


GLAD THINGS



of good things

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We have noticed that whenever the children of God gather, whether it is at a church service, singing, wedding or funeral, the conversation always seems to get around to the goodness of the Lord. This past month as people came in to pay their respect in regards to Sister Mamie Pell at Henegar, it was no exception. People came from miles around bringing flowers and showing their love and sympathy to the grieved family for their loss, (but THANK GOD, HEAVEN'S GAIN). As usual the people drifted into little groups, talking in low tones to one another. In one of these groups Brother Shirley Byrum was heard to tell of the time his son, Dwight, awoke from sleep with one of his legs hurting him. At the first the family was not worried, thinking his leg was asleep. As time wore on and the child was still unable to walk, the parents began to react with worry. In the evening a family came to visit them. Brother Shirley mentioned to the visitors that he wanted to have prayer for his boy. The lad spoke up and said he wanted to be carried to church and be prayed for. They immediately called the saints to the church and as they were praying the Spirit of God moved among the people and they laid hands on Bro. Shirley and the child. Sis. Myrtle Carden told the boy to get up he was alright, but the lad said, "I can't". Again Sis. Myrtle said "get up you can walk", and again he said that he couldn't. For the third time this sister said, as she pointed her finger at him "I said get up the Lord has healed you and you can walk". Dwight slowly lifted himself up and tried to stand on his feet to walk, and sure enough, walk he did, all the way back of the church without any trouble. He has been walking ever since....

Bro. Rayford Southern's brother, William, recieved the Holy Ghost at Section on the first Monday night. They had services all through the week here and everyone was enjoying themselves. On the fourth Sunday, Bro. Floyd Morris edified the church by talking about the Women of Samaria at the well. He told how the Lord Jesus said, "you know not what you worship". Also, "He that worships the Father must worship him in spirit and in truth."

At PLEASANT GROVE, meetings have been good this last month. On the last fourth Saturday night, Brother Johnny West came to church barely managing to walk. They started singing, "My Lord and My God," and the

Lord moved with his spirit and the saints began feeling the goodness of God, their hands began going on Bro. Johnny and the Lord healed him. The next night he was still shouting and rejoicing in the Lord. The second Sunday night found the young people being encouraged in the Lord. Bro. Arthur McAllister was lead by our Lord to point them to live a good life for the Lord God who called them.....Bro. Hubbert Sampson and his wife, Sis. Lucille were here the fourth Sunday night of June. Everyone enjoyed hearing Sis. Lucille tell how a short time ago her and her husband had been to ELKWOOD for meeting and were on their way back home, (ROCKY BRANCH) when she became real sick and began to suffer so much that even tears started flowing. Bro. Hubert and their daughter, Sis. Pat, started praying for

her and their hands went on her and she was healed. (Riding in a car down the highway, how about that?)

Sister Reba, Bro. Charles Brewer's wife, from BLACK OAK, proved that "as your faith is so be it unto you". She told how their little girl was ill and they couldn't muster up the faith to believe the Lord until she started mediating on the good things that the Lord was doing for other people. When she did this, that good feeling came along, (it always does when you think on good things). Sister Reba said, "The next thing I knew my child was alright".....Thank the Lord!

The churches of BLACK OAK and SOUTH HAVEN in the north are still enjoying the blessings of our Lord. At BLACK OAK, during the last week of May, during their revival, two more souls had their names written in the Lambs Book of Life. They were David and Debbie McKenzie. Their father, Bro. Harold and mother, Sis. Sue recieved the Lord just recently, also.

On the first Saturday night all the saints from SOUTH HAVEN were at BLACK OAK, plus a number of saint from the Alabama area. The Lord proved he was also there. It started good, in singing and it followed with Bro. Gary Coffee testifying just to honor the Lord. "I want to praise the Lord" were the last words he was heard to utter. The Lord used this young brother to stir up the Lords spirit. By the time Bro. Gary was through praising the Lord, Sis. Jean, Bro. Joe Ventrus' wife, was rejoicing and ready to testify, and testify she did. She told how the Lord brought her into the way of God. It edified all the church. One brother from the south was overheard to say "it was worth the long tiresome journey up here just to hear that testimony!" Bro. Paul Warren spoke from the 55th Chapter of Isaiah, (in regards to Sis. Jean's testimony) how that "the trees of the fields shall clap their hands".....Amen! While Bro. Hilra was telling how the world should "bring forth fruit meet for repentance" he was "feeling his keeping", for the Lord was blessing him.+++++"Just a few more days to Labor" was lead by Bro. Robert Warren (from NYLA) and it sounded so good.

