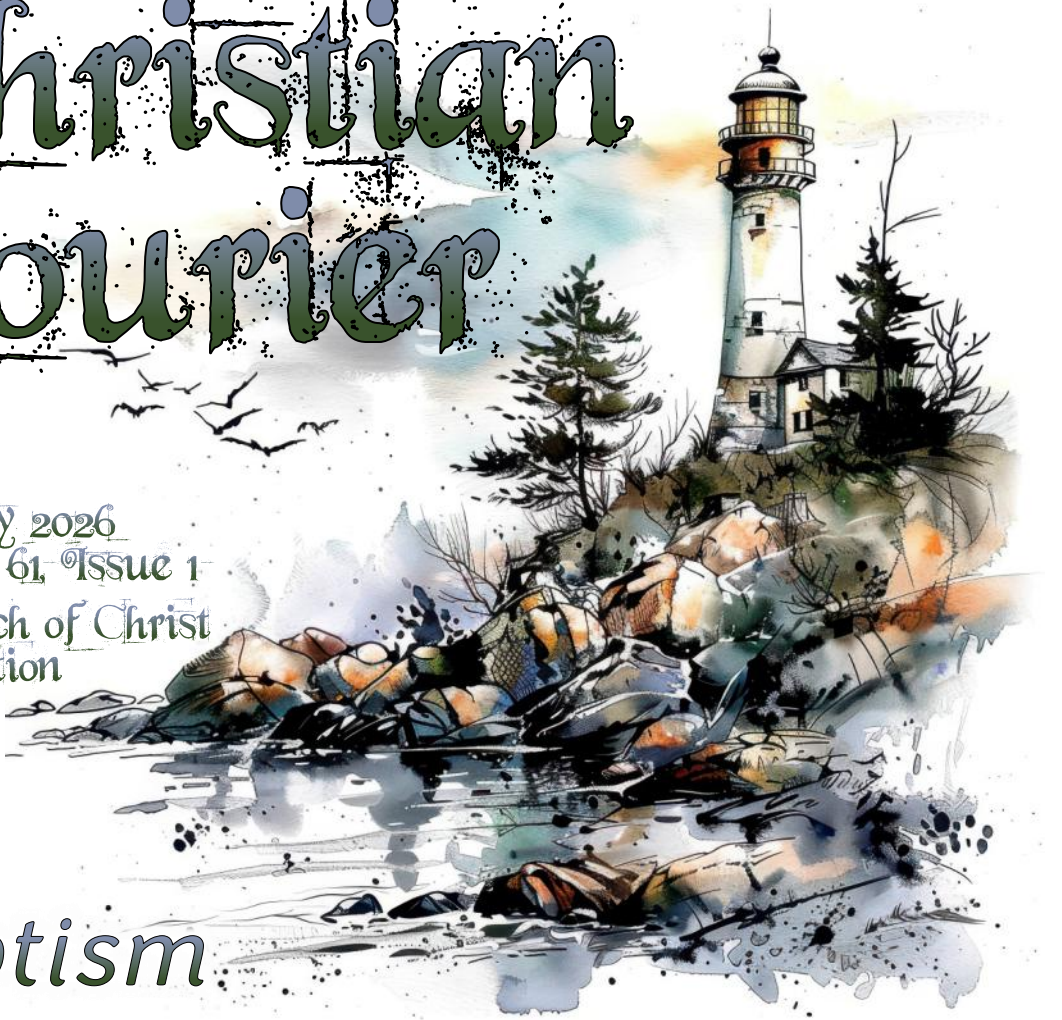
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Baptism

Jesus said!

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; But he that believeth not shall be damned.

Mark 16:16–KJV

A minister asked the inhabitants of the island of St. Kilda how a man must be saved. (The archipelago of St Kilda, the remotest part of the British Isles, lies 41 miles west of Benbecula in Scot-land's Outer Hebrides. Its islands with their exceptional cliffs and sea stacks form the most important sea-bird breeding station in NW Europe.)

An old man replied, "We shall be saved if we repent, and forsake our sins, and turn to God." "Yes," said a middle-aged female, "and with a true heart too." "Ay," rejoined a third, "and with prayer"; and, added a fourth, "It must be the prayer of the heart." "And we must be diligent too," said a fifth, "in keeping the commandments."

