


GLAD TIDINGS



of good things

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GREETINGS:

We here are trying to lift everyone up and to throw no one down. We have charity toward all and malice toward none. We are not trying to straighten anyone out or to correct anyone. The Lord set gifts in the church for this purpose. We try to leave this to the Lord, so his word can have free course. Our only desire is to tell everyone how good the Lord is to his saints. Pray for us, that we will do this.

At BLACK OAK, our Lord is blessing his church. On the fourth weekend in January, on Saturday night, Brother Thomas Kerley, brought the word of God, (we being many members are one body), and the Spirit of God was having free course in the midst of this One Body. The Lord was blessing everyone. Ida Gaught, a visitor from PLEASANT GROVE in Alabama, was testifying all over this beautiful church house in the Spirit of the Lord. Sister Ida edified everyone.

The saints enjoyed Brother Leroy Duvall's words on Sunday morning, concerning the "trials and tribulations of this life". By nighttime, everyone was in a hurry for meeting to begin. The third song that was sung (Looking For A City) was lead by Charles Cornelison. He felt the Lord so much, that he just had to testify. Brother Charles edified the Church and everyone felt so good in the Lord, it was one and a half hours later before they had their first prayer.

On the fifth weekend, Jack Denson, (SCOTTSBORO), was with the saints here. He pleased the Lord, and all the children of God, with the word of God, "let us lay aside every weight and the sin that does so easily beset our souls and let us run with patience the race that is set before us". The Lord blessed Brother Jack and all the saints together. Some say that they have known Brother Jack all their lives, but this was the

best they had seen and felt with him. In other words, Jack has their right hand of fellowship.

On Sunday evening of the same week BLACK OAK had what is commonly known as a "tear down". The peace of God seem to come in with the people, (it should). During first prayer there was healing done (we don't have the details). The signs are still following them that believes. After prayer, the rejoicing started with a little circle in the altar. Wesley McLain, told the young folks "if you want a blessing, just walk out across the floor and give God the Glory and see if He don't bless you". They tried it and sure enough the Lord did bless them.

One young sister, Nancy Avons, was feeling real low, but she tried and the Lord started blessing her. But she still was not satisfied, so she tried it again. Sister Nancy has been sick for awhile. We would like the saints to remember her to our Lord. She is trusting the Lord and we know that he will not let her down.

Brother Wesley McLain has been writing and calling us here, concerning the good things that the Lord is doing in Indiana. He will not talk about himself, but we hear the Lord is blessing him good, too. We wanted to mention this because we love to see man abase himself and lift up others. Brother Wesley we're proud of you!

We also hear that Brother Hilra McLain is doing good talking to the world. Diff-

erent saints have mentioned this. All the older brethren seem to work together at BLACK OAK. It sounds real good.

And to top this good meeting off, a brother came in from SOUTH HAVEN and reported that Lynda, (wife of Lynnus Buckner), Brother Preston Buckner's daughter-in law, had just received the Holy Ghost at their service. To quote Wesley McLain, "we have got one more in our army". Thank the Lord!

We have a little testimony to share with you. It shows love.

On this morning it was eight degrees above zero in Indiana, when Sister Mabel Veals had the Lord tell her to go see a sister. Her husband had the car at work, so she started to walk. As she started, it came to her to go see another sister first, who didn't live so far. As she walked, she got so cold she stopped in a hardware store to warm just a little. When Sister Mabel came close to this sister's house, she seen the sister getting into her car, which was real warm. She had to run the rest of the way before this sister drove off. This sister was going to the same place that Sister Mabel was going. The Lord always makes a way if we put forth the effort. We don't know how these sisters' visit turned out, but surely with this kind of love going with these women, the Lord honored the trip.

An especially good service was at PLEASANT GROVE on the third Sunday night.

Brother Buford West witnessed to the goodness of God. He told how that when he lived in Indiana, he broke his foot on his job. He went to church using crutches. Sister Ninnie Louvorn testified and the Lord moved her over to Brother Buford, and her hands went on him. The Spirit of God knocked him to the floor. Brother Thomas Kerley, helped Buford up and said he believed he could walk. This brother said to himself, if Brother Thomas believes I can walk, then I can. And sure enough, Brother Buford went home from the service carrying his crutches, and he did not have a broken foot anymore. "As your faith is, so be it unto you".

This same meeting was closed with one of those old fashion handshakes, and the Spirit of God was with them.

Last July, Sister Hester White of LOOK-OUT MOUNTAIN, had a stroke. She had to quit living by herself, and started staying with her daughters Florene Bailey and Wydean Eakin. She was paralyzed in her right side, with her arm and leg useless.



