

GLAD THINGS

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits.

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OF GOOD THINGS

Sis. Jan Cash came to the Lord at the ROCKY BRANCH protracted service during the 3rd week of August. She is the grand daughter of Sis. Annie Rigsby of Huntsville. Bro. Bobby Bonds finally believed the Lord on Tuesday evening and he came up full of the Holy Ghost. Meetings were good day and night all through the week. Bro. Willard led most of the services.

Many of the old saints were blessed by the Lord. Sis. Myrtle Ragon was ill where she couldn't attend services until a few of the saints went to see her one morning. (Bro. Charles and Sis. Ginnie Rice and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Eula Dean) Before they departed, Sis. Myrtle asked them to pray with her. She was at church after that and didn't miss anymore meetings and God wonderfully blessed her. Bro. Jack Denson was present Thursday and Friday evenings. Unknown to the saints here, he had been stung by a few wasps and was ill from them but the Lord knew and the hands went on him and he was alright. The saints were edified by Bro. Elton Brazier on Saturday evening as he talk about, "Holiness" and then his mind went to John baptising Jesus. He was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Hubert Samson was in the Spirit on the 4th Sunday evening as he lifted the saints mind up as he told about about the city that John saw coming down out of heaven, adorn as a bride for her husband.



Bro. Jack Denson assisted at the PLEVNA revival. On Wenesday morning, Bro Jim George's daughter-in-law came to the Lord. Her name is Sis. Alice and it was her first time to seek God and she found him as he promised.

On the following Wenesday morning, around 5 A.M., Sis. Alice's husband Bro. Marion received the Holy Ghost in their home. When she came to the Lord it showed him how lost he was.

Bro. Lawrence Holman's son received the Holy Ghost sometime before (?????) the revival. Bro. Jerry Holman is his name and we hope he prospers in the Lord.

The Lord started blessing our revival on Saturday evening before our Homecoming on Sunday. Several of the new children of God were there to take communion (They came to the Lord at HYTOP) and wash feet with their new family of brothers and sisters. Then on Sunday night our first new soul was born again, Connie Laney, daughter of Bro. Dean and Sis. Joy Saint, after praying for awhile the Lord came into her life. The Lord continued to smile down on us during the week and on Wenesday morning another sister, Mary Ellen Campbell, daughter of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Ventrice Brewer, said that she, "Came after the Holy Ghost." The good Lord made a new person out of her. Her daughter, Sis. Faye, came to the Lord this past year at HYTOP and now she has a new mother. The Lord began reaching His unseen hand out to the ones who were honest hearted. One of these was Martha Paradise, whose first time seeking God found Him with joy unspeakable and love for everyone. This set up a hidden longing in her sister-in-law' heart, Linda Smith, she felt she had to change from her present church and come the Lord's way, which she did on Saturday night. And what a glorious change it was to find the missing happiness that only God can give. On Friday night of the same week the Lord sure was good to us and blessed us with another sister, Alisha Woodall, daughter of Bro. Charlie and Sis. Jennie Smith, who started to God just right and gave up her life for God and what a wonderful God he is just to give us five more to help hold up the way of the Lord."

This was written by a sister from SKYLINE. We appreciate her good words and glad tiding of good things.

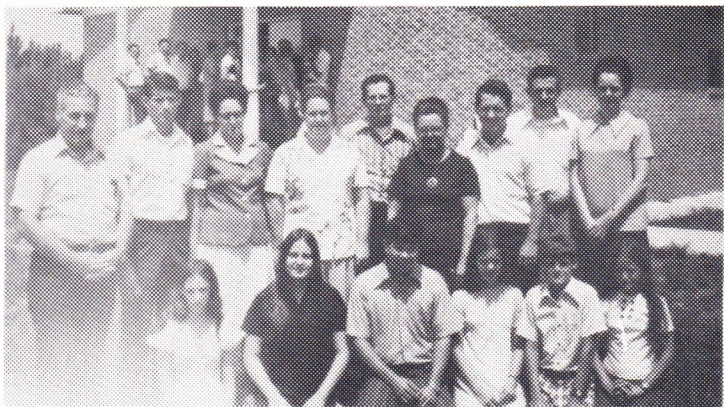


" A revered old Negro preacher once told his congregation: Folks, when something hard to handle hits you, the Lord votes for you, the devil votes against you and you cast the deciding vote."

The children of God here at NOAH'S ARK .. ROAD church have had a week of meetings they will never forget. The Lord has blessed us so well and we sure do praise Him for it. We can never thank Him enough for His goodness to us. Bro. Willard and Sis. Virginia Wooten came down from ELKWOOD to help in our revival and they will never know how very much we appreciate them. Bro. Willard really preached to the sinners. The Lord blessed him, and one of the lost boys said that he could really hear the locusts and such that Bro. Willard talked about.

It seemed that the children of God carried such a burden the first part of the week and Wenesday night Bro. Bill Lewis's son made it thru and after he believed the the Lord he had joy in the Holy Ghost. Bro. Gene had been seeking the Lord in the altar for about a year. During this time he heard people say recieving the Holy Ghost was easy. He just couldn't understand how they could say this for he was praying so hard and he was still with out It. He went as far as to say that he didn't believe he would ever say it was easy. This night when he came up out of the floor speaking in tongues, one of the first things he said was, "It's easy."

Thursday night, Bro. Eugene and Sis. Katherine Gamble's (HIGDON) daughter Kathy came to Christ. We are so proud of Sis. Kathy. Bro. Willard had closed the service that night and we all started to go home, when one of the sisters saw little Lynnel Case (Bro. Howard Case's son) leaning against the door looking so lost, she told him, if he wasn't careful one of the other young ones was gonna beat him to the Lord. He then just fell on Bro. Gene Lewis's neck and started crying. Someone



From left to right standing: Bro. Willard Wooten. Bro. Eugene and Sis. Katherine Gamble, Sis. Loretta and Bro. Bill Lewis, Sis. Dorcas and Bro. J.B. Pritchett, Bro. Howard and Sis. Vera Case. The new saints kneeling: Sis. Kathy Gamble, Sis. Renee (She came to the Lord a few weeks ago at HIGDON) Lewis and her brother, Bro. Gene Lewis, Sis. Marcie Pritchett, Bro. Lynnel and Sis. Jeanette Case. This photo was taken on Saturday morning of their revival.

told him if he wanted to pray it wasn't too late. He started hurrying back into the house and fell into the altar and he wasn't there a minute when he recieved the sweet gift that was promised to us many, many years ago. He was one happy boy. Well, it really started then. The lost souls started falling on their knees all over the building. In a very few minutes after Bro. Lynnel was up, Sis. Marcie Pritchett came up shouting with the same joy and love of God. She is Bro. J.B. Pritchett's youngest daughter. Some of us saw little Jeanette Case crying and told her to pray if she wanted to. She went on her knees and in a few minutes she was a child of God. She is Bro. Lynnel's sister. Brother and sister recieving Christ the same night. Their parents Bro. Howard and Sis. Vera are so very happy with both of their children safe in the arms of God. That family is now complete. (Sis. Vera was shouting at the kitchen table the following evening in their home as they told visitors how wonderful the Lord was in redeeming their children)

The Lord continued to bless. Each meeting was so wonderful. (Saturday morning before the first prayer there were a couple of sisters at time down in the spirit of God as the church rejoiced around them) Well Saturday night we were given another sister. This time it was Bro. Conrad Estes's daughter, Sis. Peggy. I mean she was a happy girl and she also said that it was easy.

Bro. Willard talked about the baptising that was to be the next morning. He said if any of the seekers had repented and meant to never sin again, it would be good for them to be baptised. Sunday, Bro. J.B. put the six who had been given the Holy Ghost under the water and five that had not made it right with God yet.