Sunday morning found the saints of both churches, driving down a little country lane to a clean clear lake nestled among lush

green trees, for a baptizing. The scenery



was quiet and pretty, but the atmosphere of fellowship among the saints gathered here was much more beautiful. It was pleasant just to walk among the saints here, shaking hands and feeling that good love of God flowing from heart to heart. Brother Thomas Kerley from BLACK OAK and Bro. Charlie Brown from SOUTH HAVEN recieved eight persons in the water for baptism. As each new convert



was emerged and brought up out of the water the good spirit of love would weld up in the crowd of saints watching from waters edge. It was a good place to be!

This is a picture of the happy McKenzie family who were all baptized together, including an in-law.



From left to right is Sis. Faye , Bro. Harold's sister-in-law, Bro. David, Bro. Harold, Sis. Debra, Sis. Sue and Bro. Thomas Kerley. We are all proud of this family.

The third Sunday the BLACK OAK church

dismissed so that they could all be together at SOUTH HAVEN. Bro. Willard Wooten was delivered in talking on the ten virgins. After this Bro. Reuben Gaught recalled a testimony of Sis. Bernie Fortner from BROOKLYN, where she said the Lord had been her healer for forty years. The saints started glorifying the Lord and a number of Gods children were on the floor shouting and rejoicing together. The church had a wonderful time in the Lord.

At BLACK OAK that evening the saints sang one song. Bro. Thomas ask them to sing one more verse again and proceeded to talk about the goodness of the Lord. They didn't get the chance to sing the extra verse for the spirit of God was moving in such a good way that they just went into the setting of the Lord's Supper. After the Supper being ended Bro. Tom and Bro. Willard encouraged everyone to tarry one for another and if there was a person that didn't feel right and had not partook of the Lord's Supper to come up and the people would be glad to wait and pray with them. A sister came forward at these words and prayer was made and the Lord honored and this sister took the Supper and they all went into the washing of feet with the most, love and joy!

A revival service was conducted by Bro. Jack Case at CAVE SPRINGS through the second week of June. The meetings were good especially on Friday night. Sister Amy Moore was telling of the time she came to the Lord. With some prompting, Sis. Amy and her husband, Bro. Hodges, gave us her testimony of what happened that day+++++ I, Amy Moore (then Amy Morris), when I recieved the Holy Ghost at the age of 16 after attending a revival lead by Bro. Courtney Thackerson near our home in Crabtree's Cove. One of my schoolmates recieved the Holy Ghost on the way to school one day so I, that afternoon went home with my girlfriend to spend the night. My girlfriend woke me up singing the old song "Hide you in the blood of Jesus", which was heart-rendering. So next morning I said to my friend, "I feel like I may get the Holy Ghost today". So the other girl answered "you might, we'll stop and pray". So we did. And sure enough, there in the road I recieved the Holy Ghost. My mother down in the Cove, quite a distance away, heard us praying and said we were there about two hours. Also, my sister older than I heard us as she was on her way to school

from another route. So hearing us rejoicing and shouting she came to school, threw her books in at the door and went up the mountain to the scene. So all went on their way to school rejoicing and at school the teacher gave over to us until we finished. Also, the teacher left the

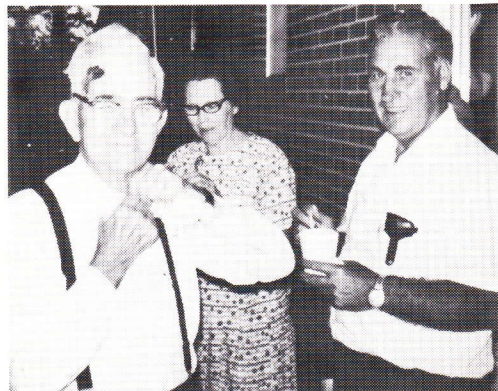


school house crying and a brother to the other girl, "turned blind" he said, and ran into a stump and hurt his knee.. This coming August this will have been 56 years ago. I am still telling the story and rejoicing.

Amy Moore

WILLIAMS COVE was a good place to be on the third Wednesday night of June. Revival services were being conducted this week and meeting were alright. But on Wednesday night the battle was in array. Everyone was shouting for the victory by telling of all the good things that their Lord had honored them with.++++ Bro. Pope Vandiver told of the time when his foot had become so rotten that he would bandage it with rags. One night at meeting Bro. Will Guffey was present and he said, Bro. Pope take those rags off your feet I want to anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord." Bro. Will did anoint them and the Lord healed.+++++This made Bro. Willard Wooten want to tell how the cancer that was on his tongue was healed. Time and again he had ask for prayer with the hopes that the Lord would heal him, but each time it seemed to become a little worse. During services one day Bro. Will Guffey mentioned that he had seen everything that had went on so far in their

meeting in a dream or a vision. He said "everything except a white rag". When he said this Bro. Willard pulled a white cloth out of his pocket and told how it had come to him before service to bring an extra handkerchief with him. Then Bro. Will proceeded to pour oil on this cloth and



anointed Bro. Willard's tongue and the Lord done the rest. Bro. Willard's mouth is perfectly well now except for a scar to remind him of what he had until Jesus passed by. Bro. Bill Price hadn't forgotten how one time his son was having terrible headaches in which he suffered very much. Bro. Bill and Sis. Eula Mae were on their knees praying when a knock came on their door, in which they told the party to come on in. In walked Bro Doug Patrick who, when he saw the situation fell on his knees with out saying a single word, raised his hands and started praying, saying, "Lord I know you love little children." The good Lord whom we serve proved Bro. Doug was right by healing the young lad.

