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## St. Luke 2:1-14

*And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And it was so, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

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

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

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

## From AFBC Superintendent - Ron Noble

The months of September and October were busy and enjoyable ones. We had Nathan Hopson, a preacher friend from Pampa, TX. for a week of sharing in Chapel and teaching some classes. Jeremy Manthe, pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church in Kingman, KS held a revival at for us right before choir tour. It was just exactly what we needed before such an endeavor!

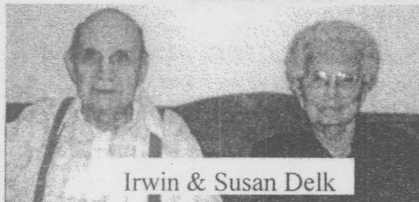
On October 4th the majority of the students loaded the College's 35 passenger '85 Prevost bus with equipment, luggage and a small stock of nourishment. Then on Oct 6th, early in the morning 28 of us headed off on our big adventure. Because of the lack of time in our schedule, several of the OK Panhandle churches graciously combined forces. The concert in Laverne was co-hosted with the Follett and Midway churches. We then went to Hardesty for a concert. Spearman was in revival at that time so they were unable to attend the Hardesty concert as planned. We 'backtracked' to Balco, OK for a concert there.



Rosalie Regier

*While in Balco some of us were privileged to have a service at the assisted living center in Perryton, TX where Sis. Rosalie Regier and Bro. and Sis. Irvin Delk reside.*

Before we left Balco, Bro. & Sis. Randall Bensch joined the group bringing our traveling number to 30. We then went to Hereford, TX where Steve and Lynn Jennings, AFBC alumni, have started a church. It was good in all of the churches to see old friends and meet new ones.



Irwin & Susan Delk

My daughter, Brooke had tonsil surgery the week before we left on tour and wasn't feeling the best for the first part of the tour, but Praise God, she felt better the day we headed toward our next destination - San Diego, CA. It was a long trip but Bros. Dennie Oakes and Randall Bensch, our very competent motor vehicle navigators, did an excellent job (even if there were some "back seat drivers" on the bus!).

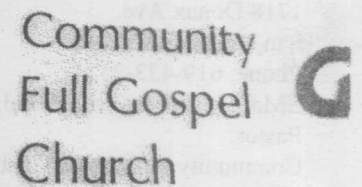
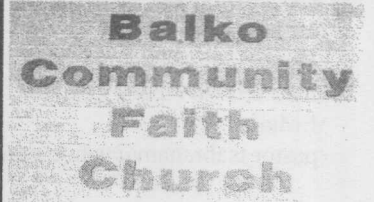
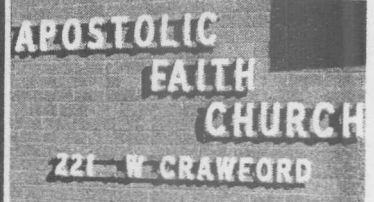
Bro Homer Allen, the pastor of the San Diego Community Church and his congregation will not soon be forgotten for their hospitality to us. The day after the concert we stayed and spent the day at the beach, having a wonderful time of eating, fun and I even baptized one of our students, Chad Hatfield, in the ocean! Our midweek concert was at the Sherwood Bible Church in Modesto, CA where Bro. Ross Briles is pastor. All I can say is THANK YOU to Bro. Ross for making us feel so welcome and providing us with such a great time of sheltering, entertaining and feeding us. The day after our concert Bro. Briles took us to several points of interest, including the Big Trees State Park where we saw the sequoyahs. They were awe-inspiring.

The next concert was at Hudson Community Church in WY. Again, we met with such friendliness and so enjoyed spending time with the Pastors, Paul and Margaret Morrison. Our last concert was in Kingman, KS where Bro. Jeremy Manthe is pastor. (He and his wife Debbie are also alumni of the Bible College). He has a strong burden for the church there and a very sincere heart for the Lord. We left right after the concert, getting back to Baxter Springs about 11:30 p.m.

