

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

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OF GOOD THINGS

Bro. Melvin Priest's wife, Jean, received the Holy Ghost at BRIAR FORK on April 7th, the 1st Sunday evening in April. She said she was an elder in the altar (she had went so long) but a babe in Christ. Sis. Jean and Bro. Melvin lost their four year old baby on March 8th but they can both get to see it again soon.

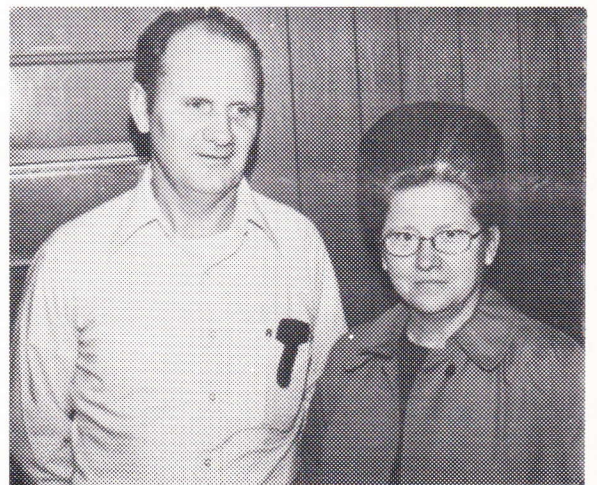
NOAH'S ARK: We have more good news here. Jim Thomas, the husband of Sis. Connie, the sister that rec'd the Holy Ghost here not long ago came to the Lord also. He is another happy man. We are proud of him and Sis. Connie. They both make me think of a child with a new Christmas toy. They are wonderful people. This love of God will really make a new person out of you. It replaces hatred with love. Bro. Ricky Darnell testified about this love a while back. He said before he rec'd the Holy Ghost, he couldn't even tell his mother he loved her. Said he'd leave little notes around the house to let his mother know he loved her. The love of God will help us thru anything.

We really enjoyed our visitors the 3rd week-end of April. Bro. Robert Warren and his wife Sis. Cora were here. Bro. Joe and Sis. Jean Ventrus, Bro. Glen McAllister and his wife and the Maxwell family were here also. It rejoices our hearts here to see company coming. We thank the Lord for sending us help, and again for the love of God we can feel with our brothers and sisters. Our visitors edified us with good words about the Lord. The Lord blessed in the Lord's Supper and a good foot washing. Bro. Joe and other children of God were speaking about not taking part in worldly pleasures. I fear that it will bring weakness to us. I know I need to gain strength not weakness. I sure do love the Lord and deisre to hear him say well done my child.

Our revival here at NOAH'S ARK will start on Saturday evening June, 15th. (The 3rd week of June.) Please come and help us.

Sister Loretta Lewis

On the 2nd Sunday in April the Lord blessed at the Holiness church at SHELBYVILLE. There are only a few saints here, but this day there were a number of visitors. Many were the good testimonies and many were the blessings that God poured out on them that love Him. Sis. Janice Pendergrass was rejoicing all over the house after Bro. Richard Ashley laid hands on her during one of the pretty songs that were sung. She edified all as the Lord blessed her. She is Bro. Odell Pendergrass's daughter-in-law. He led service here this day. Bro. Odell used to live here but now his home is at CLAYSVILLE. Bro. Jimmy Ashley was in the hands of the Lord to the pleasure of all. Sis. Violet Moss who was one of the first to testify was happy as she praised God with a loud voice. Bro. Franklin Payne from ELKWOOD told of the time when he was driving truck with a head-hurting toothache. He asked God to move the toothache. By the time he had reach his destination, the toothache had stopped for the tooth fell out.



Bro. Franklin and Sis. Elizabeth Payne

The Lord poured a blessing on Sis. Dorothy Helton as she testified smiling so prettily. Bro. David and Sis. Joann Ashley were here and witnessing for God. It was so good to hear Sis. Joann tell how the Lord was with them when they were in need. It was a good place to be at and to hear these and

more encouraging things about our Lord.

We here did not know of SHELBYVILLE church until just recently. We went to see and we are proud to say the Lord is there and blessing. Bro. John and Bro. R.B. Pengergrass, who take charge of services extend a special invitation to every child of God to come and visit this little church.

Here are the direction to the church as Sis. Violet Moss gave them to us. "Our church is at Shelbyville on Mills Street. The road dead ends in sight of the church which is an old store building. There is a mill at the dead end." It is in west Shelbyville. The regular meeting time is on the 2nd weekend and the Communion service is on Saturday evening. Go and be with them.

A Question

One evening this Spring, Bro. David Bailey asked a question at LOOKOUT MTN. that was very weighty indeed. He said, "Today, what did you build your day around?"

Do You Really Believe

(sing)

We are told in the bible

Everything we need to know
Of God's plan of salvation
How His Son walked here below
How He lived and how he suffered
Of His death and how He rose
And we say that we believe it
THERE'S A WAY FOR ALL TO KNOW

Chorus

And these signs shall follow them
That believe in Christ the Lord
And these signs shall follow them
That believe his holy Word.
Oh, the question comes to me,
Do you really believe? And if you do,
These signs shall follow you.

(talk)

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; They shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. THESE ARE THE SIGNS THAT HE SPOKE OF.

This is a song that was written by Bro.ddie Cuzzort of BROWN'S CHAPEL.

STOCKBRIDGE; Meeting have been good lately here at STOCKBRIDGE. Two new brothers have been added to the church by the Lord. Bro. Billy Moore rec'd the Holy Ghost on the 13th of April in the morning service and Bro. Glen Mayhan rec'd the Holy Ghost in the evening of April 20th. Bro. Glen is the son of Bro. Milford and Sis. Patty Mayhan. Bro. Billy is the father of a family that started coming to church about three years ago, and about two years ago he and his wife Johnnie, one son and one daughter started seeking God. His son Bro. Ronnie came to the Lord last October. This family is loved by the church here. The Lord has been good to these saints.

They all send a special invitation for all the children of God to come to be with them in service. Especially for their homecoming on the 4th Sunday in July. This will also begin their weeks revival here.

