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# GLAD THINGS & good things



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Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

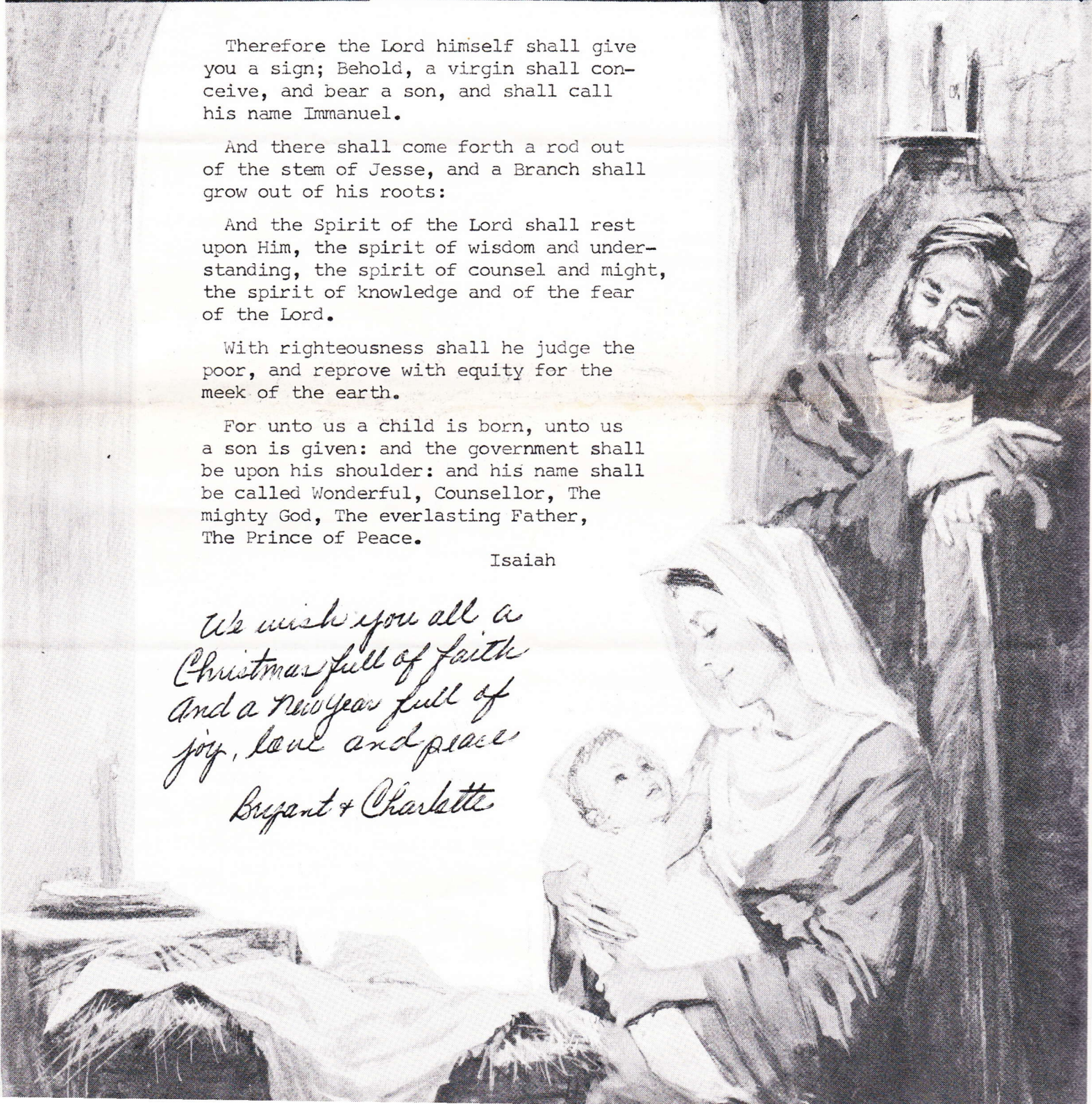
And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah

*We wish you all a  
Christmas full of faith  
and a New Year full of  
joy, love and peace  
Bryant + Charlette*



