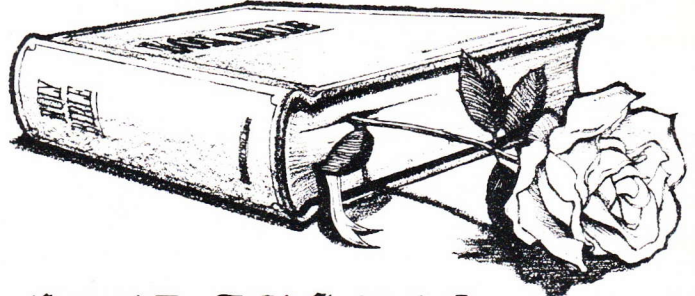


GLAD TIDINGS



OF GOOD THINGS

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I AM THY SHIELD AND EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD

The closest church to where Bro. Jimmy Stilwell worked in South Bend was at SOUTH HAVEN which was about sixty miles away. After much deliberation Bro. Jimmy decided (by the Lord's help) to move to La Porte which was half way between SOUTH HAVEN and South Bend. What made his decision difficult was LaPorte was known for it's very heavy snow fall and precipitation. But since Bro. Jimmy has moved here the precipitation has followed a different pattern with La Porte usually receiving far less than the surrounding country. When one of the ladies at the office kept asking Bro. Jimmy how the snow was in LaPorte after a snow fall in South Bend and she kept receiving an answer that the snow was much less she accused Bro. Jimmy of lying for everyone knew that LaPorte always had the most. Well one day a gentleman was riding with this brother as he assisted him on his job. It was snowing and this man was stunned at what he saw, for on both sides of the car Bro. Jimmy was driving, snow was coming down. In the rear there was snow and about thirty feet ahead the snow falling briskly, but none of it landed on this "holy one's" vehicle. The car that passed them to and fro had snow on them as their windshield wipers flicked as it kept the window's clean. But Bro. Jimmy's wipers were silent because he had no need for them today for God was proving that "His children do not lie." When the gentleman who was with this brother returned to the South Bend office he told the doubting lady that Bro. Jimmy was not a liar and his car did not even have any snow on it in a middle of a storm.

50th Anniversary



Bro. James and Sis. Naomi Wooten celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 23rd with an open house at their home. They were married in 1923 and they have 12 children, 35 grand-children and 18 great-grand children.

Bro. James received the Holy Ghost in the PLEASANT GROVE community at his parents home (Walker and Fannie Wooten) in 1920.

Sis. Naomi came to the Lord at the ROCK HOUSE in 1929. She is 66 and he is 72. We all wish you many more pleasant years together Bro. James and Sis. Naomi.

What doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul?



During that good service on the first Sunday evening at BEIRNE AVENUE, Bro. Horace Williams and Bro. David Jones were remembering how the same David Jones came to Christ years before.

David was then a church member who was living with Bro. Horace Williams in Lincoln Village in Huntsville, but he was watching Bro. Horace and his wife, Sis. Vicie, and those Holiness friends of theirs that they spoke so highly about and loved so greatly. These people touched him by the way they blessed their food, the way they prayed and when they met a brother, the way they hug one another and he even seen these men kiss once and this amazed him for he had not seen men do this before. (This evening he called it a HOLY KISS). Their conversation about other saints was always good, telling how much they loved so and so and how much confidence they had in this or that brother. There was one man that he wanted to meet on the account of all the good things he had heard concerning this brother. When he finally saw this man coming one day he knew who he was just from what he had heard said about him.

One evening when Bro. Horace returned home from work he was confronted by little David with a bible in his hands and a question to ask. "Does everyone have to speak in tongues to receive the Holy Ghost?" he asked. Bro. Horace's reply was slow in coming for he feared lest he say the wrong thing. His answer was "If you receive the Holy Ghost you will." To this the young man shut up the bible and Bro. Horace thinks to himself, "I've fixed things now!"

