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*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills , from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the Lord , which made heaven and earth.*

*Psalm 121:1 &2*



God never alters the robe of  
righteousness to fit the man,  
but the man to fit the robe.

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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 listed basic doctrines.





# APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE

*Go to learn. Learn to go.*

The school year is off to a great start. This year we have 21 students: nine first-year students, ten second-year students, and two third-year interns. We also have a couple of new staff members: Ryan and Lea Ferguson are learning the ropes and settling into their new roles as Missions Directors. We are excited about our potential for the upcoming year. We believe God is going to do some amazing things!

This year looks much different than those of the recent past. Due to a serious plumbing issue in the Women's Dorm at the end of last year, we moved the female students into what was previously the Men's Dorm. Our male enrollment is drastically low this year, which has allowed us to relocate the guys to the basement of the Chapel. This is a temporary fix while we assess our construction needs and formulate a plan for the future.

We are currently preparing to demolish two houses on our property, which we use for storage. The plan is to use the former Women's Dorm as a temporary storage unit while we demo these houses and construct a new storage building on the southeast corner of our property. During this time, we, with the board, will discuss our dorm building requirements with an architect, and he will draw up a master plan. We hope to have a more concrete plan for the dorms by the end of this school year.

God is faithful, and He provides a way where there seems to be none. We are in the process of receiving an estate bequeathed to us. At this time, we don't know exact amounts, but we do know that this estate has the potential to drastically help us with the cost of a new dorm building.

AFBC has rarely been in situations like this, and we are extremely excited about the possibility of expansion and construction. Please continue to pray for us. We need wisdom, vision, clarity, and direction. We are trusting God to lead us down the paths He directs. We trust Him to provide the vision, the professionals, and the means to accomplish His plans for AFBC. As always, He provides through people just like you. If you'd like to support us, you can do so online at [afbiblecollege.com](http://afbiblecollege.com) or through the mail at PO Box 110, Baxter Springs, KS 66713. Thank you so much for your support! We love and appreciate you!

*Brian & Jenny Harris*

Brian & Jenny Harris

AFBC Directors



## ***Thank You***

Thank you to everyone who supports AFBC! It's because of all of you that I was able to receive the scholarship that was given at the close of AFBC in 2024.. The scholarship has provided me with some spending money, which has allowed me to get some coffee for those early morning classes( an absolute necessity) It also has enabled me to go on a couple of trips with a Christian group on campus that has supported me and been my community while navigating secular college.

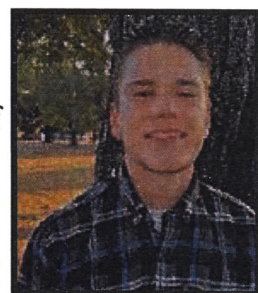
Thank you again to all of you who support AFBC. Your donations have truly allowed me to live life a little more worry free and for that I am forever grateful.

Hannah Spaans

## **Scholarships Given in 2025**



During the closing exercises of AFBC this past May two scholarships were given to graduates. The graduates were Shannon Salyer of Dodge City, KS and Matthew Hardee of Galena, KS



Pray for them as they continue their educations and be a blessing to others in their fields of study.

## **AFBC Alumni**

Dear Friends,

I have felt like I should reach out to you and ask if you would be able to write an article telling of what has happened since you attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS and what your time there has meant to you.

It would be a blessing to me personally to hear from you and I know it would be a blessing to others.

In my heart I believe that the Lord has done so much because of each of you and the message of Christ you have spread goes farther than you even know.

God bless each of you and Thank You for your testimonies of God's goodness.

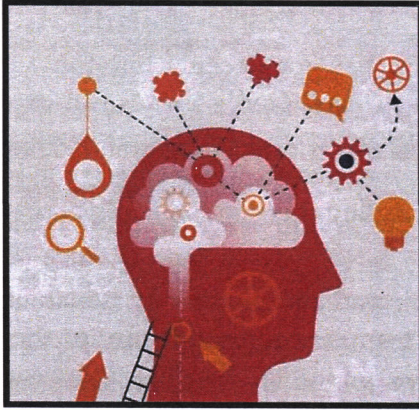
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*Would you like to improve your memory?*

*The Lord has a plan for that!*

By Rev. Fred Huff

Deuteronomy 4:9 “only take heed to yourself and DILIGENTLY KEEP YOURSELF, LEST YOU FORGET the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life,. And TEACH THEM TO YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

The passage in Deuteronomy 4:9 is a revelation of God’s key to “Fine tuning” our memory. God’s plan is for each of us to “diligently keep ourselves, lest we forget. “Fine tuning” our memory is a three step process. These are the three steps

### **Receive— Recall—Relay**

Step 1: RECEIVE the information. Obviously, nothing can be remembered until it has first been received and stored in our memory,

Step 2: RECALL the information. The definition “recall” is to bring something you received previously back to your mind. Each time we “recall” a memory, it is reinforced in our brain. By the same token, a memory that is seldom or never recalled will soon be forgotten.

