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GLAD THINGS

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... joy unspeakable
and full of glory...

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LAKWOOD PARK HOLINESS CHURCH

LAKWOOD PARK: Here in Florida the Lord has been blessing all fall and winter. He was still blessing on the 3rd weekend of February with Bro. Charley and Sis. Gladys Brown with their son Bro. Roger. Bro. Charley was only to glad to point them to the pure walk in Christ. He was telling it in the Friday evening service and on through the Sunday evening one and the saints were encouraged. And they didn't let Bro. Charlie do all the laboring and rejoicing. Most of the time more than one wanted to be testifying at the same time. It was so good to hear of the many signs and good things that God had done for them that love Him here. Bro. Edwin Spurgeon from BROWN'S CHAPEL was here with some others from this area and the Lord blessed him especially on Sunday morning when he told of the love of God reaching way out to his brother Anthony who had drifted into sin and crime. (It is Bro. Anthony for he came to the Lord a couple of years ago at IDER) This same service saw many thanking the Lord for the help He had given them when they came up against financial problems. He will do in every need!

HYTOP: (2/13/75) Bro. Jack Denson used the 1st chapter of Romans to prove that it took a lot more than standing up shouting and saying, "Glory, Glory," once in awhile to please God and get enough strength to

make it all the way....BECAUSE THAT WHEN THEY KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED. PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS, AND CHANGED THE GLORY OF THE INCORRUPTIBLE GOD INTO AN IMAGE MADE LIKE TO CORRUPTIBLE MAN, AND TO BIRDS, AND FOUR FOOTED BEASTS, AND CREEPING THINGS WHEREFORE GOD ALSO GAVE THEM UP TO UNCLEanness, THROUGH THE LUSTS OF THEIR OWN HEARTS, TO DISHONOR THEIR OWN BODIES BETWEEN THEMSELVES: WHO CHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD INTO A LIE, AND WORSHIPPED THE CREATURE MORE THAN THE CREATOR, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER MORE. FOR THIS CAUSE GOD GAVE THEM UP INTO VILE AFFECTION:..... (read the rest of this chapter for yourselves) Bro. Jack put emphasis on the young saints becoming established in the truth and not to think that when they, "shout" they will make it to Glory. He pressed them to live for God with all their hearts and when the, "shout" does come, it will edify the church of the Lord. He told of people shouting all over the church house one day and the next day they "gave up." He said that if that jumping and moving around had been the Lord they would have had sufficient grace to stand the trial. The fear of God was felt during this service and there was no doubt that the Lord had sent warning for us to heed. Many of the saints were up encouraging one another to live and teach the way of God according to the way they had heard it brought forth this night.

SKYLINE: It's good to be at SKYLINE where the Lord is still working, blessing and giving of His spirit. Sis. Karen Wright was born anew on Wednesday evening (2/19/75) after she had prayed many, many prayers. On this evening she had a struggle whether she ought to go by her feelings and testify. She finally stood up and testified and in a little while she arose again and ask the saints to pray for her. They prayed with her and she laid down her "fixed way" and came to the Lord. All the church is happy for her and they are commenting on how she testifys' with such a good sober mind.

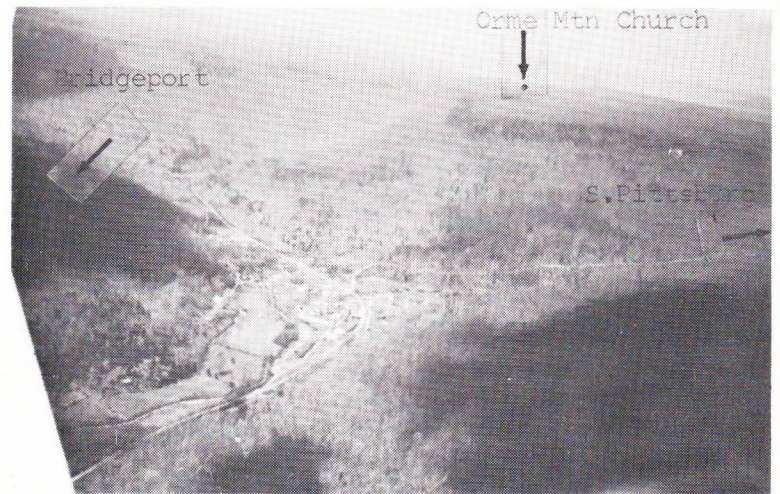
Remebering at ORME

The town of Orme is in southeast Tennessee near the Alabama state line and it is nestled in a valley in the Cumberland Mountain. It's population is about 200 and they live a quiet sluggish way of life, but it was not always this way. Back in the early 1900's it was a boom town where coal was king. Orme mountain loomed over this bustling small city of about 1300 people and most of these people sweated their living from inside this mountain digging coal that was brought to the surface of the mines and sent down "The Incline", a type of railroad that took the coal down the side of this mighty ridge and dumped it into the railroad cars that were waiting hungrily for them on the siding below. From here it was taken out of the valley to Bridgeport (6 miles) and to points beyond. One day on this same

railroad in the year 1907 a man was seen stepping off of the train. He was not a big man or one who outwardly attracted attention for he was of slight build, but he carried something in his heart and soul that was to attract and change hundreds and thousands of lost and dying souls. His name was TOM AUSTIN. He had come from Chattanooga, Tennessee on the request of a Mr. Barnes, who was the father-in-law of a Baptist minister by the name of Tom Perry, who worked for the railroad here in Orme. The reason Bro. Tom was requested to come here was because he knew about and preached "Holiness". It was said that these holiness people preached entire sanctification and being filled with the Holy Ghost, in which was never heard of before in this area. Also, they had much body movements that were called the "jerks" and they were called "Holy-Rollers". It was said that they hypnotised people and also sprayed a powder on them when they layed hands on a person. The public at Orme found out the truth soon enough what Holiness was. Bro. Tom preached at their religious service which was held in a school house. He told them of a better way centering his text around the 2nd chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Some liked what he had to say and some didn't. Two that did



Bro. Tom Austin and wife Sis. Cleo with two of their three children.



Orme Tennessee as seen from an airplane coming in from Bridgeport with Orme Mountain in the background.

not were the preachers of the Orme community, Tom Perry and Sam Bates, both of the Baptist faith. These two made it plain that this so called preacher couldn't preach at their church services. But Bro. Tom was encouraged by the ones who leaned toward him and he started having meetings in houses and under brush arbors and just about anywhere they could. One day the Lord did a miracle through this young preacher (25 years old) while he was talking and pressing people toward a better way, his hands went on a child who was born an invalid. The child was immediately healed and joined the other children in play. Of course this was amazing to these people and some started seeking God's face. The preacher Sam Bates' wife, Sally is believed to be the first to receive the Holy Ghost. Sam accused her of letting that preacher hypnotise her. When Sam left for work she fell on her knees and talked to the Lord. When she came up from praying (she told later) "Sam or nobody else could make me doubt that I didn't have the Holy Ghost." He admitted that "I knew the old women had something I did not have." He later told, "All the religion I had, I hung up in my coat." One day while praying he asked the Lord, "If that's you shaking those people, will you let this bush shake?" The bush started shaking and Sam went and got Sis. Sally and showed it to her also. In late 1907 or early 1908, Sam Bates also received the Holy Ghost. Services were held just about everywhere. Bro. Sam had a farm on top of Orme mountain and meetings were

held here. Bro. Sam worked in the mines. He also had an acute ability to here the earth as it started to shift and cause cave-ins. Once he heard the dreaded sound in time to warn others but failed to escape himself. When they dug to where they expected to find his body, they found him lying there enjoying himself in a little cubby-hole space with rocks laying all around him. All that had touched him was the dust of the cave-in. A small church (16 feet wide) was just across from Bro. Sam's farm. The site of this building is on the highway that comes over the mountain from South Pittsburg and ends in Suwanee Tennessee. It is about two miles from the top of the mountain. Tom Perry received the Holy Ghost on the mountain while he was praying in the woods. Many more came to the Lord here at Orme. Many came to be in meeting here, too. Bro. Will Guffey, who came to the Lord a few years later on Gunters Mountain, worked in the Orme mines and went to church here for four or five years. Sis. Allie Louvorn of BEIRNE AVENUE in Huntsville, first heard Holiness preached here though she received the Holy Ghost later at HYTOP. We could go on and on with names like Bro. Billy Adams, the Rollins family and others who found the Lord here. Many great healings were done and the persecution was rough, but as always, God's grace was sufficient.

