

GLAD TIDINGS



of good things

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The Lord has been good to the Saints at BROOKLYN. On the fourth weekend in February, the Lord healed Keith Guffey. He is the son of Sister Natalie and Brother Millard Guffey. The Lad had been ill for about two weeks and had barely eaten all this time. During service on Saturday night, Bro. Johnny Golden was testifying for the Lord, when his hands went on little Keith and he was healed. Right away, he was asking for something to eat.....This sounds real Good!

Sis. Natalie awoke one night suffering severely with kidney stones. Bro. Millard and her asked the Lord to heal her and He did. Since this night this sister has not had anymore attacks because the Lord removed the cause of the trouble.

The sister that the Lord healed the cancer on her arm, Sis. Midge Holman, is still telling everyone what the Lord has done. (We would be disappointed if she didn't.) At BROOKLYN, she even witnessed twice. The Lord wonderfully blessed her both times.

We had the opportunity to see where the cancer was on the arm of this sister. It made us feel so good to see how wonderful the Lord moved. Where the terrible cancer was, there is now flesh that looks like a new born baby's skin. Thank the Lord!

Bro. Johnny Golden's wife, Sis. Kathy had a severe headache one night. What can be more painful? Bro. Johnny and Sis. Kathy called on the Lord and He healed her. It is good to know that there is nothing too big, nor anything too small that our God can't handle.

The Saints at BUFORD HIGHWAY, say they are having real good meetings. That does

not take a lot of words to say, but what could be better than the church rejoicing together, and loving one another in the truth, honoring the Lord's Supper and being edified by the word of God. This is surely glad tidings!

At PINE GROVE on Lookout Mountain, Bro. Wilbanks, testified that our Lord even gave blood transfusions. We looked into this to find out just what the Lord had done. His wife had taken seriously ill, and the doctors stated that if she did not receive a blood transfusion, she would not live. This Bro. called the church in to pray. God's spirit moved among the people and this sister came out of the bed rejoicing. As she raised up, everyone noticed how flushed her face was, where a minute before it was pale and drawn. The Lord does indeed give blood transfusions!

Brother Willard Wooten was at Black Oak on the third Sunday and Sunday night. (He was at SOUTH HAVEN on Saturday night.) He talked about "blessed is the peacemaker", to the edifying of the body of Christ. The Lord blessed His Supper for his children, and they washed one another's feet. It was a very good meeting. It was stated by one older saint that this was one of the best communion services they had ever been in.

We mentioned last month of Sis. Nancy Avons being in ill health. She has gained from 80lbs. up to 100lbs. She is now doing fine.

Brother Roy and Sister Floy Guffey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday February the 27th. There was open house at their home on Gunter's Mountain, in the Oak Grove community. There were big crowds here all Sunday afternoon. People came from all over northern Alabama, and parts of Tennessee and Georgia, to bring gifts and wish this beloved couple well.



"My wife and I were at Bro. Roy's, to show them our respect. As I stood there and saw so many come by with some kind of gift, I thought of the many friends they had that would not be able to come.... But there was one gift that seemed to be close to their hearts, a plate of the picture of the Lord's Supper on it that was given them many years ago... I have known Bro. Roy and Sis. Floy most of my life, and many times I have thought how I would like to conduct myself down through life as they have...I heard Bro. Roy make a testimony one time, I have never forgotten. He said "I never have claimed an office in the church, I just always wanted to live in a way to where some one could see something in my life that it would be a light to them". We wish them many more happy anniversaries."

Richard E. Danson

We would like to repeat a little incident that happened that lifted up the heart of a saint in regards to Bro. Roy. A brother was in a place of business in Chattanooga, when a truck with a Scottsboro address written on it, drove up and parked outside. As the driver of this truck came into the store, the brother that was there came up to the driver and asked if he knew Roy Guffey. The driver said he did and these two men exchanged a few words, and the driver turned to walk away. As this driver was leaving he was overheard to say (mostly to himself) "if you have to be like Roy Guffey to get to heaven, there ain't gonna be many there!" We say AMEN to that statement!

"A good name is better than precious ointment."