Step 3: RELAY the information. The Biblical method requires us to speak or RELAY information to our children and our grandchildren. Or to someone else. The process of relaying information requires the speaker to first recall it. The process of recalling and relaying the information over and over again fixes it firmly in the memory of the speaker.

God’s plan for “fine tuning” our memory is for each new generation to become the “speakers” for both their children and grandchildren, When this process is faithfully followed, the information is passed intact from one generation to the next, by being constantly recalled and relayed.

Regarding each generation to speak both to their children and grandchildren is a sort of “fail safe” to ensure that the information is not lost. If a parent fails to “speak” to their children , those children may still receive the information from their grandparents. If both the parents and grandparents fail, the chain will be broken and the information will be lost. The only recourse then is for those who have not received the information to get it directly from the written copies of the information or from someone outside of the family.

We have all noticed that the songs we sang over and over as children and young adults remain firmly fixed in our memory for the rest of our lives. But, when we hear a song only once or twice we will soon forget all about it.

The same is true of something as important as the Word of God, and for something as relatively unimportant as the stories from our family’s past. By repeatedly recalling them and relaying those memories those memories become deeply imbedded in our minds. Not only will we forget them, but they may also be lost to the next generation . Sadly, The history of many families disappears because it has not been passed down.

People sometimes ask me how I can remember the songs I have written. The stories from my family’s past that I tell or the many scriptures I have committed to memory. The answer is the same in each case. Once I sing a song from memory 200 or 300 times . it is firmly imbedded in my brain. When I relay a family story over and over and over to my family or friends , the same thing happens

The Word of God is a special case when it comes to memory. The difference is that the Holy Spirit comes alongside the believer to help us to recall God’s Word. But the principle is the same.



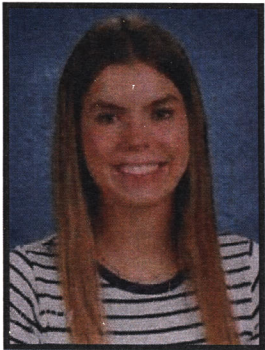
(Con't Fred Huff)

Once God's Word has been received, recalled, and relayed over and over, it becomes deeply imprinted in our minds. Praise God that the Holy Spirit acts as our "prompter" to help us recall God's Word. But even the Holy Spirit is hard pressed to bring a scripture to our mind which we have never received. That is why I emphasize reading the entire Bible every year. Even scriptures that I have not committed to memory can be brought to my mind by the Holy Spirit, because I have "received : them by reading them in the Bible repeatedly.

If the knowledge of God's Word is not passed on to a generation by their parents or their grandparents their only hope is to receive it directly from the written Word of God or from someone outside of their family. God himself has carefully preserved His written Word throughout the centuries for the very reason that we need a solid "backup". Several times, both in the Bible and throughout history, God has raised up a new generation that received His Word directly from the written Word of God.

I once heard of a Chinese Communist who was ordered to read the Bible by his atheistic government hoping that he could then help stop the rise of the underground Christian Church in China. That man was saved, without ever having met a Christian, simply by reading the Bible. He is now a Christian missionary to his own nation.

Receive the truth of God's Word, then recall it and relay it over and over to those you love. This is more than a way to simply "fine tune" your memory. It is God's plan for the preservation of our lives, for our immediate future and for all eternity.



## Youth Summit 2025

From July 31 to August 2, I had the opportunity to attend the Youth Summit at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas and there God spoke so many great things to me. The theme this year was "*Those Who Believe*" Through many speakers, we learned why we as Christians believe the things we do and what our lives should look like when we believe.

The main thing that God spoke to me throughout the weekend was the importance of rooting my worth fully in Jesus. When my identity is not fully placed in Him, I find myself easily swayed by the opinions, distractions and pressures of the world. God reminded me that true security and purpose can only be found in Christ.

I also saw more clearly how God's plan is so much greater than mine. Looking back, I realize that the things I once thought I wanted could never compare to the lessons God has taught me instead. His faithfulness and wisdom are far beyond my own understanding, and He has shown me that trusting His plan leads to something far better than any plan I could create on my own.

Youth Summit 2025 was a time of refreshment, fellowship, and worship. It was so good to see how God moved in so many teenagers lives and how He was preparing us for this school year.

Taylor Harris-Granby. MO



## Make Disciples-By Rev. Bill Derixson

Only a small band of Jesus disciples carried His Gospel message after His death. How is it that His message has survived and thrived 2000 years later? Truth is, there is little difference between then and now. Still, only a bands of Christ followers preach the Good News.

II Timothy 2:1-2 says, "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Jesus gave an earlier command to the disciples saying, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." How will they hear without a messenger? Therefore, God has sent you and me to this world.

This great commission, has in these last days, become the great omission of the Church. We have replaced disciple making with Church invitation. The work of discipleship is now granted to those who wander into a Church. What about the countless masses of people who will not come to a house of worship? Now add to that the soiled reputation of the Church and you have even fewer walking through the doors.