The second Sunday night, their service was good and getting better. The people were testifying and feeling the Lord, when hands started going on this sister. Sister Hester was telling it also, except her leg wasn't bothering her anymore, and she was even shouting on it! She was healed. The next time she was seen, she was back in her own home and even crocheting with the ole paralyzed hand she couldn't use all summer and fall.

At work one morning Clifford Black had a fellow worker approach him, wringing his hands. This man's neice had been operated on and her chances of pulling through were very, very slim. The doctors had removed a huge growth from her stomach. This man wanted Brother Clifford to pray for her.

Brother Clifford called home and had his wife, Sister Fredale, to call around to the saints and have them pray, also.

The next day, this fellow worker reported that the girl was up and walking around and doing fine. He said his wife was amazed and could not understand what had happened, but he said "I know what happened".

"I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wickedness."

There has been a lot of illness in the HYTOP-NYLA communities, but the Lord is there helping these saints. The first Saturday night, our Lord healed Brother Ed Avons and his six year old son Michael. They were both sick with the flu. Brother Robert Warren anointed them and the Lord healed them through the laying on of the hands. Sister Jewell, Brother J. L. Campbell's wife, was in the Spirit of the Lord.

After four days in bed with the flu, Brother Daniel Johnson determined to himself, that he was getting out of that bed. A while later, we find him in the Guntersville Barber Shop talking with the barber, Brother Hubert Sampson, about the Lord. In Brother Danny's words "heaven opened up just a little". Brother Hubert laid his hands on him and his flu was gone.

Brother Danny comes from South Bend, Indiana. He was raised in one of the larger religions, but he moved from one denomination to another, he even tried Catholic for a while. Daniel rose to heights in some of these churches.

One glad day Daniel heard Brother Henry McLain at BLACK OAK, preach the way of God, not the way of men. That was all Brother Danny needed, his searching days were over. He repented and God gave him the Holy Ghost to lead and guide him, and keep him. And it has!

His wife, Nellie Jo and brother-in-law, Carl Rice, came to the Lord within a week after Danny was converted. Sister Nellie Jo and Brother Carl are the children of the late Brother Ben Rice.

ROCKY BRANCH was the scene of some good services over the third weekend. There were a large number of visitors present from different churches. It seemed like everyone was blessed by the Lord. Especially Sister Flora Law, Brother Welton's wife. Some were heard to say that she "she almost left here". But what was so very wonderful was the fact that Howard Taylor received the Holy Ghost on Sunday morning. It just lifted every heart up. He had strived so hard for so long. But now he's counted among the number.

Brother Thomas Brewer's wife, Doris was quoted as saying that "this meeting was better felt than told."

Brother Collis Scott was out on Sunday night and was feeling the goodness of the Lord, and testifying of his mercy, and how the Lord brought him in.

The little crowd at TIFTONIA are still having good meetings. The first Thursday night, Sister Mavis (Tiny) Walker, Brother Hodges Moore's daughter, was in the Spirit of God. Weeks later the saints were still talking about how wonderful the Lord blessed her. The saints said "she was just beautiful shouting and rejoicing in the Lord". Her husband is Brother Glen Walker and he is seen regularly at TIFTONIA, now. Brother Hodges helps out often at this church, also.

The saints at ELKWOOD are enjoying themselves in the Lord, for they have another new soul added to the church. He is Brother Thomas Miller, who has sought the Lord for about four years. He was rewarded for his seeking, on the first Sunday night service. Thomas is the son of Brother Doug Miller, who we love to hear testify. He tells how lost in sin and darkness he was and how his wife lived such a good life he had to change.

There have been so many new converts at ELKWOOD, these saints are needing a new church, in which they are in the process of building up a church building fund. Anyone wishing to assist these saints, contact Willard Wooten, or any of the other good brethren here. Brother Willard is having benefit singings this year to help raise money for this cause. We will try to keep everyone posted of the time and place in the singing section of this letter.

The saints on Cumberland mountain, were called in to Brother Nathan Thackerson's to pray for his grand child, Sister Doreatha Bailey's child. By the time the children of God arrived, the child was doing better. These few saints prayed and testified anyway, and God blessed them all good.

Brother Frank Guffey and Sister Lila, and Sisters Edna Keeton, Edith Sanders, were called to have prayer for Brother

Scooter Jones' wife, Sister Marie. She had a severe headache and had almost passed out with it. A short while after prayer, she was doing fine.

There is still refreshing news from SCOTTSBORO. The meetings are doing good. The saints are in one accord, in regard to the Word of God, and how they are being fed with it, continually. On the second Sunday morning Brother Jack was lead by the Lord to tell the saints how to stand for the truth. He stated that you must "live it first, then your words will have the right affect when you speak the truth". The husbandman must first be a partaker of the truth.

