

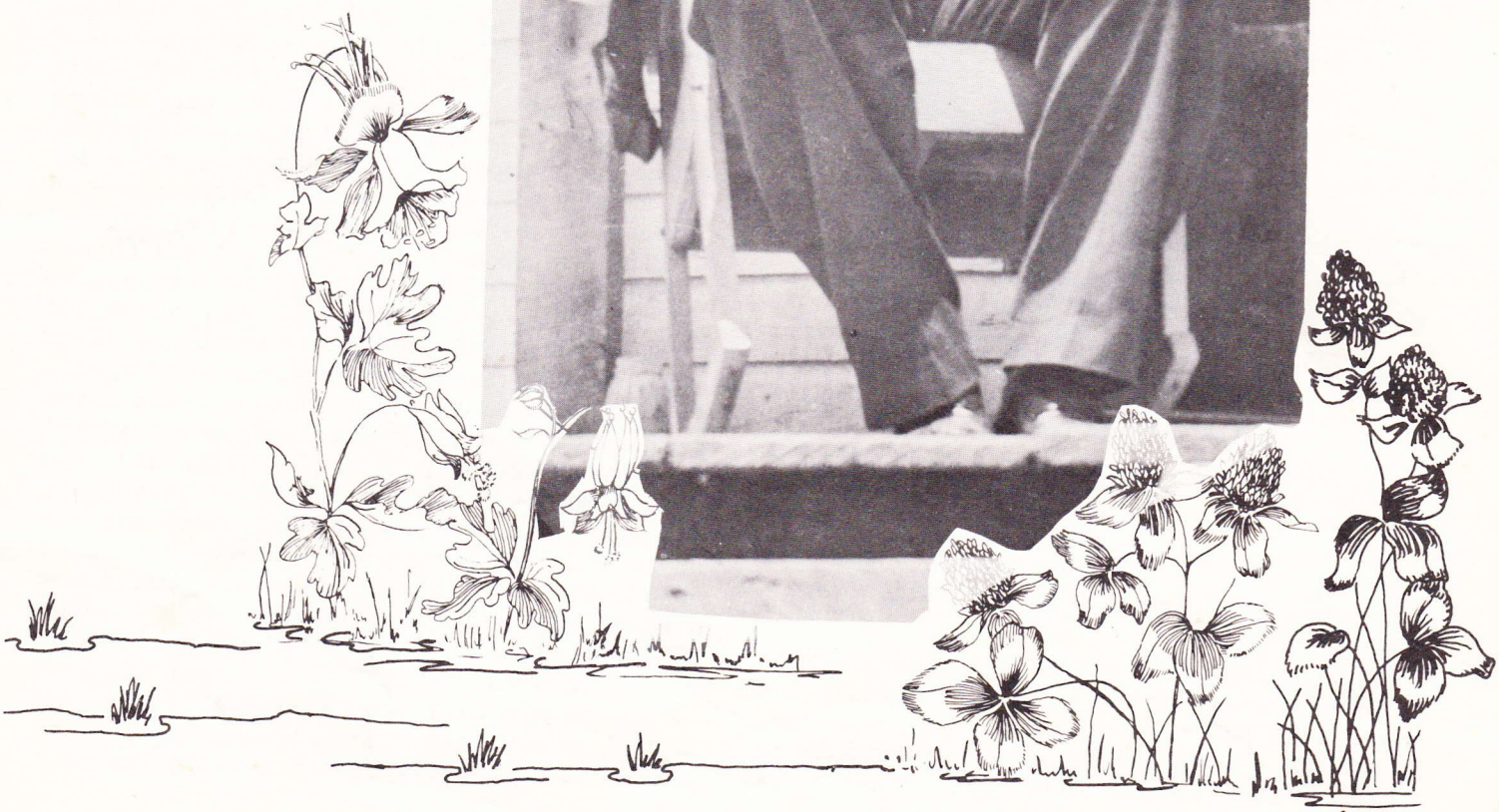
# GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS

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It shall be called  
The way of holiness

*Brother  
Emmitt  
Drake*





He was born Emmitt Drake in the year 1878 in Madison County Alabama. He grew up and was a member of the Neals Chapel Baptist church. (This church was across from where Sis. Clara Elliott now lives) It was said of him, "He'd put on a tie and go to church all rared back and all." Another said, "That man will never rec' the Holy Ghost. He had been raised up as good as a man could have been. He stated once, "I wasn't punched out of a brush pile." He had a fine wife by the name of Nellie. ... He heard Holisness when it was first preached in Big Cove at Lige Winkles home. He said that he knew the bible better than those people but I can't get around the signs: GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTISED SHALL BE SAVED; BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT SHALL BE DAMNED. AND THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE; IN MY NAME SHALL THEY CAST OUT DEVILS; THEY SHALL SPEAK WITH NEW TONGUES; THEY SHALL TAKE UP SERPENTS; AND IF THEY DRINK ANY DEADLY THING, IT SHALL NOT HURT THEM; THEY SHALL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK AND THEY SHALL RECOVER. He humbled himself down and one night when they went to a fish fry he stayed back and prayed until the Lord filled him with the Holy Ghost. He felt so good he said he felt like he could have walked a thousand miles. His wife rec'd the Holy Ghost also. She was a wonderful woman and Bro. Emmitt reported that she never gave him a cross word. She died just a short while later. When the death angel came after her she left here speaking in tongues. Bro. Emmitt later married Sis. Kate Walls, the daughetr of "Uncle "Bill of Piney Woods. There were 14 children all together and they often were all down praying together. Bro. Emmitt pray three times a day, every morning, before dinner and before bed at night. He was a power in the Lord in those early years. He could preach and it would come out in a singing voice. He is remembered for a sermon on the flood; "I can alomost see Noah nailing on the last plank!" This was at the Moore home on Dug Hill road. He didn't speak in tongues much but the Spirit would quiver him, and jerk him occasionally and his words carried power with a voice like a lion. And he could sing with the power of God in it. One that he liked was Open The Pearly Gates, The Resserrection Morning, In The Home Of The Souland Where Shall I Be. If he was just sitting in a room and the power came on him, he would get pale and it would shake the whole house. Once some Holiness fighters dared him to come to Hobbs Island He wrote back, "If it's the Lord's will I'll be there Sunday. Bro. "Dick" McPeters was with him and he told how the holiness fighters met them with wagon taps and other assorted weapons. Bro. Emmitt

put his bible down on the ground and stood on it saying, "This is what I'm standing On!" They did them no harm. He talked from the scriptures. He knew the bible by heart. He had power with the world. Once when Bro. Floyd Kraft was arrested for not having a doctor and Bro. Emmitt was going by the Courthouse, Judge Jones said, Emmitt, when you get time, I want you to come to my office. Upon Bro. Emmitt's arrival the judge told him about the arrest of Bro. Floyd. At this, Bro. Emmitt asserted, "You can't do nothing about it. He's got scripture." Judge Jones turned Bro. Floyd loose. He was remebered in Clyde Cove about a man telling him how he whipped this man and how he whipped that man. Bro. Emmitt said, "I've seen a lot of folks I could have whipped but it wouldn't have been any honor to me." Once when in meeting he just raised his hands and everybody fell to their knees. When Sis. Clara Elliott had appendicitis, Bro. Emmitt anointed her with oil and she was imdiatly healed. Once when a cousin of his Will Drake sent a serpent down to where they were having meeting with this statement "If they'll handle it, I'll believe." When they dismissed meeting, out the door they came. The power of God knocked Bro. Emmitt clean off the porch. He reached down and handled the serpent like it was a shoe string and then stomped it's head off.



Bro. Emmitt  
in  
his younger  
days

His table thanks was usually:

"Lord accept our thanks,  
For these blessings,  
Bless this food,  
Guide and protect us,  
For Christ's sake"

His wife, Sis. Nellie Elliot died in 1914 and all say she was wonderful woman. Br. Emmitt was quoted as saying, "She never gave me a minutes truoble in herlife." His son Br. Mitchell can still remeber when his mother



died and his dad was up preaching and how he would reach around his leg and hold to him while he was preaching and he could feel him tremble under the power of God. A few years later Br. Emmitt married Sis. Kate Walls of Piney Woods, one of the first to rec' the Holy Ghost in the valley.

He passed away in 1941. He had been out of the battle for some time due to failing health. He didn't have the power like he had in the early years. Troubles and heart-aches had brought his mind lower but in memory he still stands tall to those who seen the glory of the Lord that was on this servant of God.