The church at LAKE PARK is flourishing in the Lord. There has been a number of visitors from the Tri-state area, (Tenn., Ala., and Ga.), and they have all enjoyed themselves in the Lord. These holiness people give out meeting in the middle of the week if any of God's children come into the community. Bro. James Brazier said that he felt honored when they gave out services so that everybody could be with them. Him and his wife felt the Lord before they had to leave. Bro. Paul Simmons really enjoyed himself, and these saints here really enjoyed him singing and praising the Lord. (we love to see this child of God feeling the Lord.) Everyone that knows Bro. Paul knows he is a large man, but when the Lord moves with him and he starts to rejoicing, it looks as if he is "tip-toeing through tulips", he seems so light....

Bro. Dewey Barrier was in the hands of the Lord, so much so, that persons are still mentioning his words when they testify.

Bro. Roy Walls and his wife with Sis. Bessie Thompson were glad they came, for the Lord blessed them before they left.

During one of the evening services Bro. Henry started to suffering so that he had to set down. Sis. Rhonda Putnam (his granddaughter) laid hands on him. Bro. Henry said all the pain left.

Bro. James Odell could not make it to meeting regularly because of his job requiring him to work weekends. The church took this to the Lord, because he is a help to the church. The results: Bro. James's Job was rearranged and now he is at church regular.

Sisters Ninnie Louvorn, Polly Bodine, and Bernie Fortner were at Bro. Johnny Knight's home at Higdon, on the first Sunday. Sister Nella Atchley and her son Edward, who was ill and had a high fever, were also present. While Sis. Ninnie was talking to the lad, the Lord put her hands on him and he was healed.

On Sunday night, meeting at BRYANT was good and Bro. Lawrence was preaching on the necessity of the saints walking in charity. These same three sisters were here. Sister Bernie and Sister Ninnie testified to the goodness of the Lord, and He blessed them wonderfully. Weeks

later people were still telling how they were edified by these women.

Meeting the following Wednesday night at BRYANT was good. The children of God were all telling the good things of the Lord. Sister Ella Marie Tinker was really feeling the goodness of the Lord. Bro. Leonard Knight was another saint rejoicing in the fullness of the Lord.

Sister Faye Hawkins, Bro. Estelle's wife, had a hurting in her chest for about a week, until the second Wednesday night meeting. It was a good service with Bro. Lawrence telling the word of God. One of the good saints laid hands on Sis. Faye and immediately she quit hurting.

Bro. T. Pritchett was awoken at 3 o'clock in the morning by his wife Sis. Opel. She was having a severe toothache. They had prayer by the bedside and the Lord stopped the hurting right then.

Bro. Joe Scott was at Bryant on the Third Sunday night. The saints enjoyed hearing him tell of the prophets, looking into the latter days and saying "the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land, springs of water".

The Lord has been good to the saints at SCOTTSBORO. These children of God are feeling the joy of the Lord all along. They tell us that not all their services are shouting, but some of them are. What sounds so good is, the word of God is having free course. Bro. Jack is exhorting these saints continuously to walk the straight and narrow way.

There were good services on the third especially Sunday night. Bro. Joe Ventrus and his wife Jean were rejoicing in the Lord, as were all the church. Sis. Jean told how after she came to the Lord and her husband Joe was still lost and made the road rough for her. She prayed to the Lord about her problem and the Lord heard her and made her house a home. On the following Tuesday night there was a very good meeting with everyone telling the good things of the Lord. The testimonies were easy to listen to. The Lord also healed some of the saints that were having physical problems....It was good to be there!

The main (regular) meeting has been changed from the third to the second week-

end. They will present the Lord's Supper on Sunday Night. Services start at 6 o' clock. Go and be with them if the opportunity arises.

Sister Mattie May Fortner has had back trouble lately, so much that she was completely disabled. She had asked for prayer at church and she improved, but then she become worse. This was when she became disabled. She passed out from the pain and woke up on the floor, flat on her back.



Sister Mattie May couldn't stand to be moved. After a time her boys managed to get her into the bed, while she carried on in agony. Bro. Morgan and Sister Elizabeth Fortner came by in the meantime. These three started talking about how wonderful the Lord was to them and how the Lord was helping them with their little girl, Annette. The Spirit of the Lord was there. So these saints had prayer and the Lord put hands on this sister and she arose and started walking right then (you should hear her tell it, it sounds so good). She was still hurting slightly but she was able to go to meeting and ask for prayer, and the Lord completely healed her. She is not hurting any more.