Later in the quiet of the night Bro. Horace was disturbed by a commotion at the foot of his bed. Before he could find the pull chain on the light, he heard someone telling the Lord they had gone as far as they could go without Him. When the light was finally pulled on David was seen on his knees pouring his heart out to God. All of this is beautiful but what is even better this same David, Bro. David now is carrying on that which was given to him for there are many at Huntsville and other places who tell of Bro. David's helping them see the light that he saw in the Williams.



I(Bryant) have always tried to keep at a minimum in Glad Tidings anything concerning myself but a most beautiful thing happened to me and I want to tell about it.

At BLACK OAK on the third Sunday evening the Lord blessed wonderfully and as we all went into his death and suffering He manifested Himself in a glorious way. This was indeed His body and His blood. When the foot washing came about it became better and it seemed like we were transported into the suburbs of the Celestial City as the love of God abounded there more and more. Through all this, there were a couple of saints who out of caution in the Lord held back. One of these was Bro. Phillip Allen who feels small in the Lord. At the end part of the foot washing these lovely saints brought Bro. Phillip up to the front and began to take off his shoes and socks of which I also helped. When most of the holy brethren had washed this brother's feet I commenced to do the same. As my love went to this saint and I washed his feet the Lord spoke to me and said, "As you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me." With this came the complete realization that I was indeed washing my Saviour's feet and by then I found myself kissing them in my love of God. I cannot see how it is possible for me to ever feel more of the presence of God than I did here unless its's when I stand before Him on that great white throne.

Bryant Finlayson

We do not have the words or ability to express the way God blessed at BEIRNE AVENUE in Huntsville the 1st Sunday evening. Bro. Charlie Brown was reading from Peter "...ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people", as he encouraged and edified the church by commending them to the Lord. It was touching to the heart strings to hear this brother call the saints of the Most High jewels and precious in God's sight. Before this meeting was over Bro. Charlie's wife, Sis. Gladys, and Son Bro. Roger were "shouting the victory" all over the meeting house. Bro. Obie McLain was not far behind them in rejoicing. Bro. Horace Williams from BLACK OAK was also leaping "like a hart" as he told about the goodness of our God. Bro. Horace's daughter Sis. Elizabeth Turner, joyfully thanked God for being her "helper". Bro. Bill Price was remembering how God helped him when his foot had given him so much trouble. What brought it to his mind was Sis. Debbie (Bro. Sam Hudson's daughter) asked him before service started "What will people think if I ask prayer for my foot?" (an ingrown toe nail, which some of us know can hurt very much.) Sis. Debbie's foot starting feeling better. Bro. Bill Price's wife, Sis. Eula Mae, was bright as she testified and praised God, as also did Sis. Vera Hunter. Some one mentioned the

scripture

"...unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall."

Bro. Joe Owens remembered an older saint Bro. McCruthen telling about looking at a very fat calf he had in a stall when the Lord spoke to him; "You could be fat like this calf but you won't eat." This really touched home.

After altar call some of the young, new sisters testified and told of things God had done for them. When Bro. Gene Coffey's daughter, Sis. Barbara, was wit-



Sisters Vickie Brown, Debby Hudson, Barbara Coffey and Sandra Finlayson

nessing for the Lord, He started blessing the other little sisters all over the altar and some of the middle aged and older women were also filling the altar "shouting" and the men were helping out also. Everyone was having such a good time, one could not tell who was doing what except everyone was having a good time in the Holy Ghost. Through out this meeting all were encouraging one another and many of the sick were heartened. One of these, Sis. Annie Lou Carter, who has sugar was reassured as the Lord allowed some hands to go on her. All in all this was a very good palce to be. (We were there, so we know.)

Oh what a happy time they are having in BLACK OAK with the Lord still giving the Holy Ghost and changing their lives. Barbara Letson is now a child of God. She came to the Lord here over the first weekend. She knew nothing about the ways of God until she met the Letsons.