Thus, each having contributed his mite, feeling that a very decent creed had been made up, they all looked and listened for the preacher's approbation, but they had aroused his deepest pity.

The carnal mind always maps out for itself a way in which self can work and become great, but the Lord's way is quite the reverse. Believing and being baptized are no matters of merit to be gloried in, they are so simple that boasting is to be excluded, and free grace bears all.

It may be that the reader is unsaved–what is the reason? Do you think the way of salvation as laid down in the text to be dubious? How can that be when God has pledged His own word for its certainty? Do you think it too easy? Then why, do you not attend to it? Its ease, leaves those with an excuse to neglect it. To believe is simply to trust, to depend, and to rely upon Jesus Christ.

To be baptized is to submit to the ordinance which our Lord fulfilled at Jordan, to which the converted ones submitted at Pentecost, to which the jailer yielded obedience the very night of his conversion.

The outward sign saves not, but it sets forth to us our death, burial, and resurrection with Jesus, and, like the Lord's Supper, it is not to be neglected.

Reader, do you believe in Jesus? Then, dear friend, dismiss your fears, and excuses, you shall be saved, if you follow the commandments, which the Lord has set out in His word.

Having believed, repented, and confessed that Jesus is the Son of God, you must be baptized for the remission of your sins. (Acts 2:38 NKJV) (Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.)

It is at this point (and not before) that your sins are forgiven. (Acts 22:16 KJV) (And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.)

If you are still an unbeliever, *then remember there is but* ***one door,*** *and* ***if you will not enter by that door --- you will perish in your sins.*** *Jesus said --* ***"But he that believeth not shall be damned."***

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Notes & Letters

As we have reached the end of 2025 and begin 2026 we need to remember it is only by the grace of God we have each moment. I give all glory to God for blessing me to survive a heart attack and triple bypass surgery. I am blessed to be recovering to the condition of health that is God's will. I cannot know if I will have the entire year of 2026 but I have all faith and wait for His plan to develop.

We are still very few in number and determined to assemble on the Lord's Day in Jesus name. Maxine and I invite everyone traveling through our area to stay in our home and worship with us.

As we begin the new year we must give all glory to God for the year that is gone. We all have struggles, worries, doubts, fears, mistakes, and sins. God has brought us through all of these things to the moment we have now. Every day is a blessing from God and we are preparing ourselves for the Judgement. Jesus prayed for all mankind in John 17 and commands us to be one as God and He are one. May we all have the unity and love for each other that is in Jesus's name.

In Christ always,
Larry Pollan
Eastside Church of Christ
280 Oak, Ringgold, Texas

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We wanted to send this obituary to the Christian Courier for remembrance of our brother in Christ. Brother Harold Don Taylor spent most of his life in churches of Christ in southwestern Oklahoma at Lugert, Commanche and nearby congregations during his life. Brother Don spent approximately the last six months attending church with us at the Nicoma Park Church of Christ (OKC). Brother Don was a good man who loved God, his family, and other members of the Church. His health deteriorated much over the last six months until his time of death on December 21, 2025. Most of his life's great passions are covered in the attached obituary. (pg. 13 -Ed)

He enjoyed the news of the Courier very much and we are making a small donation to the Courier in his name in recognition of his love of the church paper and its spreading of the good news found there.

In Christian Love,
Nicoma Park (OKC), OK
Congregation.



Milk of the Word

Number studies "24"

1 Corinthians 14:40

The number twenty-four appears in key passages of Scripture, especially in connection with priesthood, worship, and heavenly order. When studied carefully, it points us to organized service, continual worship, and the connection between God's people on earth and God's throne in heaven.

The first major appearance of the number 24 is in the organization of the Levitical priesthood. In **1 Chronicles 24:3-4** David, under God's guidance, organized the sons of Aaron into twenty-four courses to minister in the house of the Lord. These twenty-four courses ensured that worship in Israel was Continuous, orderly, and shared among all the priests. This shows that God values organized, continual service, not confusion or neglect.

This same pattern was used with those who led in praise. 1 Chronicles 25:6–7. They too were divided into twenty-four orders 1 Chronicles 25:9–31. This teaches that worship was not random. God designed it to be ongoing, reverent, and structured. Today, while we are not under the Levitical system, we still learn that God desires orderly worship and shared service in His church - Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 14:26.