HIGDON: "A Prayer meeting was held at HIGDON on Saturday morning of May 3rd for a sick child. It turned out to be more than a prayer meeting. The Lord was felt from beginning to end. It was such a good sober and peaceful feeling like you rarely feel nowadays. The Lord truly blessed His children and Bro. Paul Guffey was remembering different times that the Lord had healed the sick but one thing he spoke of in particular that edified the hearts was the time Abraham was going to offer up Isaac for a burnt offering and the Lord kept Abraham from going through with it when He saw he was going to do it. God gave him a ram for the offering. The Love of God was all over this house. As the testimonies seem to be ending, the power of God fell and Bro. James Whitley hands went on Bro. Carthell Higdon who was already feeling the tenderness of God and the Lord bound him in the floor as he spoke in tongues which brought such a good feeling. The meeting was enjoyed by others also whom the Lord blessed. All in all the Lord is good to His children.

One time lately, Bro. Paul Guffey was heard saying, "If someone asks you a question and you don't know the answer for sure, just tell them you don't know."

C.E.S.

(This about Bro. Paul saying for us to tell people we don't know if we wern't sure touched us here, for when we came to the Lord in 1957 we lived near Bro. Paul in Chattanooga. We had just started searching and studying the scriptures as all children of God supposed to. Being we were just babes in Christ we came upon many verses..and chapters.. we couldn't understand. Over these we would pray about or go ask Bro. Paul. Many times he opened up our understanding but when we asked about something he didn't have complete knowledge on he would just say. "I don't know".

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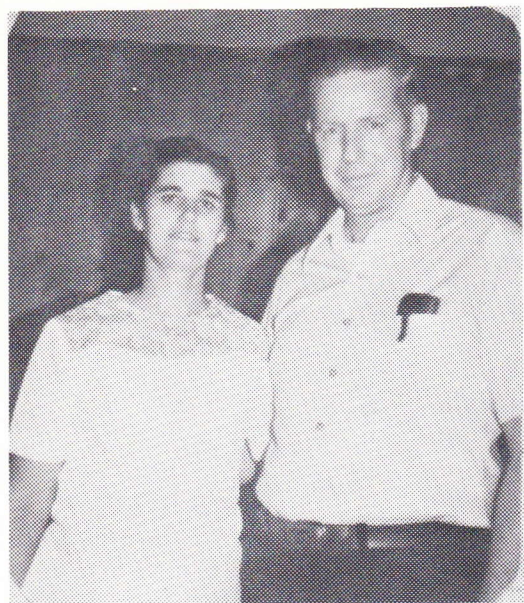
Bro. Elton Brazier was at BEIRNE AVE encouraging those with out Christ to come to Him. He used a parable in this wise: One day he was outside the house working when he noticed a little boy coming across a ditch that was near by and he was crying. When he went to see about him, he found out that the lad was lost from his parents who were camping out in mountains. After questioning the child who was bright mentally, he reconized where the child folks were camped at. He then told the sobbing youngster not to worry for he knew where they were and he would take him to them. The young man took him at his word and quited down and Bro. Elton took him to his parents. He then pressed those who were fearful and lost to trust the saints and the Lord to show them the way to God. It touched the lost here at BEIRNE AVE and it edified the saints very much. This was during the 2nd Saturday evening in May.

of the night that she came to the Lord at WILSON ROAD, how happy she was. The next morning at work a lady that she met said, "Ann, what happened to you? Did someone give you a million dollars." God had given her something more precious than that!

REVIVAL

Announcements

- Atalla:** Starts on the 2nd Sunday evening in June.
- BEIRNE AVE:** 2nd Sunday in June—Homecoming and revival.
- BIG COVE:** 1st Sunday in August.
- BLACK OAK:** 1st Week in September - Labor Day weekend.
- BROWN'S CHAPEL:** 1st Sunday in August - Homecoming and revival.
- CLAYSVILLE:** 5th Sunday in June - Week of the 4th of July.
- GRASSY MTN:** 4th weekend of July.
- HIGDON:** 5th Sunday in June - Week of the 4th of July.
- HILL'S CHAPEL (Bend of Paint Rock)**
5th week of June - 4th of July week.
- LAKEWOOD PARK:** 3rd week of June -starting on Tuseday the 17th running the rest of week.
- MARKHAM:** 1st Sunday in August - Homecoming and revival.
- NOAH'S ARK:** 3rd week of June.
- OLD SARDIS:** 1st Sunday night of July - ser. starts 10:30 A M - 7 P M.
- PLEASANT GROVE:** 5th Sunday in June - week of the 4th of July.
- PLEVNA:** 2nd Sunday in August - Homecoming and revival.
- ROCKY BRANCH:** 3rd Sunday in August - Home coming and revival - 11:00 AM 7:00 PM.
- SAND MTN (Section):** 2nd Sunday night of June.
- SCENICLAND:** 3rd Sunday of June.
- SKYLINE:** 1st Sunday of June - Homecoming and revival.
- SOUTH HAVEN:** 2nd Sunday of July.
- STOCKBRIDGE:** 4th weekend in July - Homecoming and revival.
- TIFTONIA:** 4th Sunday of June - Homecoming and revival.
- WILLIAMS COVE:** 3rd Sunday in June.



Sis. Esselene and Bro. Elton Brazier

Bro. Jr. Reed has a daughter who lives at Powell Crossroads on Sand Mountain, her name's Sarah Anderson. She is Bro. Billy Anderson's wife. Wenesday, May 28th she was at home alone praying by herself when she started speaking in tongues. She didn't know what to do so she asked the Lord to send someone over to pray with her. The Lord sent Sis. Cynthia Black over. As Sis. Cynthia went in the door, Sarah said, "I need some help." She got it! Sis. Cynthia's hands went on her and she started again to speak in tongues and she knew that the Lord had come into her life and that she now had the Holy Ghost. Sis. Sarah were happy for you. Live for the Lord.

At TIFTONIA Sis. Ann Parrish was telling how miserable she was before she recieved the Holy Ghost. Some of the people where she works thought that she was having marriage troubles or something of the like. She told

We thought this letter would be a blessing to the Lord's people. It was written by Sis. Linnie Mae Young to some friends after the death of her husband, Bro. Howard :

...Since the Lord took Howard on home, I don't get to go visit like we used to go when he lived. I really missed being with so many I love. I do go every time I can because that is all the real pleasure I have. No plans here at all, just want to stay ready when He's ready for me. I believe Satan is working harder all the time to destroy the children of God and I believe he knows his working time is short. Bro. Brown and Bro. Will use to talk about when these seducing spirits would be as thick as knats at that time. I couldn't understand but today I know. It's a warfare but we can make it! I'm so thankful of the great help I have had. For seven years Howard was so wonderful help. It was almost like heaven was here. But now I've got to fight this battle, just me and Jesus. I thank God for His children. A few of us sisters met at another sisters house yesterday and spent the day and all our conversation was about how we wanted to live for God. I just feasted all day and came home last night and sewed some, first time I've done that at night. God said He would wipe all tears away. I miss Howard so bad, it's natural to shed tears and be lonely but he is not lonely and all his tears are wiped away. He said doctors couldn't do any thing for him but the Lord blessed him and gave him strength to keep going until less than two weeks and then He took him. He did not ask for prayer because he knew it was time for him to go.