After resting a few days, we got back into the swing of things. Sis. Myrtle Carney from Hinton, AL came the following week and held a few nights service for us. James Swanner Jr. from Pine Hill, AL also came. He and I had a wonderful time of reunion. James is one of my AFBC classmates from about the mid 1980's. Sis Myrtle didn't teach during the day as she was busy working in the new building finishing the windows! All we need is the curtains and it is completed! We will be posting pictures of the building on our website. It is beautiful and will provide much needed space for the bus, classrooms, etc. Also during the same week we were privileged to have Bro. Calvin Klaus visiting from Moldova. He had the Chapel services and taught classes while he was here.

There are dozens of other "little" things I could mention that are happening here. Concerning the choir tour, it was very good. There were no mishaps with the bus, we were blessed with financial support, and for the most part everyone got along during the almost 5000 miles. The students were all respectful and cooperative. I'm really proud of them. And thanks to All of you that make AFBC possible. What a wonderful place for younger people to come and study the Word of God. It is a blessing to see and hear them seeking Christ in earnest prayer.

Our young people have been applying what they learn to their lives, they have been going out and inviting people to service, doing "odd" jobs for some here in town. Soon, we plan for them to go out in teams to various churches, teaching and preaching. Some have already been doing so. Thank you for giving our students opportunity to minister in your churches.



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# Bringing Light to Turkey

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*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and three glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you. nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Isaiah 60:1-3*



Turkey is a country filled with history, especially Biblical history. Mount Ararat in Eastern Turkey is considered to be the resting place of Noah's Ark.

Much of the work done by Paul was done in Turkey, in cities such as Ephesus. The Isle of Patmos where John received the Revelation is off the coast of Turkey. All of the seven churches of Revelation are in modern day Turkey. John is buried near Ephesus in Selcuk. When Constantine declared Christianity the official religion and persecution ceased, he moved the capital to Constantinople, modern day Istanbul, which also became the center of the church before Rome.

Yet within a country with so much history, there are very few people in the nation of Turkey that know the Truth. In fact, in Turkey, there are only approximately 2000 national believers in Jesus Christ. The nation declares freedom of religion but still persecutes the Church. It is against the law to try to spread the Gospel. By percentage, the Turkish people are the most unreached people group in the world. Over 98% of the people are Muslim. The nation is a very dark place.

I recently was privileged to travel to Turkey. Since the nation is still very closed off, our goal was to make friends with Turkish people and pray for the people as we traveled.

During the beginning of the trip, we arrived in the largest city of Turkey, Istanbul. We spent the first couple of days just getting used to our surroundings, prayer walking and talking to as many English speaking Turks as we could. Fortunately, we discovered very quickly that the Turkish people are very friendly and are very eager to make friends.

Our original plans had been to go to Izmir from Istanbul, but God led the team to skip the city of Izmir and the work we had planned to do there to go on to Selcuk. We were supposed to meet with a Christian team and help them with events they were coordinating. We found out about a week later that the team we were supposed to meet up with had been arrested.

We spent about 9 hours on a bus traveling to Selcuk, a small town near Ephesus. We saw a lot of amazing things happen in Selcuk. Since it is away from the craziness of the big city, the people are much more down to earth and love to just sit and talk which led for many opportunities to tell them about the love of Christ. The people, although all Muslim, were eager to hear what we had to say.

During one day of the trip, we got to go with a missionary that lived in Selcuk to visit believers across the countryside. What we did that day was very dangerous. We would stop on the side of the road when we saw someone, talk to them, and give them a Bible.

We met a couple of families of believers. Their lives truly touched me. These people have no church and no other friends they can contact to talk about God with. They only have their own family and the Bible. They will spend 4-5 hours a day in the Word. The only other contact they have with Christians is when the missionary can come by which isn't very often as to not be suspected by the government.

During the trip, we did see one person come to Jesus! The fact that we know of one person that came to Jesus because of our work there was worth the entire trip!

As we left Selcuk, we had the opportunity to get Bibles and Jesus films into the hands of the many friends we had made throughout our time there. God only knows how that has affected their lives.

We spent our last days in Turkey back in Istanbul. Even during shopping, we got the opportunity to share with shop owners on the street. Our group started talking to one carpet shop owner and as we were talking, other people kept coming closer and sitting near to get to listen to the things we were telling them about God.