About this same time Bro. Odie McAllister was "shouting the victory" as God wonderfully

blessed him. He is a man that all of Gods saints love.

On Sunday evening of this weekend when the "power" of God was falling all around when Bro. Kerry Duvall went rejoicing across the house and laid hands on Sis. Sandra (Bro. Charles Houston daughter) and she fell under the Spirit and later that she had prayed and prayed for this to happen to her.

"We were proud to have Bro. Robert and Sis. Cora Warren up from NYLA" and Bro. Robert is still talking the good word of God.

There was a Lord's Supper set here that was wonderful. When the body of our Lord was being passed this third Sunday evening the presence of the Lord was felt greatly and it left no doubts that He was honored in what was taking place. It was followed with a magnificent foot washing where the love of God was full in all it's beauty while the saints showed and felt the love for one another. It was a great time in the Lord (and this writer will never forget it).

After the footwashing ended the "holy circle" was formed and many of Gods saints was blessed here. Some from as far away as PLEASANT GROVE and BEIRNE AVE were feeling the joy of their salvation as the snow fell in big flakes in the cold night air outside. Sis. Betty Kilgore was glorying in the Lord for healing her baby the night before, or rather about 3 o'clock that morning. The child became real sick and cried very much when Sis. Betty called over at the church were some of the brethern were working this early in the morning on some kind of plumbing difficulty. As these saints prayed for this baby the Lord healed it and it went to sleep and Sis. Betty (Bro. Darrell wife) was sure happy telling about it.

Sunday evening of the 23rd found Bro. Thomas Kerley, Bro. Leroy Duvall and Bro. Wesley McLain exhorting the saints to be testifying and asking "have you done your best?" The church was behind them and many were up confessing that they were slack in doing that which they knew they could.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Sue Mc Kenzie and their son David were blessed of God. Sis. Sue was blessed more than I ever seen" as Sis. Pearlina put it. Bro. Harold who followed her was praising the Lord for healing his wife Sis. Sue, the night before. She had been moaning and groaning as he went into the bathroom to pray. When he returned to her bedside she was still ill. So this time he really prayed and this time the Lord healed her. As he told how good God had been to him, he was leaping and shouting in the great joy of our God and the church was edified and others shouted with him.

Remember



Bro. Alvin Watts and Bro. Henry McLain

Bro. Henry McLain was telling at BEIRNE AVENUE on the Sunday evening of the first, about when times were so hard during the Great Dpression years when every penny counted and at his home things were so hard there was doubts about having enough food for the table. One day Bro. Henry had went to the grocery and ordered some food to be delivered to his house. When he finally returned home he found his kitchen full of groceries. They were on the table, on the chairs and some piled on the floor. Bro. Henry started to go to the store to tell them of a mistake they had made with his grocery order, but as he started out the back door he heard a knock on the front one. Bro. Alvin Watts met him on the porch and tried to give him \$7.00. As Bro. Henry tried to refuse the money he also realised the food in the kitchen had been brought to him from the saints of God and Bro. Alvin was not to be denied as he stuff the money in Bro. Henry's pocket with the remark "That's your money!"

(If you fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well.)

I want you all to pray for me for I can't walk but a very little since we come down from the north but I know the Lord can help if I keep looking to him for He is the only one that can. I am weak in the Lord and body but he wants us to watch and pray for everything is getting harder now. I also know the Lord has been real good to me. Dilbert my biggest boy and I were reading Glad Tidings about the Lord helping Sis. Faye Lohenitz when the girls came in from school asking where Teddy Joe was at. I said "Don't you know. Why didn't you find him before you got on the bus?" I was crying because of my condition I knew I couldn't see about him when I thought about Sis. Faye praying and telling her husband Jack that everything was going to be alright. This touched me and about this time a car drove up and it was the principal of the school with my Teddy. So I was laughing when they came in for I was happy that God still loved me. I didn't think the Lord would hear me any more but he did and I love Him for it. I thank God also for giving my mother Mamie Miller the Holy Ghost at NYLA this past fall.