Jesus didn't say to the lost go find a Church, but told the Church to go find the lost. The world needs to see and hear the reality of God in our lives. When we are scarcely saved, living in compromise to the message we preach and little different from the world in our practice of sin; why would the world want the Gospel? They indict the Church for being hypocrites, but that is the example they see and hear.

Where are the valiant men and women of God, who raise up the standard and banner of our God? If we are quiet, they will only hear and see pretenders. These counterfeit believers, with their counterfeit Jesus, counterfeit gospel and counterfeit spirit is not the example the world needs to see.

The Pharisees and Sadducees of the New Testament times were religious but missed God. Thank God for John the Baptist, the Apostles and deacons like Stephen in the book of Acts, and Timothy the spiritual son of the Apostle Paul. These men and women took up the banner of Jesus and preached the unwavering truth of God's love and judgment. Now it is your turn, You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. If your message is hid, it is hid to those who are lost. **Do not hide, shine!**



*In the book of II Timothy, Paul writes to Timothy saying in verse 2, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach."*

Over this past summer I was given the opportunity to intern under and be discipled by Bill Derixson, the pastor at Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, Texas. His heart behind it was to teach and equip young ministers for their calling and to show us true ministry. Over those summer months we did street ministry, revivals, camp ministry, prison ministry, assisted living ministry and missions work. Through all of this one of the most glaring things I learned altogether is the necessity for discipleship. Being influenced by men and women in the movement over and over again has put the desire in my heart to want to excel in ministry in whatever ways I can. Not only that, but to learn and consume as much knowledge that can be passed down to not only for myself but this new generation of ministers being called up.

Noah Barajas, the associated pastor at Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, TX had spoken one day of the importance for the older men to find someone they can pour into and disciple. On the contrary, he also challenged the younger men to find someone to learn and glean from. Along with this, seeing a generation of young men and women called into ministry and excited and ready to pour out has been one of the most encouraging aspects that have come to the forefront of my mind as of recently. I believe and urge this to whomever may be reading this, if you are older and in position to, please pour into a young minister if at all possible because it can influence them in ways you could have thought of as well as the young ministers also. On the other hand, for the young men and women being raised up, find someone to be mentored and discipled under because it can one day be instrumental to who the Lord needs you to be.

Marcial Diaz— 3rd Year Intern at AFBC



## A Trip To Remember— by Ron Noble

For a Christmas present in 2024, my daughter Ivy took Evelyn ( I went along for the ride) to Kansas City, MO for an event that was happening. Well, I thought to myself, “Self. We maybe not too far from Topeka, KS., why don’t we just stop over there. “ So I looked on the map and we were only about an hour or so away.” I mentioned it to Evelyn but we already had enough fun for the weekend and had a long drive ahead of us, so we dismissed the idea.

As we started for home, I sat in the back seat while Evelyn drove and Ivy sat in the front seat. I wasn’t paying attention, ( actually I think I had become drowsy and was (resting my eyes) but I felt us slow down. I opened my eyes and Ivy turned and asked, “Do you know where you are at?” For a second I thought it did look familiar but we had decided not to come. We pulled in the parking lot and all of a sudden I became briefly, unexpectedly weepy. We were at 4th and Jackson, at the building that housed the Bethel Healing Home that Charles Parham opened in 1898-June of 1900. As we got out of the vehicle, a man opened the door for us welcoming us inside. Since it was Sunday, Ivy explained that we were, in addition to seeing the building, we were going to attend service! It turned out they weren’t going to have preaching that day, but only a time of worship as they had planned a church dinner for the congregation and people from the town. So my family and I got to attend Sunday morning service in the sanctuary in what used to be the Bethel Healing Home! My daughter... my wife.... So thoughtful!

On page 39, chapter 6 in the book, *The Life of Charles Parham*’ written by his wife Sarah Parham, one can read about the Healing home. Also there is a short history of it at [Apostolicarchives.com](http://Apostolicarchives.com). The group that owns this building (as of this writing) is the Tree of Life Fellowship ([treeoflifeks.org](http://treeoflifeks.org)) The pastor there at the time was very nice, saying that he had been to AFBC and that he had been treated very well and invited us to eat with them. After we had eaten, the pastor wanted to know if we wanted to go upstairs. He opened the door and I saw an old staircase (how many people from ‘back then’ had used these steps?) that led to the ‘healing rooms.’ I’ll say this only once, ‘If walls could talk’ what would they say? What had they seen? What took place in these rooms ? What were the services like? Which of these rooms was for the publishing of the Apostolic Faith Report ? As I climbed the stairs and my hand slid up the smooth railing, of course questions came to mind. What were the stories of the people who had been here? Did they find victory?

We went to the second floor that had been remodeled into a classroom/fellowship hall. Then we continued to the third floor. It was like stepping back in time. Of course there was no furniture, but every thing else looked like it had not been touched for a long, long time. The records say there were 14 rooms in all and as we walked through them. I was having a hard time thinking of where I really was. It was almost the same as when I went to Israel in that I couldn’t take it all in at one time. One of the rooms , they say it was Parham’s office (so of course I had my picture in there.) It was corner room that looked out on the front and side street where he could see the goings on. Oh, the shouts of praise that must have reverberated off these walls must have something else to hear. To see the miracles must have been a sight to behold! Then we visited the attic. Sarah Parham writes, ... “we used it for sleeping purposes when our bedrooms were all occupied,” We finished the tour, thanked the pastor and I got ready for a long drive home but my family said they still had one more surprise for me!