A number of churches are being blessed by the Lord. Some of these are Hytop, Nyla and Elkwood, where the church really enjoyed Bro. Alvin Bailey, Thanksgiving evening. Meetings are good at Old Sardis, Higdon, Rocky Branch and Brooklyn, where Bro. Willard was a big help recently. Ider, Williams Cove and Scenicland are being helped by the Lord. Bro. Paul Guffey edified the saints at Scenicland, the third Tuesday night, with the Word of God as also did Bro. Willard Wooten the fourth Sunday morning. Bro. Jack Case and Bro. Hodges Moore were found at Fort Payne recently and the church enjoyed their presence. The fourth Sunday at Bryant was a good day with Bro. Walter Hill exhorting the people and his son, Bro. Shelby, lifting up the hearts of everyone with his testimony. Markham is feeling the loss of Bro. Henry, but the Lord is helping them. Bro. Charlie Brown was helped "by the Holy Ghost" to bring the word of God here lately and saints are comforted. Section meetings are good. Bro. Buford Trotman was in the hands of the Lord the third Friday night and lifting up the saints. Bro. Jim Black from Scenicland, was also feeling "his keeping". Bro. Henry McLain is now in the process of moving from Lakewood Park in Florida to Oak Grove on Gunter's Mountain. He will be missed in Florida but we need him in this area. "Welcome Home" Bro. Henry and Sis. Minnie.

The Lord took Bro. Will Guffey's dear wife, Sis. Flossie this past August, but her memory will always be precious to those who know her....We want to pass on to you all something that we believe to be very true and touching. It is a birthday card that Sis. Flossie sent to her daughter, Sis. Lona Spurgeon this last February.



Sis. Flossie

Lona,

I am sending you a birthday card. It could be that I wouldn't be here to send you one when it comes due next year. But if that was to so be, remember how I have tried to live before you and walk in the little narrow path that will lead to the pearly gates. It's all soon going to be over and if we can endure, He said that is all that counts. Just hold to God's unchanging hand. Be good and God bless you.

Mother.

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Bro. Buford Summerford's son, Randall came in from school very sick, one afternoon this past month. They did not know what was wrong with him, except he was seriously ill and vomiting. This family

had some of the saints in for prayer which was a good solid prayer and God healed the young man. The next night there was prayer at Bro. Virgil Trotman's home, and Bro. Buford was telling how "God came by and healed my boy". He went on to say that he heard Randall up twice eating after the children of God had departed.

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The church at LAKEWOOD PARK in Florida is still enjoying good services and being edified one of another. One sister who edified of late exceptionally well was Bro. David Summerford's wife, Sis. Carolyn. She testified to the young ladies who were with out the Lord, how God brought her in. Sis. Carolyn told how when she was lost, she had made great plans in preparing to go to a dance with her cousin, Charles Cornelison. She had bought a new dress and was visiting two of her girlfriends who lived over the old theatre where the church was conducting worship services in Hammond, Indiana. Carolyn and her two girl friends heard something going on under them in the theatre and when they investigated they found some saints who were getting ready to have prayer. These children of God asked the girls to come and pray with them. Carolyn, who had not been interested in the Lord, went up and knelt on her knees, just because her friends who had come in with her did. All the saints gathered around her and started calling on the Lord for her. She then lost all interest in the dance in which she had been so excited about and became worried about her soul. By the time she arose from the floor, she was determined to go all the way with the Lord. Around three months later, the Lord

baptised her with the Holy Ghost, and another week later Bro. Charles Cornelison was also filled with the Spirit of God. The Lord used this testimony of Sis. Carolyn's to draw these young ladies in the back of the church to the altar. We are now waiting to hear that the Lord has brought them in (the Ark) also!

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Sis. Edith Thackerson relates how the Lord upheld them when her husband Bro. Nathan broke his jaw.