The most well-known use of the number 24 is in the book of Revelation. Revelation 4:4. These elders appear repeatedly in scenes of worship: **Revelation 4:10–11**. They fall down and worship God the Creator. **Revelation 5:8–10**. They worship the Lamb, praising Him for redemption. **Revelation 11:16–17**. They give thanks to God for His reign. They are pictured as: Enthroned (authority), Clothed in white (purity), Wearing crowns (victory). They represent the redeemed people of God, gathered in complete and organized worship before the throne. Many understand the twenty-four elders to symbolize the unity of God's people: 12 tribes of Israel (Old Testament people of God), 12 apostles of Christ (New Testament people of God). This harmonizes with

the description of the heavenly city: **Revelation 21:12–14.**

Both in the temple and in heaven, the number 24 is linked to continual service. The twenty-four priestly courses ensured that every day someone was ministering before the Lord. Likewise, the twenty-four elders are pictured in continual worship **Revelation 4:8.** This teaches that service to God is not occasional, but continual. The church is called to the same spirit of devotion - **Romans 12:1, Hebrews 13:15.** Twenty-four reminds us that God's people are called to a life of ongoing worship and faithful service.

In conclusion the number twenty-four strongly connects to orderly priesthood, continual worship, heavenly praise, and the complete redeemed people of God. It reminds us that God is building a people who will one day stand before His throne, clothed in white, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, and engaged in eternal worship.

Bro. Jacob Fuson
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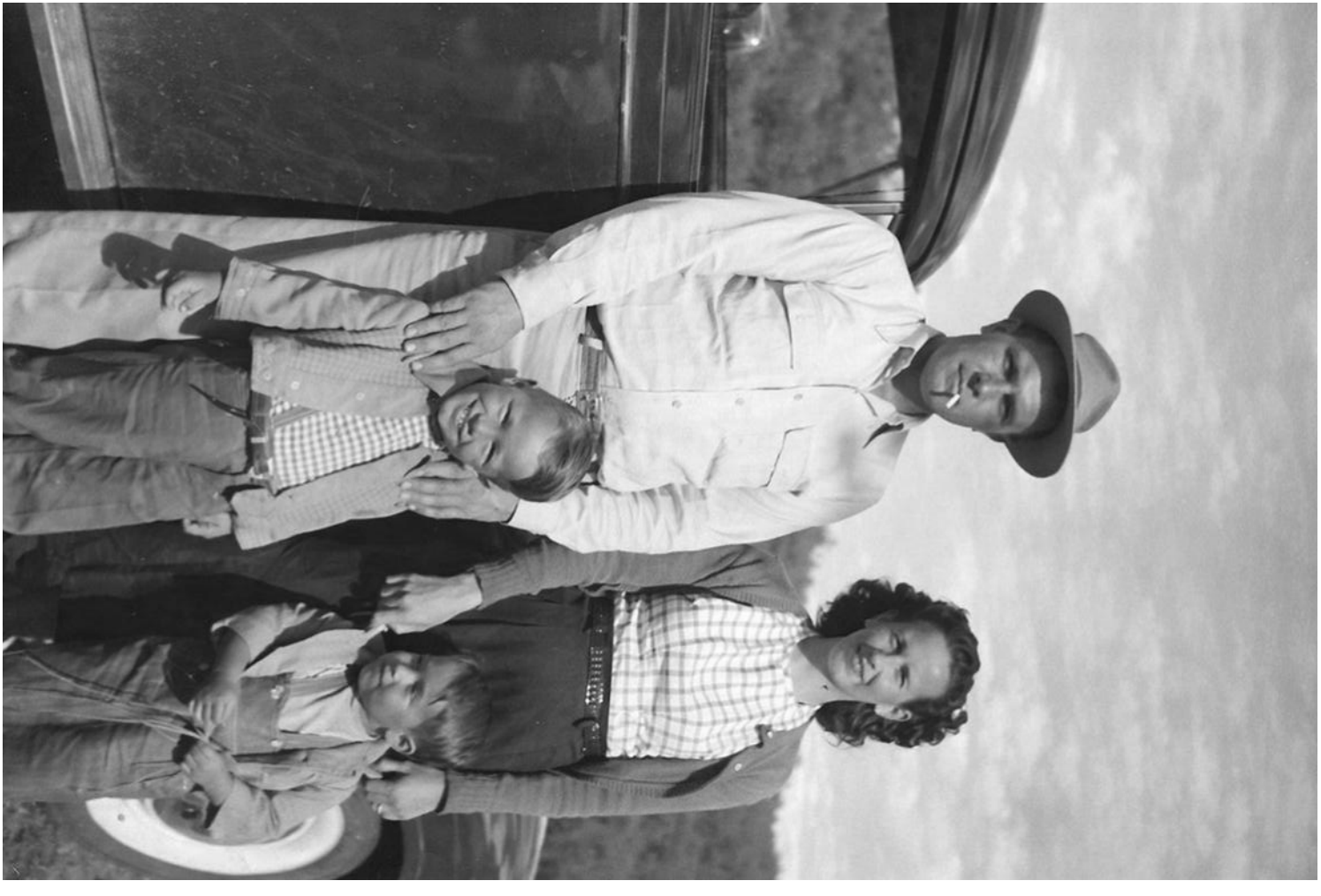
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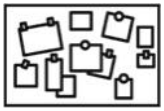
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Guess Who???

