20, Joplin, MO, is the grandson of Mary Higley and nephew of Roberta Worley. He attends Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of Joel and Tammy Dorris. During the summer he taught sign language at his home church and worked in Laverne and 4-State Youth Camps.

**Jessica Lyon**, 21, Troy, TN is the daughter of Duane and Gina Lyon. She attends the United Methodist Church in Troy. This past summer, she enjoyed working with the children in her church and was also able to work on the job she had before she attended AFBC last year.



**Kyle Randall**, 19, Oronogo, MO is the son of Fred and Cindy Randall. He attends Frisco Church in Webb City, MO under the ministry of Matt and Stephanie Snyder. He worked in 4-State Youth Camp as a counselor.

**Adela Rodriguez**, 53, is from Alvin, TX. Her home church is the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church where Bill & Christina Derixson are her pastors. She was able to minister to her parents and sister during the summer. Her testimony was "God is Good".



**Stephen Smith**, 26, is from Midland, TX. He attends the Elevate Church under the ministry of Sheldon Riley. While there this summer he taught Children's Church, played the bass and worked at Mattress City.

**Kalee Smith**, 20, Webb City, MO, is the daughter of Robyn Smith. She attends Frisco Church under the ministry of Matt & Stephanie Snyder. This past summer, she helped in her church with the youth and toddlers, worked in Midwest Youth Camp, South Texas Youth Camp and 4-State Senior Camp, and helped with Youth Summit.



## AFBC 3rd Year Students

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in

### Cody Harris

20, of Rock Island, TX the son of Calvin & Debbie Harris. attends Rock Island Full Gospel Church where his parents are pastors. During the summer he taught Sunday School, worked in youth camps in Laverne, OK and South Texas, and attended camp meetings in OK and WV. He also worked on a job.



### LeaAnnette Lozano

22, Alleyton, TX, is the daughter of Alma Lozano. She attends Rock Island Full Gospel Church under the ministry of Calvin & Debbie Harris. During the summer she worked in Senior & Junior Camps in Laverne, South Texas Junior Camp, and Pine Crest Mississippi Camp. She also worked at Liberty Bell Sweet Treats.



### Kayla Tottey

20, Combs, AR, is the daughter of Steve and Tammy Tottey. She attends the Crosses



Community Church under the ministry of Rex and Jana Eaton. During the summer, she helped in both 4-State Youth Camps and in Youth Summit, led the altar call music at her church and cleaned the church.

## Let's Have A Talk!

*Karen Oakes*

Several years ago I was driving past a church in Joplin, MO and noticed a sign in front. It said, **"And God said, "Let's Have A Talk."** It reminded me of something that had happened not long before in our home.

One evening, my husband and oldest grandson had gone to bed and our younger grandson and I were still up. He said to me, "Grandma, before we go to bed can we talk?" I told him that I'd really like that. We sat down in our kitchen and I asked him what he would like to talk about. He began by asking me, "How was your day?" I told him how my day had gone and then we talked about his day. We talked about home, school, family, friends, scriptures and God. We had such a wonderful time just talking and sharing our feelings. Finally we decided we'd go on to bed. It was so nice to feel that sweet communication with him. It made me want to soon have another talk—we truly felt closer to each other.

I began to think and wonder how many times God comes to us and asks, *"Can We Talk?" "Can we talk about your days, your feelings, your fears, your desires? Can I tell you of my desires for you?"* Is it not true that when we take time to speak to our Heavenly Father that our desire to draw close to Him grows? Each time we do, we want to go back again and again and feel that special communion with Him. The more we share with Him the more we love and trust Him.

And today, many years later, even though a young grandson has become a husband and father himself, I still appreciate and love those times of communication with him and desire to do it more. I must also ask myself the question - "Do I still yearn to have sweet fellowship with my Heavenly Father and spend time in His Holy Presence?" The answer is "YES!"

**And God said,  
"Let's have a  
talk."**

## *I Found It!*

By Rev. James E. Wallis—Tulsa, OK



Ever since my wife Lavonda took her departure to heaven, I have been looking for it. I have looked everywhere. I went through all the dresser drawers, looked in all the closets, examined every jacket or coat pocket that she had worn. I had asked the Lord in prayer, almost every night, to help me find it and have even thought if I could just talk to Lavonda I know she could help me locate it.

