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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

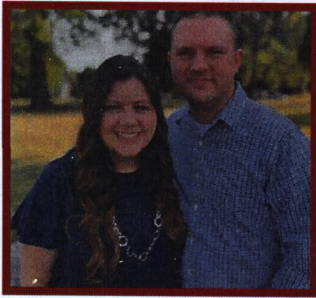
*Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly

*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.

AFBC FACULTY—2024-2025

For the Word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth. Psalm 33:4



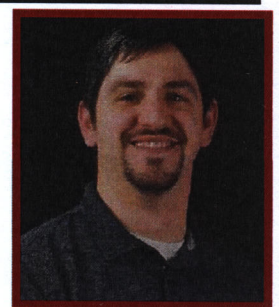
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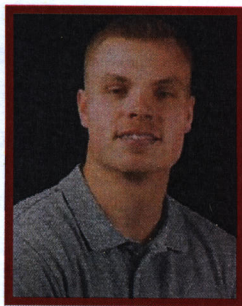
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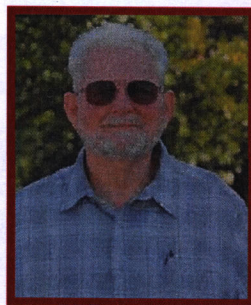
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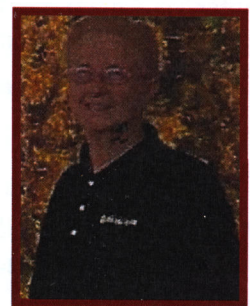
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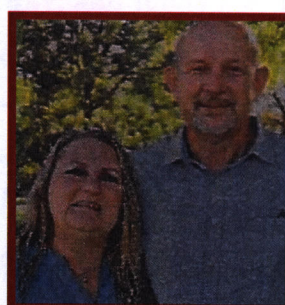
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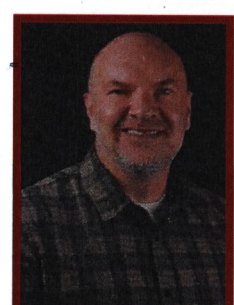
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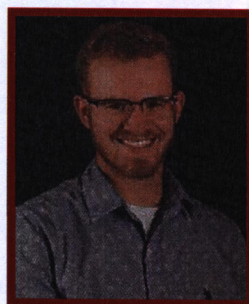
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AFBC 1st Year Students 2024 –2025

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



Abigail Guatney, 18 , Diamond, MO is the daughter of Tambra Jorus. Her home church is Community Chapel in Joplin, MO, where Jeff & Kim Jones are pastors. Her older sister, Madison also attended AFBC.

The Lord is helping her find her true identity in Him,

Faith Harms,18, is from Webb City, MO and the daughter of Beth Harms. Matt and Stephanie Snyder are her pastors at Frisco Church in Webb City. She knew of AFBC through Brian Harris.



She says the Lord is building her into who He wants her to be.

Hailey Hill, 19, Alvin, TX is the daughter of Jana Hill. Her brother attended AFBC and is now on staff here. Bill and Christina Derixson are her pastors at Trinity Apostolic Faith Church



The Lord is showing her that He loves her and is stretching her because He cares for her.



Ryan Hippensteel,19, is the son of Clyde and Sharon Hippensteel and is from Kaufman, TX. Lane Hastie is his pastor at Kaufman Assembly He learned of AFBC through family members.

The Lord is opening doors and giving new refreshment to him.



Isabel Monsalvo, 18, is from Southwest City, MO. Her parents are Mariano and Cecilia Monsalvo. Her family attends Southwest City Full Gospel Church. JR Morgan is the Pastor there. Chris Monsalvo, her older brother also attended AFBC. God

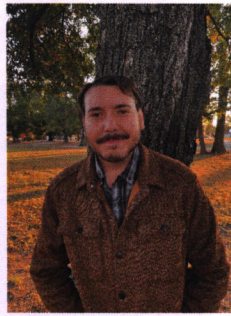
has revealed to her that she can trust His plans for her with no fear or doubt.

Karmin See,18, of Wichita , KS is the daughter of Kyle See. She learned of AFBC from Jonathan and Laura Harris. Her home church is Calvary Rock where Lonnie Satterfield is pastor.



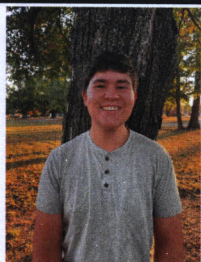
The Lord is revealing himself to her.