The answer is below the Bulletin Board





Bulletin Board

Prayer List

John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Sandra Hughes	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Rylan Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Carney Complex - nerve tumors
Morgan McIntosh	Broken Bow, OK	Beginning cancer treatments
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer
Mike Schell	Montrose, CO	Cancer in both lungs
Louise Brister	Citrus City, AZ	Melanoma Cancer
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, 2 angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Larry Pollan	Ringgold, TX	Heart attack & surgeries
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Battling Parkinson's
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Bruce Cuming	Yuma, AZ	Heart Issues, back & leg pain
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues
Susie Davis	Yuma, AZ	Kidney trouble
Suzie Warford	Port Orchard, WA	Cancer
Kathy Lamb	Gleed, WA	Cancer surgery
Lavonne Walk	Gleed, WA	Health Problems
Betty McKinney	Gleed, WA	Back surgery
Troy Solomon	Gleed, WA	Health Issues

Gospel Meetings

Yuma Meeting	Yuma, AZ	March 15-22	Guest Speakers

Passings

Don Taylor	Duncan (OKC congregation), OK	Passed - December 21, 2025
Ruby Brown	Baron, OK	Passed - January 12, 2026

Guess Who??? Answer: Bud & Mae Wilkerson w/boys Eddie & Bobby

News from Abroad

KENYA UPDATE

Dear Brethren,

We are glad to write and update you of the good work that God has enabled us to fulfill. We have had Fellowship/Cell Group Meetings and Baptismal events among our congregations. All Churches of Christ One Cup congregation herein are doing the best of what is required of our Church to have more souls come to worship and get baptized in order to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and Savior.



We have Evangelists and they have dedicated their lives to preaching of Jesus and are the slaves of Jesus. They have given up personal choice in their lives in order to serve their master (Galatians 2:20). We also have newly recruited Youths who are under training in reparation for their upcoming baptism. (2 Photos Attached).

We have had Baptismal events for the whole of last year; the recent one was conducted on 23rd December 2025. One soul got baptized to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and Savior. The event took place at Kakamega under the leadership of Evangelist Brother George Mulama. A soul is immersed into Christ in order to manifest one's faith in God. In immersion, therefore, we establish an eternal covenant relationship with Jesus because we have acted on our faith. In this relationship with Jesus, we receive the spiritual blessings in reference to our salvation. (2 Photos Attached).

There is great work being done and need to be done in the future. We appreciate your support and always pray for the growth of the Church of Christ here in Africa in order to serve our Almighty God and save the lost souls.

Your Brothers in Christ,
Bro. John Kombo, Bro. Robert Keiyo
and Bro. Simion Omwansa









TANZANIA UPDATE

Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I thank God for giving us the opportunity to communicate once more. We are doing well in the Lord as we work to gain souls to his Kingdom.