I felt so blessed to have this opportunity. Thank you to all of you who supported me in this trip and prayed for me during the time I was there!

Please continue to pray for the people of Turkey. Pray that their hearts would be open to know Jesus. Also, pray for boldness in the national believers that they would not be afraid to become witnesses.



## *Wheeler - Harris Marriage*

*Jenny Wheeler, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Wheeler of Joplin, Mo and Brian Harris, son of Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Harris of Rock Island, TX were united in marriage on November 1, 2008 at Frisco Full Gospel Church in Webb City, MO The double ring ceremony was officiated by Rev. Randy Dalton of Ava, MO*

*Jenny and Brian are both alumni of the Apostolic Faith Bible College and are involved in youth and children's ministry. Brian is also the editor of the youth paper, The Sequel, which is published at the Apostolic Faith Report office in Baxter Springs, KS.*

*Jenny is employed at Super Clips Beauty Salon and Brian works at Forall Bible Book Store. They are making their home in Joplin, MO.*

*What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

*Mark 10:9*

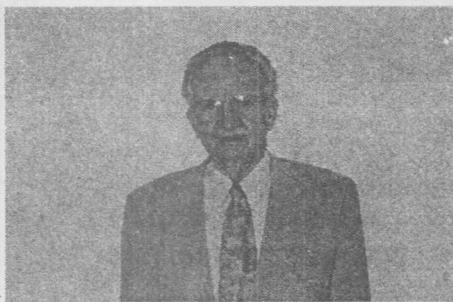
## *Bejarano - Dauwalter Vows*

*Love was meant to be shared with family and friends. Mr. & Mrs. Freddie Bejarano and Mrs. Angela Smith are pleased to announce the holy union of their children, Belinda Bejarano and Carl "Bubba" Dauwalter. They were married July 5, 2008 at the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, TX. Pastor Garry Sutton officiated along with evangelist Gaylon Flora. Nicole Dauwalter, sister of the groom served as the Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids included Cynthia Compean, cousin of the bride along with Deshay Moore, friend of the bride and Destinie Rigby, cousin of the groom. David Seymour friend of the groom served as the best man. Groomsmen included Phil Bentley, Kenrick Carter and Joe Byrd, all friends of the groom. Zoe Rigby, cousin of the groom was the flower girl. Brothers of the bride, Freddie Bejarano and Charles Bejarano served as ushers. Special music was performed by Garry Sutton and Danaisa Kitchens. The service was followed by a reception in the church fellowship hall.*

*Belinda graduated from the Apostolic Faith Bible College in 2005 and she now works as a tax clerk in Friendswood, TX. bubba graduated from Hitchcock High School and is preparing to be a personal trainer while working as a produce lead man within the Wal-Mart family.*

*After a honeymoon in San Antonio, TX the couple now reside in League City, TX.*





## 80th Birthday Celebration

YES, WE PULLED IT OFF! Howard was actually stunned and surprised when he walked into AFDC's dining hall to find people waiting there to help him celebrate his 80th birthday.

His children and 2 brothers hosted the event and several people were there from out of town to surprise him: the Tots from Wichita,KS; Girouards from Cassville, MO; Wiles and Buschman's from AR; Berrys from Pampa, TX; Worthleys from Springfield, MO; Longs from Granby, MO and those from the surrounding area.

On Friday night his 2 brothers and our children all arrived at the Rib Crib in Joplin,MO at the same time to host a family dinner. When he saw his brother, Ted, he was totally shocked (he knew Joel and his wife were coming). They all had such a good time Friday which was God's special gift to him as his youngest brother passed away the next Tuesday.

The "voice quilt" which many of you participated in, has been a blessing to him. We thank you for your time and effort in calling and leaving messages. It's a very pretty small box and when you open the lid the messages will come on. So, he can enjoy it for a long time. Thank You We thank each of those that put forth the effort to attend, call and those who sent cards with special thought written. It was all deeply appreciated.

Finger foods, cake and punch were served to nearly 100 guests. The tables were decorated with fall items as miniature hay bales, pumpkins, apples, and decorative items with words as Faith, Love and Peace etched on them.