Patricia Stephenson,22,of Clay City, IL is the daughter of Matthew and Jolinda Stephenson. She learned of AFBC when the Music Team ministered at her home church, Edgewood Full Gospel where Mariah Logan is pastor. The Lord is helping her work through hurts and is tearing down



Gregory Still, 22, is from Tyrone, OK. His parents are William and Estella Still. His home church is Trinity Faith Church in Liberal where Aaron Koehn is pastor. His friend Mark Kinser told him about AFBC.

He says the Lord is teaching him how to hear His voice and trust him.



Jeremiah Tennant, 18, is from Parkersburg, WV and is the son of Amber Tennant. His home church is Victory Assembly of God, where Jeff Steffanov is pastor. He had a older sister that attended AFBC.

The Lord is taking away fear and giving him boldness.

Moriah Wasson, 18, is from Lowell, AR and is the daughter of Veronica Marchant and Timothy Wasson. Her home church is Reach Church where Bryan See is pastor. Many in her family have attended AFBC.



The Lord is helping her reach her full potential.

Kimberlyn Wheatley, 18, is from Darrouzett, TX. She is the daughter of Kelly Wheatley and Crystal Gulley. She attends the N. Harvest Community Church in Follett, TX under the ministry of Landry Caldwell. She learned of AFBC from Midwest Youth Camp. She



is learning that the Lord is the only one she needs and His plans are better.



Garth Wooten, 20, is from Cashion, OK. Nathan and Tracy Wooten are his parents. His home church is Freedom Church.

His pastor, Craig Eidson told him about AFBC.

The Lord is helping him grow in the calling that is on his life.

AFBC 2nd Year Students 2024-2025



Shannon Salyer, 19, from Dodge City, KS is the daughter of CP Salyer and Genevive and Kye Myers. At home she attends Cross Connection. Joshua Smith is her pastor. She learned of AFBC at youth camp and youth group.

God is teaching her relationship and freedom in surrender.

Rachel Jacklick, 20, is from Huntsville, AR. Her parents are Kiolynn Jacklick and Peterson Samson. Her home church is Marshallese Pentecostal Christian Fellowship. Junior Jurelong is her pastor. 2 members of her home church attended AFBC.



The Lord is showing her that she has more to give Him.

Alvin Anima, 22, is from Spearman, TX and attends the Union Church under the ministry of Mark Murray. Family members told him about AFBC.

The Lord has been showing him not to doubt himself and capabilities.



Cary Crocker, 30, is from Carthage, MO. She is the daughter of Barbara Crocker and attends Faith Life Worship Center under the ministry of Jerry Davis. The AFBC music team visited her church a few years ago.

The Lord is teaching her how to walk in the Spirit.



Kaitlin Born, 19, Follett, TX is the daughter of Marisa Woods and Clayton Born. At home she attends North Harvest Community Church where Landry Caldwell is pastor.

She learned of AFBC at Midwest Youth Camp in Laverne ,OK.

She is learning ways the Lord can

Leah Harris, 20, is from Rock Island, TX. She attends Rock Island Full Gospel Church where her parents, Calvin & Debbie are pastors. Several of her family members have attended AFBC. The Lord is teaching her to trust Him no matter what it looks like.



Trey Stockton,19, is the son of Steve and Sabrina Stockton of Granby, MO. Carol and Gaytha Oakes are his pastors at Granby Gospel Tabernacle. His parents are both alumni of AFBC.

The Lord has shown him that there are some things in his life he doesn't need.



Marcial Diaz, 19, of Hardesty, OK attends Balko Community Faith Church under the ministry of Ben Clubb. Filiberto and Rosemary Diaz are his parents. He learned of AFBC through church camp.

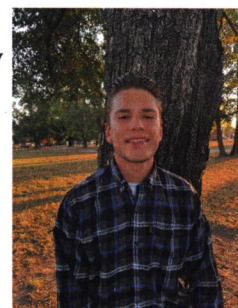
The Lord has been letting him



Jaelyn Bell,19, Baxter Springs, KS is the daughter of John Mark and Sally Bell. Her home church is Frisco Church in Webb City, MO under the ministry of Matt and Stephanie Snyder.

The Lord has been showing her that He is her strength.

Matthew Hardee,20, is from Galena, KS and the son of Corey and Vanessa Tucker, Matt Snyder is his pastor at Frisco Church in Webb City, MO. He learned of AFBC at Youth Summit. The Lord is showing him how to trust no matter what.



