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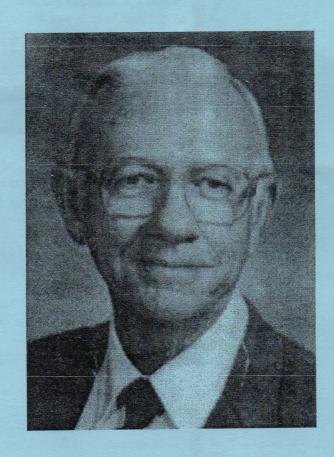
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September - November

In Memory Of

Rev. Jordan Neil Ragan March 29,1927 - October 19, 2004







After you have suffered a little while, our God, who is full of kindness through Christ, will give you his eternal glory. He personally will come and pick you up, and set you firmly in place, and make you stronger than ever.

I Peter 5:10 TLB

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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 similiar 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 the need of salvation
- Salvation by Grace upon repentenance 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.

Apostolic Faith Bible College News

From The Superintendent:

Thank you for your continual giving. Year after year our friends have been faithful to stand with us in the work of the Lord. Only eternity will tell what an impact you have made on the world through your prayers and sacrifices. God has given us an attitude of hope, excitement and anticipation to see what He is going to do with the students He has sent. Our time of educating and training will go swiftly by. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

This past summer carpet, vinyl, showers, stools, sinks and mirrors were all replaced in each room of the men's dorm. The dorm was also painted. Ceiling tile had been replaced the year previous. The cost of the remodel is as follows: Total Cost(17,071), Labor(8,838), and Materials(8233). We still need to remodel the utility room and the

Dean's room.

Second year student Coby Cook and his wife Stephanie organized a 4 hour float trip down the Elk River in Missouri. After the float trip was completed the evening was spent singing, volleyball, horseshoes (the Superintendent being the undisputed champion of the day) cooking hot dogs and smores.

During October, the Apostolic Faith Bible College conducted a 15 day, 15 concert, 2,000 mile promotional tour traveling through Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle. The singing group consisted of 9 women and 3 men playing guitars, keyboard, flute, clarinet, jaw harp, drums, trumpet, dulcimer, violin, mandolin and shofar under the direction of Karen Grimmer, Choir Director. The team consisted of the following: Paulina Stinnett, Belinda Bejarano, Angela Campbell, TaQuanna Cooper, Brian Harris, Michael Elkins, Executive Secretary Darla Oakes, AnnaBailey, Allison Haney, Elizabeth Mullins, Jana Miller and Superintendent Savoy Grimmer. The purpose of the tour is to give student ministers on the field training, encourage the local congregation, raise awareness of the college and contact prospective students. The group traveled in the College's owned and operated 1985 Prevo 40 passenger bus.

We have been blessed this fall by the teaching ministries of the following: Jack Cornell, Logan, Ok.Roland Haney, Spearman, TX., Fred Edmiston, Houston, TX., Randy Dalton of Ava, Mo., L.J. Ehrlic, Sapulpa, Ok., Jonathan Bennett, Denver, CO., Richard Morris, Joplin, MO., Ross Briles, Modesto, Ca., Curtis Nestegard of Katy, TX., Jack Hopson of Butler, Al. and John James of Katy, TX. Fall revivals were conducted by FGEA President Curtis Bezinque of Midland, TX. and Myrtle Carney, pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church in Hinton Al.

As you can see much has happened and many things are happening here at AFBC. As you are aware many spiritual forces are at work both for us as well as against us, but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ladies Retreat

It's time for our ladies to come together in Baxter Springs, Kansas for a refreshing time with the Lord and each other. The theme this year is COMMUNICATION, FINANCES, INTIMACY-STRENGTHENING OR WEAKENING OUR RELATIONSHIPS. These three areas are strongholds where satan attacks women with fear, guilt and intimidation. We will register on Friday night, January 21,2005 at 6:30 p.m. Our first session will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Joye Watson, Dumas, TX. presenting a session on Communication. This topic will be continued on Saturday morning. The remaining time on Saturday will be divided between Finances and Intimacy. Darla Sutton will be presenting these sessions. Information has been sent to each church.