After we left there, we drove to 1800 SW Stone where Parham started a Bible School after the Bethel healing home had been stolen from him he writes. As of this writing, there is a church located there called Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church ( their website has some information about what happened there.) Again, one can read about this in Parham’s book or look it up online. I did however get to see the foundation of where Stone’s Folly was. Can you imagine what it must have been like to have been there?

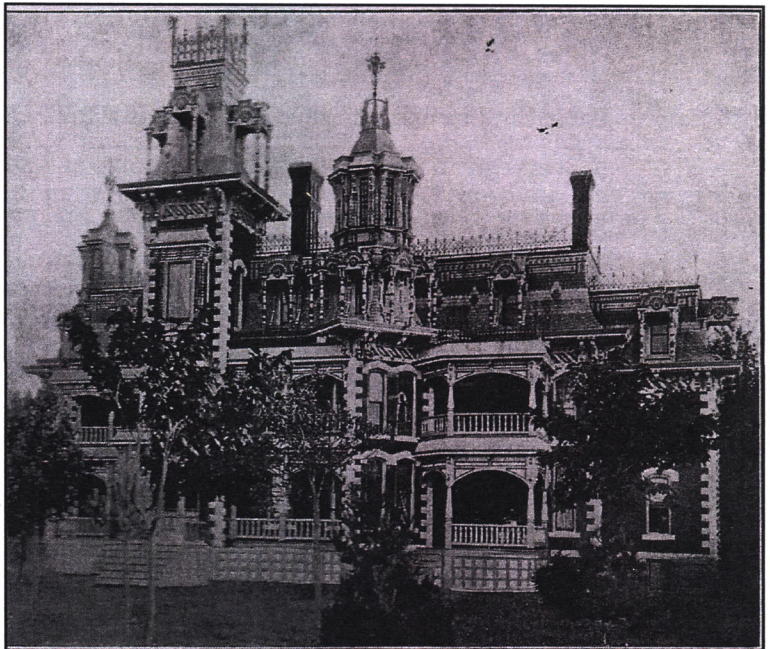
Great memories that won’t soon be forgotten. Thank you Wife and Daughter. Now as a personal note, I want it to be understood that there is nothing supernatural or holy about a place or building itself. I understand that. We should never make more out of things than they are. Yet I know there are places... and things,,,and people that God has used to further His purposes.

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I myself will always consider the Apostolic Faith Bible College a 'special' place because that is where God did so much for me. There and a dozen other places, and many people, that God used to further me along in my spiritual journey. Hasn't He you? Aren't there places and times in which God did something 'special' for you and you've made the remark "I'll never forget this as long as I live," or something to that affect. If you think not that physical locations and events that happened there aren't important, then you probably haven't read (or paid attention to the Bible). Read Exodus or Numbers (or about any place actually), and see the places the Israelites went and the different things that happened to them there. Read the many, many times they were instructed to make a memorial—something that reminded the people of the significance of that place! And then read Deuteronomy 19:14 (and similar verses) Thou shalt not remove thy neighbors landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it.

I'm going to stop here and the Lord willing I will continue this line of thought in a forthcoming article. I'll probably repeat some because I feel it to be of such great importance. Suffice to say right now what one of my great preacher friends said recently, "We must go back before we can go forward."



COLLEGE OF BETHEL, TOPEKA, KANSAS.  
Where the baptism of the Holy Ghost first fell January 1st, 1901, in this Latter Rain.

## NOW-

By The Late Rev. Gayle Schultz

NOW is the time to seek the Lord while he may be found and to call upon Him while He is near. To procrastinate only makes bad things worse. Is there such thing as passing the door of "Desire to serve the Lord." Our energy along that line seems depleted so sinning and drifting and forgetting does become fixed habits. We become the servants of sin, the servants of the Devil and in minding him, add fault to sin and can come to the place where we feel it is a matter of life to live that way.

But counterwise, in the living present, every soul should put on the entire armor of God in full dress and obedience. The net or web of the devil can be mighty strong and many souls are actually baffled as to the "right way". So many voices call, so much advise is given and different Bible views and interpretations can hinder some. Do not go to many for instruction, a faithful righteous friend or two is enough and with a repentant heart God will open your eyes. cancel your sins and take you into the household of faith. Yet there comes a time when something must be done or the time element and shortness of life can bring us to an unexpected end. Jesus came not to this earth in vain. He is your Savior today and your coming judge in coming days and acts as one among many brethren in eternity's day. You are the one to accept or reject, Another cannot be blamed. They may be a stumbling block to you, but just remember that stumbling blocks can become a stepping stone, and heaven is cheap at any price. ACCEPT HIM NOW.