The new church at ELKWOOD is almost completed. I hope we will have a lot of visitors. Bro. Harold Smith and family were there last Sunday from MARKHAM in Illinois. I'm so thankful I got to be there and hear the good things he said and also Bro. Hoyt Dalton...

I'm not asking the Lord for anything, just to keep my soul and His will be done... I've made it down to now. When I think about our names written up there, isn't that wonderful? (Amen!) It just floods my soul with joy and if I can hold on I can go home after-awhile and be with Howard and all the other saints we have loved so well, they are just waiting for us. Remember me always in your prayers.

Love to all
Sis. Linnie Mae Young

This letter sounded like a good testimony in which it is and it touched our hearts. We hope it did yours.

With all thy getting get understanding"

And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

LAVERGNE:

It was good to hear Bro. Paul Warren exhorting to a charitable walk in Christ. He used the the 13th chapter of Corinthians as he pressed the saints in walking in the more excellent way. He ended his sermon with, "Without Faith it's impossible to please God, Hope keep us holding to God but Charity is better than these other two. AND NOW ABIDETH FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY."

This was on the 2nd Saturday evening in April. They had a good service here this night with visitors from SCOTTSBORO, Bro. Wesley Parker and his wife Sis. Margeret who were talking for the Lord. From BLACK OAK were Bro. Rich and Sis. Kathy Fleming, who stopped here on their way to ROCKY BRANCH were Sis. Kathy's folks are from. They were happy in the Lord here at LAVERGNE.



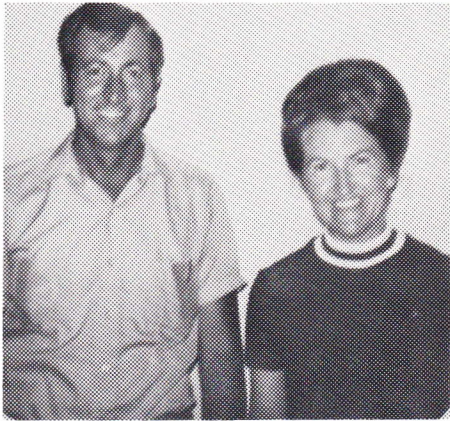
Sis. Kathy and Bro. Rich Fleming

Bro. Danny and Sis. Jo Johnson were up from ROCKY BRANCH and the Lord blessed them both. Bro. Danny was really jumping high. The home people were also enjoying the goodness of God as they gave Him the honor for assisting them so many times in this pilgrim journey down here. Sis. "Nudie" Selvidge was telling of the time that she was supposed to have died according to the hospital staff but this one time her dad Bro. Doc Tom Lawson of BONDS CHAPEL came in and started talking to her and he laid his hand on her head. That was it! Shortly the hospital people came in telling that the machines were to be taken off from her for she was now alright. It was edifying to hear.

BLACK OAK: The elders were called in to pray for Sis. Flora Stephens and it was good to hear Bro. Charley Brown tell about the Lord healing him when he couldn't hardly go with back trouble.

Bro. Charles Houston was telling about his grandfather on the 2nd Sunday in April. His grand-pa, Bro. Con Thompson, was way down low in the Spirit, many years ago. He prayed and worried and prayed and he then decides he will tell his wife so she would pray for him. She was busy at the time with her housework but he got her to listen to him as he told of how low he was feeling and how he needed her prayers. She went on about her housework as she said, "Give God the glory!" Bro. Con was so let down for a minute until he studied just what it would mean to give God the glory. He did, he hollered "Glory!" and the Lord blessed him and lifted his mind up.

On the 3rd weekend of April, Bro. Willard Wooten and Bro. Hodgie Holman were here at BLACK OAK and they were a blessing to the church. Bro. Hodgie was testifying about the time our Lord healed his wife, Sis. Midge, when she had cancer. The doctor had told



Bro. Hodgie and Sis. Midge Holman

them that it was the worst kind of cancer but this made no difference when the Lord decided to move and heal this sister.... Bro. Willard was exhorting the holiness families to live together in peace and harmony and for all to love one-another, husbands and wives, children and parents. He also pressed the saints to live outside the church as good as you do in. What a meeting they had on this Sunday evening with an old-fashion handshake as the love of God was everywhere. Bro. Earl Brown was blessed very good by the Lord as was Sis. Renee Nadratowski. They were both flat on their backs in the floor in the Spirit of God. We could go on and on about the wonderful blessings that the Lord poured out on His children here. These people love everyone, no matter where you're from or who you are, just as long as you have the Lord and you live for Him.

COMMUNION

The Lord is still blessing His Supper all along at NYLA. They had another wonderful and spiritually strengthening Lord's Supper on the 1st Sunday night in May. They tarry for one another here. If they don't have the discernment about going into this they rise and ask for one another prayers til the whole body is speaking for one another. Service started at 6:oclock on this evening and the Supper was set by Bro. Robert at about 9: oclock after about every saint freed himself and they left talking not so much about the foot-washing (it was also good) but about how good the Lord's Supper was.

After service a few saints met at Bro. John L. Campbells to see about his wife Sis. Jewell who was not at meeting because she had taken very ill earlier that afternoon. No one knew what was wrong with her except she was hurting and taking chills and then turning to being hot. They had prayer and she was doing just a little better, so they prayed again and the Lord moved with His goodnes and she started getting up. The fruit of the vine and the unleaven bread that the Lord blessed as His body and blood a little while before at the church was offered to Sis. Jewell and she readily took it in remembrance of Christ death and suffering to the joy of these few children of God who were gathered around. The sisters found a big basin and proceeded to wash this beloved sisters feet as tears were streaming down and the peace of God filled this house trailer where Bro. John and Sis. Jewel live. It was a memorable time in the Lord. As people started leaving Sis. Jewel was already going off to sleep. Isn't the Lord good to us!

At BROWN'S CHAPEL on the 1st Sunday in May Bro. Jack Denson was encouraging the saints to, "Read the Word of God for your-self." He told them to find out for them selves and not to always take someones else's word for what the bible said.