After a couple of years, Bro. Tom Austin's influence started to wane, while Bro. Tom Perry and Bro. Sam Bates was growing by leaps and bounds.

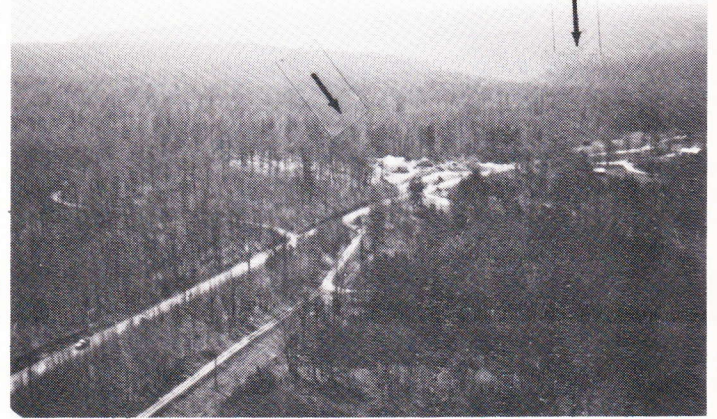
In a little while, Bro. Austin dropped out of the picture altogether and Bro. Sam and "Perry", as Bro. Sam called Bro. Tom, were in the forefront of the battle. In the days and weeks and months and years ahead, these men were to be used greatly by the Lord to bring His Words to many hungry souls in North Alabama.

Now, many years later at Orme, the mines are silent with many caving in. The railroad has ceased coming into the valley and God's nature is slowly taking over as it tries to heal the scars left by man. Here and there one can see the mute remainder of the former days when coal ruled the area, but trees and vines are claiming back that which once was theirs. There is a hush over the valley and all that is left of old-

en times are the memories that will never die. Mention the name Holiness or Tom Perry or some old saint who lived here and watch the sparkle that will light up the eyes of these natives. There are none left who remember the beginning or the former glory but the great awakening that took place here and the wonders and signs that God done here through His people have been handed down to the children and the children's children. As the Scripture said, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF HIM THAT BRINGETH GOOD TIDINGS OF GOOD....THAT PUBLISH-ETH SALVATION! BREAK FORTH INTO JOY, SING TOGETHER..

Orme Mtn. church

Bro. Sam Bates' farm



This is where the first Free Holiness church was. Meetings were held here in 1910 maybe earlier. It was torn down years ago and replaced by the present Church of God building.



The old Railroad station hasn't changed since it was used by the old saints as they traveled into North Alabama carrying the Word of God.

TOM AUSTIN

Tom Austin was born in Chattanooga, Tenn. in 1882 to the parents, Benjamin "Benny" and Melissa Austin. "Benny" was a Free Will Baptist minister.

Tom went to work in Chattanooga at the age of 15. In 1905, he married Cleo Camp. Cleo's parents did all they could to keep her away from him, but it was to no avail. When her sisters would see Tom coming they would close the blinds and lock the door because they didn't want any part of a Holiness preacher. When Cleo married him the family dis-owned her. We do not know for a positive fact where Tom received the Holy Ghost or who preached it to him. We have a very good idea but even good ideas have no part in a history. It was like a cloud or shadow hid this from our view. We do know that his mother had the Holy Ghost and also his

wife who was a god fearing women. Bro. Tom was 25 years old when he first came to Orme. He traveled often between here and Chattanooga. In 1909 he joined the Church of God that had changed it's name from the Holiness Church to The Church of God two years before.



Bro. Tom Austin

(This church had organized at Camp Creek in North Carolina, near Murphy in 1902 and since has moved to it's present location in Cleveland Tenn.) He failed to mention this to the brethren in Orme or else they didn't care at that time. What we do know is he tried without success to get Bro. Perry and Bro. Bates to join this orgaization and be licensed to preach. To this Bro. Sam Bates had a stern reply, "We're Holiness people and were free we are going to stay that way." This is where the name, "Free Holiness" came from. Tom Austin was again seen in Orme and the surrounding area but he never had much contact with the "Free" people henceforth. He continued in the Church of God for a number of years and cancer took him, in Nashville in 1927.

control over his own spirit. When threatened or persecuted he kept on smiling, when acused or bad-mouthed he kept on smiling and preaching the Word in love. He was calm and pleasant to be around. Bro. Sam was of a different temperment. He was an outspoken man and solid in what he said. If threatened with bodily injury, he would tell them to go ahead, "I'm not afraid of you" and the Lord would take care of him for he was a man of faith. When Bro. Tom layed hands on a sick person the signs followed him and they were healed. When Bro. Sam raised his hand and starting calling on God, things happened. He would say, "Lord. strike them down" and those he prayed for would be seen falling flat on their back on the ground. Many, many times he prayed over people as he stuck his hand up and asked God "Kill them Lord" and they died, died out to sin and came alive unto God. These are not hear-says but facts. Bro. Tom and Bro. Sam worked and walked hand in hand. When they were apart for just a short time, they were so happy to see one another again. Many were the times that Bro. Sam would preach a sermon from his wife as she spoke in other tongues. When the Spirit spoke through her, Bro. Sam spoke, when the Holy Ghost was quiet, Bro. Sam was quiet. Sis. Sally was a women of great faith and also she had power with God. Bro. Sam was known to have leaned on her for her faith often.

Tom Perry & Sam Bates



Bro. Tom Perry and his wife Sis. Bertha, Bro. Sam Bates and his wife Sis. Sally.