## Prayers Can't Be Answered Unless They Are Prayed

Life without purpose is barren indeed ,there can't be a harvest, unless you plant seed.

There can't be attainment, unless there is a goal, and a man's but a robot unless there's a soul.

If we send no ships out, no ship will come in And unless there is a contest nobody can win.

For games can't be won unless they are played and prayers can't be answered unless they are prayed.

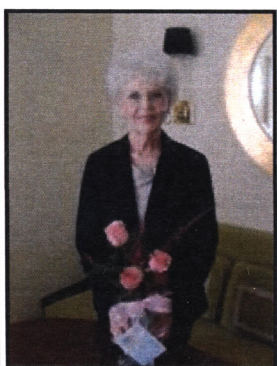
So whatever is wrong with your life today, you'll find a solution if you kneel down and pray.

Not just for honors and prestige and wealth, but pray for a purpose to make life worth living

And pray for the joy of unselfish giving;

For great is your gladness and rich your reward, when you make your life's purpose the choice of the Lord.

Author Unknown



### Patricia Ann Snider Haney- 1935-2025

Patricia was born on May 22, 1935, on the family farm just outside of Stephens, AR to Tip Smith and Ester Cox Snider, and passed away on Feb, 2, 2025. Patricia's home church was the Apostolic Faith Church in Magnolia, AR

In the summer of 1952 Patricia's world expanded when she met the love of her life, J.O. Haney Jr at a summer camp in Bentonville, AR. Their connection was immediate and both were deeply smitten, and they were married in Jan. 1953 with the written blessing of their parents.

Together, Patricia and J.O. traveled the United States as religious musicians, with Patricia's talents shining through on the piano, organ and accordion. J.O. and Pat worked with several Apostolic Faith ministers including Sidney Rees, Jennie Evans, Amos Watkins and Roscoe Wooster,

In 1963 they settled in San Antonio, TX where they would raise their family before eventually retiring to the serene hill country of Bulverde, TX. There they relished the wide open spaces, the beauty of the land and the freedom to explore the country they loved in their RV.

Patricia was the ultimate home-maker, southern cook, seamstress, gardener, interior decorator, always adding color and flair to her environment. She loved cooking for friends and family and entertaining in their country home on acres of Hill Country land. Whether surrounded by the beauty of her gardens or lost in deep conversation with a friend, she embodied the best of both worlds, often revealing different sides of herself that left an indelible mark on everyone she met.

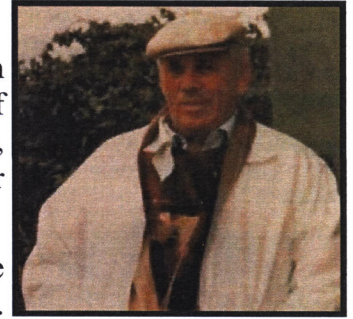
Above all, Patricia was deeply loved by her family and friends. Her union with J.O. lasted more than 65 years until his passing in August 2018 and her legacy lives on in her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Patricia Jan Haney, J.O. Haney III, (Joey) and wife Cindy, Jenna Lisa Burns and late husband Dan; 6 grandchildren - Dana (John) Stanfield, Clinton (Claire) Haney, Kayla (Drew) Gresham, Garrett (Lacy) Haney, Krista (Gavin) Burns Veiga and Aaron Burns; 12 great grandchildren- Logan and Brennan Stanfield, Weston, Parker and Sadie Haney; Wynn, Charlotte and Emerson Gresham; Stratton and Spencer Haney and Annalise and Alexander Veiga. She is also survived by her favorite brother in law, Don Hal Haney and his wife Judy. She was preceded in death by her parents Tip and Esther Snider; sisters- Lerlene Snider Primm and husband Otto, Jayme Snider Crain and husband Wilbur, Marcille Snider Young and husband Clayton; husband J.O. Haney Jr and favorite son in law Daniel T. Burns Jr.

A Celebration of Life in honor of Patricia's 90th birthday in Heaven was held on May 2, 2025.



## L.J. Ehrlich - 1935-2025

Laubhan J. Ehrlich (L.J) went to heaven on May 21, 2025. He was born on Flag Day, June 14, 1935 to Asaph and Tillie (Laubhan) Ehrlich. He was one of seven children; Gene Ehrlich, Jo Gillispie, Bernice Anderson, Joyce Ehrlich, Maurice Ehrlich and Tracy Ehrlich. The world lost a friend to all and is a better place for having had him in it.



Early in life L.J. developed a love for music and at age 5, played the piano; one of the musical instruments he used to glorify God throughout his entire life. L.J. grew up in Follett, TX and had lots of stories of his childhood adventures that only got better with time. He was a good athlete, but was remembered most for his extraordinary musical talent, playing mostly by ear. After graduating from Follett High School in 1953, L.J. accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at a tent revival on Main Street in Follett. It was there he surrendered his life to ministry. That same year, in August 1953, L.J. lost his devoted father, Asaph Ehrlich, to cancer. One year later, in August 1954, he married his high school sweetheart, Kay Nellon Roach.