TIFTONIA: It was good to again hear Bro. Clarence Williams of PLEASANT GROVE tell the saints, just who would dwell in God's holy hill...HE THAT BACK-BITETH NOT WITH HIS TONGUE... NOR TAKETH UP A REPROACH AGAINST HIS NEIGHBOR. It was gladly received for these people are like all the children of God, they want to live in peace and harmony with all men especially with the house-hold of faith. Bro. Walter Higdon from HIGDON was side by side with Bro. Clarence as he stressed how whispering (back-biting) can and has separated brethern. But he said that we have been called to peace. (Not just among themselves at TIFTONIA but among all men)

Remebering at Brideport

Bob Henson was from Bridgeport Alabama and he had been the town drunk until he joined the Batist Church and he tried his best to live for God. He was now preaching and baptising people in the Baptist faith. He went in 1910 to Orme Tennessee just about seven miles away over the state line. He was not a well man on account of a back ailment that kept him from doing any heavy work for some time now. We do not know the reason for his going to Orme although he had a brother there that did receive the Holy Ghost, when we do not know. We do know that when Bob returned to Orme he set things a buzzing for the next day he was seen plowing his mules in the field. When approached he told how those Holiness people prayed for him and laid their hands on him and he was alright now. He told his wife, Edie, "If that's the Holy Ghost, we don't have it." He had seen a women receive this Spirit while in Orme and it touched him. Him and Bobbie Cox an older man started searching the scriptures and talking to one another about these strange and wonderful things. Bob's sister, Ida Williams, was bed-fast but she heard the men reading and discussing the Way of Holiness. She also heard how some said that those people hypnotised and caused person to do like they did and that they sprinkled powder on you and other such things. She started seeking God in her sick bed when she decided that it would take Holiness to be saved in the end. One day she prayed into the hands of the Lord and she lost sight of herself and all around her. Her husband was like everyone else for he thought she had taken a backset in her sickness. When Sis. Ida came to, her husbnad, John, had rubbed her face so hard to bring her to, he had rubbed the skin off. They were amazed when they found that she had received the Holy Ghost and saw and heard her speaking in tongues. She also proved to many that the Way was not of hypnotism for none of those Holiness people were near her when she rec'd the Lord. About this same time a young women by the name of Ellie King was sick in bed also. She was a complete invalid for she could not as much as move a hand in aid to her young children. Bro. Tom and Sis. Bertha Perry were called from Orme to pray for her. They stayed a couple of days until Bro. Tom felt like praying (He prayed only when he felt like God was going to heal). When they prayed and Bro. Tom laid his hand on her she got up out of bed and started tending to her children. This help stir the fires of interest in Holiness. In the Fall of 1910, Bro. Perry and Bro. Bates came and run a protracted service in and around Hensontown on the Mount Carmel May/June 1975

road. This is just west of Bridgeport. These meetings were held in brush arbors and cottage prayers and it continued for some time. By this time, Sis. Ida Williams and Sis. Ellie King had the Holy Ghost and now Bro. Bob Henson had the same Holy Ghost that he had seen fall up at Orme. He started out preaching the Way. He was with Bro. Tom and Bro. Sam as they convinced many through the Spirit to come to the true way of God. What wonderful meeting they had in the first early years. The Lord was with them and confirmed the Word with signs following. Many more came to God. to name a few; Bro. Joe Abbott and his wife, Bro. Willie Henson and wife, Bro. Allen Wilson and wife, Bro. Harse Rutledge and wife, Sis. Flossie Castle (She is still alive), Bro. Hardy Cox and many more. Sevices started branching out to other areas in Bridgeport and beyond. they weher held down by the Tennessee River, near Widows Creek, up at Richard City (a westerly suburb of South Pittsburg) and down at Shakerag (north of Scottsboro, between highway 72 and the river). Everywhere they went the Lord was with them. One day at Widows Creek, Bro. Tom Perry was preaching in the yard to a crowd of people on the porch of Mollie Wilson's home when it started raining and his wife Sis. Bertha ran and grabbed a coat to put over his head. He just threw the coat back to her and told her to take it on. The people (saint and sinner) that were here told how they saw the rain coming down to about a foot above this preachers head but it did not touch him. When he finished preaching there was not a wet hair on him. (We hear that this happened more than once to him). Persecution was also rough but the Lord's grace saw them thru it all. One time when the worldly crowd was trying to scare the saints off especially the preachers, Bro. Sam Bates, Bro. Tom Perry and Bro. Tom Austin, they came to a church that they was having meeting at. They brought guns with them and a big bundle of stick that they threw on the altar with the promise if they preached this time they would be beat with those switches. While Bro. Tom Perry was bringing the Word of God he came by the bundle and kicked it off the altar and told the people who wanted the Holy Ghost to ignore this and get your mind on the Lord. No harm was done them. After a couple of years and the Word of God had reached it's way into different places in Alabama many of these children of God would be seen coming to Bridgeport. One time in the earlier years, Sis. Flossie Castle, still tells of Bro. Sam Bates who was leading service ask for the person who felt they was the least to offer themself to testify. She tells of a real young man from Gunters Mountain arising and edifying everyone very much. He was Bro. William B. Guuffey, later known as Bro. Will. Sis. Flossie said

"For someone who feels like he is the least he has such a sweet testimony. And he looked so young." She was to hear much from him in the days and years ahead as the Lord used him mightily to bring many to repentance through His word. Meeting continued to be good and successful for some years as many people were baptised into the Holy Ghost. After awhile many other doctrines and ways of men enter in and many were defiled but by the same token many held on to the faith firm unto the end. In the early 1920's Bro. Carl Maynor and Sis. Minnie (Brown) McLain recieved the Holy Ghost the same evening in a meeting held by Bro. Tom Perry out in Hensontown. Bro. Carl still remembers how Sis. Minnie lit up like an angel of God as her countance was changed when the Lord came into her life. We are sure the same thing happened to Bro. Carl. It would take volumes of books to tell of the good things that the Lord worked and did among his people here in the earlier years.



Sis. Flossie Castle (taken in 1974 at HILL'S CHAPEL)



Bro. Bob Henson



The old Bob Henson home today.