That Sunday evening Bro. Ricky Darnell recieved the Lord and we all were so thankful for him. He is Sis. Phyliss (Bro. J. B.'s daughter) husband. Bro. Ricky knew nothing of Holiness when he married Sis. Phyliss. He thought she lived the life she did because mother and daddy made her. He thought that he could change her to his way of life. He couldn't understand how she could live so good. But the Lord knew his heart and Bro. Ricky was the one that changed. He only went to the altar a few times and prayed so hard his voice became weak but he told the Lord, "I might lose my voice but I can move my lips." After Bro. Ricky recieved our Lord, Sis. Elaine Sealey told her husband that the Lord made her know this was the last chance for him to come to God. As she told this to Dwight it brought a fear and he went back to his knees and in a short time came up from there a new creature in Christ. Bro. Dwight was happy and there was joy everywhere.

Besides these eight new souls, the Lord has blessed us in other way also. Sis. Pam Prtichett was bound in the floor. This was in answer to a prayer she had asked of God. Sis. Jean Miller had the same experience and it was strength to her. We had a good old hand shake and the love of God just filled the house. The Lord blessed us with the children of God coming from different places to help in our revival. Yes I mean it has been a time to remember.

Sis. Loretta Lewis

(We were priviledged to be at NOAH'S ARK for couple of services and the love of God was truly there. They met you at the back door hugging your neck and greeting you with that feeling we love so well that you can feel way down in your boots.)



Sisters Cindy Sadler, Brenda Parker, Shaerron Denson, Debbie West. Bros. Lawrence Brown, Gerald Jones, Laddie Maxwell, Jack Denson. Sis. Becky Lewis not shown.

The SCOTTSBORO revival was another exceptionally good one. The same feeling that was at HYTOP and some of the other places was here during the first part of the week long meeting.

"This was the best revival we've had since I've lived in Scottsboro. Monday morning Sherran Denson daughter of Bro. Dennis & Sis. Veda Denson received the Holy Ghost.

Tuesday morning; Debbie West, daughter of Bro. Buford & Sis. Carolyn West.....Laddie Maxwell son of Bro. Estel and Sis. Dot Maxwell...Gerald Jones the son of Sis. Virginia Jones.

Tuesday evening; Brenda Parker, daughter of Sis. Ida and the late Bro. Elmer Parker.

Wenesday morning; Becky Lewis, daughter of Sis. Doris Miller.

Wenesday night; Cindy Sadler, daughter of Bro. Billy & Sis. Jenette Sadler.

We are so proud of these children and also we are very proud and thankful for our pastor, Bro. Jack Denson of whom most of these kids have grown up under his teaching and somewhere along the way it must have sank deep into their hearts, when the parents, "me" didn't think it was touching them."

Sis. Veda Denson.

63rd Anniversary Observed

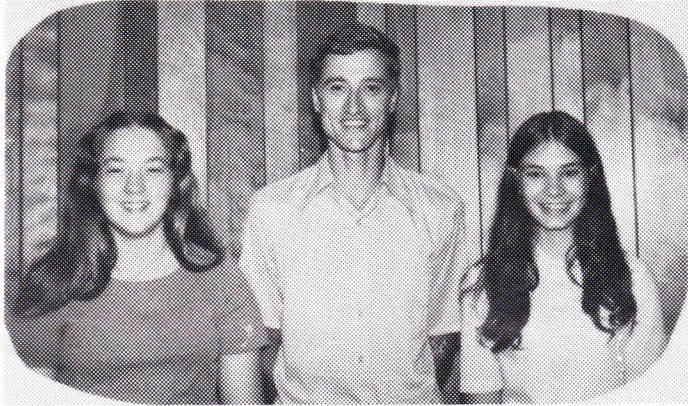


In June, Bro. Floyd and Sis. Allie Morris, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary at their home in the SKYLINE community. They were married in 1911. They both came to the Lord under Bro. Cortney Thackerson's preaching in Crabtree's Cove. Sis. Allie recieved the Holy Ghost in 1916 and Bro. Floyd was born again the following year. These wonderful saints are both 80 years of age.

Sis. Ora, Bro. Eli Smith's wife, edified the children of God at MARTLING on Friday evening of their protracted service in August. She was recalling how happy and unashamed she was when the Lord of glory filled her full of His spirit. She was so much enraptured in Him that she was telling people who lived beside the road she was traveling (Mule and wagon) on her way home from meeting. She was telling them what the Lord had done for her.

Sis. Johnny Lou Hall's girl, Sis. Jannice Hoffman, recieved the Holy Ghost during the weeks meeting that was run at BIG COVE. Even though they were sorry more of the many seeking God did not make it, the saints were glad of the meetings and the children of God who were there with them. A number of the ministry were here especially Bro. Charles Willmon who was present and working almost every evening.

We wrote about these three persons coming to the Lord at BROWN'S CHAPEL in last month issue of Glad Tidings. But we could not pass up the opportunity of passing on this photo that showed them with the joy of salvation in their countenance. They are: Sis. Carolyn Short, Bro. Gwendall Knight and Sis. Robbie Black.



It was good to here Bro. Gwendall rehearse what he had heard Bro. David Jones from BEIRNE AVE talk at HIGDCN the night before (9/18/74). He was telling about Lazarus and the rich man. What touched Bro. Gwendall's heart and ours when we heard it was as Bro. David explained how the Lord loved this poor beggar and called him by his name, Lazarus and the man that he layed at his gate begging for food from was known only as a rich man. When Lazarus died he was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom but the other known only as the rich man died and was buried and in hell lifted up his eyes being tormented....



It was good to hear Bro. Roy Spurgeon get up behind his daughter Sis. Carolyn who had just testified at FYFFE (4th Sunday evening, the 2nd meeting in the new church) and the Lord had used her to lay hands on Bro. Bill Guffey who was ill. He told how this was her first time to lay hands on anyone and he was proud that she waited on the Lord. He mentioned of one time when she told him how some had told her to get in the altar and talk to the seekers but he counter-wise told her to be careful and see to it that she was led by the Lord or she would do more hurt than good. FOR AS MANY ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THEY ARE THE SONS OF GOD. (Amen, amen!)

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is he bond of perfectness.

LIKEWISE, YE WIVES, BE IN SUBJECTION TO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS; THAT IF ANY OBEY NOT THE WORD, THEY ALSO MAY WITHOUT THE WORD BE WON BY THE CONVERSATION OF THE WIVES; WHILE THEY BEHOLD YOUR CHASTE (pure, decent modest) CONVERSATION COUPLED WITH FEAR. WHOSE ADORNING, LET IT NOT BE THAT OUTWARD ADORNING OF PLAITING THE HAIR, AND OF WEARING OF GOLD, OR THE PUTTING ON OF APPAREL; BUT LET IT BE THE HIDDEN MAN OF THE HEART, IN THAT WHICH IS NOT CORRUPTIBLE EVEN THE ORNAMENT OF A MEEK AND QUIET SPIRIT, WHICH IS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD OF GREAT PRICE. FOR AFTER THIS MANNER IN THE OLD TIME THE HOLY WOMEN ALSO, WHO TRUSTED IN GOD ADORNED THEMSELVES, BEING IN SUBJECTION UNTO THEIR OWN HUSBANDS: EVEN SARAH OBEYED ABRAHAM, CALLING HIM LORD: WHOSE DAUGHTERS YE ARE, AS LONG AS YE DO WELL, AND ARE NOT AFRAID WITH ANY AMAZEMENT.... LIKEWISE, YE HUSBANDS, DWELL WITH THEM ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE, GIVING HONOR UNTO THE WIFE, AS UNTO THE WEAKER VESSEL, AND AS BEING HEIRS TOGETHER OF THE GRACE OF LIFE; THAT YOUR PRAYERS BE NOT HINDERED.