For the past fifteen days, we have been evangelizing and teaching. As we were going around there is a group calling themselves the "Temple of God" who invited us through brother Deusi. This group believes in the building and not their souls. According to one of them, they believe that when Jesus come back he will find them in the building (Temple) and take them to heaven. To them baptism is not important. They also believe in the teachings of believe only and after that somebody obtain salvation.

Brother Edward and brother Mawazo met with a Pentecostal person in one of the markets here in Katoro. And in their discussion, he was trying to argue that the Apostles established churches during the time when they were on earth. And these two brothers told him that it is not so, this is the day when the church was established according to the book of Acts 2:38. They let him read by himself. He found that they are wrong with their teachings.

We are doing follow-ups and we see that God is going to make their hearts repent and obey his word through baptism. In all these, we ask you all to continue praying for us. Sometimes we fall into challenges because not all are ready to be taught. Some years back we went to teach someone but we didn't do it, we were kicked out.

Thank you all
and May God bless you.
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Studying Revelation

A look at Revelation 3:1-2

Bro. Paul Warford

To the Church in Sardis

Rev 3:1 *And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.*

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write

As in all the other letters this message was delivered to the Angel or messenger of the Church of Sardis to be given to the church by him.

Here is what BW Johnson says about the city Sardis;

The city of Sardis, once the capital of the great kingdom of Lydia and the home of Croesus, the rich king (one half billion dollar value), lay in the interior nearly a hundred miles east of Smyrna and Ephesus. Though it had lost its former greatness it was still a considerable city in the first century. The church there was planted, no doubt, by some of the companions of Paul. The former city has now ceased to exist, and only extensive ruins remain to testify of its greatness.

These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars

In this phrase Jesus has identified himself because he is the one that has the seven spirits of God or the complete spirit of God. As we have found out in our study so far, the number seven means completeness or fullness.

Joh 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him.*

Again this is a reference to Jesus that he had the complete spirit given to him by God the father. As far as the Bible states Jesus was the only one that ever had the complete spirit.

The seven stars we know represent the complete or whole church and since Jesus has them, we understand that the church is under his authority and belongs to him.

I know thy works

Here again is the statement reminding us that Jesus is the all seeing eye and that he knows all of our works whether they're good or whether they're bad.

that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

My understanding is this, That this congregation received their name whenever they were baptized just like we do today, but over time they had let sin enter back into their lives and separate them from God, who cannot stand to be in the presence of sin, and they we're dead again.

They remind me of what Christ told the Pharisees.

Mat 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness.

Rev 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Be watchful

I believe this to be talking in a military sense, just like a guard on top of a castle wall that has the night watch to protect the city from any and all danger that may come to it. They were to protect the church, their congregation.

and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die

It seems clear to me that within this congregation that there were people that were still doing the Lord's will, but that they were getting fewer or getting weaker and we're in great need of strengthening.

for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Apparently they had been failing in their charge to be watchful or else the strengthening wouldn't be needed and the ones about to die would be very much alive.

Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent

Here the admonition is that they heard the pure simple gospel of Christ which is able to save their souls, but apparently had departed from it. Now they are instructed to go back to it, hold fast to it, repent of what you've been doing and come back to the gospel of Christ.

This is the same admonition that we get today, and rightly so, because this letter was to one of the seven churches, which means it was to the complete or perfect church, which is still us today.

If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

This is the most ironic statement here because the city of Sardis was actually up on top of a plateau 1500 feet above the plains with straight up solid rock walls so that it could be defended easily. It is believed by some commentators that when this city was overthrown it was because the prevailing army climbed those walls at night when they could not be seen and entered into the city and overthrew it.

So, we as Christians can take this story of the fall of Sardis to heart to be watchful of not only our individual lives but our congregation.

In Christian Love
Bro. Paul Warford
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Thought for the Month

A popular TV series recently brought the phrase '**Bending the knee**' back into the spotlight. In that world, it was all about power. Lead characters wanted to be in charge, and demanded others concede and do their bidding.

For us Christians, 'Bending the knee' carries a different meaning. It reminds me of my youth, watching my dad and countless others slip from their seats to kneel in prayer. It was a common sight then, but sadly, I don't see it much anymore.