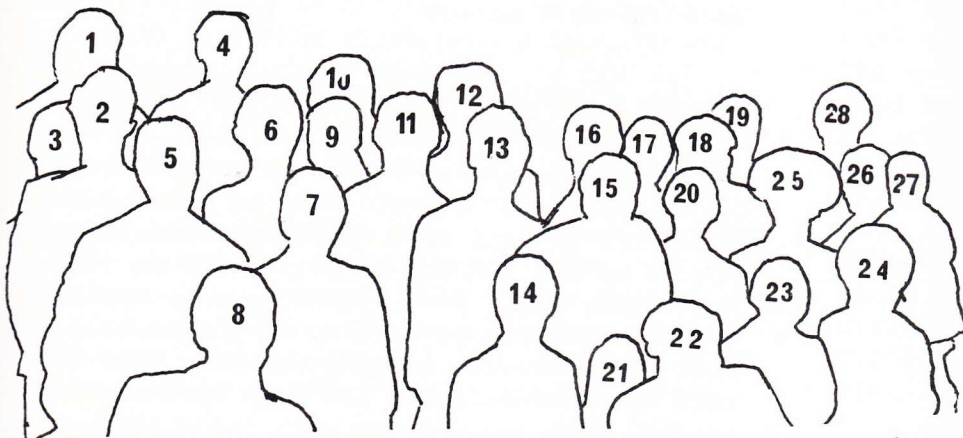
Sis. Flossie Castle Tells about her coming to the Lord at Bridgeport.

"My brother-in-law believed in Holiness and he would read me out

Sis. Flossie Castle tells about her coming to the Lord at Bridgeport in April of 1913:

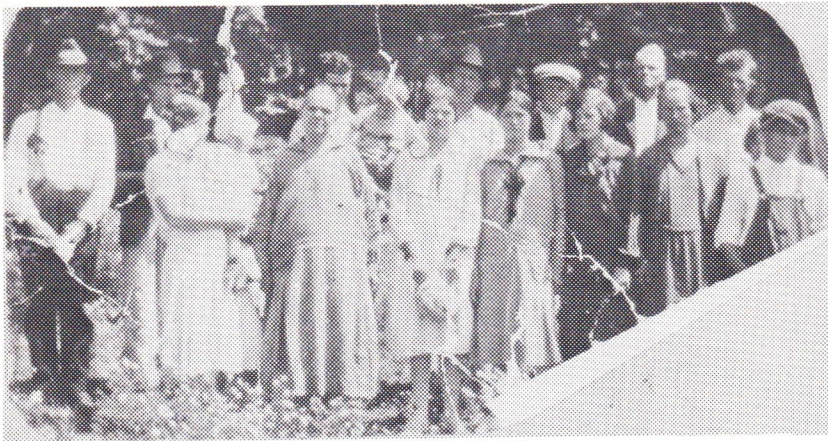
"My brother-in-law (Kale Gillie) believed in Holiness and he would read me out and I would try to deny some of it, you know. That's not to us and etc but he would hold me down to it. They would pass our house of a night, going having prayer meeting up on the hill for Sis. Smith who was seeking the Holy Ghost. I told my husband (John) let's go up there and see how they do. So we went one night and as we come back by, they came on as we did. I told them (Bro. Bob Henson) This is the first time I heard y'all preach. He said, "Well Sis. Castle, Jesus told Peter after he was converted to strengethen the brethern." You know cursed and swore and you and you never heard Peter cursing after he got the Holy Ghost, did you? So the second time I went, I went to be prayed for. I had been hunting the right Way, I'd hear one preacher and he would preach a good sermon and I'd think, that might be the right Way.... quick as I heard Holiness, I knew that was the right thing."

Sis. Flossie is old and full of years and her eyes are failing her very much but her mind is keen and her interest in the Lord has not abated. She was much help to us with her sharp memory and also she is the only one who knew and had the pictures of Bro. Tom Austin. He used to stay at her house in the very beqining.



1. Miney Freeman
2. Bill Freeman
3. Willie Freeman (Bill's Dad)
4. Minerva Freeman (Bill's wife)
5. Miles Cunningham
6. John Castle (Sis. Flossie Castle's husband)
7. Maggie Roberts
8. Joe Smith
9. Ivan Castle (Sis. Flossie's son)
10. Ethel Haggard????
11. Kale Gillie
12. "Matt" Haggard (He is the one who fell off from a ladder and as he was dying he was heard to say "It's to you and your children and them that are afar off...")
13. Rosie Freeman
14. ???????
15. Ruby Haggard
16. Flossie Castle???
17. Armindy Haggard (Matt's wife)
18. Bell Haggard
19. Martha Clascock
20. Delma Freeman
21. Dorothy Austin (Tom's girl)
22. Tom Austin
23. Bennie Austin (Tom's boy)
24. Dan Haggard (Matt's boy)
25. Leroy Haggard (Matts Boy alive today)
26. Cleo Austin (Tom's wife)
27. Paul Austin (Tom's son)
28. Margret Roberts

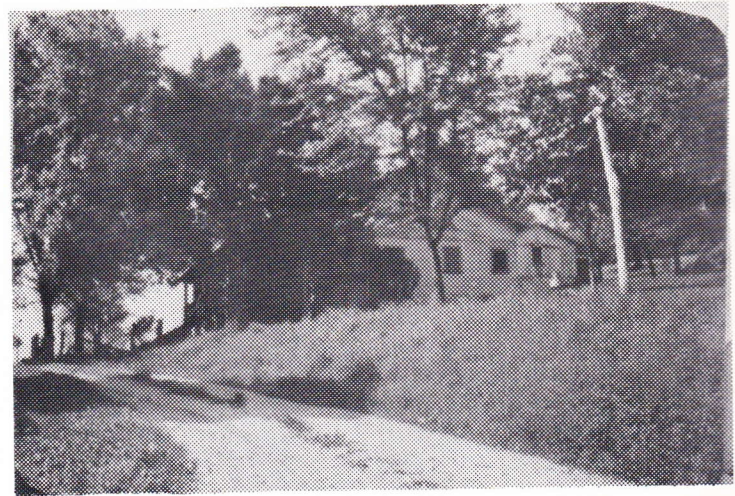
Almost all of the grown folks in this picture had the Holy Ghost with the exception of John Castle and Willie Freeman and maybe Miles Cunningham. (The Freeman family moved to Putnam County Tenn. a little later) A number of these children are still alive. Some of them still live in Bridgeport. The Haggard boys are still living in the old Matt Haggard home that he built at the turn of the century. Most (not all) of these with the Holy Ghost joined the Organized church under the insistance of Bro. Tom Austin who had preached salvation to some. It didn't take them long to see they had made a mistake for they were forbidden to visit and be in church with the Holiness people. Most of them witrrew. Two that didn't were Bro. Kale Gillie and Bro. Joe Smith and for a time they became a thorn in the side of Holienss with their continually trying to get these people "Organized," not realizing that God had organized them with Jesus Christ as their head and chief corner stone and the Bible as their "Rule book". This photo was taken in 1913 and Sis. lossie Castle is the only Child of God that is still alive today as she still hold to God on Grassy Mtn. where she lives today.



