

# GLAD THINGS *of good things*

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We want to share part of a testimony concerning Bro. Wesley McLain, from BLACK OAK. This lifted up our hearts and we hope yours will be, also.

"When I think how the Lord has taken care of me these twenty nine years, I can't keep quiet. He went with me half-way around the world and helped me in a lot of things. I remember when my job in the hospital was to see after the insane people in the army. One time a person went insane and was going to cut his wrists and bleed to death. He was raging so everyone was afraid to go in where he was. My commander told me to go get him. Well, I was afraid of him, too! But I had this good Holy Ghost that the Lord gave me, so I started in, and as I did the fear left me. This man was backed up in a corner and I was talking real good to him, but he told me he would cut me if I came in. I just kept walking and talking good to him. You know, I didn't have to grab him and over power him. I just layed my arm around his neck and I felt him relax under my arm. I didn't even get a hold on the hand that held the blades. He just walked with me back to his room as humble as a little child. This is what the Lord will do for his children. (Oh! I love him so much I feel like shouting.) As I walked with this boy back to his room there were ten to fifteen people, (some were officers), watching us with a look of wonder and amazement in their eyes. The Lord said He would go all the way with us and I believe He will."

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Services are good at LAKE PARK in Florida. Bro. Henry has had the opportunity to preach to the world, who had never heard the way of God.....Sister Gladys Cardin was healed from a scikness she bore for some time. Bro. Henry anointed her with oil as the Lord said do, and now she is doing fine.

Bro. Henry is now up north in BLACK OAK. Bro. Henry's children have bought him a new car. We hope his health holds up so he can stop and help us in the Alabama area before he returns to Florida. We all need the message he preaches..... "Peace, love and joy."

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Meetings are holding up well at ELKWOOD. There was also and excellent baptising here on the fourth weekend. Bro. Willard baptised Bro. Thomas Miller and Sister Shirley Pettus in the creek and everyone could feel the goodness of the

Lord, especially Bro. Willard. While he



was putting these saints under the water, there was two snakes swimming around behind him. It goes to show you if your mind is on the Lord nothing will bother you.

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"The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."

Bro. Raymond McAllister's wife, Sis. Beulah Faye, has been having a tough struggle lately, and we desire all the saints everywhere to remember this dear sister to the Lord. The doctors have went so far as to say that she can not live without a kidney machine or a kidney transplant. This family has decided to turn it all over into the hands of the Lord and to put their trust in him. The Lord has moved wonderfully toward her with his goodness but she still is a real sick woman. So please keep this family on your mind and heart!

Everyone was burdened for Sis. Beulah Faye's condition on the fourth at PLEASANT GROVE, but the Lord helped and edified the people here with the word of God and good testimonies. Bro. Vernon Stevens lifted up the minds of the saints with telling the time that Paul was on the ship in the midst of the storm and he said "no one should lose his life if he will stay with the ship and when the ship wrecked on the rocks no one lost his life but all made their way to safety on an island where Paul started a fire. A viper fastened himself to Paul's hand but Paul just shook it off and it did him no harm, and all the people marveled at this. His words brought such a good feeling. Bro. Frank was talking on how if we love God, we will keep a good feeling toward all the saints at all times.



Bro. Clarence Williams was feeling the keeping spirit of God and telling how one time the Lord didn't heal him until he forgave his brother and alid it down, the Lord instantly healed him. It was good also, to hear Bro. Tom Buckner testify for he told the truth. (A husbandman must first be a partaker of the fruit.) Amen!

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The church at SKYLINE has been encouraged in the Lord of late, especially since the Lord moved toward Sis. Beulah Faye Mc-

Allister, on the first Wednesday night. One good service is followed by another good one. On the second Sunday night SKYLINE was a good place to be. Everyone was shouting for the battle by telling of the goodness of the Lord. Bro. E. A. Maxwell told of how one of his boys had the dreaded spinal meningitis and how good the Lord was to them. The boy was being drawn backward, but the Lord completely healed him. Bro. Vernon Stevens was telling of the time when his son Eugene was at death's door with double pneumonia (they think). Bro. Vernon was up in Indiana at the time, and when word reached him of his son's sad condition he was grieved in spirit until the Lord encouraged him in faith. When he made it home to Alabama where his son was, by faith, Bro. Vernon gave meat to his son to eat. It had been a long time since he had eaten anything, he ate this meat and started mending from that hour.....As your faith is, so be it unto you. Bro. Buford Warren was in the spirit talking about the fig tree that Jesus found no fruit on, when he needed some. Bro. Frank Guffey exhorted to give the fruit of your lips, which is praises unto the Lord..... Then more and more saints were getting up and telling the good things. Bro. Jiggs Brewer and his wife Sis. Annie Ruth, were especially blessed doing so. All in all, this was a good place to be.