Bro. Tom Perry was used greatly by the Lord in the work of an evangelist. It has been said by many of the older ones that knew him in the early years, "He could make hell so real you could feel the flames a burning and he could make heaven so real you could smell the fragrance coming from that city." Once when he was bouncing over the floor preaching about the Lord's returning, he was quoted as saying, "Some morning John will get up and look out the window and as he shades his eyes with a hand, he will say Sally, I see a strange light in the east." Those that heard this sermon still say it was the most stirring one they have ever heard. Bro. Tom had full

NYLA: NYLA was a good place to be over the 1st weekend of February. The Saturday evening service was very good, the Sunday morning service was good and the Sunday evening service was very, very good. After singing and first prayer, Bro. Robert Warren started into the Lord's supper. When it came time to ask the Lord to bless the bread, the children of God stayed on their knees until they knew that He had blessed it. It was a lengthy prayer as these few saints called on God with all their hearts and he came among them and there was rejoicing in the camp as Bro. Ed Avans and Bro. Willis Brown broke the bread. Bro. Willis was crying with tears streaming down unto the table and Bro. Ed was shouting as Bro. Robert helped to finish breaking the bread. What sweet sorrow filled the church as the body and blood of our Lord was partaken by all. The washing of one another's feet in love and humility was wonderful to feel and behold. When everything started to quiet down and the peace of God was throughout something happened that will never be forgotten (by us here). A young sister in the Lord who God had blessed while she was washing the other sisters feet came through the saints with her hands up and tears of joy streaming down her face and she fell at her dad's feet saying "Daddy I want to wash your feet." And she washed his feet and dried them with her long hair. This father was very deeply touched in the depths of his heart for many were the times that he had to use the rod on her in raising her from a child and many were the time it hurt him in the heart lest he not correct her right and she turn and not come to God. But this night there was no doubt that father and daughter were knit together in the bond of love. The reason we know this is true is, I am that father and the daughter is our firstborn Sandy. Sandy we love you and are proud to call you our daughter. You have been a joy to your mamma and me since that day you came to the Lord and set your face to please God.

Bryant Finlayson

BROWN'S CHAPEL: Roy Fortner was the next to the oldest of eight children of the late Bro. Harley Fortner of Brindley Mtn. His wife, Sis. Ruby has been a child of God for about eighteen years. He lost a son over two years ago, the one that so many saints hearts went out to. His mother, Sis. Bernie had prayed for him many, many times as did others. During the 1st week of March they had a few nights meeting here at BROWN'S CHAPEL and Roy started to the Lord on Tuesday evening. On Sunday evening the Lord wonderfully baptised him with the Holy Ghost and he was very happy. Sis. Bernie said, "Son you will get to meet daddy now." Bro. Roy's reply was, "Yes, and my little boy too!"

PLEVNA: The Lord is still making the lame to walk! One Sunday recently, Sis. Regina Shockley came into church on crutches. She had sprained her ankle about two weeks before, and it hadn't begun to heal. She has a year and a half old son. It was hard for her to take care of him, and care for her home in the usual manner. Bro. James Brazier testified how he would love to see Sis. Regina healed. Later Bro. Lawrence Holman testified that sometimes we are blinded in what the Lord wants us to do, but this morning he believed that the Lord had shown us what He wanted us to do in Bro. James' testimony. He believed that we should pray for Sis. Regina. The sisters helped her to the altar. The children of God gathered around and began to pray. Hands went on her. Bro. Aaron Brazier anointed her with oil. Her hands were uplifted by the power of God. Bro. Aaron then took her by the hand and stood her up. She left the church carrying her crutches. She returned that night thanking God for what He had done for her.

Sis. Cindy Satterfield received the gift of the Holy Ghost Dec. 8th. She is the daughter of Durwood and Sis. Annie Mae Satterfield.

The people at PLEVNA are thankful to have Sis. Malinda Cobert back with them. She has been away, living with her children in Michigan but is now home to stay.

Sis. Cathy Holman

HIGDON: The 2nd Saturday evening of February was one of glad tidings here at Higdon. The Lord blessed His supper with such a deep feeling of love. The children of God were rejoicing before it was taken and after it was honored. Some here said it was the best communion they had ever been in. Toward the end of the service one sister started to hug another sister's neck about the same time that Bro. Paul Guffey said he felt like a handshake was in order. At about this time a "shout" went up all around this church.

On the next day (2/9/75) Sis. Karen McLain Willmon received the Holy Ghost here. She is Bro. Verlon McLain's daughter and is married to Bro. Charles Willmon's brother. Her husband commented since then about the difference there is around the home now.

BIG COVE: Linda Pinkerton, the daughter-in-law of Sis. Julia Pinkerton received the Holy Ghost here on Sunday night of March, 16. All of the 3rd weekend was good with the Lord blessing Bro. Lige Holland in Ecclesiastes and Bro. Mitchell Drake in Romans. There were a few night services through the week with Bro. Henry McLain and Bro. Lawrence Brown coming and helping in these.

Received the Holy Ghost.....

This sermon was preached at TIFTONIA on the 3rd Sunday morning of January by Bro. Lawrence Brown. He was using the 10th chapter of Acts. "I want you to listen to the kind of a man this man was. THERE WAS A CERTAIN MAN IN CAESAREA CALLED CORNELIUS, A CENTURION OF THE BAND CALLED THE ITALIAN BAND, A DEVOUT MAN, AND ONE THAT FEARED GOD WITH ALL HIS HOUSE, WHICH GAVE MUCH ALMS TO THE PEOPLE, AND PRAYED TO GOD ALWAYS. Now there are a lot of churches that would like to have a member like that but he was not a child of God. There's difference in being a pastor of a church and having your name written in the Book of Life. If your name don't ever get wrote down, Jesus won't know you when you come up there. So that was a man of goodness, wasn't he? He prayed always, he gave much alms, ahh, he was a devout man, but he wasn't fit for the kingdom of heaven. He didn't have the Holy Ghost. His prayers came up before God as a memorial and God loved him. AND HE SAW IN A VISION EVIDENTLY ABOUT THE NINTH HOUR OF THE DAY, AN ANGEL OF GOD COMING UNTO HIM, AND SAYING UNTO HIM, CORNELIUS. AND WHEN HE LOOKED ON HIM, HE WAS AFRAID, AND SAID, WHAT IS IT, LORD? AND HE SAID UNTO HIM, THY PRAYERS AND THINE ALMS ARE COME UP FOR A MEMORIAL BEFORE GOD.....People can not receive the gift of the Holy Ghost until the Word is sown in your heart. We're not fighting anybody, we love your soul but if we can tell you about more than what you've got would you like it?.... AND NOW SEND MEN TO JOPPA, AND CALL FOR ONE SIMON, WHOSE SURNAME IS PETER:.....HE SHALL TELL THEE WHAT THOU OUGHTEST TO DO.....HE SENT TO JOPPA.... AND THE MORROW AFTER THEY (PETER and his company with the two household servants that Cornelius had sent to get Peter) ENTERED INTO CAESAREA. AND CORNELIUS WAITED FOR THEM, AND HAD CALLED TOGETHER HIS KINSMAN AND NEAR FRIENDS. AND AS PETER WAS COMING IN, CORNELIUS MET HIM, AND FELL DOWN AT HIS FEET, AND WORSHIPPED HIM. BUT PETER TOOK HIM UP SAYING, STAND UP; I MYSELF ALSO AM A MAN. Now we have had people that have tried to buy their way into Holiness, we have people come to the altar and pray for a little bit and then come around to the preacher and ask them what will it cost me to be joined to this church? We don't have nothing for you to join! We don't want you to fall down and worship us! We are just men like Peter was. But there is one you can fall down and call upon, and He can cleanse you from your sins. Oh, He can wipe them away, all those things you have done....A lot of times when people have been real mean and God begins to knock at their heart, there will be something tell them, You been too mean, you can't get forgiveness. There is a way to cause you to receive salvation.... Now you can't find no where in this scripture here where Peter wrote their name in a book. No we don't have no church book cause if you did, it would burn up anyway when this old world got on fire. If you don't get your name written in the Book of Life you won't be able to go in the Gate. Today the Lord is good enough to people He is sending the Word of God to you, the same as He did to the house of Cornelius. AND AS HE TALKED WITH HIM, HE WENT IN, AND FOUND MANY THAT WERECOME TOGETHER. AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, YE KNOW HOW THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL THING FOR A MAN THAT IS A JEW TO KEEP COMPANY, OR COME UNTO ONE OF ANOTHER NATION; BUT GOD HATH SHOWED ME THAT I SHOULD NOT CALL ANY MAN COMMON OR UNCLEAN. THEREFORE CAME I UNTO YOU WITHOUT GAINSAING, AS SOON AS I WAS SENT FOR: I ASK THEREFORE FOR WHAT INTENT YE HAVE SENT FOR ME? AND CORNELIUS SAID, (He proceeded to tell of the angels visit and his words)..... IMMEDIATELY THEREFORE I SENT TO THEE; AND THOU HAST WELL DONE THAT THOU ART COME. NOW THEREFORE ARE WE ALL PRESENT BEFORE GOD, TO HEAR ALL THINGS THAT ARE COMMAMDED THEE OF GOD. THEN PETER OPENED HIS MOUTH, AND SAID, OF TRUTH I PRECEIVE THAT GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS BUT IN EVERY NATION HE THAT FEARETH HIM, AND WORKETH RIGHTOUSNESS IS ACCEPTED WITH HIM. Now don't let someone cover your eyes up and say, "Just believe in Jesus." You've got to believe in Jesus, but don't stop there, you are just getting in shape to seek him. When you seek Him with all your heart you shall be found of Him. I know we can turn over here in the Roman letter and we can see where he that believeth in Jesus shall not be confounded and if we believe in Him we shall be saved. That's right and it's just as true as can be. If you didn't believe in Jesus it wouldn't do you no good to pray, it wouldn't do you no good to come here to the altar. The meanest man in the world could walk in at that door and say, "Bro. Brown, I believe in Jesus," but what has that done to the heart, it just makes me to know that he believed he could get in touch with Him to where he could receive salvation. Just like the house of Cornelius, and if you come short of that, I'll have to tell you by the word of God that Jesus won't know you in the Day of Judgement. Because the way you're gonna be known up there is by His spirit that He put with us. If we fail to get the Spirit of God in our lives He won't know us. So today we got to believe in the son of God, we got to believe that Jesus rose again before we can get over there to where we can be filled with the Holy Ghost..... THAT THROUGH HIS NAME WHOSEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHALL RECEIVE REMISSION OF SINS. WHILE PETER YET SPAKE THESE WORDS THE HOLY GHOST FELL ON ALL THEM WHICH HEARD THE WORD. AND THEY OF THE CIRCUMCISION WHICH BELEIVED WERE ASTONISHED AS MANY AS CAME WITH PETER, BECAUSE THAT ON THE GENTILES ALSO WAS POURED OUT THE HOLY GHOST. FOR THEY HEARD THEM SPEAK WITH TONGUES AND MAGNIFY GOD. THEN ANSWERED PETER, CAN ANY FORBID WATER, THAT THESE SHOULD BE BAPTISED, WHICH HAVE RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST AS WELL AS WE? Don't you see, people have got to speak in tongues,

