

GLAD THINGS

OF GOOD THINGS



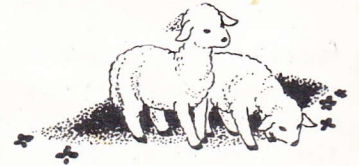
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God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Remembering



Bro. Will Guffey and Bro. Seaborn Evans. Everyone knows Bro. Will but Bro. Seaborn did not become as well known for he received the Holy Ghost when holiness was first preached on Gunter's mountain when he was an old man. We can not find out much about Bro. Seaborn except he was loved by everyone who knew him. Bro. Frank Guffey still remembers him as "Uncle Seaborn".

It was the third Sunday morning at BROWN'S CHAPEL and Sis. Martha Castle was edifying as she remembered the time when she was having a very hard struggle. She had been under an accusation and she was very worried so much so that she could hardly eat or sleep. She was up late sewing one night after the rest of the family had retired to bed. After making herself sleepy she arose and prepared to retire also. Her husband Bro. James was sound asleep as she pulled the covers of the bed back. But as her heart was heavy instead of crawling into the bed she sank down on her knees

and said "Lord! You know where I'm at in you!". It was good to hear Sis. Martha tell how she saw a beautiful light appear in the room and it came all around her. She was in the light but outside of this light was a very deep darkness. Sis. Martha started praising the Lord as He let it slowly disappear. When she came to herself the first thing she thought of was that she had awakened her husband but No! He was still sleeping like a baby. Sis. Martha did not let the accusation worry her anymore for she knew she was in the light of the Lord.

Bro. William Knight and his wife Si. Peggy were blessed at BROWN'S CHAPEL on the 2nd Sunday evening. Bro. William testified how the Lord has taken care of him for over 20 years. He also stated that "The best is yet to come". Sis. Peggy told of the time her daughters hands was in an awful shape.



Bro. William and Sis Peggy

She had 3rd degree burns from falling into some real hot water. The girl hands were drawn as Sis. Peggy asked the doctor, "Will they ever straighten out?" "You can't expect them to, with 3rd degree burns", was his reply. Bro. William and Sis. Peggy brought their child to Sand mountain where "Papa Knight" (Bro. Monroe) said "If you will take that bandage off, the Lord will heal it". This happened on the way to church Saturday evening. On Monday when the doctor removed the bandage the hand was straight and today it is perfectly normal. This family lives in Nashville Tenn. where Bro. Dewayne Teet from SCOTTSBORO has just resettled.

LOVE

A brother who has had a difficult struggle physically for a long time was at ELKWOOD on the 4th Sunday evening. It was Bro. Shelley Drake from BIG COVE and he was feeling very low. In this same service Bro. Marvin Stinnett who was ill was present. When Bro. Marvin's wife Sis. Irene was up testifying, Bro. Shelley asked the Lord to let her hands go on her husband. The Lord let her hands go on Bro. Marvin but he also wonderfully blessed Bro. Shelley because he preferred his brother. Bro. Willard Wooten said "it's the best I've seen him feel in a long time". He was referring to Bro. Eugene Coffey who the Lord blessed.

Bro. Alvin Bailey was "A hold of God" as he exhorted all of God's children to be at peace among themselves. Bro. Millard Guffey was used by the Lord as he pressed the lost to repent. This brought joy all through the congregation and it was still there when Bro. Raymond Hall from STOCKBRIDGE edified the saints and touch the heart strings of the seekers. This was taking place at S. PITTSBURG MTN. on the 3rd Saturday evening at the end of their revival. Bro. Sherill Higdon talked from the book of Daniel and testified to saint and sinner that these are indeed the last days. Another brother from STOCKBRIDGE, Bro. Luther Wood remembered how the Lord let him hear the way of God preached over six years ago and that he also belived into it.

Bro. Willard Wooten was pressed by the Lord to have a weeks meeting at OLD SARDIS through the 2nd week. The Lord wonderfully blessed with 10 souls being born anew.

