

GLAD THINGS

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It shall be called The way
of holiness

OF GOOD THINGS

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Bro. Sam Bates told Bro. Will Guffey this one time.

"I want you to listen, Will, to what I tell you. When you get to be too smart you'll grow too fast, and you'll be out of shape. Just take your time, and what you do, let it come to pass. Let it be done with love and joy and kindness."

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

The Lord helped Bro. Willard at TIFTONIA on Wenesday and Thursday evening, 3rd week of October. He dwelt mostly on God's love for man and our love and goodwill toward one another. He left the saints of God with no room for any ill will or animosity to any man. He refered to one not praying for another because of not liking their ways. "If that man is not doing right and you will not pray for him" said Bro. Willard, "That makes two people out of line. You and him!" (Amen) We have known Bro. Willard for a number of years but this was the most edifying and touching sermon we have heard him preach. He was recommending all the saints in all the the Lord's churchs. It was endearing to see this pilgrim provoking the children of God to love and good works in Christ Jesus.

A Thought

Bro. David Jones of Huntsville was heard to have said, "It's not important how people treat you, but rather how you treat people."

God is pleased with no music below so much as with the thankful songs of His saints.

Bro. Walter Higdon tells of a vision that the Lord gave to him. In it he saw a beautiful highway that was elevated up, going higher as it went. He also saw two exits from this highway. The one to the right said, "Your Way" and the one that turn off to the left said, "Destruction." These two exits went out and circled under this highway and linked up together under it. Your Way and Destruction are the same road.

Jesus Will Be Standing By Me

When troubles comes knocking,
And no one seems to care:
Why should I feel discouraged,
If the cross is hard to bear?
I have a friend who loves me,
He's all I'll ever need,
I know Jesus will stand by me.

Jesus will be standing by,
When there's no one else around,
He's a friend that I can count on,
He's never let me down:
He's led me up the highest hill,
Across the darkest sea:
I know Jesus will stand by me.

When life on earth has ended,
And time shall be no more,
We'll find a mansion waiting,
Over on the golden shore:
I'll have someone to guide me,
Across the stormy sea,
I know Jesus will stand by me.



Sis. Doris and Bro. Ernie Holman

This was written by Sis. Doris Holman of Scottsboro. Sis. Doris and her husband Bro. Ernie are both accomplished singers. Bro. Ernie is from Plevna and Sis. Doris is from Skyline. What is best of all is that the both love the Lord. Sis. Doris has been asked to sing this song in solo lately and it is beautiful to hear.

Follow peace...& holiness...

A man came in our country and he preached, **follow peace with all men and Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.** I thought to myself, "That isn't in the bible, I never heard tell of it being in there and I've heard a hundred preachers talk. I had never read three verses from the bible in my life. I went home and got the bible. It had dust all over it. I didn't know one book from another, I guess the Lord hope me. I read that scripture in there, it opened to it. It said, **follow peace with all men and Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.** That meant Higdon, Moore and everbody, he was talking to everybody. God made this plan, I didn't have anything to do with it...don't be deceived. What did Jesus tell his didciples when they were talking to him, **master what will be the signs of thy coming and the end of the world?** The first thing the Lord said was, **Take heed that ye be not deceived!** Is it possible for someone to be deceived? Why sure it is! God's word is right. On the Day of Pentecost they were all in one place and in one accord when **suddenly there came a sound from heaven like a mighty wind and it filled all the house that they were sitting, and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.** It doesn't say anything else is right but that. It will pay us just to tell folks the truth, rather than pat them on the back and get them fooled up in our ideas and opinions. Then it well be right when Jesus comes back. I love the old pentecostal Way. This other stuff you can have. There's going to be somebody attending to it one of these days and it isn't going to be me. There are all kinds of doctrines in the world today deceiving the hearts of the simple. God doesn't deceive anyone. The Holy Ghost doesn't deceive anyone. It is to lead and guide us and direct us in the ways of all truth and righteousness, bringing to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you. I want to ask a question. Can you walk in righteousness, can you speak the truth, can you do what you ought to do, without the Spirit of God? No, you cannot! There are people today that say they are saved without the Holy Ghost. If you are saved, what do you need with the Holy Ghost?... God said, **"without the Spirit of Christ you are none of His."** Bro. Billy, I like the way of Holiness. I like to see people stand for it. There are too many people deceived because they can't take the pressure of the doctrine. Bro. Hodges, I like the Word of God just like it is. It will separate the men from the boys. **Line upon line, and precept upon precept, rightly dividing this thing...** I would like to see everyone of you people with the Holy Ghost. If you ever hear the Lord say well done at the judgement bar of God, it will be because you done well. If you hear him say, "Well done", you will speak in tongues before you leave this world. That's the evidence of the Spirit of God. It came on them people on the Day of Pentecost. Now there's a lot of things they set up these days. They don't use that (speak in tongues) but it's what God said about it in His word. When Paul came down through the upper coast of Ephesus and finding certain disciples, what is a disciple? He's a follower, going along doing the best he can. When Paul got here he said, **Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?** and they said unto him, **We have not so much as heard there be any Holy Ghost.** And he said unto them, **Unto what then were ye baptised?** They said unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, **John merely baptized with the baptism of repentance** After Paul baptised them in the Lord's name here's what happened, Paul layed his hands on them and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. If they didn't have to have it (the Holy Ghost) I don't believe Paul would have wasted his time preaching to them about it, would he? No...They had to have it (to see glory). I'm trying to hold to the Word of God. It reproves me once in a while, but I know that it is right. It will yield the peaceful fruits of righteousness to everyone who obeys it.+++++ I had went to the end of my road and I was telling the Lord, "Thy will be done". I told him "Lord if you want me, and I ain't done too much, just come into my life." I tell you the truth, I felt the Spirit of God come into my fingers and went down in my shoulders. I went down in the floor. I didn't know where I was at, but when I came back with any knowledge, the Spirit of God was testifying and I was happy as I could be. You people that's lost get your life cleaned up and the blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse you from all sin and unrighteousness. That was the preparation that was made. Now you can quit some things, quit going some places you have been going and quit doing some of the things you have been doing, but when it comes to stopping the cause, that cause you to do these things, it will take the blood of Jesus Christ. You can quit things but there was a cause down there in your heart that made you want to do that. The blood of Christ will do the job. There are so many deceiving spirits out in the world. Every spirit that confesses not that Jesus is come in the flesh is not of God. The Lord blessed this Elder

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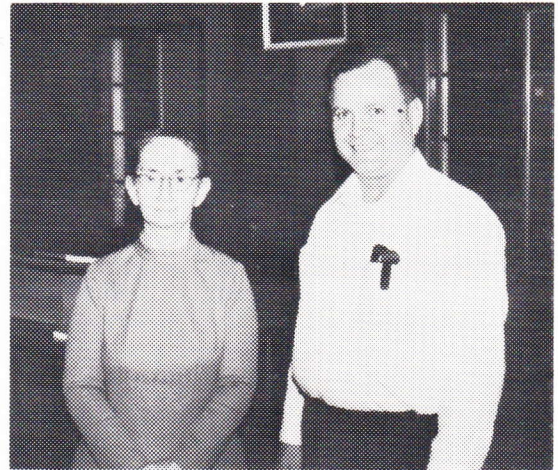
CAVE SPRINGS: The Lord has really blessed recently here at CAVE SPRINGS. We began a revival service starting the 1st weekend of October. The love of God was showered upon the children of God during these services. We had visitors from several different churches and we were blessed by their presence. Bro. Hoyt McAllister from ROCKY BRANCH was really free in the Lord. Bro Dewey was here on Tuesday night and the Lord blessed him in talking. We really enjoyed him. Bro. Mitt McAllister visited us and the saints really love this old minister of God. We labored all week with the people who are trying to get to God and our efforts were rewarded the 2nd Sunday. Sis. Kim Wilburn rec'd the Holy Ghost and we're so proud of her. She and her family having been coming to our church for almost two years and we're thankful that God's mercy was extended to her. We at CAVE SPRINGS desire your prayers for we are on our way to Glory.