It was not extravagant expensive, but it had been costly. We had looked at it together and Lavonda had decided she would like to have it so the decision was made to purchase it. The last time I saw it Lavonda had been wearing it and now the days had turned to months and almost three years have gone by, and I still could not find it. I continued to search, search, and search. As I thought about it, I wondered could we have left it at the store? We had gone back to have it examined and had asked questions about it's size and value— do you suppose Lavonda had gone back again without me knowing? Had Lavonda taken it off and put it up in some secret place that only she knew about? Had the woman that had come from Hospice to help us that last day taken it? I had gone out of the room and she had been all alone, she would have had time.... Surely not. Each day brought more questions, but no answers. I continued to ask the Lord to please help me find it.

*Then I Found IT!* When I did it was like "it" found me. I was getting ready to go to Camp Meeting this past summer at Laverne, Ok. Since I now travel alone I usually take a smaller suitcase. I was planning on not only going to Camp Meeting, but from there go on to Colorado. So I decided to take the larger suitcase that we had taken on our trips. As I was preparing to pack my clothes in the larger suitcase, I felt something in one of the small pockets along the edge of the suitcase, pulled it out and there to my great delight was what I had been looking for all these months. Wrapped carefully in a small, light blue, string tied cloth case, I found Lavonda's beautiful ring. I usually would put the suitcases up when we came back from a trip and I regularly checked to see if we got everything out, but I had failed to get the ring out. It was me— not Lavonda that had forgotten the ring! To me it was like I had discovered the *Pearl of Great Price!*

And that I believe is what Jesus meant when He told this Parable of the Kingdom about a merchant " seeking goodly pearls," and "when he found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it" (Matthew 13:45-46 KJV) If necessary, I would have done just about anything to find Lavonda's ring. Why? Two very important reasons: (1) Because of the owner of the ring (Lavonda). (2) Because of the value of the ring.

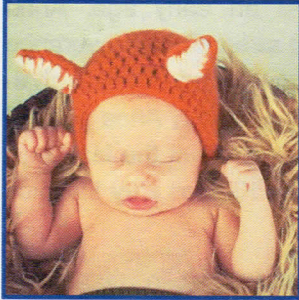
Matthew refers to the Kingdom of God as the Kingdom of Heaven. They are not two separate subjects but one and the same. The use of 'kingdom of heaven' in Matthew is certainly due to the tendency in Judaism to avoid the direct use of the name of God (New Bible Dictionary).

Nevertheless, the kingdom of heaven is more important in our lives than anything with which we may compare. It is more important because of whose it is; **God's**. It is more important because of it's value; **It cost the life of Jesus**. Who wouldn't in their right mind not sell everything that he or she thinks they possess and give it all you have to be a part of the Kingdom of Heaven? Tragically, "His Own" rejected their King and His Kingdom, but grace appeared and the Church "found it." "*The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.*" ( Matthew 21:43) Since the establishment of the Church here on earth, Jesus has invited all who will be a part of producing Kingdom fruit.

Paul declares, "the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17). KJV In other words, these are some of the "fruit" that comes from being in the kingdom and having the "King" of the kingdom ruling in your life. Soon, hopefully, the Lord will begin the establishment of His literal Kingdom here on earth. When that happens "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" ( Isaiah 11:9) KJV. I can only imagine the joy— a joy that begins with searching for and finding the Pearl of Great Price. Even more joy than I experienced when I found Lavonda's ring.