people have got to come just like they did at the house of Cornelius. People have got to come just like they did on the day of Pentecost (2nd chapter of Acts). If you'll come that way and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, you can live a life without sin. Oh, the spirit of this world will be done away. Someone will say, "I can't understand how people can live without sin? You can't without the gift of the Holy Ghost. God said, Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. We are talking about people that have been born of the spirit of God. FOR WITHOUT THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST YOU ARE NONE OF HIS. People just can't live without sin if they don't have the Keeper and that's the Holy Ghost.... Jesus made a plan and if you'll follow that plan instead of following men, because men will lead you down to destruction. Ther's a way that you can get to God, there's a way you can be purified and when Jesus swings out on that cloud you won't want to run an hide. But you'll be able to say, I've fought a good fight, I've kept the faith....."

GRASSY MTN: Two more souls came to the Lord at Grassy Mtn during February.



Sis. Shirley Largen, Sis. Marilyn Fielder and Sis. Ora and Bro. Eli Smith.

Sis. Marilyn Fielder came to the Lord February 22, 1975. She didn't know much about Holiness except seeing the life her mother-in-law, Sis. Flossie Fielder, lived. She couldn't be with her much. She had heard that people had to speak in tongues but didn't know how it came about. Her husband called and wanted me to baptise Sis. Marilyn. They didn't know what Holiness was all about. I told them they needed to hear the Holy Ghost preacher preach. They had not been to a Holiness meeting. The bible said "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach except they be sent." They went

to church the 2nd day of February and she told Sis. Martha Black that she needed to hear something else. So they came to church just a few times and on Saturday night before the 4th Sunday, February 22 we had a good communion service and later altar call was given. Sis. Marilyn prayed in the altar and got up and went back and set down. She was still praying on her seat and I told her to believe on the Lord, she stood up and the Holy Ghost fell on her. She then said she was ready to be baptised. Her mother-in-law wanted to see her baptised and thought she might not get to be there the next day so we went down to the lake and baptised her about 11 P.M. that night with about 50 people present. After we came out of the water, Bro. Kenneth Ashley started a song, GETTING READY TO LEAVE. The Lord really helped us.

Sister Shirley Largen came to the Lord February 26. She had only gone to the altar about a week. She attended church here often with her husband who is seeking God, before she started seeking God for the Holy Ghost. She was of another denomination and the people of GRASSY MTN did not try to persuade her to change, instead we just let the Lord work for us. She was heard to say the night she received the Holy Ghost that if she could just help the congregation keep this up that it would be good, for they had been so sweet and kind to her.

Brother in Christ
Eli Smith

OAK GROVE: Sis. Hazel Smith received the Holy Ghost here on Gunters Mtn. on the 3rd Saturday evening of February. She is the sister of the late and much loved, Bro. George Anderton she has one sister who has salvation and it is Sis. Vicie Wilson of SCENICLAND on Lookout Mtn.

ELKWOOD: Bro. Eddie A. Simmons' youngest daughter, Sis. Anita Simmons, received the Holy Ghost at ELKWOOD Thursday night 2/5/75. Bro. Eddie Arthur's oldest girl, Sis. Sherry, was the first one to come to God at ELKWOOD when they first began to have meetings here. At present Sis. Anita is the youngest child in the Lord .

February 7th, Friday Night Singing At ELKWOOD.

The Holman Singers was present and the Lord again blessed us with a good singing, blessed the singers, and let us enjoy a real good Gospel singing. Bro. Lawrence Brown was there and we enjoyed hearing the good things that he spoke of. Of how we should give God praise. We also had prayer for a sick child and again the Lord saw fit to touch the sick at one of our singings.

—EVERYONE WELCOME—

A NEW CHURCH

Just a few saints have started gathering in to have meetings together in Nashville. The Lord was so good to them and He blessed so wonderfully that they were encouraged to get a building and they now have services regular. These few saints are: Bro. Dewayne and Sis. Thelma Teet, Bro. William and Sis. Peggy Knight, (Two of their children are seeking God), Warren and Sis. Nuddie Standridge (Warren is going to the altar) Bro. Arlen and Sis. Annette Hill, Hoyt and Sis. Tay Martin (She came to the Lord at BOND'S C-APEL a few weeks ago. Hoyt is seeking the Lord) and their newest arrival is Bro. Paul and Sis. Veta Mae Warren from SOUTH HAVEN who have just completed moving to this city. Bro. Paul will be in charge of conducting services here.