God bless you all is my prayer."

Sister Lucille Hancock

Sis. Lucille Hancock lives near Fyffe on Route 1. She has a very severe case of arthritis and is confined where she is not able to get around much and so misses being with the saints, but she loves them and they love her. If the opportunity arises go and visit her or write her a letter but most of all pray to our Lord that He will heal her and also bless her soul in which she stands in need of.

We are happy that the Lord is leading Bro. Charles and Bro. Merle Willmon to start a Holiness church here in Fyffe. They now have the land and are waiting on the financial matters. This will be a big help to Sis. Lucille and others in this area for these brothers are God fearing men and desire to assist all that God will lead them to.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

There is more good news from BEIRNE AVE in Huntsville. Three more have come to the Lord. We are sorry but we do not have their names. One of these was the mother-in-law of Bro. Donald Eckart who came to Christ this past month. Two more received the Spirit of God at a dwelling house during a Christmas gift opening gathering.

Bro. Lewis and Sis. Vernie Chance from BLACK OAK were illustriously blessed by God



Bro. Lewis and Sis. Vernie

here and it edified all of the BEIRNE AVE church. Sis. Vernie's mother Sis. Mamie who has been rejoicing so since the Lord came into her heart last fall was again shouting and shouting here. Bro. Paul Sommons commented "Let her shout, she is making up for lost time". Bro. Paul was referring to her coming to the Lord in her twilight years.

Sis. Bessie Simmons is still mentioning how she enjoyed herself at LAKEWOOD PARK over the Thanksgiving holiday. These saints in Florida also enjoyed her and hope she can be back with them soon.

adversity into triumph

A testimony of the wiles of the Wicked One and how a saint over came him.

One day on my job when I didn't have anything to do, I got to thinking about the Lord and the good meeting we had the evening before. I said "Lord I want to thank you for that meeting last night". Just then a thought dropped in my mine and started showing me things and I thinks "Yes I guess thats right" and I lost that.

Then something else came to my mind and I said again "Lord I want to thank you for that", and the devil showed me just as plain that I could have got by without that happening to me. Again I thought of another thing that the Lord had done for me. I said "Now you done that for me", again it appeared how I could have got by without that also. I sat there a few minutes with a bad feeling and I thinks to myself how good the Lord had been to me lately. I tried to think of something I could really put my foot on and I thought of the night I received the Holy Ghost (I knew it was satan who had been talking to me). As I set there on the seat alone I said "Lord I can remember the night I got the Holy Ghost" and as I said that I raised up and said "Devil, You tell me that didn't happen" and it was like a dog jumped up and I heard him when he hit the door. Out the door he went just as sneaky as can be. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (Amen Amen)

This was Bro. Ray Parker telling his experience at Bro. Coleman Sanders home in the NYLA Community.



Bro. Harold Higdon "shouted and shouted" at SCENICLAND as the Lord blessed him even though he is partialy crippled. All the saints were on their feet enjoying the Lord blessing this saint from HIGDON.

*"Love one another
with a pure heart
fervently."*

We want to express our gratitude to all for the many prayers that was prayed on behalf of our son Scottie when he was so near deaths door this past month. God let us keep him for awhile longer but he is still not well. We continue to ask you to remember him for there is other complications concerning his illness in regards to the school officials which we cannot at this time go into. All those telephone calls by you saints from as far away as Indiana and Florida was indeed encouraging us and help boost our faith especially the one from Bro. Troy Walls from Huntsville who helped us to be stedfast in our hope in Christ. Also our heart goes out to those who came by to show their love.