Although there is no rigid, black & white command in God's Word for our prayer posture, examples from Daniel (Dan 6:10) to Jesus in the garden (Luke 22:41) give us clear insight into the humility expressed by our examples.

Why kneel? It's a sign of reverence & respect, submission, dedication to obedience, and allegiance. It is an act of total surrender. By lowering ourselves, we acknowledge God's power and authority over us. It is also a sign we have chosen His will over our own and commit to do our best to conform to it.

As we transform from demanding humility (as in the TV series) to expressing it, we can deflate our ego just a little bit and move just a little bit closer to The Father.
Stay warm, my friends...

Love & Blessings
Bro Jesse Warford
Pleasant View
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In Loving Memory

Harold Don Taylor

Nov 30, 1934 — Dec 21, 2025

Harold Don Taylor passed away on December 21, 2025. It was appropriately a Sunday morning when he went to meet his Lord and Savior. He was 91 years old. Services will be at Whitt Funeral Home on Monday, December 29 at 10:00 am. Visitation is scheduled Sunday, December 28 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Before his passing, Harold Don wrote down his most joyous and important achievements. First meeting my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Second, meeting and marrying Zelpha McAlister. Third, watching Zelpha walk down the aisle to the arms of a preacher to accept Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Fourth, my three beautiful children and five grandchildren. Fifth, my dedication to be a lay preacher of the Church of Christ for over twenty years. Sixth, my ability to build and construct whatever I set my mind to. Harold Don was born November 30, 1934 to Joe Oliver Taylor and Maggie Oma Sanner Taylor on a farm eleven miles east of Comanche, Oklahoma. He was the youngest of three children.

Harold started his education at Parks Public School and attended Comanche Public School from 3rd through 12th grade. He graduated from Comanche High School in 1953. He met Zelpha McAlister in high school, and they were married on July 2, 1955.

Harold received an Associate's Degree in Metallurgy from Oklahoma City University in 1956. For the next several years he worked as a welder on pipelines, refineries, and compressor stations in Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming. After being drafted into the U.S. Army and honorably discharged in 1958, he returned to Comanche where he worked for Paul's Manufacturing and Haliburton for twelve years. During this time, he also attended night classes. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1973, with teaching certificates in metallurgy, general industrial arts, metal and wood technologies, democracies, Oklahoma history, sociology, anthropology, and trade and industrial education.

He taught metal fabrication (welding) at the Caddo-Kiowa Vocational Technology Center for 23 years. Harold continued to further his education in night school and with TV talkback sessions and received his Master's in the Science of Education from Oklahoma State University in 1980.

While advancing his education, Harold worked full-time jobs and did part-time business. This often meant working 40-60 hour weeks. He did all this to support his family. He loved taking them on family vacations to lakes in eastern Oklahoma and to Colorado. After retirement, Harold and Zelpha returned to Comanche. He enjoyed building buildings of all kinds, including his home, shop, and building his own tools and machinery. He also enjoyed caring for cattle,

rebuilding antique cars, and going to car shows and swap meets. He and Zelpha were active members of the Duncan Antique Car Club. Harold became a Christian at 15 years old when he was baptized in a stock pond. He remained faithful to Jesus Christs' commandments until death. He was a lay minister at Lugert in western Oklahoma for 20 years and in Southern Oklahoma as a part-time lay minister for many more years. He was a proud witness and minister in the Church of Christ. Harold was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Zelpha McAlister Taylor; parents, Joe Oliver and Maggie Oma Sanner Taylor; brother, Howard Taylor; sister, Ora Jo Taylor Williams. He is survived by his children: Mark Taylor and his wife Vickie, Donna Taylor, Karen Taylor McCullough, and his grandchildren: Morgan McCullough-Landolina and her husband Justin Landolina, Steven Taylor, Sydney McCullough, Scott Taylor, Andie McCullough; and his son-in law, Tom McCullough. He also leaves behind Joan Stirlen, a dear individual who was like a daughter and who opened her heart and home to him, as well as many other relatives and friends.