3rd Year AFBC Students– 2024-2025

Jeremiah Robbins, 21, is from Elkins, AR and is the son of Shane & Heather Robbins. At home he attends Brannon Mt. Church under the ministry of Russel Shackleford. He first learned of AFBC from Rex and Jana Eaton.

God had currently opened doors of ministry at Watered Gardens ministry in Joplin, MO.



Machaira Wasson, 20, is from Joplin, Mo. She is the daughter of Timothy Wasson and Veronica Marchant. She attends the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs under the ministry of Cody and Kaylan Harris. May of her family have attended AFBC.

The Lord is walking her through a season of growth.



APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE

Go to learn. Learn to go.

We did it! It's finished!

In June I wrote that we were hoping to finish remodeling Josh and Haylee Harris's (staff) apartment by the beginning of August before they had their baby girl. We did! About 10 days before their daughter Rosie was born, they were able to move in. Thank you to everyone who sowed into this project, Finishing this apartment remodel brings to completion a vision that began 6 years ago and contained 5 staff living space. We couldn't have done any of it without generous and faithful supporters like you. Thank you so much!

We are thankful for God's provision over the past 6 years, and we are thankful for what He is doing at AFBC today. This year we have two 3rd year interns, 10 second year, and 12 first year students. They have shown much promise over the course of the first quarter and we are excited about their potential. David Hill, who interned with us last year as a 3rd year, has come on staff as our Men's Residence Director. He's not the only newbie. As I mentioned earlier, Rosie Grace Harris (Josh and Haylee's daughter) was born in August and Hudson Lee Harris (Cody and Kaylan Harris's son) was born in October. We praise the Lord that staff, students, parents, and babies are all doing well.

Over the course of the first quarter, we have all been challenged to surrender, and press in. God is doing a work in all of us. It's never just the students. I appreciate our staff so much! The verses God laid on my heart are I Corinthians 2:4-5, which refer to the "*demonstration of the Spirit and of power.*" Please pray for us! This verse is our desire. As we, the staff, disciple students, we don't want to be merely instructing them in cerebral theology. We want them to encounter Jesus. We want them to hear His voice. We want them to see Him in us so vividly that it makes them crave more of Him in their own lives. I'm not content where I, or we have been. WE NEED JESUS!

The above verses were presented by Paul teaching the Corinthians about Jesus Christ crucified. If we truly want the demonstration of the Spirit and power, it will only be found through the cross of Christ. The resurrection power is on the other side of death to self. We accept this truth. We choose to seek Jesus at the cost of self. Please pray for us. Please pray for you. Let's all decide we are going to be more intentional about seeking and finding Jesus.

Brian Harris

AFBC Director



HOME COMING ! 90 Years

It happened on July 14, 2024 ! Granby Gospel Taber-



nacle celebrated the 90th year homecoming at Granby, MO.

Pastor Carol Oakes changed the order of a typical homecoming service by taking the Sunday School hour and Worship hour to hold the service rather than the traditional afternoon service.

The meeting opened with a time of fellowship and remembering as all those began to gather. When the congregation began to settle down, service opened with prayer and singing. Pastor Carol led the congregational songs and the music was exceptional as all joined in the old time hymns of praise. Special songs were presented by Sister Pat Robinson and Sister Sabrina Stockton that was more than fitting for a time of remembering. Testimonies and memories were shared for a time with the recall of the old pot bellied stove and shaved poles that held the ceiling. Memories were shared of those church builders who have passed as well.

Bro. Carol asked former pastors in attendance to share memories of their time of service at the church. The pastors that could be here were Dan Robinson, Seldon Harris and Ira McKinney. They all shared of times spent in service at the Tabernacle. A time of having no pastor was filled by various ministers in the areas. Those who could be at the memorial service were Travis Bard, Steve Stockton, Alvin Buschman, and Bill Patterson. Other fill-in ministers were asked but other obligations kept them from attending.

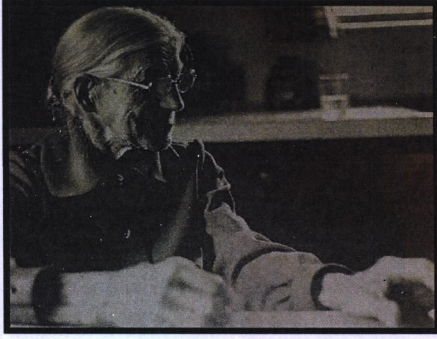
Pastor Carol took a moment to have an honoring time for 4 mothers of the church. Dorothy Patterson, Dorothy Cupps, Virginia Lentz and Sue Ferguson were asked to come to the front for recognition and honor. A total time of service to the church was made and approximately 435 years was the accrued time of church membership for these 4. There were some other members in the church that had been there for their lifetime, but special honor was given to those 4. Brother Carol prayed with the ladies and presented them to the congregation.