Men, left to right; Mr. Ivy, Bro. Bob Stevens, Bro. Hardy Cox and son Walter, Bro. George Williams, Bro. Ernest Gibson, Bro. Bob Henson and Bro. Will Guffey/
 Women: Sis. Hattie Stevens (Bro. Milas Stevens first wife) and son Jackie (Bro. Jackie Stevens live at SCENICLAND on Lookout Mtn.), Sis. Jane Stevens, Sis. Ethel Gibson, Sis. Vestal Stevens, Sis. Bertha Stevens (Sis. Bertha Creek now and she lives on South Pittsburg Mtn. with her husband Bro. Kirk.) Sis. Mary (Bro. Hardy Cox's wife), and Bro. John Green.

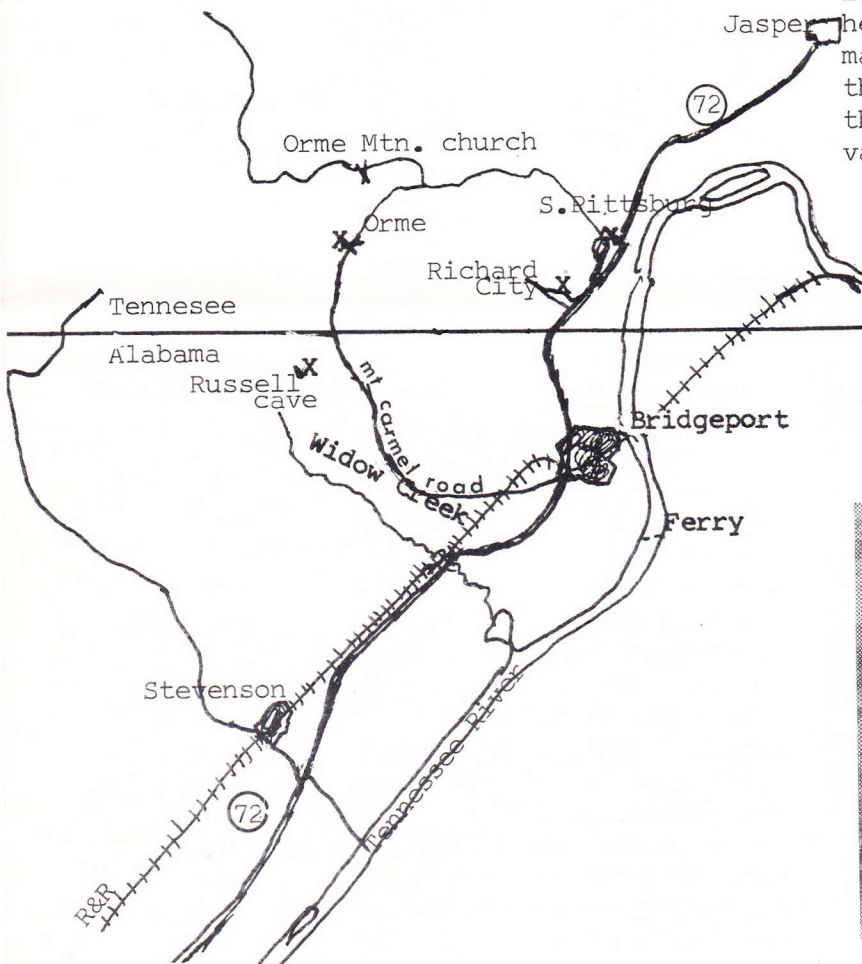
Taken in 1926 at Richard City on the Alabama Tennessee state line.

This is the Old Matt Haggard house that he built in around 1900. Many holiness meetings were conducted here in the old days. Preachers like, Bro. Tom Perry, Bro. Sam Bates, Bro. Tom Austin, Bro. Bob Cox and many more were seen and heard here. It sets on high ground with a most beautiful view in all directions. There is lower country all around it with the mountains as a backdrop in which ever way you look. Bro. Matt's two sons who are old men now live here. They are Dan and Leroy.



We have a sad note that we will not dwell on. There is not much left of the great work that God begun here in Bridgeport. Satan did his work well for many false doctrines and other things scattered the flock many years ago. But in the former years the beauty of Holiness shone in these hills and valleys.

Women standing: Sis. America Henson, Sis. Fannie Henson, Sis. Lily Cox, Sis. Ellie King, Sis. Mary Cox, Sis. Ethel Stevens and Sis. Lena Williams (Bro. George's wife).
 Men; Bro. Jess Murphy, Bro. Bob Henson, Bro. George Williams, Bro. Carl Maynor, Bro. Bobby Cox and Bro. Jim Lanie.



LAVERGNE: Everyone enjoyed the first Lord's supper here at LAVERGNE on the 4th Sunday evening of May. The Lord was with them in sweet love and Sis. Mabel Stanridge commented that it was one of the best one she had been at in 24 years. Bro. Harvey Cardin said he was the first one in to get his feet washed in this church. Bro. Bill / William Knight was beside himself in the love and tender goodness of the Lord as he edified the hearts of the saints as he praised the Lord.

Services at LAVERGNE

Meetings are held here every Sunday night and Wednesday night.

The 1st and 2nd weekend; only on Sunday night and Wednesday night.

3rd weekend: meetings are every Saturday Night, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

4th weekend is their main weekend with meetings on Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night. Sunday night being the time set apart to honor the Lord's Supper and to wash the saints feet in love.

A request for prayer



Pauline Shipinski

To those who don't know this little girl, I'd like to introduce her to you. Pauline Shipinski. She is 4 years old. She's had several serious illnesses since birth, but by the Lord's help, she's come a long way. She is still to talk except for a few words she's tried to say from time to time.

I'd like to ask all the children of God to pray for her because she does need more help.

Her parents are Sis. Pat and John Shipinski, Jr., and has an older sister, Kathleen. Sis. Pat is the grand-daughter of Sis. Bell and Bro. Doug Miller from Elkwood.

Sis. Pat and family live in Chicago, Ill. and go to MARKHAM church. Pauline's father wasn't raised in Holiness, but is going to the altar, he seems sincere in seeking the Lord.

This is a good family and I'm sure they'd appreciate all the prayers. I'd like to thank everyone, also.

Sis. Betty Posey
(Markham)

On the 3rd weekend at BLACK OAK, Bro. Leroy Duvall was encouraging the saints in such a peaceful way to not spend their money foolishly while their are children of God needing help.