L.J. had a deep love for the Lord and wanted to share Jesus with everyone. During his lifetime, he built and helped direct a Church Youth camp in Mississippi, pastored several churches, turned an old filling station into a Youth Center in Follett, TX, helped build and sponsored an orphanage in Africa and was instrumental in creating a successful on-line Bible College that has educated well over 10,000 students around the globe.

L.J. always had a place in his heart for the elderly. He would regularly take his young family to visit nursing homes, ministering and playing songs he wrote about Jesus. His nursing home ministry continued throughout his life. L.J. shared the love of music with his beloved wife Ida; together they would minister with words of encouragement and songs of praise with the elderly that had often been forgotten or left behind. L.J. loved to play the accordion while wearing funny costumes and singing silly songs to make people laugh. His younger brother, Tracy, was privileged to help him in his rest home ministry while in Oklahoma. At age 82, L.J. moved to Denver, CO where he continued his ministry to the elderly. He lived his final years often in pain, but always encouraging and praying daily with those God brought into his life. L.J. was loved by all those that knew him and was fondly known in his community as the "Piano Man". He could play any song requested and loved to share Jesus by playing favorite hymns for everyone to sing along. At almost 90 L.J. had slowed, however, his love for Jesus and for the Great Commission never faded.

L.J. is survived by his younger brother Tracy Ehrlich and his precious wife, Ida Ehrlich, his number one fan and cheerleader. He is also survived by his 3 daughters; Kanell Zoe Mings and spouse Dean Mings, his middle daughter, Dr. Natalie Jo Ehrlich and the youngest T. Lynette Yvett Hart and spouse Tom Hart, 5 grandchildren; Jonathan Laubhan Barnett and wife Vanessa, Emily Deanell Trevino and spouse Tobias, Tassity Lynn Rahill and spouse Jase, Andrew Kinley Mings and spouse Natalie and Cortney Jonell Hart; 12 great grandchildren Jiana, Jonathan II, Justice, Janessa, Jazelle, Jayden, Zoey, Olivia, Reece, Remi, Alyssa and Emma.

L.J. will be remembered as a loving husband and devoted father. He valued his time with family and his love for them was only second to his love for God. L.J. was a trailblazer and innovative thinker with determination to be a blessing to others. He greeted everyone with a friendly smile and shared his corny sense of humor, often making his friends and caregivers smile or laugh out loud. Above all, L.J. will be remembered as one who strived to make the lives of others better as he shared his love for Jesus by encouraging and praying with those privileged to pass through his life.

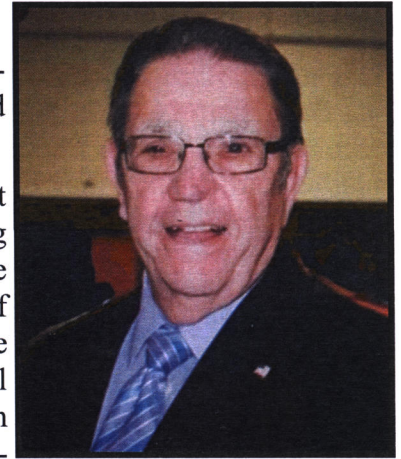
Memorial services were held at the First Baptist Church in Follett, TX with Rev. J.R. Slater officiating. The graveside service was held at the Follett Cemetery.



## **Dr. Ollie Kinser- 1944-2025**

Dr. Ollie Lynn Kinser, age 80, died on June 2, 2025 at his residence in Liberal, KS. He was born on Friday October 11, 1944, the 2nd child of Lloyd and Violet Kinser in Laverne, OK.

Ollie started school in the First grade at age 5. He attended 11 different schools in 12 years as his parents made several moves for work's sake during that time. He graduated from Balko High School in 1962 at the age of 17. He attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK for part of one semester. In the fall of 1963 Ollie attended the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs, KS. At the conclusion of the 4 month term of school he was ordained to the ministry. Over the next two years he was involved in ministry in revivals, Vacation Bible Schools, Youth Camps, and Youth Ministries. He attended a second term of the Apostolic Faith Bible School in 1964. It was during these terms at AFBS that he met and fell in love with the beautiful lady that would become his wife, Anna Margaret Scroggs. They were married on March 6, 1965 at Union Church in Spearman, TX.



They began pastoral duties in Sept. 1965 in Sugarland, TX. Over the years Ollie and Anna pastored churches in Sunray, TX. Enid, OK; Shattuck, OK.; Joplin, MO; Baxter Springs where he served as Superintendent of Apostolic Faith Bible College; Arnett, OK.; Hardesty, OK; Canyon, TX and Liberal, KS. After pastoring Trinity Faith Church in Liberal for 5 years, they began Ollie L. Kinser Ministries and launched a new work in Liberal calling the church The Latter House Worship Center. After a few years the name was changed to Abundant Life Fellowship, Inc.

Ollie's life has been consumed with the study and teaching the Word of God. Those studies netted him a Doctor of Divinity degree in 1984 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1987.