They are;

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| Jeffery Wells | Lynn Wooten |
| Judy Pendergrass | Deborah Bell |
| Sharlene Pendergrass | Cynthia Black |
| Vicky Black | Francis Anderson |
| Phillip Elkins | Lynita Summerford |
- This of course lifted up the whole church. Four of these recieved the Holy Ghost in one evening. These that came to the Lord were not the only ones to recieve help for the saints were also taught in the word. The crowds were very large here as saints came from everywhere to help.

PRAYER

The yearly revival at HIGDON through the 1st week of July saw three souls being prepared to meet the Lord in peace. They were Bro. Roy and Sis. Kate Spurgeon's (Oak Grove) oldest girl Carloyn. Bro. Eugene and Sis. Katherine Gamble's (HIGDON) girl Delores. Bro. Leonard and Sis. Louise Knight's (BROWN'S CHAPEL) Anita. And Sis. Shirley (Inman) Forshee's husband Joe. This couple live in Trenton.

Sis. Judy Blevins from ELLERS CHAPEL is thanking the Lord for the way He helped her husband Bro. L.D. when he fell off a 30 foot high scaffold and broke himself up seriously. He was back on the job in two. This is something to be thankful for.

Two came to the Lord at LOOKOUT MTN. during their revival through the 3rd week in July. These were Bro. Joe Mashburn's daughter Renea and Connie, Sis. Bernice Veals daughter. Besides this they were blessed with good preaching. Bro. Hodges Moore exhorted the lost to come to God as he gave chapter and verse for all that he spoke. This was on Tuesday evening and Bro. Tom Buckner was also present and he was used of the Lord to admonish the saints not to be too eager to claim the Holy Ghost for those coming to God but rather let them know for themselves what the Lord has done for them... Amen... On Friday evening the ministers worked together with Bro. Jack Denson exhorting the lost that they can come to God wherever their hearts become right with the Lord. He went further and pointed out to saints, not to teach their children against people or churches where God had some of His children.

interest. Take ye away therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him that hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away. And cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth."

After reading this he said if a man was given only one talent he could put it to use no matter where you are or who is there. Bro. Hodges Moore spoke from Jeremiah 31-31, "I will put my laws in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God and they shall be my people". Bro. Dewey Barrier used "The Psalmist's" words, "Search me O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts". Bro. Dewey went further and said "You better be careful what you think".

Forgiveness

Revival started at HYTOP with a singing and dinner on the grounds. There was a large number of saints present from a number of different bands of Holiness. The HYTOP people honored four saint's birthdays on this day. They were Sis. Lillie Parker, 83



Bros. Jack Denson, Willard Wooten, Dewey Barrier and Hodges Moore.

Bro. Willard took up the scripture of the talents:

"For it is as when a man, going into another country, called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his several ability; and he went on his journey. Straightway he that received the five talents went and traded with them, and made other five talents. In like manner he also that received the two gained other two. But he that received the one went away and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. Now after a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and maketh a reckoning with them. And he that received the five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: lo, I have gained other five talents. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. And he also that received the two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: lo, I have gained other two talents. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. And he also that had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou didst not sow, and gathering where thou didst not scatter; and I was afraid and went away and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, thou hast thine own. But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter; thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back mine own with



Bro. Albert and his mother Sis. Lillie years old and her son Bro. Alfred who is 65. Bro. Will Guffey also 83 and his son Bro. Frank who is 64. Bro. Will stated that he was shown good love and respect. This was on the 3rd Sunday morning.

Service that evening was not long but it was good with Sis. Shirley Countrymen, Bro. Ron's wife (from SOUTH HAVEN) edified the church by telling of a young man in their community that she disliked because he had spent time in prison for theft & etc. She then heard a visiting brother tell how at one time he was nothing but an outlaw who had been in and out of jails and prison



Bro. Ron and Sis. Shirley

and had been thrown out of the army with a bad discharge. But this man told how some of God's people took him in off of the street and God gave him the Holy Ghost. Sis. Shirley continued with telling how great the Love of God was. (Amen, Sis. Shirley, Amen) Another one that the Lord wonderfully blessed this evening was that young man from SCENICLAND Bro. Wayne Williams. He was again praising the Lord for helping him with his bad eye. It sounded real good when he mentioned about he would get to see his dad Bro. Coy in a little while. Bro. Coy passed on to his reward a couple of years ago.