Begin to make your plans to be in Baxter Springs in January to be strengthened in your daily walk with the Lord and for great fellowship with each other.

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AFBC First Year Students

Anna Bailey, 17, comes from Victoria, TX. She is the daughter of Richard and Wilma Bailey. She attends the Bayside Community Church Lolita, TX. . B.J. Hall is her pastor.



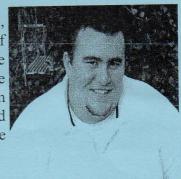


Donnelle Boyd, 20, daughter of Phillip and Darlene Boyd is from Melvin, TX. She attends the Evangelica Free Church.



Angela Campbell, 20, is from Riverton, Ks. She attends the Second Assembly of God Church in Joplin, Mo. Her pastors are Rev. and Mrs. Jon Veazy. She is the daughter of Brian and Cheryl Campbell.

Michael Elkins, 18, Alvin, TX. is the son of Dale Elkins and Camille Crady. He attends the Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin where Rev.and Mrs. Johnny Arnall are his pastors.



Emily Gipson, 19, Joplin, Mo. attends Thom Station Church where Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Talley are her pastors. Emily's parents are Sandy Talley and Rick Gipson of Joplin, Mo.



Allison Haney, 21, is the daughter of Warren Haney, Spearman, TX. and Dora Karim, Dallas, TX. She attends the Apostolic Faith Church in Spearman, TX. where her grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Roland Haney pastor.



Brian Harris, 18, Rock Island, TX. attends the Rock Island Full Gospel Church where Rev. and Mrs. Buzz Snyder are his pastors. His parents are Calvin and Debbie Harris also of Rock Island, TX.

Alice McDevitt,62, is from Butler, Al. She attends the Hinton Apostolic Faith Church in Butler, Al. Her pastor is Rev. Myrtle Carney.



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Wesley McNutt, 18, Alvin, TX. is the son of Keith McNutt and Nancy Ashley. He attends the Apostolic Faith church in Alvin. His pastors are Rev and Mrs. Johnny Arnall.





Jana Miller, 18, Cave Springs, AR. is the daughter of Chris and Levina Miller. She attends the Apostolic Faith Church under the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Buschman.



Elizabeth Mullins, 19,
Denver, Co. is the daughter of
David Mullins, Joplin, Mo.
and Kathleen Mullins of
Dallas, TX. She attended
Smokey Hill Vinyard Church
in Centennial, Co. Rev. Greg
Thompson was her pastor.

Michael Rodgers, 19, from Baxter Springs, Ks. is the son of Mike and Ruby Rodgers. He attends the Grace Baptist Church where Rev. Bobby Cooper is the pastor.





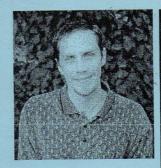
Paulina Stinnett, 16, Ava, Mo.is the daughter of Paul and Trulla Stinnett. Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Ryan of Thayer, Mo. are her pastors at the Pentecostal Holiness Temple.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalm 119:11

AFBC Second Year Students 2004-2005



Belinda Bejarano, 19, is the daughter of Fred and Kim Bejarano, of Alvin, Texas. She attends the Alvin Apostolic Faith Church where Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Arnall are pastors.



Troy Burks, 28, is from Anderson, Missouri, and is the son of Wayne Burks and Darla Taylor of Anderson, Missouri. He attends Believer Faith under the ministry of Rev. Sandy Shaw.

Taquanna Cooper, 23, is the daughter of Troy and Shirley Cooper of Rolla, Ks. She attends McGee Chapel where Rev. Melvin Watson is the pastor. TaQuanna has also attended two years at Hutchison Community College.



Laura (Nikki) Cupps, 19, of Neosho, Missouri is the daughter of Sandra Hunt. She attends the Granby Gospel Tabernacle where Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Long are her pastors and Steve and Sabrina Stockton are youth pastors.