WILLIAMS COVE: The Lord is still blessing in the Cove. Bro. Harvey Cardin's wife, Sis. Myrtle tells of coming into church here late during the 4th week in May. She was suffering from a badly sprained ankle. Bro. Pope Vandiver came across the church, she thought to shake hands with her but in stead he laid hands on her and she said, "I felt the Lord come in at my head and go out my feet", and her sprained ankle started easing up... The Lord has been blessing here for quite some time now.

I waited to late

When in my youth, I held my head high,
I wouldn't look to Jesus whenever he
passed by.

Oh yes, I heard His pleading cry,
But I turned away with a heavy sigh,
I'll seek Him some day

I said, time and again, But for today
Let me enjoy the pleasure of sin.

Oh yes, He called out many times
But I wouldn't listen to His voice so
divine.

Now that I'am old and death is so near,
I've tried to pray but He doesn't hear.

No hope, no hope cries my soul in agony,
For Jesus is no longer pleading for me.

Yes, long ago I held my head high,
No time for Jesus I let Him pass by.

Now I try to seek Him,
After living my life of sin,
But in my heart I know he'll never call
me agin.

Now if He is pleading with you today,
Come while He waits He waits.

Soon it will be to late

This poem was written by Sis. Martha Sue Helton's twin sister. She wrote it from the depths of her heart. This is not a Glad Tidings poem for it was composed by a lady that put Christ off when He wanted her and when she finally decided she wanted Him, He had quit calling her. GOD WILL NOT STRIVE WITH MAN ALWAYS.

OLD SARDIS: The Lord has been good to these saints. On the 2nd Sunday in May He was in their midst with good preaching, good testimonies and good singing. Everyone seemed so pleasant as they rejoiced together in the Lord. Bro. Dewy Barrier was talking about it being mothers day and how his mind was on a part of a chapter in Proverbs in which he read and exhorted all mothers and wives to try their lives with this scripture;

Who can find a virtuous women? for her price is far above the price of rubies.

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

She is like a merchants ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vinyard.

She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed in scarlet.

She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

Strenght and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excelleth them all.

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a women that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised

Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her works praise her in the gates.

Bro. Dewey let it be known that when a woman lived up to this sripture, she was not a busybody, going from house to house or telephone to telephone talking things they

ought not. Nor was she one who talked evil of her husband. And with other words did he encourage the sisters to fear God in all things.

Bro. Lloyd Smith was blessed as he kept repeating those good words, "The battle is the Lord's."

Sis. Bailey was at church this morning. She has been in poor health of late and can not come out as often as she would. The night before, the sisters here at OLD SARDIS took her the Lord's Supper and in love washed her feet one more time. It was touching and filled with God's love.

BIG COVE: More good news from the Cove. Two more have come to the Lord here. On the 2nd Sunday eveing of April Johnny Peyton receive the Lord. On the 4th Sunday evening, Sis. Thelma Rich's daughter, Sis. Theresa received the Holy Ghost. The Lord has been blessing here. They have had the Word of the Lord preached among them.



Sis. Theresa Rich



Bro. Lonza Byrum and Bro. Mitchell Drake holding the cake that was given to Bro. Mitchell at his 65th birthday at a dinner the church here in BIG COVE had spread for him on the 1st Sunday in May.

to live in his love

Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:

And the second (commandment) is like unto it,

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

The Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law...Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor.

...by love serve one another.

...love... against such there is no law.

... that love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgement.

... having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

...putting on the breastplate of faith and love.

...and follow after...love.

For God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and love.

Let brotherly love continue.

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently (great warmth of feeling).

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His loveth is perfected in us

God is love

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear.

For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

He that loveth God loveth his brother also.

Love your enemies.

If you love them that love you, what reward have you? do not even the publicans the same?

For this is the message that ye have heard from the beginning, that you should love one another.

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

...That we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

That ye being rooted and grounded in love.

Forbearing one another in love.

Being knit together in love.

And to know the love of Christ that passeth all knowlege. Amen.

Give Your Love

It was a meeting of Love at PLEASANT GROVE on the 22nd of May, Thursday evening. After the first prayer the song, "Oh, Yes I'll Live in Glory" was sung and the love of God was here. Bro. Jack Denson was up and exhorting the church to love one another especially those who are feeling weak and lowly. He stirred up the saints as he laid hands on many and the love of God seemed to grow and grow. This love continued as others were telling the same good news, "Let us love one another." Bro. David Jones from Huntsville was rejoicing before the Lord as he said if you keep Christ's commandment you will love your brother. He told of the time the Lord gave him this scripture, THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU." Bro. Horace Williams who has just moved down from Indiana and is now living in Scottsboro was the next to be talking for the Lord. He was saying how his mind was continually on this same thing, how for us to love our brother and sisters. This kind of love, he said, would reach way down into the pocket when some one was in need. Bro. Horace quoted from I John, FOR HE THAT LOVETH NOT HIS BROTHER WHOM HE HATH SEEN, HOW CAN HE LOVE GOD WHOM HE HATH NOT SEEN?? The Lord blessed this saints all over the house in a wonderful way. Bro. Hodges Moore was up reading from Corinthians about Paul planting, Apollos watering but GOD GAVE THE INCREASE. At the end of his talk he read from the Word, THEREFORE LET NO MAN GLORY IN MEN. And he also pressed the church to listen to what the brethren had just been exhorting them to: To love one another. Bro. Tom Buckner wanted all to know that when we talk of loveing one another, that did not mean just in your community but over the next hill and valley. Every body, every where. There were more good edifying words said this evening, like Bro. Buford West as he talked to those without Christ. The Lord blessed him. Sis. Vickie West (Mike's wife) was telling how she came to the Lord and it was good. A young man from the upper end of Sand Mountain, Bro. Edwin Spurgeon, didn't say a whole lot but the feeling he brought when he testified was edifying to the heart. This was a good holiness meeting.

TIFTONIA: "The Lord blessed His children here at TIFTONIA the other Sunday night. Sis. Faye Hill was free in the Spirit. She said that was the best she had felt in the Lord in a good while. Bro. Morgan Fortner was out under the power several times during this service.

The Lord wonderfully blessed Bro. Billy Parker in setting the Lord's supper on the 3rd Saturday night. (in May) This was a good time in the Lord as He blessed almost all the saints after they had washed one another's feet."

The Lord so abundantly blessed Bro. Luther Hill on the 4th Sunday evening here. He was even on his knees as he was testifying. The Lord has blessed him at also at GRASSY MTN lately.