Service Times;

Sunday morning - 11:00

Sunday evening - 6:00

Wednesday eve. - 7:00

Saturday eve. - 7:00

Communion services will be set at a later date.

Directions to Church;

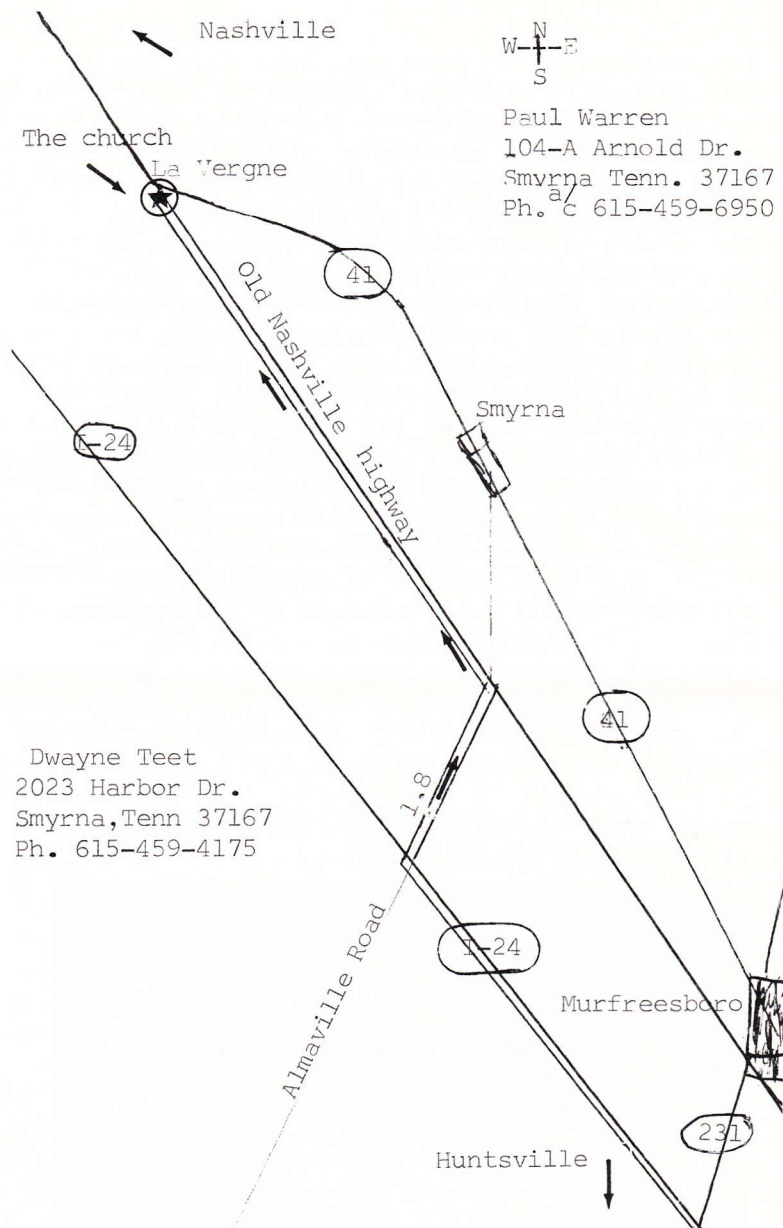
Going north on Interstate 24 to the Smyrna exit (this is south of Nashville) which is the Alamaville Road. Go 1.8 mile to Old Nashville Highway, turn left (North) and go 4.8 mile to church (Lavergne Civic Auditorium) on the left. From the I 24 Exit to church is approx. 6½ miles. NOTE: The Smyrna exit is about half way between Nashville and Murfreesboro.



We the people of the Nashville Holiness church would like to Welcome everyone from all the churches in the South and North.

Bro. Paul Warren

NASHVILLE: 3/28/75 The Lord has continually blessed us here in Nashville since our first service on October 13, in the basement of Warren Standridge's home. The Lord has pro-



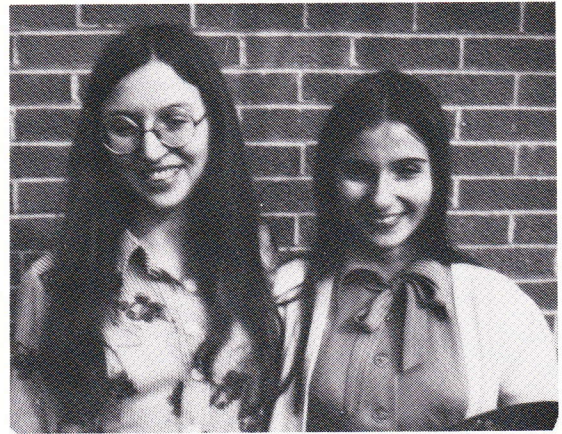
vided us with a building in La Verge Tenn. From our very first service the Lord has wonderfully blessed in the new building. We had several visitors from BIG COVE and before meeting started we began to sing and the Spirit of God had already moved. There was so very much love of God amongst us as the Lord blessed all through the meeting. It was hard for the children of God to leave after it was dismissed on account of the deep love every where as we sang more praises to Him. The Lord greatly blessed a couple from Indiana, Bro. Darrel and Sis. Betty Kilgore from SOUTH HAVEN. The next weekend Bro. Willard and Sis. Virginia Wooten were here. Bro. Willard was directed to bring the Word of God as He admonished the children of God in working for the Lord and in loving one another. He also talked to the world about their lost soul. And oh, how the Lord wonderfully blessed Sis. Virginia, like we have not seen before. Their daughter, Sis. Annette and her husband Bro. Arlen were both rejoicing in Christ as they told of His good-

ness. We have enjoyed many of our visitors such as Bro. Howard West and wife (SCOTTSBORO) Bro. Ed Williams & wife (PLEASANT GROVE) Bro. Danny Shirley & wife (ROCKY BRANCH) Bro. Winford Mills & wife and Sis. Bessie Teet and daughter Sis. Anita (LOOKOUT MTN.) The presence of these saints will long be remembered as they told of the Lord's healing power and the experiences that the Lord had seen them through. Bro. Jack Denson been with us, telling about his experiences and exhorting us how to build a church that the Lord would be please in. Bro. Clarence Williams touched the hearts as he told how as a young man he put his trust in the Lord while raising a family. His son, Bro. Floyd was blessed by God as was Bro. Arnold Thomas who was saying it was nessecary for us to work for the Lord if we expected to be paid. This night the Lord blessed and Bro. Bill and Sis. Peggy Knight (who are loved much by the people here) as they saw their oldest son, Clinton start to the Lord. The following morning the Lord again blessed and church was dismissed with a handshake and neck hugging as tears were flowing from saints and sinners. We have enjoyed Sis Annette Howell from Huntsville being with us and her testimony. Bro. Billy Parker from TIFTONIA has been with us and we still enjoy hearing him tell how good the Lord has been to him and his wife Sis. Sharon and their three children.

We appreciate all the encouragement that has been given us as we try to build a church here that is pleasing to God. If you love the Lord or you want the Lord, come and be with us here in Nashville. If you can't come, pray for us.