### *Dr. A.T. (Ted) Whiteley*

Dr. A.T. (Ted) Whiteley, D.D.S., M.S.D., 73, passed away on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 in his home. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Opal. Ted was born on April 7, 1935 to Alfred and Ruth Whiteley in Alvin, TX and was the youngest of four children, two brothers and one sister. he was eleven years old when his family



moved to a farm outside of Fayetteville, AR After graduating from Fayetteville High School, he received degrees from the University of Iowa and the University of Texas, Houston. He then served three years in the U.S. Air Force as a dental officer. He then attended Baylor University where he earned his Master of Science in Dentistry degree. Dr. Whiteley practiced as an orthodontist at Castle Dental in the Houston area until his passing.

He is survived by his daughter, Teddi Lynn Dysart and brothers, Howard Whiteley and Joel Whiteley.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers at the loss of our brother, Ted. It was so quick and very unexpected. A special thanks to those that braved the bad night to attend the service. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Love to all.

Teddi Lynn Dysart  
Howard and Yvonna Whiteley and family  
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### *Rev. Alexander Wisnoski*



Rev. Alexander L. Wisnoski, 90, Garner, NC and formerly of Lovington, NM, went home to be with his Saviour Jesus Christ on his birthday, July 19, surrounded by family.

He was ordained in the Original Apostolic Faith and pastored churches in Houston, Tx, Lovington, Nm, and Big Springs, TX. He also worked

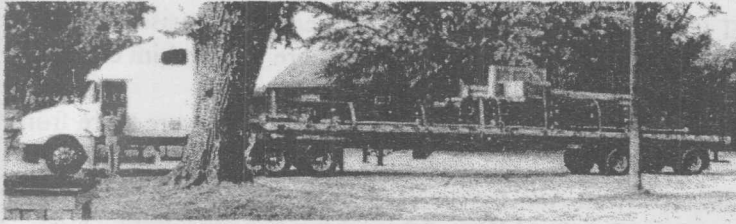
for the Lea County Electric Cooperative in Lovington, NM for about 29 years.

He is survived by his children, son: Alex and Sandra Wisnoski of Garner, and daughters; Brenda Tullous of McKinney, TX, Linda Wisnoski of Aurora, Co, Sherri and mark Stanley of Euless, TX; ten grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on August 13, 2008 with Rev. Danny Collins officiating. A tape of Rev. Wisnoski singing "When He reached Down His Hand For Me" at a Katy Convention in the mid-70's was played. The congregation sang "Standing On The Promises", a favorite of his according to a former parishioner. His son, Alex Jr. and grandson, Alex III, sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and "What A Day That Will Be" with his grandson playing his

If any of you have memories of Bro. Wisnoski, especially in his earlier days of ministry please contact:  
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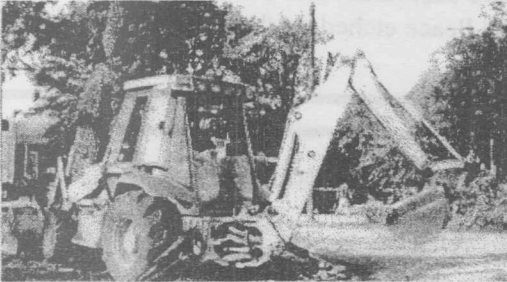
# WE'RE MOVING!



On August 21, 2006 a truck rolled into Baxter Springs, KS, loaded with a metal building headed for the Apostolic Faith Bible College. A storm had gone through Baxter Springs months before and had destroyed the building that housed the AFBC bus, making it necessary to rebuild. It was decided at that time to build a larger building that would house not

only the bus, but also the archives, the diorama collection, offices, class room, much needed storage and a recreational area for the students.