Sis. Louise and Jamey

On a Monday evening the Principal brought Jamey (my son) home from school. He had hurt his leg on the playground. He carried him in from the car because he couldn't walk and his leg was swelling. He thought it might be broken or a real bad muscle strain. He offered to take him to the doctor and have it X-rayed, but I felt like if I could get some of the children of God word, it would be alright. I knew the Lord could heal it. Sis. Mildred Laney drove up. She had a feeling to come over here. I thank God for sending her.

I called Sis. Sharon Parker and asked her to call some of the sisters, and in a little while the swelling was beginning to go down and he could move his leg. Sis. Charlotte Finlayson called to see how he was and while I was talking to her, Jamey quit crying and went to sleep. She said she had ask the Lord to let him go to sleep. I thank God for his children that can be so much help when we need Him in a hurry.

I now have another testimony because the Lord healed my son and he walks as well as ever.

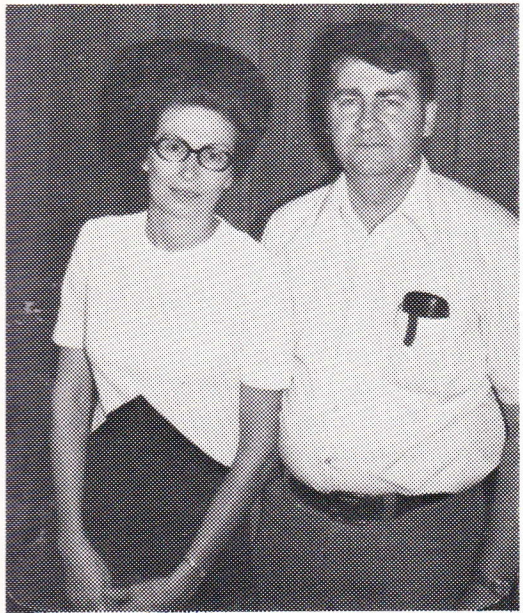
Sis. Louise Black

In May, Sis. Hilda Lawson, Bro. Ben House's daughter, from WILSON ROAD was taken very ill with kidney stones. Some of the saints were called in to pray for her. The Lord moved with her brother, Bro. Bobbie House, and he laid hands on her. She arose for she was immediatly healed as the stones departed and she is still doing find. The Lord works in a wonderful way.

At BEIRNES AVE, Bro. Dewey Barrier was talking about the seed of Abraham. He told of Abraham's wife Sarah agreeing to have a child by her hand maid Hagar. When the child was born, a son, he was called Ishmael. After Sarah had a child of her own by the name of Isaac she saw Ishmael mocking her own son. At this she had her husband to send out of the camp Ishmael for he shall not be a heir with her son. Though this grieved Abraham, he did as Sarah said beacuse it was of God. Hagar was then sent away with a pitcher of water and some food with her son. After many days in the desert the picther went dry and she laid the child under a bush to die as she went a good way off so she wouldn't see him die. God then called out of heaven, "What aileth thee Hagar?" He then told her to open her eyes, and she saw a well of water. They were rescued. Bro. Dewey then said, "If the pitcher goes dry, look for a well!"



Sis. Jean Moon was among a number of visitors to the BLACK OAK and SOUTH HAVEN churchs over the Memorial Day weekend. She was telling again how the Lord helped them come through the flood waters of the Tennessee River last year. Her husband was driving a low on the ground car and not a bit of water came in the car though they could paddle the water with their hands out the window on each side of the auto. A truck stalled right in front of them at first and it would go on. People were telling them to "Turn back, you can't travel this road." Her husband Virgil said, "How about it Jean??" She had a good feeling that the Lord would make the way as she said, "We can make it." And make it they did with the Lord leading the way. Bro. David Maples was having such a good time and as they were preparing to leave south, he came up to Sis. Pearlne Dudley with sweat pouring off of him saying, "It's a good thing, we'll have a new body over yonder." He was so hoarse he could hardly talk because of all of his shouting.



Sis. Idean and Bro. Estle Sanders

God put us in this way and God will keep us. When I started to seek the Holy Ghost, I thought I knew how to go to the Lord. Ten months later and a long ways off, I made it to the Lord at the foot of the cross.... Paul said, "I came not with excellency of speech or wisdom." I believe that when the Apostle Paul began to preach the Gospel he could have no doubt made a good speech that would have been good to listen to, but he came not with excellency of speech and that he knew nothing but Christ and Him crucified. That's what save my soul. When I made my first trip to the altar, I was setting on the second bench back there. I promised the Lord that day that some how I would try to seek Him, I was ready to go. I knew that God had been dealing with me a long time and stirring my soul. That night at time for altar call and they stood and started singing a song and there I stood seemed like I was clue in my shoes and you know I really had a fight with myself. But I went and ten months later I was baptised with the Holy Ghost....I would like just to read a little bit in the bible. In the 9th chapter of Acts the Lord started to work on old Paul and he had a lot of suffering ahead of him. **And Saul yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were**

men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. I don't know how many of you realize it or not but there has been a time that the people who claim the Lord Jesus Christ actually suffered, they chained them to the stake and they set them on fire and burned them. **And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus; and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him,"Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"** And he said, "Who art thou Lord." And the Lord said, "I am Je sus whom thou persecutist: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." And he trembling and astonished said, "What will thou have me to do? Paul was wanting to know what the Lord was wanting. We should be getting down asking the Lord what does he want me to do. Most of the times we make up our minds what we want to do and then ask God to lead us in it. The we wonder why we don't get results. You know children of God, the Lord knows what He wants done...Yea He searches the deep things of a man's heart and I've had Him a few times come to my rescue... **And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him to Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias, and he said, I am here Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus: for beholf he prayeth.** He was getting down to business, Bless the Lord! If I live to be a hundred I'll never forget how I was praying just before I got the Holy Ghost. Two or three night before the Lord gave me the Holy Ghost, I want to say, I prayed, I sought God. I had come to the place that I realised I was lost. Lost without God. **Behold he prayeth and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hands on him, that he might recieve his sight. Then Ananias answered the Lord, I have heard by many of this man this man and the evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.** We are save only by the grace of God.. (and with other words did Bro. Estle Sanders encourage people to pray and seek God and he would be found of them. This was during a feast of Charity at TIFTONIA on the 1st Sunday eveing of June. Bro. Estle is from LOOKOUT MTN where he is in charge of the services here.)

We know that we in no way come close to putting in Glad Tidings all the good things that God is continually doing among His children. There are many things that we don't hear about until later on. and that which we do know of we often lack the space to use it all but we appreciate all the good news that many of you send us. Keep up the good work.

WE STILL SEND THIS TO ANYONE JUST BY YOU SENDING YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

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