This part of the 3rd chapter of 1st Peter was read and used by Bro. Lawrence Brown on the 1st Sunday morning at BROWN'S CHAPEL. He stressed the point that a woman could not win her husband to Christ by adorning the outside of her but rather the beautifying of the inner person. He ended his sermon with telling the husbands if they were not in accord with their wife, they needed more knowledge: DWELL WITH THEM ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE.

The Lord let Bro. Lawrence speak at SCOTTSBORO on the 2nd Thursday evening on people losing their natural affections. He used the 3rd chapter of 2nd Timothy where it reads: THIS KNOW ALSO IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIME SHALL COME. FOR MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES, (because they have lost their natural affection) COVETOUS BOASTERS, PROUD, BLASPHEMERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, UNTHANKFUL, UNHOLY, WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION, TRUCEBREAKERS, FALSE ACCUSERS, INCONTINENT, FIERCE, DESPISERS OF THOSE THAT ARE GOOD, TRAITORS, HEADY, HIGH-MINDED, LOVERS OF PLEASURES MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD; (because they have lost their natural affection) HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS, BUT DENYING THE POWER THEREOF: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY. He was in the Lord's liberty as he talked.



Bro. Dewey Barrier, the teacher, was doing this the second weekend of September as he stress the need of people staying in order especially the women in their dressing (wearing decent apparel), their hair (not trimming or cutting it) and not disfiguring themselves such as pulling out their eyebrows and such like. Some of the older saints were very much pleased that the Lord saw fit to let Bro. Dewey teach on this because of the necessity of it today.

Case Dismissed

The case against Ed Lee Saint of New Hope Alabama has been dismissed by judge Tom Younger at the Madison County Courthouse due to lack of evidence. We are all happy with this family and their friends at the GRASSY MTN. church. Time and again the judge tried to persuade Bro. Ed Lee to obtain a lawyer but he persisted that God was all the lawyer that he needed. And this prove out true.

(We wonder who will be the next one to stand before the authorities to give an account of their hope in Christ. And will the next one be allowed off as easy as they have been in these two cases in 1974.)

'Loving Attention' Helps

Sis. Flora Stephens is old and has a weak heart and cannot be in meeting with the children of God very much. But here at BLACK OAK the saints are so good to visit her and bring flowers and other "little things" that mean so much when they show a person they are not forgotten but loved by many. (We are sure that our Lord loves to see His children to show special love to those who are unable to help themselves like they would like to. AS YOU HAVE DONE IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHERN YOU HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME. If you want to do something good for Christ, do it unto one of His children.)

Remember

Bro. Wesley and Sis. Lillie (Thackerson) Parker. (Taken in 1906)



Sis. Lillie and Bro. Wesley were married in 1907. They both came to God in the early part of 1914 at Hytop Alabama under Bro. Charlie Brown's preaching of holiness. Sis. Lillie tells about their home burning down and they were living with her mother at the time. She was not present when Bro. Wesley recieved the Holy Ghost (Bro. Wesley and Bro. Cortney Thackerson, her brother came to the Lord the same day). When Bro. Wesley came home, "It was like talking to a man I had never talked to before." When her mother asked her if there was a change in him, Sis. Lillie replied, "It's like daylight and dark and he's daylight now and dark before." All of Sis. Lillie's family came to God and endured unto the end and she is the last one living at 84 years of age. Bro. Wesley was taken away in 1918. About a week before his departure they were in meeting in Crabtrees Cove above Hytop. After services was dismissed and the saints were asking one another home with them, Bro. Wesley began talking and telling them it wasn't long until he was going to his heavenly home and he wanted to shake hands with everyone. As he did, he shouted and talked and sang praises to God. In about a week he was killed by a train. Sis. Lillie gets to be in meeting all along and all the saints love and respect her very highly.

Sis. Mary Wooten who came to God here at LOOKOUT MTN a couple of week before (Aug. 18th) was being blessed by the Lord on the 4th Sunday evening as were many more of the young sisters and even some of the older ones like Sis. Hester White was very happy in her Lord. Bro. Grover Black was all over this church for he was feeling the Spirit and glad to tell about it. Bro. David Bailey, a young man that the Lord uses was talking about being subeject to God and His ministers as he used the 13th chap. of Romans; LET EVERY SOUL BE SUBJECT UNTO THE HIGHER POWERS. FOR THERE IS NO POWER BUT OF GOD: THE POWERS THAT BE ARE ORDAINED OF GOD.... Bro. Douglas M. Nance from KEEL MTN who is young in the Lord, but full of the Spirit was talking toward the lost getting in a hurry for death might face us any time. It was a good meeting. They have been having more of these type services lately.



School has again started and with so many new young saints back in school it seems fitting to mention a couple of testimonies of young people who have had the Lord to help them when put in tough situations:

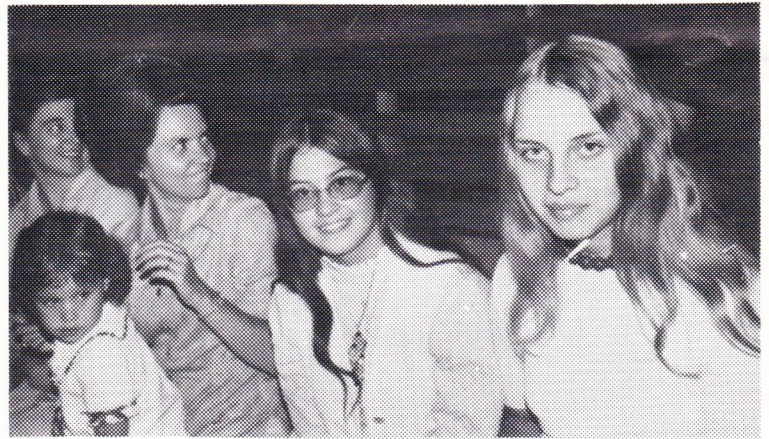
Bro. Roger Brown (SOUTH HAVEN) was attending school when another boy became angry at him and started being mean to him. Bro. Roger wouldn't "fuss" with him. After awhile the boy tried to hurt him by lunging at him and hitting him with his whole body but Bro. Roger didn't feel a thing. He did feel the Lord while he was telling this at church. He told how he used to let other people copy his paper until he received the Holy Ghost. He then knew it was wrong for it was, "Cheating" but the other kids didn't understand and they became angry with him.

Sis. Susan McAllister also would not have anything to do with letting people use her to cheat in their school lessons for as she said, I knew it was wrong."

Bro. Rich Flemming testified of how on his job a man kept bothering him, picking at him and punching on him. He told of one day this man hit him and he grabbed his hand saying, "No! No!" He then had a real bad feeling come over him and he apologized to this man. The man in turn became a very good friend to Bro. Rich.

