

GLAD TIDINGS



of good things

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GREETINGS:

We take this opportunity to thank everyone that has worked with us to make this paper possible. By your help and cooperation and the grace of God we will endeavor to bring to you monthly, an account of the good news that is happening among God's children. There is trouble and confusion in the land but where the love of God is there is peace and contentment. It is our desire to magnify the goodness of our Lord among his people. (In the world you will have tribulation but in me you will have peace.) Pray for us that we will carry this out "decently and in order."

We have glad tidings from MOUNT OLIVE at Higdon. Deborah Guffey received the Holy Ghost the first Sunday in December. She is the daughter of Vester and Mae Dean Guffey. They are from SCENIC-LAND on Lookout Mountain. We are glad with them for this good news. Three of Vester's children are now children of God. We are looking for more to come.

The evening service of the same day was good. This writer came in the church in the middle of meeting. All the children of God were standing around in a big circle. People were praising the Lord with gladness. It was edifying to be there.

The report from ROCKY BRANCH is that the Lord is blessing and also healing. Arthur Walls' daughter, Diane, was sick at church. When she got home she became much worse. They called the people in and had prayer. The Lord healed her, she shouted and rejoiced in the goodness of the Lord.

During the second week of November there was a good revival at TIFTONIA. Willard Wooten conducted it with the help of Lawrence Brown from BRYANT. Lola Knight received the Holy Ghost on Thursday night. Her sister Christine Anthony, received the Holy Ghost a short time ago at BRYANT. Christine was dying of cancer last year when the Lord healed her completely. She has two other sisters that are children of God. Faye Hill and Laura Gibson all are waiting the coming of the Lord. These sisters are originally from GRASSY MOUNTAIN. The saints at TIFTONIA have been encouraged from this service. They solicit all the children of God's help in visiting and praying for them. Their main meeting is on the third weekend. They try to honor the Lord's Supper on Saturday night. Jim Goza is their pastor. He has fought the good fight of faith for over one-half of a century.

Brother and Sister Goza have been a light to this writer. Sister Goza's health is failing her. They don't get around much anymore but they still love the Lord and hold to the pure way of Holiness. He was in HUNTSVILLE the second Sunday. The Lord blessed the word of God through Brother Jim. Also the third week-end at TIFTONIA he preached the way of the Lord. The children of God were edified.

The Lord blessed the first Sunday at SKYLINE. Jack Denson was in the spirit of the Lord preaching. Part of the time he was on his knees telling the people "He that worships the Lord must worship him in Spirit and in Truth." In the same service Shelby Clark's back was healed. She could hardly walk up to have prayer. She walked back feeling real good and rejoicing in the Lord. Also, Roy Guffey just stood up to honor the word of God and the Lord honored him.

Doc Tom Lawson's wife, from BONDS CHAPEL, was in bad shape until they called the children of God in. The prayer of faith saved the sick again. When we heard this good news, we remember of hearing this family testify many times of the Lord healing them. We are serving a good God.

Meetings on Tuesday nights have been good at SCENICLAND on Look-out Mountain. The second Tuesday night of December, Mattie Mae Fortner was healed. She could barely walk until the Lord moved. She left church testifying she was healed. The liberty of God was among his saints. The third Tuesday night they had an exceptionally good service.

Lawrence Brown, From BRYANT was talking the word of God. Everyone had him ringed in rejoicing. Clifford Black and Joe Scott were free in the Spirit of God. The whole church was edified and comforted.

At BUFORD HIGHWAY CHURCH in Atlanta, the Lord has been blessing good. A short while ago he gave Danny Harris the Holy Ghost. Danny wasn't raised in the way of God.

The Lord is also healing. Donnie Coopers wife, Edith, (Cleo Pritchett's daughter) was healed from an infirmity that the doctors said was impossible to be healed.

Loretta Lewis was healed the second weekend and also her daughter, Irene had hurt her foot. It was swollen so she couldn't walk on it. She walked out of the Church healed. Royce Estes's wife, Pat, from ELKWOOD had a growth in her mouth that worried her. They prayed on Sunday, had a good prayer. On Tuesday she spit the growth out of her mouth. Now she is doing fine. Pat is the daughter of Mrs. Hodges Holman from ELKWOOD (who the churches have been praying for concerning her illness.)

J. B. Pritchett was off from work a week with a bad leg until they had prayer. The Lord healed again for them.

Brother J.B. trusting the Lord for his leg made us remember the time he held onto the Lord for his little girl. It seemed that all hope was gone but the Pritchett family held to the Lord. When it seemed the child couldn't live any longer, the Lord healed her. God's people are proud of families like these. Starting in January their main meeting will be on the first week-end instead of the third because it will be more convenient for more people. They present the Lord's Supper on Saturday night.

We take this opportunity to ask all children of God everywhere to pray for Morgan and Elizabeth Fortner's daughter, Bonnie Annette. She is five years old. Since birth, she has had a brain damage. She goes into seziures.