On the third Saturday night, Brother Troy Walls came visiting the saints here, but he was having a hard time with his back. During the service (it was real good), Brother Troy believed the Lord and his back quit hurting.

The next morning, Brother Mitchell Drake was here. This old respected brother has been seriously sick for some time. He did not feel like talking, but he offered to try and he edified the whole church. They were standing all around this elder saint feeling the presence of the Lord. He said that he feared the Lord as much now as when he started. What stuck with the people (different ones afterwards were heard to say) was "for those who are still young to work for the Lord while they could".

Brother Jack was telling, "first take the beam out of your own eye, then you will see clearly how to get the mote out of your brother's eye".

On the third Tuesday night Brother Frank Guffey, Brother Clarence Williams and Brother Jack Denson, were all testifying to the truth in the spirit of meekness. Brother Clarence told of the time that Brother Frank was lead to talk on the necessity of patience. He found that was exactly what he needed, and he added it right then.

Brother Frank was reading from the 14th chapter of Romans, and the Lord lead him in preaching "if eating meat maketh my brother to offend, I will eat no more meat as long as the world stands". Brother Frank was feeling the Lord and the saints were also.

Brother Jack told of the necessity of

the man having the control of his home. lest the wrong spirit have the right of way. It brought the fear of God.

It was good to hear all the good testimonies of the children of God, especially, Brother Billy Sadler. He was telling how he needed the Lord's help to guide his home right. His wife Sister Jeanette, was rejoicing in the Lord.

Sister Edith Sanders made a good edifying testimony. She mentioned how she was thinking and praying for a family the day before. We here knew that this family was having a hard struggle and was trying to stay in the love of God. The Lord knew this too, of course, and let this sister be burdened for their profit. This family, by the way, came through this trial fine. It sounded so pretty when Sister Edith said "there is peace in the time of trouble". We all can say, amen, to this!

Brother Lee Turner from the SECTION community, has had a serious problem lately. His wife, Sister Ruth, had a cancer on her ear. It had become real bad. Her face was swollen and very painful.

On the fourth weekend, their services were good until Sunday night, in which no one could get into the liberty of the Lord. After the meeting was dismissed, some of the saints went to see Brother Lee and his wife. Eugene Dempsey and wife, David Ashley and wife, Doris Black, Dorothy Kirby and Raymond Crop and wife, also, Brother Alvin Bailey. They just wanted to be with Lee and Ruth for a little while. Some one started a song, after the song, they prayed. The Lord proved his goodness and came amongst the saints and healed Sister Ruth. She has said since then, that it was one hundred per cent. This surely is glad tidings! *Ina Faye was there*

At LAKE PARK, down in the sunshine state of Florida, the saints are having a good time in the Lord. Sister Mary McLain summed it up in these words, "we all seem to have renewed courage".

Here at LAKE PARK they are having good services and also good helps, visiting from northern churches. The last two weeks of January, Sisters Ninnie Louvorn and Polly Bodine, reported that every meeting was excellent. From LAKE PARK

they said these sisters were enjoying themselves and edifying the saints, telling of all the good things their Lord had done for them.

Brother Charlie Brown and his wife Sister Gladys, were here on the first weekend of February. Brother Charlie preached the Word, and the saints loved and enjoyed it. Sister Gladys edified everyone, telling them how wonderful the Lord had taken care of her and her family.

Sister Fay Lohenitz, who comes from the Big Cove area, who is with her husband stationed in Florida, got over in the hands of the Lord, so much that all the saints rejoiced with her. She is like everyone else, she has had her share of troubles and trials but when you can humble yourself and have the Lord lift you up, how good it is!

Brother Hoyt Dalton has been a help to the LAKE PARK CHURCH. We want to pass a parable that Brother Hoyt made on to you.

When he was a lad he had to pick cotton every year. As he would work a row of cotten he would just take his time looking at the birds as they flew overhead, or hope that it would rain so he could go play, knowing all the time he was going to have his work weighed at the end of the day. He also knew he would be punished for not doing his share of the work. His mother would pick some to help him. But with all his playing around he came up short. Brother Hoyt turned this around to spiritual. "You are weighed in the balances and found wanting." This makes us fear the Lord, lest the promise be left us of entering into His rest.

Sister Mary McLain has also been feeling the blessings of the Lord, by telling how good He is to her.

We want to take this opportunity to ask all the children of God to remember Brother Henry McLain to the Lord. The word of God is still coming through Brother Henry, but his health is real poor. If it does not improve considerably, he will not be able to hold revivals in Alabama this summer.

He has been preaching the seven christian graces, which will keep you from falling. Also, peace, love and joy, which there is no law against.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

On his way to the Republic of South Viet Nam, Brother Terry Duvall, had a stop over in Seattle, Washington. He was feeling depressed in spirit, thinking of how long it would be until he would see his wife (Ginger White, granddaughter of Brother Orville Underwood), his folks and all of the good saints of God he loved so. He had all of his shots and his orders for South East Asia.