On the 3rd Sunday evening at BLACK OAK the Lord was blessing everyone who offered themselves to the Lord. Bro. Thomas Kerley and Leroy Duvall have been talking on the tribulation that we now have to bear and also the ones that are just out ahead of us, and for us not to let things get us, "down". On this evening Bro. Rich Flemming was again testifying "just to honor God," and "to thank him for the Word of God that was preached," when the Lord wonderfully blessed him. His wife arose to honor God also and to thank Him for blessing her husband. They were both under the spirit

of God as God bound them in the floor. Sis. Kathy said that she didn't want to brag on her Husband Bro. Rich but she said she was so proud of him as the saints had that "shouting ring" around them. (it sounds so very good for the man and wife to be this way in the Lord, for are they not heirs of eternal life together?) It seemed like everyone who stood up received a blessing. After Bro. Tom preached, Bro. Horace Williams was telling them if they would just honor the Lord he would bless them and He did. Bro. Foster and Sis. Betty Posey who had been to church at MARKHAM came in late but they brought a good feeling with them and in just a little bit Bro. Foster was testifying and telling how he had been blessed by the Lord already at MARKHAM. It had come to him to arise when he was over there but he didn't want to linger service because he wanted to make it to BLACK OAK before they dismissed. But never-the-less he offered himself and the Lord touch his soul. After service there had ended he thought about how the Wicked one had try to get him not to stand up for the Lord and Bro. thought in his mind, "See there, the Lord did bless me and I'm still going to BLACK OAK." The Lord blessed him At BLACK OAK also. His wife, Sis. Betty was up also and as the Lord blessed her she said, "No wonder I wanted to come over here!" Sis. Sandra Houston was up thanking the Lord for blessing



Bro. Troy Walls' wife, Sis. Nancy, Bro. Bill Price wife Sis. Euls Mae, Bro. Paul Warren's daughter Sis. Sheila and SIS. Sandra Houston. (taken the summer of 1974 at the NYLA homecoming.)

her for she had begged the Lord to let Sis. Betty's hands to go on her and He had allowed this to happen. Sis. Sandra and and Sis. Betty were both down in the spirit of God. Bro. Leroy Duvall and Bro. Frankie and Bro. Terry Duvall, his sons were very happy in the Lord. Sis. Berthel Summ-erford really shouted and praised God for He had let the saints lay hands on her and she was healed of a sickness that had lingered with her. It was a great time for the children of God who hold to the hope of eternal life in the city of God that is yet to come to those who are watching and waiting for Him.

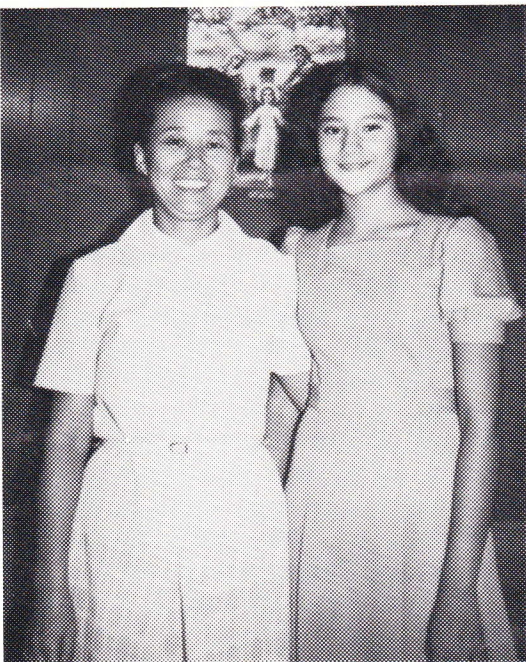
Announcement

Sis. Fumiko Henshaw and her daughter Sis. Flora have been up to the Alabama area from LAKEWOOD PARK in Florida. They having been enjoying themselves in church here and all of the saints have been enjoying them. The Lord blessed them at ROCKY BRANCH an other places but at BIG COVE it was wonderful the way the Lord blessed Sis. Fumiko. Her daughter said that it was about the best mother feel in the Lord. This sister as many know is from Japan and she accepted Christ in Florida.

We have a letter from this sister that we ran in Glad Tiding in our 2nd issue. We will run it again because many were the people that read it before and many were the hearts that were touched by it and also we have so many hundreds of more readers now. than we had at that time.

"I'm real happy that God gave me Holy Ghost on 4th July, 1971. I prayed 3 years and 9 months. I know God give me Holy Ghost and I never was happier in whole life, and ever since. I was raised in Tokyo, Japan, and I wanted to go to heaven when I die. I asked mother about heaven and hell and she said heaven is when I am happy and hell is when I'm sad, but I couldn't believe the words she said. I met Lester Henshaw. He is raised by mother had Holy Ghost. I have been praying my husband and 3 children to recieve Holy some day and we live in heaven after this life. (Since then her daughter has come to the Lord) I'M so glad that I found only way to go to heaven. And I'm from Japan but God love me as much as anybody."

Fumiko Henshaw



Sis. Fumiko Henshaw and Sis. Flora her daughter

Bro. Clyde Whitley gave us an announcement for the CLARK AVE church in Fort Payne. "Bro. Junoir Reed will be assisting in the pastoral work in the Lord here at CLARK AVE. He invites all to come and be with us on the 1st weekend. The Lord's supper is honored on Saturday evening."

80th Birthday Observed



Bro. Murdy A. Black of OLD SARDIS celebrated his 80th birthday on the 4th Sunday of August. He received the Holy Ghost in November of 1912 above OLD SARDIS in Bro. Taylor Plunkett's yard where Bro. John Black was in charge. He was baptised by his father-in-law, Bro. A.B. White. He has 15 children and all have received the Holy Ghost. He has had a long life and many are the times that the Lord has blessed him and healed him kept him from the evils of this life. We wish you many more years, Bro Murdy.



Bro. Edwin Spurgeon arose at BROWN'S CHAPEL on the 8th of September with not a lot to say except he loved the Lord and he hoped that he could say one word to help someone who was lost and dying, facing eternity with out any hope. He did! Before he set back down the love of God was so much around this young man a gentleman found his way to the altar and started praying while this good child of God (who loves everybody) was still testifying. It was very good.

GOOD NEWS

Bro. Thomas Kerley has been down from BLACK OAK for a very short but very, very profitable stay in the north Alabama during the middle of the month of September. He was used of God at SCOTTSBORO in an extremely great way to the profit of the Lord's church. Bro. Tom's sermon was enjoyable and rewarding to all that love the Word of God. We do not have the space or the ability to put all of his talk here but we will try to give you the highlights of it as we saw and heard it.

"I want to live today like the Lord might come before I wake up in the morning. I'd like to live today that if my hands goes on the sick, they will be healed. I'd like to live in a way that if these hands of mine goes on the seekers they will receive salvation." He went on with, "I want to live in a way that God will be pleased with me. It's not God's fault that we ain't receiving the things that we need. It isn't God's fault that you don't feel good in the Spirit. It isn't God's fault. It's not God's fault if me and you don't get along. He gave us something to get along with. He gave you something to make you love everybody. He gave you something that if they revile you or say something about you, you won't say anything back to them. It was shed abroad by the Holy Ghost. There is only one thing that will make that love wax cold and that's iniquity. Sometimes when we don't feel right or feel bad, if we aren't careful we'll lay it on our brother. What makes me feel good is to know I've lived holiness, to know that God dwells with me. If you don't know that, you can't feel good. I've had people, Holy Ghost people say things about me, but I didn't go say something about them. I'd say, "Lord help them!" At times it was difficult to catch all of Bro. Tom's words on account of the children of God praying so loud and hard for him but when you couldn't hear him you could still feel the Lord with him and that was all that seem to matter. He told about his illness that most of us knows about and he was so glad that the Lord and all His people have stood by him in it. By this time he was reaching for the bible turning to the 12th chapter of Hebrews. The spirit of God who had ordained this warrior of the Lord, put new meaning to this old scripture as he read **Wherefore seeing ye are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that does so easily beset us and let us run the race with patience...**" Not walk but run, not slow but run. The race is before us brethren. He didn't say you could sit down and go there, he didn't say you could walk and go there but He said run! Run with patience." Bro. Tom then went back to the weights and said, "He didn't say to lay some of them aside or just the ones you wanted to lay aside but He said lay aside every weight....**Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross...** He endured it, didn't He? How did he do it? Did He rail on them? Did He say "Father make it evil on these fellows." Did He get revenge? Did He ask His father to do something to them? Why, no! He was asking His father to forgive them....**Less ye be weary in your minds...** Unless you lay aside the weights, they will get on your mind and weight you down with a feeling. Just make you feel bad. Maybe they will make you feel bad towards a brother just a little bit. If you carry the weights along they'll get on your mind, and get your mind down and the first thing you know you will back up somewhere (away from the saints of God) Everyone might have a different weight. Some have a job that is a weight. Some might have more weights than others. Some might have one, some might have two or three. (Oh! how the Lord blessed him and the saints. Oh! how they enjoyed him as he read from God's words:)**....Despise thou not the chastening of the Lord nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him...** If you have not the chastening of the Lord you are in bad shape. If you can talk about someone and go home and go to sleep, you are in bad shape. There are different ways the Lord could rebuke you. He might rebuke you through the word of God. He gave the man of God the right to rebuke in the Lord, in love....**We had fathers of the flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence, shall we not much more be in subjection to the father of spirits and live...** Why did we give them (our fathers) reverence? We were afraid, weren't we? I didn't mind my Mama whipping me too bad because she didn't hurt too much, but that Daddy of mine, when he got a hold of me, buddy you was hurt. When my daddy told me not to do something, I was afraid. Now if God told us not to do something, be afraid to do it....**Wherefore lift up the hands that hang down....** Bro. Tom started talking about shouting as he said, "Some one told me, 'I can't shout over everything'. I'm not going to try. I'm going to shout because I'm a child of God, and I'm ready to go. Lift up the hands. What hands was He talking about? These hands (Bro. Tom had his hands up most of the time he was talking) lift them up! Lift them up! Lift up the hands that hang down.