"There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

—Proverbs 18:24

Bro. Joe Ventrus from BEIRNE AVE. was way over in the hands of the Lord at OAK GROVE during their revival in July. Some said it was the best they had seen the Lord bless this beloved brother.

Sis. Lois Burke from BIG COVE has been a child of God for 27 years and the Lord has been real good to her. Here is one of those good things He has done for her.

"Once about 2 years ago I started having some kind of chills every after noon. It would come on me around 6 o'clock in the evening. After having these chills for about a week, and having asked a number of children of God to pray for me, I was still no better. It came to me to call Sis. Lizzie Drake and have her ask prayer for me that evening at church. After wards I forgot about this because I was so sick I could hardly stand it. I was in bed and it was time for them to pray for me at church when a soft voice spoke to me and said "if I will heal you, will you get up from there"? Before I relized what I was doing I said "Yes Lord I will". I layed there for about a minute and felt the sickness start down out of my body. I got up as fast as I could and I really felt good. Some times seems like I can still hera that voice".

Sis. Louise thank you for this good testimony it edified us here.

Bro. Lawrence Brown who spent a week at LAKEWOOD PARK during their revival is well pleased by the way the meeting went and the good cooperation that was given by all. He has commented on this more than once since he has returned home to north Alabama.

We had a wonderfull meeting in BLACK OAK on the 4th weekend (Sunday evening). Bro. Hilra McLain led the service because Bro. Tom Kerley is in Florida running a revival (it's his vacation). The Lord blessed in many ways toward His children. Sis. Sue Jane Allen was testifying, telling the young sisters they can bring their lost husbands in the Way by being good to them, and living in a way that it is a light unto them. Oh it sounded so good! It was a help to these young christians as some told Sis. Sue Jane later. Bro. Johnnie Knight and his family from HIGDON were here (we were so glad) and Sis. Geneva who had hurt herself in a fall was blessed with some of the saints hands going on her. Even after meeting saints were still encouraging her to belive the Lord when Sis. Mable Veal had the presence of God move with her and she laid hands on Sis. Geneva who then was rejoicing and the love of God was everywhere (I just bawled).

Sis. Pearlina Dudley

The saints at SCOTTSBORO are still being helped by the Lord all along. Bro. Dewayne Teet's wife Sis. Thelma was in the spirit of God on the 3rd Sunday evening as she thanked the Lord for the wonderful way He has helped them. She told of the time when they were first married and they were deep in debt. But what was so good was that Sis. Thelma told how the Lord helped them pay of all their creditors and the Lord has since made this family to prosper.



Bro. Dewayne and Sis. Thelma

Bro. Dewayne has been transferrd to Nashville this past month and we here are praying that the Lord is in this move, for there are already a couple of holiness families living in this city. We are looking to hear that they are having services here soon. Bro. Dewayne is the son of the late Bro. Kenneth Teet from LOOKOUT MTN. Sis. Thelma is the daughter of Bro. Harvey Carden from BLACK OAK in Indiana.

" Bro. Jack Denson started our revival at LAKEWOOD PARK and every service was good. I can't begin to tell every thing that happened except some that are special. Bro. Jack spoke to the world in a way I have never heard before. It came with power from above. Bro. Jack then turned to the children of God as he exhorted them to "Walk in Love". Bro. Harry (H.B.) Kilgore brought such a good feeling as he was layed out under the spirit of God as he spoke in tongues. Bro. Homer and Sis. Katherine were here on Sunday evening and that good feeling was still present. They were the first to testify and the Lord

blessed them both. I am so thankful that I felt so good also. Bro. Thomas Kerley and family and Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Maude Brown came on Monday and took up where Bro. Jack left off by telling the world to flee the wrath to come. On Wenesday evening we sure had an altar full and Flora Henshaw who came with her mind made up, came up in a short time with the Holy Ghost a shouting. Sis. Flora is the daughter of Sis. Fumiko the Japanese sister who everyone loves so. Sis. Fumiko really rejoiced this night. I couldn't start to call every body's name that was free in the Lord during this service. Bro. Lowell was happy in the Lord in the Friday evening meeting. Two more of our children have started to the Lord. That makes three seeking Him now. All of them real close to God and not only them but there is a dozen more just as close as ours. Bro. Wesley McLain came in the 4th Sunday evening, the last night of the revival, feeling the Lord. He rehearsed how the children of God went in front of Jesus riding on the donkey shouting and praising God. Some try to get the Master to have them be quite. His reply was "If these are quite immediatly the stones will cry out". Bro. Billy and Sis. Joyce Williams both were free in the Lord.