Bro. Dwayne and
Sis. Thelma Teet

Bro. Dwayne and Sis. Thelma Teet were in the goodness of God at SCOTTSBORO on the 1st Saturday evening. The Bro. Paul Warren family were here and the Lord was blessing them especially the daughter, Sis. Sheila whom the Lord bound in the floor. Bro. Dwayne was happy this evening but the following morning he was really blessed by God at BROWN'S CHAPEL. He told of a dream that he had where Bro. Frank Guffey and Bro. Jack Denson were in a church full of people. They were hard at work cleaning the building as they swept cob-webs out of the corners. As soon as one corner was clean they would hurry to another that was already getting cluttered up again. Finally, Bro. Jack, walked out into the altar and said, "Children of God, I'm just give out!" Bro. Dwayne explained that the church Governments weren't working properly. They were helping to put back all these little no-harm things (the cob-webs).



These two young ladies are the ones who came to the Lord in MEMPHIS over the Christmas holidays. They are, Sis. Betty Worley and Sis. Mary Ann Faulkner. Sis. Mary Ann is attending school in Nashville. She now has a place to go to church with other saints now at Lavergne.

In February at BLACK OAK, Bro. Foster Posey of MARKHAM was up thanking God for the hope he had in that city to come. A place where, he said, the streets are pure gold. They don't just look like gold but are pure gold. Many times we see such beautiful homes and churches in this land but Bro. Foster was telling how they are not to even be compared to those mansions that Christ is now preparing for those who love Him. (AMEN!AMEN!)

Bro. Martin Atchley received the Holy Ghost a year ago, April 1st, in a chicken house. The Lord had not proved him in church to the other. He would worry even though the Lord did things for him. He desire his freedom in the Lord. On Wednesday evening, April 2nd (a year later) at HIGDON, the Lord wonderfully proved him as he was bound by the Holy Ghost as he fell in the floor, speaking in tongues. (THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE Lord SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH...) He had prayed for a week for this and afterward many more saints told of their praying for him also. They were wanting the Lord to prove him to himself for they hadn't doubted him but they knew he needed assistance from God. He got it!

Sis. Rosie Whitley a young child of God was free in the Spirit and the Lord blessed Sis. Lillie Higdon who lost her husband, Wesley the week before. Sis. Louise Black from TIFTONIA was happy in Christ as he purified her out a blessing. It was good to be here at HIGDON.

The Lord blesses these saints, good, all along.

Worth Repeating

The works of the flesh are manifest, which are these:

Adultery: Violation of the marriage bed. Relations with one not your spouse.

Fornication: Any unlawful sexual relations. Usually attributed to unmarried persons but is also adultery. Also forsaking the true God and worshipping idols.

Uncleaness: Morally impure; Obscene, Vile, unchaste.

Lasciviousness: Expressing lust or lewdness, wanton, tending to excite lustful desires.

Idolatry: The worship of idols. Excessive attachment to person or thing. Adoration of something other than God.

Witchcraft: The power or practices of witches. Black magic, sorcery.

Hatred: Great dislike, intense ill will.

Variance: Disagreeing, quarrel, dispute, differing.

Emulations: Desire to equal or surpass. to rival, competition, seeking to excel.

Wrath: Violent anger, indignation, fury.

Strife: Contention with another, struggle, quarrel.

Seditious: Stirring up of discontent, resistance, rebellion.

Heresies: A belief that is contrary to fundamental belief.

Envy; A feeling of discontent because of another's advantage.

Murders: To kill a person with malice and forethought. To willingly take another human's life. To hate another.

Drunkness: Overpowered by alcoholic beverage. Losing control of one's faculties.

Revelings: To make merry; to be noisily festive. Boisterous, take much pleasure in as in sports and such.

And such like: of which I tell you before, as I have told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.



Sis. Esther edified everyone at TIFTONIA related how she was stricken with arthritis such a bad state she couldn't take care of herself. After she was sick for a long time the Lord moved and she is now where she can be at church and do for herself. Her husband, Bro. Vernon followed her in testifying, telling how when she was ill he had to do the cooking. He was especially missing Sis. Esther's biscuits for he just couldn't make them and he had to settle for store bought canned biscuits. He told of the day that his wife got where she could move her fingers enough to make again the biscuits. His words were "Those were the best biscuits I have ever

eaten." Sis. Louise, Bro. James Black's wife would fix Sis Esther hair for her because she couldn't get her hands high enough to do it herself. When she got where she could raise her arms again and fix her own hair, Bro. Vernon said "Sis. Louise did a good job but when she fixed her own hair it was the prettiest hair because God let Esther fix it." Tears were in the eyes of the saints.



Sis. Esther and Bro. Vernon Middlebrooks

These people are sort of special to us for they are ones who brought us to the Lord many years ago.

Prayer . . .

Sis. Clara Cooper is in need of the saints' prayers in regard to some physical problems. She is also recovering from a broken hip. The Lord said, The prayers of a righteous man availeth much.

Remember the saints in Nashville that the Lord will prosper them in Him.

Sis. Pam Flippo's six month old baby has a knot growing on its face from an eye problem. This cute little girl's tear ducts are stopped up and the physicians want to operate but we want the Lord to heal the child. Remember her to God. They are from BLACK OAK.

Sis. Sandra Mullins of ELKWOOD was thankful to God for helping her at School. On this school day she was feeling very low as she asked the Lord to let someone come by to encourage her. "When I got ready to go to my room a thought came to me to go outside. As I did I saw Sis. Poole leaving and I motioned for her to come back. I didn't know if she would know me but she did. When she got to me she said just what I needed. I know the Lord answered that prayer."

WILLIAMS COVE: This is a good place to go to be with the children of God. Our Lord is among these saints and His peace can be felt as you enter the church house door.

One of the good services (they have many) was on the 4th Saturday evening. Sis. Vicie Williams who has moved to Scottsboro from the north was present with all her children.



Sis. Betty Ruth and Bro. Winston McAllister, Sis. Elizabeth and Sonny Turner, Sis. Vicie, Bro. Wayne and Sis. Patsy Williams, Sis. Birdsong, Sis. Katherine and Bro. Erskine Williams. (wake-up Bro. Erskine!)

She was so very happy because this was where she & Horace raised their family and this was the first time they all five have been together here since they have received the Holy Ghost. Bro. Horace, her husband will be home from the north soon for he is retiring and coming home. Bro. Winston McAllister was up thanking God before the first prayer. That morning it had been raining and raining and raining. He asked the Lord to let it clear off and be pretty on account of the family being able to go to church here in the Cove. It had cleared off into a very pretty spring afternoon. Bro. Winston is Sis. Vicie's son-in-law. Her son, Bro. Wayne was edifying as he remembered when he was six years old and had a bad leg. He told of how at that age he had not ever heard of a doctor and for six weeks he couldn't walk. His leg was drawn up under him. His folks and the community kept praying. It came to their mind to call the elders in to pray in which they did. As they came in, Bro. Willis Brown, Bro. Will Guffey, Bro. James Wooten and the other saints, Bro. Horace carried him in and they prayed. Bro. Wayne was anointed with oil and he got down out of the chair and ran outside to play with the other children as the saints inside were sending up praises unto Glory.

This night the Lord blessed Bro. Pope Van-

diver as he edified the church. "That I might ever stay dead to my ways" is said often by this brother and he surely must for he is blessed much by the Lord. Sis. Vivian and her daughter Sis. Vera McIntosh were blessed. Sis. Vera has just moved down to Scottsboro and is enjoying herself in the Lord. Bro. James Carl and Sis. Carolyn Black edified the saints. The Lord blessed about everyone who tried to talk. Bro. Coy and Sis. Bobbie Barron were an enjoyment to all. Sis. Bobbie was retelling how the Lord showed mercy and gave her the Holy Ghost. Sis. Vicie started an old song that just rang through this little old church house and it stirred a longing in depths of the hearts.