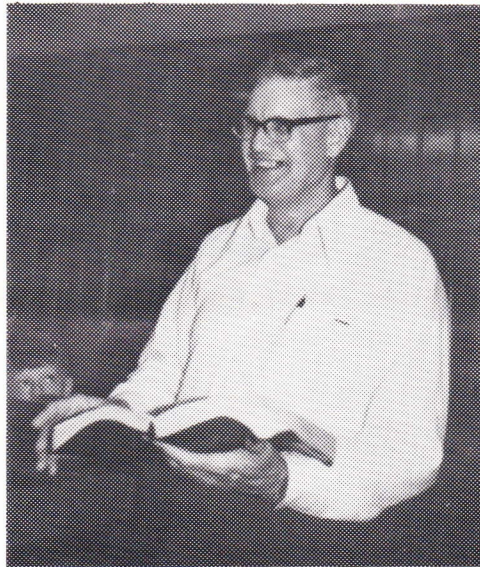
Wherefore lift up the hands that hang down... ..and the feeble knees... It didn't say to strengthen the feeble knees. Lift up the knees, get up off of the seat, walk around jump up and down a time or two. Someone will say I don't want to do that within myself. If you don't who do you think is going to do it for you? (By this time Bro. Tom had lifted a number of peoples hands up and them with it and they were seen shouting across the house as Bro. Tom kept telling it as the glory continued to roll) If you are standing up rejoicing with

your hands up your knees standing up, that person can be strenghtened..... and make straight paths for your feet. (He went on telling the people that they had to make straight paths for their feet and walk in the commandments of God and if they didn't he was not going to pet them in what they were doing. He told of not enjoying preaching hard on people:)



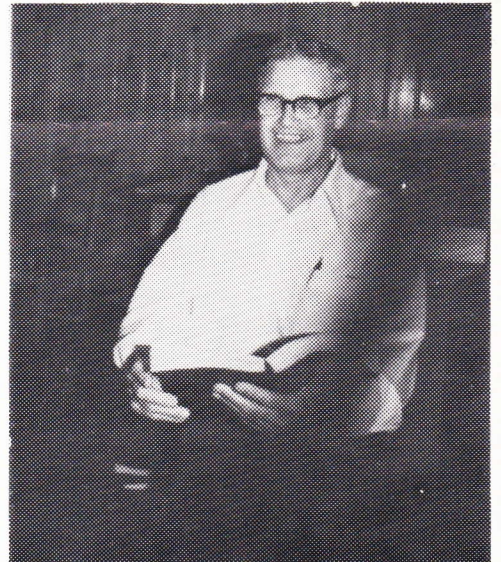
One day I came in from preaching a sermon at BLACK OAK that I know was pretty straight, and I went back home pretty worried and I told my wife Inez, 'Inez, if it would please the Lord I would that He would let me out of this.' She looked at me and said, 'Yes, but He won't.' I was praying one day when the Lord put the burden to preach on me. I said, 'Lord, why me? I'm just an outsider. I didn't know that Holiness was right. I didn't know anything about Holiness. Why mé?' The Lord spoke to me and said, 'I picked you for that purpose.' It's dangerous to fool with the Word of God. It's dangerous! (He turned to Revelation and read:)...if any man shall add unto these things, God will add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the city, and from the things which are written in this book. If I get my ideas and my opions mixed up with this book, I'm adding to it. It was many years that I had the Holy Ghost, that I wouldn't get up on the stand and pick that bible up and start reading it. You

...Follow peace with them that you want to...Follow peace with your kin folks. You know how it reads, follow peace with all men Someone will say I can't follow peace with this person or that, he's my enemy, he treats me so bad. Let's see what the Word of God says...If a man's ways pleases God, he'll make his enemies to be at peace with him. That's holiness isn't it!.... and holiness...What is holiness? Clean, pure. Holiness is something clean and pure and can't be defiled...and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. And there is people that



know why? I didn't want my ideas and opinions in with this...If you desire the office of a bishop, you had better be a good man...(Back to lifting up holy hands)...less that which is lame be turned out of the way, but rather let it be healed. Don't you believe you can do that? Why, yes you can! It's required of you to lift your hands up and stand up on your feet like a man or woman that has got the Holy Ghost. Don't get up testifying a crying, get up with joy in your heart. Get up and say, I'm a child of God! I've got the Holy Ghost! God's pleased with that....

can't get along. It's clean. Talk clean. Let your conversation be clean. Let's see where we are at. He said If you keep my commandments, ask anything in my name. How many times do we ask God and don't receive? We have excuses now. You ought to hear the excuses that I hear in the different places that I go. (He named some of them). If you listen to Satan he'll give you plenty of excuses. He will make them look good to you. Looking diligently, which means a continuation. Looking diligently.... what for?...Lest any man fail of the grace of God. What's the grace of God? Favors of God. Looking diligently lest the favors of God won't be shown you. Lest any root of bitterness springing up...What? by not looking diligently, thinking about yourself (and excuses)." At one time Bro. Tom slowed down and mentioned that he love to have the people amen what he was saying. He told of hearing one tell the preachers to get up behind his preaching to which Bro. Tom replied, "No! It's not his place to do it. It's the man's place who the Word of God found to get up behind the Word. Eight or ten preachers don't need to get up behind me and preach the same sermon." Another part of his talk that touched our hearts was when he said that he always remembered our children to the Lord when he knelt to pray. He reminded us of the evil days we are now living in and none is safe today without the shield of the Lord to protect them, especially our little ones.



We know thissermon will live on in the hearts of the saints who heard it.