Bro. Erskine Williams edified by telling how one time his hair started falling out. Some came out in clumps until he was bald. This brother told how he read adds about how you could get hair if you were bald but he didn't have confidence in any of these things but he did have confidence in his God, who had redeemed him. And his God did not let him down. One day a little tuft of fuzz appeared on his head and like Elijah of old, when he saw the cloud the size of a mans hand it increased his faith, until he had a good head of hair again. It came in pure white but he held onto the Lord until it is a pleasant salt and pepper, now.++++Isn't the Lord good to all of us? Bro. Erskine's father, Bro. Horace Williams, told of the time a copperhead serpent bit him and how the Lord healed him right there and him and his wife took up the serpent in the name of the Lord.++++ Bro. J. L. Campbell

sounded so good, when he told how one time his son was seriously ill and woul not eat except for about a teaspoonful for breakfast each morning. Bro. J. L. said that he "knew something had to be done, and soon". After the saints that were called in to pray for him were finished praying the young man was asking for food. He would eat and go play and then come and say, "I'm hungry" (it sounded so wonderful to hear this brother say these words). The lad would eat and then go play a while then come back in and say "Mom, I'm hungry". He even came back the third time again saying "Mom, I'm hungry". The Lord we love had surely healed him.

On Fridaynight of this same week, Bro. Buford West told the children of God of the time when he was up north and he and his wife and child were driving along, when they were caught in a snow storm. The visibility was about zero and the window of the car door dropped down inside of door and snow started blowing into the vehicle. Bro. Buford had his wife drive and he got out of the car and proceeded to walk out in front and direct his wife (keeping the car in the road). He walked about four miles until he was almost completely frozen. Ice had covered his face with big chunks of it on his hair and nose. His wife and child were covered over with the white stuff. They finally made it to a store where a man met him with some whiskey for the purpose of thawing Bro. Buford out. He refused it and answered the man's question of why, with "I would rather die then touch that stuff." What was so good the Lord helped them so, that none of this family even came down with a cold.

Bro. Charles Bone of the Bryant Community had a rough time this last month. They thought it was the mumps. After being off from work for several days Bro. Charles tried to go back to his job, but it was too much for him. He called for his wife to come pick him up. He had gotten so he could barely raise his arms and could hardly walk. The doctor stated on his work papers that he had Rheumatic Fever. Also if he didn't start to do better in two hours he would be put in the hospital. The brethern were called in to pray and poor Bro. Charles wasn't even in shape to shake hands with the saints, his joints were so stiff. But this soon

changed, for the prayer of faith saved the sick and the Lord blessed him while he threw up his hands and praised the Lord.

Over the third weekend the saints at ROCKY BRANCH enjoyed the favors of the Lord. They honored the Lord's Supper, (it seemed it was so easy to do this), and the Lord blessed in the testimonies extremely well. Also, Sunday morning our Lord was still blessing with good testimonies such as Sis. Nancy Walls, Bro. Troy's wife, praising the Lord for letting Bro. Tom Kerley, at BLACK OAK, anoint her with oil, for she was very ill. What sounded so edifying was that Bro. Tom did not know that Sis. Nancy was sick but this sister had ask the Lord for someone to anoint her with the oil if he was going to heal her. And heal her he did. This family comes from Huntsville. Another family from Huntsville that was feeling the goodness of the Lord was the David Jones family. Bro. David's wife, Sis. Norma, was bound under the spirit of God. She looked like a dead woman. These were not all that were feeling their keeping, for it seemed everyone had something to tell that the Lord had done for them.