At the close of the service, Pastor Carol had built a Power Point Presentation of the history of the church and showed it to the congregation. After the presentation and prayer, all were dismissed to the gymnasium facilities for a wonderful luncheon prepared by the ladies of the church. A good time of food and fellowship wrapped up this very special day.

Evangelist Floyd Durham and party are now in a great revival at Granby, MO. The whole town is stirred and much is being done for the glory of God. The meeting will probably continue for some time, pray for their success. They are having 3 services daily and several are camped on the ground.

Reprinted from Apostolic Faith Report, October, 1933.

Evangelist Floyd Durham has closed a very successful revival in Granby, MO. There were over 200 converts and a splendid work was established. (Reprinted from Dec. 1933 Apostolic Faith Report.)



Grandma Jessie Huff by Fred Huff

My Grandma, Jessie Huff, would have been 133 years old this year. She was born on Oct. 31, 1891 and passed away in 1981, at the age of 89. You can see evidence of her years of hard work in Grandma's hands in this photo, taken by our friend Vondel Simmons Stephens in the 1970's.

Grandma was a hardworking, pioneering, Christian woman. She was a school teacher in her hometown of Reason, OK when she was a teenager. She loved children. All 5 of her own children were raised on the farm and attended Eddie School, a 1 room country school east of Arnett, OK. She made sure that her children learned to read and write and do arithmetic. My father, Wayne Huff, only finished the 8th grade, but thanks to Grandma, he was well spoken, used good grammar, loved to read, wrote in cursive with good, legible penmanship and was great at arithmetic. He could solve most problems in his head quicker than on a calculator.

Grandma was a caretaker. She cared for her mother-in-law, Ann Gibbard Huff, who was blind during the last few years of her life. Grandma Ann died in 1939. After Grandma Jessie moved to town, she cared for her own mother, Clara Cadwell Geren, until her death in 1955.

My childhood memories of Grandma are all good. Even after Grandpa died and she lived as a widow on a fixed income, she generously showed her love to all her grandchildren. Grandma worked hard to raise a big garden, kept several fruit trees and grapevines and kept her cellar full of canned vegetables and fruits. I remember spending the evening in her cellar when the tornado siren blew. Any fear of the storm was calmed when Grandma opened a jar of peaches for us to share. She never forgot a family birthday and had a present for each of us at Christmas. A present from Grandma was often something she made herself.

She was a great cook, with an old fashioned kitchen, including an ice box that required a fresh block of ice every few days. She was famous for her homemade pies. I loved her fried chicken.

Grandma did her ironing with old fashioned flat irons, heated on the stove. The flat irons served as door stop when she was not ironing. She made her own lye soap in a big pot in the backyard. She said it was wasteful to buy soap for her laundry. My Mother always saved our bacon grease to take to Grandma for making soap. When the soap was drying, it looked just like white chocolate. I tasted it once to be sure. It was NOT white chocolate.

Grandma helped me to learn to love Jesus. When I was learning to read, she would set me on her lap, open her well worn Bible and ask me to read one of her favorite verses. This might go on for 30 minutes at a time. I thought she was helping me to learn to read, but have since realized that her goal was to get God's Word in my heart. I was saved in Grandma's church in Arnett when I was 12. She always encouraged me to walk with Jesus and she prayed for me until her death.

Grandma loved music. She had a record player and a few gospel records by the Chuck Wagon Gang and the Adair Sisters. When I learned to play the guitar, she often asked me to play and sing for her. The last song I remember singing for Grandma was "The Land Where We'll Never Grow Old". Another of her favorites was "The Haven of Rest".

When Grandma died, my Mother warned me that when I came to her funeral I should be prepared to help with her final expenses. To my amazement, not only had she paid her final expenses, but she also had a little money in the bank. There were about a dozen preachers at her funeral, who all testified of her faithful support, both in prayer and finances. I was so thankful to see how God had blessed her, having lived as a widow for 23 years, but was surrounded by a loving family and many friends and former pastors at the end of her life. I am thankful to have had such a wonderful, loving grandmother, who helped me to learn to love Jesus. I look forward to our reunion when Jesus returns.