**H**oliness came from Chattanooga to Orme Tennessee by Bro. Tom Austin in 1907. Here Bro. Tom Perry, a railroad conductor and Bro. Sam Bates a miner rec'd the Word. By 1910 the Word had been established in Bridgeport by these two men. The same year it came to Shakerag, north of Scottsboro, where Br. Charlie Brown and his son Br. Willis Brown rec'd the Holy Ghost. By 1911 the Way was opened up at Pleasant Grove and Hytop on Cumberland Mtn., by brethren from Orme and Shakerag, like Bro. Houston Sardent, Bro. Ed Jordan, Bro. Charlie Brown, Bro. Bates and Br. Perry. Also in the same year Holiness came to Gunters Mtn. at Prospect through Br. Perry and Br. Bates, where Bro. Jim and Bro. Will Guffey and Bro. Jim Mills rec'd it. By early 1912 it had a foothold in the Free Home community near Grant where the Taylor boys and Bro. Andrew York accepted the Way. By the summer of 1912 the Taylors had brought it to the Piney Woods area at the home of Bill Walls.

## Remembering at BIG COVE and area....

The Word of God was falling like rain on the mountain in Marshall County. It was noised abroad in every direction. One day Cebe Walls, a store keeper at Columbus City (located on the Tennessee river just off the mountain), told his cousin Bill Walls what he had heard was going on up on the mountain. As he talked about these "Holy Rollers" Bill's interest was stirred up. Shortly he was out at Free Home in one of these Holiness meetings that were held at Oliver Helton's farm where Bro. Willis Brown was living. He even was in the

floor praying before it was over. He got up and told the saints, "This is that unspeakable gift that I've been praying for." He then invited them to come and have meeting at his home at Piney Woods in Paint Rock Valley.. "Uncle Bill", as he was known, was a very rough man and Bro. Andrew York was to say later, "The Lord used the meannest man in Madison Count to get Holiness down this valley." That night he spent the night at the Taylor home.

By the best recollections on Monday evening a wagon load of children of God from off the mountain came and had meeting at Mr. Walls' L shaped home in the Piney Woods community. Some of these were Bro. John Taylor, Bro. James Wooten, Young Richar Taylor and others.



The Bill Walls Family

Nancy, Dicie, Eliza, Myrtle, Kate.  
John, Bill, Joe and Mary. (before 1910)

The first night there was a good size crowd but they were on the scared side and stayed outin the road while the saints preached and sang on the porch. The following night they were a little better. They came on the inside of the fence in the yard. But the next night they were with them up on the porch and there were twenty-five or thirty in the altar praying. Bill Walls' son Joe had bees or wasps after him that day and he had pretended that he had "the power" on him as he jumped around, but this night he had a movement on him but it wasn't in pretense. He was feeling the power of the world to come. Bill Walls' daughter-in-law, Julia (Arthur's wife) was the first to receive the Holy Ghost here. Then Bill's daughter Kate was next, then her brothers, John and Joe came to the Lord. Bro. Joe was the one that the power was on so much when he was



seeking the Lord and it would knock him back in the floor until he told the Lord, "It's not fair!" For he wanted to stay on his knees where he could pray..... People were coming to the Lord.

From this meeting at Piney Grove the Word spread across this valley that we call Green Valley. It is surrounded by mountains: Keel and Splitrock to the north, Huntsville, Green, and Wallace to the west. Merrill, Meeks and Bishop mountains to the south, with Grassy on the east. It is about fifteen miles long and about twelve miles wide. And in every corner of this valley the Word of God reached. It started slow but it went from Hobbs island on the Tennessee River to Big Cove and Dug Hill to Nebo and all along the Paint Rock river that runs on the eastern side of the valley. In the summer of 1914 Bro. Andrew York and Br. John Taylor preached at Lige Winkles (about a mile above the church) house and Al Hunters home (about two a half miles above the present BIG COVE church). Dick MacPeters's wife Maude was the first to come to the Lord here. She rec'd the Holy Ghost at Claude Byrd's home. Clara Bunch was next. She said, "I knew there was something to it because of the change in Maude. Sis. Maude rec'd the Lord on Sunday evening. Sis. Clara on Wenesday evening. so after this Fannie Elliott came to the Lord. Sis. Clara married her son later. Br. Emmitt

and Sis. Kate Byrd. Then Sis. Kate's brother Br. "Dick" R. H. MacPeters, Sis. Maude's husband, who became a preacher. The Montgomery's were coming to the Lord. Walter Montgomery had told the Holiness people they could have meeting at their home. His wife, Myrtle, could not stand the thought of them people coming in to her home. She remembered a vacant house on the hill and suggested to Walter, why didn't they fix it up for those people, they'd have more room. Walter didn't find out until later why she was so anxious to have meeting up there. Myrtle told her daughter Bessie about them people coming and "That preacher York is coming to our house!" Bessie told her she wasn't a bit afraid of him even though they had heard how they threw powders on you that made you jerk and etc. Bessie was first to rec'd the Holy Ghost then Br. Walter and finally her mother rec'd the Lord while praying



Sis. Myrtle and Br. Walter Montgomery

in the mountains. Before they came to the Lord one of their twins took real sick. Some of the people came in to pray for them. The baby was in one room and they prayed in another room. The Lord got in the prayer and Sis. Julia Walls went across the hall on her knees and up the step into the room and her hands went on the baby and it was healed. The Lord was blessing and the Word was falling and the signs were following the believers. The sick were being healed. Sis. Clara had appendicitis. Br. Emmitt anointed her with oil while praying over her and she was immediately healed. This was after they had given her up to die. They were casting out devils. Br. Andrew York was asked by a John Dunn from the New Hope area to pray for him. Br. Andrew went on his knees and raised his hands. He put his hands on Mr. Dunn and the devil was cast out. Mr. Dunn keeled over like a dead man and stayed that way for two hours and fifteen minutes. When this was reported to the law they arrested Br. Andrew and put him in Jail. They took up serpents. Someone turned a serpent out at Jim McKellett's. Br. John Taylor went out and said, "You better be careful!" Br. Arthur Walls with bible in hand said, "Br. John, the bible says THEY SHALL



Sis. Clara and her brother Br. Lem



TAKE UP SERPENTS." They took it up. Once when some of the world brought a rattlesnake in where Br. Emmitt and Br. Willis Brown were having meeting. They then turned it loose. They wanted to see if it would hurt any of them people. Sis. "Red" Dorn had a baby in one arm as she reached down and took up the rattlesnake in the other. When they were having meeting at Neals Chapel Methodist church, two McKellevy boys brought a copper-head serpent in a tied sack and hung it in a tree. During the service a blacksnake came and wrapped around the sack. Br. Arthur Walls, "A good humble child of God," took and handled both of these snakes after service. He had his a hold of them by their mouths and they just hung there life-less. Br. Claude Byrd took up serpent and it died in his hands. Old Br. Wilcox said this about taking up serpents: "Some people wait for the power before taking up a serpent. Bless God, it's been on me ever since I got the Holy Ghost!"

John and Lou Boulden Medley, Ed Elliott, Ernest and Tilly Winkler and others were coming to the Lord. Sis. Flossie Castle had moved to Bugs Chapel, a community south of Owens Crossroads. She was from Bridgeport where she had heard the Word of God and had rec'd the Holy Ghost. Her husband John never came to the Lord but he respected the Holiness people. At Bridgeport she had opened her house to Holiness and she had fed and had them sleep at her home much. All the old ones like Br. Tom Austin (He is the one who brought Holiness to Orme), Bro. Tom Perry, Br. Sam Bates, and the Guffeys and others. When she moved to Bugs Cahpel meeting were held at her home often here too. Here is a letter that was written by Sis. Flossie in the winter of 1914. It is the oldest Holiness writing from this part of the country that we have ever seen or read.

I beseech you therefore brethern by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. Rom 12:1. That does not mean for us to live one day for Jesus and the next day for the devil. It means all the time following His footsteps all the way, bearing the cross through trials temptations and afflictions.

Almost any one can follow Jesus as long as they are in good health, have plenty to eat, and when there is no fighting to do, but when the enemy is in view, that is the time for us to stand steadfast and unmoveable. Though troubled on every side yet not distressed, we are perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken, Cast down but not destroyed, always bearing in our body the dying of our Lord Jesus that the life

also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

Sometimes it seems temptations will almost overwhelm us, but we hear that sweet voice, "Follow me." Oh how sweet to feel the nearness of Jesus, to know His grace is sufficient, that He will never leave nor forsake.

This is a meek and lowly way. If Jesus was here on earth would he wear jewelry or costly raiment, or chew tobacco or dip snuff? Oh brothers, sisters, let's lift the banner high, lift up Jesus to a dying world.

We must lead pure clean lives before the world if we expect men and women to be drawn to Him.

How high are you lifting Him up? How many sinners have been constrained to fall in love with Jesus because of your example or influence?

(Sis.) Flossie Castle



Sis. Flossie Castle with her husband John and their children.

Once at Sis. Flossie's house some of the sons of Belieal put up a sign: NOTICE NO HOLINESS MEETING AT THE CASTLE HOUSE. But it didn't work, they just kept on having services and the Lord kept on blessing. One night they had seven preachers at this house. They were: Bro. Will and Br. Jim Guffey, Br. Jim Mills, Br. Andrew York, Br. Emmitt Drake, Br. Dick MacPeters and Br. Eunice Byrd. Once when Br. Tom Hill was here at this house they came with guns to throw him out, but nothing ever came of it. The more they persecuted these Christians the more the Lord blessed them and the larger the number of them grew. Preacher Roy (the Montgomerys used to belong to his church before they rec'd the Holy Ghost.) the Church of Christ preacher slipped up behind Br. Wilcox and grabbed him by the shirt and poured culbolic acid down his shirt. People that were present started begging the

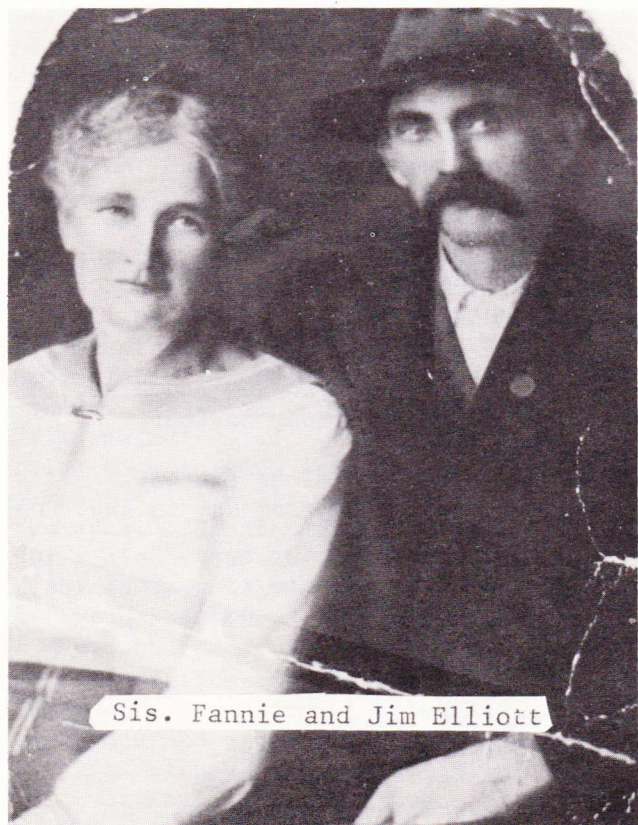


old man to hurry to the doctor but he just walk out saying, "Clo-o-r-r-y-y to-o God!!! It didn't even burn." This Roy is the same one who called the Holiness people in for a debate then refused to let them speak. They just got up without a word and one by one they left him here. Edgar Terry took it upon himself to mock them and he started shaking himself like the power was on him and he couldn't stop. He told people after that this was sent on him by the Lord for his mocking them Holiness people. Others would go down the road mocking and making out like they were speaking in tongues. Throwing things at the children of God and rocking their homes was common. But these saints just kept on keeping on for the Lord. They had meeting all night, sometimes. Sis. Clara Elliott remembers, "We used to get home a lot of times in the broad day light." Once at Br. Walter Montgomery's house when Sye Stapler, Minnie Sims and Henry Stapler rec'd the Holy Ghost "A bunch of us walked across the fields about a mile to Sis. Pinkertons and she started breakfast for it was broad day light. And it was said by more than one about how they used to sing in the Spirit. (I have never heard this done but they say it is beautiful to hear and out of this world. A point that is very interesting is that everyone that we have interviewed concerning singing in the Spirit say they can't remember a word that was sung but some remember the tune.) Sis. Clara sang in the Spirit once to the tune, I'm Walking In The Light.

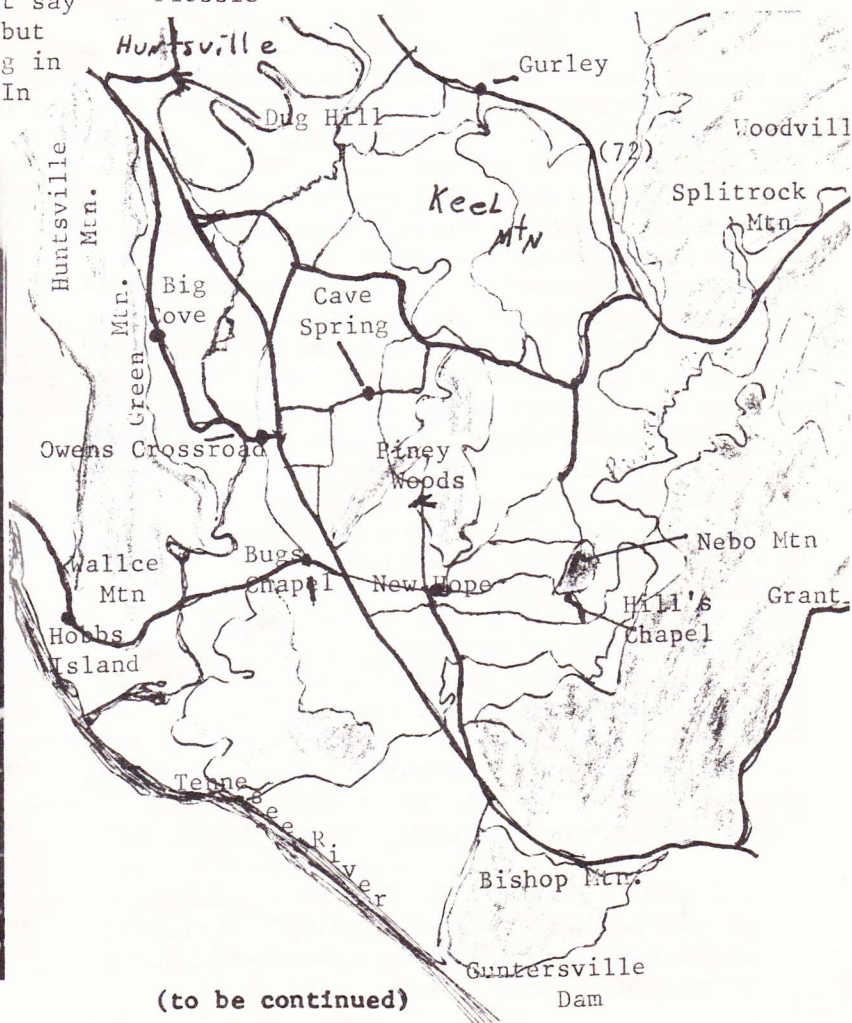
Br. Monroe Taylor Br. Jim Guffey and Br. Charlie Brown were in a meeting here in the Cove with a number of angry preachers. As Br. Rob preached and was pouring it out, one of them said, "Hey, you say your sanctified both soul body?" Br. Rob relied, "Yes sir!" "You don't mean to tell these people you're sanctified both soul and body?" Br. Rob said, "Yes sir! My little finger is sanctified!" That preacher said, "Well if that's all it is, I don't want to hear any more." Bro. Rob said, "You're excused!" and just continued on.



Br. Andrew and Sis. Lula York with their children Lewanda, Estele, Teeoma and Flossie



Sis. Fannie and Jim Elliott



(to be continued)



# Put Faith on the Line

Bro. Horace Williams was at TIFTONIA (5/4/78) and talking on giving God the Glory. He also stressed on Faith without works is dead. "Did you know, brethern, that faith without works is dead. Listen! Hears what the Word of God says. What does it profit my brethern though a man say he has faith and has not works, can faith save him? I might see my brother really in need and me with a few dollars in my pocket and I say "I sure hope that brother gets along O K." Now brethern, that aint works. Now if we do what we should, we'll divide what we got with him. If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto him, "Depart in peace, be ye warm and filled," notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? If you got just a little bit of money and the Lord tell you to take it over to a brother or sister in need, ... Oh, I've never been no happier in my life then when the Lord had me give the last cent I had. Even faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Praise the Lord! We're just gonna have to have some works. . Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. ... Thou believest (has faith) that there is one God; thous doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. ... But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is DEAD. Now, this is what the Lord seem to put on my mind. Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar. ... When Abraham and that little boy, he carried him up there and the boy stood by and watched his daddy build the altar. I believe with all my heart that he meant to take his son's life. Yes, I got two boys and I really love my children, they are so close to me. Suppose in the morning God would tell me to go to up yonder make an altar and take that youngest boy and offer him up for a sacrifice. Oh, when I prayed, I'd be on my knees asking God to spare the boy. But Abraham loved God so much, he was willing to take his son's life. As he laid his boy up on the altar he no doubt was thinking how much he enjoyed him in these years. ... He drew his arm back with the knife to take his life but the angel of the Lord stayed his hand and something constrained Abraham to look around and there was a ram tangled up in the vines. God had prepared himself a sacrifice. Faith without works is dead being alone.

If you were tried for being a Christin, would the way you live be enough evidence to prove you GUILTY!

Bro. Buford Trotman: "My wife asked me a question. "Can people have the Holy Ghost and not have the Fruit of the Spirit?" I said, "No, they can't." If you've got the Holy Ghost, the fruit will automatically be there. You won't have to make one of them. If you're a grouchy, growling person and you aint got no peace in your heart, something is wrong somewhere. ... (They need the Holy Ghost)

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord (I Corinthians 15:58).

## He's All That We Need

There is something I'd like for you to hear,  
About how the Lord is coming,  
And how the time is near.

To think of how He's coming back,  
For the ones He calls His Own,  
To sit in Glory for evermore,  
By the great eternal throne.

Seems at times one doesn't think  
Of how precious is the Way,  
To just stop and realize,  
The awful cost He had to pay.

He hung between two thieves on high,  
For they were guilty of a crime,  
But he so innocently had to die

He shed His blood,  
A drop for you and a drop for me,  
So that we might be pure, happy and free.

He watches over us, day by day,  
And our prayers He does hear,  
For He comes in time of need  
To wipe away all sorrow and fear.

He knows our hearts when no one else can,  
And He judges us not,  
Like every high powered man.

Seems at times we feel so low and blue,  
But just to think of our Saviour,  
How loving and true.

He won't forsake us along the way.  
He'll stay by our side from day to day.

Your loves ones may be far away,  
And seems there's no one to comfort you,  
But kneel on your knees to God and pray.  
For you,  
He'll never leave or betray.

He lightens our loads,  
When they seem hard to bear.  
So just remember this,  
Our Jesus is always there.

Sis. Sandra Self



The Word of God is first to me. I've been on the floor talking the Word of God and felt like it was hitting me worse than it was anybody in the house. ... There is one thing I intend to do. That is to stay to where God can deal with me. I learned a long time ago that I didn't know it all. I'm still learning. God said in his Word one time, BETTER IS THE POOR AND A WISE CHILD THAN AN OLD AND FOOLISH KING WHO WILL NO MORE BE ADMONISHED. Now the way I understand that is, this old king has got up to the place that can't no body tell him nothing anymore. He'll no longer be admonished. He knows it all. And brethern, we might put him in the preacher's shoes and put him out here and "Oh, I'm coming with the Word of God and if you get in the way, I'll plow you under. I want you to know this is to you ..." and maybe brethern I'm missing it worse than anybody in the house, but I don't aim to look at myself. That won't do!!! The only hope for me is to leave myself open before God to where He can talk to me. Glory to God! I'm proud to tell you there's time that the Word of God hits me. And I can see that I can do better than I've been doing. Bless the Lord!

When a man or women, boy or girl gets in the Way of the Lord there as a new born babe in Christ Jesus. Down through life I've had young people come to me with what I call "Growing pains" and they tell me they want to do something for the Lord. And I know that they are just going to have to come the Lord's way. I have heard them say, "I get my experience out of talking to people, I never did understand the Word of God." Well, I can't find that in the Word of God. Peter said, DESIRE THE SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD THAT YOU MIGHT GROW THEREBY. This here brethern (He held the bible up) is our life. By this we'll stand or we'll fall in the day of judgment. By this will we be judged. When we go on our knees by the sick people, by this it will be determined whether our hands goes on the sick and they rise up. There's a whole lot of hands going on aint there Bro. John? But not many are jumping up saying "I'm healed!" ... Now the one that God is going to work with is going to be a humble person. And he is gonna be humble in his own eyes. He aint going around feeling like "If I aint there they just aint gonna have no meeting." He'll go around in fear and trembling. When they say, "Boys, let's go to prayer," that man will go to his knees, and if he is a ministering brethern, and get down there and say, "Lord, I know that you resist the proud and give grace to the humble. I'm helpless without you. Lord, I can't do nothing without you. Will you just give me that inspiration that comes from on high."

That's what the Lord is looking for. Some body, ... a vessel that He can use. My mother used to have an old kettle. It look the worst thing in the house. It was beat up and bent. There wasn't another pot that my mother had that could cook beans like that old pot. Glory to God! It had been tried. I use to love to hunt. I used to love to git out at night and hunt. Git me some coon dogs and roam the woods. I've just about quit it all now but I used to really delight in it. What I'm thinking about is these coon dogs. I've done learnt if I went out and got me a coon daog and they set dogs in front of me and both of them just a beautiful (My wife said, "Elton, them's the ugliest looking things I've ever seen!" I'd say, Wel Hon, the uglyier they are the prettier they are to me.") Now listen brethern, I'd look at this first dog and he'd have pretty long ears. That face would be good and smooth. Wouldn't have a mark on him nowhere. I'd be afraid of him. I'd look over here at this other dog and his old ears would be in strings and that lip, you know, and that lip cut in two or three places, and the nose had a plug tore out of it. I'd say, "Boys, that the one I want right there." You know why? Because he's been where the action is. That's like my mother kettle. It was the one she could depend on. I might be bent up a little bit. I might get knocked and beat and glanced over a little bit, but Glory to God, if I'll stay humble in my soul, it don't matter. This is a spiritual warfare and it's operated and controled by the Spirit of God, and all in the world God needs is for me to stay outa the way and let Him run it. I just need to stay in good enough shape that if He needs me He can just reach and get me. Alright now, were talking about building on the right foundation. This little one coming on, ... they've got to add patience. Do what you can for the Lord. If you can't do a whole lot just be sure you do all that you can. Be real faithful in what you can do. Come out to meeting every time you can. Be faithful in getting up and working for the Lord. That will please God and He will let you go like that until you prove yourself before Him. After awhile when God sees you can carry a little more He'll give you a little more to do. What some are wanting is a over-night solution. There's no such thing in the ways of the Lord. We've got to come up thru the middle boys. And we've got to start on the right foundation and continue there.

But THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, TEMPRANCE. AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW. How much of this are you seeing in the land today?????



Ralph Shockley (PLEVNA):

"It was a pretty sunshiney day in February with the wind blowing. I took a match to a piece of trash in the yard. The next thing I looked and in that field across the yard fence there went that fire. It had been a pasture but there were no cows in there and that tall grass was just a blazing towards the barn. Oh, I got out there and said, "Lord, I remember about Sis. Martin's kitchen catching on fire.." It rolled across my mind so plain. "They said she got down and prayed and you put that fire out!" And I said, "Lord if you'll do it for her, you'll do it for me!" About that time I run for that barn and I went in there and prayed. I was scared it was going to burn up that other fellows barn. I was so young in the Lord. I got up and run out there as I thought, "Maybe you stopped it Lord." It looked like it mighta died down a little bit, but I knew I still couldn't handle it. I remember right there, I raised my hands up and ran back in that barn, ... I went down on my knees in the stable and said, "Lord, you know how I've lived before you." Satan said, "There's someone in the barn loft listening to you praying." You know, he's always there. I remember I said just as loud as I could get out of me, "Lord, I don't care who hears me, I want you to hear me!" The power of God fell on me. ... The Lord had answered my prayer. I went back out there and that fire looked to be from ankle to kneehigh. And I said, "Lord, I can handle it now." It was about all I could do but I went around there with my heart glad because I knew the Lord had already moved.

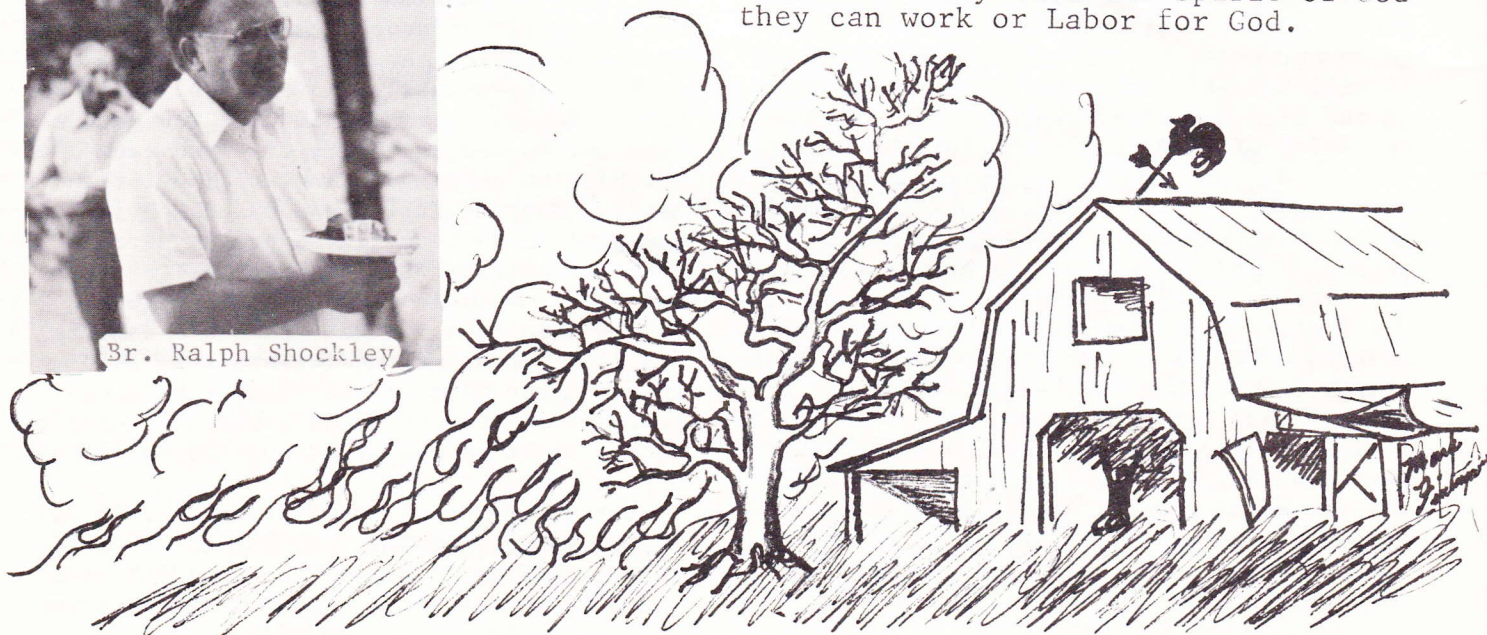
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On the fourth week-end in May Brother Bill Lipham and his wife, Loette, visited with us here in Stockbridge. Brother Bill leads services at the Ollie Road Holiness Church in Lakeland, Fla. Brother Bill talked to the Saints in a very straight-forward manner, as is his nature, exhorting us to lay down the weights of this world that would hinder us from a close walk with God and rob us of some of our privileges as a Child of God. He demonstrated this by taking song books and putting them in his pockets, under his arms and in both hands - showing how they (representing weights) would hinder us. He gave us a parable (in modern language that we could understand) regarding being careful who we follow after. He did this by telling about being lost in the swamps with another fellow who he was following because he had a compass. After they walked for several hours in those swamps at night, Bro. Bill began to recognize some of the landmarks he had passed before and realized this man was leading them around in circles. Once he realized this fellow didn't know what he was doing he departed from him and got out of the swamps in just a few minutes.

**Br.** Tom Kerley talking about "Pray that the Lord will send laborers into His vinyard." He said that they are not just ministers, but that a laboer is anyone who will work for the Lord, whether they are men or women or children. If they have the Spirit of God they can work or Labor for God.



Br. Ralph Shockley





TIFTONIA: Joe Eller rec'd the Holy Ghost here on the 3rd Saturday evening of June. It was Communion night but the Lord led instead to altar call in which the Lord help Joe. The Lord had led Bro. Johnny Rigsby of BEIRNE AVE to come up here this night. After the altar prayer he was up testifying and the Spirit of the Lord moved in this house. Joe was up praising the Lord then back down praying again. Oh, the love and Spirit was so good. After a time, Bro. Billy Parker, asked everybody to get in one mind, and they did. In about a minute that beautiful shout went up as Joe came up a child of God. Born again! A new creature in Christ! One who was in the back of the house said that every child of God's hands went up at once. Not a saint was on their seat. Ah, it was so good. Oh yes, later Bro. Johnny got to finish testifying to the delight of all. This was the best we had ever seen and felt this child of God.



Bro. Grover Marr with his daughter, Sis. Margie, son Tony, and wife, Sis. Nancy.

Sis. Nancy rec'd the Holy Ghost under Bro. Henry McLain's preaching at BOND'S CHA-EL thirty-two years ago. Five years ago, Sis. Margie came to the Lord. Bro. Grover was a late bloomer. He came to the Lord at VALAMOSSA SPRINGS three year ago. They now make PINE GROVE (Morgan Co.) their home church. When Margie was about seventeen and still in high-school she took rheumatoid arthritis in it's worse stage. The Lord came by and on them returning her to the hospital in Birmingham they found out that the germ was dead. To the doctors this was unheard of. But she still has a serious problem. Her joints in her hand and toes were eat away. Now she has no joints there and at the least movement of her fingers or toes, it grinds the bones in flesh instead of joints. They are patient and good God fearing people. Please pray for Sis. Margie. We know that God can complete this, if it's His will!

#### Revival at HYTOP:

"Our revival started the 3rd Sunday of July. Br. Charlie Brown helped run it. We had good services over the weekend, but our first to make it to the Lord was on Monday morning, Br. James Martin (so-in-law of Br. Arthur Parker). Tuesday night, Br. Melvin Cook, prayed thru. Br. Melvin has just been coming to a Holiness church a short time. We prayed and toiled for the Lord to baptise one more and it payed off. Three rec'd the gift of the Holy Ghost on Friday night. They were: Br. Phillp Curtis (Sis. Jan Brown's son). When he went back to hug the boys necks that he had run around with, they came up to the altar. Bro. Michael Avons (Br. Ed Avons' son) was second. Then Br. Berry Brown (Br. Charlie Brown's son). The boys went home rejoicing in the Lord. You could see them quiet frequently with their arms around one another saying, "Clory to God!" All these boys were between the ages of 12 and 16 years. ... Saturday night Br. LeMar Clark (Sis. Dollie Sanders' brother) rec'd the good Holy Ghost. ... This made a total of six to come to the Lord. Bro. Henry McLain ask us at the beginning of the revival to pray that he could be there everytime. The Lord blessed this old minister of God with strength and health to be there almost everytime. He even blessed him occasionally to talk to the lost. We are so thankful that this old "Minster of Peace" could be with us.

Sis. Phyllis Culver

Paul "H" Shaney worked for Br. Vernon Stevens at his car lot in Scottsboro. He had been seeking the Lord. One day as he was praying the Lord came in and he began to speak in tongues. He believed he did and yet he didn't. He went home, laid across the bed was again praying when he again started to speak in tongues. He arose and got Br. Willis Brown and they went to see brother Jack Denson and there was the best feeling. He is now happy in the Lord



Br. Floyd Williams and Br. "H" Shaney



# Welcome to the fold.

These are some of the new born children of God among us:

ELKWOOD: The last week of May; Sis. Vickie Holman (Br. Hodgie's dau.-in-law) and Br. Jay Keel and Sis. Sandra Self (Sis. Wanda Mason's daughter).

HYTOP: Br. James Martin, Br. Melven Cook, Br. Phillip Curtis, Br. Mike Avans, Br. Berry Brown, and Br. Lamar Cook.

CLAYSVILLE: 1st week of July; Br. Kent Hayes, the nephew of Sis. Delia Key of GRASSY MTN.

NASHVILLE: Br. Hoyt Martin's daughter, Sis. Sherri Martin.

SCENICLAND: The 3rd week of June; Sis. Jody Martin's daughter, Sis. Dee-Dee Martin.

HIGDON: The 1st Week of July; Br. Hosea Atchley's daughter, Sis. Pam and Br. Don Hodges.

TIFTONIA: Sis. Joyce Robinson's son Br. Chris. Sis. Martha Black's daughter, Sis. Reba Black. Sis. Diane Long, she had went to the altar about 20 years. Sis. Charlotte Finlayson's neice, Sis. Rhonda Ball. Sis. Diane and Br. Donnie Walker. Sis. Diane is Br. Luther Hill's daughter and Br. Donnie is Br. Glen Walker's son. Br. Joe Eller, Br. James Black's son-in-law. Br. Darrell Townson, Sis. Lori Knight's son



Bros. Joe Eller, Chris Robinson, Steve Inman, Sis. Rhonda Ball, Diane Long, Bros. Billy Parker and Billy Brewer. Sis. Diane Walker and (hiding) Sis. Jackie Inman.

HUNTSVILLE: Br. Phillip Story (June 11th), Sis. Iva McGlocken.

FYFFE: Sis. Susie and Sis. Beckie McGill (sisters), Sis. Joyce McGill's daughters, NOAH'S ARK). Br. J. D. Guffey's granddaughter, Sis. Shannon Brown.

HILL'S CHAPEL: (May 21st) Sis. Kathleen Cooper, Br. Walter Hill's daughter.

BRIAR FORK: Br. Lewis Clark, Sis. Gracie's husband (2nd week of August).

PLEASANT GROVE: (1st week of July) Bro. Billy West's daughter, Sis. Cindy West. Sis. Viola Cain's Son, Bro. Howard Cain.

VALERMOSSA SPRING: Sis. Azalia McCutcheon.

FORT PAYNE: Sis. Marlene Bullard rec'd Holy Ghost praying at home.

MARKHAM: Bro. Charlie Brown's son, Bro. Danny Brown. Sis. Lyda Brown, She is Bro. Harold Smith's seventy-five year old mother-in-law.

SCOTTSBORO: Bro. Paul Shaney rec'd the Holy Ghost in a car lot in Scottsboro.

(There are others that we couldn't get the names.)

**B**r. J.C. Kirkland: "One morning for no reason at all, I went to visit my sister. As I pulled up she was going to church. I left my wife there and went with her to PLEASANT GROVE. I sat in the back of the house for I was a mean feller, you know. I din't even know what happened in the service, but an old preacher got up and gave an altar call. Before I knew it, I was walking up there. I didn't know what in the world I was going to say. I didn't even know what I was doing up there. I said, "God, I don't know why I'm up here, but I'm going to make a start!" That changed my life. I made a bunch of promises to God and kept them, thank the Lord! It took me a while to rec' salvation."

IT'S NOT WHO YOU ARE, BUT WHOSE YOU ARE.

**B**r. James Simmons:

"57 years ago he gave my mother the Holy Ghost. I can't remember to much about it, but I can remember crying. God had come in and took up his abode in her. On down the road he took up his abode in my Daddy. (Sis. Bessie and Br. Buddie Simmons) Come along and my sister. Come along, we went across that Huntsville Mtn one day, it was cold, I was riding in the back of the truck. When they got up at the foot of the mountain they stopped and crowded me in the cab. We went on over there to Huntsville in the back on a little old sawmill plank. Now that's the way Huntsville used to be. It was about that long, nailed up to the corner. At the first chance I got in that door and out of the way in the corner. But then the Lord began to work. And that old man, Br. Willis Brown, he got up there and he got to preaching. And he got to preaching to me. I knew the one it was going to. When they gave the altar call, I seen my mother, she beckoned me to come on. Ah, ..I couldn't wait no longer. I went up there. They said it took me about two hours and a half. But I tell you what. When I come up from that place, I was one of the happiest boys. I jumped, I leaped, I shouted. I praised God!"



**B**r. Paul Guffey of HIGDON and saints from different places went to Gruetli Tennessee near Monteagle in the early summer and ran a , "From Friday night to Sunday night meeting." It was for the benefit of those without the Lord. Though none came to the Lord we hope they continue in this sort of thing for we are sore in need of this being carried on.

**T**he Lord blessed Br. Frank Hereford in the love of God at BRIAR FORK on the 4th Sunday in May. He was talking on, in and about love and it was felt everywhere as the eyes filled with tears. Even Br. Ollie Priest was crying.

TIFTONIA's meeting are very good with the Love of God everywhere, and people here are coming to the Lord. Others are moving in. Their church is too small and they are going to have to enlarge or build a bigger one. We hope in their progress that they CONDESCEND (To come down) TO MEN OF LOW ESTATE, as Br. Hodges Moore preached here on the 3rd Sunday in September.

There were so many good revivals and good preaching in so many of our churches that room fails us to mention them all, and some few revivals are yet to come.

There has been a large number of God's children to pass away this summer. Makes one to wonder if it the Lord's way of letting them escape the wrath that is to come shortly.

Br. Pauk Smith lost a son.

Sis. Charlotte Finlayson was in a car accident that took the life of a young man.

Sis. Dorothy Warren is in very serious illness.

Br. Clifford West is in serious shape.

Br. Tom Kerley was losing his eyesight, but we hear that the Lord showed us mercy and he is doing much better. Br. Tom loves the Lord and His church and His Word very much.

Br. Hodges and Sis. Amy Moore are very sickly of late and they are getting along in years.

Sis. Mary Lee Higdon is still in poor health.

Br. Mitchell Drake is still in poor health.

Br. Bill Price had a bad time but he is doing better.

Br. Chunk Underwood had a car wreck and had a very bad time of it and is still not doing to well.

Br. Henry McLain's health is still poor but his spirit is steadfast in LOVE.

We've heard of many that have turned back to this present world but many, many more are holding on to that "Unchanging hand," that never fails.

Little Br. Jeff Hayes of TIFTONIA had a severe attack (???) that drew him out of shape but when the healing touch of the Masters hand

moved on him you could see the other as it released it's grip and was driven away. He NEVER FAILS!"

Sis. Verty Parker is in bad health.

Br. David Ashley had a bad and painful sickness but the Lord that he served helped him and he he is now going again.

Sis. Mattie Lou Trotman is still holding to the Lord after a very long illness. We pray the Lord will heal her.

**T**he Lord has been so good to us here. He is still healing for us. On Friday June 23, I hurt my back on the job. It was so bad that on Saturday I couldn't get up but crawled on my hands and knees. Sunday morning I was doing some better for we had called around to some of the churches and asked for prayer. By mid-morning on Sunday a few of the saints were pressed to come see us. These were Bro. Frank and Sis. Carol Hereford of ELKWOOD, Bro. Coleman and Sis. Dollie Sanders of NYLA and Bro. Don Hopkins and his wife Kathy from LAKEWOOD Park in Florida (He was returning from his wife's folks in New York) After a pleasant few hours they were leaving, some even in the cars when my wife Charlotte said, "We should ask them to pray before they leave." We called them back in and we prayed and the Lord was here as they started testifying to the goodness and the Glory of God. Hands went on me and I was healed. I went back to work the following day  
Bryant Finlayson

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth. —ISAIAH 55:10-11

**B**r. Hubert Sampson was at ELKWOOD telling of driving down the road and every once in awhile passing a garden with a scarecrow in it. As he drove along he got to thinking about those little birds and rabbitt and other animals that the scarecrow was scaring away, if they were wise, there was still plenty to eat there and that there wasn't a bit of harm in the scarecrow. It was just a booger and no harm in it but the animals didn't know this and they went hungry. He turned it around to us. We go somewhere to eat (spiritually) and we start looking for a scarecrow and if we look we find one, and we then fail to eat and go home still hungry.

Br. Hubert brought the fear of God as he stated. "If we don't get our head on our shoulders there is going to be a spiritual funeral."



# The Helpful Way

There were a bunch of people that came up before the Lord. No doubt they were pretty good people, but do you know what Jesus told them. He said "I was hungry and you fed me not. I was naked and you clothe me not. I was in prison and you visited me not." And they said "When did we see you hungry, and naked and in prison???" He answered them "As you didn't do it unto the least of these my brethen, you did it not unto me!" Sometimes you may see a person that can't seem to be real sober minded. They don't seem to be able to bring that feeling way down deep that you would like them to. Maybe they don't do everything like you would like them to. They just might be the least one. You don't want to mistreat them, but if you aint careful you would rather be over there with people you can feel the power of God with, who make good testimonies. But that least one needs your help. Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations (arguments). We don't need to argue and say, "I don't know if they've got the Holy Ghost or not." It aint none of your business. Leave it to the Lord. He's the one who made them. He knows who they are. Bro. Henry McLain taught me to love everybody. If a man came in our midst that we didn't know about, he taught us to love'em. "When they get on the floor, don't hang your head," he said, "Pray for them! And if God aint with them he will take care of them." Let's love one another. The scribes and Pharisees in Jesus's time, they were in a way good people concerning the law. But Jesus told them they had left off mercy. Be sure to love one another.

This was Bro. Billy Parker at TIFTONIA exhorting the children of God to show mercy and to love one another.

## ELKWOOD

"Bro. J.E. Keel rec'd the Holy Ghost Sunday night, May 28th. Born in New Hope, raised in Big Cove, now lives at Harvest Alabama.

Sis. Vickie Holman, maiden name Riddles, rec'd the Holy Ghost Tues night, May 30th. She's the daughter-in-law of Sis. Midge and Bro. Hodgie Holman of ELKWOOD.

Sis. Sandra Self rec'd the Holy Ghost Thursday morning June 1st. The daughter of Sis. Wanda Mason and grand-daughter of Sis. Lucille Smith of Huntsville, Alabama.

Sis. Erlene Smith rec'd the Holy Ghost on Sunday night, June 4th. She's the daughter-in-law of Sis. Lucille Smith.

About Bro. J.E. Keel: Before he and Sis. Glenda were married, the Lord let her know if she married him, someday he would have the Holy Ghost. That was about fifteen years

ago.

Sis, Vickie Holman had gone to the altar before but had quit. After that she didn't come very often until right before she made it. That night when altar call was made, Sis. Carol Hereford went back and asked her would she go kneel down and pray just for her. Vickie had no intentions of going to the altar but she did it for Sis. Carol out of love and honor I think. And up she come with the Holy Ghost.

Sis. Erlene never knew about Holiness til she married into our family. She is from Russville, Alabama. It tore her up when I made it. So the day I was baptised she went. On the way she wondered if Bro. Willard would baptise her. Moma told her to ask him. She had not been to the altar before. She had hardly been to church. I was the last one baptised and it so happened that Moma brought an extra coat and towel. When I came out of the water, she said, "Bro. Willard, I want the Holy Ghost and want you to baptise me now." Seems like everyone felt it Hands and voices were raised to the Lord. (Bro. Willard told them that he always had to see the fruits in a person before he would consent to baptising them but this time he had to go ahead because he felt that it was pleasing to the Lord.) He took her out in the water and showed her how to place her hands and she said that's all I remember. She didn't even recall hearing anyone on coming out of the water. She had repented. That night altar call was made and she came. When she came up with the Holy Ghost, there were some kids there that had timed her and it took 1 minute and 13 seconds and we were all happy children of God.

Sis. Sandra Self

DON'T POINT A FINGER, HOLD OUT A HAND!

**T**he rich man that come to the Lord, he said, "Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" The Lord said, "Thou shalt not committ adultery. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not steal." He said, "All of these have I kept from from my youth up." The Lord said, "One thing thou lackest. Go and sell all you got and give to the poor." He went away sorrowful for he had much. I don't believe none of you are rich (Talking to the lost in the house) but for just one thing would you turn God down??? ONE THING LACKEST THOU ... ONE THING LACKEST THOU."

This was Bro. Arthur McAllister talking during the PLEASANT GROVE revival and the Lord was in each word as it came from his lips.



# The Fox & the Crow

This incident was reported by men working on the Alaskan pipeline.

"They would now and again see a lone raven, flying over the flat tundra. It would fly on and on, close to the ground. Below the raven, almost always, was a running fox. Mile upon mile, the fox stayed under the raven. If the raven sped up a bit and settled to the ground, the fox then stalked the raven. When the fox sprang for the capture, the raven - at the last moment - would jump into the air, and fly on across the tundra, with the fox running below. Once they came flying almost into camp. The raven set down. The fox went into his assassin creep - one crafted step after another - and then sudden dash. The raven jumped into the air. After a short flight, it came down, and was again stalked and rushed by the fox. Again it made a short flight, and settled down, even closer to the crew of men. The fox renewed its subtle glide, this futile contest with the raven's eye. Once more came the move, the rush, the leap. The fox caught the raven, ate it on the spot, and a pile of black feathers marked the spot on the ground."



Upon reading this article in a Alaskan journal it brought to our mind of the wiles of the wicked one called Satan. The Raven flirted with his adversary and by and by he was caught and eaten. The Lord said, "RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE'LL FLEE FROM YOU. But instead we some times argue with him. It is written in the Word; BE SOBER, BE VIGILANT; BECAUSE YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL, AS A ROARING LION, WALKETH ABOUT, SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR. He comes loud and roaring but again he comes as a slithering serpent, and again he is known as a raving wolf and at other times SATAN HIMSELF IS TRANSFORMED INTO AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. and his ministers also. Thru years of experience we have found the wicked one to have more patience than we have (He's been around a few thousand years, us a little over forty). He can out talk, out think us and a lot more slyer then we are, but we have a great consolation in, GREATER IS HE THAT IS

IN YOU, (CHRIST) THAT HE THAT'S IN THE WORLD (SATAN). If we will just live for the Lord He will lead and guide us in all truth and righteousness. He will fight all our battles and take care of our every need. Just be sure to, NEITHER GIVE PLACE TO THE DEVIL, .. AND GRIEVE NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, WHERE-BY YE ARE SEALED..." Just resist him and I lean on Jesus.

JOHNNY RIGSBY: "I had an abscessed tooth one time. I never had one like that before. And I tell you, I was suffering death. I was just a crying and scawling, running around there. And I said, "O God, would you give me just two hours from this pain. I mean I really would appreciate it." My wife who was in bed said, "I done told you if you'd put a aspirn on it, it'd get easy!" I said, "Baby, let me tell you something. When my tooth quits hurting, I'm gonna know that I wore it off or God moved it one! And if I don't put no aspirn on there, I can't give that no credit." And you know what! My old tooth got off just as easy, and I laid down and went to sleep. It was just exactly 10 o'clock. Well I woke up, Sis. Sharon Parker, and it was just exactly 12 o'clock. My tooth was just a killing me. And I walked the floor, and I cried, and I prayed. I woke my wife up and she said, "Johnny, would you please put an aspirn on that thing so we can sleep." And I went back and said, "Now God, you let me rest two hours, would you please let me rest two more?" And my tooth got just as easy. Went off to sleep. And that was 12:30. And I woke up and it was exactly 2:30. And I walked the floor and prayed and cried some more. And I said, "Now Lord, you let me sleep two hours, two times, and you really know I'm thankful for that. Would you let me rest two more hours?" And you know what? that tooth got off just as easy. And I went off to sleep and I woke up and it was just exactly two hours later. By that time I just decided I would suffer it out and wear it off. When I was getting ready to go to work and I - o-o-oh, I began to hear them little birds. They just began to sing and I tell you I felt so much of the peace of the Lord and the Lord began to speak to me. He said, "Now you asked of me to let you sleep two hours, three different times, and I did it just like you asked me for. But If you had asked of me to let you sleep all night, I would have let you. But I done what you asked me to!" ... You know what? When I get down on my knees again, you don't hear me say, "O Lord, help me." You hear me say, "O God, would you heal me!" Because God will do just what we ask Him to.



# Anniversaries Celebrated

To my Daddy, Virgil Wilbanks

Happy birthday Daddy on your 70th birthday. We pray you have many more. Dad, we love you more than could ever be told. You and Mother raised us right. Took us to church when we were just small, in a wagon. We children set in the back and watched the stars so many times. I would look up there and see if I could see Jesus. We knew He was there. ... I will never forget the night I rec'd the Holy Ghost. Mother was sick. We knelt to pray for her. I was eleven years old. I couldn't pray for her, I wanted the Holy Ghost so I cried out to the Lord and He came in and filled me with the Holy Ghost. He healed Mother too. ... We were taught to pray before we went to bed and to thank the Lord before we eat. You worked hard to raise us right and we never went hungry. Mother washed our clothes on a rub board. We had a happy home for you and Mother always called on the Lord when we got sick or hurt. We could run to Mother and it was alright.

Daddy and Mother, we can't say the things that's in our hearts. It can't ever be told. We love you both for just being our Dady and Mother and for raising us right.

Your daughter

Sis. Nelly Fay McKinzy



Sis. Minnie and Bro. Virgil Wilbanks

Sis. Minnie rec'd the Holy Ghost under Br. Jim Miller's preaching at Happy Hollow over 50 years ago. Bro. Virgil came to the Lord the following year at Lynch's chapel near Fyffe. They attend church regular at FYFFE.

She was raised by an uncle who was a preacher. She was doing all she could to live a good life, but she knew that letting the preacher talk and letting him pray was

not going to get her to heaven. She then started praying for the Lord to show her what was right. She had never heard of Holiness until one day when she was setting on a stool listening to the radio. She heard Bro. Willis Brown preaching Holiness on the radio and he gave direction to the BEIRNE AVE Holiness church. She loaded up her children and made her way to BEIRNE AVE and ended up in the altar with two of her daughters. Her daughter Doris (Sis. Doris Cash) rec'd the Holy Ghost. She sought the Lord for seven years before she rec'd the Holy Ghost. That was about eighteen years ago. Later another daughter and a son rec'd the Lord. Nine years ago her husband rec'd the Holy Ghost. She had a rough time until he rec'd the Lord. In April they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They are Sis. Annie and Bro. Roy Rigsby of BEIRNE AVE.



Sis. Annie and Bro. Roy Rigsby at their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Br. Walter and Sis. Mary Lee Higdon were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary at BROWN'S CHAPEL on the 4th Sunday in August. They were married at Trenton Georgia on August 29, 1928.

Sis. Mary Lee rec'd the Holy Ghost at the old Whitley home at Higdon in 1932. They were singing the old song, I'll Take Mother By



The Hand. (I'll never turn back anymore) when she started to say, Glory to God. When she came to herself she was in the floor speaking in tongues.

Br. Walter come to the Lord in 1938 in the same house. Br. Will Guffey was preaching and they had made six altar calls that day. Br. Walter was one of the six who rec'd the Holy Ghost at the last altar call



Br. Walter and Sis. Mary Lee Higdon

Sis. Ester and Hewdie Carroll celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary at their home at Higdon Alabama on the 2nd Sunday of August. They were married August 12, 1928.

Sis. Ester is Br. John Whitley's daughter and she rec'd the Holy Ghost at Br. Sam Bates at Higdon in February, 1941. They were praying for her sister, Sis. Mary Lee Higdon who was ill. Br. Sam asked her to get down and pray for her sister and she come up with the Holy Ghost. And her sister was healed.



Hewdie and Sis. Ester Carroll (under the same tree they were married under)

BLACK OAK:

(5/21/78) "Had a wonderful foot washing. We were so proud to get to take the Lord's Supper. We needed the strength we get from it. There was a loud shout, looked and saw Br. Tom Kerley just bouncing under the power of God during foot-washing. A lot of the brethren were in the floor under the power of God. They sure were free, sisters too. Hugging necks, telling each other how they loved them. It was the most wonderful free feeling with love flowing from heart to heart. There's just nothing in this world to compare with the love of God.

(6/3/78) We've had a wonderful time this week. The Revival was real good. A lot of visitors from the south. We sure did gain strength from Br. Hoyt Dalton as he sure preached good. Br. Arthur McAllister sure did preach good too

((7/9/78) We had such good weekend meetings, last night was so sweet and tender. Love for each other. Many sick were prayed for. The power of God fell at different times as folks were up testifying for God,

their hands going on the sick. Sis. Barbara McAllister was up thanking the Lord for healing her. Sis. Janice Allen was testifying so good, God blessed her. She was down under the Power of God (she'd had so much trouble and sickness, her son's leg got broken and in a cast, her mother sick a long time and passed away) But God knew when Sis. Janice needed a blessing. I was down in my mind and also sick. Br. Leroy Duvall was blessed in praying and his hands went on me. I feel plumb different today. Br. Steve White of RVERTON, a new child of God was hear and I don't know when I've seen any sweeter face in-the-lord as he has, so bright and faithful to testify. There were a lot more good tesitmonies.

(7/17/78) had a good meeting last night with Br. Frankie Letson strected out in the floor. ... Some of the Word of God has been preached to us lately SOME HAVE DEPARTED FROM THE FAITH, GIVING HEED TO SEDUCING SPIRITS AND DCOTRINES OF DEVILS. Doesn't that cover a lot of ground? ... Br. Greg Terry was up here and he sure does edify. Br. Paul Warren was here and preaching about



"End of time" and "starting of sorrows."

Br. Luther Stilweel sure did talk good and read from the bible to the edifying of all.

(7/25/78) Sis. Pat Shipenski was telling about her daughter, Pauline, and how she helps sing in meeting. Once she was down praying at home and she sensed someone in the room, didn't open her eyes to look just felt little hands on her head and she heard Pauline

say, "Glory to God!" Pauline is growing into childhood just normal now, like other children. Br. Harold Simmons, one of the visitors from the south, was singing That Old Ship song. Was sweet to hear.

(8/20/78) Br. George Weddington (up from the south) told of the time fifteen years ago he came up here, didn't have salvation. Met Sis. Kathy and they were married. Sis. Lillian and Bro. Floyd Flippo came to visit, (her sister) and Br. Floyd talked about the Lord, the Holy Ghost. George asked Br. Floyd what

the Holy Ghost was. Br. Floyd told him and it wasn't long until God gave Br. George the Holy Ghost and healed a very bad leg.

MARKHAM: We had the most wonderful revival meeting in MARKHAM. Little Danny Brown rec'd the Holy Ghost. Dan's Br. Charklie Brown's son, married Sis. Vicky Williams in June 78. I don't think he is related to Sis. Lyda Brown whom rec'd the Holy Ghost on Monday night. Dan rec'd it on Friday night. They, the two Brown's were baptised on Sunday. I heard a brother remark that this was the best revival that MARKHAM ever had. Sis. Lyda Brown is the seventy-five year old mother of Sis. Lee Ree Smith. She said how she had been praying and praying when no one else knew. When she was ready, she went to the altar and stayed as long as it took to rec' the Holy Ghost. She lay speaking in tongues awhile before she got up. She was so bright and sweet.

Sis. Pearline Dudley

### *Asleep in Christ*

**S**is. Pat Summerford, the wife of Br. Hassle Summerford, was taken in her forty-seventh year on June 19, 1978. She was from SCOTTSBORO and had rec'd the Holy Ghost in 1961 at BLACK OAK.

**S**is. Ellie West, the wife of Br. Toss West, went to sleep in Christ in her seventy-fourth year on May 29, 1978. She had been a child of God for sixty-four years. She rec'd it at Br. Bartow Whites home on SandMtn. Sis. Lillie White Wright and another sister rec'd the Lord the same night. Sis. Ellie was of PLEASANT GROVE.

**B**r. Horace Jr. Townson was delivered from this house of clay on May 23, 1978. He came to the Lord at SECTION where he made his home church in June of 1973.. He loved to work for the Lord and his smiling face will be much missed.

**B**r. Robert Warren went on to be with the Lord in his 71st year on May 27, 1978. He rec'd the Holy Ghost at Cleborne Dabbs home on Crow Mtn forty-four years ago. He led services at NYLA for many years. He rec'd the Lord under Br. Courtney Thackerson's preaching. We are missing him.

**B**r. Roy Coffey was in his fifty-sixth year when the Lord took him on July 29, 1978. He rec'd the Holy Ghost at BLACK OAK nineteen years ago and he went to SOUTH HAVEN.



Br. Toss and Sis. Ellie West  
(many years ago)

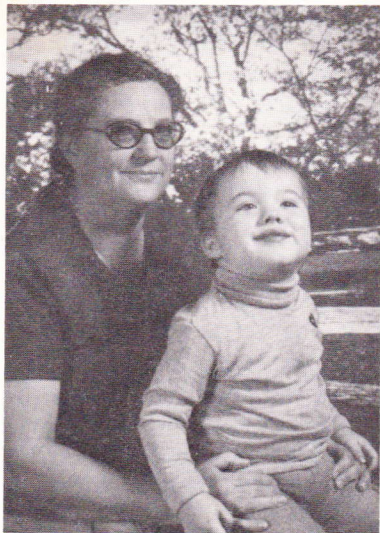


Sis. Ruth and Br. Roy Coffey



**S**is. Louse Knight, wife of Br, Leonard Kight, of BROWN'S CHAPEL stepped off into eternal life in her forty-ninth year on August 10, 1973, after a lengthy illness. She rec'd the Holy Ghost in BIG COVE thirty two years ago in a revival that Br. Will Guffey ran. The night before though it was stormy, she prayed most of the night. The next morning she was still praying over at the Emitt Henshaw home and rec'd the Holy Ghost before meeting. She was baptised with the rest of them that day. Sis. Louise was a sweet child of God and will be missed.

**S**is. Gladys Manley of HILL'S CHAPEL passed on to that good land in her forty-ninth year on May 8, 1978. She rec'd the Holy Ghost here on June 27, 1954.



Sis. Gladys Manley with her grandson

**B**ro. Walter Hill was called away in peace in his sixty-fourth year on July 29, 1978. He rec'd the Holy Ghost forty-four years ago in Paint Rock Valley. He will be greatly missed for he led services at HILL'S CHAPEL in the Bend of Paint Rock and had preached the Gospel for 34 years. One of his last words were, "Let the peace of God rule in you hearts."



Br. Walter Hill

Sis. Bertha Holman, wife of Bro. Frank Holman, went on to her reward in her seventy-sixth year on June 4, 1978. She rec'd the Holy Ghost on Gunters Mtn. fifty nine years ago. She and a girl friend was going to the spring to fetch water. They set their buckets down and got down to pray. They both rec'd the Holy Ghost. Someone came and got the bucket of water and they never knew when they came. She lived many years at PLEVNA.

We're sorry it's been so long since we've put out a Glad Tiding but we've had a lot of hinderances this summer. We hope to be able to do better now.

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