"Nathan was hauling a load of handles when they became loose. He stopped to boom them tighter by using a piece of pipe to put over the boomer handle to give him more leverage. The pipe slipped off the boomer handle and hit him under the chin. At this, he turned around and started back home for he thought he had knocked his teeth out. He stopped at his dad's, and they called me to come down there. We lived up the hill from his dad's. When I arrived I was told that Nathan had his teeth knocked out. So I washed the blood off and took him home. When we got home, I looked at him and saw instead of him knocking his teeth out, his jaw was broken and just dropped down. So I pushed them back in place and got me a sewing thread and tied them together with two



Bro. Nathan and Sis. Edith

or three teeth on each side, so it would hold together that night....We called the children of God in and prayed for him and he could eat parched peanuts within two weeks.....I know the Lord was the one who healed him or he couldn't have done that. Nathan broke his jaw the latter part of the week. His dad went on his radio program that Sunday and told what had

happened, and the next Sunday Nathan went and sung on this radio program. The people that heard him singing said, "He didn't get his jaw broke or he couldn't sing that way"..They just didn't know how good the Lord is and what great things he can do... We AMEN that!!

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Bro. Thomas Buckner really edified the PLEASANT GROVE Church on the fifth Sunday night. Time and again children of God have been heard to say how much Bro. Tom helped out and also, how good they felt with him. During the singing of "Oh What a Happy Day", Bro. Floyd West's wife, Sis. Mildred rejoiced in the Lord until she was bound in the spirit and everyone was encouraged toward her because she has been ill for sometime.

Another Sister that lifted up the hearts of God's people was Bro. James Kane's wife, Sis. Pat. On the third Sunday night she spoke of how the previous week she had ran out of bottled gas in which she cooked with. She wasn't able to cook a warm breakfast for her daughter and a neighbor's child, (Bro. Ed Williams' granddaughter), and it was also a cold morning. After having attempted to start the burner she again tried to light it, after "something told me to try again". It started! It burned just long enough for Sis. Pat to cook some eggs for the young girls and "out it went!"

Bro. Clarence Williams edified (he always does) telling of the time old Con Thompson and his family were caught in a tornado which tore their house down on them. As he was pinned under the wreckage, he heard his little girls who were also trapped, with no way to get out. Bro. Con said "let's pray". The next thing they knew, they were out.

The church also heard how Sis. Lenos West, wife of Bro. Leonard West, had an operation some years ago to have a goiter removed out of her throat. Later on another one appeared. One day while Sis. Lenos was selling vegetables in Huntsville at the Farmer's Market, she told Sis. Faye, Bro. Roy Walls' wife, about her problem. A few days later Sis. Faye again saw Sis. Lenor and asked about her throat trouble. She was glad to report that it was gone. It sounds like Sis. Faye had done some talking to the Lord for her "sister".

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The Lord's Supper was honored at BROWN'S CHAPEL, the 1st Saturday night, after Bro. Lawrence exhorted all to examine ones own self. Bro. Morgan Fortner and his wife, Sis. Elizabeth, were especially blessed by the Lord. Bro. Morgan was saying he was happy that he was worthy to be a child of God....Amen! Sis. Elizabeth was thanking God for being so good to them. She recalled the time when they needed the Lord for their daughter, Annette, when they lived in Huntsville, and the Lord was there. This family brought a good feeling to the church. They are now living in Trenton, Georgia.

The next morning Bro. Billy Parker was honored by the Lord. He testified of the many times that the Lord had stood by him since he has been a child of God. One of these times was when his little daughter, Melinda, couldn't talk and he ask prayer for her one night at church. Upon returning home, he ask little Melinda her name. Melinda, who had not until this time spoken a word, looked up at her daddy and said, "Melinda". Bro. Billy didn't stop at telling of just this one time that our Lord helped him, but he told of time and again of God being in his home....We remember hearing him tell of the time he was driving on a freeway in Indiana and a voice spoke to him and said, "pull over you are going to have a flat". Obediently, Bro. Billy pulled over to the shoulder of the highway and nothing happened. After a few minutes he started to pull back out into the traffic, (feeling sort of let down), when one of his tires blew out with a BANG!

The Lord honored here on the second Sunday night with Bro. Lawrence Brown exhorting the people "to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves". Bro. Henry McLain followed with preaching from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John, where it reads "every branch in me that beareth not fruit, He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit". He continued by explaining that the fruit the Lord is looking for are, "peace, love, joy, long suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness and temperance" and "if these are not abiding in your life you are in grave danger of being taken away from the good vine."