Bro. Bill Brewer

I'd been around Holiness people enough to see that there was something there. I wanted it. We was down at WILLIAMS COVE meeting in an old A model car. Bro. Lawrence Brown was just a young fellow and he raised up way over in the corner to testify and raised his hands. The Spirit of God was ahold of him. He didn't probably know I was there but it had a bearing on me. I begin to talk to the Lord for I wanted to do right. I hadn't been raised up in a Christian home and I didn't know nothing about the Lord. In my unlearned way I began to beg the Lord....I wanted to be a child of God. I'd been around differnt denominations and I worked with them, you know people who went to church and claimed to be a Christian.... I knew that they done the same thing that I done and they didn't seem to think anything about it. They acted like it was alright. They would cuss, they would drink. Me just being an unlearned boy, I thought "Lord I want what it takes." Somehow I didn't have no confidence in those people, it didn't have any bearing on me. I got around Holiness people like Bro. Clarence Williams, Bro. Buck Brooks and all them that had the Holy Ghost and all this bunch up here in CRABTREES COVE. I had wandered off over there and heard them. One time I was on the outside of the house (in the Cove) when they got down to pray. I hadn't ever heard anything like that before. I remembered some of them got up to testify and when they sit down their feet just patted a tune on the floor. It just got my attention 100%. I started praying and telling the Lord I wanted just whatever was right. I remember one day... I couldn't stop this side of the Holy Ghost. One day above the house when I was praying and I felt so light.

I thought that maybe I've got what it'll take, but the Lord wouldn't let me stop there. I prayed again and got the Holy Ghost and I never have felt dissatisfied again. I want to thank the Lord!

This was Bro. Vernon Stevens testifying at his home church, SKYLINE, on the first Wednesday evening of September. It was edifying to the soul.



Sis. Sybil and Bro. Vernon Stevens

On the 3rd Sunday of September, the Lord was good to the saints at HILL'S CHAPEL. He gave the Holy Ghost to Larry Cloud. The Lord's great mercy and grace was still flowing and two more souls were added to God's great family. They were Sis. Alice Stapler and Bro. Kenneth Stapler. Sis. Alice is the daughter-in-law of Sis. Teen Stapler. She wasn't raised in Holiness but were thankful the Lord's mercy was extended to her. Bro. Kenneth is the son of Bro. Glyde Stapler who has been called away to be with the Lord. The Lord blessed wonderful in this service and the saints rejoiced in the love of God.

B.B.

Correction

In the last issue we made an error in the Shake Rag History. Where we have Bro. Houston Sardent and wife, it should have been Bro. Jim Mills and wife Sis. Jennie and the baby is their daughter Ethel and the little boy almost out of the picture is their son Walter. We are sorry for our mistake and glad to make a correction.

Blessedness is promised to the peace maker, not the conqueror.

Ahh, the Lord wonderfully blessed Bro. Coleman Sanders at NYLA on the last night of their October revival. He was over in the hands of the Lord to the saints enjoyment (and his).

"FOLLOW ME" – "FOLLOW ME!"

SCOTTSBORO; (9/9/75) Bro. Jack Denson reading from the 21st chapter of John; Simon Peter saith unto them, I go fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children have ye any meat? They answered him No. And he said unto them Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Bro. Jack exhorted the church that if their work and toil seemed worthless, start listening to the Lord and do as He says. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved (John) saith unto Peter It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fishers coat unto him (for he was naked) and did cast himself into the sea. And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were 200 cubits (about 300 feet) dragging the net with the fishes. As soon the as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon and bread. The Lord always is taking care of His childrens needs. Jesus saith unto them Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an 150 and 3: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread and giveth them, and fish likewise. This is now the third time Jesus shewed himself to His disciples, after that he was risen from the dead. So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas. lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him Yea Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. These are young saints of God who are yet on the milk of the Word. He saith unto him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, loveth thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another

shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake He, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. Then Peter turning about, seeth the disciple that Jesus loved following; which also leaned on His breast at supper, and said Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him (John) saith unto Jesus, Lord and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, IF I WILL THAT HE TARRY TILL I COME, WHAT IS THAT TO THEE? FOLLOW THOU ME. Oh, how sweet this sounded as the Lord was ahold of Bro. Jack Denson and used these words to go down into the hearts of the saints. The Lord was then blessing all around the church with Bro. Jack in the middle with love bubbleing in every corner. Bro. Jack kept on dwelling on **What is that to thee? follow thou me**. There were many other good things said and testimonies given this night but it was the Word of God that went deep and stirred up the soul. We were present but did nothing as far as testifying goes but we left here with a warm glow in our souls. The following days it was still there as we thought on, What is that to thee, follow thou me. The word of God had renewed up our mind in Christ. **What is that to thee , follow thou me. Amen!**



It was so good to hear how wonderfully the Lord blessed Sis. Carolyn LaHane at SOUTH Haven one evening in September. She was free all over the church house to the edification of all the saints. She is married to a north-er, Bro. Larry Lahane who has had the Holy Ghost for sometime now and really loves the Lord. He has trouble with his eyes and he is trusting the Lord to heal them. Remember him to God when you all pray.



Bro. Larry and Sis. Carolyn Lahane

SKYLINE's 1st Sunday weekend (September) all three meetings were wonderful. The children of God took communion and ended up with an old time handshake.

Sunday morning found the children of God still rejoicing. Bro. Eli Smith was preaching about looking at other people, to examine our selves and if we were doing something we knew was wrong, we had better get rid of it. And when we were born in this way, we were a perfect baby, but we could not stay a baby, we had to grow in the Lord. Bro. Jack Denson was feeling tired in his body and just got up to say a few words. The Lord got ahold of him and he didn't think he would feel that good.

Sunday night the sweet peace of God was still flowing. Bro. Ed Avons (HYTOP) was stretched out in the floor under the power of God. He got up leaping and praising God. He certainly edified the church. His daughter, Sis. Susan was rejoicing in the Lord also. Sis. Irene Paradise was led to lay hands on many of the children of God. Sis. Annie Ruth Brewer edified in her testimony. She said it came to her mind, if you came to her house for dinner, she would invite you to the table and make you as welcome as she could. When we come to the house of God we are there to receive food. When we get up to testify and the children of God begin to pray for you and say "help them Lord" we are inviting them to eat. Sis. Lillie and Bro. Floyd Wright were still rejoicing and telling how the Lord gave them power over a rattle snake last week. Sis. Lillie had been praying for the Lord to let her take up another one before she died, "if it was His will." She drove up in her yard last Wenesday and there it was waiting on her. Bro. Floyd said the power got on her and she just walked over and picked it up. It made me feel good to know that the signs are following the children of God. So many of the children of God received strength, I can not call all of their names, God knows about them.

Bro. Bobby Gifford is one of our new ones. He really edified the children of God when he told about before he came to the Lord, his aunt, Sister Modina Miller, would ride to work with him. He said she really got on his nerves. We all know why. She was talking about the Lord to him. He was condemned. Bro. Bobby said he had been a rough man, but he started repenting and making the Lord some promises. It wasn't long until God filled him with the good Holy Ghost.