Of his wife and children Harold wrote: Mark, born October 8, 1959, the best shop helper I ever had, and showed a hardworking dedication to education. He also received a master's degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and taught for 29 years. Donna Zel Taylor, born January 3, 1962, a sweet deep-thinking lovely daughter who received double-major bachelor's degrees from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. In her adult years, she came to assist in my shop working on antique cars. She worked for the Oklahoma City Veterans Affairs Medical Center for 30 years. Karen Sue Taylor McCullough, born July 19, 1963, a sweet loving determined daughter, who is deeply sensitive, and a lover of animals. She also received a master's degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and taught for 6 years and was a school counselor for 29 years. He wrote that "These children and my wife, Zelpha are the pride of my life and why I lived and praised God."

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In Loving Memory

Ruby Naomi Brown

Oct 14, 1927 — Jan 12, 2026

On the fall morning of October 14, 1927, a beautiful legacy was born to parents Lee and Beulah Craig in Checotah, Oklahoma, and passed from this life into the arms of her Lord and Savior on January 12, 2026, at the age of 98 in Stilwell, Oklahoma.

Ruby Naomi Brown spent much of her childhood growing up with a huge family living in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and later in the foothills of the Arkansas Ozarks during the Great Depression. Times were tough, but so were they, and those hardships helped form the grit and determination that created a family cornerstone that those who knew her and loved her could set their clock by.

She grew from a beautiful child to a beautiful woman and caught the eye of a Navy boy who had returned from Guam after serving in World War II. After a short courtship, she married James F. Brown on April 6, 1946, and grew their Christian marriage into a loving and strong relationship with her being a pastor's wife and soulmate that survived 67 years before his passing. For 80 years, Ruby was a proud member of the Church of Christ, and for 63 years, she was a member of the Baron Church of Christ in Baron, Oklahoma, where she found a community that cherished her warmth and kindness.

Ruby spent her years gardening, canning, cooking delicious meals from scratch, and nurturing and teaching her 11 surviving children about life, but most importantly about Jesus Christ. She sewed and made quilts, made clothes, kept an impeccable home, and looked after her children like the little red hen. You would find her during hot summer days sweating over a canner making food to stock the pantry to feed the family. Whatever she got her hands on, she canned, she froze, or she fermented. Most of the fruit and veggies were handpicked, and most came from their garden. Her mouthwatering pies and cobblers, chicken and dumplings, and yeast rolls made her kids and grandkids come back for more. There wasn't a Sunday after worship that family didn't gather to eat at her home, and they didn't want to miss the food and fellowship. Although the children brought food, Ruby's food alone could have fed an army. Neighbors used to joke that on Sundays after church, the automobiles parked at the Browns looked like a used car lot and you couldn't fit another one in. But somehow, they did.

Things were not always working and prepping. She loved to take the kids to the creek just a few steps away and swim, fish, and have lunch by the water. The kids learned early to swim and

fish, and the boys developed hunting skills, with the old train bridge over the water becoming an icon of simpler years even as it stands today.

She nurtured church families from sister churches; they would stay with her during revivals, and she made sure everyone was fed and comfortable. Her coffeepot and her stove seemed to be in constant use. Her children learned from her, not just cooking and cleaning, but also patience and love. Her calmness and stability during times of crisis became a steadfast pillar for the family.

Ruby is survived by 11 children who carry on her legacy: Patsy Barrett and her late husband, Gene, of Sallisaw; Jimmy Brown and his wife, Pauline, of Westville; her daughter Beverly Ross and her husband, Jr., of Stilwell; David Brown and his wife, Debi, of Westville; Trudy Genson of Westville; Kathy Lewis of Watts; Emma Williams and best friend, Marvin Hogshooter, of Westville; Sheila Wyrick and her husband, Paul, of Broken Arrow; Carl Brown of Westville; Tracie Martin and her late husband, David, of Destin, Florida; and Brett Brown of Phoenix, Arizona. She is also survived by 30 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, a host of great-great-grandchildren, and one brother, Bill Craig, and his wife, Earlene.

Ruby was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James; her parents; her infant daughter, Vivian Jean Brown; great-grandson James Edward (Drake) Martin; great-granddaughter Weather Galindo Cushing; great-great-grandson Baron Grant; great-granddaughter Carrie Ann Wooldridge; and sons-in-law Eugene Barrett and David Martin.



In the lives she touched and the love she shared, Ruby N. Brown will always be remembered as a beacon of light, a pillar of strength, and a heart that embraced all who knew her.