Sister Mary Jones, daughter of Bro. Gin Arnold, and wife of Roger Jones, was healed of a serious infirmity that she had for about two months. The church prayed several times before Bro. Frank anointed her with oil and the work was done. She is now doing fine, but she has another burden we would like to ask everyone to help her share. Her child is down with spinal meningitis and needs help.

When we heard of this child's condition, we remembered when Bro. Paul Guffey's grandson had this same awful disease and how the child was in the hospital tied to the bed with tubes running into his little body. When the saints heard of this their hearts were burdened for the child. The parents were lost at this time. (Sis. Betty Sue and Bro. Hixon McKenzie.) Everyone was praying continually, (I know this writer was), and on Friday night there was a meeting given out just to pray for this child.

The next morning Sister Betty Sue had a call from the hospital to come get the boy he was all right. When these parents walked into the room, the child was stand-

ing up in the bed and saying "Hi, Daddy"! When the church heard these glad tidings, there was "Joy in the Camp." We know the Lord doesn't change, and we are looking for him to take care of Sis. Mary's child also.

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We have received a large amount of correspondence through the mail. This one here touched our hearts, and we felt it should be put in Glad Tidings. We know not who it is from, but our Lord does. If you all can feel the Lord to do so, pray for this party. Here it is, as it came to us:

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this I want all  
the Children of God  
to pray for me  
I am a Lost Soul  
thank you*

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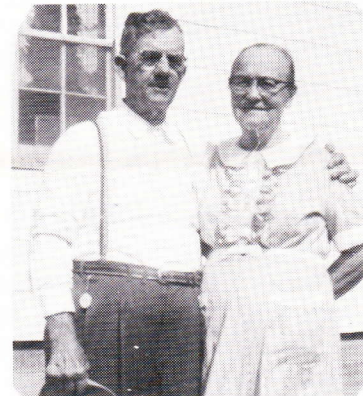
Bro. J. A. Tilley had a cancer growing on his nose. The other day at a place of business a man that Bro. Tilley knew, told him to "pull off your glasses! I want to see that on your nose." Bro. Tilley asked him what he thought it was. The man said, "It is a cancer, that's what it is. You had better go get that taken off." Bro. Tilley replied, "Well, I had one on my ear and the Lord took it off." The gentleman said, "Well, He won't take this one off." One day, during the fourth week of April the cancer fell off. The Lord is real good to these saints at OLD SARDIS.....Their services are good. Bro. Pauley White is really feeling good in the Lord. On the fourth Sunday night, he was over in the hands of the Lord. One said it was the best they had ever seen the Lord bless him. Bro. Pauley is Bro. Lloyd White's nephew. We love to hear of the Lord blessing his children so good. It encourages us.

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"Thoughts He slays me, yet will I trust in Him"

The Saints at Higdon are thanking the Lord for the Word of God they are hearing. This last month a number of preachers have been here encouraging the people in the truth. On the fourth Sunday night the Lord blessed the children of God, especially a number that were visiting from BRYANT. Sis. Flossie Guffey mentioned about how love had no respect among the children of the Lord. She said when she was raising her family, if it would have been so that all that was left to eat was one biscuit, she would see that all her children got just a little piece of it. It sounded so sweet and good. Sis. Betty Sue, wife of Bro. Hixon McKenzie, was in the hands of the Lord. She edified the saints rejoicing. She said, "I want to live close enough that the Lord will give me power over a serpent." It touched our hearts.

We have a number of real good singers today, who know music and can sing, but who can sing, "How I Came To Love These Pilgrims", better than Bro. Will Guffey?



He was singing it this night and it sounded so good.

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Bro. Ronald Coffey's wife, Sis. Jo Ann, has for several years been suffering from a skin disease. This at times seems to terrify the one who is ailing with it, and so it was with Sis. Jo Ann. This last month at SOUTH HAVEN, the Lord was blessing these saints with a good service and Sis. Marne-cia Coffee, Bro. Don's wife, completely freed the service by testifying and her hands went on Sis. Jo Ann. Bro. Charlie Brown was standing by this sister stated that this was just like "old times", when his hands went on her, also. When Sis. Jo Ann realized what was going on she was laying out in the floor and so was Sis. Mar-

necia. The Lord told Jo Ann this was for her healing, and Bro. Charlie anointed her with oil. And talk about having a meeting they did!.... And this disease began drying up. We want to thank the Lord for his moving with these saints in such a wonderful way!