The Lord has indeed been good to the saints at BEIRNE AVENUE. He has been blessing His people and giving their children the Holy Ghost. During this past month on the third Wednesday evening one of those who was "afar off" was baptised with the Holy Ghost. His name is Donald Eckart and he comes from Cincinnati, Ohio. He never belonged to any religious organizations

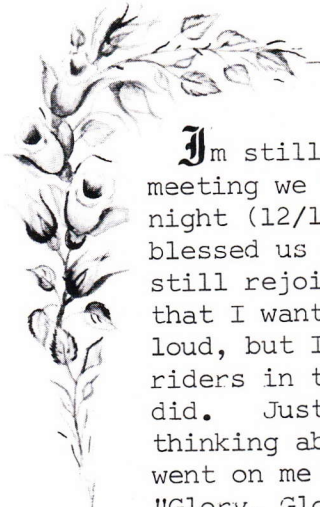


Bro. David Jones and Bro. Donald Eckart

for he lacked confidence in them all. But he found something worth living (and dying) for at BEIRNE AVENUE. While in a conversation with this writer at the Owens Cross-Roads singing on the fourth Friday evening Bro. Donald told about the saints in Huntsville being "The best people in the world." As he talked the "Joy unspeakable" was bubbling in him and on him. Bro. Donald, welcome to a brand new life in the "new and living way"!

Bro. Charlie Brown from SOUTH HAVEN used the 12th chapter of Revelation at BROWN'S CHAPEL (1st Sunday). He taught that the "Dragon was wroth with the women (the church) and went to make war with her seed which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Satan has sent out a flood after the Lord's church, Bro. Charlie stated and it can be seen now by the way the saints are looking in their wearing apparel and appearance and their conversation. He went further by mentioning how some will say "God looks on the Heart" and continued with "when the heart is pure it will usually show up on the outside."

Bro. Harold Simmons from BEIRNE AVE was happy in the Lord this same morning.



I'm still thinking about the good meeting we had in BLACK OAK Sunday night (12/16/73) and how the Lord blessed us on our way home. I was still rejoicing in the Lord so much that I wanted to say "Glory" out loud, but I wondered what the other riders in the car would think if I did. Just about the time I was thinking about it a brother's hands went on me and I just had to say "Glory, Glory" for I felt the Lord so much. I just wanted to thank the Lord for the good meeting and the blessing He gave me. I'm still rejoicing over this. The Lord has been really good to me. He gives me strength and guides me along the way. I want to thank Him for all He means to me

Viola Cain



Sis. Viola Cain

Thank you Sis. Viola for this nice testimony. It's good to hear of people feeling the Lord in automobiles, too. No matter where it is, if its God it's good.

Bro. Frank Guffey helped conduct a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening service at OAK GROVE on Gunter's Mtn. The results were good with the Lord's Supper being honored on Saturday evening. The highlight of these meetings was when the Lord so wonderfully blessed Bro. Roy Guffey. He was so happy in the Lord as he shouted and leaped like a young school boy and everyone's heart were glad for him.

This morning my soul is rejoicing for God has wonderfully blessed in our home again. Our oldest boy got his nose broke at school Thursday evening while playing ball. The coach told him to go to the doctor the following morning but I found it hard to be willing to wait until morning at first. But then a thought came that God could take care of him until we could get to the doctor the next day. From this the bad thoughts had to move out as I got ahold of the good thought. As I was just walking through the house and before I realized it I was telling him that God could put his nose back together before we could get him to the doctor. And Thank God! He



Sis. Essie Thompson and Sis. Betty Bohanon

did! The doctor told us on Friday that the nose had been broke and as he looked at us he said "It has been but it's not now!" We came back by the school to report what we found out and it almost seemed impossible for some to believe it. But the coach said that he knew it had been broken and he was sure it must have been the Lord's doing and this made me rejoice even more.

I'm glad of the things that I know God has done and I never get tired of telling about them

Sis. Betty Bohanon

Sis. Betty comes from the NYLA Community.