It is only by the mercy of the Lord that she is alive today. Please remember this family when you talk to the Lord.

We have encouraging news from BRYANT Holiness Church. Meetings are picking up. The Lord is helping them and healing them, too.

Lawrence Brown, was pressed to go pray for James Castle. He had sugar diabetes and was down in bed. By the time Bro. Lawrence came in a few other brothers were dropping in, too. Walter Higdon, Lawson Whitley, and T. Pritchett. When they prayed, the "prayer of faith saved the sick and the Lord raised him up."

Junior and Darlene Baker's new child was born with a bad heart. At Church one day the Spirit of God moved and the Lord healed the child. We are all expecting more glad tidings from the upper end of Sand Mountain.

Meetings are good at both NYLEE and HYTOP. These churches are close and they work together. Recently, Lucille Miller, called them in to pray for her. She has been sick for several years. The last report. she was doing fine.

Bobby Culver was also prayed for with the same results. We have good confidence in the children of God that go to these churches. One of these brothers' by the name of Coleman Sanders, was seen hugging a child of God during the noon rush hour in front of the new twenty-story American National Bank building in downtown Chattanooga, a few days ago. (Sounds good doesn't it?)

They are having good services at OLD SARDIS. The communion service was good on the second Saturday evening. The Lord has also been healing for them. Dewey Barrier says, they were called in to pray for Ruby Patterson the third Friday night in December. She came up shouting and praising the Lord. Before this, she couldn't even raise her arms.

Mattie Lu, Buford Troutman's wife, was also prayed for the same night. She had trouble with her back. She also was feeling good and rejoicing. Janice Croft, who they had prayed for the night before was acting like she had never been sick. The Lord is good to us. We rejoice with you all.

Regular meeting at OLD SARDIS is on the second week-end. Saturday night and Wednesday night services are held at 6 o'clock (Alabama time), 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday evenings. If it is where you can, go and be with these saints.

The Lord is blessing at PLEASANT GROVE on Cumberland Mountain. The brethern are telling about their good services.

The third Thursday night of December they had a Wonderful Meeting. In the first prayer Frances West was healed. We do not know the condition of her ailment, but the report was that she is doing fine now.

Henry McLain, was preaching the peace of God (as always). Clarence Williams was all over the church rejoicing in the truth (the beauty of Holiness). Jack Denson was telling the people about the mercy of the dresser of the vineyard. How he did not want to cut down the unfruitful tree until he had worked around it a little more.

Charlotte Finlayson, was sick but she testified just to honor Clarence Williams, and began telling how one time, after a week or more of rain, she hung her clothes on the line while it was still raining. She trusted the Lord to dry them. The sun came out for a few hours. She took her clothes off the line and it started raining again.

Bro. Henry, anointed her with oil while she was down under the Spirit of God. She is doing fine since. James Williams from BLACK OAK, Indiana, was telling how the Lord saved him from a world of sin and corruption. He told of one night his wife awakened him. She had been bitten over the face by a spider. It had closed one of her eyes. They had prayer by the bedside. The Lord healed her there, when she turned it all over to Him.

James Carl Black, Jim's son was testifying how the Lord instantly healed him once of falling out spells. Bro Henry laid his hands on him and that was it.

There was a while that Ed Williams had a tough battle. A carbuncle grew on his face under his left eye. He suffered and worried for three weeks. Then during meeting one day he knew when the Lord healed it. It started going away. Needless to say, they are having good times at PLEASANT GROVE. Ten has received the Holy Ghost since this last summer. There is a good welcome feeling there.

The news from SCOTTSBORO is good. Jack Denson and the brethern are having good services. There are good peaceful meetings with the word of God having free course. Everywhere you see the SCOTTSBORO brethern you hear the same news the Lord is blessing the Word. Buddy Louvorn was up testifying at SKYLINE the last first Sunday. He was telling how the word was being taught at Scottsboro. This sounds good to us.

There has been four new ones added since they have been in their new building. We will try to bring more information to you on these next month. There will be a singing on Friday, January 28th, at 7:30 p.m. (before the 5th Sunday). The Sacred Tones, The Revelations and other local groups will be singing.

The Sacred Tones have cut a new record. It will be out about the middle of January. The title "I've Been On The Mountain", which is the featured song. Others on the album, "You're Home To Stay" and "Oh, What A Happy Day." If it is better than their last record it will be excellent. Anyone wanting this album may contact any one of the group. Wayne Guffey from SCENICLAND, (Lead), Ronnie Denson from SCOTTSBORO, (Baritone or Second Tenor), Billy Brewer from CAVE SPRINGS, (First Tenor) Lowell Guffey from SKYLINE, (Bass), Jewell Nappier from OLD SARDIS, (Pianist).