The Cook Family-Coby,26 Stephanie,23, Logan,2,and Jerah, 8 months, are from Amarillo, Texas. Logan's grandparents are Clifford and Carol Cook of Amarillo, Texas, and Steve and Cathy Arnall of Follett,Texas. The Cook family attended the Apostolic Faith Church in Katy,TX. during this past summer working under Rev. & Mrs. Ron Martin.



Stacy Pace, 37, Rogers, AR. is the wife of Robin Pace and mother of Jesse, 16 and Hope, 7. She attends the Assembly of God in Rogers, AR. under the ministry of Rev. Robert Jackson. Stacy worked in the 4-State Youth Camp as counselor this past summer.



AFBC Third Year Students 2004 - 2005



Mary Bailey, 20, of Victoria, Texas is the daughter of Richard and Wilma Bailey. This past summer Mary served as a counselor at the 4-state Youth Camp and attended the Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting in Laverne, Ok. where she helped in the breakfast preparation. Mary also worked in the Goodman Full Gospel Church, Goodman, Missouri where Rev. & Mrs. Mark Sumler are pastors.

Chad Crane, 28, comes from Webb City, Missouri. His parents are Ray and Sheila Crane. He attends the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church of Prosperity where Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Wheeler are his pastors. Chad also continues to work at Wal-mart in Baxter Springs.





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Karen Grimmer
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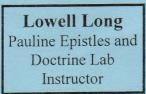
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Bev Karber
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Deaf Interpreting
Instructor



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Dean of Women
Secretary of
School and
Old Testament
Instructor





Thelma Long
General Epistles
and Hebrews
Instructor

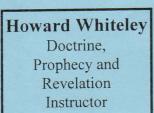




Darla Sutton
Cognitive Intervention
English
Evangelism
Instructor



Garry Sutton
Dean of Men
and Acts
Instructor





Yvonna Whiteley
Life of Christ
Instructor



Study In Jerusalem

As a special gift from the Apostolic Faith Church of Katy, TX. Superintendent Savoy Grimmer was given the opportunity to study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The following was a news release published in the Baxter News.

Savoy Grimmer recently returned from a biblical studies program in Israel. Savoy was among fifteen highly qualified scholars participating in a course titled" A Chronology of the Land and Peoples of the Bible". The intensive eighteen-day program is offered by the American Christian Trust in affiliation with Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The session was held from June 22-July 8, 2004 in Israel.

The course included ninety-two hours of instruction, with both formal academic lectures and field study sessions. Participating scholars also have an opportunity to interact with a number of notable Israel personalities who work in a variety of fields, including archaeology, politics and art.



Twenty-four hours of lecture were held at the Givat Ram campus of Hebrew University in Jerusalem on topics directly related to the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). In addition, students participated in some sixty-five hours of "field study" at notable archaeological, historical, and spiritually - significant sites in Israel.

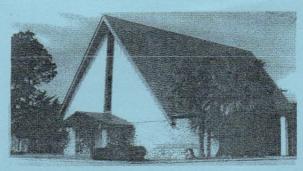
Among the internally recognized professors giving lectures were Shalom Paul, Jacob Milgrom, Reuvan Hammer, Wayne Horowitz, Emmanuel Tov and Stephan Phann. On site archaeological lectures were conducted by Roni Reich and Dan Bahat. The group also had a private conference with Yuri Shtern, a member of the Israel governing body, the Knesset, in Shtern's Knesset office.

Alumni of the course have included board members of universities and seminaries, college professors, CEO's of companies, authors, pastors, evangelists and missionaries, as well as undergraduate and graduate students. The course has been designed to help Bible Colleges, Christian Universities, churches and ministries equip their staff members and students for leadership throughout America and across many denominations. Laymen with a keen interest in the Bible are also invited to attend.

For information about the course, contact the American Christian Trust,(310)-373-1775.