Bro. Billy and Sis. Joyce

Their baby girl had ringworms on her. One was on her head and it cause a big round place on her head to lose it's hair. Bro. Thomas and Bro. Lawrence anointed her in name of the Lord. So the Williams family has a right to praise the Lord. It was a good revival with Bro. Tom and Bro. Lawrence have been working together as good as I've seen them since we started having meeting in the North 22 years ago.

Sis. Bobbie Holoway

We are blessed with a lot of mail and in almost every letter something is said about the goodness of God. We thought it would be edifying to pass some of these on to you:

"How great it is to know truly Gods spirit dwells within and that we are protected day by day with his loving care, knowing without a doubt we are ready to meet him if he should come or call."

Bro.Paul and Sis.Eileen Walls

"You know we can make it if we want to. The Lord layed this way out before us and bore all the shame and made it as easy for us as He could. I'm proud that I am one of His for He could have passed me over for some one else but he just looked down and picked me up out of sin and placed my feet on higher ground and made me a child of God. Thank God."

Bro.Wesley McLain

"The lord has done so much for me, I sure want to hold Him up and tell of His goodness. I could go on and on and tell of the things He has done for me. Can't we all? I love all the children of God

Sis, Lucille Smith

"I don't think we should wait until one is ready to be put in the ground, and then tell the goods things about him. "Give the flowers while they live", Just a pat on the back and a good word of cheer will lighten the load while traveling here....It's a dreary day on the outside this morning but inside my heart, there's peace, joy and happiness. I enjoy writing about the Lord as well as talking about Him."

Sis.Ruby McKenzie

"The Lord has been so good to us. There is so much comfort in the Love of God."

(written after the death of her mother)

Sis.Betty Bohanon

" Bless the name of the Lord! He supplies all our needs and keeps us happy day by day.

Sis.Minnie McLain

"There is nothing like the good love of God."

Bro.Duncan Jones

" I know God can do anything be cause he has done a lot for me the past 47 years that I have had the Holy Ghost. I love to hear the children of God tell about what the Lord has done for them for I know just what He can do."

Sis.Viola Cain

"I love the way of God and the children of God everywhere. I wish I could find

words to express the feeling I have for each child of God. I like to be with them and have them visit in my home for I feel that what I have is theirs also. I do want to please God and like to share my heart with my brothers and sisters."

Bro.Charles (Fats)Butler

"How I love Him and His people"

Sis.Sue Bonds

"Keep a humble heart and desire His will because He works all things for good to them that love Him. That's really hard to believe when those trying times come, but after you make it through it seems like you gain strength and faith. I believe the Lord wants us to look toward Him and give Him all the honor He deserves."

Sis.Ginnie Rice

"We are still rejoicing in the Lord for contiually blessing and healing our family and for Salvation."

Bro.Lee Turner

"...wish I could go to all the churches to meeting, but I guess that will never be possible. But if I can live in a way that I can be counted faithful at the end, and get to go where all the good children of God will be. I beleive I can make it. A little over 43 years ago I got what it took to make it."

Sis.Essie Thompson

"It's good to know we have the Lord with us where ever we are and to know He will alwayes help us when we need Him.He has has done somuch for us, that no one else could have done

Bro.Preston Buckner



Sunday evening of the 4th at ROCKY BRANCH meeting was good. Sis.Ginny Rice was over in the hands of the Lord. Sis. Ginny has needed physical help, we hope the work was done. Bro.Billy Brewer and Sis. Shirley were visiting and they were both found to be rejoicing in God's goodness. Even the singing was sounding extra good. Also this past weekend Bro.Hubert Sampson talked on how our imagination could be a weight to us. We could imagine a brother or sister did't have confidence in us and begin to carry the thought around and just get burdened down under it. This was all tied in with the scripture "Let us lay aside every weight...that doth so easily beset us.