A Sister in Christ

The saint here at SKYLINE are still talking about the meeting they had this weekend. Bro. Frank Guffey spoke like the Lord's supper was one of the best he was ever in. Some said when the unleaven bread was passed around it was sweet to the taste.

Dearest Children of God

Here I sit in my kitchen writing to my big family.

Today is my birthday and the most special one in my life. I'm one year old in the Lord today. The Lord and me have made it a whole year.

I can see how I need to learn and try harder. I can remember the lessons I've learned, some painful but very necessary and some happy.

I have so much to be thankful for. I know the Lord has stood by my side, and for that I sure am grateful, I can't make it one day without him.

I wanted to write a little letter to all the children of God and tell ya, that I may not be the best at expressing myself, but I love my big family with all my heart. I am thankful for the prayers ya have prayed for me and my family and for the kindness and patience you have shown me.

I reckon ya won't get this until time for your Lord's Supper and how I'd love to be there. So take this letter as my testimony, because while ya are in church, I'm gonna be in the living room testifying too.

I love ya

Sister Beth

P.S. Sing "my" song!

This beautiful letter was written by Sis. Beth Smith who is with her husband who is station in Las Vegas Nevada. She rec'd the Holy Ghost last year at SKYLINE and it was to this church that it was written. Her song is "I'll Make It All Right." Another one she like very much is Walking On The Sea. Her address is:
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BIG COVE: We had a wonderful revival. The Lord sure did bless all through the week. On Monday night, August 4th, Debbie Ballew rec'd the Holy Ghost. She is the grand-daughter of Sis. Bessie Bunch. Then on Thursday night August 7th Avis Certain another grand-daughter of Sis. Bessie, and Tammy Pinkerton a grand-daughter of Sis. Julia Pinkerton both rec'd the Holy Ghost. There was a wonderful feeling all through the services with Bro. Frank Guffey of SKYLINE helping and the Lord blessed him. Saturday night and Sunday morning, Bro. Hoyt Dalton and Bro. Frank both really made good talks. Sunday Bro. Frank talked from the 3rd chapter of 1st Peter to the women first, instucting them how to live. Then to the men. Several arose and said his words were to them and they wanted to "Move up!" The Lord blessed them. Most everyone rejoiced in the Lord through this week.

Sis. Lois Burke

Remebering at Gunters Mtn.

Bro. John Maynor's wife, Sis. Rhoda and Bro. Jim Thurmond's wife, Sis. Laura were sisters. Bro. Jim was originally from Gunters Mtn. but he was seen a lot in Shake Rag where he heard Bro. Sam Bates and Bro. Tom Perry preach the way of the Lord. When back in the Oak Grove community on Gunters Mtn. he told about these ministers and the message they preached and it raised the interest of some. One of these was a young man by the name of William B. Guffey the son of Ephriam Guffey. He went with Bro. Jim on one of his trips to Shake Rag to see and hear this new doctrine that was being talked so much about. He saw first hand these preachers and the way they done as they had meetings in houses, old stables, in brush arbors and under trees. He was amazed when he saw the power of God among them. On his return to the mountain he told of what he had seen and how that he had invited them to come out on the mountain to have services. Before the Holiness men got there, the local minister went around the settlement and warned the church members to stay away from those "holy rollers" for they were deceivers, "They're low down, ther're sorry." He went as far as to tell them that these people had a pouch under their arm with tube running down in their sleeve. "They'll get up" he said, "And walk around and say "Praise the Lord" and "Glory to God" and wave their hands and this will spray you with that powder and it will caues you to fall and jump like a frog and you'll roll and etc. Will Guffey told his younger brother Jim who liked to joke and carry on, to be careful what he said or done to these men when they came. He told how if they prayed for you, you would fall in the floor and not be able to get up until they prayed for you again. Jim said that he certainly would be careful. Bro. Tom Perry came with his wife Sis. Bertha. Before meeting he was sized up by the few who came out. They noticed that he was quiet and dressed neat and clean as he set under a tree by the church house. (This church is about where the present church on Gunters Mtn. is today) Bro. Tom pulled out his watch and rose to his feet as he said, "Let's go in the house it's time for service." After saying a few words, he said "Let's all pray" as he and his wife went to their knees and prayed. When he arose he said, "Let's sing a song" which was How I Came To Love These Pilgrims. These people had never heard this song before. As he went on singing and the tears started rolling down his face as the Spirit of God moved him around a little bit. People in the audience later told how they had lumps come up in their throats as they watched so intently. Then he preached as though the house was full and at the end of his talked he gave out meeting for that evening. He told them to tell everybody to come and bring your bible, be sure to bring your bibles. If they are any preachers in the community bring them out also. Jim Guffey took them home with them on orders from his Dad who try to treat all men good. The local preacher was working for Ephriam at the time and he was there also for dinner. Before he was intröduced to the preacher, Bro Tom asked him if he was a minister in which the man said he was and told him he had been preaching for forty-five years. They started talking on salvation, on repentence they agreed, on water baptism they agreed. They were going right along together until Bro Tom led him to the Holy Ghost. At this he jumped up and denied it very heatedly, saying, "it's not bible, it's not bible, it's not in there!" To this, calm Bro. Tom replied, "Now wait a minute. You say you have been preaching for forty-five years and you say it's not in the bible. What have you been telling the people? The preacher went on with, "It's not in the bible. Emphatically it is not!" When Bro. Tom suggested that they let the bible settled this discussion the preachers left still say, "It's not bible, It's not bible." Later that evening, the Word of God was preached at Prospect Baptist church and also the following evening. By this time Ephriam's wife Betty decided that she wanted the Holy Ghost and that she would pray when a chance was given. When Bro. Tom again said, "Let's pray" Betty was there praying with them. Her hands were up and the Lord was trembling her and over she went in the floor. Bro. Tom went to Betty's son who was about 18 years old and asked him if he wanted to see his Momma. Jim saw that she had the Holy Ghost and didn't know what to do so he decided to get out of there. But when he realized what was going on, he was on his back in the floor and he had the Holy Ghost too. This was on the 9th day of November, 1911. Holiness had come to Gunters Mtn. The following morning at the Guffey home things were happening. Sis. Betty and her son Bro. Jim were full of singing and praising the Lord. Ephriam was not. Last night he saw his wife and son born again. He was empty and lost and needed the Holy Ghost. He left the house and walked around his 240 acre farm as he mused over his condition and what the preacher had said about forsaken houses and land, wife and children. When he returned to the house he told his wife he was leaving and was giving everything to her. He left heading down to the stable and Sis. Betty hurriedly told Sis. Bertha who was staying with them what her husband had done and how he was leaving her. Sis. Bertha fell to her knees and called to the Lord, "Strike him down Lord!" as Ephriam Guffey hit the ground part way between the house and barn. One of the boys was sent to fetch the men of God. Bro. Sam Bates and Bro. Tom Perry came with hats in their hands and they went in the house with "Let's see what the Lord will do!". He gave Ephriam the Holy Ghost and

