

# GLAD THINGS

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I came that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

The fifth Sunday service was good at OLD SARDIS with many good testimonies and teachings. One of the teaching was when Bro. Dewey Barrier used the first chapter of Psalms:

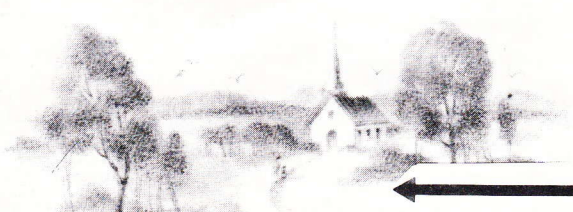
Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.  
But his delight is in the law of the LORD;  
and in his law doth he meditate day and night.  
And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,  
that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;  
his leaf also shall not wither;  
and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

His main emphasis was on "walking not in the counsel of the ungodly" which Bro. Buford Trotman had also touched on. But "his delight is in the law of the Lord" and he went even further and said, "delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thy heart". (If a man's delight is in the Lord his desires will be also. BRF) There was dinner spread on the ground after church service but it was interrupted with the sad news that another of God's older saints had passed away. It was Bro. James Wooten who was much loved and had had a 50th wedding anniversary just a few months before. Though there was grief in missing a love one, there was an abiding peace that we will see him again in a little while.

## Remember



Bro. Will Guffey with Bro. Alb Bonds and Bro. William Mayhan both from the BOND'S CHAPEL community.



The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

I had always wondered what I would do if I should be called for jury duty. My dad had been on one and also a number of other good people (saints) had served on a jury before, but I could not help but think that it was not pleasing to the Lord for a child of God to participate in judging a man for his deeds. Anyway as far as I was concerned this was all years ahead of me yet. That's what I thought until a while ago I received a summons for jury duty. I was surprised for I was not registered in the County. I did all I could to get out of going. On talking to the Sheriff I was referred to the Judge. He said I would have to be there but I should talk to him before time on the day I was supposed to be there. Now all my friends told me there was no way out of this predicament so I had just about accepted the idea but on the morning that I was supposed to present myself I stopped at a place I like to go and prayed to the Lord one more time. Upon arriving I started watching for someone who would look like a judge (I had talk to him only on the telephone) and I saw a man I thought was him and approached him and asked if he was Judge Coker, to which he replied, "Can't you see I'm busy, you get back there and sit down" When he talked so rough to me in front of a full court room I felt about knee high but I did as he said and waited with my mind on God. I knew He could get me off if it was His will. When finally they called us twelve to the jury box, they proceeded with a lot of legal mumbo-jumbo and then asked if there was any legal reason that we could not sit on this jury. I stood up and said, "I talked with you before about how this is against my religious belief and I can not sit on this jury because of it". When I sat down the Judge spoke to all of us and said, "I'm sorry I can't let anyone off for any reason given, we've barely got enough jurors as it is". I thought about what he said and also what I had told him. It came to me like this "If I went ahead and served on this jury now my religion wouldn't look like much because I could just change my belief a little bit in case of an emergency like this". I thought "Lord you can take care of me!" After calling up different group of Jurors and going through different procedures they again called our group and I thought they were going to start the trial. When they called my name I just sat there and it left an empty chair in the jury box. When they noticed this and tried to determine whose it was I rose to my feet before they found out it was Wayne Williams who's seat was empty. The judge (Bless his heart) spoke sternly to me once again, "Come up here son!" To which I replied, "I will not". "I said for you to come up here!" Again my answer was, "I will not". I don't usually talk very loud, but it seemed that my voice echoed and I could feel like there was someone helping me. The judge was very much irritated as he ordered the Sheriff to take me over to the jail. This was the first time I was ever in a jail. When I was left alone I began to remember some of the men of old who were cast into prison and I began to pray and sing. I knew I would be talked about for what I had done but then I thought, "Lord it's good to suffer a little for your name-sake". After singing and praying for about two hours the Sheriff came and took me back to the courthouse where it was empty except for the judge and a few more, it being lunch-time. When we approached the judge he spoke in a different manner than before. He talked to me with respect in a mild tone as he explained why he had sent me to jail. I thanked God for what I had done and after sitting through a trial in the back of the room and listening to them send a man to prison for three years, I was dismissed.

Bro. Wayne Williams

We have heard Bro. Wayne tell of this incident before in church and it was very edifying for we know personally how quiet and unassuming this young man is. It is also very heartening to know we have saints that will stand for what they believe in their hearts.

At BLACK OAK on the 3rd weekend we took the Lord's Supper and washed feet. And it was heard from Bro. Frankie Duvall who was thanking the Lord for the many prayers that was prayed by the children of God for him, before he received the Holy Ghost. We need more people like Bro. Frankie. He was sitting with his feet in the pan when he was telling this.

Bro. Harold McKenzie

This was an excerpt from a letter we received from Bro. Harold. We hope he doesn't mind us using it for it sounded so good.

Services are very good still at KEEL MTN. especially on the 4th Saturday evening. Some were heard to say it was the best meeting they had ever been in. The Lord's Supper was taken in a beautiful way.

This same evening Sis. Jean Moon was telling about come to meeting without any breaks on her car. The Lord told Bro. David Maples to go outside and check her car breaks, in which he did. He came in and told that she now had about half of a break pedal. After driving home off this high rugged mountain she told her husband Virgil about her having some breaks now. He went out to check them and found out she didn't have any sign of a break. (Isn't that wonderful She loved God enough to go to be with His People and He saw to it that she made it safely.)

The Lord has really been blessing at CLARK AVE in Fort Payne in their last revival during the 1st week of April. Bro. Junior Reed instructed the lost. We had a lot of visitors and they were enjoyed especially Bro. Billy Parker and others who edified the church with their testimonies. On Tuesday evening, the 2nd of April, the Lord rescued Gelly Peek and put her on the highway of Holiness. When the Lord came in her heart

and she opened her eyes and looked at the "gentle" people, she immediatly lit up like a light and began shouting. She shouted and shouted and shouted and left church shouting. (That's good, real good) I'm thanking the Lord for helping my wife Saturday evening and for letting us take the LOrd's Supper.

Bro. Clyde Whitley

Joyce Dabbs is not a child of God yet but we want to use a letter that came here from her for it is Glad Tidings of good things.

I wish to express my thankfulness to all the children of God who prayed for my daughter Carrie. I also thank the Lord for making her well again. Carrie had spinal miningitis, (infectous type). She was in the hospital 9 days. The doctors said this type could be fatal if not caught in time. When we found out what Carrie had it must have already spread in her body, because she hurt everywhere, but thanks to our prayers Carrie is well and back in school. I thank God for it all.

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The Lord has been good to this lady we hope she will come to God with all her heart soon.



Sis. Gelly and her mother and father in-law, Sis. Lucille and Bro. Dilbert Peek.



We wish to thank Sis. Gertrude Welker and her sister, Sis. Jean Moon, for sending us the following testimonies;

I had gone to the altar two weeks when it came to me, "Be baptised and ye shall recieve the Holy Ghost". Bro. Oakley Brown had a Baptising and I was baptised and so I believed and three weeks later I recieved the Holy Ghost. I went to meeting five weeks straigh every night for revival were going on everywhere in May of 1967. I was so far out in sin my family didn't need me, but God so loved me that he forgave me of my sins and gave me the good Holy Ghost. The next best thing that ever happened to me was when my children came to the Lord. My youngest daughter was baptised with the Holy Ghost the 29th of April 1971. The following Sunday she <sup>was</sup> baptised in water and my oldest daughter Judy went to see this event and she also received the Holy Ghost and she also went under the water. This was on the 2nd of May and on the 5th of this same month Judy's husband, Kenneth, came to the Lord. I was so happy. Just thinking about it brings joy to my heart. The Lord has really been blessing my home..... In 1969 my son Wayne got his call to go in Service. I tried to hope that he would not have to go. After he had been gone a couple of days his suitcase came back and my heart ached. I had prayed that the Lord's will be done, so I started praying for him and I didn't seem to worry for I just asked God to watch over him until He would bring him back home and give him the Holy Ghost. I knew he had promised me It was to me and my children, so every time I was on my knees I would see Wayne, over and over again. When Wyane came home in December of 1970 he got to running around and I was still praying for him. One day I told him "son I'm still praying for you". He said that my prayers were going the wrong way for everything was going wrong to suit him. He wrecked his car, even got put in jail. But God was working it out his way. One hot day, June 5, 1971 my brother David Maples came to the house as Wayne was cleaning the car. As David got out of his auto Wayne mentioned about it sure being hot today. David kept on walking toward the house as he replied, "Not as hot as it's going to be!" Me and David were talking about the Lord when he came in the house, Wayne had followed him in. Then David's hands went on Wayne and he slid crying down by the freezer. In a little bit he went into the bathroom



and came out with his moustache shaved off and called his girl friend (now his wife) Judy and told her he was going to church. She also wanted to go although it was her first time. At church they both went to the altar and they both received the Holy Ghost, the most wonderful thing in this world. Glory! Glory! It's like the song says "My God is real". People who don't have the Holy Ghost just don't know what they are missing.



*Gertrude Welker*

Sis. Gertrude, her daughter-in-law Sis. Judy and her husband Bro. Wayne and Sis. Bertha Maples, the mother of the Maples family.

In 1971 they had to put me in the hospital twice between January and July. Everyone thought I would die, but the children of God got to praying for me and I got better. My sister (Sis.) Gertrude's boy, Wayne came in from the Navy, he was like one of my own boys. He would stay with us over the week-end and we would go dancing and do things like having parties. We knew Gertrude wouldn't allow that. One Saturday night Wayne came over and I noticed he didn't have his drink can in his hand. I knew there was something wrong. He started to leave and I said, "Son, are you coming back?". He said, "Aunt Jean, don't wait on me". I told him I would leave the front door open if he came back. But he didn't, and the next day, I heard he received the Holy Ghost. That really tore me up, because I was lost without God. Wayne worked at the same place as my husband Virgle and he would send word by Virgle to tell me that if I would go to church, he'd come after me. I would tell Virgle, if he wanted anybody to go, for him to go. But that didn't stop Wayne, he'd send word everyday to tell me if I would go to church he'd come after me. It seemed like it would get all over me. I still told my husband for him to go but that didn't stop Wayne, he still would send word that he'd come after me if I wanted to go. By that time, I was so tore up and I told Virgle to tell Wayne to come after me, but I wouldn't promise him anything. I was so lost without the Lord, so he came and I went and sat in the back of the church, and when they got down to pray, I couldn't hear anybody but Wayne and He was saying "Lord will you have mercy on my Aunt Jean". You know that really tore my heart out. They had the altar call and I really had to hold myself back from going to the altar. The next night he came after me again, so I made up my mind I was going to the Lord if it took me 15 or 20 years. So I went to the altar and I really got in a bad shape. I wanted the Holy Ghost more than anything in this world. So I started straightening out my life. I started cleaning out my closets, and got all my short dresses and pants and put them in a box and I said I would never wear them again. I had two old faded out dresses that was long enough to wear and I was so proud of them. The next thing was trying to fix my hair because it was so short. I took a rubber band and got it fixed on top of my head and said "Lord, that's as near as I can look like Holiness". I started watching what I said and what I did. I went back to church that night and went to the altar. I done pretty good, but not good enough. After Altar call, Bro. Oakley Brown said, "If I was you all who have been going to the altar a long time I would get in a hurry". That really hit me. The next morning I was in bad shape and my husband asked me what was wrong. I told him I wanted to pray. He said "Pray then". It seemed like the more I prayed the worse shape I got in. I said, "Lord, if you see fit, I would like to go to church tonight. I would rather be dead than like this". It wasn't but a few minutes a boy came by to carry the boys to Huntsville. There was my chance. I went to Judy and Kenneth Price's. I asked if they were going to church and though Kenneth was give out, they saw the shape I was in and were afraid to stay at home, afraid they miss something. We went to ELKWOOD and it was stormy out. (Bro.) David (Maples) came back to me and asked "What would you do if the lights went out"? I said, "Everybody would be in the dark". I knowed I was in the darkness. This was the night the Lord gave me the good Holy Ghost and I've been praising him for having mercy on someone like me ever-since.

*Jean Moon*

**I**"m writing to share some of God's goodness and mercy that He has bestowed on us here at CAVE SPRINGS. The 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of March was a wonderful one for us. The Lord led Bro. Paul Stone to feed us with the Word of God which was enjoyed by the Saints. Our Saturday night and Sunday morning services were mainly for the feeding of our souls. There wasn't a lot of rejoicing and praising aloud, but just a good thankful feeling for the Word of God. Also God's wonderful healing power was present at our Saturday night service. Sis. Lila Walls was in severe pain from an accident she had a short time before. The Lord wonderfully blessed Sis. Joyce Lewis and led her to lay hands on Sis. Lila. Sis. Lila testified that the Lord had healed her. PRAISE THE LORD. After the Lord blessed with the Word Saturday night and Sunday morning, our service Sunday evening was a one of rejoicing in the hope of our Salvation. So many of the children of God were praising Him for His goodness. Sis. Estelle Stone (Bro. Paul's wife) was bound under the power of God. Sis. Sara Keel, who has had the Holy Ghost about two months was really free in the Lord. She is a real joy to us here.



Sis. Sarah Keel

This was truly a bountiful weekend in the favor of the Lord.

Bro. Bill Brewer

**B**ROWN'S CHAPEL was a good place to be the first day of April. On Sunday evening before, the Lord gave Sis. Brenda Malone the Holy Ghost. She is the daughter of Bro. Dexter Malone. Everyone came with love and the Lord was blessing right from the beginning with many testifying and enjoying themselves in the Lord. Bro. Jack Denson preached to the ones without the Lord and proved the necessity of them coming to God today before the evil day come and their mothers and fathers or their wives or husband will be of no help to them in that hour but they will have to go down with all those who forget to know the Lord. Before meeting was over there were more saints who were moving for God and just before it was dismissed and due to the many prayers that the Lord's saints had been sending up to the throne Bro. Lawrence Brown was moved to talk to the young saints. He warned them to keep themselves clean from any evil talking by their chaste conduct with one another and above all keeping their hands to home. This was brought in the fruit of the Spirit (lovingly, peacefully and in joy) and the older ones sanctioned it with "Let every-thing be done decently and in order".

**B**ro. Jack Denson was thanking the people for their quiet attention as he read and expounded on the parable of the talents at NYLA on the 1st Sunday morning. He emphasized on the man that had one talent and he was afraid and went and hid it. Bro. Jack preached for us to work willingly and God will say: WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT....ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THE LORD. Many were number of the saints that testified to how they wanted to follow this good Word of God and the Lord also blessed many. One who's "cup" ran over was Bro. Allen Warren. "He was in another country." Sis. Doris Miller was moving around happy in the Spirit of God.


**S**is. Diane Pritchett was in the liberty of the Lord at SCENICLAND on the 3rd Tuesday evening. This was after she testified about having serious doubts that she could "make it". He proved to her she could make it with His assistance. Another sister that the Lord wonderfully blessed this same evening was Sis. Judy Fortner. (she is brother Tommy Holland's daughter) He also blessed her again the same week on Thursday evening at TIFTONIA where the Lord has been encouraging His people lately.

**B**ro. Claude Wooten's daughter came to the Lord at SCENICLAND on the 2nd of March (Tuesday evening). She is the second of his girls to receive the Lord.

Those who say the age of miracles is passed ought to have the opportunity to be around a few holiness people once in awhile. It would certainly change their outlook, I believe. This is my first time to write to this paper, but the Lord has moved in such a way that I would like to share it with all who read this.

A young lady who was raised in the North and not close to any holiness people came back with her mother to live among us several months back and as she began to attend service, the Lord dealt with her heart and she made her way to the altar. Several weeks later an affliction which the doctors had told her was arthritis in her shoulder troubled her so much that she went to the hospital in Birmingham and the doctors there told them it was cancer and they would have to take her right arm and part of her shoulder off. She begged them to let her come home first, so she could be in service and they agreed. She came Wednesday night and several children of God were led in her direction, but still she failed to obey the Lord. On Friday morning, the doctors prepared her for surgery and had her ready to leave for the operating room when they suddenly changed their minds and said they had decided not to operate after all. They even let her come home again and Saturday night she was once again in the altar seeking God. Just as she appeared to be overcome by despair and had gone as far as she could go, Bro. Bobby Atchley was led to start a song and she turned it all over to the Lord and the Holy Ghost began to witness. As our newest sister, Connie Scofield began to speak in tongues, the children of God rejoiced along with the angels over this. We believe God is able to do all things and as we see this young sister who has told the doctors she does not intend to take the radium treatments, she is going to trust the Lord, we are looking forward to rejoicing with her in time to come.

We earnestly covet your prayers that we might be able to please God in all things and be bold about testifying to his power and love.



VALERMOSO SPRINGS

A number of recent visitors in the North have fellowshiped with their kin in the Lord at BLACK OAK and SOUTH HAVEN and have returned home carrying memories of sweet blessings from the Lord. Bro. Dewayne Teet and Sis. Thelma were really happy in the Lord as were Bro. Billy Williams and Sis. Joyce (LAKEWOOD PARK) as they were

rejoicing and telling of many instances when God was their help in time of need. During this first weekend of March, the Sunday night service became one of those "Old timey altar filled with the circle of love" type services. The children of God here are exceedingly glad, for in this wonderful time of worship Bro. Thomas Kerley was rejoicing and encouraging and moving around as though he had never been sick before. Bro. Alvin Burns (ROCKY BRANCH) and Bro. Joe Owens (BIG COVE) during the third weekend and were overshadowed by the love of the Lord as they witnessed for Him.

On Monday night, March 18, a benefit singing for Bro. Cleo Pritchett was held, sponsored by three churches in the north. Many people, both saint and sinner gave unselfishly of their time and efforts to make it a success; The cause was a most worthy one. The Lord is undoubtedly pleased with this kind of people..... "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Bro. Marvin Goza, Sis. Cindy Gerhart, and Sis. Patsy McLain all recently received extremely wonderful blessings during their testimonies. Each was bound in the Spirit in the altar, speaking in tongues. Bro. Otis Mc Allister and Bro. Richard Fleming will not soon forget the fourth weekend services, because the kind of blessings received by these brothers are the kind that the mind of a child of God runs back to when he's counting his blessings.

The Lord is moving in a grand way at HIGDON with His blessing and gifts of the Holy Ghost. Sis. Martha Higdon's daughter was redeemed on the 3rd evening of March. Sis. Debbie Atchley who came to the Lord here just a short while ago now has a new daddy. The Lord gave him (Bro. Martin) the Holy Ghost during a storm while he was praying in his chicken house. Since then (April 1st) two more of his girls have come to God. Donna was made free from sin on the 2nd Sunday evening, following a very good weekend where the Lord blessed His people and they took His supper. Meeting was given out for Monday evening and Diane received the Holy Ghost. The following Sunday. Sis. Diane's fiance came to church with her. It was his first time in a holiness service and he left here a new creature in Christ, for he also received the Holy Ghost.

It is indeed encouraging to see and hear all of these coming to God in this evil day we are now living in.

# For Christ's sake.....



The Bro. Alvie Gwathney Family

Bro. Alvie, Sis. Ann with their children, "Little Alvie", Randy, Deanne and in the upper corner, sweet little June who the Lord took last July.

When the Jury find the Defendants guilty and fix their punishment at twelve months confinement in the County Jail." This was the outcome of the trial of the much loved Bro. Alvie and Sis. Ann Gwathney in the Madison County Court House in Huntsville Alabama. All of this started when our Lord took sweet little June, the youngest child of the Gwathney family in July of 1973. The heart of all Holiness went out to this family who lost their sweet child and then had the ungodly to rise up against them and their God, reopening the wounds concerning her much grieved death. Words such as "We are not going to have people let children suffer and die while they pray", "We are not going to have this" and "Don't take it upon yourself to be the healer...while you set up some mystical communication" and other words of ill abuse and misleading charges were heaped on God's people as they meekly and quietly took all that was said and intended, with Charity.

During the trial and through the occasional recess the peace of God was prevalent among these "gentle people" as they spoke good things to one another and the love was strong as is the case when persecutions come. All of the children of God behaved themselves as "becometh Holiness".



Some saints waiting patiently for the verdict, outside of the courtroom, in the Madison County Courthouse in Huntsville.

After the verdict of "Guilty of second degree man-slaughter" was given, there was a deep sadness over the saints for they realized this was just the beginning of sorrows that are to come and they remembered the scripture **THEY THAT LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION.**

We were with these saints during the two day ordeal and consider it an honor to be numbered with them.

At last report this precious family has not been put in jail yet. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of May they are to appear again before Judge Younger and they are in strong hopes that he will put them on probation and they will not have to be confined in jail away from their family and friends who dearly love them.

On Wednesday and Thursday evening at CAVE SPRING where this family is from, the Lord wonderfully blessed them with all the saints.

**Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.<sup>9</sup> 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets<sup>9</sup> which were before you.**

Bro. Eddie Lee Saint from New Hope Alabama has been indicted for the same reason as the Gwathney family and his trial is pending. As we receive news of this case we will pass it on to you all.

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

The 2nd Sunday morning service at CAVE SPRING was good with the Lord blessing in the first singing and all the way through the meeting. Just about everyone was shouting even their preacher Bro. Paul Stone, who was rejoicing in the altar with them. Testimonies were the kind that lift up the Lord and the preaching was from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of Pslams:

LORD, who shall abide in thy  
tabernacle?  
Who shall dwell in thy holy  
hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh  
righteousness,  
and speaketh the truth in his heart.  
He that backbiteth not with his  
tongue,  
nor doeth evil to his neighbor,  
nor taketh up a reproach against his  
neighbor.  
In whose eyes a vile person is con-  
demned;  
but he honoreth them that fear the  
LORD.  
He that sweareth to his own hurt, and  
changeth not.  
He that putteth not out his money to  
usury,  
nor taketh reward against the in-  
nocent.

He that doeth these things shall never  
be moved.

This was brought by Bro. Paul and accepted and enjoyed by the church here and the visit-  
ors.

The Lord help Bro. Arlen House from WILSON ROAD to exhort the saints at TIFTONIA to pray and serve the Lord with uplifted hands (It was noticed after this that when ones hands went up the Spirit would bless) with out wrath or doubting. It was good to be here as the Lord blessed many with comforting words and wonderful blessings. Meeting was so good at one time and the fear of the Lord so great that the seekers fell in the altar without an invitation.

Bro. Earl Pell's son Wayne is doing some better but is still in serious need of the Lords help. Please keep him on your heart.

Our God has been good to the people at RED BAY. They were glad to have Bro. Alvin and Sis. Flora Bailey and Sis. Berty Joiner from Lookout Mtn. Georgia with them over the 2nd weekend. Even though Sis. Joiner had a broke leg she was still shouting in the Lord. Sis. Gladys Lindley who was having a bad case of flu(out of her head, shaking all over and etc.) was prayed for before church, Saturday evening and the Lord touched her. Within twenty minutes the fever was gone and she arose, dressed and went to church.

Bro. Dwight Pepper was telling how he came to the Lord, on the 5<sup>th</sup> weekend at BLACK OAK. He told about "getting lost" and how he prayed and prayed. Some people left and went home, some talked to him, saying, "You can just keep your mind where it's at and come back next time". Bro. Dwight remembered telling them that they could go if they wanted to, but he was going to stay and pray. And pray he did for he had made up his mind that he would receive the Holy Ghost that night (at ELKWOOD) and he did. Bro. Dwight's mother and grand-  
mother were present here at BLACK OAK and there were tears in their eyes as the Lord blessed Bro. Dwight as he testified for Him. Bro. Dwight was with others such as Bro. Tom Kerley, Bro. Leroy Duvall and Bro. Lonnie Dudley in talking of "Holiness" and "The Plan Of Salvation". Sis. Vicie Williams was thanking God for looking down in a family that didn't even know there was a God and giving her salvation. Sis. Gail and Sis. Joyce Duvall were "In" the meeting. The Lord blessed Sis. Debbie and was followed by her dad Bro. Harold McKenzie walking, crying and praising the Lord. Bro. Roland McKenzie's wife, Sis. Faye was very happy in the Lord. She asked pray for her daughter who has real bad eyes. The doctors who checked them can't do much for them but we KNOW God can. (Let us help our sister pray for her baby.)



News has come from BIG COVE of how the Lord so wonderfully blessed Bro. Lige Holland this past month. Before this at OLD SARDIS on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of March Bro. Lige touched the hearts of the saints as he told of the Lord healing his daughter when it looked through the natural eyes of man that all hope was gone. But the Lord delivered them out of all their troubles. Bro. Lige has been one who could touch our soul as he loves to use the Law and the Prophets as he talks and exhorts the saints, and we love the old as well as the new. Bro. Mitchell has been blessed by the Lord lately but he is still not well physicaly yet. Please remember him to the Lord that he loves when you pray.



The BROWN'S CHAPEL community is still having peaceful services and some wonderful and glorious ones. Such a one was on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening where the glory of the Lord did shine. "The fear of the Lord is beginning of knowledge", was used by Bro. Aubrey Downer as he exhorted God's children. His only problem was staying up on his feet for the Spirit had him bound in the floor most of the time. (No wonder we are called "holy rollers") Sis. Maude Brown was so happy and encouraged as were many more.

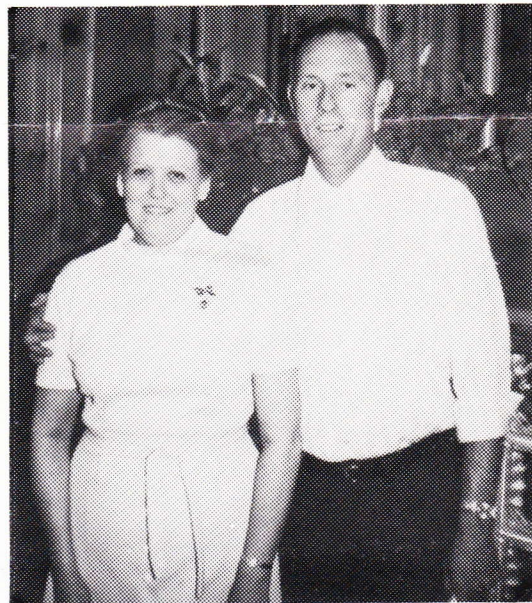
The following Wednesday evening was another example of a good Holy Ghost meeting. Many were the good testimonies and many were the saints that the Lord did bless. Sis. Olene Atchley in the liberty of God and the edification was very good as she praised the Lord. Bro. Jackie Guffey from SCENICLAND had a happy birthday present from the Lord as he told how a year ago this night God came into his life. God blessed him. Bro. Clifford Black looked drawn and tired when service started but after the Lord rejoiced his soul all over this house he looked as fresh as a bright spring morning. Bro. Lawrence Brown pressed the saints here to not be slothful (lazy) in the service of their God. Bro. James and Sis. Martha Castle are still shouting and their three daughters are in there helping them. Sis. Linda Peek, Sis. Linda Tinker, Sis. Edith Pell and Bro. Estle Hawkins and more were happy in the Lord and telling about it.

Bro. Clifford was mentioning that until Christ offering on the cross, the High Priest went once a year in the Holiest of Holies (on the day of Atonement) and offered up sacrifice for all the people. (The Holiest of Holies was a 30 foot square room that was reached by steps up from the Holy Place in the temple. Between the Holy Place and the Holiest of Holies was vail that separated them.) Bro. Clifford brought gladness as he retold the wonderful story of when the Lord Jesus died on the cross there was a great earthquake and people came out of the graves and the Vail of the temple was rent in twain (broken in two) which signified that all men could freely come to God through our great High Priest Jesus Christ.

The saints at WILSON ROAD are having a happy time and the Lord is saving their lost. Bro. Sherrill and Sis. Linda Higdon's girl Dewanna came up out of the floor speaking in tongues and as happy and pretty as a little angel on the 1st Sunday evening. She is very young but she now has the Lord to be her guide. This was the evening that the Lord blessed Bro. Alfred and Sis. Gail Mills (STOCKBRIDGE) so very good as they testified how the Lord had been their helper all these years. The following evening Ann Parks came to the Lord here. She is Sis. Mildred Laney's nephew's wife from the Chattanooga area.

It is good to see Bro. Thomas Kerley shouting and praising the Lord at BLACK OAK. The Lord is continuing to strengthen him and the congregation is extremely thankful that their beloved elder is still with them.

Members of Bro. Tom's immediate family have been blessed abundantly also. His daughter, Sis. Trenda Brown received two wonderful blessings recently. She rejoiced in telling of the Lord's healing power. She and a friend, of the world, contacted the same type illness. Trusting in the Lord, Sis. Trenda was up and about in just a short while; her friend's illness continued on as her trust was in natural medicine: Doctors, shots, and pills. Bro. Bill Fowler, Bro. Tom's son-in-law, has been enjoying himself



Sis. Odessa and Bro. Bill Fowler

in the Lord also. Kind of a quiet man by nature, when he does offer himself in the Lord's services, edification of the Lord's saints is the end result. This good brother has experienced many wonderful occasions in his service for the Lord, some which bear resemblance to biblical stories, as he tells of things that the Lord has done for him

Two have received the Holy Ghost at BLACK OAK recently. Sis. Shiela, daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Veda Warren (SOUTH HAVEN) looks like a little angel shouting across the floor. She received the Holy Ghost April 3rd. Bro. Frankie Letson became a child of God April 13<sup>th</sup>. He is the son of Sis. Marie and Curtis Letson. It's not hard to see that Bro. Frankie has the Holy Ghost, the way he shines! On this particular night the Holy Ghost was prophesied by Bro. Thomas as he stated early in the service that he believed that someone would receive salvation during the service.

# PRAYER NEEDS

Though the crowd is sometime small and the battle is sometime hot still the Lord blesses and helps His people at SAND MCUNTAIN near Section. These saints love one another and they enjoy having visitors who love the Lord like Bro. Nathan Thackerson from HYTOP who was present on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning. He edified the church as he encouraged them with telling how the Lord doesn't fight His battles with large numbers lest people get lifted up in theirselves. He retold the familiar old story of Gideon and how that his army was to big to fight the enemy and give God the glory.

When Gideon started to war against Midianites he had thirty-two thousand men armed for battle. God said there were too many, less they say, "Mine own hand has saved me!" When the Lord instructed Gideon he told the people "All that are fearful and afraid depart"(go-back). There were now ten thousand left but the Lord again said there were still too many. The Lord then tried them at the water from the well of Harod and the number left, to go into battle, was three hundred. This band of three hundred men was pitted against the host of Midian and Amalek who were "like grasshoppers for multitude" and the number of their camels "were as the sand of the seashore" who covered the valley. They of course won a great victory because the Lord fought wonderously for them. NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS.

Bro. Duke Cowan, [REDACTED] and a number of other saints from the North Alabama area are going (if it's the Lord's will) to run a weeks meeting in Fort Worth Texas during the last week in May. They are responding to and invitation from a couple of families that live there and are interested in The Way. Remember them to the Lord that he will prosper their efforts on His behalf.

The Sunday night begining the revival on Gunters Mtn. at OAK GROVE provided a good meeting pleasing to the Lord. There was a good feeling as the meeting opened with singing and the first prayer was blessed by the Lord as He showed His love. Bro. Wayne Guffey (Bro. Paul's son) was delivered in this prayer and the church rejoiced with him.

Several people rejoiced in their testimonies as the meeting progressed, but a highlight of the service was when the Lord blessed His Word through Bro. Charles Willmon. He warned the lost souls to flee the wrath to come and the Holy Ghost backed him with power. Amen!"

Gordon Miller had a heart attack. Remember him to the Lord for he wants to live where he can go to church. He is without hope of heaven for doesn't have the Holy Ghost. Gordon is Bro. Lonnie Dudley's son-in-law.

Sis. Ethel and her lost husband Clyde Kilgore from LAKEWOOD PARK in Florida need you all to remember them to the Lord for they are not doing well physicaly.

Bro. Anthony Martin from SCENICLAND who just came to the Lord recently at BROWN'S CHAPEL is in serious need of the healing of the Lord. We would appreciate everyone praying for him.

Charles West from PLEASANT GROVE who is seeking the Lord has a cancer in his eye and the doctors have stated it will take his life if it is not taken out. He has decided to trust God all the way and we here desire all to hold him up before the Lord

## DEAD IN CHRIST

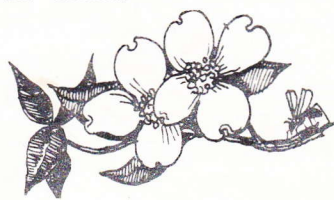
Bro. James Wooten from OLD SARDIS was taken on the 31st of March. He left his earthly tabernacle in it's 72nd year and left an EXCELLENT record for us all.

Bro. Gordon Morton of WEST BROW was called away in his 67<sup>th</sup> year on January 26, 1974.

Sis Effie Rouse, wife of the late Bro. Kelly Rouse, who always tried to work for the Lord, went to be with Him in her 80<sup>th</sup> year on April 18<sup>th</sup> 1974.

And another came to the Lord at HIGDON over the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. She is Sis. Vicky, the daughter of a just man, Bro. Emery Brown.

And wait, thats not all, on the 1st Sunday evening in May, Bro. Johnny and Sis. Geneva Knight's girl Debby came to the Lord here. That makes seven that Christ has forgiven and given freely of His spirit and we are so happy for them.



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