If it is the Lord's will the saints at SOUTH HAVEN will start their revival on the second Sunday in June. They invite everyone to come and help. You will be royally treated here.

On the fourth Sunday night it was a time of glad tidings when Bro. Thomas Kerley mentioned love, and then he said "turn to your neighbor and shake hands with him." From this, the spirit of God was freely flowing from heart to heart. The saints are telling how they had an old fashioned hand shaking and neck hugging.

They will have a homecoming at BLACK OAK on the fourth Sunday in May. (28th). They will have a meeting, dinner and afterwards singing. Their revival will start that evening continuing through the week, if it is the Lord's will.

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There was a singing at TIFTONIA on Friday night, April 7th, that will long be remembered by those who were present. It was a time when the singers and the audience rejoiced in the goodness fo the Lord. They had to stop their singing because of people testifying to the goodness of the Lord. One song that the Lord was especially in "I've been on the Mountain and I've seen the other side," sung by the Sacred Tones.



It was good to see Bro. Walter Higdon feeling the goodness of the Lord. Bro. Paul

Guffey testified again and again. The singers were the Higdon Family, The Scenicaires The Sacred Tones, The McKenzie Family and the whole congregation whenever the Lord would start blessing....

The Higdon Family Singers from Higdon not only sing, but do quite a lot of praying also. They have been having some prayer meetings lately, that the Lord has blessed in. In one of these Sis. Santeena Tinker (Bro. Mutt Spurgeon's daughter) was proved by the Lord to be a partaker of the good Holy Ghost. Sis. Santeena was rejoicing in the Lord and everyone was rejoicing with her....People who have lived wasted lives are changing and coming to our Lord.

The Higdon's was at a singing at the Lookout Mountain Jr. High School on the 14th of April and the singing lasted until midnight. This family, plus Sis Lona Spurgeon, Bro. Edwin and Sis. Deane Spurgeon, Anthony Spurgeon and his wife, Joan, and Sis. Santeena Tinker stopped at a friends house on Lookout on the way home, Before they left some one asked for prayer (of course), and the Lord wonderfully blessed all the saints. He also healed Sis. Luvelda of a physical ailment, concerning her spine. It was good just to be there with the love of God all around the saints. This prayer didn't dismiss, like some of the others the Higdon's have had, until around 3 O'clock in the morning, but who cares as long as



the Lord is honored in it. We here are amazed how you can use your voice to pray and testifying into the early morning hours and the next night go and sing again with a voice as clear as a bell!

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

The Lord blessed with the Word of God at BRYANT on the fourth Sunday. There was a good sized crowd present and they enjoyed the words of Truth. Bro. Willard Wooten exhorted the church toward perfection, which is charity. This is frequently spoken on among us and each time it comes, it seems to have more meaning, in which it did this Sunday morning.....Bro. Jack Denson was completely free in the teaching of the Word, he encouraged the saints to worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth.



But the blessed him most when he read and preached from the book of Jude, (the judgment of the angels who kept not their first estate). What was so good, was that the Holy Ghost honored every word he uttered.

Bro. Duke Cowan and Bro. Walter Hill were both present and the Lord helped these brethren also....Bro. Walter told of a sister who became seriously ill (she swelled up excessively), and the doctor said if this woman has any kin folks, have them come now, for she cannot live. The saints of God were called in and they called on our Redeemer and He answered and healed this sister. She didn't even miss a meeting. Isn't the Lord good to us?

Bro. Jim Goza, who is loved and respected, highly among the saints of God, had just a few words to say, "it is good to



talk and it is real good to know when to quit." (Know when to put your brakes on lest you have a wreck.) How true!

Bro. Lawrence Brown had a few children of God by for dinner after service. One was Bro. Lloyd White from OLD SARDIS. He told of the time that his father, Bro. White, was making syrup when his boy, Floyd fell into the fire and burned all the skin off his hands. Bro. White grabbed the tortured lad into his arms and ran to the woods, where he could be alone, and set the boy down and prayed. The boy all of a sudden called out, "Papa, it quit hurting!" When Bro White looked up, Floyd was slapping his face with those burned, skinless hands saying, "they don't hurt, they've quit hurting, Papa."