Katy, Texas Apostolic Faith Church Celebrating 100 Years

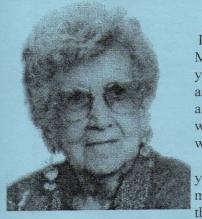
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Easter Convocation
March 28-31, 2005

OBITUARIES



Phyllis Durham Bachler

Phyllis Durham was born on May 31, 1919 to Floyd and Retha Durham of Bethpage, Mo. She had two siblings, Paul, four years younger and Joyce "Toots" who was ten years younger. Floyd was a preacher and Retha was a homemaker. Phyllis was raised around her cousins whom she affectionately called the "cats and jammer kids". Her aunt, Nadine Carter Spears was actually a few months younger than Phyllis and they were raised like sisters. Durham Holler was their playground and Straight Up Rock was their swimming hole.

As her father, Floyd, held revivals across the country, he was often assisted by a young, local preacher named Olen Bachler. Phyllis and Olen fell in love and were married in 1935, just after Phyllis turned 16. Not long after their son Donnie was born they bought a home in Anderson, Mo.The grandkids all heard the story of their first

home each time they drove through Anderson. It was purchased for \$800 and still stands there, near Aunt Nadine's

The young couple held revivals across the country during the Great Depression. They often traveled with Lee and Ione Brock as a gospel team. During one rough period in 1936, they all worked in the fields of Idaho to earn enough money to get back to Missouri.

Saundra was born in 1947, while they were pastoring in Webb City, MO. Olen was running an appliance store in Joplin, Mo. at the time. Their favorite place to eat was Fred & Red's on Main Street in Joplin, Mo.. Eating at the old diner remains a family tradition to this day.

After pastoring in Houston, TX., Laverne, Ok., and Perryton, TX. Phyllis and Olen went to Baxter Springs, KS. to be on the faculty of The Apostolic Faith Bible College. Donnie joined the Air Force while they were living in Baxter Springs. They moved to Katy, TX. in 1954 where they pastored at Katy, Sugarland and Alief. Olen began building homes at this time and Phyllis opened a beauty shop in Katy, TX. God blessed them both in their ministry and in their businesses for years to come.

Phyllis enjoyed being part of the Flower Club in Katy and substitute teaching Cosmetology at the High School. Some of her most precious memories were the domino games with friends, traveling with Dona Barker and eating with friends in Houston, Tx. They spent years traveling with the Texas Gulf Coast Airstream Club where they made lifelong friends. Phyllis had six grandchildren and loved them around. Her first grandchild, Patti, kept hearing her Dad ask Phyllis things like,"Hey Mom, what's for supper?" One day she asked,"Are you my Heymom too?"Phyllis was Heymom from then on. The grandkids all loved to take trips with Gran and Heymom in the Airstream trailer.

One of Heymoms favorite stories is the one about Bubba(Dan) and Boots(the rat terrier) fighting over the dog food. Boots had Bubba's hand in his teeth and Bubba had his teeth clenched on Boot's neck. Both were yelling and whining but would not let go. Heymom took Bubba to the doctor and he said she should get the dog a shot!

When Gran passed away in 1995, Heymom started coming to Oklahoma City to stay with Fred, Saundra and Brenden. As one of her ten great grandchildren, Brenden had the special priviledge of living with Heymom for most the first eight years of his life. As her mind began to fade, they became like playmates. Once Fred passed by her door while Heymom and Brenden were sitting on the bed just in time to hear her whisper,"Now don't tell."

Phyllis needed more help in 2001 and started spending time at the Adult Daycare Center at Sommerset. She moved in full time in May 2003. She was known for taking all her pictures off the wall, stacking them in her walker and going home. When Fred and Saundra took the church in Balko,Ok. in January 2004, Phyllis moved to Twin Oaks Nursing Home in Booker, TX. She was well cared for there and was known for her constant smile which sometimes was a mischievous grin. She loved the gospel singing, Bible studies and bingo at Twin Oaks. More than once when Fred and Saundra would visit she would say, "It's a good thing you came today. Olen and I are going home in the morning." She enjoyed a rich and full life. She loved all of her family and her many gfriends in Katy and the Apostolic Faith Movement. We thank God she finally got her wish to go home. The last thing Saundra said to her was. "Mom go find Daddy and Donnie.