Sis. Brenda Achlin (Bro. Jack's daughter) tells how the night she and her friends made it up that they would all go to the altar and seek God. Then they changed their minds and decided against it. When altar call was made here on BEIRNE AVE Brenda was feeling very alone because she found out that all of her friends did go and pray and she was left out "sitting all by herself". She

somehow made her way down the aisle and unto her knees but she then forgot about her friends as she poured out her heart to God and he sent her a gift, the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The SOUTH HAVEN church had a present from God on Christmas night. It was a wonderful time in the Lord with Him blessing Bro. Donald Coffey's wife Sis. Marneica in a godly way. The following week she was telling how much the blessing gave her strength. Sis. Berthel, wife of Bro Leonard Summerford, was also happy in Christ as he blessed her soul. The best part of this meeting was when the Lord came into Duane Sanders and took up His abode. He is Sis. Venie Sanders son and the grandson of Sis. Viola Cain.

It was very good the way the Lord blessed Bro. J. B. Coffey's wife, Sis. Betty Faye over the third weekend at SOUTH HAVEN (she was just one among many). For in just a few days she lost her beloved father Bro. Albert Stephens of Huntsville and we are sure the Lord was indeed her Comforter in her time of sorrow.



On the second Sunday night at HIGDON the service was good with the Lord blessing a number of His children. Among these were Bro. Danny and Bro. Joe Forshee and Bro. Herbert Freeman's wife, Sis. Gladys. Sis. Gladys said it has been a long time since she felt this good in the Lord. The church could tell this was true by the way the Lord blessed her. Sis. Lona Spurgeon was bound in the Spirit and many more were in the goodness of Christ as they enjoyed themselves in God who is good to all His children.

The Lord has been blessing here a lot.



SKYLINE has been having some extra good services lately. Meetings from Sunday evening through Wenesday evening during Christmas week were edifying as God blessed His children. Bro. John L. "Jiggs" Brewer was jumping and leaping for joy such as was not seen in a long time. (wish we had been there). Bro. Ed Avans again didn't feel like testifying but oh how the Lord blessed him. Sis. Mamie Miller shouted and shouted as did many more and the Word of God had free course with the saints acknowledging it.

Prayer . . .

Remember Bro. Grady and Sis. Karen Cain in your prayers. They are still in Germany and it is still awhile before they will be back with us. It was good to hear from them as they wrote "We were home in August for about thirty days and we really enjoyed ourselves. The good Lord blessed us and it was wonderful just to be inside a Holiness church." But we know how lonesome it must be separated from God's people for such a long time.

Please remember Sis. Lucille Hancock for she is in need of God's healing.

A prayer request has come in for Bro. Ollie Priest's wife, Sis. Oma. She has a serious skin problem that gives her much trouble and discomfort.

Prayer as been asked for Bro. Howard Young of Toney Alabama. He has a serious physical ailment.

NOTICE

The saints that assemble together at SECTION have agreed to change the name of their church due to the fact that another group of people in this same area use the same title. Bro. Alvin Bailey said that they have all agreed upon using the name SAND MOUNTAIN HOLINESS CHURCH henceforth.

The Watch night service at SCOTTSBORO was very good with the Love of God manifested in a very goodly way. Bro. Dewayne Teet from Nashville came in rejoicing on account of the love that was felt and shown as he entered this building. But he was by no means alone. It was good for all from the start to the finish. We didn't receive all the details but what we did hear made us desire that we had been there.



DEAD IN CHRIST

Some day the silver cord will break,
And I no more as now shall sing;
But, O, the joy when I shall wake
Within the palace of the King!
And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story - Saved by grace.



Sis. Hazel and Bro. Albert

Sis. Hazel Stephens lost a husband and the church lost a dear brother (for a little while) when the Lord called Bro. Albert Stephens home in his 72nd year on December 19th. He served the Lord twenty nine years.

The late Bro. Tom Pierce's widow Sis. Emma Pierce went to be with the Lord on December 26th in her 76th year.

We're Sorry

It has been brought to our attention that some are not receiving their Glad Tidings. We are still having mailing difficulties. If you will contact us we will be only to glad to try to see that you get your paper.

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