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a happy man he was. He caught Bro. Tom by the ankles as he raised him to the rafters. (This was verified by more than one witness for he had amazing strength). The next to come to the Lord was W.B. Guffey known throughout Holiness as Bro. Will. Three days after his conversion he was ordained by the Lord to carry the Gospel which he did for many years and he is still with us today. Bro. Jim Mills was born again about the same time. He had done his best to live a christian life but in spite of himself he couldn't keep from sinning. When he would sin he would not just run over it but would acknowledge his guilt before the Lord and pray for His forgiveness. As this went on there developed a deep dissatisfaction with this way of doing but he did not know of any other way to do. It seemed that he didn't have the right tools to do the job with and it seemed there ought to be a better way. This frustration found it's way into words one day when he and another member of the church were out by themselves. Bro. Jim said, "It looks like that if God is so against sin, and as powerful and strong as He is, that would give a man something to keep him from sinning." His companion said, "Well, I've been satisfied ever since I joined the church." Another incident that greatly disturbed him, the clerk of his church died and as he was dying he said he saw Satan at the foot of his bed waiting for him. He died a terrible death. He saw and heard all of this. A voice within him said, "Now that's the clerk of the church and if what he saw was true, what's going to happen to you." About this time Bro. Perry and Bro. Bates were preaching Holiness here. Jim Mills heard and listen to this Way and went home and read his bible. Once when reading the 14th chapt. of 1st Cor. he put his bible down and said to those present, "These people have the Spirit from God that I don't have and I'll have it or go to hell seeking after it!" He began seeking the Lord. His mother on her dying bed had her children come around and promise her that they wouldn't have anything to do with this new way. Jim was the only one that wouldn't do it. As it happened he was the only one of his family that came to the Lord. He received the Holy Ghost. He was taken from among us this past summer at PLEVNA where he lived for many years. Many more were coming to the Lord here. Some of the first ones were Bro. Doc Duvall, Sis. Annie Matt (Smith) Gamble, Sis. Neffie Coburn, Bro. Seaborn and Sis. Betty Evans, Bro. Sye Guffey (Bro. Ephriam's dad), Bro. Will Gray, the Weeks family, and on and on they came. The way of God was bursting forth on this mountain like springs of living waters. Bro. Henry McLain who was just a young lad at the time tells: "The Word of God was falling like rain as Bro. Tom Perry was running up and down among the people saying, "We are not here to condemn your religion, we are just out here asking you, would you have more if it was for you? All that would have more if it was for you, hold up your hand!" As a number of hands would go up he then ask all that wanted to seek God to come to the altar. As they got up and started coming, some wouldn't make it out from behind the benches before they would fall under the power of God. Bro. Sam Bates would roll them over if they were on their stomcah and lay hands on them and they would speak in tongues. That was like the day of Pentecost.... Back then when the sisters were up testifying, they stood in their tracks with the fear of God all around them as they turned pale as a corpse and spoke in divers kind of tongues. When they moved it was usually when the Spirit of God caused them to fall in the floor. These olds ones were laying out the ways of the Lord."

Bro. Ephrim Guffey and Bro. Charlie Raisler's lands join. Where they joined was where the saints on this mountain built their first church. (Bro. John Walls lived where the Bro. Ephrim Guffeys place was) It was built in 1915 or before. Some say this was the first Holiness church house built in the state of Alabama. Years later they built another up on the upper end of the mountain near where Bro. Claude Gamble lived. It was given the name of "Kelly's Chapel. In the early 1950s the present church was built. It was erected by the old original Baptist church. It is called Oak Grove Holiness church but it is still commonly know as GUNTERS Mtn. Through the years this place seemed almost like a headquarters of Holiness as many, many of the saints would come from far and near to be here for church services. Even today on the regular 3rd Sunday one will see a number of visitors with a large group of the ministers. Bro. Will Guffey remembers many times when the crowd that spent the night at his home slept from wall to wall on "Holiness palletts" and for breakfast, Sis. Flossie, his wife would used a 25 pound bag of flour to feed this large number. But no one seemed to mind, all they cared about was the Lord and the love they had for one another.

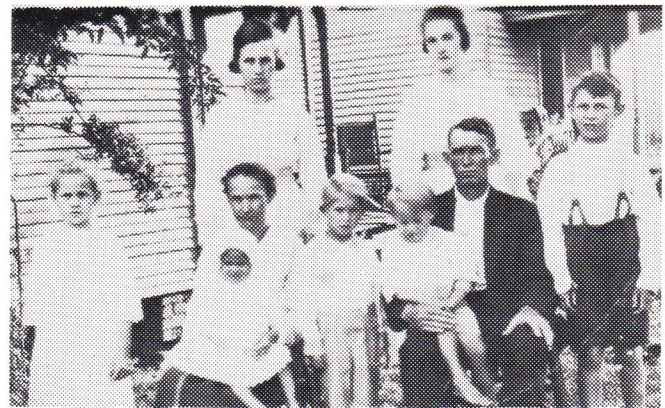
The Way of the Lord took a foothold on Gunters Mountain that has lasted up until now. From the very first Holiness bloomed like a spring flower and in just a matter of months there were church house full of children of God here. All of the old ones can tell you of many great things that the Lord has done as He tried to establish His people here. It was the first church (gathering) among us that held out through all the workings of Satan as he spread his brands of deceit and doctrines of men amid God's assembly.



Bro. Ramsey and Sis. Louise Otanger with their four daughters, Pauline (between them, Dephery, ????? and Mary Lelie.



Bro. Homer Guffey



The Mills Family: Cora (Murray), Bertha (Holman)-Standing. Ethel (Pearson), Jenny with Lether in lap, Orvil, Grady, Jim Mills and Walter.



Bro. Jim Mills and Bro. Will Guffey



Bro. Willis Brown and Bro. Jim Guffey



Bro. George and Sis. Cindy McLain
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This picture was taken around 1915

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| 1.Sie Guffey | 34.????Duvall | 67.Seaborn Evans |
| 2. Sam Sparkman | 35.????? | 68.Jim Mills |
| 3.Curtis Gibson | 36.Fate Morrow | 69.Henry Robinson |
| 4.Doc Duvall | 37.Leona Perry | 70.Jim Allison |
| 5.???? | 38.???? | 71.Ollie Robinson |
| 6.Parlee Dunn | 39.Mattie Gray | 72.Gladioisa Robinson |
| 7.???Morrow | 40.Cindy McLain | 73.Homer Guffey |
| 8.Mary Lessie Otanger | 41.Lonnie Sampson | 74.Ella Robinson |
| 9.Renee Duvall | 42.Obie McLain | 75.George McLain |
| 10.Ott Sampson | 43.Joe McLain | 76.Joe Mills |
| 11.Unas Duvall | 44.Idas Guffey | 77.Frank Guffey |
| 12.????? | 45.Flossie Guffey | 78.Lizzie Bonds |
| 13.Ula Raisler Watts | 46.Lizzie Guffey | 79.Street Bonds |
| 14.Bertha Mills Holman | 47.Eula Guffey (Homer's w.) | 80.Abb Bonds |
| 15.???? | 48.Lawrence Duvall | 81.Bossie Kite |
| 16.Mamie Rogers | 49.Leddie Allison | 82.Elmer Maloney |
| 17.Ed Dowey | 50.Emma Baker | 83.Charlie Raisler |
| 18.Mollie Kite | 51.????? | 84.Harley Bonds |
| 19.Betty Evans | 52.Crissy Allison | 85.Neffæe Coburn |
| 20.Vennie Guffy | 53.???Holcomb | 86.????? |
| 21.Defferie Otanger | 54.???Holcomb | 87.James Willmon |
| 22.????? | 55.???Holcomb | 88.Roy Guffey |
| 23.Odar Maloney | 56.Henry McLain | 89.Lonnie Willmon |
| 24.Joe W Morrow | 57.John Holcomb | 90.John Raisler |
| 25.Pauline Otanger | 58.Chessie Wilcox Guffey | 91.John Wile Guffey |
| 26.Louzie Otanger | 59.Gussie Allison Guffey | 92.Bunia Kite |
| 27.Melvinie Duvall | 60.Jessie Guffey | 93.Lee Burroughs |
| 28.Irene Willmon | 61.Fat Baker | 94.Bob Bonds |
| 29.????? | 62.Will Guffey | 95.Ramsey Otanger |
| 30.Ida Willmon | 63.Arna Helton | 96.Jeff Dunn |
| 31.????? | 64.Mexie Helton | 97.Henry Payne |
| 32.Geneva Raisler | 65.Tom Perry | 98.Betty Guffey |
| 33.Bertha Perry | 66.Obie Headrick | 99.Ulis Otanger |