Graveside services were held in Anderson, Mo. with her son in law Fred Huff officiating.

Mavis L. Van Benthusen Livermore

Mavis L. Van Benthusen Livermore, 70, of Stockton, Ca. passed away on August 21, 2004. She was born to C.T. and Gertrude Van Benthusen on March 6, 1934 near Adrian, Mo. She became a Christian in early childhood and traveled with a gospel singing group that included her sisters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Livermore. She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia D. Jones of Valley Springs, Ca.; two grandchildren, Bo T. and Alexis D. Jones and five sisters: Betty Van Benthusen, Bonnie Dockery, Vonda Brandt, Thelma Kokousis and Shirley Harper. Funeral services were held at the Gierhart- Wells & Donahue Funeral Home in Lodi, Ca. Burial was in the Cherokee Memorial Park Cemetery.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I Peter 2:9

Rev. Jordan Neil Ragan

Jordan Neil Ragan was born March 29, 1927 in Beaver County, Oklahoma to James S. and Olive(Hair) Ragan. Neil was raised on farms where he had special interests in horses. He attended grade school in Victory and Twin Mound near Logan, Oklahoma. He then attended high school for a short time in Darrouzett, Texas prior to graduating from high school in Laverne, Oklahoma with the class of 1947. After graduation, Neil attended 3 years at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas graduating with the Class of 1951. From college his ministry started by helping different evangelists in revival meetings and later on by conducting revivals himself.

Among his pastoral works were: Crosses, AR., Bayard, NE., Amarillo, TX., Joplin, Mo., Alvin, TX., Midway Country Church, Logan, OK., and Woodward, OK. where he retired in August 2004. Neil served on numerous youth camp and camp meeting committees and several years on the Apostolic Faith Bible College Board of

Trustees in Baxter Springs, KS.

Neil was united in marriage to Billie Phelps Morehead on August 20, 1977 in Balko, OK. At this marriage Neil acquired two sons who have been very special to him. Three years later, he became a grandfather to a beautiful little girl, Chandra. The first time he held her he said"I think she likes me!" Shortly after she was born, he was preaching and stopped what he was saying and said," You know this has been a busy three years. I've become a husband, father, and a grandfather." For more than 25 years, Neil and Billie enjoyed sight seeing and vacationing in their RV.

Neil was preceded in death by his father and mother: three brothers, Alvin, Edward and Raymond: four sisters,

Eula Ragan, Juanita Wright, Betty Capanski and Laurena Wright.

Neil is survived by his wife Billie, of the home: two sons, Gary and Brent Morehead of Balko, OK.; one grand-daughter, Chandra and husband Keden Shrum of Balko, OK.; one brother, John Ragan of Darrouzette, TX.; three sisters, Charlotte Bridges of Amarillo, TX.; Gracia Rumley of Ft. Supply, OK. and Maxine Haagenson of Albuquerque, NM; numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial services were conducted at the Apostolic Faith Church, Balko, OK. with Rev. Ted Barker and Rev.

Jack Cornell officiating. Burial was in Balko Cemetery with Rev. Jimmy Wallis officiating.

The family has requested that memorials be made to the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS.

Thanks to our many friends for your prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, food, visits and other acts of kindness given to our loved one"Neil Ragan" and his family during his illness and death.

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MOVEMENT WIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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AFBC Fall Semester Ends - Dec. 15

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AFBC Spring Semester Begins -Jan.3

Valentine Banquet - Feb.5 AFBC

Winter Campmeeting - Feb.7-13 Rock Island, TX.

AFBC Advisory Board Meeting - Feb.11 Baxter Springs, KS.

AFBC Choir Tour- March 11-April 4

Easter Convocation -March 28-31 Katy, TX

AFBC Closing Exercises - May 11-13

4-State Youth Camp Junior - June 8-11

Chairman: Jacob Oakes

Senior-June 12-18

Chairman:Brian Moser

2005 Camp Meeting- July 24-29

Baxter Springs, KS.

Chairman: Richard Morris