Bro. Henry's son, Bro. James Arthur, was on the floor telling about when he was a child his mother, Sis. Minnie, would take him up and talk to him about the Lord

and say "be ye followers of God as dear children". He told how, as he grew older, these words never departed from him, even when he was on the other side of the world. Bro. James told of the time when he was stationed in Germany while he was in the army as a medic. He had no confidence in his medical ability and shunned every opportunity to use this ability. One day he was confronted by an officer who gave him a seriously injured man to be lifted by helicopter to a hospital in Nuremberg, Germany. Bro. James was not worried until he found out this officer was not going along with them and he was in complete charge of this man. Bro. James said that after



they had lifted off and were on their journey, this soldier became worse. He had a broken jaw, a broken collar bone, seven broken ribs and etc., and his chances of recovery seemed to be in doubt. When this man became worse and was in intense agony, Bro. James had little confidence in his helping this G.I., but he had a lot of confidence in his God. He knelt there in the hold of the helicopter and poured his heart out to the Lord. When he opened his eyes the man was smiling and Bro. James thinks he then "rocked the ship a little", he felt so good. (By this time, the church was praising the Lord and saints were all over the church shouting, being edified in the Lord.) This brother continued telling how that the next day while he and a friend were eating, an officer came over and said, "McLain". "Yes, Sir", said Bro. James, as he started to rise. "Never mind", said the officer, "stay seated. Where did you receive your training?" "At Fort Sam Houston, Sir", replied Bro. James. The officer said, "We know that soldier was broken up yesterday because we X-rayed him, but this morning his jaw is healed perfectly

and he is up EATING! Bro. James let the officer know it was not him that had done this, but the Lord and then he told his friend "let's get out of here" for he could feel the joy of God bubbling up in his soul. When he was outside he threw up his hands and glorified the Lord. Bro. James didn't know what happened to this friend, by this time he had disappeared.

This night, everyone here, was telling the good things of God. The wife of Sam Bowman, Sis. Minnie, told how her granddaughter, (Alton's daughter), became caught in a potato grader and broke her leg at least twice. They immediately departed with the child to the doctor. Sis. Minnie was holding the young girl's leg as they rode along and she began to pray. Sis. Minnie testified that the bones began to move around in her hands. At the physician's office he stated that the child's leg had indeed been broken but the leg had been set perfectly, with every bone in place. Doesn't this sound good? Sis. Minnie's daughter, Sis. Opal Pritchett, wife of Bro. T Pritchett, broke her back when she was a little girl, nine years old. Sis. Opal was telling how when this happened her father was gone and her mother had no help but the Lord. When her mother started praying the bones in her back were pressing through the skin but by the time this child of God quit, the Lord had come by and healed the girl. It was good to hear Sis. Opal tell how after her mother called on God she was completely alright and was wanting to go out to play, but her mother made her stay in bed anyway. How wonderful are the ways of the Lord!!

Sis. Olean Atchley, wife of George Atchley, witnessed to the church about the time she found out something was wrong with her daughter, Linda. She said the girl's face had become like stone, it was so hard it couldn't be moved. "My baby was getting ugly" she said. When this family consulted the doctors they were amazed because this was the third case of such in the United States. There was no cure for this disease, they didn't have any idea what caused it. These medical men were at a complete loss as to what should be done. The following Sunday night prayer was requested for her at church and the Lord healed her. A few years later, when this girl was in the presence of a doctor he asked what caused the scars on her arm. This family told him it was from the disease called