For fear the hearts of men are failing,
These are the latter days we know,
For dread depression now is spreading,
God's Word declared it would be so.

In that good land there is no hunger,
No orphan children cry for bread,
No weeping widows toil or struggle,
No shrouds, no coffins and no deaths.

Look up, rejoice ye holy people,
Before this awful time you'll fly,
For Christ will come as He has promised.
His bride will meet Him in the sky.

Chorus

I'm going where there's no depression,
To a lovely land that's free from care.
I'll leave this world of toil and trouble,
For my home's in heaven, I'm going there.

Bro. Wayne Williams' wife Sis. Patsy who is on the shy side was not shy tonight as she praised God and he blessed her around over the floor. Sis. Annette Birdsong was another in the goodness of our Lord. WILLIAM'S COVE appreciate the way Bro. Erskine and Sis. Catherine Williams come up almost every weekend from Huntsville and the Lord has been good to them for doing so as he did this night.

BLACK OAK: (3/18/75) Bro. Paul Warren from South Haven (has since moved to Nashville) was telling saints to trust the Lord with their children, especially in the public schools. He exhorted all to pray for their children when they leave for school because it's a dangerous place now-days. Also for the children of God not to run to the teachers to tell them off and such. Bro. Paul said for us not to trust our children over much but rather trust the Lord who is over all things.

They have another new saint in Sis. Janice Fowler who came to the Lord here this year. She is Bro. Tom Kerley's grand-daughter and she shines out.

Reflections



Brothers, Lonzo and Lige Holland, Luther Troglen, Alvin Watts and Buck Majors.



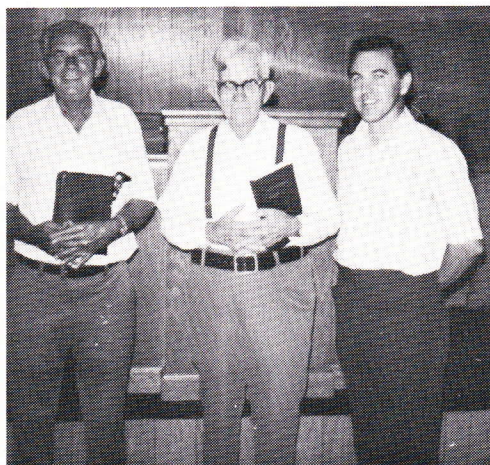
Brothers, Elmas Griffen, Ollie Culpepper, Jess Murphy, Hodges Moore and George Williams.



James Sharp, Bro. Alvin Bailey, Bro. Dave L Sharp, Bro. Johnny Hodgeson and Bro. Frank Sharp



Sis. Sarah Buckner and Sis. Cora Holland.



Bro. Henry McLain, Bro. Will Guffey and Bro. David Jones.



Sis. Nellie Drake (Bro. Mitchell's mother)

50th Wedding Anniversary



Bro. Albert and Sis. Beatrice Parker were honored with a big family get-together at their home in the HYTOP community on February 1, 1975. It was their Golden wedding anniversary. They had fought the storms of life together for 50 years. Sis. Beatrice received the Holy Ghost in 1925 and Bro. Albert followed her about five years later. She is 65 and he is 67. We hope they have many more good years of companion-ship.



Bro. B.I. Wooten and his wife Sis. Pearly Mae celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the 16th of February. They are from WEST BROW on Lookout Mtn. They both recieved the Holy Ghost in 1921. Bro. B.I. came to the Lord near PLEASANT GROVE under the praching of Bro. Gene McAllister and Bro. Dib Cain. Sis. Pearly Mae (Weaver) recieved the Spirit of Christ in the Free Home community on Gunters Mtn. under the preaching of Bro. Andrew York and Bro. Will Guffey.

Rejoice!

Last May we put our daughter Lori in the hospital to have her tonsils removed. Two weeks later her ears became infected and she began to complain with her arms and legs hurting. She cried almost all night and by the next morning she couldn't walk. She screamed with pain when we picked her up to carry her. She was in the hospital for twelve days. They talked of operating but the children of God were praying all this time and the doctors changed their minds. They ran tests of all kinds but never decided what was wrong with her.

She did real good during the summer, but a few weeks after school started she took bad again. The doctor took her out of school and put her on crutches. We took her to church and had people almost everywhere praying for her.

One Saturday at SCENIC-LAND the Lord moved wonderfully toward her. He would have healed her, but we just couldn't hold on to it.



Lori

She was put in the hospital for the third time and this time the doctor said she would have to wear a brace for at least a year and a half. He said the leg could stop growing and become shriveled, and he thought the brace would correct this but he wasn't sure. We had the brace put on but all along we were trying to believe the Lord would heal her. We felt a great desire to go to BROWN'S CHAPEL the 1st Saturday night in January. WE had Lori prayed for and the Lord moved for her. The saints recieved Communion and Bro. Lawrence Brown gave her the juice that was left. After footwashing was over the power of God began to fall and the children of God began to lay hands on Lori. Someone mentioned that they wished we would take the brace off. I told the Lord if it was His will for me to take the brace off to let the next one that testified lay hands on her. Sure enough the next one went right over and laid hands on her. I then told the saints what I had told the Lord and I went over and took the brace off right there in church. Oh, how we rejoiced. Lori walked good as ever that night and it has been almost three months and we watched her run, skip and jump and we are praising the Lord for healing our daughter. HALLELUJAH!!!!

Sis. Shirley and Bro. Billy
Brewer

WILSON ROAD: The Lord has given another of His Spirit at WILSON ROAD on the 1st Saturday evening in April. Bro. Arlen House and Bro. Alvin Bailey both were helped by the Lord talking to the world. Allen Murphy gave heed and was filled with the Holy Ghost. His mother is Sis. Minnie Murphy from BROOKLYN on Brindley Mountain.

The next morning found the church rejoicing here again with the saints hearts running over in the love of God. Bro. Clarence Williams and Bro. Vernon Wright and his wife Sis. Ivalene, were here and also Bro. Millard and Sis. Natalie Guffey. The Lord most wonderfully blessed the aged saint, Bro. Clarence as he told of the many ways the Lord had been his helper. He touched the church as he quoted from Psalms: 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 BACKBITHETH NOT WITH HIS TONGUE, NOR DOETH EVIL TO HIS NEIGHBOR, NOR TAKETH UP A REPROACH AGAINST HIS NEIGHBOR..... He didn't get to finish all of the chapter for the Lord was blessing all over this church. Bro. Welton and Sis. Flora Law were also visiting here and we know they went home with a warm glow in their hearts by the way God was with them. Sis. Flora was over in the hands of the Lord as she praised him greatly as did others. Bro. Vernon Wright didn't get to say too much for this was a day of rejoicing for him too. The Lord blessed him real good. One of the scriptures that he read was taken from Joel the prophet, BLOW YE THE TRUMPET IN ZION, AND SOUND THE ALARM IN MY HOLY MOUNTAIN; It was very much in place today.

Bro. Ben House was another that the Lord blessed. The Lord's love was so good here that it was felt as you entered the door. The Lord permitted us to be present this day and we were quite late (as usual) and by the time we were seated we felt the tears start rolling down our cheeks, Bro. Clarence was still up, holding up the Way of Love, God's Way.

