

GLAD THINGS



of good things

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GREETINGS:

We want to start this month off with a testimony we heard a while back by Buddy McAllister. When he returned from overseas, he and his wife were in a serious automobile accident which landed them in the hospital. All the churches were having special prayer for them. They were out of confinement shortly, but Brother Buddy had a cast on a broken hand. He was considering the goodness of God one day, and how he knew the Lord could heal him. He asked his wife if she had any faith. Her reply, "Well, a little." Brother Buddy said, "Well, I have a little, and you have a little, so that makes quite a lot." He found a knife and cut the cast off his hand and it was sound and well! Thank the Lord! Like the song says "all things are possible if we only believe."

This year has been a good year so far at LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN HOLINESS CHURCH (Griffin Road). The regular services haven't been good. On the second Sunday night the presence of the Lord was felt so much that the people that were lost had altar call three times. (This sounds like some lost sheep are trying to be born into the fold.)

Erskine Gold was healed that same night.

Tom Buckner and Kim West from PLEASANT GROVE on Cumberland come here to help out regularly. Also Millard Guffey and Jack Case from South Pittsburg.

The late Burris Griffin was their leader. He passed away June the 14th of this past year. Estill Sanders takes lead of the services at present.

They take the communion on the third Sunday Night. This past third they were able to honor the Lord this way, one more time. These children of God solicit everyones prayers and support.

Meetings are reported to be good at Stockbridge in Atlanta. Alfred Mills' wife, Gail, was flat on her back in bed the fourth Sunday of December. They called some of the saints in and she came up shouting. ("The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord will

raise them up.")

The regular services at STOCKBRIDGE are on the fourth week-ends.

Joe Ventrus, J. L. Campbell and Buford Warren met on the third week-end before service, at Coleman Sanders home. Brother Coleman was down with a case of "bone aching" flu. They "proved the Lord" and He did what he said He would do. A short while later we find Coleman at meeting feeling just fine. And better still, rejoicing in the Lord.

It is good that this kind of love is working among us. ("Faith works by love"). This service occurred at HYTOP.

In this same gathering, Frank Guffey and Charlie Brown were exhorting the saints in the ways of pure living. All the saints were rejoicing in the truth. Several more were healed of the flu. The regular weekly meetings at HYTOP and NYLA are good. People are walking together in peace. The Lord's blessings are among them, He is healing their sick, Praise the Lord!

Meetings are good at OAK GROVE (Gunthers' Mountain). Especially on the third weekend. There wasn't as

many preachers as usual here, but the help that was present was sufficient. The visitors from other churches went home edified. Also, Mamie Williams, wife of the late Coy Williams, was overheard telling how good the Lord was to her at OAK GROVE and how wonderful she felt.

The news from TIFTONIA is still good. The Lord has been blessings them since revival last fall. Everyone at this church is encouraged. They have had a hard struggle, but the Lord has seen them through. Their Thursday night services are also good. The second Thursday night Pat Delashmitt was feeling exceptionally good. The Lord wonderfully blessed her.

The third week-end, Willard Wooten and Jim Goza set the Lord's Supper. There were only nine saints present. The next morning these were heard to say how they enjoyed the communion.

The following week on Thursday night, they had an exceptionally good service. Earl Pell usually leads service when Brother Jim is not there.

Esther, Vernon Middlebrooks' wife, has had a hard physical struggle this past year. She has arthritis in such an advanced state, she could hardly get about. Sister Esther is up and around now but she is still a ways from being well. Remember this sister when you pray. The Middlebrooks are a good family. One time they took a bum in off the streets and treated him like he was a human being. A short time later this young man received the Holy Ghost and has continued until this day. This writer is that man. Thank the Lord!!

Services at SKYLINE are good. Especially through the holidays. The saints of God here have been enjoying themselves for some time now. They partook of the Lord's Supper and washed the saints feet on the first Saturday night in January. The church services are doing good. Charlie and Gladys Brown have been a help here also.

Teresa Guerra received the Holy Ghost at SKYLINE before Christmas. This sister lives at HYTOP.

The outlook is brighter at BEIRNS AVENUE CHURCH in Huntsville. They report that the meetings are starting to pick up a little. Be sure to remember these good saints when you talk to the Lord.

From down in the sunshine state of Florida, we have good news. The children of God at LAKE PARK are enjoying themselves in the Lord. They honored the Lord's Supper this last month on the second Sunday night. The Lord has been healing although, we do not have all the details. But we do have a testimony we want to share with you from Fumiko Henshaw, who we mentioned in last month's newsletter. We will give it to you like we received it. No changes have been made.

"I'm real happy that God gave me Holy Ghost on 4th July, 1971. I prayed 3 years and 9 months. I knew God give me Holy Ghost and I never was happier in whole life, and ever since. I was raised in Tokyo, Japan, and I wanted to go to heaven when I die. I asked mother about heaven and hell and she said heaven is when I'm happy and hell is when I'm sad, but I couldn't believe the words she said.



Fumiko and Minnie McLain

I met Lester Henshaw. He is raised by mother had Holy Ghost. I have been praying my husband and 3 children to receive Holy Ghost some day and we live in heaven after this life. I'm so glad that I found only way to go to heaven. And I'm from Japan but God love me as much as anybody." *Fumiko Henshaw*
Doesn't this sound good!

Henry McLain plans to be at BUFORD HIGHWAY in Atlanta, the first week-end of February.

Glad tidings are coming from the north in Indiana. Charlie Brown was in meetings all over northern Alabama, so Thomas Kerley from BLACK OAK lead the services at SOUTH HAVEN. They had a wonderful meeting. Everyone rejoiced in the love of God. The Lord blessed His Supper. The saints partook of it in memory of Him. They washed one another's feet. All the while everyone really was being edified. Especially, J. B. Coffee. He shouted and shouted all over the rostrum. The whole church rejoiced in seeing and feeling the goodness of God with Brother J. B.

The third Wednesday night at BLACK OAK was glad tidings for the church. Charlie Brown was talking about the true vine, and the Lord was blessing him and edifying the saints. Surely the Lord was pleased because Harold McKenzie received the Holy Ghost. Brother Harold is the son of Ruby McKenzie from Huntsville.

We want to mention two of the children of God who have infirmities. Both of these people have their complete trust in the Lord. Sister Altie McClure has a bad heart and this is compounded with sugar diabetes. Brother Rueben Gault from SOUTH HAVEN also had an infirmity and so far the Lord hasn't healed them. So we want all the saints of God to hold these people up before our Lord.

The first day of January, Travis Bobo, Vicie's husband, made it right with the Lord. All the saints at ROCKY BRANCH were really encouraged in the grace of God.

Their meeting are good. Flu is going around among the people. But Brother Charles Rice was healed of the flu on the second Saturday night.

Oakley and Charlie Brown were here on the second week-end. They were encouraging the saints in the truth especially, people acting, talking and dressing decent. Gladys was in the liberty of the Lord. Everyone is still talking how the Lord blessed her, and edified all the saints.

They went into the Lord's Supper on the third week-end.

There is still glad tidings coming from SCOTTSBORO. The Lord has moved toward Betty Ruth McAllister. They had special prayer for her. She is back at church now edifying the saints telling of the goodness of the Lord. She is the daughter of Brother Horace Williams.

Jack Denson was feeling the Lord on the third Sunday. He was preaching on "perilous times shall come." Grace Pickett felt the Lord so much she raised up in the middle of Jack's sermon and was telling who could stand these perilous times, (the saints.). Everyone was enjoying themselves.

Willis Brown's daughter had been sick over a week. She couldn't keep anything on her stomach. They called the "chosen generation" in to pray for her at home. Jack Denson, Charlie Brown and a few more gathered in. These peculiar people laid their hands on this child and she was healed. She started eating and doing good.

At 3 O'clock one morning Homer Fortner called the saints to the church. He was suffering so, he was on his hands and knees in agony. The people started calling on the Lord. Instantly Homer was healed, and was he ever a happy man. Everywhere he goes, he is telling about it. Keep it up Brother Homer.

All of the services are encouraging at SCOTTSBORO. The church is being edified continually.

Meetings at FREE HOME are picking up. The people are encouraged. The third Wednesday night prayer service was excellent. Everyone was feeling good. A visitor, Shirley Byrun was especially enjoying himself.

FREE HOME has only a few people but Paul Pell and all the other servants here are trying to please the Lord. Their appointed time to honor the Lord of his death and suffering is on the fourth week-ends on Saturday night. If the opportunity arises go be with these saints, and they just might do you good.

Midge Holman, the sister at ELKWOOD that had cancer, is doing fine. Their meetings are still holding up good. The second Thursday night, Jack Denson and Charlie Brown were there. They both were feeling good in the words of truth.

The third Thursday night, Shirley Pettus, whose husband is in the Armed Forces, received the Holy Ghost. She made it right with the Lord her first time to the altar.

A word now concerning Charlie Brown. Everywhere he has been in his short stay in the south has been profitable to all. The churches have received him with open arms. Our only regret is that he is not here permanently. His home church is SOUTH HAVEN, a short distance from Chicago. The people at this place have a beautiful place to meet together. We consider them happy to have Brother Charlie as an elder!

Edith Pell of BRYANT had arthritis until the Lord healed her the other night at church. Sherrill Higdon's wife, Linda had an ailment for several days and the Lord also healed her.

Meeting the fourth Sunday Night at BRYANT, Will Guffey talked the word of God just right. Joe Scott was in the hands of the Lord without any prejudice. He exhorted everyone to honor the word of the Lord coming from the old men of God. Shirley Byrun really edified the church. He talked that which will do to stand on. Paul Guffey was also holding the word of God, pure. We don't want to forget the "peace maker", Roy Guffey. Brother Roy was edifying the holiness community as he always does. This man has been a light to a large number of the younger saints. Peace follows this christian wherever he goes.

Charles Willmon was in the hands of our Lord. He used the word of God as skillful as he usually does. The love of God was present all over the church house. It is a good place to be.

Oakley Brown has had flu in his home. A few saints came by the third Sunday night after church and had prayer. Sister Edna had the flu for several days. She was healed by the Lord and is now doing fine.

On New Years Eve, the Lord blessed in a special way on Lookout Mountain. Wayne and Gail Williams called meeting at their home. Just a few came out, but those that came must have been the right ones. Junior Martin, Morgan and Elizabeth Fortner, Vester and Mae Dean Guffey, Maggie Garrison, Paul and Mary Ann Pierce, Bryant Finlayson, Wayne and Gail Williams were present.

The Lord wonderfully blessed everyone. The peace and joy of the Lord was there. The Lord moved toward Morgan's daughter, Annette. This wasn't just a blessing, it was more like the windows of heaven being opened and the pouring out of the Lord's goodness. Everyone was testifying to one another of this goodness and how we owe him our all. The service was dismissed three times and finally everyone left feeling the will of the Lord had been done, especially concerning little Annette.

Since this meeting, Annette has still been having difficulties. We desire that all the saints will still remember her to our Lord. ("The prayers of a righteous man availeth much.")

Meetings are good at SCENICLAND on Tuesday nights. On these mid-week services, they usually receive help from other churches and it encourages them especially in the truth.

Will Guffey was present on the second Tuesday night. He brought the word of God, decently and in order. ("I am the vine, ye are the branches.") Also on raising your children. The church stood behind him in the truth. Vernice Summerford, Oscar's wife, was blessed of the Lord for honoring the word. Jackie Stevens stood up "just to honor Brother Will and the truth." He was telling how low he felt, but he loved the truth and these old gray haired elders who brought it to him. All of a sudden, Brother Jackie wasn't feeling low anymore. The Lord blessed him good. The saints at SCENICLAND love this brother. He is one that not only talks of being in peace and loving the saints, he lives it.

Also, at SCENICLAND, they have been having a lot of sickness. They were called in the second Monday night to pray for Paul Pierce. He had hurt his back that morning and could hardly move around. Charles Willmon and James Earl Guffey from Gunters Mountain were there. Everyone was feeling good. The spirit

of the Lord moved. Paul even started walking and testifying with joy. Paul and his wife, Mary Ann, (daughter of the late Winfred Powell), received the Holy Ghost about one and a half year ago at SCENICLAND.

That same week on Wednesday, Jim Black called the saints in to pray for his wife, Mary. It was a bad struggle for awhile. They prayed twice. The saints kept pressing toward the Lord until the Spirit of God moved. Sister Mary raised up feeling much better. The Lord knows just how to work everything and we can not hurry Him.

Janella Wooten, Claude's wife, was healed in a good service on the third Sunday night. She had trouble with her leg for over a year and couldn't sleep on her side. That night she tested it (tried to get it to hurt) and it was healed.

The next evening they called for prayer at Claude Wooten's. This brother has been having sick headaches. He would even be down on the floor suffering. A nice little crowd gathered in. Some of these were sick themselves. The healing of God came in their midst, after Oscar Summerford got hold of the Lord. It was good to see and feel the love of God moving. Jackie Stevens was still rejoicing "the Lord is coming back." Beverly Guffey, a young saint, looked like an angel rejoicing in the Spirit. Mamie Williams was testifying to the goodness of the Lord and He was with her.

There was a boy who has had stomach trouble for a long time, Mark Finlayson, The parents thought he had ruptured himself. A sister Betty Wooten, didn't know the boy's condition, laid hands on him. After meeting the young fellow said he wasn't hurting. This same lad has had the Lord to heal him of polio, (he couldn't walk), a broken or seriously injured back, the leaders of his leg cut through, appendicitis, and a copperhead snake bite and he is only eleven years old. He is a walking miracle. Thank God for His goodness.

We are almost ashamed to tell any more happenings at SCENICLAND because it is our home church and we have written so much in this issue concerning it.

But we need to get it while the getting is good or tell it while the good news is rolling so here is some more.

The fourth Saturday night at SCENICLAND, everyone was built up in the Lord by all the good testimonies. A few of the saints in the hands of the Lord were Morgan Fortner, Mary Black, (her hands went on James McLain's boy, who had been sick) Tommy Hølland, Bill Colburn and Homer Fortner.

Betty McLain, James Arthur's wife, was in the perfect liberty of the Lord. She was so glad the Lord had moved toward her baby. We have never seen her feeling so good. James Arthur was telling how the Lord stood by him and Betty while they were in Germany.

Coleman Sanders' and wife, Dolly were out at SCENICLAND for their first time. They knew very few people at this place. Sister Dolly stood up to testify and started telling how the Lord helped them when their jeep turned over on them and pinned her under it. By this time the whole church was on its feet praising God. Sister Dolly had a time talking for all the sisters getting in her way. She told how she felt with this jeep on her with her face pushed up in the dirt and how the Lord helped her and Coleman to get out of this predicament. While she was testifying the love of God just surged through the whole house.

Now for the best meetings of all. On the fourth Sunday morning was a service to top all services.

Wayne Guffey started the service testifying, "how you honored the children of God was how you honored the Lord"

Brother Jack Denson anointed two sisters have been having a lot of physical trouble. We believe they will be alright.

Paul Guffey got over into the will of the Lord. The Lord blessed him real good talking, "make haste and come down there shall be an abundance of rain."

Jack Denson was in the spirit, (one family had special prayer that morning for the Lord to send Jack), Telling the people to look into the perfect law of liberty. How the saints were rejoicing.

Dewey Barrier (Old Sardis) was stepping high telling about "those five foolish virgins."

The Lord was blessing Clifford Black

exhorting the people to honor the authority in the Lord's church.

Walter Higdon backed up every word that was spoken. Joe Scott was reminding the people that God was giving us the best he had, the cream of the crop in reference to the pastors and teachers in the church.

Wanda Reagon was feeling the goodness of the Lord.

It kept getting better and better, then Wayne Guffey says, before we leave lets all sing a verse of "where we ever shall be". Then meeting started all over again, someone started hugging their brethern's neck and rejoicing in the pure love of God. Clifford Black looked like a new silver dollar. Services lasted nearly four hours! What a meeting!

Glad tidings from MT. OLIVE.

The service on the second Sunday was good. A large number of children of God were out, even though it was a dreary rainy day. A good number of elders from among the different Holiness communities were present. Frank Guffey, SKYLINE; Jack Denson, SCOTTSBORO; Lawrence Brown, BRYANT; Jim Goza, TIFTONIA; Oakley Brown, HUNTSVILLE; Morgan Golden, BROOKLYN; Charlie Brown, SOUTH HAVEN; plus the elders from MT. OLIVE.



Will Guffey proved the Lord. He has worn himself out physically, and it shows on him. He hardly can get around. He slowly pulled himself up to the pulpit, then he found it hard to read the scripture. Nevertheless, he got hold of the Lord and the word of God began to come in

strength. Oakley Brown read the scriptures while Will Guffey preaches. Oakley would step in and preach a little, then step back and let the Old Pilgrim have the floor again. It was edifying to all the church. Frank Guffey was smiling all over, but with big tears of joy rolling down. The elders all backed Brother Will up. Especially, blessed in doing so were Jim Goza, Frank Guffey and Jack Denson.

On the night before, Brother Willard Wooten was out. He helped to set the Lord's Supper.

The sisters are having prayer services on Tuesday morning. Every report coming from the sisters who attend are good. They have sisters visiting from other communities. These sisters go home telling how good the Lord blessed them and everyone.

There are some good services at SOUTH PITTSBURG. On the main meeting the saints were enjoying themselves in the Lord. Dewey Barrier was present Sunday morning. He encouraged the church to "raise your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord."

Visitors were here at SOUTH PITTSBURG Sunday night from OAK GROVE on Gunters Mountain. Charles Willmon and family, James Arthur McLain and family, James Earl Guffey and family. James Arthur shouted and rejoiced testifying (and if I know James, also singing) of the mercy and goodness of the Lord. Also, Betty, James' wife, enjoyed herself. All the visitors were feeling real good including the home folks. They honored the Lord's Supper. Brother Charles was tell of the ways of the Lord. We see Charles Willmon often, around among God's people encouraging and exhorting the saints. The Lord honors him with his word.

Their communion services have been changed from the first Sunday night to the first Saturday night at 6 o'clock; Sunday morning services at 11 o'clock; Sunday night services at 5 o'clock.

They are planning on building a new church here.

The church here sent special invitation for everyone who love the Lord to come and assist them.

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."

The children of God from BROOKLYN are being encouraged in the Lord. He is in their gatherings with His goodness for He is healing and blessing in the midst of His children.

The last fourth week-end will be remembered as one of those good times in the Lord. The children of God were enjoying their salvation, especially the visitors, Sisters Nennie Louvorn, Pollie Bodine, Hazel Sampson. These women were testifying of the goodness of the Lord, Jesus. J. B. Holland and Neal Duvall were also present. Morgan Golden, their leader, reports these men "really enjoyed their salvation."

Alice Morrow, Morgan Golden's daughter, was sick, possibly pneumonia. She came to meeting anyway (thank the Lord for these kind of people!). She tried testifying one time but couldn't talk. Helen Stillwell was praising the Lord. She went over and laid her hands on sister Alice. When this sister rose to give witness to the Lord again, she was completely changed. Her voice was clear and she even looked better. Isn't the Lord good to us?

Pauline Light, wife of Stancel Light and granddaughter of Clint Bright, and her family were all sick. The Lord also came to their rescue. They were back at church Sunday night.

Their main service is on the fourth week-ends. This is a good place to go to be with the saints and worship the Lord together.

The children of God at BUFORD HIGHWAY in Atlanta are enjoying themselves. The Lord has been in their meetings. On the first Sunday night in January, the Lord lead them to take his Supper, and blessed the saints. Especially the visitors from MT. OLIVE, Lawson and Pauline Whitley, and Verlon McLain and family. Brother Ed Williams and family from PLEASANT GROVE was also here enjoying himself.

Loretta Lewis and daughter had been healed last month and this month on the third week-end. She had stomach trouble for awhile had a difficult time eating. J. B. Pritchett anointed her with oil on Sunday night. The next day she ate pinto

beans, an onion and chow chow. Sister Loretta testified it didn't hurt her a bit. In other words she was healed!