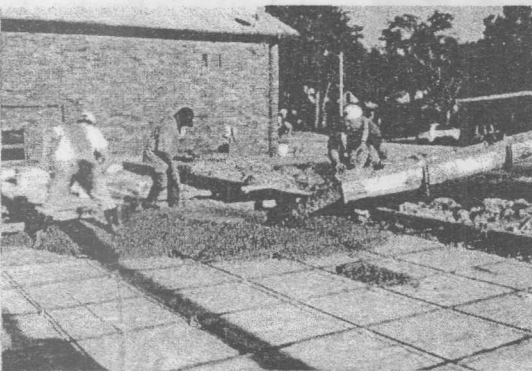
The building was unloaded and it was time for work to begin. The pile of metal sure didn't look much like a new building, just like our lives when the Lord first gets hold of us. None of us looked like a finished product either. It was now time for the dirt work to be done.



Do you remember the time when the Lord began to dig in the hardness of your heart and move the dirt around so that something better could be done in you? All of that was necessary so that we could have a

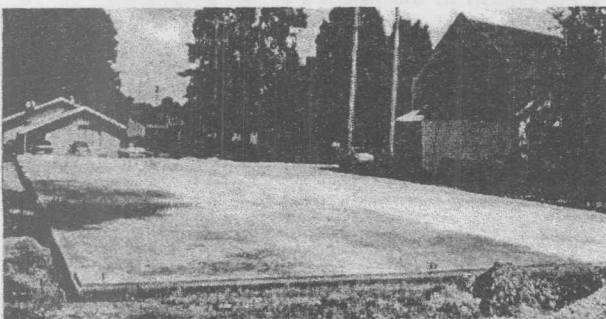
new foundation, just like the new building would need, to support it when it would be completed.

The work on the foundation continued and we could see that

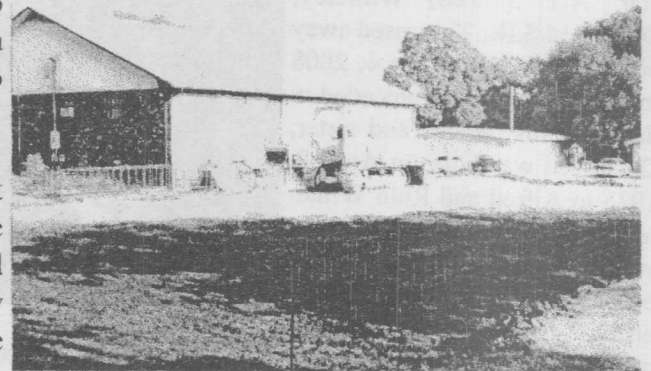
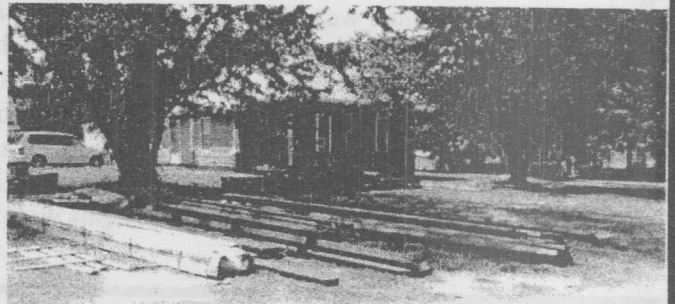


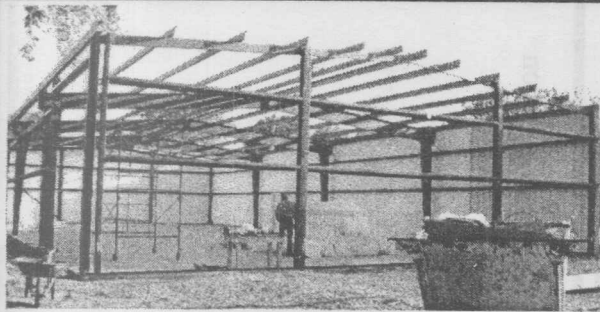
it would soon be ready to build upon. Every day we could see the progress that those working were making and soon it would be time to set the building on the foundation. Again we see how the Lord has worked on the foundation getting us ready for more work in our lives to be done - but still not a finished product!

It was so exciting the day that the building started going up. We watched as the anchors were placed in the concrete - again to give the building stability. How many times has God placed anchors in our lives so that we can stand when the storms of life come?