Sis. Essie Tompson was up telling that she couldn't remember when she enjoyed the Word of God so much. This was behind Bro. Tom Kerley at the SCOTTSBORO service. Bro. Troy Walls was up a talking a number of times and he brought charity with him because he edified as he told how much confidence he had in God and also in his children. Bro Jack Denson had the whole church house up on their feet as he pressed the wonderful children of the Most High to believe God. We cannot please Him without believing on Him. What a glorious time every one had as the saints continued to testify and the Lord kept blessing with His goodness. Most everything from Bro Tom's sermon on was believing the Word of God. **"...who are kept by the power (Word) of God through faith."**

Your Rights

Bro. Dewey Barrier of OLD SARDIS was most useful in the ministry and to the edifying of the body of Christ at PLEASANT GROVE on the 4th Saturday evening as he exhorted these saints concerning their rights in the Lord. He said, "There's a spirit in the land today saying, "Stand up for your rights." You have rights alright, if a man sue you at law and takes your coat, you have the right to give him your cloak also. If someone compells you to go a mile, you have the right to go twain (Two). You have the right to love your enemies and the right to pray for them that despitfully use you. These are your rights if you want to stand up for them. The saints were feasting on this brother's words concerning the will of God. Many eyes were wet with tears and all along the house was filled with amens, glorys and praises to God. Bro. Dewey went on with, "You have the right if someone slaps you on the cheek to turn to him the other. Some people say that the bible doesn't what to do when they slap the other cheek. But it does, it says turn your other cheek." Bro. Dewey then told of a young man in the army who had a man slap his face and he did what The Word of God said, he turned his other cheek and the man slapped that one. This young man thought again that the Lord said for him to turn his other cheek in which he did. He receive another slap and the man hauled back with his fist to strike him when he again turned his cheek, only this time the spirit of God knocked him across the room out of the evil man's way. Bro. Dewey happily said, "Don't tell me God won't stand by His people if we stand up for our rights!" This was a wonderful time in the Lord at PLEASANT GROVE.

On the 1st Sunday night in August at the starting of the BROWN'S CHAPEL revival the Lord blessed Bro. David Jones in a wonderful way as he talked about the time the Lord told Abraham to take Isaac upon a mountain (Three days journey away) and offer him there for a burnt offering. As Bro. David talked he compared Abraham's love for his son to a father's love for his son today. The spirit of God was felt through out the house as the Lord touched the hearts of the lost. Bro. David told of having seen this sacrifice in a vision. In it Abraham was preparing the altar as his heart went out to his only son for he loved him as we do our children. What grief he had knowing he would have to take his life shortly. One could feel the sorrow of this old man as Bro. David so vividly portrayed this ancient saints heart-ache at the prospect of taken his only son's life.



Bro. David went on with Abraham's finishing with the altar as the Lord he loved had commanded of him and his taking Isaac who was given of the Lord to him and his wife Sarah in their old age and laying him tied on the altar. When Abraham strected forth his hand and took the knife to slay his son the Angel of the Lord stayed his hand seeing he loved God and would not withhold his son from Him. God then gave Abraham a ram that He had prepared, to offer in the place of Isaac. Oh, what joy the old man of God had when the Lord delivered his son and accepted the ram. This joy was spilling over here at BROWN'S CHAPEL thousands of years later as another man of God retold this wonderful happening as he exhorted the present day saints to love God and fear him as the olden times children of God did. "It was a spiritu lift to here this sermon," was the way Bro. Edwin Spurgeon explained Bro. David's talk. (Anyone wanting to read about this incident in the life of Abraham turn to the 22 chapte of Genesis)

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for He will speak peace unto His people.

We took this following article from a letter that was sent to our daughter Sandra from her close friend from NYLA, Sis. Larue Gossett. It is concerning a service at HYTOP.

...I wish you could have been here Sunday night. We had a real good meeting. As it started out we sang a couple of songs and they started testifying, and it went right on into communion and foot washing. The footwashing was as good a one as we've had in a while, of course the men enjoyed themselves. Then when nearly everyone was through the young sisters that received the Holy Ghost during the summer, took a pan of water and a towel and washed Grandmother Avans (Sis. Lucy) feet. The Lord was showering His blessing after that. Things quietened down a bit and Bro. Robert (Warren) said he thought we should have a handshake since Bro. Charles and Sis. Marie Houston was leaving next day (they are from BLACK OAK). He tried in vain to go in to the handshake but the people were not through testifying and the Lord was not through blessing. After the hand shaking people didn't want to leave....

(Sis) Larue



Bro. Welton and Sis. Flora Law from ROCKY BRANCH were at WILSON ROAD church in Chattanooga on the 1st Saturday evening. This was a good time for them because the Lord gave their third daughter the Holy Ghost. She is Sis. Annette and she is a happy young lady.



Sis Sherri (she came to the Lord earlier this year at ROCKY BRANCH) Bro. Welton, Sis. Flora and little Sis. Annette.

Bro. Dewey Barrier was here the following morning talking from the book of 2nd Kings concerning the healing of Naman as he finally became willing to dip himself seven times in the river called Jordan. The saints here enjoyed him as he pressed them not to have their minds made up until they know the will of God. Also the Lord require us to be obedient servants. He didn't stop there but

obedient servants and many other things did he teach the church here. One that bears mentioning for we noticed that God is using His ministers to talk much on it lately and that is to fear God in the laying on of the hands. If God directs this the work will be done is one of the ways Bro. Dewey put it.

Lord's Supper

We are writing this article from first hand observation and involvement, our only regret is not having words to express the love and joy that was seen and felt at PLEASANT GROVE in their 4th Sunday evening communion service. The singing started with pleasant songs that made the heart well up with praises to the Redeemer. After the first prayer, our Lord led Bro. Tom Kerley to go directly into the Lord's Supper and as he told of the suffering and death of our saviour you could see him hanging so painfully on the cruel cross and see the blood that he shed for you and I, pouring down the spear and onto the ground. You could hear Christ as he talked to His mother while He hung there in agony. You could see His mother, Mary, as she suffered quietly with the hurt in her heart showing in her countenance. And your own heart pained within you as the Father turned His face away only a moment while His darling son cried, "My God! My God! why hath thou forsaken me?" As the children of God took and ate of the Lord's body there was such sweet sorrow in remembering that His death was for our eternal life. When they drank of His blood, tears were seen flowing from some of the saints eye as their hearts were aching with love that He spilt His blessed life's blood that we could have this glorious hope within our souls now and forevermore. It was a wonderful experience in the Lord. After the supper, these saints started in what became a shout of love. They were washing one another's feet and the farther they went the more of the love of God that was stirred up, until they were all having a hallelujah time. Men and women, young and old, there were McAllisters, Wests, Kerleys, Brewers, (Bro. Billy of course,) Summerfords, Williams, Maxwell's, Buckners, Trotmans, Cains, Finlaysons, (praise the Lord) and many more from this community and visiting here were up loving the Lord and one another and as one brother said "Full of the Holy Ghost". When after a very lengthy time when things started to quiet down some started testifying and the goodness of God continued to move. Many were the good testimonies of the grace and healing of God. When it was finally time to go they went on their way with the joy of Christ still bubbling in their hearts. It was learned later that a number of the real young children of God had met together and prayed and prayed for service that same afternoon. The prayers of the righteous availeth much. AMEN.

New Church

Meetings have been commenced at the new holiness church at FYFFFE. To find it turn east at the traffic light in Fyffe and a short way out of town turn right and you can see the church. This right turn is just before you get to the Town Creek bridge. Their main service weekend is on the 5th weekend for the time being until they decide on the weekend that will be right for their area. If you love the Lord, come and be with these saints. We are sure you will enjoy yourself in the Lord.