Sis.Sue Bonds

THIS IS THEIR 50th



To everyone's delight Bro. Thomas Kerley pronounced Bro. Henry and Sis. Minnie McLain "man and wife". Love was still shining in their eyes as this beloved couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Bro. Henry cried (boo-hoed) as the service commenced. Just about everyone in the BLACK OAK church was crying but Sis. Minnie. She was laughing because she was so happy. She said "I never thought I would see this day". They were married in Bridgeport Alabama on August 24th 1923 (Sis. Minnie mentioned a Model-T but we didn't find out how it fit in the picture). Sis. Minnie was 17 and Bro. Henry was 20 and he had been a child of God for 7 years. He came to the Lord on Gunters mountain in 1915. Sis. Minnie came to God at Bridgeport.... It is indeed good to see and feel the love this older couple has for one another after all these years and after raising five children. Bro. Henry has been used by the Lord to bring many to Himself and he has been a blessing to all that are devoted to the Lord by the way he has always taught the saints to love one another by using the scripture of "God is Love. Another verse that he always is heard to use and it always is pleasing to hear is "the fruits of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. It is indeed a good measure of any man.

The Lord is still blessing in Huntsville on BEIRNE AVE. On the 4th Sunday evening He gave another the good Holy Ghost. It was Sis. Billie and Jack Aclin's daughter, Brenda. This meeting was so good they decided to give it out Monday evening, then Tuesday evening until they had services all week with the Lord giving Beverly King the Holy Ghost also. She is the daughter of Sis. Faye King and the grand-daughter of Bro. Higgins who passed away a short while ago. Bro. Jack was here some with Bro. Willard being present most of the time. He preached on "The Mark of the Beast one night. He showed how the time is closing in when this scripture will be fulfilled. There is a number of new ones in the altar. One evening the saints had Bro. Bill Walls "ringed in" as he talked concerning being in the vine and for all the saints working in their place.

Week Revivals

(If the Lord wills)

BROWN'S CHAPEL's revival will be during the 1st week of August. (5-11)
Homecoming will be the first Sunday of August, 8/5/73.

BIG COVE's revival will be held the 1st week in August. (5-11)

SKYLINE's revival will be the 1st week in August. (5-11)
Homecoming will be on the 1st Sunday in August, 8/5/73.

ELKWOOD's revival is through the 1st week in September. Bro. J. B. Pritchett from NOAH'S ARK RD. in Atlanta. (2-8)
Homecoming will be on the 1st Sunday in September, 9/2/73.

SCOTTSBORO's revival will be conducted through the 2nd week of September. (9-15)
Bro. Willard Wooten will be assisting here.
Homecoming will be on the 2nd Sunday in September. 9/9/73.

ROCKY BRANCH's revival is the 3rd week of August. (19-25)

TIFTONIA's revival is the 2nd week in August. (12-18) Bro. Willard will be aiding some here.

IDER's revival will be the 2nd week in August. (12-18) Bro. Willard will be here some of the time.

BEIRNE AVE's revival will be the 4th week in August. (27-1)

Three more people came to the Lord at ELKWOOD. We will try to have the details next month.

PRAYER NEEDS

We want to request prayer for Bro. Alvie Gwathney and family. They are from CAVE SPRINGS and they have been having a hard trial and we want to stand by them in their hour of trouble.

We have a request that came to us in the mail and it can be best explained by using the writers own words. QUOTE; "I have a special request. It is for a very dear little sister who lives in Humboldt, Tenn. all alone (from the saints) except for the sweet spirit of God. She is such a humble, kind and loving person. She needs the prayers of everyone, so much. She has a problem of not being able to be with the children of God. But we know the Lord can change all this. This sister really needs help prayers. Her name is Sis. Dianne Brown. She is the granddaughter of Sis. Mason from Cumberland mountain. Anyone caring to write this sister, here is her address; 2206 E. Main st. Apt. 14 Humboldt Tenn. 38343. "

We want to continue to thank everyone for the love and good will shown us in this endeavor. We receive so many nice letters and telephone calls encouraging us in sending out good news. In these days when The Tempter is running rampant through the land, it is indeed heartening to know of so many who love to talk and tell the good edifying things of the Lord.

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That ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.