We have three saints last month who passed out of this life into the good one to come. Ira Stevens of SKYLINE; Johnny White of OLD SARDIS; Mendy Benson, wife of Solly Benson of OAK GROVE. "Our loss is heaven's gain".

The Lord is still good to his people just like he has always been. At Elkwood church, Willard Wooten has reported that twenty-two souls have received the Holy Ghost in 1971.

Peggy Mullinax received the Holy Ghost the first week in December. Her husband, Gene, has been a child of God since last February. The Lord has been good to this family.

He even healed Gene of emphysema before he was converted. Another one to receive the Lord this last month was Jerry Satterfield, whose wife was redeemed this past summer. Midge Holman, Hodge's wife, is doing good. She is the one everyone has been praying for. She had a cancer on her arm. It is now drying up. Everyone continue to pray for her.

The Saints of God at Elkwood have their main service on the fifth week-ends. Mid-week services on Thursday night. With all these new souls added, needless to say, these saints have grown out of the old church and are planning on building a new building. As we receive news of this, we will pass it on to you. I am sure everyone will want to help support it. Brother Willard and the people at Elkwood are always eager to help others, we're glad to help them.

Lila Guffey has an infirmity of the flesh for about ten years. She held her petition up before the Lord all this time. The Lord hearkened to her and healed her.

We are all glad you held to the Lord, Sister Lila, and that he came to your rescue.

Wayne Guffey, Sandra Williams Guffey and daughter, Anissa, are in Brussels, Belgium. Brother Wayne is a medic in the U.S. Armed Forces.

These Children of God are dearly loved by the Lords people, especially on Lookout Mountain where they both were raised and came to know the Lord. Those who wish to write them can do so at this address:

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*** Brother Wayne and Sister Sandra we are all praying for you and anxiously awaiting your home coming***

Meetings are doing well at Cave Springs lately. The Lord has been blessing real good. He gave two the Holy Ghost recently; Alvin Gevagtthey and Florence Kimbrough. (forgive us if we misspelled these) They were baptized the second Sunday. That evening there was a wonderful meeting. The Lord blessed the Supper and the Children of God washed one another's feet in the love of God. This is GLAD TIDINGS of good things.

Paul Stone tells us that they have mid-week services at 7:00 O'clock on Thursday nights. They welcome you to come and help them.

Henry McLain and wife were up from Florida before Christmas. They were in services at OAK GROVE, Gunter's Mountain, BEIRNES AVENUE (Huntsville), PLEASANT GROVE and BRYANT. We are happy to report that Brother Henry sounds as good as ever or maybe better because we all learned through the years the value of peace, love and joy. Everywhere he went he sowed the seeds of peace. All the services he was in people testified that he was a help and a comfort. **Brother Henry and Sister Minnie we all love you**

They are having good services in Florida at LAKE PARK Holiness Church. Since they have been in Florida, twelve have been baptized into the family of God. Brother Henry is used to having big crowds like he had in Indiana. It looks like if he keeps up what he is doing he will have a big crowd in Florida.

Fumiko Henshaw, one of the new saints at LAKE PARK was healed last month. They did not find what was wrong, but it was serious. She had her husband call Brother Henry and his wife. They prayed for her, she was healed and was real happy. She didn't know the Lord would heal. She was raised a Buddhist in Japan, never heard of Jesus. She married a man from Alabama (Big Cove). She heard the word of God and turned to the Lord with all her heart. The Children of God in Florida think the world of Fumiko. So do we for she's our sister!

More glad tidings from MT. OLIVE. On the second week-end they had a wonderful meeting Sunday Morning. There were several visitors present and the Lord was there. It carried over into the Sunday

night service. People were still rejoicing in the Lord.

Wayne Guffey rejoiced in the fullness of the Lord. He testified just to honor a child of God. Lawson Whitley asked him to testify. Wayne didn't feel necessarily like it, but just to honor a good child of God. The Lord really honored him. Paul Guffey is Wayne's daddy. All of Paul's children have made it to the Lord. Wayne goes to SCENICLAND on Lookout Mountain. Another Sceniclander in the liberty of the Lord was Gail Williams, the wife of Wayne Williams. She was born again at SCENICLAND on September 22, at a revival that Frank Guffey directed this fall. (Gail is the daughter of John Scott. Wayne is the son of the late Coy Williams.) This couple are good children of God and the people on Lookout love and respect them. Brother Will Guffey was feeling real good. Brother Will and Sister Flossie are getting up in years but they are not forgotten by the Lord or his people. Their health seems to have improved considerably this fall. The Lord has been real good at MT. OLIVE lately and our hearts are glad.

Henry McLain told of an incident that we felt would touch the heart of everyone. ED WILLIAMS from PLEASANT GROVE was in Indiana when he became spiritually low. The lower he became the less he went to service. One day his little girl came to him and looked up into his face and began singing "You Got To Keep On Walking". Needless to say, Brother Ed became regular in attendance and the Lord blessed him.

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