The saints at HILL'S CHAPEL had another revival here during the 3rd week of September and two came to Christ. One was the daughter-in-law of Bro. John Daniel Stapler. She is Sis. Diane Stapler. Also Sis. Mary Stapler came to God and she is the late Bro. Clyde Stapler's daughter-in-law. The revival meetings were good. At one time they had one of those good old time handshakes as the love of God was flowing from heart and soul. Bro. Walter Hill baptised the two new sisters on the 4th Sunday and a good feeling prevailed through out. People were crying with joy. (It sure sounds good)

Bro. J.C. Worley's wife Sis. Betty was raised by a preacher of a religious faith but she found out that there was more for her in the Lord and God gave her the best gift in all creation, the gift of the Holy Ghost. This was during the 1st week of August revival at MEMPHIS. Another one that came to Christ this same week was Sis. Mary Faulkner who is a friend of Sis. Lavonna Worley and attends Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Another one has come to the Lord at NOAH'S Ark in Atlanta. Her name is Sis. Rosie Whitley from the upper end of Sand Mountain in the Bryant community. She came to the Lord on the 3rd Saturday evening of September.

At ELKWOOD three came to the Lord during their revival. They are: Sis. Sharon the daughter of Bro. Lonnie & Sis. Devonna Clark. Bro. George Kirkland's wife, Sis. Mabel. And Bro. Gary Rich from NOAH'S ARK. He is Bro. Billy Brewer's brother-in-law.

Sis. Pauline Thomas from VALERMOSA SPRINGS received salvation on August 28th. She was not raised to believe in The way of holiness but she remembered the life that her Aunt Ella had live and she knew it had to be the Way. Her aunt is Bro. Duke Cowan's wife, Sis. Ella. CAST THY BREAD UPON

THE WATERS: FOR THOU SHALT FIND IT AFTER MANY DAYS.

Sis. Pauline had a neighbor who went to church with her that knew not about the Lord and the Lord gave her the Holy Ghost on the same evening as He did Sis. Pauline. She is Sis. Flora Williams.

The Lord gave Sis. Beth Smith the Holy Ghost. She knew nothing of the Lord's way until the SKYLINE's revival where 2 of her sisters-in-law came to to the Lord. They are Sis. Martha Paradise and Sis. Linda Smith.

On Gunters Mtn at OAK GROVE the Lord gave the Holy Ghost to Bro. Stanley & Sis. Shirley Scott's only son, Bro. Terry. He has a very bright countenance.

Sis. Daisy Higdon who has been very ill lately has had the Lord give her daughter-in-law Sis. Mary Ellen of His Spirit on the 3rd Sunday evening of September at HIGDON

HYTOP: Sis. Ida and the late Bro. Elmer Parker's daughter, Sis. Loretta came to the Lord here on the 3rd Sunday morning. On the 4th Sunday morning, Sis. Patricia, Sis. Alma & Bro. Tommy Sanders daughter and Sis. Devona, Sis. LuBelle & Bro. Bobby Culver's daughter received the Holy Ghost. These three were baptised that afternoon by Bro. Ed Avans (His first baptising, Bro. Robert Warren turned it over to this younger man and all were proud of this good spirit of working together for the common cause; lifting up the name of the Lord) At the evening service here yet another came to God. She is Sis. Kathyn Elliott, the late and much missed Bro. Nathan Thacker's grand-daughter.

Bro. Lloyd Smith's son Bro. Terry came to the Lord at the ROCK HOUSE. Bro. Roger Womack was born again on the 3rd Sunday here. Another to be filled with the Holy Ghost here lately is Sis. Exie Robinson from the Bryant community. She is the sister of Sis. Ivalene Monteth of TIFTONIA.

OLD SARDIS. Bro. Terry Smith who received the Lord at the ROCK HOUSE was happy to see his wife, Sis. Vickey come in the Way on Friday evening of the 25th of August.

Bro. Lionell Pendergrass had a serious accident with his farm machinery. He is doing better now. On the 4th Sunday afternoon his son Marlin and his fiancée Robin were discussing eternity and where they were going to spend it at. That evening found them here at OLD SARDIS and when they left here they had the assurance that they could spend eternity with God in a land wherein dwelleth righteousness. For our Lord had filled them both with His good Spirit.



Bro. Mitchell Drake, pastor at BIG COVE

I was asked to write my own testimony and with God's help I'll do the best to my knowledge.

I was a lost girl and in the hospital near death for almost two weeks. I had given birth to my first child, a son, and he was struggling for his life, having seizures of some kind, and I myself was struggling for my life. They administered 13 pints of blood to save me. I prayed and prayed while I was in the hospital for the Lord to spare my life and the baby and also for the Holy Ghost. Finally the doctor let me come home on Friday, August 23rd. I was still weak and sick. I kept thinking about all the churches praying for me and my baby's life. My baby has not had anymore seizures. I layed in bed, so thankful to be home. I thought, "Oh Lord, I'm so glad the Holiness people prayed for me and my baby. Saturday night I prayed, and thanked God for sparing me and the child. I was so excited I couldn't sleep. It was almost 4 o'clock Sunday morning, I still couldn't sleep, so I called my mother-in-law, Sis. Gladys Lovorn and asked her to pray for me so I could sleep. I has prayed that God would save my soul. I layed back down and when I did I felt the trembling power of God. I got up again and got on my knees and started glorifying God. All of a sudden, I started speaking in tongues. I knew right then God had given me the Holy Ghost. I jumped up and told my husband, (Terry) "I've got the Holy Ghost!!!!" That was Sunday morning and the children of God all around rolled out of bed around 5 o'clock and some came over at that hour of the morning.

I now know what holiness people mean when they say it's, "Joy unspeakable and full of glory." I'm so happy that God saved me and the baby's life but most of all He gave me the Holy Ghost. This is one of God's miracles. I started going to the altar at BLACK OAK in Indiana. After moving to Huntsville, I continued to seek God's face. Now after two years He has reached down His hand in mercy and I am now a new born women.

Sister Brenda Lovorn

At HYTOP on the 3rd Sunday morning, Bro. Frank Guffey was encouraging the people to have love in their home between man and wife. Bro. Hoyt Dalton who has moved to the Huntsville area was using the scripture; REBUKE NOT AN ELDER, BUT ENTREAT HIM AS A FATHER; AND THE YOUNGER MEN AS BROTHERN; THE ELDER WOMEN AS MOTHERS; THE YOUNGER SISTERS AS SISTERS, WITH ALL PURITY. The service ended with a good note as the Lord gave the Holy Ghost to another person. She is Sis. Loretta Colbert, the oldest daughter of the late and much loved Bro. Elmer Parker of HYTOP.

It was in the early spring of 1963 when our daughter Pam who was 2½ years old showed signs of something like a cold. Her eyes were watery and her nose running and we did not think much about it at the time. She grew worse as time past. Her temperature rose and she couldn't eat or sleep very much. We did not give her any medicine but we called the children of God in to pray for her on Wenesday evening, an to no avail, for Pam became worse. One day upon coming home from work I went to her bed to see her. She said, "Daddy, I can't see." This seemed more than I could bear. To think my child would be blind. All this while all we wanted to do was trust the Lord, as we had been taught almost all our lives. After Pam had been sick six or seven days she had not eaten more than a half a cupfull of food. On Sunday, Bro. Walter Hill and his wife Sis. Eira was by that evening to see our child and before they left we asked them have prayer at church for her. When at church he told everyone how bad Pam was and told them all that will go ahead and have meeting and all that would to go pray for that child. It looked like Pam was almost dead that Sunday evening as a few of the children of God came in. They prayed and got ahold of the Lord as the power of God fell all over the house. In less than five minutes Pam said, "Daddy, I want something to eat." So I fixed her some cereal and milk and she ate it. Today I can thank God for doing that healing for us because we trusted in nothing else but Him. Pam is now a healthy girl almost 14 years old.

Kenneth Cooper

We want to thank Bro. Kenneth for this beautiful testimony how God was their help in time of need. We asked him to write this to us after hearing him tell about this at their revival at HILL'S CHAPEL in the Bend of Paint Rock this past summer.