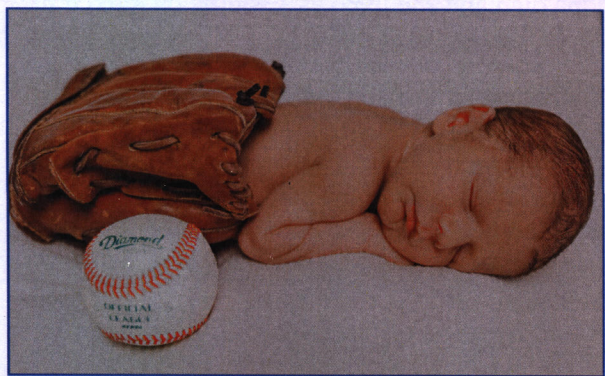


I will praise thee ; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Psalm 139:14

We are thrilled to announce the birth of our daughter, Rosie Grace Harris, born on Aug. 28, 2024. As first time parents, Haylee and I are adjusting to this new chapter with a sense of awe and responsibility. Life has changed in ways we couldn't have prepared for, but we are deeply grateful for the love and support surrounding our family during this time of transition.



Josh and Haylee Harris - Baxter Springs, KS



Hudson Lee Harris was born on September 30, 2024 at 3:19 p. m at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, MO. He weighed 6 pounds and 8 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

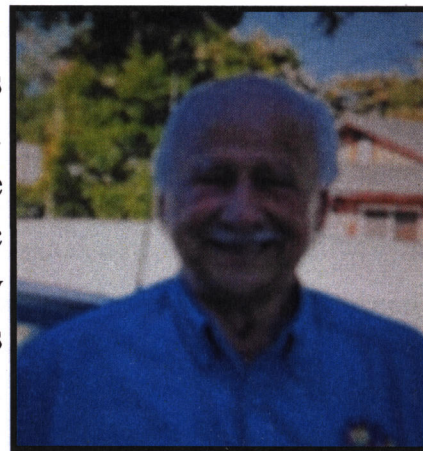
He is the son of Cody and Kaylan Harris and brother to his big sister Noah of Baxter Springs, KS.

William Ross Briles-1939-2024

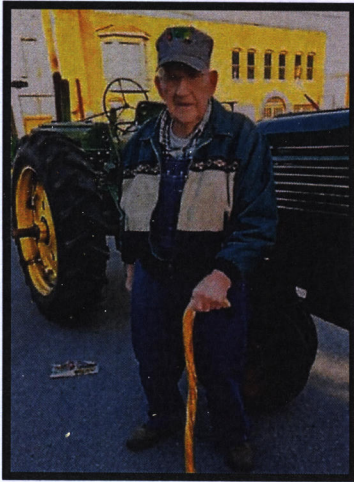
William Ross Briles, 85, Modesto, CA, husband of Marie Briles passed away on Oct. 10, 2024 in Tulare, CA. He was born Oct. 4, 1939 in Liberal, KS to William "Bill" and Zella Briles. He grew up and attended Hotchkiss High School and the Apostolic Faith Bible College. After moving to Modesto, he faithfully served Sherwood Bible Church for over 62 years as well as working at Putt Putt Golf / FunWorks along side his wife.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years and his parents. He is survived by his daughters Cheryl and Althea Jan, 5 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and his sister Madeline,

A Celebration of Life was held on Oct. 29th at Lakewood Memorial Park, Hughson, CA



Volley Rose- 1932-2024



Volley Howard Rose was born on February 20, 1932 in the family home west of Carthage, MO. He was 92 years of age when he passed from this life into the hands of God on July 1, 2024 in Carthage.

Volley is survived by his wife Juanita (Atkinson) Rose of Carthage, MO : a son Ty Rose of Joplin, MO ; daughter Gayla (Herb) Jarrett of Baxter Springs, KS; son Justin Rose (Lexi) of Hooker, OK; daughter Meredith (Mike) Johnson of Joplin, MO. He was a cherished grandfather to Holley and Chris Rhodes ; Clifton and Addie Jarrett, Shaynee Gamble, Johnny Johnson, Keenan Cooper, Loryn Rose. And Jenna Rosa. Great grandfather to Brooklyn and Kole Gamble; Addie Jarrett and Rylee Rhodes. Volley is survived by 4 siblings;

Norma Jean (Bobby) Compton ; Lois Ring, Carl Lee Rose (Darlene) , Allan (Betty) Rose and a sister-in-law Pauline Rose.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Loren and Nelda Rose, his wife Louise (Hollis) Rose; brother Wayne Rose; sister Delores Baker and her husband Ed; and brother-in-law Kenneth Ring.