The time had finally come for the building to be erected and again excitement filled the campus to see



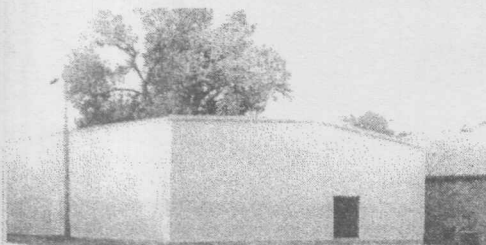


the frame work going up. Still not a finished building but so much progress being made. We think back to a time in our life that the "spiritual framework" took place in our lives - God being the Master Builder. The framework cannot be seen once the building is finished, but without it , it will not stand. Just as we saw progress everyday on the new building there is always progress as we allow the Master to work in our lives.

Each day as the workmen gathered, they all were in agreement that more work needed to be done. As workmen for the

Lord ,we surely realize that there is much more work to be done before we are finished. More souls to be won, more lives to be encouraged, more examples we need to leave, more commitment on our part.

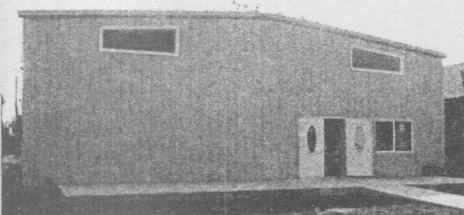
There were times that the workers needed a break - time to re-fuel and rest awhile- just as we need to rest in the Lord and re-fuel our inner man for the labor ahead.



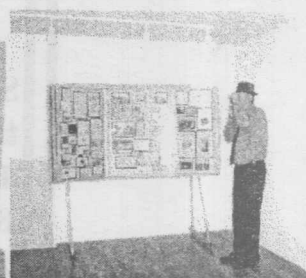
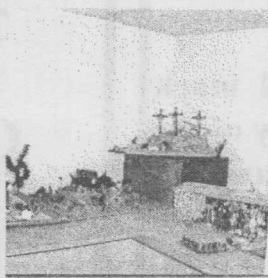
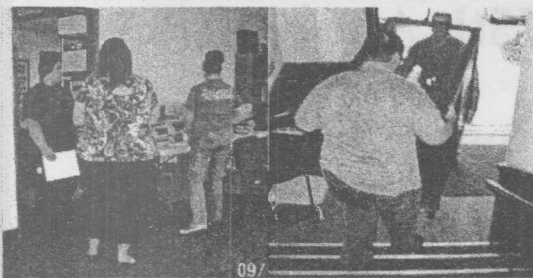
Finally the outside was beginning to look like a building- but it's not done yet -still more work to be done. It's time to begin work on the inside. No matter how long we have served the Lord, He is still working on the very most hidden part of our hearts - we're not a finished product yet. Many times we've

heard that the finish work is the most time consuming.

The work continued and progress could be seen every day. Finally we are told that part of the building can be moved into, but still work to be done. Students and faculty joined their minds and muscles to begin the move. It's amazing that when we join together how much we can get done.



As of now, some of the archives have been moved, the dioramas have



been moved , AFBC offices will soon be moved and the new classroom will be occupied with students studying God's Word. More work is to be done on the outside of the building and much more work in setting up the archives and diorama departments.

When the building is complete and the last item has been moved, there will always be upkeep and cleaning to do, much like our lives. Every day our spiritual lives need refreshing and time with the Master Builder as He repairs and cleanses and uses us for His Kingdom. That will continue until we hear "Well Done" from the Father.

***We are thankful to be able to tell you that the building is debt free - ready for use of the Master's Work. We are even more thankful that the debt was cancelled for us when Our Saviour and Lord paid the price on Calvary. PRAISE HIS NAME!***

Karen Oakes- Editor

## *Dates to Remember*

**Apostolic Faith Bible College**  
**2009 Spring Semester**  
**January 5 - May 8**

### **Winter Camp Meeting - 2009**

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### **50 Years**

Summer (2009) will mark the 50th anniversary of the Tri-State camp grounds at Baxter Springs, KS. I am gathering remembrances, pictures, articles to use for the celebration. Please send information to:

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### **75th Anniversary**

of the

### **Gospel Tabernacle**

Granby, MO  
June 26-28, 2009

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