The Lord is still blessing at SCOTTSBORO. The meetings have been edifying and the word of the Lord is having the right of way. Bro. Jack mentioned on the first Sunday night, that there was such a good feeling it would be good to come back out the following night, (Monday). Surely the Lord was in it, for two young ladies recieved



Brenda

Robin

garet Parker's daughter, Robin, and Brenda Thrower, the daughter of Sis. Hester Thrower are now the children of God. We thank the Lord for these two new ones.....These saints gave out meeting each night until it had run all week. Bro. Frank Guffey and a number of other saints came and helped.....The Lord blessed Bro. Frank to teach on "raising your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord." The saints here at SCOTTSBORO accepted it with gladness. The slowest meeting all week (if it could be called that????) was on Sunday morning of the 2nd. But there was a number of edifying testimonies. Bro. Morgan Golden from BROOKLYN was remembering the preaching Bro. Willis Brown was doing, coming down the aisle in the Beirnes Ave. Church in Huntsville telling the world (Bro. Morgan was one of the world then), that they wouldn't find the Lord on the road they were traveling, but if they wanted to find the Lord Jesus Christ to turn around and seek Him in the opposite direction from the way they were now going. It was edifying... Sis. Sherri Holland, the daughter of Bro. Buddie Lovorn was free in the Spirit of the Lord and the church could feel it.

Bro. Clarence Williams was telling God's people of a man who belonged to a large religious organization who was with a child of God in the Armed Forces during the war. This saint was put under every kind of harrasment and persecution from the other soldiers but he held to his integrity. Though the men made it hard on him, you'd still see him binding up their wounds and being as kind and helpful as he could be. When this saint was discharged from the service, everyone honored him for being a good man. His commanding officer told him that he had great respect for him for he had been watching the way he had been conducting himself. (He came out just like he went in.) This gentleman who told this to Bro. Clarence said, "If it were not for my people, I would also be Holiness"..... Sounds almost like King Agrippa's statement to Paul, "You almost persuadeth me to be a Christian." Bro. Bill Heaton told of the time he was working under his automobile when the tempter started talking to him. All Bro. Bill did to get rid of the Wicked One was to say, "Glory", and he was gone.....Bro. Joe Ventrus, whom all the saints love, was telling how the wisdom that he knew in the world was nothing to the knowledge he learned in God's way.

the Holy Ghost. Bro. Wesley and Sis. Mar-

Bro. Virgil Medley was feeling the goodness of the Lord and was glad to tell it. It sounded so good, when he told of a lady he dealt with in his work. In time she found out that he was Holiness. One time she came in and ask for her Holy Roller and Bro. Virgil threw up his hand and let everyone know that it was him this lady was talking about. He considers that title a mark of distinction. We say AMEN to that.

On Sunday evening the church honored the Lord's Supper and enjoyed washing one another's feet in the love of God.

Sis. Flossie Guffey was enjoyed by the saints, when she told of years ago, and in the hard times that they really trusted the Lord. She remembered many times large crowds would come home after church to eat with them. Though they did not have anything hardly, they always seemed to have enough to feed everyone.... This brings to our mind where David said, "I was young but now I'm old, but I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their seed begging bread."

Meeting Tuesday evening was just a continuation from Sunday night. Bro. Preston Buckner from Gadsden was leaping for joy as he told how the beggar at the Beautiful Gate reacted at being healed when the apostle Peter told him to "rise up and walk", and Peter pulled him to his feet. It seemed like you could see the beggar as he went running and leaping through the temple. Bro. Preston went further and stated now the Lord was healing him in this day. Sis. Bobbie Barron, wife of Bro. Coy, lifted up the Lord when she told how the Lord healed her after she had given up hope of man doing her any good. This started the young children of God to moving and the Lord's goodness was free all through the house. There was such a good tender love for one another.+++++ It sounded good when Bro. Buford Warren exhorted God's people to live in a way that "these signs shall follow them that believe!

Sis. Cora Griffen, wife of the late Bro. Burris Griffen, had a bad fall in which medical men said she broke her arm and knocked the shoulder out of it's socket. At her age, (85), all they would do was put a weight on it. They were sure it would not knit back. There was special prayer for her at her home on LOOKOUT Mountain and the Lord came in their midst.

Bro. Estill Sanders and Bro. Winfred Mills anointed her with oil and immediately this aged sister began to use her arm. That night she was reported to have "slept like a baby." Didn't the Lord say he would "go all the way with us?"

DEATHS

Sister Mamie Pell went to be with the Lord on the 19th day of June. Sis. Pell was from the FREE HOME and TIFTONIA communities.

Sister Roberta (Bert) Martin completed her journey here, on the 16th day of June. She lived in the OAK GROVE community on Gunter Mountain.

Sister Alfie Smith departed this life on the 28th day of June. She lived in the GRASSY MOUNTAIN community.

REVIVALS

Revival starts at the LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN HOLINESS CHURCH on the 3rd Sunday of July, (20th).

Services start at the HYTOP HOLINESS CHURCH on the 3rd Sunday of July, (20th).

We apologize for an error in last month's listings of revivals. Instead of OLD SARDIS having a revival on the 2nd Sunday of June it is on the 2nd Sunday of July. WE HOPE THIS DID NOT INCONVIENCE ANYONE.

Services start at OAK GROVE on Gunter Mountain on the 2nd weekend, also.

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"IN all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."