

# GLAD TIMINGS



## OF GOOD THINGS

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*In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.*

Bro. Coy Barron, who is from SCOTTSBORO, was feeling good at BROWN'S CHAPEL on the first Saturday evening. He told of the time that he was run over by a car and how the Lord helped him. He was only five years old when he fell out of the car that his father, Bro. Orron, was driving. The tire of the car ran over his body from his back down over his hips and thighs. What sounded so good was when he came to himself (he wasn't expected to live), it was five days later and the saints of God had him surrounded and they were all pouring their hearts out to God for him. He perked up then and was alright. The Lord had performed a miracle and healed the young fellow...Bro. J. L., Bro. Coy's brother, said that in later years Bro. Coy had to be x-rayed for some reason and the person who gave him the x-ray wanted to know about the scar on his back bone. He stated, at one time, Bro. Coy's back had been fractured.

Don Countryman and his wife, Sis. Sarah, have been having one problem after another since their baby, Barbie, has been born. The child again became extremely ill this past month with the parents finally letting the physicians put her in the hospital. They at first said it was bronchitis, then whooping cough, and then pneumonia. Their last decision was that it was bronchitis. After six days of being in the hospital little Barbie was no better, but she seemed to be doing worse. The Lord worked everything around to where Sis. Sarah went against the doctors and nurses wishes and brought her daughter home. She was made to sign papers that the hospital was clear of anything that should happen to the child. This did not bother Sis. Sarah because the Lord moved with her and her hands went on the baby. She called for the saints at SCENICLAND to come and pray at Bro. Wayne Guffey's that evening which was the 2nd Saturday night. The Lord honored his saints here in a marvelous way. Before they had a chance to pray the Spirit of God had healed the child and it has been doing fine since...Thank the Lord!!! This family will have something to lean on for the rest of their lives. By the time this meeting was dismissed, everyone had high hopes, also, that Bro. Alvin "Mabb" Scott would be alright. Bro. Alvin has had serious stomach trouble

for years. Lately he has just managed to stay alive. Every time he would eat it would always come back up. But now we are happy to report that he is eating good and he is back on his job. He is also praising the Lord for what He did for him.... During this happy service, Bro. Joe Scott said "We met here to pray for this child but God has already moved, so let's just pray and thank the Lord for what he has done"...This sounds so good!

Sis. Polly Bodine was testifying to the truth at ROCKY BRANCH on Wednesday evening (Feb. 9th) when she said, "when people treat you good and speak well of you and you do the same to them, you have no reward, for you are doing what comes natural to all person's. But when someone speaks evil of you and does you wrong and you in turn do good to them and speak well of them, this is well pleasing to the Lord....Amen, Sis. Polly, Amen..... Bro. Preston Buckner was telling how he has never forgotten the day that he met the Lord on the side of Gunter Mountain. Wanting to know, we took it on ourselves to find out what happened that day and here is what this saint told us.

Bro. Preston, who had been seeking the Lord for a long time became very "tore up" when his wife Sis. Laverne received

the Holy Ghost in March of 1937. Every chance he got and everywhere he was, Bro. Preston was praying to the Lord. Bro. Brown came by Cumberland and gave out meeting on Gunters Mountain, a two week revival. Bro. Preston had a time getting his chores done where he could go but finally, Bro. Dick West (he was still lost then) and Bro. Preston walked to Gunters Mountain. After a service or two, Bro. Dick wanted to go home, so the two boys headed back to Pleasant Grove. But on Saturday the Lord made a way for him to return to Gunters Mountain where for a few services he was very close to the Lord and the Spirit of