Our Lord was blessing at SCENICLAND on the 4th Tuesaday evening. Bro. Jackie Stevens was talking about "The streets that are paved with gold." Sis. Gail Williams felt so far from the Lord, (Like Job) but he wonderfully blessed her. Sis. Mamie Williams was still very happy the way the Lord blessed her the past weekend here. She said she felt like she had just received the Holy Ghost. Sis. Mae Dean Guffey was being quickened by the Spirit as she layed hands on Bro. Marlin Blackman sick child. Bro. Clarence Williams was talking and pressing the saints to walk in love and peace with lowliness as the Lord used him to edify His church. Bro. Clifford West lost himself in Christ this evening and all the saints were enjoying their great salvation.

Asleep in Christ

Sis. Annie Matt Gamble was called away in sweet deliverance on August 24, 1974. She was taken in her 82nd year, having been born September 20, 1891. Sis. Gamble received the sweet Holy Ghost in Tom Spurgeon's (Bro. Roy Spurgeon's father) house at Hollywood Alabama in the year 1912. Though her flesh will now return to the clay, the testimonies of her Lord and how he helped her down through the years will live on and be ours to treasure as long as memories endure.



This is a picture of Sis. Annie Matt and her husband Bro. Claude Gamble taken many years ago. Bro. Claude finished his pilgrimage here in 1955.



The angel returned...

For about a month the children of God came constantly to pray for Bro. Nathan Thackerson at his home here at HYTOP. Time and again the Spirit of God moved and Bro. Nathan would become easy. Sometimes he felt good enough to lift his voice in singing which he enjoyed doing so well.

One of these times he told of being ill about two years before and as he lay on his couch he heard a noise. When he turned to see the cause of it, he saw an angel standing by his door. The heavenly messenger said to this brother, "I've come to take you away, but I'll wait and come again."

He came back for Bro. Nathan Thackerson on Sunday the 19th of August in his 65th year. He started in The Way of Holiness when he was 15 years old.

Sis. Fannie Sisk Sharp was called away to her new home in glory on September 24th. She was 87 years old and she had been on The way of holiness 50 years. She came to the Lord under the preaching of Bro. Ed Jordan, Bro. Sam Bates and Bro. Tom Perry at the old church house at PLEASANT GROVE in 1914. She will be sorely missed for all that knew her dearly loved her.

KEEL MOUNTAIN has been having the Lord's blessings with them. The Communion service on the 4th Saturday evening was a time of great rejoicing in Christ and many were the saints that the Lord uplifted. The main theme of the following Sunday morning service was the way the Lord assisted them the evening before. On this Sunday morning Bro. Duke Cowan read from the Gospel of John: IF YOU LOVE ME FEED MY LAMBS, IF YOU LOVE ME FEED MY SHEEP, IF YOU LOVE ME FEED MY SHEEP. Another part of this chapter that sounded so good and so real was when Peter asked the Lord what John was to do and Jesus answered thusly, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is it to you? Follow thou me. (In other words: What's it to you what he does, tend to your own business and follow me)

This same morning saw the Lord pouring out a blessing on Sis. Irene Mayes (Bro. Raymond's wife). The best she has felt since she came to the Lord a couple of years ago. She layed hands on Bro. Doug Nance and the Spirit had her bound in the floor. But Bro. Doug wasn't bound as he shouted around on one foot then on the other feeling so very good in Christ. Bro. Otha Scott was testifying and not feeling like it was his time, just turned and asked Sis. Charlotte Finlayson to testify. She told later how she did not feel the Lord in doing so but to honor Bro. Otha, she tried and the Lord did the rest as he moved and blessed her so good and it done my heart good to see the Lord bless the wife of my youth whose a help and a blessing to me. Sundry were the saints that the Lord blessed besides these.

Bro. Tom preached the wonderful Word of God at SCOTTSBORO and he also testified to the healing power of the Lord on the 4th Saturday evening. "I had appendicitis before that the Lord healed me. Then I had a hurting in my side and I carried it for two weeks, rassed with it, worried with it as Satan would say, 'Now what are you going to do, you've bragged, you told the children of God how He healed you of appenicitis. You've got it again. Yes, you have it again. Now what are you gonna do?' One day we were working on the blast furnace, (on his job) when that pain hit my side and it hurt. Again Satan said, " You are going to have to have that cut out or it will kill you, then what are you going to tell the people?" I said, 'Satan, let me tell you something, I am not going to the hospital, I'll go over and get those children of God to pray for me and God the Lord will heal me.' Do you know what happened? That pain left."

As he thanked the Lord for being so good to him he remembered just a few weeks before, how that during meeting he had become so tired and he sat down as the people were testifying. Bro. Odie McAllister set down beside of him. He felt himself, "like I was just leaving" for he had exerted himself to much with his weak heart (he recently had a severe heart attack). He looked at Bro. Odie and said, "I need help Bud". Bro. Odie said, "Whooo!" and laid hands on Bro. Tom as he just straightened up. He felt so good he testified again. Bro. Tom then said, " See what God can do!" (AMEN)

MEMORIES

Unforgettable Quotations from the old saints that were remembered by Bro. Hodges Moore, word for word.

Bro. E.N. Drake first in charge in BIG COVE, in one service made this statement; "I can almost see old Noah as he nailed on the last plank." This was about sixty years ago. Another time at my Daddys' home while under the influence of the Spirit he said, "I can almost hear the bells ringing on the other shore."

One night in BIG COVE with the brethern sitting on the floor (1918) in an old home Bro. Willis Brown pulled off his coat and handed it back to the brethern as he made the statment, "I can plow the long leggest mule in the state of Alabama all day, every day, and go to meeting every night." Later a few years, about 1922 he (Bro. Willis) was at Bro. Floyd Morris's home one Sunday as he walked to and fro he made this statement, " If there was ever a time when man will feel, if was possible, less than he really is, it will be when God almighty begins to reckon with man."

Old Bro. Wilcox once said while discussing

with me about taking up serpents: Some of them waits for the power to come on them. "Brother, bless God, it's been on me ever since I got the Holy Ghost." Which to me meant that he was always ready.

Bro. Tom Perry while he was delivering one of the most fiery sermons: "I fear neither death or hell!" 54 years ago, one Sunday as he preached to the church which he said he was going to do on the coming of the Lord, he made a statement that was so strong and inspiring that it rings on and on; "John would probably go to the window and look out and say Sally I see a strange light in the east (concerning the Lord's coming). It was about Jesus' coming and it has long been remembered by a group of old ones who still servive and to me caused one of the greatest thrill ever on such.

Bro. Sam Hill once while talking regarding conditions said: "When these good jobs are over there will be a many of a child of God gone." Of course he was meaning lost.

My father-in-law, Bro. G.W. Wright on his death bed, even though I never knew him to be or go over 70 miles from his home while I knew him said: This disinterested feeling is world wide." another time he said, "If somebody ain't careful they will sell their birth right for a morsel of meat like Esau."

Bro. Sam Bates once said to me, "They've not got no bible for calling folks to the altar to get the Holy Ghost. We didn't do it, they fell in there."

Another time, another remark from Bro. Sam: "She (His wife Sis. Sally) spoke in tongues and I preached what she spoke."

Another time after Sis. Sally had received the Holy Ghost but Bro. Sam had not yet. He went to where she was praying and asked, "What are you doing, trying to find out something about me?" to which she replied, No, I know enough about you!"

Due to difficulties beyond our control we failed in putting out the September issue of Glad Tidings. We hope we have made up for this by our doubling up with a September/October issue with many good things in it. We still consider it a privilidge and honor to put out this paper and desire all that love the Lord to pray for us that we will always do this to the honor and glory of God, for as John the baptiser said, "He must increase but I must decrease."

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Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.