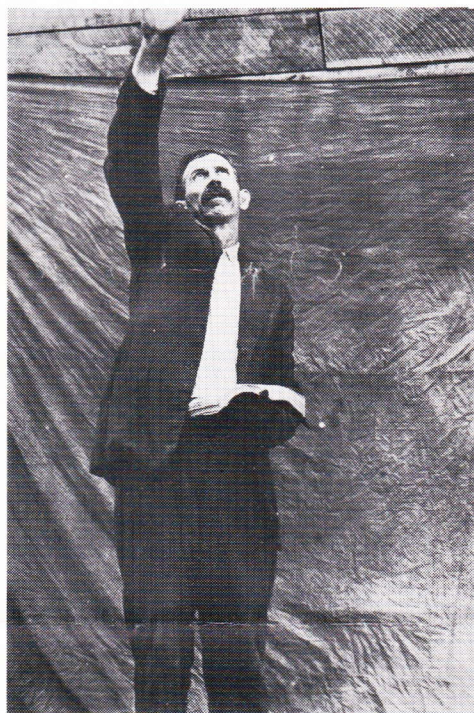
Scleroderma. He continually denied it for he said, "If she had that disease she would not be alive today". (As one of the old Prophets said, "There is still a God in Israel".)

We thank the Lord for services like this and testimonies of the power and the tender goodness of God toward his people. There were many more good testimonies at BROWN'S CHAPEL this night, but space prevents us from mentioning them all.

On the third weekend, meeting here continued to be good, especially on Sunday night. The service was completely free and the Lord gave Bro. Nimon Pell's daughter, Sue, the Holy Ghost. This is Bro. Nimon's second girl to come to the Lord since July.

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"REMEMBERING"



Bro. Tom Duvall about the year 1920.

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PRAYER REQUEST

We have a special prayer request for Mamie Miller from HYTOP, who lost her husband, Harvey, this past year. She is trying to come to the Lord. We hope the Lord will bring her and all those seeking him in before it is too late.

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Bro. Hodges Moore arose the second Sunday morning and said, "I am on my way to Heaven and came by Cave Springs on my way." Bro. Alvin Bailey was glad to say, "If you do not want to be judged, do not pass judgement yourselves".... The church enjoyed these brethren and also Bro. Hodges' wife, Sis. Amy, who testified how the Lord has "kept me all these years".

That evening these saints had one of the best services they have had in a long time. The Lord blessed wonderfully. During meeting, Bro. Johnny Rigsby became ill but lest he hinder the service he refused to have prayer. Sis. Debbie Byrum, who had been carrying a burden, was testifying when the Holy Ghost put her hands on Bro. Johnny and he came up from his seat praising the Lord.

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" OLDER PEOPLES DAY "



Jess Stiephel, Jess Parker, Floyd Morris, Arthur Reagons, Calvin Thower, Will Helmes, John Walls, Buddy Simmons, Will Guffey, Joe Abbott, and Joe Walls.

There was an overflow crowd at SKYLINE for "Elder Peoples Day" on the fifth Sunday of October. There were a large number of churches represented and a good atmosphere of fellowship was present. After these aged people were given the opportunity to testify and the old songs of yesteryear were sung (we need more songs like those today), dinner was spread on the grounds and class singing followed. Sis. Golden, from Huntsville, who is ninety years old, was the oldest saint present. When she testified she said she "was not old" and the way she skipped

around the church she did not act old either. The Older Peoples Day was considered a success, enough so, that it will be a standard yearly appointment. The date and the place will be worked out later. One thing is known, there will have to be a larger building. The Skyline church as large as it is, did not have enough room. It was good to be in the presence of the few saints who are still living that held the Way up through the heat of the day, and after all these long years they are still telling how they love the Lord .....



Bessie Simmons, Cate Parker, Mrs. Sisk, Katie Coffey (out of view), Kate Drake, Lucie Avons, Annie Mat Gamble, Allie Morris, Janie Walls, Lucie Mason, Fannie Sharp, Ollie Louvorn, Fannie Denson, Sis. Steeple, Sis. Golden, Ida Willmon, Lillie Parker, Flora Trigg, Sis. Dukemineer, Lenos Stephens, and Irie Sells. (Forgive us if we have these names wrong.).....Photos by Bro. Stanley Scott.

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The second Sunday morning was a day of glad tidings at SCOTTSBORO. A number of the preacher brethren were present and they all worked together in sweet harmony. Bro. Jack Denson started with service, noticing that "the harvest is indeed plentiful but the laborers are few". Bro. Frank Guffey followed in the same line with "follow after charity and desire spiritual gifts", and proceeded to exhort young men to seek after the Lord for the gifts that he has in His church. Seek after this he said, the "same way you sought after salvation". Bro. Charlie Brown continued in the same theme with "though I speak with the tongue of men and angels and have not charity, I become as a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbol", (or a lot of noise). Bro Willard Wooten continued on with this, " a deacon must be BLAMELESS, etc." It was good to hear so many saints comment that they enjoyed these

brothers walking together and speaking the same things without malice.