Vera Case, Howard's wife, was also healed of stomach trouble. Edith Cooper has something growing on her lip about the size of a marble. The Lord moved toward her real good, a couple of times. The saints are trying to believe she will be alright. They are looking for it to fall off. Saints of God lets help them out!

News from PLEASANT GROVE on Cumberland Mountain is still glad tidings of good things. We all know if you are one of God's children it is not going to be all rejoicing. There will be times of trials and heartaches which we all must bear, but how good it is when, the time of refreshing from the Lord comes. This is what love to tell about and they are having them at PLEASANT GROVE.

On the fourth week-end of December on Sunday morning services was good. They had a lot of companys but the best of all they had the Lord in their midst. Paul Warren was there but he was sick. Ruth Coffee, wife of Roy, was in the hands of the Lord telling how she loved Him, when her hands went on Paul. He started a song after he was healed, "He Is Mine and I am His." The Lord was pleased with this. His presence was among them. People were standing up and shouting all over the house. Some that were enjoying themselves extra good were Dwayne Teet and Buford West.

The first Thursday night found Frank Guffey, Jack Denson and Charlie Brown out. This meeting is the kind that touches us in the heart. It was a quiet edifying time where people could feast and feed on the good solid strength, which is the word of God. The preaching was good. Brother Charlie was talking on putting the Lord first in everything. AMEN! The church is still mentioning how good the word of God tasted.

The second Sunday night was excellent. Ed Williams grandchild was brought in sick in the middle of meeting. The Lord healed it, the saints sang "Oh, What A Happy Day" and the Lord really blessed.

The third Sunday night Buford West (he has moved back into this community from Scottsboro) was blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ. Kim West wife, Nellie was

enjoying the freedom of the Lord, also.

The third Sunday Billie West's baby had a real high fever. They had prayer for her in first prayer. By the time meeting was over the child's fever had gone and she was doing good.

The fourth Saturday night, the church had a good prayer. Vivian Thacker's child was healed. The saints were testifying and singing praises unto Him that had called them. Leon and Jean Miller, and Dathard Sealy and his wife from BUFORD HIGHWAY in Atlanta were at church. Brother Dathard said it was his first time here but he could feel his Lord at this place. Leon Miller doesn't have the Holy Ghost like his wife Jean, but we are just waiting for the time he humbles down and the Lord brings him in. Keep living for the Lord Sister Jean, the Lord will draw him in.

The fourth Sunday night the Lord blessed here. Frances West the sister the Lord healed last month was in the hands of the Lord again feeling real good. Johny West was blessed by God. We understand that brother Johnny is the brother-in-law to James Carl Black. He is a new one who made it right with our Lord this past summer. Pleasant Grove this sounds wonderful. And just to think I use to wonder when I first came by holiness, what those people did for entertainment.

Alice Lewis, 81 years old from Old Sardis passed on to reap her reward this past month.

If anyone has something special (a pearl) that the Lord Has done or is doing for you or the church that you wish to share with others write it to us. If we feel it has merit (lifts up the mane of the Lord) we will be glad to pass it on to others. Please do not send photographs that must be returned, due to possible misplacement, etc.

We have, this last month, received a large number of letters requesting their name on the Glad Tidings mailing list, also some concerning moral and financial support. We sincerely appreciate everyone who has taken time to write us. We also apologize for not being able at this time to answer all letters.

Anyone wishing these news letters to be mailed to you (without cost) contact:

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SINGINGS

VALAMOSA SPRINGS HOLINESS CHURCH

February 4
Sacred Tones
Higdon Family
and others.

SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH NO.2

Vinemont, Alabama
February 11
Higdon Family
Sacred Tones
and others

***WOODS COVE BAPTIST
Scottsboro, Alabama Feb. 18

Sacred Tones
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SCOTTSBORO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Scottsboro, Alabama
February 25
Joymens (?)
Golden Harvest
Sacred Tones

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTER

Brooklyn, Alabama
March 4
Sacred Tones
Higdon Family

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN HOLINESS CHURCH

February 18th
Higdon Family
Burford Trio
Mills Family

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(pray for us)