As Brother Terry was walking along, he spied a little chapel. Immediately his mind went on the Lord and he started praying, "Lord, if you will go with me and take care of me, let me feel your presence?" The Holy Ghost moved on him with the quickening spirit. How this young man praised the Lord in his heart.

By shipping out time, Terry found out that his orders had been changed. He was now to go to Germany instead. The Army then gave him a week to go to Fort Dix, New Jersey, with additional money. Needless to say Terry spent this week with his wife in Huntsville, Alabama.

Brother Terry and his wife Ginger, are now both in Germany together. Ginger is seeking the Lord. The next time we hear from this couple, we are hoping Ginger is a child of God, too.

It seems every way that Brother Terry turns, the Lord is there helping him. We have heard of other incidents where the Lord has made a way for him. And not for just Terry, but also his twin brother, Kerry, who is in the service, too. We hear the Lord has been holding to his hand and making a way for him. He is stationed in the states, with his wife, Sister Gail Mason Duvall. (She is the daughter of Brother Ellis and Sister Mildred Mason of Huntsville.) So far, he does not have to leave this country. We know they would enjoy hearing from any of the saints of God.

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These young brethren are the sons of Brother Leroy and Sister Juanita Duvall from BLACK OAK in Indiana. They are originally from the lower end of Sand Mountain.

After praying for about twenty years, Richard Ashley, brought his life into subjection to the Lord. He received the Holy Ghost on the fifth Sunday at MARTLING. The saints are rejoicing that after all these years the Lord showed his mercy to this brother. We are too!

On the next night, this new brother's granddaughter, also came to the Lord.

On the third Sunday morning, Brother Thomas Ashley's son, Kenneth, made it to the Lord. In the evening service Richard Ashley's daughter, ~~Clara~~, ^{Teresa} received the Holy Ghost.

All of these are in the same family, and we are glad to hear of them being born again.

The saints at BUFORD HIGHWAY, in Atlanta are on the verge of building a new church. They have only been renting the one they now occupy. Brother J. B. Pritchett has told of their buying four acres of land. They have hopes of starting on the building by early summer. When their building plans are complete, we will remind everyone so that we can all assist these brothers financially.

A few days ago, upon returning from church, Brother Leroy and Sister Juanita Duvall, were confronted with their grandson screaming in agony. He was trying not to but he was hurting so severely he couldn't help it. The child's name is Darrin and he is only four years old. He kept saying, "I can't help, I can't help it". There were seven people present and they fell on their knees, begging the Lord to help this child. He did, but they were not satisfied yet. These saints prayed again and the young lad was completely healed! Thank the Lord!

DEATHS

Sister Ollie Mullins, wife of Brother James Mullins from ELKWOOD.

(Sister)
Sophia Goza, wife of Brother Jim Goza pastor of TIFTONIA HOLINESS CHURCH.

Sister Velma Johnson, sister of Brother Robert Warren of NYLA.

Sister Maggie Willmon, wife of Brother Ely Willmon from OAK GROVE.

Sister Anna Williams, from HIGDON.

SINGINGS

MARCH 10th, FRIDAY NIGHT
WOODVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, WOODVILLE, ALABAMA
A benefit singing for the ELKWOOD HOLINESS CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Singers:

Higdon Family
Ed Williams (Group)
Sacred Tones
Roy Guffey

MC's will be Dwayne Teet and James McLain.

MARCH 11th, SATURDAY NIGHT
PINE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH PITTSBURGH, TENNESSEE.

Singers:

Higdon Family
and Others

MARCH 24th, FRIDAY NIGHT
CAVE SPRINGS HOLINESS CHURCH

Singers:

Sacred Tones
and others

MARCH 31, FRIDAY NIGHT
SCOTTSBORO NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

Singers:

Higdon Family
and Others

MC will be James McLain.

MARCH 31, FRIDAY NIGHT
NEW SHARON SCHOOL ON LICK SKILLET ROAD NEAR ELKWOOD.

A benefit singing (charitable)

Singers:

Heartwarmers, from Harvey, Illinois
Sacred Tones

APRIL 7th, FRIDAY NIGHT 7:30 EST
TIFTONIA HOLINESS CHURCH, TIFTONIA, TENN.

Singers:

Sacred Tones
Higdon Family
Sound Masters

We sincerely thank everyone for the encouragement that you have given us in sending out this good news. Please continue to pray for us that this will always be done decently and in order.

Anyone wishing a copy (without cost) of these news letter please contact:

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"The words of the pure, are pleasant words."

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