Bro. Preston and Sis. Laverne

the Lord was all over him. People were just waiting for Bro. Preston to be satisfied, but satisfied he was not. He even tried praying for other seekers in the altar. On Tuesday night he had a beautiful dream that he had received the Holy Ghost and when he awoke he felt so very good. That morning (Wednesday) he went to Bro. Joe Scott's with the intention of going off somewhere and praying. By this time, Bro. Preston had lost that real good feeling and in it's place a heavy load of being lost took its place. As they started down a little trail down through the woods they heard someone else praying. Bro. Joe recognized it as being his brother, Bro. Clarence, and he started to him. But Bro. Preston had satan appear in the path before him, he was not there bodily but his presence was there none the less. "I knew he was standing there", Bro. Preston said and Satan told him, "Now I wouldn't go down there if I were you, those other boys will not want you there". After considering this, Bro. Preston said, "Satan you had better move over" and move over he did. This brother was among the little prayer

group just a short while when he found the Lord and off he went praising God and shouting all over the country side and in and out of houses. He went in the back door and out the front of a Guffey home and as he went on his way so very happy he heard the women of the house say "that's it all right". This happened 36 years ago and Bro. Preston has never been tired of telling what the Lord did for him on the side of Gunters Mountain.

We have made it a policy in this paper to forget ourselves and lift up the Lord. We try to leave the name Bryant out of this because we feel like he is "Mr. Nobody". But we have a testimony that was sent us and it concerns us for it happened in our home. So we will pass it on to you, hoping that you will over look our zeal in telling good things.

"My father, Ben House, who most all the holiness people know, had been having serious trouble with his stomach for over a year. He was always sick at his stomach and everything he ate made him sick. Even his color didn't look right. The whole family knew he was sick and wanted the Lord to heal him. Then on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, we decided to pray for him. We called out to Bryant and Charlotte Finlayson's house to ask them if we could have prayer for Daddy there, knowing that they believed in trusting the Lord. Bryant had been gone all day but Charlotte told us to come on out and he would probably be there by the time we got there.

When we got there Bryant still hadn't returned so we went ahead and had prayer. The Lord surely sent his power in that home. Charlotte was telling how "the Lord would do what we would let Him do." This seemed to add to Daddy's faith. Arlen House, my brother, anointed him with oil and the Spirit of God knocked him over in the floor. He was bouncing up and down under the spirit. Then he began to speak in divers tongues. He was so happy he got up saying "the Lord has healed me". What no one else knew was that he had been asking the Lord if he was going to heal him, that he would let him speak in these other tongues that we can read about in the word of God. As far back as I can remember this is the best I have ever saw the Lord bless Daddy...

(Bro.) Bobby H.

This happened over three months ago and Bro. Ben is doing real good. The Lord done a complete job on him...What seemed so good

to us that night was I had stopped off at BROWN'S CHAPEL on my way home. There was a wonderful meetin here with Bro. Henry present and the Lord blessing very much. When we pulled up in our drive we were still feeling the goodness of God and as I walked in, the House family all met me hugging my neck and praising the Lord for what he had done. I still don't think they even heard me when I told them about the glorious service that I had been in. It is very good that the Lord still hears and helps those who love Him.

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Sis. Mamie Pell, who passed away this past summer had written a letter to her son-in-law, Bro. Vernon Middlebrooks. We want to pass on part of it to you.

"Well, verson it is about 10 o'clock I was in bed got to studing....I started to make it through by the help of the Lord. My daddy and mother and sisters and brothers started too but they was like a lot of others they didn't count the cost. Like Paul said he told all kinds of things he had been through....The devil comes in every way but I hope I can overcome everything...Vernon, at one time I went several days my kidneys wouldn't move. They came prayed for me I just got up to talk before they prayed. The power fell and I was healed...and shouted. When Teena was a baby I didn't think I could live. They had come prayed a lot of times. So one night Bro. Tellis got to talking to me how the Lord could heal me and how bad I was needed with the children that caused me to have faith and when they prayed I came out of the bed praising the Lord and everyone shouting it was a glorious time. We don't hardly ever have a meeting like them was. I didn't even stumble any bit, I just got stronger in the Lord. It took a lot of striving. I have had a lots to go through with...Well I could write all night telling how the Lord has blessed me through these many days. I will go back to bed. Good night.