Hearing this reminded us here of the time Bro. Luther Troglen was burning brush in a field. When the brush pile had burned out, it left a big bed of hot coals and Bro. Luther's son, L. B., (who is a child of God now, living in Atlanta), ran into the middle of these hot coals. When Bro. Luther seen what had happened, he took up his son and said, "Lord, I've got the Holy Ghost and you've got the power." The good Lord proved Bro. Luther was right, for he moved with his power and healed the child right there.

Bro. Aubrey Downer, from the BRYANT Community, was sick he couldn't make it to church, so he sent word for the people to remember him when they prayed.....After church three families met at his home, Bro. Nimon Pells, Bro. James Casltes, and Bro. Eskell Hawkins. Before they left they had prayer and the Lord make his presence known and the hands went on Bro. Aubrey and he was healed. Before they prayed, he could hardly move. He couldn't use his legs. After prayer he arose and walked around telling how the Lord healed him.....The Lord sure is good to us.

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Meetings have been doing good all along in SCOTTSBORO, but the last couple of weeks they are getting better and better. Bro. Buddy Louvorn has been over in the hands of the Lord real good. Also, Bro. Coy Barron and others. On the 5th Sunday night, Oh! there was a meeting! It was one that started out a little slow at first (but with a good peaceful feeling) and it became better and better. Bro. Jack Denson got completely over in the hands of the Lord preaching the Word of God. Part of the time he was on his back in the floor. But when he came up he was telling it like it is, in love.

When Bro. Jack became silent the sisters started getting up confessing their faults one to another. It looked and felt just like Holiness should look and feel. Almost everyone was testifying, confessing, or rejoicing, some in the floor like we have not seen in many a day. Some of the testimonies were those good solid quite ones like Bro. Winston McAllister. It was edifying to hear him. Something was said concerning this brother testifying to birds. It came about on this wise. This good brother recieved the Holy Ghost on Midway Island, an Island in the vast Pacific Ocean. When this happened he was so happy he wanted to tell everyone about it of course. But his service friends didn't care to hear about it. Bro. Winston would go off to himself and pray and testify about the goodness of the Lord. Once he was testifying how he loved the Lord by a swarm of gooney birds. They were standing around perking their heads this way and that listening to him. The saints in SCOTTSBORO still love to hear him tell this and so do we.

At one time some of the brethren and Bro. Jack were talking about people going to sleep on a trip (and we are on a trip) instead of staying awake and being a help and comfort to the driver. When they finally wake up, they would pull themselves up and in a daze ask "where are we? How far have we come? How long have I been asleep?" They likened it onto our journey and how we don't have time to sleep while it is yet day. (Work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work.) Bro. Willis Brown mentioned how good it is when the saints of God all cooperate together, in which we say amen.

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This incident shows the goodness and sovereignty of our Lord.

One week a Holiness family was having financial difficulties, (who don't?). The husband was worrying how to tell his wife that there wasn't any grocery money this week. His wife knew this and had taken their pre-school aged boy into the bedroom this day and had prayer to the Father about their needs. When mail come some saints had sent them some grocery money.

The next morning the Lord told the husband to give so much to a family that was in dire need. He reached up to a bowl without saying anything to his wife about it. But she had seen what he had done and

the Spirit made her know what and to whom the husband was giving it to.

So during the day, the wife takes her son and said "lets go pray", to which the little tot looked up and replied "need some more money, mommie?" When the mail ran this day they recieved three times as much as the first time. Oh, how unsearchable are his riches and his ways past finding out!

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Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints;

Bro. William Duvall from BROOKLYN departed on the 2nd if April, 1972

Sister Sarah Buckner from PLEASANT GROVE completed her journey here on the 7th day of April, 1972

Sister Dora Wooten from SCENICLAND left us on the 18th day of April, 1972.

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Bro. Jim Nappier from OLD SARDIS has had an accident and badly injured his back. He is now in DeKalb County Hospital in Fort Payne in serious condition. We desire for everyone to pray for him.

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We have just recieved word that Sister Beulah Faye is steadily on the up mend. Be sure to keep remembering her before the Lord.

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We apoligize for not getting every good thing that is happening into Glad Tidings. We offer no excuses but we do try the best we possibly can. We desire everyone that will, to continue to pray for us. We have found out this is a little bigger undertakings than we had expected when we started. But as long as the Lord will see us through we will continue to keep on telling of the goodness of the Lord and how he is helping his saints everywhere. We also thank everyone for your nice letters, for they encourage us greatly.

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