Many of the old saints remember of a time when they were called in to pray for Sis. Gray on Gunters Mtn. They had met in more then once to pray and each time, the Lord would bless and Sis. Gray would get better. Before the saints would get home, word would come to them to come back for she was getting worse. (All they knew or cared about was trusting the Lord in those days) This time they again prayed and still without much success until Bro. Will Guffey started talking concerning the Word of God and how it commanded the women to be in subjection to her own husband in all things. At this, Sis. Louizie Otanger arose and told the church that the Word of God, "Had found her." Her husband, Bro. Ramsey like to moved around quite a bit, like buying a farm on Gunters Mtn and living there for awhile then selling out and moving to Sand Mtn and buying another place. Sis. Otanger told how she had got tired of this and had finally refused to sign the deeds where her husband couldn't sell their farm. This day though, she was willing to sign the deeds because she wanted to live the Word of God and obey her husband. While she was testifying, old Sis. Gray, threw the covers back and got out of bed shouting and praising God saying, "The Lord's healed me!" ##### Obedience is better then sacrifice.#####

This is Bro. Henry McLain telling about the earlier days of Holiness on Gunters Mtn.

"They had meetings around in the houses and under shade trees for they had no church house then. They were up there praying one night when Daddy (George McLain) came in mad and slammed his chair down. Ma said, "What's the matter with you." His reply was "Oh, them fox hounds up there a running!" Later I became sick with chills and fever. Finally Dad called for the Holiness people to come and pray for me. Bro. Jim, Bro. Will and Bro. Homer (maybe Bro. Tom Perry also) came and prayed. I was having a hard chill when they came in and prayed. After they started praying I saw Bro. Homer take out a little vial of oil and pour some in his hands, and the Spirit of the Lord came upon him. He was about 10 feet away and the Lord brought him over where I was at and he laid hands on me and that chill left and I just rolled out of bed and went out in the yard and started playing with the other young ones. They were still in there shouting. I have never had another chill in my life. After they left Daddy got his old black hat and went down in the woods and got down and prayed. He said Lord if you'll forgive me of what I said about those people and make me just like them, I'll live for you the rest of my life. And he did. He got the Holy Ghost.

Bro. Homer Guffey was Bro. Jim and Bro. Will's younger brother who came to the Lord some months after they did. He was used much by the Lord in healing. He passed away young, around the year of 1916. The day he left he called his brother Ernest to his side and told him how to get right with the Lord and then called Bro. Albert Mills to the bed side and asked him to go home with him. He then told them he was going home as he left here. The spirit of God was on his body long after his life had departed.



Bros. Tom Perry, Will Guffey, Wash Marrow and Homer Guffey

Bro. Will Guffey's recollection of coming to the Lord so many years ago.

"Bro. Tom Perry preached Holiness to me, him and Bro. Sam Bates. They gave me to understand that Jesus died for the people to come out from under the Law. That I had to die to sin, to be perfect, have the mind of Christ by being baptised into the Holy Ghost by the Spirit of God. That Christ's blood was shed to cleanse me of all my sins, once and for all. About two weeks after I heard the Word I started to seek for the Holy Ghost. I was seeking the Lord for about three months. Part of the time I was so hurt. I was hurt in my heart because I could tell that I was actually a lost man and Jesus said this: **"Follow peace with all men"**, and I wasn't a doing it. There was one feller that the Devil tried his best to make me keep a hating him. He said If you ever do intend to give that man a whipping you had better do it now before you get the Holy Ghost. I then went down to where they were going to have meeting, I got me some rocks and put in my pocket in case he said anything. I got down there and I told him what I'd come for. I said, "Now I've got it in for you and I'm gonna whip you!" (This man was Jim Mills who rec'd the Holy Ghost about the same time and Bro. Will, some say the same day. Bro. Jim passed on just this summer) Jim started saying, "Tsk, tsk, tsk. Why Will, I'm ashamed of you, why I wouldn't do nothing to hurt you for nothing." He just kept a talking til I like to have blowed down. I turned and walked away from him and I had to repent all the way up over the field there for what I had done to him, before I could even pray anymore. I finally rec'd the Holy Ghost and when I come to myself, I had the evidence of speaking in tongues. When I come to myself, my tongue was moving and I had no control over it. I was never so happy in my life. The Bible says: **When the Comforter is come, whom I will send from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye shall bear witness.** In a little while I was preaching the Word with signs following. They carried me to my church, the Missionary Baptist and withdrew from me and turned me out because I was preaching this Way. I went every where with the Word. We didn't have much, we were all so very poor but we loved the Lord. I'd like to say this, **"Follow peace with all men and Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord!**

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Anniversaries Celebrated



50th

Bro. Tos and Sis. Ellie West celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the PLEASANT GROVE community. They were married, July 26 1925. Sis. Ellie rec'd the Holy Ghost in 1914 and Bro. Tos (Samuel Hiwatha) came to the Lord in 1932. They have a lot of wonderful memories of how the Lord stood beside them all these years.



Bro. Robert and Sis. Cora Warren celebrated their 50 years of married life together on October 24th. They came to the Lord about 42 years ago under Bro. Courtney Thackerson at HYTOP. Bro. Robert leads service at NYLA.

Meetings over the third weekend in October were very good at TIFTONIA. They really started being good on the Thursday night service and each one after that was better. Sunday morning found the Lord blessing Bro. Emory Brown from HIGDON so good, also Sis. Mary Lee Higdon, who is also from HIGDON and others. Sunday evening service was beautiful with the Lord overshadowing this church. At times about everyone was up rejoicing at once. At one time, when many were on the floor, with everyone praying and shouting and clapping their hands, Sis. Mary Lee, Bro. Walter's wife, could be heard to say just a few words, but it sounded so good and true. "If you want God to work among you, be in one accord." Sis. Maxine Nance from HUNTSVILLE edified as she told how God let her hear the Word. It was so very edifying to listen as Bro. Denny Moore's wife, Sis. Wanda, (SCOTTSBORO) was telling how she came to God. Bro. Garl Cooper of HIGDON told about the Lord healing him of a heart-attack when he couldn't seem to live any longer. Bro. Billy Brewer and his wife Sis. Shirley were so happy in Christ. Sis. Sandy Finlayson was in the hands of the Lord and caused many of the saints to remember the scripture in Acts where the Apostle Peter said, THESE ARE NOT DRUNKEN AS YE SUPPOSE for the Lord had poured out His Spirit on one of His daughters. Her mother, Sis. Charlotte, was in the Spirit of God this night also. On and on go the names of these good people who the Lord wonderfully blessed. Bro. Walter Higdon spoke with boldness as he pointed the lost to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Bro. Hodges Moore's talk was short for he just read a little, but it was good and to the point. TIFTONIA church was encouraged in Christ this night!

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I Was Blind But Now I See

I am Linda Sue Wyatt Anderton. I was born in Selma Alabama. I attended school in Talladega at the Alabama School For The Blind. I am married to Charles Anderton and we have two children, Kandie age five and Brandon age seven months.