*Mamie Pell*

This dear saint has gone on to be with the Lord but we here will never forget her. For when I was a lost soul running from the law with no hope here or in the life to come, I was in the old Tiftonia church building up on the ridge one night when Sis. Mamie was up testifying. She was saying, "Glory! Glory! Glory!"

and waving her hand that had a little handkerchief in it. I couldn't understand what was happening to me, for I found myself crying. From that time on things started changing in my heart and life, until I too became a child of God. The last time I was with this sister was when we were around her



Sis. Mamie

bedside with a few children of God who were praying. This pilgrim was holding Sis. Mamie's hand and as we prayed, I could feel the spirit of God quickening her body. Now her battle is over and her victory is won and by the help of God we will meet her again in the land "wherein dwelleth righteousness."

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On Sunday evening of the second weekend, after church a few of the younger people met at Bro. Alvin Scott's home for a "snack and chat". As they were about to leave it was suggested that they have prayer. It was good. After prayer, someone said, "Does anyone want to testify?" and that started it, one after another was offering themselves and the Lord came in the midst and blessed wonderfully. Bro. Jerry Ragans, who had been feeling so low was now feeling so good as was everyone. Some of the children that were ill were healed and the good love of God was all over this house.

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"At one time I was afflicted with a terrible skin disease on my hands. I had three small children at the time and as my hands grew worse daily, I soon became unable to comb my hair or change a diaper let alone the many other jobs required of me. My hands were useless to me. They

were swollen about three times their normal size and their color was something between blue and purple and a lot of red, raw skin. Sis. Zuline Putnam would take me Christmas shopping and help buy and wrap gifts for my children since I was unable. People would stare at my hands until I found it quite embarrassing so I would put them in my pocket to avoid the stares. When I'd take them out the raw skin would stick to the pocket. At the time we lived up north and we were going to church at BLACK OAK. I remember one night we went to church and Bro. Tom Kerley saw my hands and he looked as if he were suffering with me. As much love as he has for the children of God, I realized he really was suffering. The children of God showed me so much love and care that I began to cry (love tears). I took a seat and Bro. Charles Cornelison and his wife, Sis. Sylvia, came and knelt beside me. She gently took hold of my hand and held it. They spoke just a few comforting words, but had they said anything, the love they showed me was enough. During the time my hands were so bad the Lord moved toward me several times and when I finally firmed in my heart that He would heal me, then I was healed. The suffering, pain and sleepless nights were all very bad, but I'm thankful for all of it. It gave me strength and more faith in a God who loves us and can heal us....How I love Him and His people."

*Sis Sue Bonds*

Sis. Sue was originally from the Chicago area. She met Bro. Willard Wooten's daughter, Sis. Caroline, and through her, met her future husband Milford Bonds. He took her to holiness meetings. This was during the summer, by fall she was in the altar and by Christmas she was a new creature in Christ. The following year she married Milford, who waited about eight more years before he came to the Lord in which he did three years ago....Bro. Milford and Sis. Sue, we are glad the Lord has been so good to you.

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There is still glad tidings coming from BROWN'S CHAPEL. Meetings were very good over the first weekend with Bro. Morgan Fortner praising the Lord all over the church, as usual. Also, Bro. James Castle is still on fire for God...Bro. Coleman Sanders from NYLA was feeling his salvation on Saturday night, especially in the

foot washing. On Sunday evening Sis. Sue Pell, daughter of Bro. Nimon, was in the real freedom of the Lord as also was Bro. Sherrill Higdon, whom the Lord lifted up with His goodness. The Lord blessed Bro. Leonard night and his wife, Sis. Louise, who were both over in the spirit of God. They were so proud that the Lord had moved toward their son, Carlos.



Bro. Leonard, Carlos, & Sis. Louise

He is a sweet young lad who has a large growth on the left side of his head and it has been there for some time. We would appreciate everyone who loves the Lord to hold this child up before God. We feel like God will heal him, so please help us to have faith to that end.

The Lord blessed Bro. Clifford Black at BROWN'S CHAPEL on Thursday night (15th) when he was repeating the story how he came to the Lord. The church was edified with some of the saints hugging one another's neck. God also blessed Sis. Gail Williams again here. We are hearing a lot about the Lord blessing her this year and this is good...The reason meeting was going on Thursday is that on the previous evening the Lord blessed so good toward the people praying for the Holy Ghost everyone wanted to try again the next evening. Even though no one made it to the Lord, it was good to see the Lord bless and heal like He did. During service word came that Bro. T Pritchett's wife, Sis. Opel, had a turn for the worse and they wanted the church to come and pray for her at home. The home prayer was real easy and by the time the saints had quit calling on the Lord, Sis. Opel rose up and said, "I have quit hurting and am perfectly easy now." Besides this the Lord blessed some more, especially Sis.