He is survived by his two sons, Delvin Kinser and wife Rhonda of Liberal, KS and Darrin Kinser and wife Angela of Stillwater, OK; two sisters Shirley Sutton and husband Austin of Taneyville, MO and Donna Kinser of Joplin, MO; 5 grandchildren, Bradley Kinser, Alyssa Lara and her husband Isai, Mark Kinser, Anna/Leif Kinser, Dawson Kinser and wife Audrey, two great grandchildren Haven Joy Lara and one on the way.

He is preceded in death by his wife Anna Margaret Kinser, parents, Lloyd and Violet Kinser, brother Wally Kinser and a sister Dorothy Carmen.

Funeral services were held on June 11, 2025 at Trinity Faith Church Pastor Mark Kinser presided. Burial followed at Restlawn Cemetery.

### **The Empty Pew**

Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty. I Samuel 20:18.

The empty pew has an eloquent tongue. Though its message is unpleasant, it is one that all may hear.

TO THE PREACHER, the empty pew says, "Your sermon is not worthwhile."

TO THE VISITOR, it whispers, "You see, we're not quite holding our own."

TO THE TREASURER, it shouts, "look out for a deficit."

TO THE STRANGER, who is looking for a church home. It suggests, "you had better wait awhile".

TO THE MEMBERS, who are present it asks, "Why don't you go visiting next Sunday too?"

The empty pew speaks against the services. It kills inspiration and smothers hope. It dulls the fine edge of zeal. The empty pew is a weight. The occupied pew is a wing.





### Ashley Slater-1991-2025

Ashley Slater was born April 17, 1991 in Joplin, MO to Don and Donna Slater. Ashley graduated from Webb City, MO High School in 2009 and attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS for one semester. As an adult she works at Walmart, Target and Mercy Hospital as a Security Dispatcher. Ashley enjoyed creating and using her artistic abilities to encourage and bless those around her.. She enjoyed knitting, gaming, graphic design and spending time with her cats. Ashley also enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Ashley passed away on July 20, 2025 in her home surrounded with family and loved ones. Ashley is survived by her mother, Donna Slater and step-father, Glen Newman, her father Don Slater and step-mother Karen Slater. She is also survived by her brother JR Slater and his wife Angie Slater along with nephew and niece, Aiden and Laney Slater. She is also survived by her best friend, caregiver, and older sister, Candi Slater.

Memorial services were held at Hatton Park in Webb City, MO on Sat. July 12, 2025. Her brother JR Slater read scripture and gave the eulogy. . Opening and closing prayer was brought by her nephew, Aiden and niece, Laney.

The Slater family would like to extend a large Thank You to all who have reached out with encouragement.

### Madeline Simineo- 1929-2025

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Madeline Simineo who departed this life on June 3, 2025 at the age of 96. She was a mother to 7 living children; Charlie. Trulla Stinnent (Paul) Pete (Marvel) Rhonda Delbert (Jackie), Annie Shepherdson (Jim), Robert (Cindy) grandmother to 18 as well as greatgrandmother to many.



She was born in Texas County, OK. She was the eldest child of Bill and Zella Briles, Her early years were spent in the dust bowl days in the Panhandle of OK, She graduated from Cedaredge, CO High School in 1947, She then attended the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs, KS then Western State College in Gunnison where she earned a bachelors degree in education.

She married Ted Simineo in the Powderhorn School located on the Powderhorn of Gunnison County, CO on March 21, 1953. At that time, she was teaching school. She continued teaching at remote locations such as Buckland, AK and Lake Valley, NM. In between her teaching career she worked for Delta County Public Welfare and Park County Welfare (where she was the County Director). Throughout her journey, Madeline displayed a faith in Jesus Christ and a commitment to serving the underserved.. Upon her retirement she sat weekly at the back of the Delta County Drug Court and prayed for individuals going through the court for approximately 20 years.

Madeline was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ted, son Frederick, all three of her siblings Richard, Eula and Ross. Additionally her daughter in law, Margie. , She also experienced the death of aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service was held on July 11, 2025 at Taylor Funeral Home Chapel in Delta, CO. The family requested donations be made to The Apostolic Faith Bible School in Baxter Springs, KS which helped form her foundation in life.

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## Lucy Webster-1936-2025

Lucy : "Payne" Webster, age 89, of Enid ,OK peacefully entered into the presence of the Lord on July 28,2025. Born on Feb. 20,1936 in Enid to Charles and May "O Brate" Payne. Lucy lived a life marked with unwavering love and tireless devotion and a deep faith that shaped every chapter in her journey

At the loss of her mother at the age of 11. Lucy stepped into the role of caretaker for her 8 siblings, exemplifying her lifelong compassion and strength. She graduated from Enid High School in 1953 as class president and married the love of her life Eugene "Yogi" Webster the following year. Together they attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS and began a life of ministry- pastoring churches in Crosses, AR, Enid, OK, Lovington, NM and Hudson, WY

When they heard of 5 children in need in Mississippi , Lucy and Eugene opened their hearts and home adopting them all and raising them in faith and love in Wyoming. Lucy taught herself piano one song at a time, later becoming a licensed beautician and opening her own salon. Her entrepreneurial spirit led her to operate a craft store in Landry, WY, where creativity thrived. She had an unmatched gift for spotting beauty in unexpected places - from garage sales to scraps of fabrics and could transform almost anything into something warm, useful, or lovely. Her quilts and handmade items brought joy to many and her resourcefulness was as endearing as her generosity.