When Sis. Faye Atchley asked me to go to church with her one night, I must admit I was a little frightened for you see I had not been to a Holiness church except when I was a child and that was for a singing. I went with the attitude that it would not hurt me to visit other denomination effecting or changing my own belief which was Baptist. My entire religious background was Baptist. I knew nothing of Holiness.

We came to stay with Sis. Faye while we were in the process of selling our home in Huntsville and buying another in Owens Crossroads.

As I said before, the first time I went with Sis. Faye, I was a little nervous because everything was so different. I considered myself to be saved and that I had religion because I was concerned about my life and I did want to go to Heaven. I tried to live a good life but somehow I wasn't satisfied although I did try to fool myself that I was a saved person. I visited the Holiness church several times with Sis. Faye and each time I went I became more concerned. Finally I realized that these people had something I didn't. I have always been a contemplative person, I try to weigh the facts and then try to find the answers, but the more questions I asked the deeper I got. I was trying to find some answers to defend my religion or the religion I thought I had. It was a real struggle for me and I kept fighting it. I just wouldn't face the fact that I was lost. I was trying to hold on, but one Thursday night it hit me like a bomb. I was lost! After I realized this, it seemed like I didn't have enough time to make it in. The only words, I guess, would fit me were, pure agony.

The next night I was miserable all through meeting. All I could think about was I was lost and doomed. The children of God were singing and rejoicing in the Lord and it was breaking my heart. When altar call came, I fell to my knees and started pouring my heart and soul out to the Lord. I confessed my sins. I was about to give up and some wonderful lady told me to raise my hands. I did this and I said, "I believe, I believe" and as I was saying this I was waiting on the Lord. From there the Lord took over and Glory to his name, He gave me everything

I'll ever need. He gave me the sweet Holy Ghost.

Sis. Linda Sue Anderton

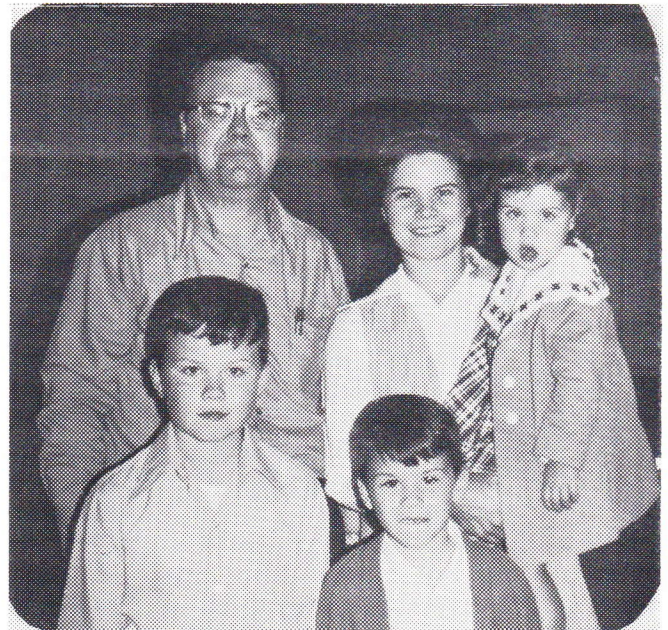
This sister is blind but we are so thankful that she can spiritually see and that the Lord gave her the Holy Ghost. She came to the Lord the 1st Sunday night in September at CLAYSVILLE. Please pray for her.

Bro. Bill Brewer

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He overcometh his own faults the most who looks at his neighbors faults the least.

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Bro. Jimmy and Sis. Jeanette with the three children, Greg, Danny and Meredith.

Bro. Jimmy Stilwell of SOUTH HAVEN was at NYLA (to NYLA'S pleasure) during their 1st of October revival. One time he told about his coming to the Lord. He told how one day he asked his mother how did you receive the Holy Ghost. She told him first you have to ask the Lord to forgive you of all the wrong you have done. He said, OK, and went down to the basement of the house and asked the Lord to forgive him of all the wrong he had done. Then he went upstairs and asked his mother what did you do next? She said that you go to church and at altar call you go to the altar and tell the Lord what you want (the Holy Ghost). He went to church the next week-end. No one was there that sought the Lord, but Bro. Henry McLain said, "Well, we will give it a try," and asked if anybody wanted to come to the altar. Bro. Jimmy went and rec'd the Holy Ghost.

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BLACK OAK: The Lord healed Sis. Mable Veal on the 3rd Sunday of August. She had what was probably a heart attack. The church was called in and after the 2nd prayer she was setting up. That evening she was testifying of the Lord's healing power.

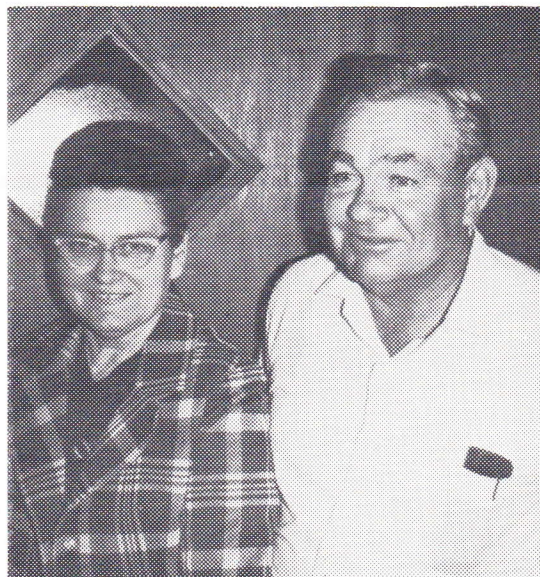
On the 3rd Sunday, Bro. Tom Kerley was preaching on the necessity of patience. The church received this gladly with many acknowledging their need for more patience. (In your patience possess your soul.)

That evening Bro. Frankie Duvall was testifying in his sweet way about the Lord's goodness and how he healed his daughter when she broke her leg. Bro. Leroy Duvall was telling of a time that a sisters testimony got next to him. People had been talking about raising your girls right and etc. when a sister arose and mentioned you had to raise your boys just as decent, haircuts, dressed right and to have them at church and all. After this Bro. Leroy had a talk with some of his boys and soon after the twins, Bro. Kerry and Bro. Terry, came to the Lord. The Lord blessed Bro. Leonard Summerford real good and many were on the floor "shouting" at one time. Bro. Clarence Williams two daughters Sis. Louise and Sis. Lillian were among them rejoicing in Christ. Bro. Grady and Sis. Marlene, Bro. Micky Summerford, Bro. Odis McAllister, Bro. Frankie Letson, Bro. Billy Williams and his wife Sis. Joyce, Sis. Debbie Estes, Sis. Trenda Brown, Sis. Sue Jare Allen, Sis. Mary Jane Keaton, Sis. Annette Birdsong, Bro. Wayne Williams, Sis. Lorene Houston, Bro. Lewis and Sis. Vernie Mae Chance, Sis. Velda Torris, Sis. Jaunita Duvall, Sis. Nelda Duvall, Sis. Joyce Duvall, Sis. Ginger Duvall, Bro. Kerry Duvall, Bro. Roland McKenzie, Bro. George and Sis. Katy Weddington, Bro. Rich and Sis. Kathy Flemming, Sis. Odesta Fowler, Sis. Ann and Sis. Martha Bonds, Sis. Barbara McAllister, Sis. Debbie McKenzie, Sis. Linda Bonds, Sis. Bertel Summerford and more were rejoicing in the Lord. (Whew!!! That must have been A meeting) Sis. Inez Kerley was saying, "We'll get to shout up yonder together someday if we please God!" Singing was very sweet and good. Bro. Phillip and Sis. Janice Allen, and Sis. Pearline and Bro. Lonnie Dudley and Bro. Charles Cornelison were also in the hands of the Lord.

