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OF GOOD THINGS

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Patience and Prayer

Sis. Irene Paradise of SKYLINE had a fierce struggle and she was at death's door this fall.

She came down with a headache on Monday, Tuesday she was worse, Wednesday she was getting sick to her stomach and so ill that she went to church here and had them pray for her. She then became easy and she went home. But she later got worse again. She then was persuaded to go to her parents (Bro. Coleman Sander) home in the NYLA community that evening. Thursday she was very, very sick and her suffering was terrible. She could not stand any noise or for that matter any sound at all. During the day Thursday they called some of the children of God in again to have prayer. In just a little while there were a few saints here praying and the Lord moved in the prayer. Sis. Irene was again easy but by the time they had all left and got home, she was suffering severely again. This night a crowd gathered at their request to have another prayer. The Lord was present with the feeling of His peace among them as the hands went on this sister. Sis. Irene was "shouting the victory" all over the living room of this house. Everybody was having a good time in the Lord. Then they all started for home and about 10 o'clock she became ill again. She told how she tried to hold to the Lord that she was healed but she just couldn't help it, she was still real sick. Unbeknowing to everyone else, the Lord had let her know that she would be healed when her husband, Bro. Jimmy spoke in tongues. For since the day he received the Holy Ghost he had not done this, though he desired it from the Lord..... By Friday morning work around the house ceased because the sound was too terrible for her to take. Everyone here is praying without ceasing as Sis. Irene walks the floor in agony. They again had prayer when Bro. Ray and Sis. Lorene Parker and Bro. Buford and Sis. Dorothy Warren were here. While they were praying, Sis. Irene left here, some thought she died. Bro. Jimmy was trying to find her pulse and the saints were pouring their hearts out like water unto the Lord. Crying and begging and pleading! Then one of her eyes flickered and her mouth started working slightly and she finally came back to herself. After she finally got on the couch as the people prayed around her she asked, "I've heard you pray every way but one way. I'm going to ask prayer this way, Pray for me to die." She had come willing to die. Without even thinking, "You tried and He didn't take you." Bro. Ray said through tear dimmed eyes, "That's right Sis. Dollie, she tried to die." Later on Sis. Irene was to tell, "I heard the angels wings at the window, I heard the rustling of angels' wings."..... There was more praying but to no avail. That evening they had meeting at Bro. Coleman's house and they had a wonderful service. She got better for just awhile then she got bad again. There were saints here all night praying and testifying. In the wee hours of morning they prayed her to sleep. Bro. Willis Brown was there and he guaranteed to Bro. Jimmy that the Lord was going to heal his wife. Bro. Jimmy then affirmed that he was not going to take her anywhere but that they were going to trust the Lord all the way. Again on Saturday they had prayer and it was beautiful the way the Lord moved but again she got better then worse. Children of God were in prayer all day. Some coming quietly and some going but there were saints on their knees here all day. At 6:30 Saturday evening she went into convulsions. She hadn't eaten since Wednesday evening. Her dad and her husband could

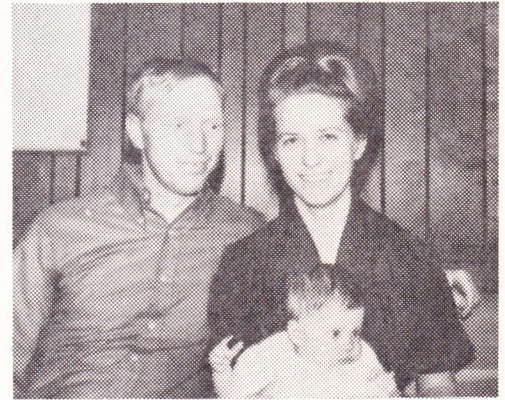
hardly hold her as her body was wrenched against her will. This one was stopped by Bro. Jimmy's faith. Another one came on her about 7:30. and this one was not prayed away until it had run it's course. She had four or five of these. Sis. Doris Stephens had baked them a cake and Bro. Jimmy tried to get her to eat a bite of it. She was telling him, "Jimmy, we just got a little piece to go, just a little piece further, just a little piece." She knew something that the others didn't. Bro. Homer Fortner was encouraging, "Don't get shook up, children of God. The Lord will do you right." After they got the piece of cake cut for Sis. Irene, Bro. Jimmy said, "Let's turn thanks over it." He was willing to do anything. He took that little piece of cake and everyone gather around and begged the Lord to bless it where Sis. Irene could eat it. It was sad afterward because Sis. Irene could not eat any of the cake. She just couldn't eat it. Around 9:30 she had another spell the worst one yet. Bro. Jimmy got hold of her, but out on the floor she came. Oh, how she was suffering! her head was like a risen. About this time the Spirit of our Lord fell and some laid hands on Bro. Jimmy and he laid hands on his wife and began speaking in tongues. Sis. Irene immediately came up from there saying, "I'm healed I'm healed!" And thank the Lord she was. She told that all she was waiting on was for Bro. Jimmy to speak in tongues. How wonderful and mysterious are the ways of the Lord.



BROWN'S CHAPEL: "Service here at BROWN'S CHAPEL on the 5th Wednesday night was good. The service started at 11 o'clock that night to bring the new year in. There was a fairly large crowd for this time of night. Bro. J.B. Pritchett felt the Lord as he talked about the Lord's goodness and how He would heal you and save you. He told of the time one of his girls was sick at the point of death and how the Lord would bless them when they prayed for her. But still she wasn't healed. Then Bro. Will Guffey read some of the Word of God and it was acknowledged to and the child was healed. And Bro. J.B. talked about more and more good things. Then Bro. Paul Warren who came down from Nashville talked to the lost, the power of God was felt over the house as he talked and edified the people of God. No one received the Holy Ghost, but the peace of God made the service worth while. Bro. Morgan Fortner felt good in the Lord also. as he told about the Lord healing him of a kidney stone attack.

The Lord is good to all His children, and He certainly deserves all the praise!"

HIGDON: "Service at HIGDON on the 5th Wednesday night of December was real good. Bro. Paul Guffey talked on Charity and about the prophet Elijah that prayed that it wouldn't rain and it rained not for a space of three years and six months. Bro. Paul felt the Lord as he told how the prophet again prayed for rain and just kept on praying until he got sight of a very small cloud and then he knew the rain was on it's way. He expressed how we need to not give up but keep holding on with our prayers. He also talked on fasting and how it should be among God's people today. Bro. David Higdon followed Bro. Paul just wanting to offer himself and the Lord rewarded him wonderfully. His hands went on two that were sick. One was Bro. Oran Whitley who had been sick for awhile with those bad headaches he is bothered with. The Lord blessed him also very good throughout the service. Many more good children of God praised the Lord and enjoyed the service."



Bro. David, Sis. Wanda & daughter Collette

They had a very good Communion service at TIFTONIA on the 3rd Saturday evening in December. The following evening was a "Word of God" meeting with Bro. Vernon Wright begging the church to "Come out from the world and be a seprate people!" It was good. Bro. Hodges Moore was up amening Bro. Vernon as he remembered that was the way they used to talk before so many of God's people tried to be like the church crowd. Bro. Clarence was beside himself in the Spirit. NOW I BESEECH YOU BRETHERN, BY THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT YE ALL SPEAK THE SAME THING, THAT THERE BE NO DIVISIONS AMONG YOU," was the scripture this elder read and used as he exhorted the saints in the Love of God. The Lord blessed him to the joy of the church here. Bro. Vernon's wife was another that the Lord blessed good. A wave of love and edification rolled over the house as she told of the time the Lord let her take up a rattlesnake. It was best when she told of the last thing she remembers about this was when she said, "Lord, I love all the children of God." The Lord was with Sis. Ivalene Wright. It was a good evening in Christ.

Remebering at Hytop

Bro. Tom Austin came out of Chattanooga Tennessee and over the mountains into Orme Tennessee around the year 1907. He brought the glad tiding of the true gospel to hungry men. He committed the Way unto other faithful men. Two of these were Bro. Sam Bates and Bro. Tom Perry, who not only lived this faith that was new to them but they in turn went and told others also. All who would lend an ear heard the good news. By 1910 Bridgeport Alabama had holiness preached every hill and hollow. By the fall of the same year it had reached Shake Rag above Scottsboro. By 1911 it had reached Gunters Mtn, Pleasant Grove and Hytop.

Back in Shake Rag, Bro. Willis Brown's dad, old Bro. Charlie Brown came to the Lord at the local Baptist church at the start of Sunday school. He was leading them in prayer when the Holy Ghost fell on him. He pastored a Baptist church every third weekend at HyTop Alabama. This community is north of Scottsboro near the Tennessee state line. A Will Thakerson also preached here. After Bro. Charley came to Christ, he went back to Hytop but his reception was very cool. He had no where to spend the night so he slept outside. He did not return here for almost a year. When he came this time he came in the power of God and the Lord used him mightily in the Word of truth and convinced many to turn and come to God, repenting of their sins and to be filled with the Holy Ghost. The pastor's son Courtney Thackerson and Wesley Parker, Courtney's brother-in-law were among the first to receive the Holy Ghost. They both received it the same day. Among others that came to the Lord at the first were, Annie Thackerson, Moody, Floy, Acie, Carro, and Mr. Baugh (all Baugh's). John Aaron Whitley, and William Whitley. And after this many, many people were seeking God, so much that at times the preachers couldn't even preach for praying for the lost. Among the early preachers that were helping here were Bro. Ed Jordan, Bro. Sam Bates, Bro. Jim Thurmond, Bro. Tom Perry and Bro. Charlie Brown's son Bro. Willis Brown. Bro. Courtney was a church preacher before he came to the Lord, after his conversion, he just went on preaching Christ and The way of holiness. The church people came when they heard that many of the members were receiving the Holy Ghost. They had a meeting where they had all the ones who believed in holiness to get on one bench and all who didn't believe in it to sit on the other bench. Sis. Lillie Parker still remembers this though it happened over 60 years ago. She tells how she did not sit on any bench, but she left the church. At that time Sis. Lillie and her parents did not have the Lord. She left be-

cause she didn't want to worry her folks but still she believed it'd take the Spirit of Christ to save her. They turned all the holiness believers out of the church including Sis Lillie. She came to the Lord in Feb, of 1914 and in May her mother, Sis. Nancy rec'd the Lord. When Sis. Nancy did, her husband Will said, his wife didn't care nothing for him any more. She replied, "Why, I love you better than I ever did." Bro. Will got the Lord soon after. The church people were at this time fighting the holiness crowd every way they could. At one meeting at the church a group of men, numbering around twelve or fifteen entered with guns with just one aim in mind, to put a stop to their having services. When they entered, Bro. Wesley Parker was up on a bench testifying as he held his son Elmer in his arms. Bro. Charlie seen what was happening and he yelled, "Every one get under the power of God!!!" The Spirit of God moved into this little church and those men scattered through the doors and through the windows. One (or two) were seen hanging from the rafters in the building. No one knew how they got there. They just wanted out of there for the Lord had again taken care of His people. Once Bro. Charley was preaching, when a man stepped up with a cocked gun and pointed it at him. When he pulled the trigger it just click but no bullet was fired. Some resorted to mocking. One of these cases was a John Smith who had a daughter who took great pleasure in mocking God's people. Once when she was jesting testifying and speaking in tongues she couldn't stop. They finally asked the holiness people to come and pray for her and her jabbering stopped. Many of the persecutioners moved off and most that remained believe in holines. Those who moved off seen they could do nothing to stop it, those who stayed began to seek after it. Many came to the Lord and the way of God was glorified. Bro. Albert Parker remembers a preacher was preaching out in the yard. He believes it was Bro. Ed Jordan. He was preaching with a globe lamp sitting on a little table. There came up a storm, a very hard rain and all that could got in the house but the preacher kept telling it from the open bible in his hand. The rain didn't break the globe of the kerosene lamp and you couldn't tell that the bible had a touch of rain on it and the preacher was also dry.

Bro. Wesley was working in a logging camp above Hytop where all the little houses were very close together. Some of the people got to complaining about his praying every night. It disturbed them. Back then if you were praying, people were liable to stick their heads in the window and watch you. The company folks told these people who wanted them to get shed of Bro. Wesley, "We wish all the men we had were like him."

A strange happening occurred when Bro. Courtney came down with severe rheumatism. He was turned in a sheet in the bed for 42 days and nights. Once when they were praying for him a strange thing happened. When a child of God layed hands on him, he got easy in the spot they touched. Finally all that yet hurt him was his head. His wife Sis. Carrie then laid hands on his head and he was then alright.

Sis. Allie Louvorn rec'd the Holy Ghost here in early 1912. She had first heard of this good way at ORME Tennessee in April 1910. Bro. Tom Perry was running a brush arbor meeting near the Orme incline. After this first time in contact with the holiness doctrine she was asked what she thought of "The holy rollers?" Her reply was, "If I have ever heard the Gospel preached, I heard it today!" Sis. Allie is well up in years, but she has held on to the Lord and is still with us today. She lives in Huntsville and is seen in church every chance she can get .



(then)



(today)

Sis. Allie Louvorn

Bro. Oakely Brown wrote about olden times before he passed on. Here are some of his words as he wrote them:

The Lord worked mightily with them. In those days they were called "Holy Rollers" and their children were called "Holy Rollers" at school. We did not like it, but took it for the peoples sake. When the people met they loved each other and God blessed them. They saw visions and God revealed lots of things to them and showed them things for the end.

Bro. Tom Austin came to Orme, Tenn. and preached Holiness. This is where Bro. Sam Bates and Bro. Tom Perry and others received the Holy Ghost. Bro. Perry was the Evangelist and Bro. Bates was to the church. I wish you could have heard those men. I was small

but I can still remember the work they did as numbers received the Holy Ghost at Scottsboro. Along with them was my Grand father (Bro. Charlie Brown) and my Daddy (Bro. Willis Brown). God blessed their work. Many rec'd the Word, some never came to it but many rec'd the Holy Ghost. I have seen Bro. Brown leave going to preach with patches on his shirt. Mother stayed at home with us children. He walked for miles. It cost ten cents to cross the ferry but God made the way. One time he rode the steam boat several miles. He had no money and when he went to get off he asked what he owed them. They laughed and told him not a cent, was glad to have him to talk to them on the way. I've seen him gone so long in meeting until the baby didn't know him when he got home. We would gather around when Papa came home to hear him tell how God blessed him and we could see in a faint memory the place he was, by hearing him talk. If he cried, we would too. He told Mother how God blessed him and Mother was blessed by helping him. He would take off his old worn shoes, his feet tired and bleeding from the long walk. Us children would cry. Often they would pray before going to bed at night. Sometimes they prayed until ten and twelve o'clock. We children would lay down and go to sleep. They prayed before breakfast and dinner. God really blessed them. If any of us got sick, they just prayed and God healed us. I was real small and Papa and Moma said I carried the lantern across the hills to church house. They had meeting under trees, in houses, anywhere they could. People mocked them. Many that mocked, God struck with spirits that troubled them to death. Many would jerk and fall but God took care of his people.

Once Grandpa (Bro. Charlie) was walking to HYTOP and there were three men on the road with rocks and sticks to whip him. But he sang on by them, they followed mocking him and God told him to tell them they would all die an untimely death. Within about a week all three men were dead. One was crossing a creek, not very deep, fell in and drowned. One was riding a mule and a limb fell from a tree and struck him on the head and killed him. One was hunting and stepped on a slick rock and slipped and fell, it killed him.

Bro. Hodges and Sis. Amy Moore tell of the little log church house here at HYTOP. In 1920 or 22, the best meeting they were ever in was there. Bro. Hodges explained it in these few words. "The Power fell and shouting came to this country! I never will forget it. It was the best meeting I was ever in.

Once when Bro. Charley was with one or two preachers running a revival at Gunters Mtn He was sent word to come to HYTOP. It was

at the last of the service, during altar call over in the afternoon (none knows the exact time) when a messenger came in the church with the letter requesting that he be at HYTOP that evening at 7:0'Clock to start a reviavl meeting there. He told the other ministers to carry on and not to break the service as long as the Lord was in it. He went and got his satchel and started walking to HYTOP. At the brow of Gunters Mtn he looked off into the valley and that is the last thing he remembers until he appeared on the square in Scottsboro. His mind had left him for some length of time and he knows not what happened. Outside of Scottsboro as he was walking he heard a wagon coming and as he looked around he saw it was a colored man driving some mules and he belived the Lord spoke to him and said, "That mans going to give you a ride, get ready!" The man yelled before he got to him, "You want a ride?" Before he had the mules stopped, old Bro. Charley was already in the wagon and he rode all the way to the foot of Crow Mtn. He finished the trip to HYTOP on foot and got there by 7:0'clock.

We took it upon ourselves to retrace the Preachers trip in a car and it is 34 miles from the Gunters Mtn church to the Hytop church at that time. It is over two miles from the OAK GROVE church to the brow of the Mountain. From the brow to Scottsboro it's 11 miles. From Scottsboro to the foot of Crow Mtn it's 11 miles and from there to the HYTOP church it's 10 more miles. It took us 55 minutes to drive it in a car just traveling the normal speed considering the curves and etc. A good healthy man will walk four miles and hour. Bro. Charley had about five hours to make his trip. I wonder how he made this trip so quick? Hmmm I wonder what happened to him from the mountain to Scottsboro? I just wonder????? Could he have been carried in the Spirit like some of the Lord warriors in old-en times???? I wonder???



Bro. Charley Brown & Bro. Sam Bates



Bro. Cortney and Sis. Carrie Thackerson



Sis. Minnie Parker Roberts Bro. Cartney's sister.



Bro. Will and Sis. Nancy Thackerson, Bro. Cortney's mom and dad.



Sis. Alice Thackerson Brown (Bro. Charley Brown (SOUTH HAVEN) mother), Sis. Lizzie Houston Ball, Bro. Wesley Parker (Bro. Albert's dad), Effie Abner, Sis. Lillie Parker, Bro. Wesley's wife.

BIG COVE: We had two receive the Holy Ghost in October. Sis. Joyce Gray came to the Lord on Sunday morning, October 26th. That same evening her daughter also received the Holy Ghost. A young man from this community by the name of Kenneth McAllister (Bro. James son) went to BELRNE AVE and experienced the New Birth. He returned home in time to see Sis. Teresa Payton (Sis. Joyce's daughter) also come to the Lord.

We sure have been having some good meetings. On the 1st Sunday night of December, I have never been in a meeting like we had that night. Everyone was shouting and praising the Lord. The Lord sent us a wonderful service. We had a handshake at the end and the Lord sure did bless.

Bro. Mitchell Drake has been taking part in our services lately and he seems to be feeling some better. We are so glad to see him able to talk to us about the Lord. We have been hearing the Word of God and we sure do enjoy hearing it too.

Sis. Lois Burke

KEEL MTN. Meeting picked up here one night in December when Bro. Billy Parker of TIFTONIA told how the Lord helped him once...

"When I rec'd the Holy Ghost, I wasn't one who got to shout, as a matter of fact I wasn't completely free in the Lord for over two years. When I was at church and got the feeling to testify, I would think that none had confidence in me and didn't want to hear me testify, and they wouldn't pray for me if I did. After arguing with this for awhile I would finally try. And sure enough, no one would pray for me. They couldn't, for I had my mind on them and not on the Lord. One day when it seemed that I had gone as far as I could go, and it was coming to me that I might as well quit, I couldn't make it anyway because no one had confidence in me. I had never been any lower. I was driving on the Expressway near Chicago, trying to sing a song, when God spoke to me. He said, "Pull over, you are going to have a blow-out." I pulled over to the side of the highway, for it seemed more like a command than a request. I sat there for about a minute and nothing happened. I decided that it wasn't the Lord and looked over my shoulder, nothing was coming as I started to pull back onto the pavement, for I had not turned the motor off. About the time I put the car into gear, the tire went BANG!!! I got out and looked down at the tire, then up to God and said, "Glory, Glory!" It seemed as though heaven opened up. God loved me, and that I could make it for I had the holy Ghost. I wanted to tell this afterwards at church but I was hindered by the thought that no one would believe me. But one night during prayer, the

Lord told me to tell about the blow-out. I had a battle about what people would think and so on but I told it up on the rostrum. The next thing I knew I was out in the altar rejoicing in the goodness of God. And since that time the Lord has richly blessed my soul."

"Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever rolling stream..." Amos 5:24

THE HEALING POWER

My wife Charlotte arose on the 3rd Sunday morning of December to fix breakfast. A few minutes passed when I heard moaning and groaning coming from the kitchen. I jumped out of bed and dressed quickly and found Charlotte collapsed in a chair. She was trying with much difficulty to breath and she was in much pain. We managed to get her back to bed and the girls finished preparing breakfast. Charlotte got no better. She could not find any ease and she could only take little shorts breaths. We (me and the children) prayed but to no noticable effect. I then called two or three churchs and asked them to pray for her, for I was wondering if she was going to stay alive, for she was suffering very much. After this I tried to help her as much as I could but I was all thumbs and I seem to hurt more then help. Finally I laid down by her bed and in a little bit a brother from TIFTONIA came in. They had a special prayer for my wife before service started and this brother was burdened to leave church and come out on the mountain where we live. He was here only a few minutes when the Spirit of God moved on him as he stepped over me (I was still laying by the bed) and layed his hands on Charlotte. As I then arose and looked at her I seen her smile and take a deep breath. In a minute she was out of bed. This brother then commented about how could he get back in church at TIFTONIA without the saints seeing him. We told him he couldn't because we were going back with him (It was now noon) in which we did. It was very edifying to walk in this church with my wife for all the sisters were up and coming back to meet Charlotte and hugging her neck, they were so proud to see that God had healed her. (They really love one another here). We thank the Lord for His love and his wonderful healing power. We have no idea what was wrong with her and we care less, all we know, she was in very bad shape and the Lord came by and healed her. Praise His holy name forever!

Bryant Finlayson

SCENICLAND: Sis. Effie Mae McLain and her daughter, Sis. Annell Howe were edifying at SCENICLAND on the 4th Sunday evening of December. Sis. Annell who lost her husband awhile ago was telling how at first she got to thinking that it was unfair for this to happen to her, but she finally decided nothing was unfair if you could make it to heaven. (Amen)

The evening before this, Bro. Wayne Williams was up encouraging. He said that nowhere did the Lord ask us to remember His birth, like we did on Christmas, but He did want us to remember His death and suffering. (Amen) The Lord blessed this young man.

Bro. Willis Brown told me about 40 years ago, that he saw the church. It was going down the mountain, it was knocking rocks and trees and everything before it. It carried everything, nothing could stand before it. At the foot of the hill, some men with some oxen were going to hook to it. He told of the type of clip or clevice they were going to hook to it so that they could pull it. But the church went up. The church went up. (Men leading instead of God leading)

Bro. Hodges Moore

BLACK OAK: (12/21/75) Today Bro. Charlie Brown was here, speaking on holiness living. He spoke on such things as, "abiding by the laws of the country," not running stop signs and speeding and such. Not to, "fly off the handle," and saying things that do not become holiness. Not to smart off to your boss on the job when told to do things you don't want to do, but rather be meek and let the light of holiness shine to others. Sunday evening: Bro. Tom Kerley was preaching on how the widows should act in the church... "rebuke not an elder but intreat him as a father.... For yonger sisters not to rebuke or smart off to an elder sister who is instructing you in righteous living. If you do, you are in trouble. Bro. Tom talked good to the saints. This evening the Lord's supper was set and feet were washed. Sis. Inez Kerley and Sis. Mable Veal who are both sickly of late were here and testifying. They are some of the elder sisters here. The kind that Bro. Tom said to treat as mothers. (Amen) (12/28/75) Sis. Edith Ingram was up from Huntsville and she was telling how the light of holiness shined when she was lost. She watched the lives (the light) that the children lived and it made her want to be one of them. Also the Lord has been good to her and helped her with her invalid son, when she called the saints in to have prayer with her. The Lord blessed her this Sunday evening and just about everybody else here. One of these was Sis. Willie Ruth Hollaway who works at an

insurance office that was held up by two men. When these men came in to rob them, she had 400 dollars of insurance money to pay on her brothers and sisters policies laying on a desk. She feared these men would take it.



Bro. Cecil and Sis. Willie Ruth Hollaway

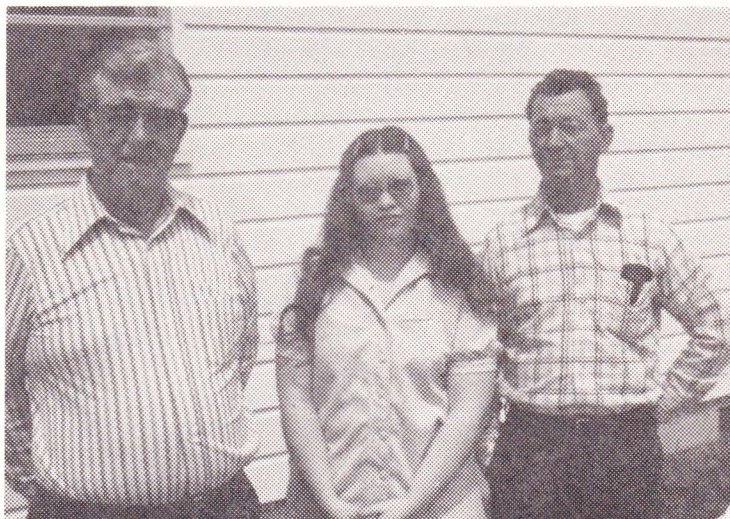
But after the robbery the money was still in her purse on the desk. Also no one was hurt in this incident. Many were the witnessing of the good healings of the Lord and other things.

SCOTTSBORO: Bro. Clarence Williams is again moving among us to the joy of many. on the 1st Tuesday evening in January he was holding the Lamp high as he quoted from James: PURE RELIGION AND UNDEFILED BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS, TO VISIT THE FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFILCTIONS, AND TO KEEP HIMSELF UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD. God blessed him as he told how we can lose our influence with the lost if we strat in doing the way they do. His son Bro. Floyd Williams was also moved upon by our Lord as were others. Two younger sisters that were blessed in season were Sis. Iris Gillian and Sis. Brenda Avons who was beautiful in the Spirit as she mentioned that Bro. Roy Guffey's talk touched her and she did want to be a help and a light to her husband. Bro. Roy edified before this as he told of before he came to the Lord. He said that one night he was out with the wrong crowd, and though he done nothing wrong, he was keeping wrong company and they just like to have had a car wreck. Upon returning home late, his wife Sis. Floy told him about her praying for him while he was gane. She then got down and prayed to the Lord again. This time Bro. Roy said he did too, and it was the first time he had ever prayed out loud to the Lord. It was very good.

PLEASANT GROVE: The church misses Bro. Tom Bucknar very much. The Lord has comforted and blessed them. Bro. Clarence Williams was very "free" in the Lord here on the 3rd Thursday evening of January. Meeting was very good with Bro. Paul Guffey of Higdon helping as were others.

On the 4th Sunday morning, they had a good edifying and more on the quieter side meeting were you can listen and learn in which they did.... Sis. Vicie Williams (Bro. Horace's wife) was remembering coming to this mountain from WILLIAMS COVE. She and her husband Bro. Horace had to cross swollen creeks with their shoes off as they walked with a couple of children. Their hearts were so glad when they topped Cumberland Mountain and they could hear Bro. Will Guffey's voice ringing over the fields and through the trees. Bro. Horace was excited, for he had not been baptised yet and he now knew today was the day.... Bro. Clarence Williams (Sis. Vicie's brother-in-law) was up telling how he remembered how Sis. Vicie was just a young girl with the Holy Ghost but she lived for the Lord and her light shone out in Williams Cove... Bro. Paul Simmons of BIERNE AVE was encouraging the children of God to let their lights shine, that they had just one chance and that we all had better use it. He encouraged and edified especially when he used the scripture, "Coming up as calves of a stall." How sleek and fat we would be and full of life..... David Maples who rec'd the Lord here nine years ago was pressing the lost to come to the Lord... Bro. Hubert Samson of ROCKY BRANCH was talking from the Word of God about bringing forth fruit. He read and exhorted about the fig tree that brought forth no fruit until Christ sent the Word to dig and dung about it. He went and read what the fruit of the Spirit was—"LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, TEMPERANCE." Bro. Billy West was happy as he told of the time the Lord healed him when he tore the inside of his chest. God blessed him.... Bro. Kenneth West daughter, Sis. Judith, was free in the Lord as she looked like an angel when the Spirit of God moved her about... Bro. David Jones was remembering Ma Vicie (Sis. Vicie) who he used to stay with before he came to the Lord. It was very good listening to him tell about the way these saints lived and the way they talked. He told how their conversation was on heavenly things and it caused him to come to Christ.... Bro. Vernon Wright was not backward in pressing people to live for and fear God.... Bro. Lit Pendergrass from CLAYSVILLE was telling how he and his wife was before they came to the Lord. They were rough with one another. But after the Lord came into their lives, how different

things are now as the peace of God rules their home.... Bro. Lit's brother, Bro. Odell wastelling how glad he was that the Lord gave him the Holy Ghost.



Bro. Lit, Sis. Debra (Bro. Odell's daughter) and Bro. Odell Pendergrass.

There were others that testified and they edified, especially Sis. Betty Faye McAllister who the Lord blessed all about the church. It was good to be here.

CAVE SPRINGS: The Lord has been visiting us in a wonderful way here at CAVE SPRINGS. I might should say, He is visiting the lost because His mercy has been extended to them. On the 2nd Sunday morning in December, Sis. Barbara Burrows rec'd the Holy Ghost. She came up rejoicing and praising God for what He had done for her, saying, "I've got the Holy Ghost!" There was a peaceful feeling when she was baptised later on that day.

Sis. Lucy Wharton rec'd the Holy Ghost on December 22nd at home. She is the daughter-in-law of Bro. Titus Wharton. She had been going to church for about a week and had gone to the altar only a few times. The saints praised the Lord for this new sister and her wonderful Christmas present.

On New Years day morning, about 1:10 a.m. Bro. Jr. Atchley rec'd the Holy Ghost.(ED. At Bro. Billy Brewer's home) That's starting out the new year right. Later on that same day, Sis. Barbara Burrows's husband Bro. John rec'd the Holy Ghost also. He told how it came to him to pray and he did. He was rewarded. That evening at church we had a good meeting rejoicing with the new ones. The house was full and the love of God was working in a wonderful way. We had visitors from PLEVNA, KEELS MTN, HILL'S CHAPEL, GRASSY MTN and ROCKY BRANCH and the Lord blessed them. The Lord blessed Sis. Shirley Largen in singing, Oil, Oil, I Have Struck Oil. It was a wonderful service.

Bro. Billy Brewer

Good memories

These are some of the poems arranged for and by the children at ELKWOOD around Christmas time. They are about the Lord helping them or their parents;

About Sis. Midge Holman who had a cancer on her arm.

She had a disease called cancer,
of which most men become alarmed,
I know it's true dear Lord,
She bears the scar upon her arm.

You let her stay here for awhile you see,
So she can help me grow up,
A fine girl to be!

Jill Holman

Bro. J.C. and Sis. Pat Kirkland.

Dear Jesus there once was
A time I could hardly breathe,
But in your name I was healed,
Because Mom and Dad came to believe.

Sheila Kirkland



Sis. Vanda Sullivan whose home was blown away by a tornado, while she was next door in the floor speaking in tongues while she testified to the neighbors, that nothing here below mattered.

I thank you Lord for being here,
You came nigh to taking us,
When the tornado came so near!

You work in strange ways I know,
Mother says we can't hold to anything below.

Perry Sullivan

Sis. Glenda Pierce who was under a bridge with tornadoes on both sides...house was completely gone.

Thru the fierceness of a storm
We were sheltered in your care
Because you heard my mother
Upon her knees in prayer.

She's prayed lots of times
For us and for Daddy too
But that day she prayed
For him to fear and gladly come to you.

Johnny Pierce



Bro. Donald and Sis, Carol Hereford

Lord I thank you for a Christian home.
Mother said if it hadn't been for you,
We'd be all alone.

Daddy was reckless and mean,
She was blind and couldn't see,
But Lord you got them together,
And made a home for me.

I can see by playing with my friends
This Christian home is something you sent!



Soon when I reach accountability,
Please reach out your loving hand,
And draw me unto Thee. (Please Lord!)

Kim Hereford



Bro. Rayford and Sis. Janie Miller

There was a blind man, Jesus did gladly
heal.

He put spittle on his eyes and the whole
world was revealed.

My mother's sight was also very, very dim,
But now can see, she put her faith in Him.

Sandy Miller

Bro. Charles and Sis. Nona Underwood

I came here tonight to honor you dear
Lord for healing me six months ago, when I was
so sick with fever I hardly knew I was in the
world, but your children came in and prayed
for me and you dear Lord sent your great heal-
ing power down. I thank you Jesus because I
know without your help I couldn't be here
tonight to honor you.

Christie Underwood

Sis. Waydean Smith

Dear Jesus remember me, I had kidney
problems. They said I had three, but you
had mercy and then there were only two. Now
I am big and I go to school.

Lynette Smith

Sis. Wanda Mason

This story I am about to tell is true
It'd not about me, but it's about you.

A little baby 7 months old,
Fell into a bed of red hot coals.

She suffered great there's no doubt,
But you Lord came by and took the fire out.

Me and the others want to thank you,
for now this baby is my mother.

Tommy Mason

Bro. Delmer and Sis. Peggy Kirkland

I'd like to try to honor the Lord,
the best I can you see,
I'd like to tell something that
He really did for me.

Once I had an accident while playing
out at night.

I fell and hit my head, and it was
quite a sight.

My eyes began to bother me ,
and my head hurt too,
It caused me to sleep during
and after school.

One night the Lord came by and
let Sister Peggy White lay hands on me
and healed me there that night.

Compared to this big World,
I guess I play a small part for His
love and care in His heart.

Alan Kirkland



'Godly Admonitions'

Bro. Vernon Wright at PLEASANT GROVE (1/25/76)

IF ANY MAN THINK HIMSELF TO BE A PROPHET OR SPIRITUAL, LET HIM ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE THINGS THAT I WRITE UNTO YOU ARE THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD....We can't take out a little here and add a little there and make it work, we had to fashion our lives to fit the Word of God. Well, since we've got into The Way of Holiness we still got to keep it. And it don't never change! Now I might get sorta big and have to add a size once in awhile to get my clothes on. This (bible) pattern don't ever change, it stays the same always. I have to fashion my life to fit this Word. Where the trouble is sometimes, is we don't want to admit that our lives are not coming up to the Word of God. My wife sews for people and they do like I do, they put on some weight every once in awhile. But they still want to go by the same pattern that they went by all along and it just don't fit. They want her to let out just a little, a little here and a little there and use the same pattern where they can say "I still use a fourteen." Bro. Paul, if people would just come down to it and confess and say just give me what fits me. That's what I want while going through this world because that's what gonna do me good. If you want to feel comfortable, get something that fits you. If you got something, Bro Arthur, that's too tight and you're just a pulling at it all the time, you're not a bit comfortable. Bro. Hubert, when you get something you can wear, you enjoy yourselves. If we fashion our lives to fit this pattern right here (holding up a bible) when we come to the house of God, we'll be comfortable, we'll be getting over in the power of God. If we don't fashion our lives to this we'll be in misery all the time. When the man of God gets up and starts bringing this just right, you'll start twisting this way and that way. If you aint careful you'll get up and leave the house. Rather than get up and admit that the Word of God has found me. Me and you are going to have to listen to what God has to say. If we ever hear God say, Well done, to us, when we miss it a little, we're going to have to come right back to where we left it and take off from there. We can't circle around it. I've seen people try it. I've seen them get far enough along to shout a little but when they came back to the truth, they had to come back where they left it and start out from there. The bible tells us in place, that they failed to receive the love of the truth. Jesus didn't say Satan would do it, He said He would. He said that He would send us a strong delusion that we all might believe a lie and be damned. If we get where we don't like the truth, He will send us that and we'll feel good, we'll enjoy ourselves. I want to enjoy myself like I was taught.... Children of God, we want to go to heaven, don't we. I do, I want to go to heaven worse than I want anything in this world. I thought as they were talking about us having a good way to go to church and pray for the sick and still not going. That didn't hit me. I'm not guilty. I don't care what time they call me, I'm ready to go. I aint got a regular job, if you ever need me just send for me and I'll drop what ever I'm doing.... Sometimes they use me like a spare tire. When they can't get nobody else, they call and ask if I'll go with them. I tell them I'll be right over there. What's going to get us at the end of this life is not doing the things we know to do.... When we got in this way, we sold out everything, we gave it all up. I'm afraid some people have resurrected things that they died to. Because when they got in this way, they were willing to do anything.... (Talking about people using excuses such as getting old and tired & etc.) If they get a little bit tired now they say, I'm just to tired. That don't give you no excuse. I can read out of this bible about men a whole lot older then we'll ever be and they stayed on the job. I'm getting older too, my health went down and I can't hardly stand up a whole days work but when it comes time to go to the house of God, I'm ready to go.... If we want people to follow us, Sis. Joan, we are going to have to be a pattern. Paul told us to mark them that walked like they walked for a pattern. There are a lot I won't follow. They get up telling me how I ought to do and I look at the way they're doing and it don't go no where. But I would like to live in a way that I could please God.... Many people are taking pleasure in other things. The cares of this life are choking the Word. As Bro. Hubert was talking about the fruit, he said they would become unfruitful. Well we are living in that time. They live anyway they want to and come back to church and get up and shout and instruct and have a good time. Bro. Lit, the shout ain't gonna get you there. They are just as happy as can be until you pull them down to the pattern, then they ain't happy anymore. The bible said that Charity wouldn't rejoice in iniquity. I've been places where there was a whole lot of shouting going on and I just couldn't connect up. But you let them old brethern get up and start bringing me the Word of God and what would cause me to grow, I could get awake and set up and listen. It is not the hearer that's justified but the doer... Bro. Arthur, I'm trying to live a life that if they accuse me, it will be false. Bro. Paul, I don't care how much they accuse me if it's all false. Now you let the truth come against you where you've missed it you just got to take it and wilter down. But if they accuse you of something that aint so, you've got the power of God and a good conscience to defend yourself....

Our People



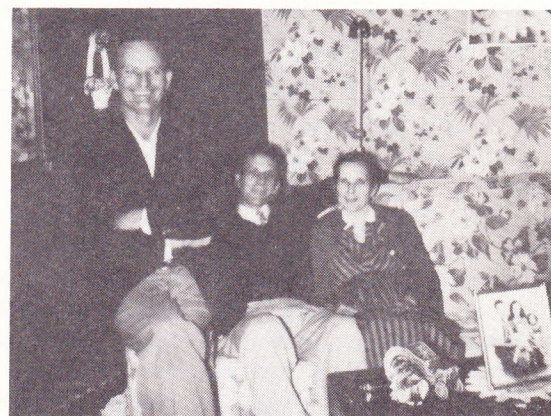
Bro. James and Sis. Violet Moss



Old Bro. Kennedy of PLEASANT GROVE.



Sis. Gladys and Bro. Charlie Brown of SOUTH HAVEN. (looks like they are making a fast get away)



Bro. Luther Troglen and his son L.B. (He has the holy Ghost now) and wife Sis. Mae who now lives with Bro. L.B. in Atlanta.



Sis. Molly Williams, Bro. "Mutt" Spurgeon (he'd been working) and Sis. Whitley. (HIGDON)



Bro. Will Guffey



Sis. Debbie Knight, Bro. Paul Warren and Bro. Hoyt Martin. (LAVERGNE)



Sis. Sue Jane Allen and Sis. Flora Stephens (you can tell they love one another and the WORD. (BLACK OAK)



Bro. Clarence Williams, Bro. Alvin Watts and Bro. Henry McLain.



Sis. Truda Law (Oak Grove)



Bro. Erskine Webb, Bro. Paul Stone, Bro. Mitt McAllister, Bro. Lawrence Brown and Bro. David Jones.

BIG COVE: They have been having some exceptionally good meeting in the Cove this year. They were wonderful over the 1st weekend in February. At one time, Bro. Lige Holland was preaching from a bench as the joy of the Lord rolled like waters. On Sunday evening a young man by the name of Tommie Smith rec'd the Holy Ghost. He was from New Hope Ala. and he was not raised in holiness. When he was very young he got to going to a denominational church in which he finally joined. He also began reading his bible and he saw that he would have to have the Holy Ghost like they did in the time of Peter, John and Paul and the other apostles if he ever got to go to God's heaven. He started coming to BIG Cove some and then he was seen occasionally in the altar. On the last Wednesday in January he saw the Lord honoring and blessing so good here that it tore him up. On Thursday he was pressed to visit and elder sister, Sis. Lois Burke, and he told her how the night before it had come to him to raise his hands & the Lord would give him the Holy Ghost but he then thought, "What will the people think?" He was instructed by Sis. Lois that all good things come from God and to obey Him. Then came Sunday evening when he gave it all up and God filled him full of the Holy Ghost.

Meetings were so good that they were give out through Wenesday evening and they were good. (We were privilged to be here on Monday evening and it was a blessing just to be here as the love of God was flowing as you walked in the door and the saints greeted you hugging your neck in the precious love of God. It was there all through the service. It is no wonder God is giving the Holy Ghost with this kind of love abounding.)

Sis. Mary Jo and Bro. Fred Lackey's son Winfred had been seeking God at OAK GROVE and he was close to the Lord. On Tuesday evening January 27th he told his mother-in-law, Sis. Shirley Scott (Bro. Stanley's wife) to call in to work and tell them he wouldn't be in. He was going to church at SCENICLAND that night. When Sis. Shirley asked what about his job, he replied, "My soul is more important than a job." He rec'd the Holy Ghost that night at SCENICLAND and his soul is now prepared to meet God.

OLD SARDIS: It was beautiful the way the Lord led Bro. Dewey Barrier to open into the Lord's supper on the 2nd Saturday evening in January. He started with the Lord's last supper and went into the garden where He prayed, and His friends couldn't stay awake. Then He was betrayed by a kiss and His trial before the high priest and the council. Denied by His closest friend, Peter. Delivered to Pilate who found no fault in this just man.

His sentence to death by crucifixion, being nailed to a wooden cross stuck upright in the ground. How they hammered the nails into His hands and feet and hung Him to die. How they pierced His side with a spear. FOR AS OFTEN AS YE EAT THIS BREAD, AND DRINK THIS CUP, YE DO SHOW THE LORD'S DEATH TIL HE COME. This was an outstanding communion service.

Bro. Dewey taught on the following morning, MORTIFY THEREFORE YOUR MEMBERS WHICH ARE UPON THE EARTH.... It was strong meat.

On Sunday evening, the Lord blessed good at Bro. Burnell Bell's where the saints had met to pray for him on account of his heart trouble. He was even up shouting before it was over. A few days later the Lord called and he went to be at rest in Christ.



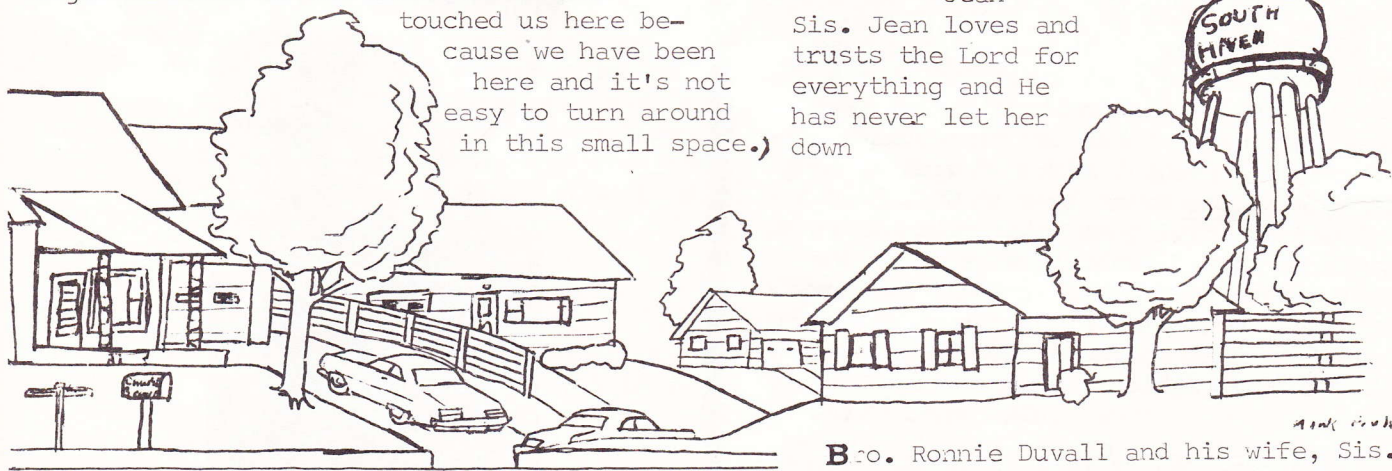
Sis. Ella Burke rec'd the Holy Ghost in 1920 at Hobb's Island just across the Tennessee River south of Huntsville. She was upstairs at home alone at the time. When her husband died her youngest child was only fifteen months old but the Lord stood beside her and assisted her all the way. The Lord healed her and her children many times. Once when she was so ill that she was out of her head, her oldest son Clarence walk from Madison to Big Cove, around 30 miles, to get the saints to pray for her. The Lord healed her again. On August 22, 1973 the Lord did not heal for it was her appointed time to go and she now rest with God. She lived for the Lord 53 years.

BLACK OAK: (1/18/76) Communion service; Bro. Tom Kerley telling of the Lord's death and suffering (he warned against these new bibles that are out and how they've changed the Word of God). The foot washing was wonderful as the shout went up while Bro. Terry Duvall was out in the floor under the Spirit and in a little bit another shout went up and his brother, Bro. Frank Duvall was also in the floor. Many more were blessed by God as the sweet humble feeling prevailed through the church.

Sis. Nova Hopkins was telling on the 3rd weekend about the Lord healing her face when it was so swollen and covered with sores. When the saints gathered around her in prayer she had such great love for them all, and confidence in their prayers. She was anointed with oil and she was healed, she knew exactly when her healing took place. Sis. Nova has been sad over the death of her dear brother, Bro. Jerry Jones but she is not discouraged in the Lord. She also told of the time that God healed her back, when she was in such a bad shape she had to do her house work and make her bed on her knees.

Sis. Gladys Brown who was visiting from SOUTHAVEN and telling about how the Lord listened and answer her when she called on Him. Harold Brown, her son: had come home and parked the car up near the garage (it is very steep there) and got out and came into the house. Sis. Gladys happened to look out the window and saw that the car was rolling backwards down the hill. Just across the street there was another automobile parked and their car was headed straight toward it. Sis. Gladys started asking God to prevent the wreck and He did. The cars wheels turned as if someone was driving it and it parked itself right in front of the other car. (This

touched us here because we have been here and it's not easy to turn around in this small space.)



Sis. Nova Hopkins was again telling how the Lord heard her prayer. She was praying for something that she said she knew was the Lord's will. She prayed and prayed and kept on praying. She needed answer, a sign from the

Lord. While she was ironing some clothes and using a steam iron that couldn't be fixed (a number of folks had tried) so it would steam. A thought came into her mind like a voice, "I can fix your iron." To which she thought, "Yes Lord, I know you can." She arose and got some water and poured it in the iron and it started steaming. She received her sign from the Lord. Here in the north and everywhere that she is known, the people of God dearly love Sis. Nova.

A part of a letter that Sis. Jean Moon wrote to a sister and it was passed on to us. As always, Sis. Jean is telling what the Lord is doing or can do.

...we had some good meetings on the mountain (KEEL MTN). We had 3 in a row and I think is good. Well Sis, the Lord is still doing wonderful things down hear. I got Drains in my Right eye the other day and I was afraid I would loose the sight, thur was skim over it and I go to church and I thank the Lord for helping me and my eye cleared up and that a lots to thank the Lord for. And Virgil (her husband) came home from work Thursday with his eye burnt, he had burnt his eye good but he went to the doctor and the doctor sent him home and I went to Br. Willard's (ELKWOOD) with David and Ada (Maples) and ask pray for him. And I just no he bee all right and the next morning he got up didn't look there was nothing wrong. That part of what the Lord done for us lately. Gertrude (her sister) came to church Saturday night and she could not hardly walk her back and her legs was hurting so bade and the Lord just came along and hope her. She left the church happy....

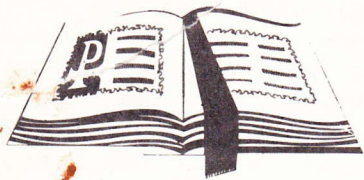
Love all waise

Jean

Sis. Jean loves and trusts the Lord for everything and He has never let her down

Bro. Ronnie Duvall and his wife, Sis. Wilene of Arab Alabama were robbed at gun point and escaped with their life due to the Lord's mercy. The robber had them lay on the ground and had Bro. Ronnie turn his head away as he put the gun to his head. When this brother started calling on the Lord, the robber could do them no harm but just took their money.

... and the Word was God.



I would like to tell of a wonderful dream I had last week after returning from church at Keel Mtn., with lots of love and a peaceful feeling of contentment in my heart.

I drifted off in a sweet slumber and soon found myself on a journey up this long, straight and narrow road. I could see a large bright light at the top. There were several others with me and we seemed eager to reach the top. But we soon grew weary and tired and it seemed out of no where a small hand appeared with what seemed to be a little white bowl. It was filled with small fruit. As we ate this, we found there were no seeds and it tasted as sweet as honey and it seemed we received a great supply of new energy from this food and continued our journey.

But after a while we again grew weary and it seemed we were struggling with all our strength to keep going up this hill. But again this little bowl of fruit appeared and again we began to eagerly eat our fill. But this time there were some among us that would shake their head and refuse this food, and would get down and could no longer continue this journey.

But I could see this great bright light at the top of the hill, which seemed to be drawing us nearer. And with the little bowl of fruit appearing and refueling us we grew nearer and nearer until this light seemed to be a large bowl. But when we got close enough I could see this great light was a large hand holding a huge white open Bible and it was filled with the little fruit which was sweet as honey that gave us our new strength to continue. At this point I awakened with my body trembling with the sweet love of God. And I thanked God for giving me this precious dream. It showed me that I couldn't make it up that straight and narrow path that leads to Glory without that sweet little fruit that so vastly flows from that wonderful Old Book that we call the Holy Bible.

Bro. George Kirkland

We heard Bro. George tell about this dream at KEEL MTN on the 2nd Friday evening of December. It edified then and is still edifying as it is told and retold where the saints meet together. It showed the necessity of the Word of God for us to finish this journey successfully.

Bro. Billy Parker was very bold in the faith as he exposed hypocrisy among us. (TIFTONIA 1/4/75) He referred to ones hugging and kissing you today and telling you how they love you, but tomorrow they don't think so much of you when they are with another crowd. (fearing men rather than God) He said if you love me here, today, love me there, tomorrow. He read of the great apostle Peter who was caught in this same thing once until he was rebuked by the Lord's servant Paul. As Paul said, "When Peter came to Antioch I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed." He had buddied up to people or as the bible says, BEFORE THAT CERTAIN CAME FROM JAMES (Jerusalem), HE DID EAT WITH THE GENTILES: BUT WHEN THEY WERE COME, HE WITHDREW AND SEPERATED HIMSELF, FEARING THEM.....FOR IF I BUILD AGAIN THE THINGS WHICH I DESTROYED, I MAKE MYSELF A TRANSGRESSOR. (Amen!!!)

Bro. Mitt McAllister was at CAVE SPRING the last week in December where they had a few nights meeting. He spoke of the time when Bro. Tom Perry was up preaching at PLEASANT GROVE way back yonder in 1911. When he laid hands on a women who was scaled up with Pelegra and also out of her right mind, she was healed and came back immediately to her senses. In a few days the scales were gone and she was well. He exhorted the saints to be led by the Lord when they laid hands on a sick person. If God puts your hands on them they will be healed.



This is a life size photograph of Bro. Willis Brown standing behind the original pulpit that he used for so many years on BEIRNEAVE. It was prepared by Bro. Jack Denson and is in the back room of the SCOTT-SBORO church.

Marriage



Bro. Lloyd Putnam (WILLIAMS COVE) and Sis. Vera McIntosh (SCOTTSBORO) were joined in marriage at the WILLIAMS COVE church by Bro. Horace Williams on December 27th. They are both just recently down from BLACK OAK in Indiana and they have been children of God for some years now. We wish them many happy years together.

Sis. Linda Tinker of BROWN'S CHAPEL came home from work (1/28/76) and passed out before she could get out of the car. She took up a very high fever. Sis. Olene Atchley (her mom) asked prayer at church and then after church the saints came by to see about her. They had prayer and her fever broke. The next day she couldn't swallow and she almost strangled to death. She asked her mother how long did Job suffer. Sis. Olene's reply was "I don't know, but he held on to the Lord and he was restored fourfold of all that he had lost." Sis. Linda began to feel better immediatly.

My wife and I would like to praise the Lord for His wonderful love and mercy. This New Years morning became very special to us, the Lord gave Bro. Jr. Atchley the Holy Ghost in our home.

We had been to church that lasted until shortly after mid-night and the Lord had blessed. Jr. had prayed good but had failed to believe the Lord. After service, several of our friend came over for awhile. While listening to a tape playing of the singing at the church, Junior started praying. In just a few minutes he was speaking in tongues and

he arose saying, "Billy that's it!" We shouted and praised God for this wonderful event as our house filled up with people and the children of God faces would light up with joy when they looked at our new brother.

We thank God for His love and goodness.

Bro. Billy and Sis. Shirley Brewer

Sis. Lois Burke of BIG COVE tells of a couple of times (she has many more) that the Lord heard her and the saints prayers

I asked prayer for my grandson who had no tears when he cried or his nose failed to run like other children. Although he was not here with me, Bro. Mitchell Drake was preaching as he came by an laid hands on me. He said that cou'd be for the healing of another. It was for the Lord healed my grandson.

I prayed about 28 years for the Lord to give some of my family the Holy Ghost. One day while talking on the telephone to a women, I told her how I had about give up on them ever coming to the Lord. She told me not to do that. So I started praying for him to give just one of them the Holy Ghost and it would be a great help to me. So far three have come to the Lord and I want Him to bring in more.

Sis. Lois Burke

MARKHAM: (2/1/76) Bro. Charley Brown was over from SOUTHAVEN and he "Let the blade down" on this "spirit" as he called it, that made parents to dress their sons in "sissy" clothes with long hair that should be on girls and not on boys. But he did not talk just on the kids but also on grown men not looking and acting like men but rather being girlish. It caused some to fear for they had not realised that this was caused by an evil spirit.

We just don't have the room to write about all the good things that the Lord is doing among us. Like they had a wonderful communion service at OAK GROVE on the 3rd Saturday evening of February. Two sisters came to Christ at BROWN'S CHAPEL on the 11th of Feb. Wednesday night. They are Sis. Sheila Brown and Sis. Geraldine York the daughters of Sis. Mabel Short. On the 4th Sunday A.M. at FYFFE, Bro. "Bunk" Wilburns' daughter rec'd the Holy Ghost. She is Sis. Henrietta Blevins. They had meeting through Wenesday night and they were very good. PLEVNA had a real good edifving meeting on the 3rd Wednesday evening in February. The meeting at SOUT HAVEN was "Just beautiful" on the 4th Sunday evening in February. On and on we could go, for the Lord has been moving about everywhere this year.

Asleep in Christ

Bro. John Newton was taken in his 72nd year on February 2, 1976. He was from OAK GROVE. He came to the Lord over 40 years ago.

Bro. Tom Buckner who was loved by all, left this world in sweet peace in his 59th year on December 26 1975. He rec'd the Holy Ghost at BIERNE AVE in Huntsville 39 years ago. He loved to be with and around any and all the children of God. He is dearly missed by the peace loving people. He was from PLEASANT GROVE and led meeting here.



Bro. Tom Buckner

Sis. Barbara Burroughs of CAVE SPRING rec'd the Holy Ghost on December 14th. 52 days later on February 3 she passed on to her reward being a victim of an automobile accident on Keel Mtn.

Bro. Burnell Bell was called home to Glory in his 64th year. He was from SARDIS and had been a child of God for 46 years. He was known for his love of singing and led singing for many years. He will be much missed.

Sis. Lucy Avons has found the rest that she had longed for in her 85th year on February 17, 1976. She was from HYTOP and had served the Lord for over forty years.



Sis. Lucy Avons

Sis. Ellen McAllister finished her sojourn here in her 87th year on October 10, 1975. She was from PLEASANT GROVE and had been a child of God for 48 years.

The Lord has taken Bro. Harve Pearson of PLEVNA. He left on January 16, 1976 and was 69 years old.

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