# THE CHURCHES ARE GROWING!



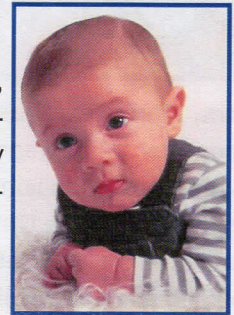
*Oliver Ezekiel Stinson*

## Trinity Faith Church, Laverne, OK

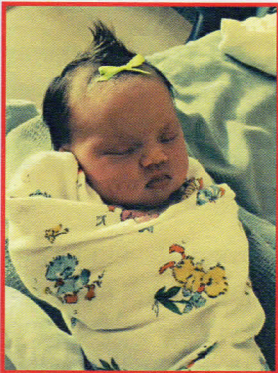
Dirk and Elizabeth Stinson announce the addition of their 3rd child, Oliver Ezekiel Stinson, on April 1, 2014. He weighed 7 lbs 10oz and was 21 in long. His siblings are Lilly and Gideon. Grandparents are Jimmie and Debbie Stinson of Laverne, OK, David Mullins, Longview, TX and Kathleen Riggins of Carthage, MO. Great grandparents are Jim & Ruth Whitlock of Joplin, MO and great-great grandmother is Jeannie Mullins also of Joplin.

## Southside Apostolic Faith Church, Joplin, MO

Jack Henry Stemm, son of Andrew and Rachel and big brother Ryan of Joplin, MO arrived July 16, 2014. Jack weighed 8 lbs 10 oz and was 21 in. long. Jack's grandparents are Larry and Peggy Rustin of Webb City, MO and Walter and Janet Stemm of Joplin, MO. Great grandparents are Henry and Eloise Smith, Anderson, MO and the late James and Ozella Bard, Robert and Lorraine Anderson, Robert Rustin and Fred and Olga Howard.



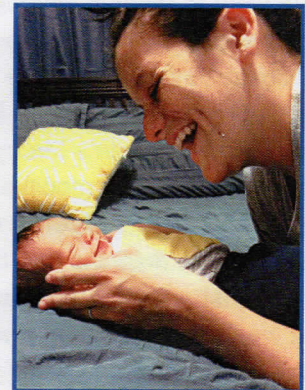
*Jack Henry Stemm*



*Hinley Elise Moser*

Brent and Hayley Moser, Spring City, MO welcomed their daughter Hinley Elise, on Sept. 5, 2014. She weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 3/4 in. long. She is being loved on daily by her three older brothers Hayden(5), Hudson,(4) and Husten(2). The Mosers are cherishing every moment with their newest gift. "Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from Him." Psalms 127:3

Seth and Ashley Reed, AFBC, Baxter Springs, KS welcomed their first child, Zion Guarant Reed on Sept. 29, 2014.. He weighed 6 lbs.13 oz. and was 21 3/4 in. long. His grandparents are Brian & Kellie Potter of Neosho, MO, Mark Reed, Grantham, NH and Carrie Brock, Neosho, MO.



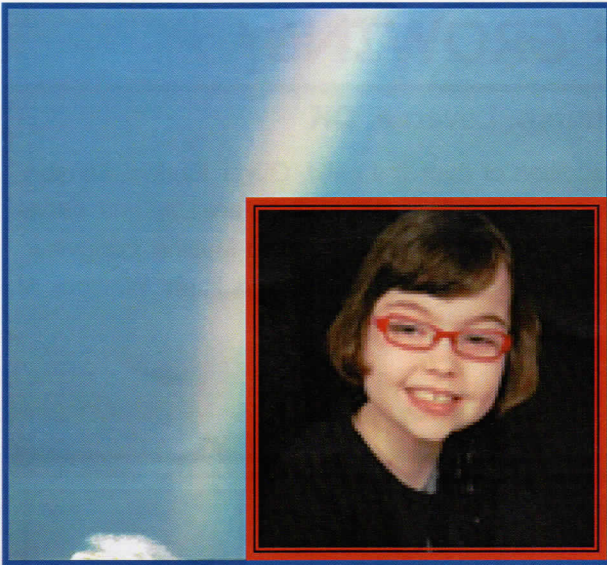
*Zion Guarant Reed*



*Jovi Alynn Manning*

**Community Faith Church, Balko, OK-**Jovi Alynn was born on Aug. 24, 2014 weighing 7 lbs 2 oz and measuring 18 1/2 unches long. She was joyfully welcomed by her parents J.J. and Denise Manning of Balko, Ok, big brother, Xavier and big sister Audrey. Jovi enjoys lots of attention as she is blessed to have all of her grandparents near by and 5 great grandparents to snuggle her as well. They include Dan & Pat Manning, Laverne, OK Randall & Joyce Bensch, Logan, OK, Lawrence & Dixie Deal, Laverne, OK, Glenford Bensch, Logan,OK, Robert & Leota Burrows, Stillwater, OK. Jovie attends Balko Community Faith Church and is ministered to by

Rev. & Mrs. Fred Huff. Her family would like to say a big "Thank You" for all the warm wishes upon her arrival. We are blessed by the Lord to have this 3rd bundle of joy.