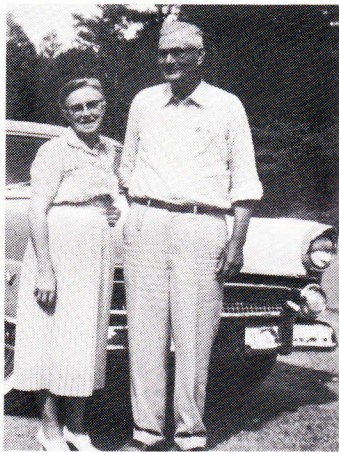
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Bro. Harold York and his wife, Sis. Jo Ann, have three adopted girls, two of these are twins. When these twins, Wanda and Rhonda were first adopted, they were in poor health. Little Rhonda was slightly retarded and her legs were crooked from (the doctors said) malnutrition. When this family was in meeting at Grassy Mountain, a man that Sis. Jo Ann did not know, laid hands on Rhonda and she is perfectly sound now....Sis. Jo Ann was having a problem herself until they prayed for her at OLD SARDIS. She was having double vision, but the Lord has healed her.

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"For he that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of His eye."

In the spring of 1928, two men from Sand Mountain, Bro. Taylor Plunkett and Bro. A. B. White, ran a meeting in the Sugar Hill High School at Buford, Ga. After the seed was sown, they left to return in the summer and conduct a revival at the Brown School where the Lord blessed with the Word and giving of the Holy Ghost. One family that was changed by these Holy Ghost men, were C. R. "Lum" and Georgia Bailey. They were highly respected community and church workers, but when they heard tell of a higher walk they started seeking it out. Sis. Georgia recieved the Holy Ghost in her home at a prayer meeting during the day, between morning and evening services. Her husband didn't come to the Lord until the next year, in 1929, the year the great depression started. By the time he was baptised into the Lord they had moved to the Rainsville area just to



Sis. Georgia and Bro. Lum

be with these good holiness people. They remained in this area and in 1948, when Bro. A. B. White, who conducted service at Old Sardis passed away, Bro. Lum led meetings here until the Lord called him away in 1967. Bro. Dewey Barrier recalls the night the Lord came for Bro. "Lum". Sis. Georgia was by his bed (he had been real sick for about a week), and she said to her husband, "Now Daddy, it's just about time for you to go to sleep", and he closed his eyes and went to sleep in Christ.....Sis. Georgia is still working for the Lord and she still testifies of how the Lord sent the Word of God to them when they were lost over in Buford.

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"Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of his saints":

Bro. Oakley Brown "finishes his course" on November 7, 1972.

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FRIENDSHIP

I would rather Have one Little Flower  
From the Garden of my Friend  
Than to Have the Choicest Blossoms  
When my stay on Earth must end.

I would rather Have a Few Kind Words  
That may now be said to me  
Than Tears shed around My Casket  
When life Has Ceased to be.

I would rather Have one Loving Smile  
From Friends I know are True  
Than Flowers layed around My Chapel  
When I BID this Earth Adieu.

So give me all Your Flowers To-day  
Whether They're Pink or White or Red  
I would Rather have one Blossom Now  
Than a Truck Load when I'm Dead.

(Bro. & Sis.) Duncan and Evelyn Jones

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The church at South Pittsburg has announced a weekend revival service at their church. It will start on Friday the 22nd continuing through Christmas night, the 25th. Everyone is welcome to come and assist these children of God.

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We want to thank everyone for your cooperation throughout this last year. This is the twelfth issue of this letter and you have been a great help to us here. There are now 540 families on the Glad Tidings mailing list and many of them write us telling how they enjoy hearing how the Lord is blessing the children of God. We desire everyone's prayers that we will always carry this letter out in the fear of God and that we will always stay in order with it.

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