Volley was a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a host of extended family members and longtime friends.

Volley's childhood was spent on the family farm in rural Carthage and Mt. Vernon, MO, at age 19 he enlisted in the United States Marines and served in active duty in Korea during the Korean war. Upon returning home from the military service Volley met and married Louie Hollis of Galena, KS They had two children, Ty and Gayla, Louise passed away in 1961. Volley married Juanita Atkinson of Galena, KS in 1963 and together they had two children Justin and Meredith.

Volley had a career in the telephone industry working initially for Kansas State Telephone and later as owner/operator of Volley Rose Construction. In retirement Volley pursued his passion and love for vintage tractors. Over the years he owned 10 , 3 of which he restored. For 20 years (2003-2023) he drove tractors in the annual Carthage Maple Leaf Parade.

Volley and Juanita were founding members of Southside Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO.

Services were held there on July 10, 2024. Officiating were Rev. Richard Morris and Rev. Brian Moser. Music selections were given by Glen and Carrie Oakes.

Interment was at Oakhill Cemetery, Galena, KS.



The last time Bro. Volley was able to attend church services the musicians sang "I'll Fly Away" and at the end he raised his hands and shouted "*I'm Gonna Fly Away!*"



Neill Myers– 1947-2024

Neill Ernest Myers, lovingly known as “Pappy”, was born on a snowy March 12th, 1947, in Beaver, Oklahoma, to Ernestine Pyle Myers and Glen Myers. He peacefully left us on September 4th, 2024, at his beloved home in Beaver.

Neill’s school days at Turpin High School were filled with football, basketball, track, band, choir, and the men’s quartet. He graduated in 1965 and went on to Oklahoma Panhandle State University, where he earned a degree in music education. He spent his career teaching band, choir, and guitar, to junior high and high school students in Bird City, Kansas, and Turpin, Oklahoma.

When his father passed away in a farming accident, Neill returned to Oklahoma to take care of the family farm and ranch. He worked hard to expand the ranch and increase the cow-calf operation. He also worked as a computer operator at the Beaver Livestock Auction Service.

Neill was a pillar of the community, serving as the president of the Beaver County Memorial Hospital board, a board member of the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas, and an active member of the Balko Community Faith Church, the Beaver County Soil Conservation board, and the Beaver County Election board.

In high school, Neill was a dedicated member of the Turpin Methodist Church, active in the youth group and Youth for Christ. He was immensely proud of his children and known for his tireless work ethic. Neill Myers was part of the heart and soul in Beaver County, the foundation of the Myers family and farm. His legacy of love, dedication, and hard work will live on through his family.

He was a stern man when he needed to be, but naturally he was gentle, loving, and caring. He loved his family to the point of self-sacrifice. He loved the Lord and his church. Teaching Sunday school was one of his joys. He read through the Bible once a year for many years. In his younger years, he worked with the Gideon’s, distributing Bibles and speaking in churches. As a grandfather, Pappy was also willing to play a fatherly role when necessary. He drilled multiplication tables, checked papers, and listened to musical practice. He had a wonderful bass voice which he used at church, weddings, funerals, and school. The smallest children at school called him “The Singing Man”. The joy of song filled his home, vehicle, church, and classroom. He looked forward to rehearsals with the Wizards of Harmony Barbershop Chorus.

Neill was preceded in death by his parents, Ernestine and Glen Myers, and his younger brother, Mark Myers. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Barbara Myers; his sisters, Ann Bowling (husband Tom) and Kaye Sipes; his daughter, Jodi Vega Myers (husband Joseph Vega); his son Joshua Bart Myers (wife Macy); and his grandchildren, Syvanah Myers Booth, Reighlyn Myers. His great-grandchildren, Alezander Robin Lopez, Zeighdyn Chevy Booth, Gracelyn Jean Booth, Hadleigh Nichole Glitsch, Rowan Irene Glitsch, and Jackson Leonard Glitsch, will carry on his legacy.

William 'Waggoner'-1955-2014

William Glen 'Bill' Waggoner, of Fayetteville, AR passed from this life to his eternal home on August 8, 2024. He was born Nov. 17, 1955 in Roswell, NM to Bobby Glen and Winona (Yeakel) Waggoner.

Bill married Rhonda (Sanger) Waggoner on Feb. 6, 1976. They have 3 children, Kristal Gano (Wess), Jason Waggoner, Jacob Waggoner and seven grandchildren that he loved and adored, Quinton Gano, Weston Gano, Wyatt Waggoner, Kenyan Waggoner, Alivia Gano, Abigail Waggoner and Lainey Waggoner.