Bro. Morgan and Sis. Elizabeth are happy over how the Lord has helped them with their sweet little girl, Annette. She is the one we asked special prayer in an earlier issue of Glad Tidings. She was constantly having hard convulsions day and night. One day in late January, Bro. Homer Fortner was at his

brothers home. At mealtime little Annette started having a seizure. Bro. Homer's hands went on the child, and "thank the Lord", that was the last one she's had. She is still a long way from being healed, but it is so wonderful after such a long dark spell that the sunshine starts coming through. We still plead with all the saints to keep praying for this child. We, for one, believe that the Lord is going to heal her!

We recieved a personal letter from Bro. Wayne and Sis. Sandra Guffey, we want to share part of it with you saints.

"We are glad to hear of all the good things the Lord is doing for the children of God. We really have got a great desire to be home with all of the children of God. It seems like our love has grown so much for everyone since we've been over here. You just don't know how to appreciate something until you lose it.... The Lord sure has been good to us. I guess you know by now that we've gotten to see Bro. Terry Duvall and his wife, Ginger. You talk about glad to see somebody, we were. It had been six months since we had seen a Child of God. It was so good to be with them and to talk about the Lord. We're so thankful that the Lord made a way for us to be together. We're gonna try to get together at least once a month.

We've been over here six months now, with only a little over nine to go. Sometimes we get pretty low but we believe the Lord still loves us, (AMEN), and is watching over us. It's really an experience to see how these worldly people live. It makes us so thankful of how we were raised and what we got. You keep praying for us because we've got a great desire to overcome".

This letter thrilled us to hear of these young saints so far away, but they still love the Lord and are counting the days until they can once more be with the good saints of God.

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Sandra are in Brussels, Belgian. Bro. Terry and Ginger are near Frankfort, Germany, about 275 miles away. It takes only about 5 hours to drive, which to them is a very short distance.

Trudy Ann Blackmon recieved the good Holy Ghost on the fourth weekend on Look-out Mountain, at SCENICLAND. She is the wife of Bro. Marlin Blackmon. He recieved the Holy Ghost about three years ago in a revival conducted by Bro. Henry McClain at this same church. The saints at this place love this family.....even more so now!

SCENICLAND was pleased to have Bro. Charlie Brown and his wife Sis. Gladys. This couple edified the church, Bro. Charlie with the Word and Sis. Gladys with telling of the mercy and goodness that the Lord had shown to them.

Bro. Charlie exhorted the saints to think on the good things. "If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things: and the peace of God will be with you." To which we say AMEN!

On the fourth Sunday morning, the saints at Pleasant Grove were blessed with the Word of God through Bro. Charlie Brown. He exhorted to the PEACE of the Lord. How good it sounded!

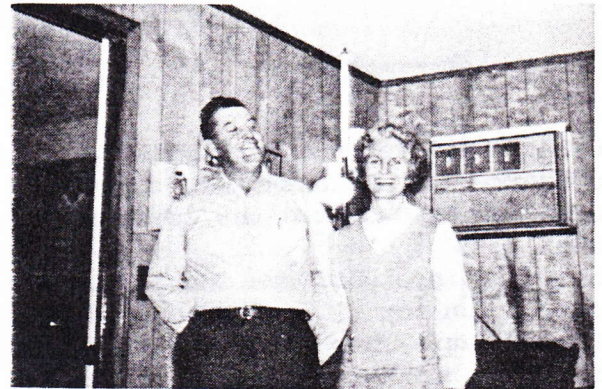
Bro. Charlie was telling how "humble the king of Ninevah became at the preaching of Jonah."

Bro. Rueben Gault from South Haven was also here and not just in the body. He was here in the spirit of God. He explained that, "the Word of God was here before he was born. It was up to us to live it." The Lord blessed him all over the church and it brought the good edifying feeling.

Services are good at ROCKY BRANCH, and they ran meeting from Wednesday night on through the third weekend. All the meetings were real good. Bro. Jack Denson and Bro. Paul Guffey were here helping out. Bro. Frank Guffey conducted these services. The saints here made everyone feel welcome and it seemed easy for the Lord to work.

During the second week of March, the church was called in to pray for Bro. Bobby Long, (Bro. Odell Lawson's son-in-law), for he was real sick. The good Lord moved and the next night we find him in church thanking the Lord for his goodness.