The 1st week of September revival was good with large crowds and good meetings. The highlight was when the Lord gave Tom Price the Holy Ghost on Sunday evening. Bro. Tom came with a school bus load of people from the North Alabama area around Higdon with Bro. Joe Forshee. The northern saints sure did enjoy this busload of saints and the Lord blessed them plus other saints that came up from the south. This busload didn't make it home without having meeting on the way. We heard that in Nashville the Lord came among them and they had a good time in the Lord

BLACK OAK: We had some visitors from the south here in some very good meetings. Bro. Vernon and Sis. Ivalene Wright and his mother Sis. Lillie Wright. They were blessed by the Lord as they testified. Sis. Lillie Wright has had the Holy Ghost for sixty two years. (And she hasn't changed any). Bro. Harold and Sis. Libby Simmons were here and told how sweet it was to be back where he rec'd the Holy Ghost. He showed them where he was at when the Lord came into his life. He remembered the time when he was a young lad and was crippled in one leg. His mom and dad, Bro. Paul and Sis. Martha trusted the Lord and He healed him. Bro. Vernon told how the Lord healed him when he was so very ill this past summer. This was on the 3rd weekend. On that Sunday evening Bro. Tom Kerley, Bro. Leroy Duvall and Bro. Charley Brown were all preaching the Word of God and it all sounded so good. Some of it found me.

On the 2nd weekend of October we had Bro. Milton Bonds and Bro. Frank and Sis. Vera Shirley from ROCKY BRANCH with us. The Lord blessed them. Just before they were to go home, Sis. Vera was up asking prayers on account of the long trip ahead of them. As the Lord was with her the Lord pressed Bro. Thomas Kerley to anoint her with oil. By this time she was really rejoicing because unbeknowing to Bro. Thomas she had been having a physical problem of falling asleep at odd times against her will. It was very embarrassing to her. Surely she will be all right now.



Sis. Vera and Bro. Frank Shirley

Bro. Hilra and Bro. Wesley McLain talked good for the Lord. Bro. Wes was telling us not to let Satan tell us we can't say or do anything for the Lord. Also he told us to be sure to pray not just for our kinfolks

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while at church but to pray for all the brothers and sisters. Bro. Lonnie Dudley spoke real low about then, "to have respect of person is sin." Bro. Wes said, "Say that louder, Bro. Lonnie," to which he did. "If you have respect of person you do sin!" Some of us here did not know this, so we were taught in the truth. We did not know that the Word taught this.

Sis. Pearline Dudley

LAKWOOD PARK: Bro. J.B. Pritchett and family was at LAKEWOOD PARK in Florida on the 2nd weekend of October. The Lord blessed them all. Bro. J.B. was using the scripture: ADD TO YOUR FAITH VIRTUE, AND TO VIRTUE, KNOWLEDGE; AND TO KNOWLEDGE, TEMPERANCE; AND TO TEMPERANCE, PATIENCE; AND TO PATIENCE, GODLINESS; AND TO GODLINESS, BROTHERLY KINDNESS; AND TO BROTHERLY KINDNESS CHARITY. FOR IF THESE THINGS BE IN YOU AND ABOUT, THEY MAKE YOU THAT YE SHALL NEITHER BE BARREN NOR UNFRUITFUL IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. the church here loved it.



Bro. J.B. and Sis. Dorcas Pritchett
(NOAH'S ARK Atlanta)

Bro. Duke West's daughter, Sis. Phylis rec'd the Holy Ghost at PLEASANT GROVE on Thursday evening, September 11. Bro. Arthur McAllister's daughter, Sis. Connie also came to the Lord here on Saturday 27.

At BROWN'S CHAPEL three rec'd the Holy Ghost during their 1st week of August revival. They are Sis. Tammy Barnes, Bro. Bud Barnes's girl. Sis. Tammy Jones, a niece of Sis. Linda McKenzie. Sis. Tamara Rogers the daughter of Bro. Steve Rogers of HIGDON.

Sis. Flossie Fielder's daughter Yvonne Spedman was not allowed to go to church. She of course became worldly, such as in dress and fancy jewelery and high up in the

bank where she worked. Something happened though and she started dressing decent and her expensive rings and such were gone, she even quit her job. Her 1st time in the altar at GRASSY MTN was on Wenesday night and on Friday the 26th of September she rec'd the Holy Ghost at home and on Saturday she was baptised.

The late Bro. Ben Rice's daughter Debra rec'd the Lord on the first Sunday evening of October at ROCKY BRANCH

Revival at SCOTTSBORO was good. Six rec'd the Holy Ghost they are: Sis. Patti Stevens, Bro. Jr. Stevens daughter. Sis. Donna Denson, Bro. Dennis Denson's daughter. Sis. Karen Summerford, Bro. Whitey's daughter. Sis. Janice Warren, Sis. Maxine Warren's daughter. Sis. Monica West, Bro. Tommy West's wife Bro. Alton Adams, Bro. Odell Lawson's (ROCKY BRANCH) son-in-law. Bro. Frank Guffey and Bro. Lawrence Brown were helping here and they "Did a good job."

Sis. Jan Saint rec'd the Holy Ghost at HYTOP on the 21st of September. Her husband Bro. Tommy Saint rec'd the Lord at HYTOP on Sunday eveing of the 12th of October.

Another couple to come to the Lord are the Venables. Sis. Euna Venable came to the Lord in the NYLA revival on Monday evening of the 6th of October. Her husband, Bro. Calvin rec'd the Holy Ghost at SKYLINE on Sunday night, October 12th.

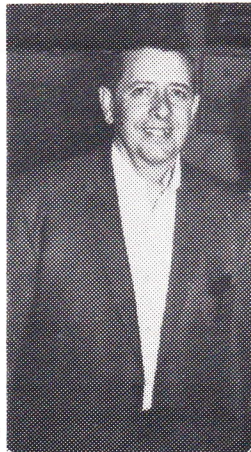
IF ANY MAN COME TO ME, AND HATE NOT HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND WIFE, AND CHILDREN, AND BRETHERN, AND SISTERS, YEA, AND HIS OWN LIFE ALSO, HE CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE. AND WHOSOEVER DOTH NOT BEAR HIS CROSS, AND COME AFTER ME, CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE. FOR WHICH OF YOU, INTENDING TO BUILD A TOWER, SITTETH NOT DOWN FIRST, AND COUNTETH THE COST, WHETHER HE HAVE SUFFICIENT TO FINISH IT. LEST HAPLY AFTER HE HATH LAID THE FOUNDATION, AND IT BEGIN TO MOCK HIM, THIS MAN BEGAN TO BUILD, AND WAS NOT ABLE TO FINISH. OR WHAT KING, GOING TO MAKE WAR AGAINST ANOTHER KING, SITTETH NOT DOWN FIRST, AND CONSULTETH WHETHER HE BE ABLE WITH TEN THOUSAND TO MEET HIM THAT COMETH AGAINST HIM WITH TWENTY THOUSAND? OR ELSE, WHILE THE OTHER IS YET A GREAT WAY OFF, HE SENDETH AN AMBASSAGE, AND DESIRETH CONDITIONS OF PEACE. SO LIKEWISE. WHOSOEVER HE BE OF YOU THAT FORSAKETH NOT ALL THAT HE HATH, HE CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE. This scripture was being used by Bro. Eugene Stevens on Monday evening (10/13/75) at SKYLINE where they were running a few nights services while Bro. Charley Brown was down from SOUTH HAVEN. He stressed the need for people who wanted to come to the Lord to count the cost and seek God with all their being. Repent and lay everything aside for the Lord. It was edifying and to it's place.