That evening the Lord was still honoring them as he blessed all who tried to testify for Him. Bro. Billy and Sis. Shirley Brewer were here and they were shouting for the battle and the Lord was good to all.

Sis, Beth Smith who came to the Lord at SKYLINE the past year has been back for a short stay. She was happily received by these saints who have missed her since she and her husband have moved to Nevada.

During the 1st Sunday evening in April

Bro. Frank Guffey was led by the Lord to speak concerning striving lawfully and knowing where you were in the Lord. Sis. Thelma Hensley was up immediately after him. She couldn't be quiet anymore because she could really feel what Bro. Frank was talking about. Bro. Floyd Wright was up right behind her exhorting to the Word. He said that the preachers had preached long enough, it was now time we took heed. He brought, "The best feeling. The Lord blessed Bro. Howell of BIG COVE who gave altar call. After altar call, Sis. Beth Smith walked across the house and sit by Marty Morris, (Bro. Orville's baby daughter). When she saw that she was sitting by Marty she told her how that day at her mother-in-law funeral it just came to her, "That kid has the Holy Ghost". No one had told this sister that Marty had spoke in tongues one night at HYTOP and several times since here at home. Sis. Beth then told her to go back and pray again in which she did and when the Lord moved her tongue this time she came up telling everyone that she had the Holy Ghost. She told how she knew she had spoke in tongues but this night she was completely satisfied even though she is only thirteen years old. We also know this will be strength to Sis. Beth. ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE THAT LOVE God.....

Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever.

Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners:

The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:

The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

NOAH'S ARK: Wish you could have been with us over the 3rd weekend. We were blessed by the Lord with wonderful meetings. Bro. Shelly Drake (BIG COVE) was visiting us and we were so proud to have him. The Lord blessed him. Sis. Cindy Gerhart was here from BLACK OAK, she was a blessing to us. She testified of how the Lord provided the way for her and her sisters to learn of Holiness. They were left without parents and their older sister, Judy, who was only nineteen herself wanted custody of the children. This was unusual for the officials to give such consent, but they did and the girls have the Holy Ghost now and have a big family of wonderful Holiness people. We enjoyed Sis. Cindy and all of our visitors. Bro. David Jones and Sis. Norma were here Sunday. The Lord led him to talk about how the Lord is the true vine and we are the branches. If we have love for one another, our fruit would be good. He talked in a way I had not heard before. How love would cause us to do for each other. It makes me want to work harder to have more perfect love for one another. Many more good things were said by good saints and we here at NOAH'S ARK enjoyed them all.

Sis. Loretta Lewis

A little more about NOAH'S ARK. Bro. Jim Cooper and Sis. Carolyn of BEIRNE AVE was commenting back at home how wonderful it was to see and feel the love of God as you went in this church and the good love that was shown one here.

A Revival will be held here at NOAH'S ARK during the 3rd week of June. It starts on Saturday evening of the 14th. These saints love visitors.

We are glad that Sis. Diane Brown from Humboldt Tennessee has now moved to Atlanta. Due to circumstances she will still not get to go to church much but it is good that she can be near other children of God. Please pray that the Lord will make a way for this sweet sister.

BONDS CHAPEL: On February 23rd, Tay Lawson Martin recieved the Holy Ghost here. She is living in Nashville and we are sure the little band of saints there are happy to here this glad report.

The North always seem to have a lot of company and it's been no different lately. They have had a lot of help and encouragement in Bro. Preston and Sis. Lavone Buckner from GADSDEN. Bro. Jack Denson was using the Sword and Bro Lawrence Brown was exhorting all to lay aside every weight. Bro. Tom Buckner from PLEASANT GROVE telling about the Lord and also about His healing. Bro. Tom should know for his trust is in God.

Ah, the beauty of Holiness was shining on the 1st evening in April as the Lord used one of His servants mightily. Bro. Hubert Samson of ROCKY BRANCH was way over in the hands of the Lord as he used the Word of God skillfully. His scripture was THE CARES OF THIS WORLD AND THE DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES, AND THE LUSTS OF OTHER THINGS ENTERING IN, CHOKES THE WORD, AND IT BECOMETH UNFRUITFUL. As he moved around in the Spirit none doubted that this man was indeed being used by the almighty God. He edified the saints that love the truth.



Bro. Hubert and Sis. Lucille Samson

Sis. Maureen Hawkins who lives near Fabius received the Holy Ghost in her home Monday (4/31/75). She is Sis. Audrey Mc Carson's daughter and they attend church at HIGDON.

For Your Information

The Ider church is in the process of erecting a new and bigger church building right by the old one just off highway 75. It is going to be 36' X 56'. They are hoping to have it completed by the end of June. Every one is welcome to assist with this work and also everyone is WELCOME to come and be in meeting with these saints.

The ELKWOOD saints have almost completed their new church which is just behind the present one. They have needed a bigger building for they attracted large numbers here. These children of God are known for their generosity to others. At this time let us show our generosity to them.

Asleep in Christ

Another of the saints left this dark vale to be with our Lord in all His glory when Bro. Howard Young of ELKWOOD passed away in his 56th year on February 2nd. He heard the Way of Holiness preached by Bro. York when he was just a boy but he finally came to the Lord here at ELKWOOD on 1968. The last conversation we had of any length with Bro. Howard, he was telling how he loved all of the children of God and how he and his wife Sis. Lennie Mae love to be with them in church wherever they might be at.



Bro. Howard and Sis. Lennie Mae. (This is the last photo that was taken of this brother. It was at BEIRNE AVE)

Bro. Denton Holland of OAK GROVE was taken from us in his 68th year on Wednesday, March 5, 1975. He had served the Lord 38 years. The last few times he had been in meeting, the Lord had blessed him good.

Sis. Lillie Bone of Hytop passed away in her 80th year on March, 12, 1975. She had been raised an orphan and in her last years she lived with the late Bro. Elmer and Sis. Ida Parker who loved her much as did all the saints. She had the Holy Ghost for about 40 years.

Higdon

Sis. Daisy left this land of trouble in her 56th year April, 5, 1975. She was from HIGDON and had served God for over 30 years. Her illness had lasted for some time but when her time of departing came there was peace. That morning she was talking to her Lord and speaking in tongues and the presence of God was with her.

The Lord took Bro. James O'dell of LAKEWOOD PARK in his 57th year on April 6th during the Sunday morning service. During the first part of the meeting as they were singing, the Lord got into the song, I Never Shall Forget The Day. After they all sung it about the 3rd

time Bro. James was stepping high with uplifted hands praising the Lord with these words:

Now I can feel Him by my side,

My feeble steps He comes to guide.....

and the Lord did. For as he was singing he fell down and all believed he was taken by the Lord as he touched the floor. Any way to go is good if the Lord is with you but how beautiful it must be to cross over while you are with the good saints and singing unto the Lord. Such sweet peace it must be.



Bro. O'dell and his dear wife Sis. Maudie Mae.

Bro. Vernon Wright of Scottsboro was heard to comment that the scripture mentions not the fruits of the Spirit but rather the fruit. It is a singular. He said that just love and faith was not the fruit but rather, LOVE, JOY PEACE, LONG-SUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, TEMPRANCE are the fruit of the Spirit, and, AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW.



We want to continue to express our appreciation to all who have so unselfishly helped us with this news letter. Especially the patience that was shown us in our quest for knowledge into the olden days of Holiness. In the next issue we hope to bring the history of Bridgeport and beyond. If you have any history or pictures that you would like share with others please send to us.

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