A number of people were present at Bro. Dewey Barrier's birthday supper, on the second Thursday night. The weather was miserable outside, but the atmosphere inside was real pleasant. And the food, Yum! Yum! Yum! It was piled high, food, food and more food, even smoked turkey.



But the best part was after the meal was over and everyone relaxed, they decided to have prayer before any one went home. After prayer someone started a song, and then someone started to testify and from that, these saints had a wonderful service. Everyone was telling how they loved the Lord and how good he had been to them. Also how he healed them, how he fed them, and best of all how he baptised them with the Holy Ghost, and kept them from the evil that's in the world. One sister commented, "I have ate twice tonight, but I prefer this spirtual food the most." All in all it was good to be among these saints (Old Sardis) this night.

The saints at OLD SARDIS were called in to pray for Bro. Autman Tilley. He was having chills and couldn't eat. The Lord moved and healed Bro. Tilley and blessed his people. The fellowship is good here at OLD SARDIS.

Sis. Ruby McKenzie's daughter-in-law, Faye, recieved the Holy Ghost at SOUTH HAVEN on February 15th.

Bro. Willard Wooten was here on the third Saturday night. The children of God here, enjoyed having Bro. Willard with them. They dismissed their services on Sunday and Sunday night to be with him at BLACK OAK.

The Lord blessed in the third Friday night singing at CAVE SPRINGS. The Singers, The Higdon's, The Revelations, and the Sacred Tones all singing in a way that the Lord's presence was felt. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

The saints here tell of their good services and all along they have the words of the Lord expounded to them.

An incident happened at TIFTONIA during their revival last fall, that was humorous and also showed the goodness of the Lord.

On a certain night, the church took up a collection for Willard Wooten, for which he was due. They recieved a good offering. One brother had a ten dollar bill between him and the next payday. He says to himself "I will split with Bro. Villard, I will give him five and I will have five." When they came around with the hat, he put in his ten, and took out five.

All that weekend, this brother had no need for any money. Monday at work, he bought a hamburger for lunch. When he opened his wallet to pay for it, he found he had \$15.00 instead of \$5.00. He thought to himself "My, but the Lord is good to me. I give 5.00 and I get 10.00 some other way. Praise the Lord." But then another thaught come, "It isn't yours, you never put the 10.00 in the hat like you thought you did." Then again "surely I did, the Lord just takes care of his own." This brother argues almost all day like this.

Finally, he decided to be sure he doesn't do the wrong thing, he will just give the \$10.00 to Bro. Willard which made him feel better, although, he sort of missed the money.....(Brother Willard got the \$10.00.)

The next day at work this brother had a \$10.00 given to him with no strings attached. Whether he made an error or not he never found out, but he did find out that the Lord will take care of you if you keep your conscience pure. We all neartally agree! Amen.

"It is better to trust the Lord than to put confidence in men".

Bro. Robert Warren was in the hands of the Lord at Beirnes Avenue in Huntsville on the second Sunday morning. This elderly brother was rejoicing like a real young man.

At Oak Grove there was meeting all week of the third except on Friday night. Bro. Frank Guffey was here to help out, and help out, he did. The Lord blessed him to preach the last part of the 1st chapter of Romans. The saints accepted the word of God with gladness. Sis. Kathy Guffey, wife of Bro. Lowell Guffey, for over two weeks had something wrong with her neck. She was prayed for and anointed with oil and is now doing fine.

SINGINGS

April 7th: TIFTONIA HOLINESS CHURCH
Singers: Sacred Tones, Higdon Family, Sound Master.

April 14th; LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN JR. HIGH
Singers: Higdon Family, Sound Masters, Sacred Tones.

April 21st: NEW SHARON SCHOOL, Benefit singing for ELKWOOD HOLINESS CHURCH.
Singers: Sacred Tones, Higdon Family, Joymen.

April 29th; BLACK OAK HOLINESS CHURCH
Singers: James McLain and the Sound Masters and others.

Without the Lord we are nothing, but we find with him we have the need of being lead more, by his Spirit, especially in carrying this letter out to the upbuilding and not to the tearing asunder of this people. We ask you all to bear with us, and when we make an error in our judgement (understanding) pray that we will be exceedingly more careful to please Him who called us all!

We thank everyone for your kind words of encouragement. Pray for us!

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