Lucy was predeceased by her parents, Charles and May Payne ; her husband Eugene Webster , two sons , Leon and Glen Webster and six brothers Lawrence, Charles, Bennie, Baron, Glen and George P.

She is survived by two sisters, Karen (Payne) Theilen and Mergie { Payne) Doll two daughters Dora Crook of Enid, OK and Patricia Rose (Rich) of Fairfield , IA; one son, Justin Webster (Ivonna) of Enid, OK, 9 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; a host of cherished friends and countless individuals touched by her faithful ministry,

Celebration of Life Service was Friday Aug, 22, 2025 in Baptist Village Chapel with Rev. Bill Derixson officiating . Graveside services were on Aug. 23,2025 in Fairmont Cemetery in Follett, TX and Rev. Ron Noble officiating.

## If He Came To Your House

Would you meet Him at the door with arms outstretched to welcome>?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?

Or hide some magazines, and put the Bible where they had been?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?

Could you let Jesus walk right in. or would you rush about?

And I wonder --- if the Savior spent a day or two with you

Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you go right on saying the things you always say?

Would life for you continue as it does from day to day? Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you 'd planned to go?

Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or two?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends>

Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?

Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

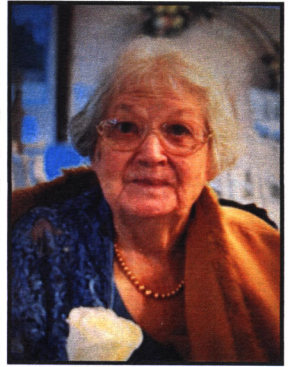
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do.

If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.



## Wyvonna Whiteley-1933-2025

Wyvonna Whiteley , beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and faithful servant of Christ, passed away peacefully at home on July 27, 2025 at the age of 91. Born in Wichita, KS on Sept. 22, 1933, Wyvonna was the daughter of Gene and Stella Cornell, dedicated pastors who raised her in a home filled with faith, love and service. She carried those values throughout her life, leaving a legacy of grace, kindness and devotion.



She was fiercely independent , delightfully determined and carried a spunk as fiery as a ghost pepper—a description given her by her caregivers. Those traits kept life around her vibrant and full of color. To many who knew her she was “the smartest woman they had ever met”. In countless ways , she was a trailblazer ahead of her time in beliefs and choices that shaped her quality of life.

On Feb, 25, 1953, Wyvonna married the love of her life, Howard Whiteley. Together they shared more than 60 years of marriage and ministry, faithfully serving side by side as Howard pastored churches in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Wyvonna supported their ministry with unwavering love, strength and quiet leadership, touching countless lives through her teaching, hospitality and gentle spirit.

Wyvonna began her college study at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, AR and later earned her Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Oklahoma Panhandle State College. She developed a lifelong love for learning and nurturing young minds, Her dedication to both education and ministry was evident in everything she did.

In 2014, Wvonna and Howard move to Virginia to live with their children and grandchildren, cherishing family life and continuing to share their deep faith with those around them. In 2015, Wyvonna suffered a stroke that affected her physically but never diminished her spirit. With regal presence and playful charm she became affectionately as “Princess Wyvonna” or “PW” to family, friends and caregivers— fully embracing her role with certainty that she was indeed a princess.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard, her parents Gene and Stella Cornell, and brothers Bill Cornell and Jack Cornell. She is survived by her daughter Lachelle Yoder and her son in law Sam Yoder, her son Lynn Whiteley and daughter in law Ute Whiteley. She was a proud grandma to Ryan Whiteley (Ashley), Rebekah Edward (JP) and Renee Piscot (Jonas) and a cherished great grandmother to Willian Piscot.

Wyvonna was laid to rest beside her husband Howard Whiteley at Arlington National Cemetery , a final resting place honoring their life time of service, devotion and faith.

Her life was a testimony to God’s love, lived through her gentle spirit, faithful heart and unwavering commitment to her family and community. She will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

Well Done good and faithful servant— Matthew 25:23

**Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

**Matthew 5:14-16**



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Our students have just completed *Miles For Missions*, the annual fundraiser that helps make AFBC's missions work possible. This was more than just walking- it was a sacrifice of time and effort to open doors for the Gospel to be shared. In just ten days, they logged over 1,670 miles- nearly 80 miles per student.- while faithfully continuing academic and church responsibilities.

Because of their dedication, the generosity of friends like you, and the faithfulness of God, this coming March 2026 our Missions Ministry Team will serve in Mexico and our Music Team will minister throughout the United States.

We could not provide these invaluable ministry experiences for our students without your partnership. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and financial support. Together we are extending the students ability to build God's kingdom on this earth.

Ryan and LeaAnnette Ferguson  
AFBC Missions Directors

**And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature**