

Great peace have they which love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

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Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Remember



Bro. Willis Brown, Bro. Sam Bates and Bro. Will Guffey at Bro. John Whitley's funeral in 1943 at the old Whitley home place at Higdon Alabama on Sand Mountain.



Bro. Duke Cowan and his group (six saints) had a good profitable time in McKinney Texas. This is a town north and north east of Fort Worth and Dallas. Time and again Bro. Duke preached the Word without fear or favor using such scriptures as "AND AN HIGHWAY SHALL BE THERE, AND A WAY, AND IT SHALL BE CALLED THE WAY OF HOLINESS; THE UNCLEAN SHALL NOT PASS OVER IT; and "THUS SAITH THE LORD, STAND YE IN THE WAYS, AND SEE AND ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS, WHERE IS THE GOOD WAY, AND WALK THERE IN, AND YE SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

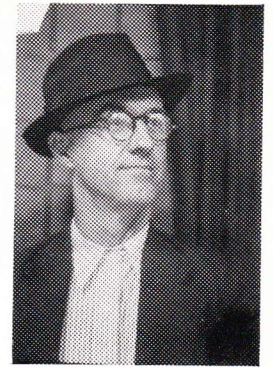
The other saints from the Alabama area were all testifying for the Lord and God blessed them and they all also enjoyed the gracious Texas hospitality. We (Bryant & Charlotte) were also present and relished the generosity and bountifulness of Jo and Kenneth Clark of near by Princeton.

All in all the almost week long meeting was successful with the Word being planted with hope in the near future of another opportunity of entrance into this same area. (Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shall find it after many days.)



Sis. Zeda

I received the Holy Ghost at BEIRNES AVE. over 43 years ago. I was the first one there to receive salvation under Bro. Willis Brown's preaching on Beirnes Ave. I thought at first that Bro. Brown had a different bible from mine, for I had never heard or read about the Spirit quickening your mortal body, or of people speaking in the unknown tongue. I was taught that the Apostles done this and when they died this also died with them and I believed it. After Bro. Brown's sermons, I would read and find it in the Word of God and I soon found that I was lost and started to the altar. My husband "Mr. Glenn" (This was the name Sis. Zeda affectionately called him.) didn't like that



Bro. John Glenn

at all. He said "Now Zeda, you're going to get me into trouble for you know those people are talked about and if they say anything about you, I won't take it." We knew later it was Satan coming at me, trying to hinder me. But I had promised the Lord if He would show me the right way, I would come to Him or die trying. Mr. Glenn told me I could go to Church but I was to strictly stay up out of the floor. Bro. Brown preached that "a wife must obey her husband" so every time I would get close to God and I would start to fall back, I'd catch myself. This really hindered me. I tried to get him to go to church with me and on one Thursday evening I asked him if he would go with me and his reply was "I'm too tired". As I walked through the house I asked God to put it in his mind to go. He got up from the porch, came in and said, "Get my clothes, I'll go with you." Oh, I was so happy that the Lord heard me. I went to the altar that night and didn't know until Saturday that Mr. Glenn had went to the altar, too. I then received the Holy Ghost and eight months later he received it. He was a very strict daddy and his whole hearts desire was for his family to live for the Lord. He often would sit down with the children and talk to them about the Lord and did his best to teach them about God. We lived joining rooms to Bro. Brown and when Bro. Brown would go off to other places to church he would go with him and come back telling how God had blessed and how Bro. Brown had preached, they were close together.... I remember him coming in from Lincoln Mills suffering read bad with his side. One day he came in and had the baby in his lap and power of God was all over him and I walked out in front of him and said, "Well praise the Lord, that is the power of God." He said, "Zeda, I was tempted but God was there". He was a good sober minded child of God, gentle, kind and slow to speak and he would listen intently.

This article comes to us from Sis. Zeda Lewis of Huntsville and it highlights her former husband and companion, the late Bro. John Glenn, who was taken from her and their five children in 1942.

It is good to hear Bro. Randy Bullard's wife, Sis. Jean, (BIG COVE) tell how our Lord did something for her. She received the Holy Ghost when she was fourteen and about three years later she began to desire that our Lord would do something for her to stand on. Here is how she tells it. "I was working a grocery store at the time and one day when an elderly lady whom I had seen a few times began to talk. She said her 93 year old mother was at home dying. She commented, "We sure do hate to lose her". When she left I tried to pray for her mother. Several months passed, then one day this same lady was again in the store. When I asked her how her mother was, she replied "Look behind me". There was this little old lady out grocery shopping. Her daughter said, "We just can't understand it, the last time I saw you she was dying and when I went home she just got up and has been doing fine ever since. WE JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND IT".

This is an excerpt from a letter written by Sis. Shirley Miller from SKYLINE. It was so lovely and peaceful we wanted to pass it on to all the saints.

"I know the love we have for our family is great, but when the love of God is put in our heart it is so much greater. Just a few words spoken with that love means it all."

It is good to hear that the signs are still following the believer. The Lord gave Bro. Jack Denson of SCOTTSBORO power to take up a deadly serpent that he came upon while he was alone and on his job this Spring.

Love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

This letter was written by an aunt to her niece as the young lady was graduating from school.

Hello Graduate;

I guess congratulations are in order. After all it's not everyday a girl graduates.

I was sitting here reading the bible and I came across something that really reminded me of you. The other day when I got your invitation I noticed something about the picture, you're really a beautiful girl now, though you were smiling it seemed like you weren't really smiling at all. Do you know what I mean? Anyway I came across this scripture and it said, "Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful". Does this sound like you?

Have you got a job yet? I know Someone who has an opening and you fit just perfectly! Some pretty stiff Qualifications, and it takes good people to come up to the specifications. Not just anyone can work here - and it would be a job you would be proud of. Best pay ever, excellent benefits. It's a servants job. He's tried to get you to come and work for him a long time now and you've always turned Him down. Now if you don't work for Him you'll work for someone else and He'll be sad, but you will be too. In time you'll be so sorry over your decision. But afterward He won't be sorry anymore, as he comes after His hands and gives them their pay. (They all receive the same pay regardless of their length of service) Won't that be good!

If you want the job, I'd highly recommend it. And I will give you a high recommendation to Him, seeing how I love you so much, I'd speak well of you to Him.

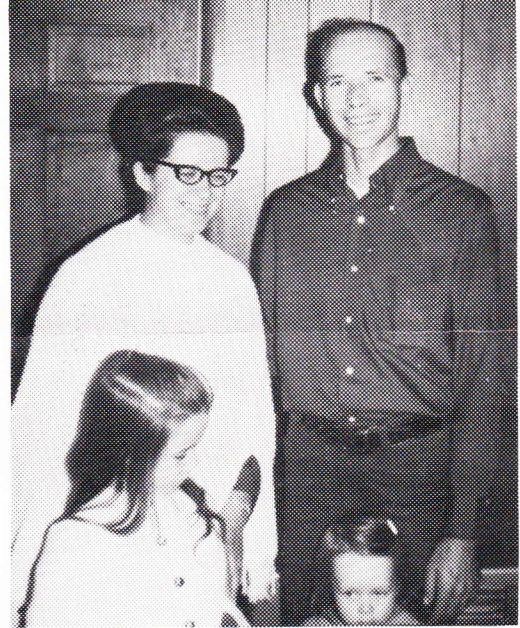
You know He is a friend of mine. I'd tell Him how I've known you since you were a child and how I've grown to love you so much, how you tried to help your mother seek the Lord, how that you'd ask prayer for your daddy. I'd tell Him how I believed you'd tried to be a good girl away from church and how you have talked to friends about Him. I'd really vouch for you if you wanted the job. Yes, there's plenty of openings but they are hard to fill, plenty of applications but few accepted. It's a limited time offer and time is about to expire. Hurry now before the END OF TIME.

Congratulations

Aunt

Bro. Charlie Putman and his son Bro. Lloyd brought the love of God with them as they came through the door of the SOUTH HAVEN church. This was his first time back since he retired and moved to Williams Cove in Alabama. Meeting here was very good with God blessing His saints and also His Supper.

Our Lord graciously blessed at PLEASANT GROVE as Bro. Doyle Buckner freed the service as he told how his daughter Meloney got her hand caught in the car door and caved it in. It was hurting her as Bro. Doyle and his wife Sis. Anita began to pray as they left for the NYLA community where Sis. Anita's parents, Bro. Bud and Sis. Lena Sanders, live. They



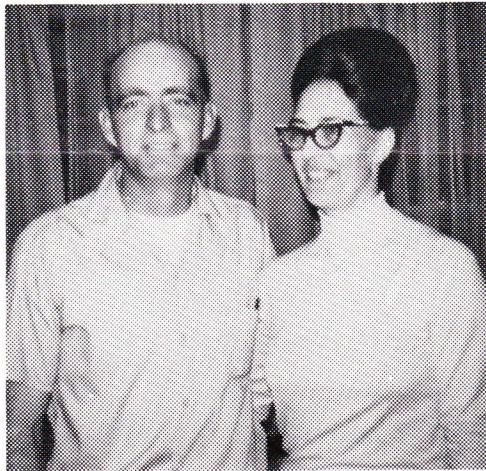
Sis. Anita and Bro. Doyle Buckner with Denise and little Meloney

prayed all the way and when they arrived at their destination the child's hand was alright, so much so that you could not tell which hand had been hurt. He rejoiced in telling about this and the whole church rejoiced with him.

My two year old son became ill on Thursday evening. It started with a cough and became steadily worse. When he took a spell of coughing we knew something had to be done for this lasted for a long time. As I was taking care of the child I was trying to pray also. My lost husband was scared. I used the telephone to call a sister to ask her to help me pray and before I was through, my husband gave the baby back to me as he said, "You take him, I don't want him dying in my arms". As I walked the floor with him, my husband went to the ELKWOOD church and got some to come and pray. The child was still coughing at every breath as a number of the saints came in. We prayed and prayed until the Lord moved completely and he fell asleep before Bro. Willard Wooten and the other saints went home. Though he still had some trouble that lasted about a week, we are still thankful that our Lord will come in time.

Dezire Key

Services are still good in WILLIAMS COVE. The crowd was smaller than usual on the 3rd Saturday evening due to a death near by but the Lord was with them as they edified one another in the Word and with songs and testimonies of the goodness and power of God. Bro. Ed Avons was encouraging the Lord's people with, "ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT OF ITSELF, EXCEPT IT ABIDE IN ME. I AM THE VINE YE ARE THE BRANCHES. HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT. It was good. His wife Sis. Bobbie was rejoicing and having a good



Bro. Ed and Sis. Bobbie Avons (HYTOP)

exhorting all to be willing to love everyone and suffer the wrong if need be. One of the high-lights of the meeting was when Bro. Doyle Priest's wife, Sis. Annie Ruth^{told} her experience of coming to God. When she first went to those holiness meeting she tried to resist the Lord but the more she went and was around the saints the more she wanted the Lord to give her the Holy Ghost. He did and he gave it to her husband Doyle too. This sister had the saints sitting on the edge of the bench as she told about her God drawing her.

I'm the girl that Bro. Don Trosper of VAL-ERMOSO SPRINGS put the writing in Glad Tiding about. I'm the one with cancer in my chest, arm and shoulder but the wonderful part is I am the one that the Lord looked at with mercy and gave the good Holy Ghost to. I can't take time to worry about my condition for praising Him for preparing me to meet Him when He is ready for me, but I'M still able to go to church and testify to His mercy.

Please remember me in your prayers.

Sis. Connie Schoffield

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

time in Christ. Bro. Clarence Williams was

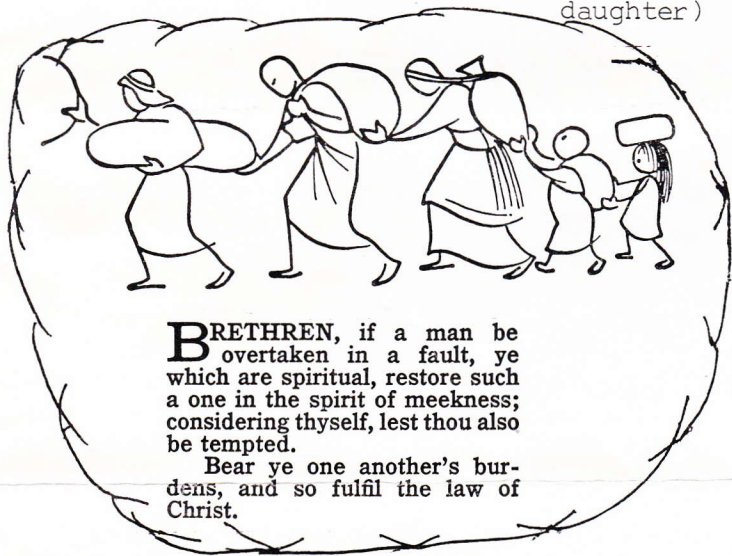
The Lord had everyones attention as Bro. Billy Ray Parker was telling the saints at IDER how the Lord had helped him with his retarded daughter Melinda. It was so beautiful we want to pass it on to you all; Bro. Billy and Sis. Sharon Parker's daughter Melinda was nearly four years old and still couldn't talk. They had prayed and prayed about this but it seemed as though God would not hear them. He used to set her on his lap and try to teach her to say her name. He would say, "Your name is Melinda. What's your name?" She would make a sound but not one he could understand. One Saturday he was really touched in the heart as he tried to get her to talk. "I had gone as far as I could go" were the words he used to express his feeling at the time. As He turned to wife he saw tears dripping off her cheeks and before he realized what he was saying, "There's just one thing about this, when it's all over, it will just be a good testimony, because God's gonna heal her". Bro. Billy went to BEIRNE AVE that evening (his family stayed at home) and he asked prayer for little Melinda. (this was his first time to do so) After a good meeting and this brother was driving home the thought came to him "If God was going to heal her, He could let her say her name". Upon arriving at home and without saying anything to anyone else he called Melinda in to where he was sitting on the couch. "Your names Melinda! he said. What's your name? She looked at her daddy and smiled as she said, "It's Melinda Daddy". "There's no way to express the joy that Sharon and I had" is the way Bro. Billy declares their feeling at this sign from the Lord. When he returned from church the following Sunday he saw his little girl sitting at the dining room table and he asked her to say her middle name. "It's Marie, Daddy. It's Melinda Marie Parker" God just wonderfully healed her. She is just as normal as any child her agenow, which is eleven years old. Bro. Billy sums it up with this: "It wouldn't have mattered what my name was or how much money I possessed, it wouldn't have helped Melinda, but I knew a man called Jesus and He heard the prayers of the children of God and healed my daughter."

I wanted to write you the wonderful things that are happening at CLAYSVILLE.

On Sunday evening (the 2nd Sunday), Sis. Faye Manguem received the most wonderful gift a person can receive...the Holy Ghost. She is the daughter of Bro. Johnny and Sis. Helen Seckles. Sis. Faye had sought the Lord for a long time. This night she came to the altar when it was given, but didn't seem able to get her prayer through. Later in the service she asked to be prayed for, thinking she was sick. During this prayer she came to her feet speaking in tongues and shouting the victory. We are very proud of our new sister, and we thank God for pouring out His spirit on another lost soul here at CLAYSVILLE. This has also helped the others seem to realize their lost condition and pray harder. We had prayer services all the second week for them and the altar work was very good. Bro. Mitt McAllister was with us several nights and preached to the lost.

The Lord has really revived all of us at CLAYSVILLE, and we are very thankful. We want to invite you all to be with us in our Revival during the first week in July

Pray for us
Sis. Debra Pendergrass
(Bro. Odell's
daughter)



Here at IDER (HWY.75) the saints were greatly encouraged over the 1st week in May when Bro. Tom Buckner ran a week's meeting and the Lord wonderfully blessed and edified His people. The Monday evening service was the best over all. Before first prayer Sis. Charlotte Finlayson was up testifying and it is the best she has felt in the Lord in a long time. (The furthest along in the Spirit we have seen her in years) They continued in testifying and prayer was not given until the seekers made their own "altar call", not once but twice. Some times the house was on its feet praising the Lord. One of these times was when Bro. Billy Parker who was over in the glory of God as he remembered how the Lord healed his little daughter Melinda when she was a four year old

retarded child. Bro. Clarence Williams and Bro. Tom's son Bro. Doyle were also happy in their souls as were many of the home folks. One of these was a young lady who came to Christ the week previous. Her name is Sherlon and she is Sis. Gertrude Brown's daughter. One evening Bro. Junoir Reed talked in charity on "Touch not the unclean" and it was good the way he brought out the necessity of us fearing God in all we do. It ended with a feeling that the church had accomplished getting closer to God and one another.

Many are the blessings that God has been giving to the saints at ROCKY BRANCH. One that was outstanding was when He blessed Bro. Jerry Walls (Bro. Arthur's son) on the 1st Sunday evening as he just walked around



the church laughing as He felt the joyful spirit of God all over him. He wasn't alone in his happiness for the Lord blessed Bro. Alvin Burns very good and also Sis. Eula Dean and Sis. Diane Allen

Service on the 1st Saturday evening was described as "wonderful, sweet, peaceful and joyfully free" with the Lord blessing every one who wanted Him to. Bro. Walter Hill was exhorting from the 2nd Chapter of 1st Corinthians as He told of the time that Moses smote the rock in His name and did not wholly honor the Lord. He used this in reference to people who honor themselves and not the Lord. One young sister brought the right feeling as she mentioned how she was not so worried what people thought but rather what the Lord knows. Meeting continued to be very good throughout the entire weekend with our Lord blessing many of His children. This was taking place at the BEND OF PAINT ROCK.

REVIVAL

Announcements

(if it's the Lord's will)

BROWN'S CHAPEL'S revival starts the 1st Sunday in August.

CLAYSVILLE'S revival is during the 1st week of July.

HIGDON'S revival runs through the week of the 4th of July.

HYTOP'S revival starts the 3rd Sunday of July.

MARKHAM'S revival starts the 1st Sunday in August. (Also the day of their homecoming)

SAND MOUNTAIN (Section) revival starts on the 2nd Sunday evening in June.

SCOTTSBORO's revival starts on the 2nd Sunday in September.

SKYLINE's revival starts on the 1st Sunday in August.

SOUTH HAVEN's revival starts on the 2nd Sunday in June.

PLEASANT GROVE's revival runs through the week of the 4th of July.

SCENICLAND's revival starts on the 3rd Sunday *June*

ROCKY BRANCH starts their revival the 3rd weekend of August.

OLD SARDIS will run their revival starting the 1st Sunday evening of July.

CAVE SPRINGS starts their revival the 2nd weekend of June.

NEW MARKET's revival starts on the 3rd Sunday of July.

PLEVNA Starts their revival on the the 2nd Sunday in August. Homecoming the same day.

WILLIAMS COVE will start their revival on the 3rd Sunday in June.

BIG COVE's revival starts the first Sunday in August.

BEND OF PAINT ROCK starts their revival on the 1st Sunday evening in *July*

Asleep in Christ

Sis. Beulah Whitaker, the daughter of the late Bro. Alvin Watts, passed over to meet her reward in her 48th year on May 10, 1974.

Bro. Henry Black from the SKYLINE community fell asleep in Christ on Thursday, May 16th, in his 69th year.

Rayford Key from Huntsville came to Christ at ELKWOOD on the 4th Sunday evening. He is the son of Sis. Delia Key from Grassy Mtn. and he has four sister at TIFTONIA who are also in Christ, Sisters Lora, Laura, Christine and Faye.

The saints at BRYANT were a happy bunch of people when Colleen Bedwell from Tullahoma Tennessee recieved the Holy Ghost here on the 4th Sunday evening.

On the 1st Sunday evening the Lord blessed His people again at OLD SARDIS. Everyone had a wonderful time in their Lord. Bro. Dewey Barrier was enjoying it with them as he exhorted the Word; BEHOLD, I GIVE YOU POWER TO TREAD ON SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS, AND OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY: AND NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT YOU. NOTWITHSTANDING IN THIS REJOICE NOT, THAT THE SPIRITS ARE SUBJECT UNTO YOU: BUT RATHER REJOICE, BECAUSE YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN.

We want to thank all the elders and ministers who wrote us to help us in our mailing problem. (We are seeking to obtain 2nd class mailing permit) Over 30 churchs answered the letter sent them (Not written by us but by a brother who had our intersts at heart). THANK YOU!

We now have a mailing list of over 850 families. We are still happy to add anyone to this list that desires to recieve this paper. Likewise anyone who has found this same paper offensive we will glad to discontinue sending them to you. We will work with you any way we can.

PRAY FOR US.

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