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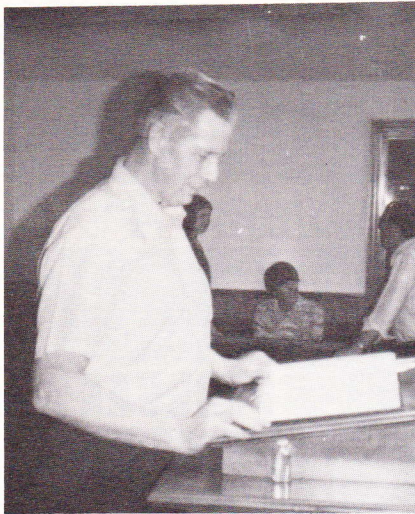
FEBRUARY



The 1977 Christmas program at BLACK OAK was like many others before with one touching exception. The last "Special" was little Pauline Shipinski who spoke the words "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." This is the same Pauline who has been mentioned before in Glad Tidings in request for prayer. The Christmas before she couldn't talk. Until the recent past she had never spoken a word but the good Lord in response to many prayers showed His love through this child. Moist eyes were seen when she spoke her wish. The first testimony at the next service following was her mother, Sis. Pat, who was thanking God for His blessing to her family by healing Pauline. Many testimonies followed with the same theme. Surely God was glorified by the words of the child and the testimony following. The Shipinskis are a fine family and include John, who is seeking the Lord and daughter Kathleen.



It shall be called The way
of holiness



Bro. Elton Brazier at PLEVNA as he talked to the lost people on the 2nd Saturday evening in December:

"A TIME TO BE BORN AND A TIME TO DIE." Now this is talking to everyone of us. A TIME TO BE BORN AND A TIME TO DIE. A TIME TO PLANT AND A TIME TO PLUCK UP THAT WHICH IS PLANTED. O-o-o-h-h Brother, listen! Most of us here in this community used to be farmers, ... everybody can understand what I'm talking about. In the Spring of the year when it come time to get the ground ready for that crop, people got out and worked. Glory to God! They got it ready. Brethern, there was a certain time of the year that the people religously went to put their seed into the ground. They didn't want them in there before that time. Glory to God! Maybe we'd had a wet Spring, people couldn't hardly get in the fields. That time was coning up close that the seed ought to go into the ground. They'd get worried about it. They'd go to walking the floor. Why brethern? Because it was the time to plant! If you tonight want to plant a plant that God will accept, I'm talking about coming to this altar and getting your soul right with the Lord. O-o-o-h-h brethern listen, I'd like to see people walking the floor like they did when they put their crops in, because their soul is lost. I could remember right before God came to me I got in that shape Uncle Tilman. I prayed, tried to pray myself to sleep. I'd get up the next morning and I'd go down to the barn and I'd get down and pray. I couldn't be satisfied. I'd get off away from the barn in the fence row. I had to pray. I felt something telling me time was getting short, I needed the Holy Ghost while it was in season. How proud I am tonight, that while God was knocking at my heart I gave Him everything I had. Brethern, I couldn't be satisfied! ... The nearest to satisfaction I could get was on my knees talking to the One I knowed could help me. That was the shape I was in. "Oh Lord, I'm in such bad shape, I need your help!" Glory to God! Right on the last, I got to the place that I said, "Lord I'll do anything you show me!" Now brethern, up until that time, I kinda reserved the right to think it over if God showed me something. "Oh, I wasn't getting nowhere with the Lord. But I got in such a shape I said, "Lord! I don't care what it is, if you'll show me something to do, I'll do it!" I then began to draw closer to God. Glory to God! I'll tell you God will just have 100% of you or none of you at all. If you'll come to God with all your heart, and just get to the place where you're afraid to turn God loose. "Lord, I may not get back to this altar again." When you get worried like that about yourselves, you're getting over in the condition I'm talking about these old farmers used to get in. When they saw something was gonna have to break in the weather or they was gonna loose their crop. I'm telling you something is gonna have to break with you and the Lord or you're gonna loose your soul. Uncle Tilman was talking about God was able to draw peoples minds away from everthing in the world but Him. He's able to do it. A TIME TO PLANT AND A TIME TO PLUCK UP THAT WHICH WAS PLANTED. One time the Lord planted His Spirit in my soul. After awhile the Lord will began to send out the call, and He's gonna pluck up off this earth everything that He's planted. And he's gonna take it back to be with Him. And people that don't belong to Him are gonna be left behind. Oh Brethern, the Lord knows what he's doing. When I first come here and I would get up and try to preach and the Lord would use me wonderful. I would look back in the back of the house and I would think I knew where it was going tonight. And I would just go on because I knew that God had a hold of me. You know, when I got ready to give altar call and I'd say "let's all stand and sing a verse of some song and lets see who'll come." And they'd not ve a sign of anyone come from over there and maybe someone would come from over here. Somebody I didn't even think about coming. Brethern the Lord knows the heart of man. You could be sitting with something in your eye and I might think you was "tore up" by just the outward appearance but God's looking down in the heart. Now I'm going to give you a chance to pray.....



SAND MTN.: The Lord has really been blessing at Section for the last few services. 2nd Sunday night in November the Lord helped and blessed the children of God. Bro. Waylon Womack from OLD SARDIS, who has been in bad health with arthritis, rejoiced in the Spirit and was led to lay hands on two sisters. This made the other children of God praise God to see the Lord help him. Bro. Dewey Barrier

read and talked to the saints of God. We enjoyed his talk and hope the Lord keeps sending us what we need. Before closing of the service, Bro. Arnold Thomas from SCOTTSBORO, gave some good advice to the sinners seeking God. The Lord also blessed Bro. Clyde Whitley, from FORT PAYNE. We enjoyed all the visitors and hope they'll come again.

Born Again

"It started Wednesday night. Sis. Brenda Priest called us about 11:00 PM to pray for Donna (Bro. Melvin Priest's daughter). When I got there she was scared pitiful, shaking like a puppy dog. They told what had happened. Every time the news came on Television, Donna would either cut it off or leave the room. On the T.V. there was some thing about countries signing peace. There was one country who wouldn't sign and they finally decided to sign. He said something about a permanent peace. When they told this to Donna she ran in the bathroom and took off her make-up and started seeking the Lord. We prayed from 11:30 until about 2:30 in the morning. We all decided to meet about noon the next day but it was about 1:00. When we met Donna told us about a thought she had, "If I get the Holy Ghost today, I won't get to go to the altar." She thought, "I don't care, I'm gonna get the Holy Ghost today in Brenda's house!" We started praying about 1:30 and about 1:45 she came speaking in tongues"

Sis. Cheryl Mullins

BLACK OAK: (11/14/77) Bro. Tom Kerley started off preaching about a thought that had been on his mind a long time, about, "many had departed from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." And for us, "Not to give heed to these spirits that tell us no one loves you, that you can't make it to heaven." "We can make it, and the children of God do love each other."

Sis. Juanita Duvall was blessed in her talk as she says, "When a bad thought comes in your mind against a child of God, push it away quick, replace it with a good thought."

Bro. Leroy Duvall was telling of when Bro. Frank was little and had a toothache, they were down praying, the child got down on his knees by his mom. After prayer was over, he told her it was well.

Bro. Frank Duvall was telling of the time the Lord healed his daughter's leg when he could feel the broken place with hands.

The Lord blessed many souls. Good singing. Bro. Hilra started the song where the bass says, "There is joy,..." Sis. Sue Jane Allen was telling how she could almost see Bro. Henry McLain out there walking around singing that song. (Bro. Henry was in the north for a long time and they miss him) The song says, "There is joy for all God's children, joy each day as we travel along." It just thrilled my heart.

(12/18/78) They had a good Communion service On Saturday evening. Sunday morning had a good humble feeling service with everyone

telling how good God had been to them. Sis. Joyce Williams Had a heart attack the week before and she was up thanking the Lord that she was alive and coming to meeting and the Lord blessed her. Sis. Edith Ingram was up and the Lord blessed her, telling about how God's mercy let her hear of this Way.

(1/1/78) We've got four or five inches of snow on the ground and more snow falling. I made us some snow cream, sure was good. Bro Cecil Holoway was pushing snow off the church parking lot. Lonnie invited him to come in and eat some snow cream with us. He came in. He says it'd been a long while since he'd eaten any snow cream. (We just had to put that in) Bro. Hilra McLain reading from 1st Tim. and talking about not being rich in this worlds goods or lust after such.

Sis. Pearlina Dudley

THE PREACHER'S MISTAKE

The parish priest
Of Austerity,
Climbed up in a high church steeple
To be nearer God,
So that he might hand
His word down to His people.

When the sun was high,
When the sun was low,
The good man sat unheeding
Sublunary things.
From transcendancy
Was he forever reading.
And now and again
When he heard the creak
Of the weather vane a-turning,
He closed his eyes
And said, "Of a truth
From God I now am learning."

And in sermon script
He daily wrote
What he thought was sent from heaven,

And he dropped this down
On his people's heads
Two times one day in seven.

In his age God said,
"Come down and die!"
And he cried out from the steeple,
"Where art Thou, Lord?"
And the Lord replied,
"Down here among my people."

The 2nd weekend of February found the children of God in MARKHAM rejoicing and praising God as He was in our midst, and how we felt the Love of God as Sis. Betty Lou Avans was shouting over the floor under the power of God. And how good it was to see Sis. Joyce Campbell, Sis. Gayle Ashley, Sis. Polly Miller, Sis. Helen Bailey, Sis. Edith Terrel and Sis. Reta Ashley all in the hnds of God and telling of His Goodness and to see the love of God among the children of God here.

We desire everyone's prayers."

Sis. Myrtle Cardin at LAKEWOOD PARK telling of the Lord's healing power:

"When Veda Mae was three or four years old she had a big knot on her knee that had been there near all her life. And my people were not in this way and were wanting me to carry her to the doctor. I hadn't had the Holy Ghost but just a little while but I knowed that God could heal her. And that's what I was wanting him to do. They would worry me every time they got around me wanting me to carry her to the doctor. I'd tell them, I believed she'd be alright, but you know, I never did ask them to pray for her at church. But I just felt like the Lord would heal her. Just about every month that thing would puff up and get about the size of an egg and just an old dark blue thing and just hard as a rock. It'd get up there so big, then it would burst. It was the awfulest odor. I knew God gave her to me and Glory to God, I wanted Him to have His way. If He wanted to take her, I wanted



Bro. Harvey and Sis. Myrtle Carden with his mother, Sis. Matt Williams.

Him to have His way about it. One night we went to church, I'll never forget it, and it was getting ready to burst again. Bro. Henry McLain was at WILLIAMS COVE. I was just a little young child of God and I didn't know nothing only I knowed I had the Holy Ghost. Harvey didn't have the Holy Ghost at that time it was only me and the Lord. Anyway at the COVE that night, they sung a few songs and Bro. Henry asked if anybody had a request for prayer. That still small voice just spoke to me. Said, "This is the night I aim to heal her." I told them, "Yes, I want you to pray for my baby." He said, "Why bring her out here!" When I brought her out there, I just laid her in the altar and thought, "Lord, she's yours, ...". And you know, they prayed for her and the best I remember it didn't seem like such

a big prayer but I seen hands go on her and I was just as contented. I knowed God had healed her! I rejoiced so. The next morning, the first thing that come on my mind, "You know the Lord healed her." I just raised up and turned the cover off her. And you know, that thing was a well looking as it is right now. Glory, Glory, Glory... Glory...."



DON'T WAIT FOR THE HEARSE TO TAKE YOU TO CHURCH:

If you do, you will go regardless of the weather.

You will go regardless of how your family feels.

You will go regardless of the condition of your body.

You may have beautiful flowers but you will not enjoy them.

Regardless of how good the singing is, you will not enjoy it.

Regardless what the minister may say, it will do you no good.

You will go to the altar but not to pray.

You may have a great need but no one will be able to help you.

There will be relatives and friends there but you will not worship with them.

You will go regardless of how many hypocrites are there.

You will go regardless how much you are needed on your job.

The minister had rather help you now than try to console your loved ones if you die with out God.

So make it your choice to go to church while you have a choice.

Bro. Eli Smith



Sis. Maxine Nance telling about before she knew the Lord and was with another women who had left her husband: "She left her husband and we went down and got in the car. She had a little girl. I was lost. I don't know what happened but I remember looking up in a window but it seemed like something spoke to me and said, "Bend over in the seat!" I did not know what to do, so I just bent over, and when I did I grabbed the little girl and bent over in the seat and when I did he shot my window out. The whole window was blown out. One day after I got the Holy Ghost years and years later, I was working at work sitting, when it was like something spoke to me, "Do you remember that time when you didn't know what it was that told you to bend over in the seat? That was Me!" I don't like to talk about what I done when I was out in the world but God done that for me!"

DEDICATION



RIVERTON: The 3rd Sunday of November was Dedication day for the new church. Mention was made of those who put their time and money in the building of this church. Afterwards a number of ministers had a few words to say. These are some of those: Bro. Henry McLain; "Let all things be done with out murmuring or disputing. If you want to get along here in this church, all cooperate and speak good of one another. But if it gets tore up, it aint no good. If you get divided and get to disputing and murmuring about first one thing and another, God aint in that. He want us to live in peace and harmony one with another. ... If you have this worlds good, and see your brother have need, and shut up the bowels of compassion against him, how dwell the love of God in you. We've got to love one another. He said to love one another. If we do, Jesus will love us. When He was here and walked this earth, He done good to al-1-1 men. Every body who had need, He done good unto them. And they done away with Him. They didn't like Him because he wanted to get along with everybody."

Bro. Mitchell Drake; "Paul said, I beseech you that you all speak the same thing. Work together. If we work together we'll win. I heard a parable one time. A man had twelve sons. He took twelve sticks and took one at a time and how easy they were broken. He then took the twelve sticks and bound them together and showed how hard it is to break them. ... I read in the scripture one time where, The servant of the Lord must not strive but be gentle onto all men."

Bro. Willard Wooten; "When we moved in

to our church a man made a statement as he look at our old building and how the Lord had blessed, Now brethern, you have moved and you are in a new building, just be sure you move the Lord with you! This building is not the church. It's the people of God that meet together. Just be sure He does not remove the candlestick." There aint a child of God anywhere I can't worship with.

Bro. Jack Denson; "I hope Jesus gets to visit this church often and that there will be no grief brought to Him so that He can smile on you each time you come together."

Bro. Duke Cowan; "We must be in one mind and one accord and follow the same rule."

Bro. Charles Wilmon; I remember what Bro. George Anderton said, There's no law against do good to anybody. Some people won't like it if you do good to everybody but I believe God will. ... lest the root of bitterness springing up and thereby many be defiled. ... We're all full of know-



ledge, but we need to wisdom. Wisdom will tell us what to do with that that we know."

Bro. Elige Holland; Bro. Will Guffey came to my home one time in the Cove. He (sucked his lip) said, Glory to God son, you got more house then you have religion!! (Be sure the church isn't better then you religion).

Bro. Leroy Duvall; "If we will follow the Word of God, everybody will speak the same thing. ... There is one set rule that governs every church. And if you've got the Holy Ghost and let it lead you, you will speak the same thing."

These were just a few of the men that spoke just a few word but they centered around being in one mind and speaking the same thing.

Bro. Larry Wooten tells how he came to the Lord at TIFTONIA this past summer:

"I was married in 1967 to Freda York from Lookout Mtn. She had the Holy Ghost then but I didn't want no part of it, Baptist was good enough. And I thought a woman was supposed to follow the man and go to his church, believe it his way. She didn't! I was very mean to her. I told her she could take her religion and go straight to torment (I was drinking). I wouldn't let her go to church saying, "You think you got to be there every time the doors are open. Why don't you just move into the church." I used to slap her around and be real ill with her but she's never raised her voice. Once when I was drinking and had been to a party I done her the worst I had ever done. She open the door for me, smiling, and I hit her clean across the living room into the bathroom. I worked on her that night, blacked her eye. I never will forget it. She said, "Honey, please don't hit me any more", just as soft and easy. I apologized and never did that anymore. In all this I was going to a church. I thought I was as good as anybody. I'd get out and get drunk and I'd think, Boy, I'll go and repent, ask the Lord to forgive me and I'll be alright. When my sister Beulah Anne rec'd the Holy Ghost I didn't like it. I didn't like them calling my house and waking me up. It made me mad. We couldn't get along anyway. There was an incident that happened at the church I was going to and it involved me. They told lies on me. One of them raised his hand and said, "May the Lord strike me down if I am not telling the truth. The Lord did for he landed in the floor and they still believed him over me. I left them. I thought, "Now a child of God don't act like that. A preacher telling lies! Lord, I want what will take me to heaven when I die!" After that I was



coming home from California about sunup with the sun just rising over the mountains and me setting there and Ricky who was running with me asleep when something just spoke to me and said, "You're lost!" I thought, "What in the world is this! I know where I'm going an there's just one road and I know the way back home even without a map. I aint lost!" And it said, "No, you're lost and going to hell!" And I thought, "Oh Lord!!!!" And I got to crying and shaking. I was scared. It was just me driving, and I was afraid I was going to wake this old boy up who was back there sleeping. I prayed all the way home. Then, I don't know why, I went to church with Freda at WEST BROW on Lookout where Bro. Arlen House was running a revival. I got way in the back of the house, you know, where I could get out. And the Lord brought that man (Bro. Arlen, back there and he laid hands on me. I never knowed him before and I aint seen him since. I went to the altar that night and just knelt there saying, "Lord! It can't be this! Not this Lord. Anything but this!" After that I would go to the altar today and get drunk tommorrow. I'd go the altar and feel the Lord

and then get up and wait until the next time. I got to seeing myself like some of those who seek the Lord for year and years. I seen that and I got to saying, "Lord, just do what it takes but don't let me wind up like that." I had once made up my mind I wasn't going back to the altar, I was gonna quit, I couldn't live it. Then a close friend of mind from Wisconsin got killed. We had been in Nashville fooling around having a big time. They were starting to have a revival at TIFTONIA and I decided I wasn't going to come back to church. Me and this guy had run together on the same trucks, it just so happened that this time we were on different trucks. I got the word that he had been burnt up in a wreck. When I got there his rig was completely burnt up and him with it. The only thing that wasn't burnt was a piece of paper on his back with the name, "Larry Wooten" on it. (No one has yet explained how it was written or how it got there) And the "Larry Wooten" wasn't even scorched. I thought, "Lord, have mercy!" I was fixing to tell Freda that I was quitting but all the way home I thought about it and I told the Lord, "Lord, if you'll help me, I'll try again." I tried but it seemed like I couldn't get no where. Bro. Billy Parker told me, "If you'll quit your job, the Lord will give you the Holy Ghost." I quit and sure enough, the Lord gave me the Holy Ghost. That service, I prayed one of the driest prayers seems like, ... I went that time because you were supposed to, you know, another "Dry run." When I started to get up somebody just touched me on the head and it come to my mind, "Why, you're close to the Lord." I started praying again and the Lord started helping me, ... and my tongue started moving and it scared me and I said,

"Is that you Lord?" And I say, "Glory!" and my tongue would run (speak in tongues) again. And when I opened my eyes, I could not tell who was who, everybody looked the same and I had the JOY and HAPPINESS. I KNOW I GOT THE HOLY GHOST.

Bro. Larry tells about his mother coming to the Lord in December:

"I was out on Sand Mountain selling insurance when they called me and told me they were going to pray for her. She had been real sick and nervous. She was just sin sick. I knew that was what was the matter with her. So I came on back, and went to East Lake in Chatt-

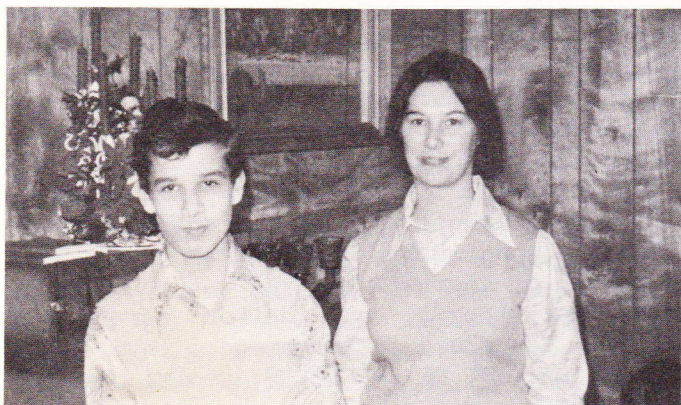
anooga where she lived. My mother was sitting there and she started talking about how she was saved and baptised but she knew the Lord could heal her. She kept talking about it. She said, "Well, I know Larry and Beulah Ann got something, everytime they would meet, they'd fight. Not just argue but fight and now they don't do that! They sit around and talk." Everybody felt like, ... well... she was gonna make it. "And I want what they got," she said. Bro. Billy Brewer was talking to her, "He'll take care of everything, Pauline, just trust the Lord, He don't need any help." Bro. Billy Parker laid hands on her too. She stood up, she was sitting in a recliner, raised her hands, said, "Glory" maybe a couple of times and started speaking in tongues and she just fell out in the floor. That's what came to my mind when they talk about everything be done decently and in order. It was just like she was laid out there. That tongue was moving. She raised up and looked at Bro. Billy Brewer and said, "Tell me that this is right. He didn't know what to tell her, and he laid hands on her and flop right back in the floor and no one had to say anything. That time she came up, she knew it was right, right then. There were about fifteen or twenty who met out in this little bitty living room with the Christmas tree right there and nothing got knocked over."



Sis. Beulah Ann, Sis. Pauline Lewis and Sis. Elizabeth Middlebrooks.

We heard of a wonderful time some of the TIFTONIA saints had on the 4th Tuesday evening of January. Here it is in Bro. Larry's words:

"We started over to mothers to pray for her. We were going down the freeway and I told Bro. Billy Parker, "Let's go by and get Bro. Jeff (14 years old)." He didn't say, yea nor nay but just turned and went over there. He said that he might not be home. But we drove up and he said, "Looke yonder, yea he's shouting!" Bro. Jeff was shouting in the house. Bro. Bill jumped out and was just watching thru the window. He didn't know we were out there. He was just a shouting like everything. I went up and knocked on the door. He opened it and he was speaking in tongues, shouting. He just grabbed me and hugged me. Boy, he got the love of God stirred up. It was like someone rec'ing the the Holy Ghost. Bro. Bill came up saying, "Glory, Glory!" Bro. Bill told him we were going to pray for the sick, "Do you want to go?" He said, "Yes!" with him speaking in tongues. He told how he had been praying since four o'clock (and it was nearly six o'clock) for the Lord to send some child of God over. Everytime he would try to write a note and tell his dad where he was he'd shout. He like to never got that note wrote. He had the love of God stirred up. We went on to mother's and everybody came in shouting. Best that I've ever seen. She was healed of a sleeping sickness she's had for years. I called her on Thursday and she said, "You all over done it. I haven't slept in three days!" We went from there to Sis. Joiner's on



Bro. Jeff and his mom, Sis. Francis Tucker

Lookout Mtn. She had her foot propped up on a pillow and they thought it was broke (fell on some ice). She was asked how she was doing and her answer was, "I'm not doing to well." Bro. Billy Brewer said, "Sis. Joiner, you're gonna be shouting before we leave!" She was and you could see the swelling going out of her ankle. In walked Bro. Harold York all crooked over with his back. Someone laid hands on him and he started straightening up. We left there and went to

ABOUT THAT *Second Mile*

Bro. Dewey Barrier speaking on the wonderful scripture in charity at TIFTONIA on the 3rd Sunday evening in September.

"I'd like to have your prayers. Paul writing to the Corinthian church, talking from the 13th chapter of Corinthian. You people who read the bible know what it's talking about. If I asked hands up, how many would know? Bless His holy name, saints of God. We ought to study the Word of God. You ought to read it over at the house sometimes. You ought to study about it boys. Because, saints of God, that's our waybill. God gave us the Holy Ghost. That's what it'll take to get us a home in glory world, but He left His Word for us to go by. And sometimes during a busy day and a busy week we ought to have time to pick the Word of God up and read just a little bit about what He said. Paul writing to the Corinthian church: **THOUGH I SPEAK WITH THE TONGUE OF MEN AND OF ANGELS AND HAVE NOT CHARITY I AM BECOME AS A SOUNDING BRASS OR A TINKLING SYMBOL.** When the children of God humbles their heart down and lifts their minds up, I don't believe it's impossible for them to speak in angel language. He said, Tho I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity. You know what charity is? It's love. You say, I've got it! I've got it! I love my wife, I love my children and I've got some of the sweetest little grand-children you ever did see. Charity goes a little deeper than that. Bless His holy name. Saints of God, charity is love in action. If I understand this thing, when a man or women rec's the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the love of God was shed broad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost. I believe we got some charity then. Some people says they haven't got a bit. Some says it comes in steps. I say if you aint got none **you'd better** get some. If you aint got any charity in your life, you aint nothing in the sight of God. Bless His holy name! It's easy to love people who love you. Talked like the Pharisee done that, didn't they? Bless His holy name! You come down to my house and I'll go back home with you. You fix me a dinner and I'll fix you one. Boys, charity will go a little deeper then that. Whenever people don't do to suit you, and you still love them. When you really love a child of God and you see that they are going in the wrong direction and somebody is gonna get in trouble and there's a possibility they are going away from God, what sends people over to talk with them? Right, it's love! That's the reason there aint no more that goes around and talks. Just me and my click! Well glory! Just a few of us families that visit one another pretty regular, we've got a lot of interest in them. A lot of people won't talk if it's against what they are doing. They are afraid they'll hurt their feelings. I believe I rather have somebody hurt my feelings and give me a chance to live for God as to pat me on the back and watch me go the other way. They'll say, It's so and so's daughter, let them tell her. Maybe they haven't saw it like you do. A lot of times, mother can't see daughters faults. And alot of time, fathers can't see sons faults. Now if this house got on fire and we were stand - ing out in the yard. And the smoke and fire going up and somebody started back into this house and we knew there was no way they could get back out. We do everything we could to keep them out. Spiritually, we stand to one side and let him go. **THOUGH I SPEAK WITH THE TONGUE OF MEN AND OF ANGELS AND HAVE NOT CHARITY I AM BECOME, ... I AM BECOME, ... I AM BECOME AS A SOUNDING BRASS AND A TINKLING SYMBOL.** You know what's happened to the sounding brass? You make a noise and you hear it what time it's making the noise, but when the noise as quieted down it's over then. When cahrity gets in it, you'll remember something about it next week. ... A lot of people will take the floor and scold and bilify and walk on the saints of God. But if they walk in charity they won't do it. No! There's a difference in knowledge and charity. Said knowledge puffed up. They say, People aint livng right. I can tell it. I know it. But charity will want them to do right. ... Now sisters, if you don't love all these children of God, if you just got you a few picked out that you love, you may get up here and shout and rejoice but it aint going to mean to much to them. The time you are on the floor about the only time they are gonna remember it. But, if you love all of them all and you get up here and shout and rejoice. When they go back home and next week, they'll say, The Lord sure did bless sister so and so. Said the Lord was really in it. You could feel that good love, ... and that's the way it ought to be saints. **THOUGH I HAVE THE GIFT OF PHROPHECY,** tonite children of God, if I got up here and prophesied that the Tennessee River was gonna dry up next week, won't be a drop of water go down it. And it happened like that, no doubt you people would go out and talk. Say, It happened just like he said, he must be a man of God. **THOUGH I HAVE THE GIFT OF PROPHECY AND HAVE ALL KNOWLEDGE,** just ask Bro. Billy any question you want to, he's got the knowledge. he'll give you the right answer on it. **ALL FAITH SO THAT I COULD REMOVE MOUNTAINS,** ... Somebody get sick and you get down to pray and they are healed, wouldn't we brag on that kind of people. We say, No doubt God is with them, but catch this latter part of it saints, **AND HAVE NOT CHARITY I AM N-O-T-H-I-N-G,** know what that is. Take a peice of paper and put a 0 on this line and a 0 on this line and a 0 on this line and a 0 on this line and draw

a line under them and add it up and see what you got. You aint got nothing. If we aint got love of God we aint nothing. AND THOUGH I BESTOW ALL MY GOODS TO FEED THE POOR. If a man owned a hundred acres of good land and he sold it and just gave it out to the people that were in need and that people that were poor. We think, He's a good man. THOUGH I BESTOW ALL MY GOODS TO FEED THE POOR AND THOUGH I GIVE MY BODY TO BE BURNED. I read a few years ago, Bro. Middlebrooks of some people who were standing for a cause that they thought was right and they just doused themselves with gasoline and set a match to themselves and just burnt up. Suppose they came along here tonight and said, Now boys, if you people are gonna keep claiming this old junk like ya'll been talking, we're gonna take some of you out yonder and put you to a stake and burn you alive. Now, suppose I step forward and say, I'll go! Bless His holy name. You know what, if I could'nt love you people, it wouldn't mean a thing in the world. He may bless you today, He may have blessed you last week, but if you can't love God's people you won't get many more, real blessings. People shouted around the golden calf. Well, we read about charity, lets find out how much we got. CHARITY ... SUFFERS ... about two minutes??? No! CHARITY SUFFERS LONG AND I-S, is, ... KIND. How do we react when the wife don't do to suit us? One man said, There aint but two time when I want my wife at home. When I'm there and when I'm gone. When you come home and the wife hasn't done exactly as you wanted her to do, how did you behave yourself?? CHARITY SUFFERS LONG AND IS KIND. Some people can't let you speak a sentence before their done telling you what they think about it. Some people can't let you make a statement until they done already got you cut off and talking to you and telling you just how it is. Don't sound like much charity there, does it? Sisters, how do you behave yourselves if the husband don't get home til 5:15, if he gets off work at 5:00? Well, I wanted to go to Momma's tonight and he's just dragging around out there. Does that sound like us, sisters? CHARITY ENVIETH NOT. Now Bro. Hodges, if you get up here and expound the Word of God and He is in it and you just feed the saints. Now, if charity is dealing in my life, it'll be proud of that. It won't envy him. And say, He's old and ought to set down (etc). That aint charity. It works among people. Works among singers too boys. Charity won't do it. ... If you can't love God's people, I don't see no chance for them, do you? CHARITY VAUNTETH NOT ITSELF. Charity won't think it's head and shoulders above everybody else. And children of God who think that are due for a fall, they'er due to come down. And when they are abased, a lot of them don't recover themselves. If a man or women exalt themselves above the other children of God, ... I'm sure glad I aint like them people, I got so much knowledge on this, ... sprouting wings. But their gonna have to come down boys. I don't believe anybody is head and shoulder above another. When we got up out of the floor with the Holy Ghost, we got up equal. Some people maybe advanced a little further other in knowledge but it don't make him no better, does it? No! No! CHARITY VAUNTETH NOT ITSELF. CHARITY IS NOT PUFFED UP. Did you ever get just a little bit aggravated? The other people gets mad, we get aggravated. Did you ever get aggravated at your husband and maybe go a full day without talking to him? It works over here too. The husband puffs up also. ... Charity won't puff up. Two children of God, a little difficulty come between them, they won't hardly speak to one another when they meet up. They got to nearly meet up in the presence of more saints before they even shake hands with one another. Charity won't do that, saints of God. If these things are working in your life, you had better get shed of it. IS NOT PUFFED UP. DOES NOT BEHAVE ITSELF UNSEEMLY, ... SEEKETH NOT HER OWN, IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED. Some people you're almost afraid to talk to them, afraid their gonna bite your head off before you get yourself explained. Now if somebody comes to see you and they start rail on you, and it's a possiblity that somebody will. What time they are railing, if you'll be apraying, then that charity will start to work and you can just smile. Bless His holy name! But if you start to think of what you can tell them, you can think of it. It'll be there. Next thing you know, you got a good fuss going. I teach poeple if you come to the house tonight at 8:0'clock and started railing on me. If you railed all night, if you had enough strength and could think of enough to say that you railed on me all night. If I kept myself, in the morning you'd have some fixing up to do. But if along about 6:0'clock in the morning and I say, I've took all this I gonna take, and I rail back and tell you what I think about it. There would just be two railers! You say, He started it. No, it's the part we take in it. Say, Ought not to stand back and let people just run over me. I'm gonns stand for my rights. I teach people to stand for their rights. I belive we ought to stand for our rights, if we know what they are. Bless His holy name! Jesus teaching one time, He said, If they smite you on one cheek, ... What did He say? Turn your other cheek. That's your rights. That's your rights! That's what you got a right to do. Hé said, If they sue you at law, take away your coat, They say, you better get you a good lawyer. They are gonna get everything you got. No! That aint what It says was it. What did He say? Don't forbid him if he take your cloak also. That's your rights boys. He said, If they miss use you, and mistreat you and dispitefully use you, you know what your right are then? Pray for them. And pray to where you mean it, and pray right. "

Bro. Alvin Bailey at Tiftonia in early December:

"It said, WALK IN THE SPIRIT AND YOU WON'T FULFILL THE LUST OF THE FLESH. If you couldn't walk in it, it wouldn't have told you to do it. Now, some people got it in their mind that you got to be a shouting or just carried away to where you don't know what you're doing to be walking in the Spirit. I don't believe that! I believe people can be led by the Spirit of God and have a sober mind. One man talked like, "Now I don't want to know what I'm doing when I'm doing all this, when I lay hands on somebody." I said, "If one of my children get the Holy Ghost, I don't want you to baptise them either. He said, "Why?" I said, "Why, you'd drown them, if you don't know what you're doing!" We need to know what were doing. Be led by the Lord. ... I thought tonite, we can make it. Some people say out and out don't believe they are going to make it (To heaven). People who have got that in there mind, won't make it. I believe we can make it. Don't you ever let the devil tell you, you can't make as long as you've got the Holy Ghost. I tell you what you can't do. You can't go back and take up the things you died to. If you laid down some things to get the Holy Ghost, you can't go back and do that and make it. You'll have to stay quit of that! Bless His good name! I'd like to make it, wouldn't you? WHAT SHAL WE SAY THEN, SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN, THAT GRACE MAY ABOUND? Well, bless His name! You had to come out of sin, didn't you, do get the Holy Ghost? You'll have to stay out of it to keep it. GOD FORBID. HOW SHALL WE THAT ARE DEAD TO SIN, LIVE ANY LONGER THEIRIN? You take a dead man and you stick him with a pin and he won't even wiggle. He won't make no move. He won't fuss back at you. Bless your heart! A man that's dead to his ways, I'll tell you what he won't do. He won't growl either! A man that's dead to himself and walking after the Lord, you can talk to that man. I tell you what he won't do. He won't cross back at you. You get up a talk the Word of God to him, he won't cut back at you there either. When people start talking to me about people and bilifying people, I won't have it. We don't need to, there's too much of that done. KNOW YE NOT, THAT SO MANY OF US WERE BAPTISED INTO JESUS CHRIST WERE BAPTISED INTO HIS DEATH. THEREFORE WE ARE BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH: THAT LIKE AS CHRIST WAS RAISED UP FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER EVEN SO WE ALSO SHOULD WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. Man starts over a new life. A lot testify that they got in a new world. I guess it seem like you did when you raised up that night, ... but it wasn't a new world, you just got yourself changed over. You were made new and everything looked different to you. My wife had a sister I couldn't get along with a'tall. Everytime we got around one another we got in a fuss. She'd get the butcher knife after me, I'd start cussing and grab up a stick and here I'd go. We'd fight, we'd scratch. You know, the night I rec'd the Holy Ghost I went back home. She cooked dinner that day over there. Went over to her house, we were gonna eat dinner with them. She looked across the table at me and said, "I heared you confessed today!" I said, "I did, and God gave me the Holy Ghost!" And I tell you what! It went to testifying for itself, Thank God! I tried to them about it but it told itself. And I tell you what! I never cussed her out no more. ... Thought about a man one time who quit. He got to talking about this and that, went to telling who caused him to do this or that, Told about if that preacher over there hadn't done so and so, he would have made it. When he got through, I said, "Let me tell you one thing. The Word of God says, WHEN A MAN'S INTICED, HE IS DRAWN AWAY AFTER HIS OWN LUSTS. WHEN LUST IS FINISHED IT BRINGS FORTH SIN. WHEN SIN IS FINISHED, IT BRINGS FORTH DEATH. When a man goes away (from God) it's after his own lusts. Somebody may mistreat you somewhere down the line but you can hold to God. ... Thought how the Lord was sold for thirty pieces of silver. And people up testifying saying, I wouldn't take nothing. When they quit, they quit over nothing. ... Paul found some disciples over there. Disciples are followers. They were following somebody brothers. And he asked them, "Have you rec'd the Holy Ghost since you believed." They said, "Why, we aint heared whether there be any Holy Ghost." He said, "Why, what were you baptised unto?" They said, "Unto John's." He said, "John indeed baptised with water and told them not to believe on him but to believe on Him who was coming after him, who shoes was wasn't worthy to unlose, He'll baptise you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Them people believed that, because they let Paul take them down to the water and baptise them again, and the bible says he laid hands on them and they recieved the Holy Ghost. A look at them and say, If they get the Holy Ghost, they'll get it on their own. God bless you! What if you had to have got it on your own. I'll tell you what brethern, they had to help me. People can't give you the Holy Ghost but I tell you, they can hinder you. And man that can help you can hinder you. A man that can hinder you, can help you. A man that can't hinder is cut of the vine somewhere. As long as he's one of God's children, he can hinder that work.

Welcome Mat

Bro. Curtis Letson rec'd the Holy Ghost last September at Black Oak. Bro. Jr Stephen daughter, Sis. Renee also rec'd the Lord this same time, the 1st week in September.

Sis. Donna Priest, daughter of Bro. Melvin rec'd the Lord at Sis. Brenda Priest's home 1/5/78.

SCOTTSBORO has seen five come to the Lord here in January. They are: Bro. Wayne Moore (Bro. Denny's son), Sis. Cindy Brown (Bro. Willis's girl), Rena Blackwell (she is Whitey Summerford's neice and comes from FYFFE), Bro. Eddie Arnold (another of the Arnold boys) and Bro. Jimmy Chapman (bro-in-law to Bro. Eddie).

Sis. Patty Townson the daughter-in-law of Sis. Lori Knight rec'd the Holy Ghost at TIFTONIA the first week of January, Bro. Jr. Hixson's son Bro. Gary rec'd the Lord here on the 4th Sunday evening of January.

Sis. Anita Sheldon rec'd the Holy Ghost at CAVE SPRINGS on the 4th Sunday night of January. She's the grand-daughter of Sis. Pearl Vann.

Bro. Bucky Bethune finally made it to the Lord on the 11th of January at LOOKOUT MTN. He had sought the Lord a very long time.

Bro. Jr Brazier's daughter, Sis. Janice rec'd the Holy Ghost at SOUTH HAVEN on the 31st of January.

Sis. Nancy Frolick and Sis. Jan Johnson rec'd the Lord at ROCKY BRANCH. Sis. Nancy is the daughter of Bro. Carl Rice and Sis. Jan is the daughter of Bro. Hoyt McAllister.

Sis. Carol Boozier, a cousin of Sis. Ollie Tilley rec'd the Holy Ghost at OLD SARDIS on the 2nd Saturday evening in February. This was at the end of the Wednesday night on meeting they had here with Bro. Elton Brazier leading.

Sis. Theresa Somerville and Bro. Greg Smith came to the Lord at BEIRNE AVE. They are now Mr. and Mrs. Smith and both happy in the Lord. Bro. Alvin Brewer's daughter, Sis. Michelle rec'd the Holy Ghost here (1/30/78) and Bro. Larry Story came to the Lord the first evening in February, being the son of the late Bro. Odell Story.

At OAK GROVE Bro. Donald Sutphins daughter, Sis. Donna and his daughter-in-law Sis. Debbie rec'd the Holy Ghost. Also Sis. Betty Stapler the sis-in-law of Sis. Sally Stapler.

Bro. Jimmey and Sis. Sharon Bunch rec'd the Holy Ghost this year at BIG COVE. He is the son of Bro. Jesse Lee Bunch who came to the Lord here during their summer revival.



Bro. Dennis Wilbanks rec'd the Holy Ghost at OLD SARDIS on the 4th Sunday of January and was Baptised by Bro. Buford Trotman on the 5th Sunday. Here is Bro. Buford chopping through the ice as Bro. Dennis is kept warm by Bro. James Turner. This is Bro. Dennis and his wife Sis. Lynn. He is the son of Sis. Sally Wilbanks and the grandson of Bro. Lee Turner. Sis. Lynn came to the Lord about a year ago at SAND MOUNTAIN Holiness church



Said the Robin to the Sparrow,
I really want to know,
Why these anxious humans,
Rush around and worry so?

Said the Sparrow to the Robin,
It really must be,
They don't have a heavenly father,
To watch over them like you and me!



Bro. Calrence Williams at SAND MTN on the 3rd Friday evening of December, telling about the Lord being his helper and healer:

"Me and Horace (his brother) and Bro. Charlie Putnam, another good man were working in timber and a log fell on my foot and crushed it. How necessary it is for people to be in the same mind. Them old boys prayed. They coulda took me over there to the hospital. The big company would have paid, but we wanted to trust the Lord. Night come and I still hadn't got the Lord. They got a mule and come in the mountains and got me and carried to that little Back shack (??). I was suffering so bad and could hardly be still. They prayed every night in that back shack. And while they got down to pray, it just seemd like, you have a shower of rain come down, that was just about the way it was. It just went down, it seemed like, thru me. And I felt it was the Lord. You know what I done? I got up from there and went to bed! The next morning, I set my foot out on the floor and it wasn't even sore. I put that old sock and shoe on and went back to the woods with them boys. ... He said, if as many as two or three come together touching and agreeing He would be in the midst. There wasn't no controversy there, was there?"

Bro. Horace remembers that time and added a little to his brother's testimony.

"That night, we just prayed until it seemed like heaven opened up. I was praying for the Lord to use Bro. Charlie and he was praying for the Lord to use me. I don't know if either one of our hands went on him. We just prayed until we knew it was alright. We knew God had healed him. We got up the next morning and fixed breakfast and fixed his'en just like he was going back with us. And he did!"

Bro. James Wayne Williams of WILLIAMS COVE testifying about the Lord helping him when he was, "down":

"Last week when it was so cold, I drive a Patrick Lumber Company truck. I went in down there about 4:30 in the morning and the truck wouldn't start. I figured I have to spray some ether in it and get it started. So I done it first thing. It usually just cranks right off, but it didn't, it just "w-w-a-a-u-m!" I had an old aggravated feeling about it, just go back home and don't worry about it. But I had hired in there to work for them and I wouldn't have been doing my job if I'd a done that. I was just waiting around, kinda analyzing the thing. It come to me how the Lord's helped me with old trucks before. I just looked up and said, "Lord, would you just let it start now?" It was

just like a battery charger when I turned that switch on. It turned over fast and cranked right up. I wasn't in church but I felt the Lord. I was still one of the boys! I was aiming to go on to work and praise the Lord for what had done. And I hit the air brakes and the air lines had froze up and no brakes. I din't know what to do then, Here come that old aggravating feeling again. Trying to get me to turn it off, go home and go to bed. I must have been sleepy. It came to me, If the Lord helped you start this, He's able to thaw them lines out. You know, Bro. Buford, it was 8 degrees, and I said, "Lord, Your able to thaw them lines out!" And you know, I felt the power of God. When I said that, I looked at my air gauge, and it just started raising up (the Lord was blessing him now). I was doing better. I started to pull down there, I had to fuel up. When I started to turn the thing my steering box was froze up. But you know, my mind had done got up on the Lord and that didn't bother me. I said, "Lord" and I was really looking for Him, I said, "Now, you helped me start it, and you thawed the lines, and you're able to thaw that steering box out." And you know, I reached and got the steering wheel and the old wheel, it started turning, Glory to God! (He was agin shouting and speaking in tongues!) The Lord's been so good to me."

LET NO MAN DECIEVE YOU WITH VAIN WORDS. There's people today coming along saying, it aint like it used to be, them old brethern didn't know what they were talking about. I'd be afraid to say that! I'd be afraid to try something else. If there wasn't a chance of you being decieved, it wouldn't have been in the Word of God. We better be careful, children of God. If we had two chances, it'd be alright to sorta mess around, you'd have a spare. But you aint got no spare. You have to be careful of your salvation! ... It said that in the last days there would come decievers. That man that comes along and tells you, you can get by with this, and you can get by that, you be afraid of that man. LET NO MAN DECIEVE YOU WITH VAIN WORDS, FOR BECAUSE OF THESE COMETH THE WRATH OF GOD UPON THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE. It didn't say, them that obeyed the Lord. It said, Them that disobey the Lord. BE NOT THEREFORE PARTAKERS WITH THEM, FOR YE WERE SOMETIMES IN DARKNESS BUT NOW ARE YE LIGHT IN THE LORD: WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT. You know what? If we do that, we'll have peace and joy in our hearts.

Thses and other words were used by Bro. Ed Avons at HYTOP on the 3rd Sunday morning in December, warning people to not be decieved but to stay with the "Old Way!"

Darvin and Sis. Loretta York's. Sis. Loretta was sick. We never even got down and prayed the Lord just was there. Sis. Joiner was still shouting on the broken foot. What a time we had!"

The house Love built

The church at PLEVNA (others helped too) built a home for Bro. Elton Brazier and his family. It is a nice modest home (nothing fancy) near the PLEVNA church.

A number of people write Bro. Elton so we are giving you his new address:

Elton Brazier
Route # 1
Box 245
Elora, Tennessee, 37328

"We still live in Alabama but use a Tennessee post office over here. We live about ½ mile from the church. We sure are proud of our new home. Come and see us when you can."

Bro. Elton Brazier



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Bro. Wesley Parker telling of the time the Lord gave him his heart's desire and healed him too:

"About three years had passed since I'd rec'd the Holy Ghost. I was going thru that valley and it was kinda dry there. I had been praying for a long time that God would let me speak in tongues. Sometimes I'd lay in bed at night with my hands up asking God, "Lord just help me. Show me where I'm at, I want to know." I'd go to church and testify and cry as the tears would roll down. ... I had joy. I was trying to get ahold of God. Then this affliction come upon me and it got my mind. I wasn't too concerned about speaking in tongues, I wanted God to heal me now. I had an ear infection. I tell you what, I made some of the awfulest moves on my job. Made some awful moves on the highway. My

balance was all messed up and I couldn't see where I was going. I just got in bad shape. ... One night at BLACK OAK when they were gathering around and getting the pans ready (foot washing) and I don't know whose foot I was even washing, but as I started to kneel down, Bro. Lawrence Brown right behind me and he said, "This brother needs anointing," and I guess him or Bro. Lonza or somebody anointed me. And when they did, it seemed like I went to sleep, ... after awhile I began to realize something was happening, and when I came to myself I was squatted down in front of a brother and had his foot in my hand. I really did! And talk about joy. And I heard a familiar sound and when I came to find out what that sound was, I was speaking in tongues. I was healed! There's joy in this Way."



My husband and I discovered that Karen was having difficulty with her vision. After taking her to three doctors we were told she was completely blind in her right eye.

One night, Karen spent the night with my mother and she told Karen if she would have the people at the IDER church to pray for her that her eye would be healed. That she was only a child (4 years old) and belonged to God and if she asked, He would heal her.

She went to church with my sister (Sis. Mabel Gilbert) the following Sunday at IDER holiness church and she asked my sister to have them pray for her. Bro. Alvin Bailey was giving a sermon but as soon as he was finished, my sister asked them and they prayed. Bro. Alvin Bailey anointed her with oil and she told me when she came home she could see and her eye was better. And she was right, she can see out of her right eye, thanks to God and his mercy.

Mrs. Jandle Holley
(Karen's mother)

NEIGHBORS

Remember Sis. Pat and Bro. Royce Estes's daughter Tarra. (NOAH'S ARK) We know God has the power to heal her.

Sis. Pearl Jones is doing well after being in a car wreck. (NYLA)

Bro. Bud Jackson's house burnt. (MARKHAM)

Sis. Minnie Bowman is very ill (BROWN'S CHAPEL)

Bro. Horace Hill of BRYANT is very ill.

Bro. Buford Warren had a wreck in the gas truck that he drives. It left him laying on the highway with a concussion and a broke back. But lo and behold, the next weekend he is up and at church. They finally decided that his back was fractured in two places. His wife, Sis. Dorothy is still in serious condition. Also his dad Bro. Robert Warren "The Old Warrior" is still sick. He has been very bad but is now doing some better. This family's trust is in God.

The ice and snow has caused lots of accidents. In the north, Bro. Earl Brown washit by a truck while driving his car. Bro. Micky and Sis. Vicky Summerford were in a wreck. Bro. Dwayne and Sis. Janice Sanders were wrecked on their way home from church and Bro. Charlie Brown's son Terry was hurt some.

Bro. Gary Bradford's wife, Sis. Sybil has had a severe back affliction for many years. Their trust is in God and they have suffered long. Please remember her to God.

Bro. Tom Kerley needs our prayers. He is blind in one eye. (BLACK OAK)

Remember Bro. Michael Miller of Estill Forks who needs the Lord's healing.

Bro. Royce Estes's wife was very free in the Lord at NOAH'S ARK.

Pray for Sis. Betty Schrimsher's son, Ricky, who got his eye put out.

Sis. Linda Scott was way deep in the Spirit seaking in tongues, the first time in 17 years. (ROCKY BRANCH)

Bro. Duke Cowan has had a lot of trouble physically of late.

Sis. Irene Stinett has come thru a very sick spell. (ELKWOOD)

Sis. Louise Knight is still ill after this long of a time. (BROWN'S CHAPEL)

Bro. Virgil Trotman went thru a sickness that took him to death's door but the Lord spared him and us, for we love him. (OLD SAR.)

Bro. Eugene Stone has a serious illness but we know God can heal him.

Remember Bro. Roy and Sis. Floy Guffey, they are doing poorly.

Bro. Elton Brazier ran three night meeting at OLD SARDIS the first week of February.

Pray for Sis. Cook of Delray Beach Florida who has sugar.

Bro. Gene Coffey is doing better and back to work. (BEIRNE AVE)

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Bro. Wesley Parker has moved from SCOTTSBORO to Orlando Florida and is with the LAKE WOOD PARK saints.

They had a birthday get-together at HYTOP for Bro. Henry McLain's 72nd birthday on the 2nd of December.

The Lord has been blessing Bro. Melvin and Sis. Jean Priest different places.

The Lord has been blessing at TIFTONIA. Bro. Willard run a few nights services in January. The Lord blessed Bro. Elton Brazier here on the 1st Sunday in February.

Sis. Joan Tillett has been in from New Mexico and tells how the Lord has been her helper.

The Lord led Bro. Horace Williams at WILLIAMS COVE on the 2nd Sunday night in December to read "Being compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight...."

Sis. Sandy Sanford was over in the hands of the Lord at SCENICLAND the 2nd Sun. eve. Nov.

Bro. Charlie Brown was in the south and at SKYLINE the 1st Sat. eveing of Dec. They took the Lord's Supper. On Sun. morn he was at BROWN'S CHAPEL talking on "He who now letteth" and also the "The son of perdition." Bro. Hubert Samson was also here helping in the Lord.

Bro. Buford Warren was down in the floor under the hand of the Lord at NYLA (1st Sun Feb).

Bro. Lige Holland was at SKYLINE using the Word (1st Sun eve Dec).

Sis. Cheryl Mullins a young sister from BRIAR FORK has been at many places amongst us and she always stirs up the love of God as she tells how the Lord stands beside her. At WILLIAMS COVE (1st Wed, Feb) she was leaping and rejoicing in LOVE and everyone felt it.

The Lord is helping at PLEASANT GROVE. He blessed Bro. Clarence Williams wonderfully the other night here.

Bro. Hilra McLain is moving from BLACK OAK to SCOTTSBORO.

The Lord is still blessing at BIG COVE. The saints here believe in testifying and as one said, "They pop up like popcorn."

Bro. Eli Smith was "Shouting" at TIFTONIA (5th Sun Eve Jan) as he read "Fret not yourselves because of evil doers, ... Trust in the Lord," He was in the love of God.

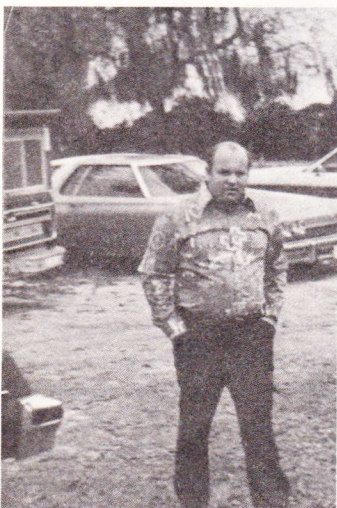
Some extra good services at OLD SARDIS.

Bro. Ron Countryman has moved from SOUTH HAVEN to SCOTTSBORO.

Bro. Jr Stephens of MARKHAM is moving to SCOTTSBORO. His family is already here and he is selling is home in the north.

Remember Sis. Thelma Hensley's husband Bill. He has been bed-ridden for years and he needs the Holy Ghost. (SKYLINE)

LAKWOOD PARK: (FLORIDA) The Lord is blessing wonderfully this small band of pilgrims here in the Sunshine state. On the 2nd weekend they had some very good services with the Lord blessing about everyone. On Saturday evening Sis. Maudie Mae Odell, and Sis. Gladys Cardin and Sis. Cahrlotte Finlayson were edifying and the Lord blessed them. Bro. John Pendergrast from SHELBYVILLE was encouraging the children of God to hold onto the Lord all the days of their life. He has a soft easy way of exhorting people. Bro. Wesley and Sis. Margaret Parker moved to Orlando from Scottsboro were / and are a big help here. Bro. Linden Craig and his wife Sis Opal were edifying. Sis. Opal was telling of the time that the Lord healed her when she was at death's door. When the Lord moved in, Death moved back. It was a good service. On Sunday morning you should have seen Bro. Lowell Holaway as the Lord blessed him up and down all over this church house. And Bro. Don Hopkins was a sight to behold as he laughed and cried and shouted and leaped in the joy of the Lord. He rec'd the Holy Ghost



Bro. Don Hopkins. Sis. Barbara and Bro. John Pendergras

a couple years ago at ELKWOOD, and is living now in Tampa. He loves the Lord and is trying his best to please Him. There were a number of others who the Lord blessed this morning, like Bro. Wesley, Bro. John and Sis. Barbara Pendergras (They live south of Tampa), Bro. Tommy Lemley and Sis. Myrtle Cardin. Sis. Myrtle and Bro. Harvey Cardin are down here for awhile and we are sure they will be a big help to the church here. If you are ever in Florida for any reason, stop by and be in meeting with these saints. They will be glad to have you and they'll do you good. The church is just out of Davenport, Florida. They have very good hospitality.

Bro. Mutt Spurgeon of SCENICLAND telling of how the Lord helped him when he was a lost boy and in the army:

"I had a place down there, kinda woods like and I slip down there and pray. And the Lord would really bless me, just by myself, I was seeking God. I didn't have to be down there, I prayed everywhere I was at. That night I went down there and the Lord really blessed me to pray. When I got back, Sargent Brooks called on the box, "Tell Spurgeon to come to my office!" When I went in he said, "Was that you that went down and prayed a little bit ago?" I said, "Yes sir!" He said, "Now I want to tell you something, don't you do that no more." And he began to get his dander up as he talked and he said, "And I gonna tell you something else, I don't like you know how, because we can't make you do nothing. You do what you want to and that that we tell you to do, if you don't want to do it, you don't do it!" I said, "I'll do everything Sargent that's right, but when you tell me to do something wrong, I just aint gonna do it. I can't." I had lived a terrible life and God had forgave me of my sins. I was proud of that and I was a holding to it. And he said, "If you go down to pray again, I lock the door and whip you so help me." I weighed about 140 pounds and he was a big man. "I'll whipp you til you can't walk!" He said, "I'll beat you!" When he got thru, he said, "That's all but remember what I told you!" The next night or day I forgot that he told me that and I went and prayed again. I mean I forgot it. I came back to the barracks and had just got in and he called on the box, "Send Spurgeon in!" I started and I said, "Lord, he means business and he's big enough to hurt me but I'm not gonna fight him back! I know you can take care of me." I knocked on the door and opened the door and went in. He was standing up. He said, "Was that you that went and prayed again?" I said, "Yes sir." He said "What did I tell you the other night?" I didn't apoligize. I didn't tell him I forgot it. I said, "Sargent, if it will help you, you jump on me, you beat me, you stomp me. You just do whatever it will take to satisfy you. But there's one thing I'm gonna tell you, if you leave airy bit of life in me, I'm gonna go back and pray again." Down he went! He said, "How can I hit you! He said, "I just can't do it! Go on, were gonna git some way to get you out of my company. You're ruining this whole company."

Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

Golden Triumphs,

Bro. Billy Joe George of PLEVNA telling of his coming to God:

"My dad told me to go and cut some wood. I was just a kid but I went off up the holler, I don't even know if I carried the ax with me or not. There was an old tree that come up so-high and bent over. I got down under that tree and got to talking to God. I end up on my back on the ground and I'd get back up and I'd reach up to heaven. Brethern, I start talking to God again. ... After awhile, I heard a sound I had never heard before, ... but I wanted to be sure I really had the Holy Ghost. I didn't want to be half-way decieved. I just kept on praying. And I said, "Oh God! I want that salvation that you gave them on the Day of Pentecost!" (He got it!) ...I was under the power of God. I didn't doubt it then. I said, "Oh Lord, I know that's you! Now Lord, will you just help me to live this thing on down to the end." I thought I was going to go up that holler by myself but when I came to myself the leaves were so bright I had to shut my eyes. I looked up and there was my momma and aunt. They had heard me praying all the way from the house. They had come up there to see about me. One of them said, "I guess we ought to pray for him." The other said, "No, we're liable to hinder him. Let's leave him alone, he's doing alright." I went down that holler and if any roots and bushes got in the way, I just jumped them. That was twenty three years ago and it's still keeping me."

old boogerman came to me and said, Now you done told the Lord you were going to stay there, and when he comes in from work, you're going to still be praying! You know, that sort of tore me up, 'cause I never liked nobody to hear me pray. I thought, "It don't matter, I a'coming to you Lord!" My baby was about three months old. He woke up and started crying. We had to stay with him to keep him from crying. ...The thought came to me, I told the Lord I would stay here. I just said "Lord, if he crys until he dies, he's ready to go, and I want to be ready too. ... I had done everything I knew to do and I still hadn't made it to the Lord. I seen I couldn't make it on my own. I began to tell the Lord I had to have Him. I began to put my confidence in Him, in the Power of tne Lord,.... I said "Glory to God!!!" That's about the last thing I remember. Glory to God! ... The Holy Ghost came, I heard my tongue a running. IT was! I had the Holy Ghost, Glory to God!

Bro. Billy and Sis. Helen were at TIFTONIA during their 2nd week of February mini- revival from Wednesday thru Friday evening and the Lord really blessed them to the glory of God and his children here. Bro. Billy Joe told afterward to some standing by how the Lord that same day his wife rec'd the Holy Ghost, He also healed their son of that asthma that he was crying with.

This revival at TIFTONIA was for the lost and Bro. Elton Brazier done exceedingly well in the Lord, pointing the lost to Christ and leading them up to where the Lord would accept them. Though none rec'd the Holy Ghost (tho many were seeking Him) the church was lifted up spiritual and the saints hearts were glad here. Many of the children of God from many places are seen coming here where the saints let you have your liberty in Chist!

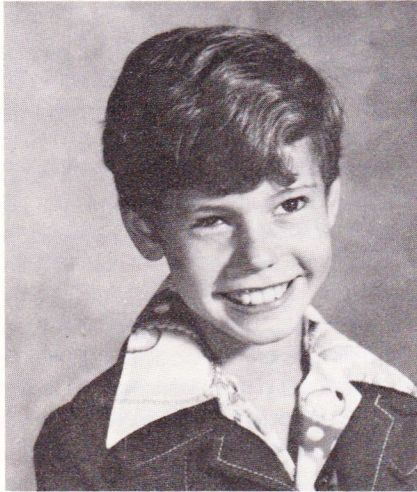
Bro. Billy Joe George's wife, Sis, Helen telling how she came to God:

" ... Just a little simple quiet testimony after altar call, I tell you, the Lord showed me how ruined I was. All that time I was thinking how I was just as good as anybody, I was going to the altar getting blessings from the Lord. I had had confidence in the Lord that He was going to give it to me some day. But that Sunday night I thought I was ruined. Though I had been raised in Holiness I didn't know what it meant to say "Glory to God!". They told me that saying "Glory" was giving God the highest honor, the highest praise you can give. You know, I never understood it. That Tuesday I was at home, just me and my little boy who had been real sick with asthma and he could hardly breathe. Just a quiet feeling said "Get down and pray." Just a quiet humble feeling.... I fell in the floor on my knees. I wasn't considering getting the Holy Ghost. I had promised the Lord that I was going to make it someday. But I now realized if I didn't make it I was going down. After awhile the awfulest fear fell on me. I was twenty years and the fear that If I didn't come to the Lord now, that He would never deal with me again. I tell you that's a fearful thing. .. And that day I thought, "Now Lord, you're not looking down on me as Helen George, you're looking at me as if I was a little ant. You are so much bigger and so much higher, ... I told the Lord I was going to stay there til I died or until I met His conditions. ... I said, "Lord, I want the Holy Ghost!" And I told the Lord I was coming and I meant it. Billy Joe had the Holy Ghost and I was always a naturally bashful person. Now he was off at work and the

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"I would love for all the children of God everywhere to pray for my son's eye, that got put out. According to the doctor Ricky would never see or have an eye transplant. But I know that the same good Lord who made those pretty eyes to start with can make it over again, if it is His will and we put our trust in Him."

Sis. Betty Schrimsher



Ricky Schrimsher

Ricky Schimsher is only nine years old but he already knows what God can do. Once when he was real sick about two years ago the Lord healed him. Sis. Betty, his mom tells: "He was just laying there life-less with a high fever. Carol, Connie (two of her daughters) and myself got down to pray He said, "Mom, I seen a hand come down and touch me!" He discribed it just as good. And that boy come up from there and said he was hungrey, got him a sandwich and he went to play."

Ricky's eye got put out when he was near a fire that a few machine gun shells that were blank had been swept up and threw into the fire by mistake and they exploded and one went into his eye. The doctors got the blank out and also gave up hope of his ever seeing out of it again but we people that know the Lord know that nothing is impossible with our wonderful Lord. This little Ricky loves to talk about the Lord. He has told his mother who has to raise him with out a father, "Mommie, when you die I want to die too, I want us to go to heaven together!"

Bro. James Arthur McLain at HYTOP on the 3rd Sunday of December, telling about the Lord directing his steps.

"I remember one time, I won a trip to that White Sox ball game. My daddy had always

told me that Holiness people couldn't do this and couldn't do that. Bro. Floyd, I could not understand it. I thought, I know I ain't going to do nothing wrong, but I sure would like to go see the White Sox play. So I talked to Betty (his wife). She said, "Well, why don't you go ask some of the elders." I went and asked them. None of them said "James, you go!" They didn't say, "Don't go!" I went back and told Betty, "They didn't say go" and they didn't say, "Not go." And they said if I went they'd still have confidence in me if I behaved myself. She said, "Go talk to your daddy!" And I went to talk to my daddy. He didn't say go but, "Behave yourself." I got up and walked out and I was happy. I was going to see the White Sox play. I got in the car and started driving, coming down 21st Avenue. And I made that turn going to my house and Black Oak and the Holy Ghost spoke to me and said, "You didn't ask me!" I said "God, what do you think about me going up there to watch them?" He said, "DON'T GO!" I didn't go.... The bunch I was going with all got arrested but I wasn't in the bunch..."

BRIAR FORK: The Lord has been blessing here of late. On the 2nd weekend of January they had a wonderful service. Sis. Grace Clark was very much in the hands of the Lord. Sis. Donna Priest, Bro. Melvin Priest's daughter was ever so happy. She came to the Lord just before this in Sis. Brenda Priest's home.

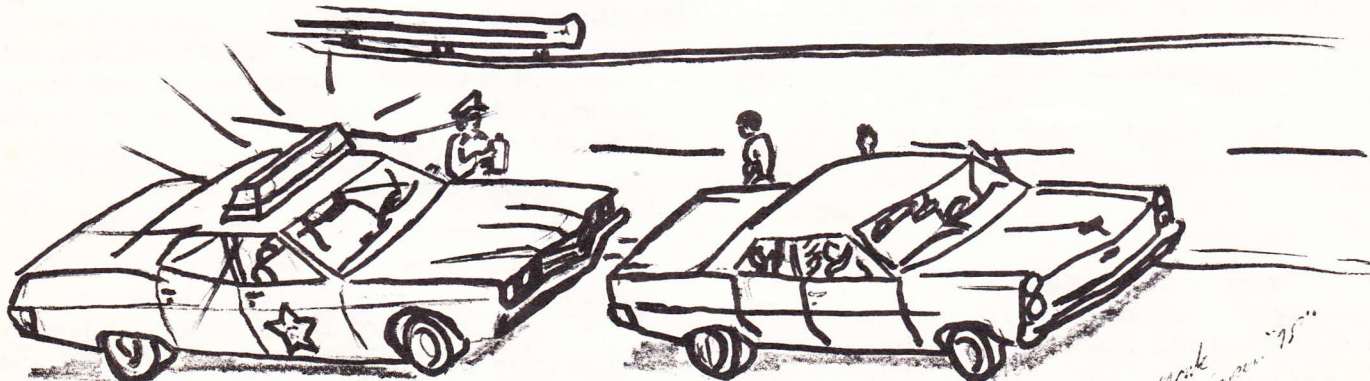
On the 1st Monday evening they had another great service with Sis. Peggy Honea rec'ing the good Holy Ghost. She had been seeking the Lord for a long time but she had decided lately, "I will arise and go to my Father's house!" She did too!

They had services again on Tuesday evening and what a time they had in the Lord, with Sis. Jean Priest overjoyed and losing her strength to the Lord. Her husband, Bro. Melvin was all over the church on one leg, then on the other, and peace was with him. Sis. Maxine Nance was in the love of God, so much so that some of the others sisters wanted to be near her. So was Sis. Cheryl Mullins who was leaping and rejoicing in her LOVE for God and His people. Sis. Donna Priest edified the saints as the Lord blessed her around and among them. She is sober to be so young. Sis. Brenda Priest was happy. Bro. Walter Hereford edified strongly in the Spirit and he was blessed of God. His wife, Sis. Opal was also blessed. Sis. Ruby Priest had the sweetest countenance in the Lord as she told how she loved all of God's children every where (Thank the Lord for saints like her!). And Bro. Robert Priest was so happy and jumping so high as the Lord blessed. What a meeting!

Bro. Johnny Rigsby at PLEASANT GROVE on the last Thursday evening in 1977:

"I rec'd the Holy Ghost on Sunday morning at Bro. Willard's, and there wasn't no more church after Sunday night until Wednesday, except for in SCOTTSBORO. And I thought, "L-l-ord, I sure would love to go up there." And you know, I pray for God to do something that I could look back on, you know, to stand on. It didn't look like I was gonna git to go, I didn't want to go by myself. I finally called the Maples and they said they would go with me, you know. I had a little old car that held five people. And I got over there and there were seven of 'em. I said, "Yes, just come on," you know. They all piled in there and went across to 72 (highway) toward Scottsboro. They began to sing. You know, everyone of them just rec'd the Holy Ghost and they began to sing, and boy, that sounded good. I was trying to drive and the more they sing the higher it got. And you know they began to lay hands on one another in the back seat. I think there was five in it. And the ones in the front seat with me, they got up and turned around on their knees, just a shouting all over the seat of that car. I was tight but I was doing fine. They wasn't setting still, they was a moving and just shouting. I was doing r-r-r-eal good until one of them laid hands on me. When they laid hands on me, it seemed like my mind just left this world, when I came back to myself, one of them sisters in the back seat was just a punching me in the back to get ahold of myself. I looked up in the mirror and I seen two blue lights going around and around. I tried to get ahold of myself and said, "O-o-h-h-h-, ya'll better pray now!" I was still in the car and I looked out, and the old cop was looking in the back seat at them. And they was just a shouting and laying hands on one another except that one sister who was trying to get them to be quiet. I was trying to get ahold of myself as I thought, "Oh Lord, I just rec'd the Holy Ghost on Sunday and it looked like on Tuesday, I was going to be in jail. I said, "Lord, you got to stand by

us!" That cop, he looked at me real ugly, oh, he was so mean. I won't never forget it. And he said, "Do you realize what you were doing?" I tried to sober myself up and said, "No sir, I don't." I didn't. He said, "I've got you and everybody in this car on seven counts. I'm calling a paddy wagon," or something he called it, "I'm going to haul you in, I'm going to arrest everyone of you. I'm pulling your car in. I'm pulling your tag. I'm pulling your license. Do you realize you were coming across that mountain on the wrong side of the highway, 72 miles an hour, with an overloaded vehicle, with a bunch of kids in there acting like a bunch of idiots???" I said, "No sir, I don't!" And I didn't. I didn't know what was happening. He said, "Get in the car!" And I went and got in the car. I didn't know what to do. I looked up, and o-o-o-h-h-h them Maples's, every since they'd rec'd the Holy Ghost, just seems like God answered just every little old prayer they asked of Him. And I looked up, and everyone of them were turned looking out the back of my car with the biggest O smile on their faces. I thought, "Lord, surely, you are gonna come by and help me out of this!" He had a clip board in his hand and he began to write and he stopped and his hands just fell open and that clipboard and my license fell down in the floorboard and he just stared at me about- about a minute or two. And I didn't say nothing and his mouth was just wide open. I won't never forget it! He said, "Thirteen years I've been on this force and I done a lot of things, but I've n-never done nothing like this!" He said, "I'm not going to give you a ticket, I'm not gonna pull your license, I'm not gonna pull you in! I don't know what's the matter with me, I aint even gonna touch you!" He said, "You git outa this car and if I ever see you agin, I'm gonna throw the book at you!" And I thought, "Yes Lord"(and you couldn't tell what else Bro. Johnny was saying for the way he spoke in tongues and the Lord blessed him.) "Yes Lord, you done something for me!"



WILLIAMS COVE: (11/19/77) Meeting was good Saturday evening with the Lord blessing here so good. As the saints were gathering in, love was in abundance. Singing was good. The testimonies were good. Sis. Vicie Williams (she was telling of loving the saints children), Bro. Virgil Medley and Sis. Annette Birdsong were testifying and the Lord was blessing. Sis. Cahrlotte Finlayson was rejoicing in the Lord as was Sis. Willie Ann McClure and other children of God. Bro. Lonza Byrum was talking about the Word of God. At the lull near the end of the service, Sis. Connie Sisk (BRIAR FORK) was telling about her getting ahold of the love of God and how she was now looking and watching her Lord Jesus Christ and not everybody else. The Lord blessed her. Finally at about 9 o'clock Bro. Horace Williams dismissed service and slowly the church started to empty as the people started to head in all directions as they headed home (They come from many places to be here because of the love of God that's here). A noise was heard and heads were turned toward the front of this humble building and they saw Sis. Maxine Nance (Bro. Doug Nance's wife of KEEL



Sis, Maxine and Bro. Doug Nance

MTN) under the hand of the Lord. And that started it. The Spirit was stirred in the hearts of His children that were still here as most of them drifted back up to the front and ended in that delightful circle where there WAS BREAD ON THE TABLE FOR THE CHILDREN. The love of God was there in all it's reality. You should have seen and felt the Lord with Sis. Connie Sisk who was up and down in the Love of God. Sis. Cheryl Mullins who was with Sis. Connie was also in the great Love of God. She told of how God had blessed her in her home with His love and how it gave meaning to her life. Sis. Glover of BIG COVE was, oh, so happy as the Lord



Sis. Cheryl Mullins and Sis. Connie Sisk

blessed her and her daughters and the other sisters who came with her. Bro. Whitey Sumnerford from Sand Mtn, was grinning and looking and acting plumb happy. Bro. Homer and Sis. Catherine Fortner of SKYLINE were out in the circle and eating from the Lord's table and telling of the Lord's goodness. The Lord had healed their child the week before at home. Sis. Margie Lamons and her sons Bro. Clarence and Bro. Randy were not left out, for the Lord was blessing them and also Bro. Mike Shook and a number of other saints who would just try to talk for Him. It was about mid-night before the last saint left and the lights were turned out. As cars were winding there way out of the Cove God's Love went with them. Sis. Connie, Sis. Sherrill and Sis. Maxine were riding together and they were hugging one another and talking about the wonderful deep satisfying love of God almost all the way home. In the days following you could see the fruits of this meeting in the lives of many of these saints.

GOD ++++ IS ++++ LOVE

This was told by Bro. Hodges Moore at TIFTONIA on the 4th Monday evening in January:

"Two men were seeking the Lord at an altar. One prayed thru but the other didn't make it. So that one that didn't make it thru asked the preacher, "How come him to get saved and I didn't?" The preacher answered, "He submitted his case to the Lord but you tried to plead yours!"

Submit: to surrender, to yield to, to give up resistance.

Plead: to dicuss or defend by argument.

Asleep in Christ



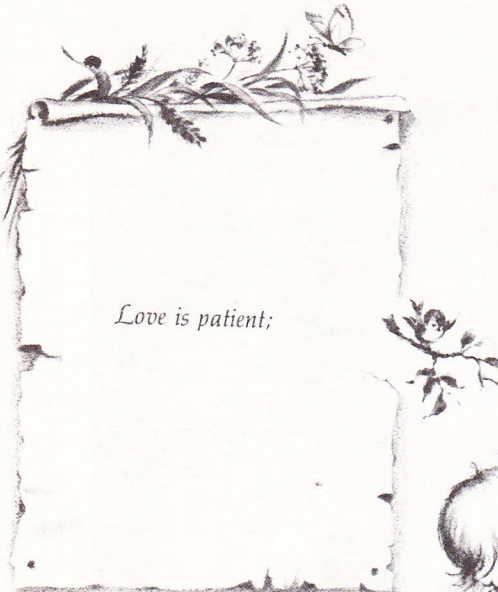
Sis. Josie Byrd

Sis. Josie Byrd of BIG COVE was carried away by the angels in her 83rd year last September 4, 1977. She had the Holy Ghost for 54 years.

Sis. Ila Black passed away in her 60th year on December 21 1977. She was a child of God for 52 years. She was from OLD SARDIS and was known far and wide among us for her outstanding work in mid-wifery. She will be missed greatly.

Bro. Thurman Isabell of WHITE'S CHAPEL was called home on January 12, 1977. He had been one of God's children for 39 of his 54 years.

Bro. Oliver Hawkins rec'd his crown in his 74th year on October 7, 1977. He rec'd the Holy Ghost in 1948 and led services at WHITE'S CHAPEL since it was built in 1974.



Love is patient;



Thanks
for that nice
letter Sis. TAMM
BRYANT

Sis. Wanedith Hutcheson of BRYANT was called home to GLORY in her 52nd year on January 26, 1978. She came to the Lord in 1939.

Bro. Doyle Priest finally got to go to his new and eternal home on February 17, 1978 in his 51 st year. He was from BRIAR FORK and had been achild of God for 13 years. He was Bro. Ollie Priest's brother.

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