If we neglect...

SKYLINE: THEREFORE WE OUGHT TO GIVE THE MORE EARNEST HEED TO THE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE HEARD, LEST AT ANY TIME WE SHOULD LET THEM SLIP. FOR IF THE WORDS SPOKEN BY ANGELS WAS STEDFAST, AND EVERY TRANSGRESSION AND DISOBEDIENCE RECEIVED A JUST RECOMPENSE OF REWARD; HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION;..... Bro. Frank Guffey was reading and exhorting from the Word of God at Skyline on the 1st Sunday in August. Service was noticable slow until he kept stirring the saints with, HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE, IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION. Neglect, neglect, and more neglects were used and it was sinking in the hearts as he talked. Bro. Frank was talking in the fear of God and this same fear was felt by the church. Bro. Hubert Samson of ROCKY BRANCH was up after Bro. Frank. He was saying; "About neglecting our slavation, I want to be real careful not to do that, Bro. Frank. I want to read from the same book (Hebrews)...OF WHOM WE HAVE MANY THINGS TO SAY AND HARD TO BE UTTERED, SEEING YE ARE DULL OF HEARING. A lot of times since I've had the Holy Ghost, I have not the understanding is when the Word of God was being taught I was dull of hearing.I was listening when some of the old ones were talking, maybe your daddy Bro. Frank, I was listening with one ear to them and listening to the other voice with the other ear. This made me dull of hearing. FOR WHENFOR THE TIME YE OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS, YE HAVE NEED THAT ONE TEACH YOU AGAIN... How long have we had salvation??? FOR THE TIME YE OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS... It takes time to learn. I've noticed the last few years that young kids just receive salvation, not time for them to be teachers but will raise up and tell you who have had salvation 30, 40, or 50 years and let you know what you can do and what you can't do. And will tell you what is wrong with the service and will tell Bro. Frank Guffey what he ought to do. And on the other hand, WHEN FOR THE TIME YE OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS ... Old gray hair men and women that have had salavation for forty years ought to be able to take this (He was holding up the bible) and set down in your home and talk to and teach the younger. WHEN FOR THE TIME YE OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS YE HAVE NEED THAT ONE TEACH YOU AGAIN, THAT ONE TEACH YOU AGAIN, AGAIN, AGAIN. It had once been taught but I need it taught me again. It was because I wasn't humble, it was because I wasn't living it. THAT YOU HAVE NEED ONE TEACH YOU AGAIN WHICH BE THE FIRST PRINCIPLES OF THE ORACLES OF GOD; AND ARE BECOME SUCH AS HAVE NEED OF MILK, AND NOT STRONG MEAT. Now we'll set up a dinner table and we'll take these little kids and set them down where the meat's at and where the potatoes' at. Then we'll take these older men and put them down at the other end where the milk's at. Won't it look odd. (The lord was really blessing Bro. Hubert) DULL OF HEARING... If I don't pay attention to the Word of God, If I don't desire the sincere milk of the Word, I won't grow. Brethern have done said that Satan is abroad in the land. He is seeking whom he may devour. The Lord was with Bro. Hubert as he exhorted the church with more ediyng words of comfort. He ended with: Children of God, pray for me. I don't want to ever say one word that would be to the down pull of one child of God but I want to be led by the Lord.



CLAYSVILLE: A revival was held at CLAYSVILLE on the 4th weekend in September. Bro. Mitt McAllister assisted in this service and God's love was bountiful here. This church was visited by the children of God throughout this area and the Lord blessed. Sis. Marie Dempsey (SECTION) was moved on by the Holy Ghost to sing praises unto the Lord. One of these songs was **He May Not Come When You Call Him, But He'll Come On Time.** We know that this song is true. On Saturday night, the Spirit of God moved through-out this little church. So many of the saints were free in the Lord. One of these visitors, Bro. Julius Smith (GRASSY MTN) was in need of help from the Lord. God moved toward this child of God.



Bro. Julius Smith

B.B.

Bro. John L. Campell of NYLA was telling of enjoying himself in the Lord on the 2nd Sunday evening of October. He was at SKYLINE this evening when they had such a wonderful service. The love of God just covered the whole assembly here and Bro. Calvin Venable came to the Lord. You know how good those kind of meetings are. He left here and went by HYTOP where meeting was still going on. He got to see Bro. Tommy Saint pray his way through and the Lord filled him full of the Holy Ghost.

Bro. Jimmy Paradise of SKYLINE was a happy man the other day. He went deer hunting with a friend and one time he sit down on the ground under a tree to rest. To his surprise he found after a little bit that he was sitting on a copperhead snake. When it crawled off without harming him he was thankful, so thankful that one evening at SKYLINE he was up telling the saints about it and the Lord blessed him. He was completly "free" in the Lord and even down under the power of God.

Asleep in Christ

Bro. Murdy Black of OLD SARDIS was called away on September 20, 1975 in his 81st year. He was one of the old ones an had served the Lord since 1912.

When Bro. Jim Mills was about 35 years old he was working cutting timber on Gunters Mtn. At dinner time he laid down to rest and all at once he heard a great noise like the top of the mountain was coming off. At first he thought it was a tornado and his thoughts were that his wife and children were at home alone and that they would be blown away. Then he saw a great light and remembered the Word of God. "For as the lighting cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west, So shall also the coming of the Son of man be, and "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise." He was then caught up out of his body and started up and as he was going up he looked back and could see his body laying on the ground. He saw the earth pass away in an instant of time. He then realized that the end had come and that he had been caught up and was going to be with the Lord. The thought came to him that now there was no possible chance of losing out and having to go down and he began to rejoice. Then a voice spoke to him and said, "This is not the end but only a vision of the end." In an instant he was back in his body and when he came to himself he could feel the power of God in his bones. When he realized it was only a vision he said later that he never felt more like crying in his life because it wasn't so. On the 15th of August Bro. Jim Mills again left his body and went up but only this time it was not a vision but the real thing. He was forever to be with the Lord for the Lord took him on August 15, 1975 in his 96th year and he was a child of God 64 years.



Sis. Jenny and Bro. Jim Mills (taken 1958)

Sis. Flossie Castle finished her long journey in her 89th year on Monday August, 18, 1975. She came to the Lord at Bridgeport in 1913, sixty two years ago. She was living at Grant in the GRASSY MTN, community.

Sis. Louise Mills ended her earthly journey here on August 12, 1975. She had lived for 66 years and had been one of God's children for 45 years. She was from STOCK-BRIDGE and she passed on just three days before her father-in-law Bro. Jim Mills did. He was also the one who preached the Word to her.



Sis. Louise Mills

Sis. Ella Wharton went to rest in Christ in her 74th year. She is from BIG COVE and she rec'd the Lord under Bro. Emmitt Drake's preaching at a baptising on the Flint river 57 years ago.

It was good the way Sis. Delgie Bowman got a hold of God at TIFTONIA during the third week of October on a Thursday night. She was down in the Spirit and she said that she needed this blessing.

PRAYER

Please pray for Henry Graves of HILL'S CHAPEL who is very ill and lost.

Bro. Jerry Jones of NEW MARKET is a very sick man and needs your earnest prayers.

Remember Pat Miller of BLACK OAK who is ill and lost.

Pray for Sis. Carol Sisk's baby who has heart trouble (BRIAR FORK).

Bro. Clarence Williams of PLESANT GROVE still needs the prayers of the righteous. Bro. Tom Buckner from here is also in need of the saints prayers.