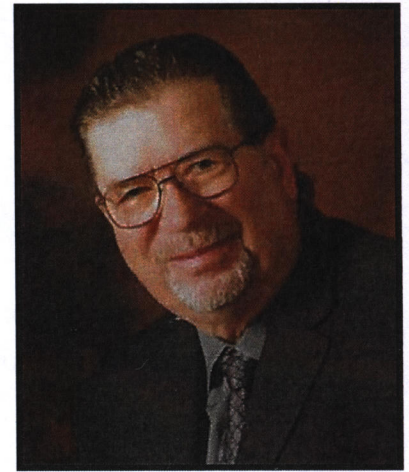
The Waggoner's moved from Roswell, NM to Elkins, AR when Bill was 5 years old. Bill attended St. Paul Public Schools, St. Paul, AR graduating in 1973 and the Apostolic Faith Bible College in 1976. He had many occupations in his lifetime, including owner/operator of a bulldozing service, and working in the trailer industry with Great Dane Trailers and JB Hunt to name a few. Bill surrendered to his real life calling in 2001, at 46 years of age to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After that time he pastored churches in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Alabama and was the Superintendent of the Apostolic Faith Bible College and ministered in many other places.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, his children, grandchildren, 2 sisters, Patricia Warford (Gene) and Pamela Waggoner, 2 brothers David Waggoner and Delbert Waggoner (Jamie), mother-in-law, Ilene Sanger, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers and sisters -in-law, and a host of brothers and sisters in Christ that were very special to him

A Homegoing Celebration was held on Aug. 10, 2024 at the Crosses Community Church in Elkins, AR. Pastor Rex Eaton officiated.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and for ever.

Hebrews 13:8



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his names sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou prepares me a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



Darla Sutton - 1945-2024

Darla Jeanne (Snow) Sutton, 78, passed away on July 24, 2024 in Amarillo, TX. She was born on Nov. 3, 1945 in Pampa, TX to T.D. Snow and Doris Mae (Scott) Snow.

Darla received her GED and attended Frank Phillips College in Borger, TX and Amarillo College where she received her an Associate of Science Degree in 1981. She attended West Texas State University in Canyon, TX, received a Bachelor of Science in 1982 and received a Master of Science Degree from West Texas A & M in Canyon, TX in 1995. All of her college degrees were in Education with certifications in Special Education and Administration. Darla only lacked 3 hours completing her Doctorate Degree. She was a special education classroom teacher for 50 years and had served as an Assistant Director of Premier High School in Amarillo, TX for the past 3 years. Education and Christian service were her passion.

Darla had been a teacher and counselor at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS where she taught English Composition and Cognitive Intervention. We left the school after 4 wonderful years. She was a co-pastor, with her husband, of the Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, TX. She was also an ordained minister. Darla was a member and very active in the Mount of Blessings SDA Church in Amarillo, TX and had a special calling in the areas of Women's Ministries and Christian Counseling. She was an ordained Deaconess and ordained Elder.

She was preceded in death by her parents, T.D. and Doris Snow and her youngest sister Kay Crotwell, all of Pampa, TX.

She is survived by her husband, Garry Sutton of the home in Amarillo, TX, a sister, Sharon (Kenny) Gordon of Sayre, OK, a brother John Snow of Borger, TX, a daughter Cynthia Johnson of Amarillo, TX, a daughter Angla Richardson of Orange Grove, TX, a son, James Cahill of Amarillo, TX, a son Garry (Bud) Sutton Jr. (LaRinda) of Cyril, OK a brother-in-law, Austin (Shirley) Sutton of Taneyville, MO, 16 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 2 more currently on the way, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends and many Brothers and Sisters in Christ consisting of many groups and denominations and our church home of Mount Blessing SDA in Amarillo, TX.

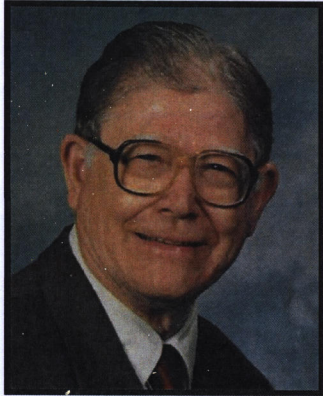
A Memorial Service was held on August 1, 2024 at the Amarillo SDA Church

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

II Timothy 4:6-8

For I am now ready to be offered, and my time of departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Max Pennington- 1930-2024



Max Yingling Pennington, also known as Daddy, Grandpa, Brother, Uncle, Boy Scout, Leader, Engineer, Pastor, Evangelist or Friend was born in the Spring of 1930 at his grandmother's house in Wichita, KS. He died peaceably at the age of 94 on July 31, 2024 in Wichita, KS, where he lived most of his childhood with his father and younger siblings, with summers being spent with his mother in Taneyville, MO.