Mamie Williams from Scenicland. On the next meeting which was on Saturday, the saints had their prayers answered with the Lord baptising Freddie Spurgeon with the Holy Ghost. He is Bro. "Mutt" and Sis. Lona Spurgeon's son. When Bro. Freddie forsook everything the Lord was there.

Deveda, Carol Stone's wife, came to the Lord on the fourth Sunday at BIG COVE. She is Sis. Lucille (Bro. Obie McLain's wife) daughter. Sis. Deveda has been going to the altar for years but for the last couple of days she prayed continually at home in secret and the Lord has rewarded her openly.

One more soul was made ready to meet the Lord at RED BAY during the first weekend, in the Saturday evening service, (this is their main weekend). She is Sis. Darsey, Bro. Harvey Lindley's wife. She was starting toward the Lord during the revival meeting that Bro. Duke Cowan helped in here this past summer.

There was a good Sunday morning service at the ROCK HOUSE on the third weekend with Bro. Bernel Bell (who has been ill for some time) feeling good in the Lord.

Sunday night service at OLD SARDIS on the fourth weekend was good with the Lord showing His love among the saints by healing a number of the sick (there has been a lot of it this winter) and blessing His children, but the best part was where He gave Bidonna Womack the Holy Ghost to lead and guide her in His righteousness. Sis. Bidonna is the niece of Bro. Herman Womack.

The second Sunday service at HIGDON started in love and good will and ended in the same. The Lord was blessing and freeing almost everyone that tried to testify. Bro. Alton Willmon and especially his wife, Sis. Helen, were way over in God's country. As also was Sis. Judy Fortner (granddaughter of Bro. Paul Guffey), Sis. Lillie Higdon (one of her sons' started to the Lord at altar call), Sis. Betty Sue McKenzie and Bro. Paul Guffey's wife, Sis. Mae. They were all in Christ's liberty. Bro. Jim Goza and Bro. Frank Guffey were the only two ministers who talked for the Lord. There were a number of preachers here. Bro. Charles Willmon said with a good love when he was asked to talk, "the way God is blessing and everyone feeling so good I don't feel like it is necessary for me to say anything"... Bro. Frank preached on bearing the reproach of the children of God, (we always

get strength out of this sermon). It was indeed a good place to be...

Meeting was run at Higdon throughout the third week and on into the fourth week of February. During the second week of the same month, services were conducted Monday through Wednesday evenings. The reason for these services were that the altar was becoming filled with people trying to come to the Lord and the saints here were burdened for these souls...During the third week service it was a up hill struggle and thoughts were turned to dismissing it on Wednesday night, but perseverance "won out" and meeting was run the rest of the week with Bro. Harold Higdon's son-in-law, Danny Anderson receiving the Holy Ghost on Thursday evening. His wife (who the Lord has been blessing lately) is Sis. Norma Jean. Bro. Danny's coming to the Lord encouraged the church and they all kept holding onto the Lord. Sunday morning found the HIGDON church enjoying themselves in the Lord with Bro. Frank Guffey from SKYLINE helping out. The Lord opened up the windows of heaven and "poured out of His spirit" on Danny Forshee



Bros. Walter Higdon, Danny Forshee, Paul Higdon, Danny Anderson and Paul Guffey.