**Anna Kay Powers,** was born May 10th, 2003 at Overland Park Regional Medical Center where she was born a preemie weighing one pound, thirteen ounces. At an early age, Anna proved to be very resilient. She possessed strength, perseverance and an ability to overcome incredible obstacles and physical challenges. On August 11, 2014 at the young age of 11, Anna passed into the arms of Jesus from brain cancer, She spent the last days of her life surrounded by loved ones at The Kansas City Hospice Hospital,

Anna enjoyed music of all kinds. She played violin, piano and loved singing, with one of her favorite being, "Somewhere Over The Rainbow!" Her favorite activities were cooking and fishing with Dad, drawing, playing with her American Girl dolls, shopping with Mom and was a connoisseur of many gourmet foods, Chinese being her favorite. Some of her other loves included nature, animals,

cars, Men's K.U. basketball, The Royals and Sporting K.C. She loved school, especially math and socializing! Anna spent her last 2 years at Frank Rushton Elementary in Kansas City, KS where she completed the 5th grade. Anna's love was unconditional, which in turn helped her make friends very easily and was loved by everyone. Since her diagnosis of cancer in Oct. 2012 the teachers, students and even their families surrounded Anna with love and support. This gave her great encouragement and motivation to fight and her courage and bravery strengthened those around her, leading them to BELIEVE that each day is a blessing and to never lose sight of HOPE.

Anna attended church with her grandparents at Lighthouse Presbyterian Church in Paola, KS and Trinity Lutheran Church in Mission, KS with her parents. where she participated in many youth activities. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age. At age 10 she chose to be baptized and become a member of Trinity. Anna prayed daily for others and her fondest wish was to be a testimony of faith and Jesus love. The outpourings of ministry from churches and synagogues have been a blessing.

We want to thank everyone who has been an "Angel" for Anna, teaching, nurturing, caring and loving her throughout her 11 years. She developed into an intelligent young lady with great personality. Her family wants to thank all of the additional "Angels" we have met since Anna's terminal diagnosis. The support we received from fundraisers, the June Bug Crawl and the "Angels for Anna" benefit in Paola was greatly appreciated. The team of doctors, nurses, and support staff at Children's Mercy built many personal relationships that allowed Anna to trust and be confident throughout her treatments and medical challenges. Anna was blessed by so many special organizations helping to make her dreams come true. Meeting Coach Self and the 2012-2013 men's basketball team., the Make A Wish trip to Hawaii to swim with the dolphins and her most recent experience with Sporting K.C.'s Victory Project and Braden's HOPE calendar are just a few of the many organizations that helped create lasting memories for Anna, family and friends. Anna's light was strong, brilliant and her life truly was a blessing to everyone. Although we miss her every day, especially her funny expressions, beautiful smile and contagious laughter, she will forever remain in our hearts with many memories to celebrate. This quote came from her Aunt Deanae "sometimes, the Lord just takes blessed people because they've filled their purpose early. Everyone plays their own song and sings their own story to the world leaving behind a melody of memories. Sometimes their song is cut short and ends too early, but that doesn't mean that their music was any less sweet or they left any less impression." (by Linda Kage, The Stillburrow Crush)

Anna was preceded in death by her papa Max Ollenberger, great-grandfather Wayne Messner, great grandparents Ed and Essie Ollenberger and great Uncle Ed Messner. Survivors are her parents Rolland J, Powers II and Jamie Ollenberger Powers, grandmother Texanna Ollenberger, great grandmother Pauline Messner, Uncle Keith, Aunt Deanae plus a large family of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Celebration of Life was held on Sept. 27, 2014 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

**William J. "Bill" Berry**, 79, Pampa, TX, passed away on June 29, 2014. Mr. Berry, who chose to be called "Bill" was born Nov. 12, 1934, in Du Bois, PA to Jessie Mae and William James Berry. He arrived second in a family of eleven. Bill and his family resided in the Du Bois area until he was 13. His father was a manager and was transferred by Penny's to Bluefield, W.VA where Bill attended high school. After graduation he attended John Brown University in Siloam Springs, AR from 1952 to 1956 when he completed a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. Upon graduation, he married his college sweetheart, Donna Girouard of Perryton, TX.. He had been a resident of Pampa for 58 years.



His first employment after college was with Frontier Perforaters, an oilfield well completion service in Pampa working from 1956 to 1966. In 1966, he and two others co-founded Titan Specialties Inc. Where he served as vice president and president, until selling the business in 2006 and retiring in 2008. Bill worked 52 years designing, manufacturing and distributing products used in the oil and gas well completion process. During his career, Bill developed a great interest in leadership studies and read many books on the subject. He loved people and loved to see young people have the opportunity to equip themselves for life by pursuing higher educational opportunities.

Bill was a trustee of John Brown University and served on the JBU Development Committee from 1997 until 2012. He served as development committee chairman from 2011 until June 2012. He continued serving as trustee emeritus up until the time of his death. Bill love this Christian university and loved to see it grow and develop into the highly respected facility it is today. Locally he served a term on the Pampa Economic Development Corp. plus several years on the Pampa Industrial Foundation.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Bill accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior when he was 11, loved the Lord, and was active in church work throughout his life. This included serving on church boards, teaching Sunday School classes, serving as Sunday School Superintendent at the Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith until it closed in 2007 and singing with the senior choir at Central Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his youngest sister, Barbara Jane Furrow, 34, on Oct. 20, 1987; his older sister, Dorothy Jean Howington, 75, on July, 2008. Survivors include his wife, Donna Berry, Pampa, TX; two sons, William Todd Berry and wife Terri of Bakersfield, CA and Tyler Wayne Berry of Santiago, Chile; two grandsons, Scott Berry and Ryan King; eight siblings, Elizabeth Ann Nelson, Tulsa, OK, Katherine Edith Gray, Bluefield, WV; Richard James Berry, Bland, VA, Charles Edward Berry, Bluefield, WV, David Robert Berry, Bastain, VA, Joseph Earl Berry, Bluefield, WV, and Daniel Steven Berry, Richlands, VA.

Services were held June 28th at the Central Baptist Church with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor and Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Memorials were given to John Brown University, Siloam Springs, AR and Apostolic Faith Bible College, Baxter Springs, KS.



**Christina Joan Cooper** 73, of Baxter Springs, KS passed from this life on Sept. 15, 2014 at her home surrounded by her family.

Joan was born on Dec. 25, 1940 in Galena, KS to the union of William Tony and Maxine Elizabeth (Burkhart) Walkenshaw. Joan was married to Theodore "Ted" L. Cooper on Nov. 25, 1960 in Galena, KS.

Joan worked at the Lincoln Elementary School in Baxter Springs, as a secretary for 18 years, retiring in 2000. She was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, KS She loved to sing and play the piano. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Joan is survived by 3 daughters, Tracy Cooper of Joplin, MO, Shelly Foster of Baxter Springs, KS and Carrie Oakes and husband Glenn of Joplin, MO; two sisters, Bev Jones and husband, Don of Riverton, KS and Kathy Cooper and husband Ron of Joplin, MO; three grandchildren, Jasmine Foster, Kaitlyn Foster and Cooper Oakes. Joan was preceded in death by her parents and husband Theodore "Ted" L. Cooper.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014 at the Baxter Springs Cemetery with Rev. Bill Waggoner and Rev. Richard Morris officiating. Memorial donations were made to the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, KS.

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will of God in Christ*

*Jesus*

*concerning you.*

*I Thessalonians 5:18*

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How many of you  
can share a tale  
about this tree or  
it's location?

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord that I can hear.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the effort of rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and

***Everyday  
Thanksgiving***

*Author Unknown*

the menu at times seems unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have to eat.

Even though the routine of my job is monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.