Upon graduating from North High School in Wichita, he chose to attend two years at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS. While there, he caught the eye of a care-free, freckled faced, red headed, curly headed, feisty beauty by the name of Dorothy May. They were married in the fall of 1949. The couple moved down to the hill country of Texas to be close to her family and had their 1st 2 children, Michael and Michele there. He worked for Texas Highway Dept. and managed to build a house for his family and take correspondence classes in Aircraft Engineering. He finally landed a job with Mooney Aircraft in time to welcome daughters Angela and Pamela. The youngest daughter, Jeannie was born after Max and family moved to Colorado where Max had opportunities to work for larger Aircraft Companies. From there they made numerous moves to Georgia, Texas, California, Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri and Ohio. Throughout his life worked at various companies (Lockhead, Martin Marietta, Rockwell, Cessna, Boeing) and made quite a name for himself despite the only training he had was correspondence courses.

Over the years, he also pastored or ministered in various churches, worked in children's evangelism ministries and ministered to the Navaho Indian Tribe in Shiprock, N. M.

In 1987, Max suffered a brain aneurysm after undergoing heart surgery. The doctors had given up on saving his life. Many pastors and people of faith cried out for God for his life and God performed a miracle. A visiting doctor happened to find Max's case and offered his services to perform a risky surgery. The family was warned that if he survived the surgery he might be left with issues with paralysis, speech issues, and certainly wouldn't be able to drive again. He not only survived but was declared by the doctors as a "miracle man." He did drive again. There were some effects on him from the surgery. He lost his ability to read and write. And so he lost the ability to work as an engineer. But he never gave up as a minister. He learned to read again (maybe not as fast or fluently) so he could study his favorite book- the Bible during his golden years.

He was definitely one of a kind. In his life he overcame many odds and faced many challenges, But he overcame by dedicating himself to working hard, self-study, never giving up on his dreams and putting his faith in God.

Max was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, parents Ennis Pennington and Maxine Long, brothers William Pennington, Russell Pennington; sister, Marilyn Mahan; and grandchild Daniel Davis. He is survived by his son, Michael (Debbie) Pennington; daughters, Michele (Stephen) Smith, Angela (Frank) Chambers, Pamela (Gregory) Kiyak, Jenna (Skip) Steely; sister, Carolyn Silvers; 16 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Services were held on Aug, 10, 2024 at Downing & Lahey Mortuary with Bishop Craig Wilnerd officiating. Interment was at Greenwood Cemetery in Wichita, KS.

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Open the Eyes of My Heart— by Machaira Wasson

Have you ever been in a crowded place and it suddenly hits you that every single person around you has their own story, their own struggles, confusions, questions, and doubts? Why is it that the first thing we notice about people is their flaws, their sins, the ugliest parts of them? At times, we fail to recognize that those placed right in front of us need Jesus just as much as we do and sometimes the only expression of Jesus they see is what we show them. Jesus gives us two commandments that He says all of the law and prophets hang on. "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, all of your soul, and all of your mind". He directly follows this statement up with this, "Love your neighbor as yourself"! As Christians, we can get the wrong idea that we only need to love God, but the Lord calls us to love everyone. In fact, He commands it of us! So why do we see people more as inconveniences, obstacles in our way, and not people so incredibly loved by God that He sacrificed His one and only son for them? When we get so focused on ourselves and our walk with the Lord, we can miss the very thing the Lord is calling us to step out and do. Reach the lost, make disciples, give to the poor, love the unlovable, and come alongside the broken, these are all things the Lord desires from us the moment we give our life to Him. Perhaps, it is time we take a moment to reflect on our heart posture toward those around us. Do we see them as burdens or as people who are searching for something that they can only find through Jesus? Maybe it is time to ask the Lord to open our eyes and our hearts to see more than just our physical eyes can see. We need to ask the Lord to give us His eyes so that we may be able to recognize the spiritual aspects of people that even they are unaware of. Thankfully, the Lord does not expect us to do this alone. The Lord gives us the ability and the strength to love everyone even if we think it is impossible. As the Lord pours His love into us, we in turn pour His love out on those He places in our lives!