and Paul Higdon. Bro. Danny Forshee and his wife, Sis. Gay, come from 75 Highway church on the brow of Sand Mountain near Ider. Meeting continued into the fourth week and was dismissed by these happy but worn down saints...All during this revival God blessed a large number of his children. One of these was Bro. Edwin Spurgeon, who was way over in the goodness of the Lord telling how he received the Holy Ghost, not in church, but one day while he was out in the woods praying. Bro. Johnny Knight's daughter, Sis. Runell, was in the freedom of the Spirit (she testifies soberly), and more than once was Sis. Mary Ann Edmonds from 75 Highway. Bro Wayne Williams from SCENICLAND

was over in God's liberty, completely. He told how he was laying aside different things that he felt was holding him back in his serving the Lord. He said, "the more I lay aside the lighter I feel in the Lord." Amen...It was glad tidings when the Lord blessed Bro. Junior Martin from SCENICLAND. The Lord moved with him so wonderful that some of the lost world were heard to comment, "I could feel that all over me." Bro. Jr. has had a cancer on his mouth that has been growing and giving him serious trouble. When God was moving with him so, he stated he believed he was healed and we are going to help him to believe this, also. What sounded so beautiful when this brother was talking was the statement that he made "If God don't heal me I am ready to go to the good place that the Lord has prepared for me over yonder." Bro. Bobby Guffey was over in the hands of the Lord wonderfully. Bro. James Whitley, Sis. Tibbs, (his wife) and many, many more were in the hands of our Savior. Bro. Frank Guffey, from SKYLINE, was here a few services helping out. On Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>), he preaches on "rejoice in tribulation, knowing that tribulation worketh patience and patience experience and experience hope and hope maketh not ashamed." Bro. Frank used this scripture in reference to trusting the Lord in our healing...Bro. Frank's daughter, Sis. Margie, was happy and rejoicing in the Lord this same evening. Sis. Lillie Higdon has been shouting the victory all week. Bro. Paul Guffey, who leads service here at HIGDON has been greatly encouraged with all the help they have received of people coming, but mostly the help that "cometh from above". We wish we had room for all the good testimonies that the Lord was in.

" The Lord is continuing to bless His children in the north. Bro. Robert and Sis. Cora Warren were at SOUTH HAVEN and BLACK OAK the third weekend of January. Bro. Joe Ventress and Sis. Jean came with them and the Lord wonderfully blessed these good people. The communion service at BLACK OAK that Sunday night was one that surely pleased God as He made His presence felt in fellowship with His saints.

We're thankful that one more time we're able to report of another child of God being born on the fourth Tuesday night at SOUTH HAVEN, Sis. Geraldine Henderson received the Holy Ghost. She is the wife of Bro. Larry, who received the same good comforter as we reported last month. The saints of God are encouraged by the sending

of salvation by the Lord here and in the south, and hope that the end of this year will find many with the Holy Ghost who started 1973 without knowing God.

Once each month, two of the churches here dismiss Sunday morning services so that all may worship together at the third church. Such was the case the first Sunday when the saints met at MARKHAM; The Lord came, too. After the singing of but two songs, the Lord really "got a hold of" Bro. Thomas Kerley. In obedience to the spirit, Bro. Tom began reading...."Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." He continued by instruction the children of God that too many were not putting their full trust in the Lord during times of sickness and trials. He was blessed all over the church as the Word of God was delivered in power. Some children of God remarked that the manner in which the word of God was brought reminded them of being in the presence of Bro. Willis Brown preaching thirty years ago. At the conclusion of Bro. Thomas's sermon, Bro. Paul Warren followed right in line encouraging those who are tried by recalling the words of Job...."Behold I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: on the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Many saints followed in testimonies, acknowledging the word of God and expressing their thankfulness to him for sending it. The children of God at MARKHAM, whose crowd normally is a small number, are so thankful that this service, which filled their little church, was sweetly blessed by the good Lord.

The service that night at BLACK OAK was one which will be long remembered by Bro. J. B. Coffey. During the course of the service, Bro. J. B. said he felt like everyone should stand up. As soon as this was said, the children of God all stood and the power of God fell. Shortly thereafter Bro. J. B. said he believed that the saints should shake hands and hug each other to show their love. How the Lord did bless this "old-fashioned neck-hug." At one point Bro. J. B. was observed just sitting on the floor, laughing in happiness, with tears of joy streaming down his face!

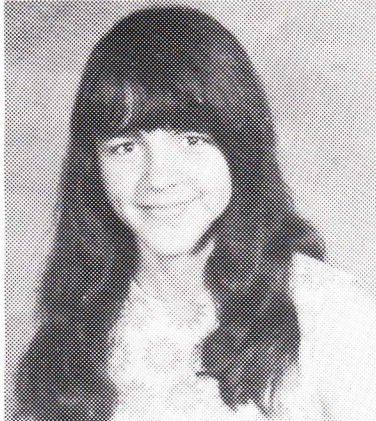
(Bro.) Frankie Duvall



*(around 1942)*

Bro. Lawrence Brown, Bro. Paul Walls, Bro. Willis Brown (standing) Bro. Charley Brown (seated)

Kathy Saint received the Holy Ghost in a wonderful service at GRASSY MOUNTAIN on the 4th Saturday evening. She went to the altar just a few times before the Lord came



Sis. Kathy

in. Sis. Kathy's mother, Doris, has been seeking God for some time. We hope she will turn her life over to the Lord soon.

Bro. Thomas and Sis. Doris Brewer of ROCKY BRANCH have a new son. His name is Lynn and he came to the Lord here on Sunday evening of the 12th...Sis. Ginny Rice, Bro. Charles' wife, is also proud of the way the Lord moved with Daryl, one of their twins, who had been sick with a high fever. Sis. Ginny was not at meeting when Bro. Lynn "prayed" through" on account of the boy being so ill. During the night the fever broke and the following morning found Daryl "up playing and singing."

The late Bro. Ben Rice's daughter-in-law, Polk's wife, who he just remarr-ied the week before, was added by the Lord to the church on the 4th Sunday evening at ROCKY BRANCH. This was the highlight of this service after the Lord had blessed the saints in His goodness.

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J. T. Smith and his wife, Sis. Faye, who are from GRASSY MTN., had a trial with their daughter being ill. J. T. is still without God but nevertheless, he tries to put all his trust in the Lord. One day their daughter was very ill at school. Sis. Faye brought her home with a high fever so high that Glennice was "out of her head." This mother had lost one child and did not believe she could go through with losing another one. By the time J. T. came home from work (they had called him from work) Glennice did not know her mother or her father. Her reply to "Do you know us?" was "I don't know you". The children of

*We have run out of space, but I came to the Lord at WILSON ROAD in CHATTANOOGA on the 1st Sunday (27th) March (will give details later)*

God were called in. As a few gathered in and started singing, Bro. Richard Ashley from Martlin laid his hand on the child and in a few minutes it's fever subsided and she was "soon back in school" and doing fine.

"With as many churches as we have there should be one revival service going on somewhere at all times." This was a conversation that was overheard between Bro. Frank Guffey and Bro. Lawrence Brown at the recent Higdon revival. We thought it worth passing on.

There has been some good services at KEEL MTN. Bro. David Jones from BEIRNES AVE. was with them on the 3rd Tuesday evening and the Lord used him in a goodly way. On the 4th Sunday they had a glorious service with the Lord blessing wonderfully. Bro. Henry Carter from HUNTSVILLE was in the goodness of God as also was Sis. Betty Cooper, who is a new child of God. Sis. Reatha Dudley was lost in the Spirit of God. It was a good time in the Lord.

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We here love to tell of all the good things that the Lord is still doing for His people. But to us the best thing that God does for a person, is when he fills them full of His love (gives them the Holy Ghost. This month we have heard of 11 coming to the Lord. The churches that this happened at are OLD SARDIS (1), BIG COVE (1), HIGDON (3), SOUTH HAVEN(1), GRASSY MTN. (1), ROCKY BRANCH (2), BROWN'S CHAPEL (1), RED BAY (1), and we are proud of every one of these.

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Bryant Finlayson

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We just received some good last minute news. Two received the Holy Ghost at LAKEWOOD PARK in Florida. Susan Stapler, daughter-in-law of Sis. Birdie Stapler received the Holy Ghost on Wednesday night the 28th. Bro. Lendon and Sis. Opel Craig's daughter, Carla, was received by the Lord on the 1st Saturday night, March 3rd, while Bro. Henry McLain was with them. (The Lord's Supper was also honored this night.)

*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report,—think on these things.*