

# GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS

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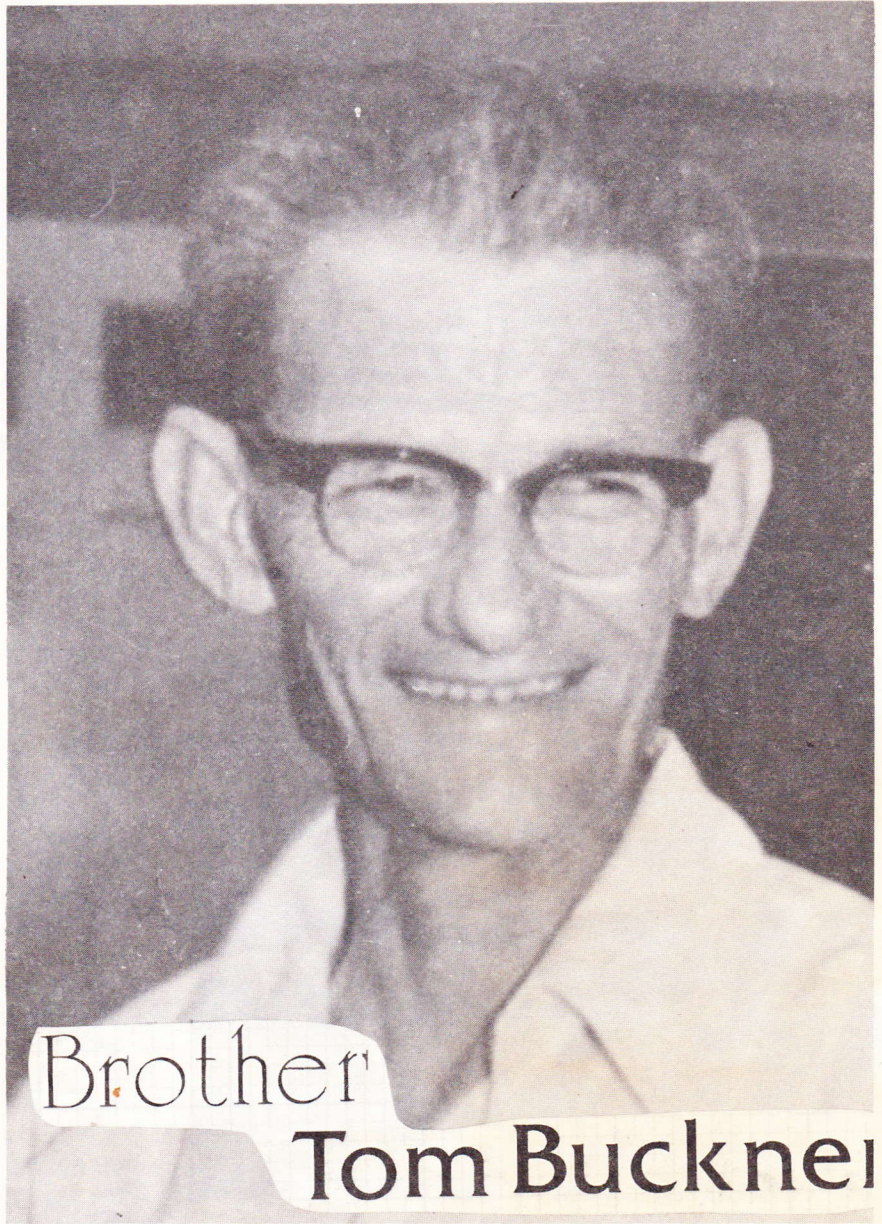
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It shall be called  
The way of holiness

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## IN MEMORY OF BR. TOM BUCKNER

Wiley and Sarah Buckner moved around a lot. While living at Richard City Tennessee in 1916, they had a son born to them that they named Thomas Buckner. Later they went to Texas. While there, they got to rec'ing letters from Sarah's sisters, Sis. Kate Coffey and Sis. Fannie Sisk telling about rec'ing the Holy Ghost. Wiley told his wife that he wanted to go back home and find out about this Holy Ghost that they were talking about. They did, and one day, Sarah lay her baby Tom down on the bed and kneeled down to pray. When she came up, she was full of the Holy Ghost. She had Plagra and the Lord healed her. This happened near Woodville Alabama. So Br. Tom was raised in the Way of Faith. He rec'd the Holy Ghost in 1936 at BEIRNE AVE, the year after he married Ruby Kilgore. After this he moved to the



Brother

Tom Buckner

Pleasant Grove community on Cumberland Mountain where he started moving out for the Lord. He raised eleven children. He and Br. Kim West watched after the church. He was a slow talker but

rich in the Spirit. Everyone loved Br. Tom and he loved everybody. It seemed he had a special care for the weak and lowly. He went everywhere to church, but was most often found where the saints and church felt cast down and forgotten. It is then no wonder that he was endeared to so many hearts of God's meek and lowly children.



Preston and Tom Buckner (Tom is the little one)

After Br. Kim West was past going, Br. Tom had the full load of the church at PLEASANT GROVE until the Lord called him out of the battle December 26, 1975.



Sis. Ruby and Br. Tom Buckner

We regret that we didn't get to know Br. Tom Buckner sooner than we did (in the

1970's) for he was such a meek man full of the grace of God. We still hear remarks on him such as "A good man as I ever saw," "He was an exception," "Nothing bad, only good!" Br. Hodges Moore who knew him well all his life, said, "He was a genuine, old time, child of God!" Also, "I never saw him miss it." He was loved by the young and old and will live in many hearts until they are united again in that good land to come.



Br. Tom with his mother, Sis. Sarah and his Brother, Preston

Br. Tom Buckner was a humble man, a man full of love, a great man, a man God could deal with. His teachings never strayed from, and his daily life was lived in accordance with the teachings of Christ.

Many times, as God began to deal with him he would reach for a song book, walk out on the floor, and start a song. By the time the song was finished, those in his presence felt as though they had heard a great sermon and their hearts were uplifted because of it.

Br. Tom often admonished the young children of God to get their feet established in the Word of God.

One of his last sermons preached here at our church (90 miles from his home), shortly before his death, began with Proverbs 16: 2 *All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weighteth the spirits. Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established. The Lord hath made all things for himself: Yea, even the wicked for the day of evil: Every one that*

*is proud in the heart is an abomination to the Lord: Though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: And by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil. When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. ...*

During one of his last visits here a sister mentioned to Br. Tom that she had been worried about his failing health. His answer to her was. "Don't worry about me, now. Just get your feet planted and hold on and you'll make it." Could anyone have better advice.

As long as we live, Br. Tom's teachings will live on in our hearts.

Written by one who remembers

One day when I came back from riding around, I heard Brenda my sister-in-law call me to come down to her trailer. When I got down there, Brenda opened the door and there was Sis. Carol (Hereford), down on her knees. She told me they were fixing to pray, "Do you want to pray with us?" I didn't know it then but she had been home praying and the Lord told her to come ask me to pray. She was still somewhat a stranger to me, but I told her, "Yea, I'll pray." That's the first time I done like that. I got on my knees. I started feeling funny because I had pants on. I asked them, "Can I put a dress on?" So I changed. Then we began to pray. At first I listened to them, because they prayed out loud. I wasn't taught that way. I was used to the preacher praying out loud and the rest of us praying to ourselves. While I was down there praying, I remembered a time when me and my husband were talking about Holiness. He told about once when he was little and he 'd been to a Holiness church. He told me about someone putting their hand on his head, and he told me, "You know, they don't hurt you." I asked, "Lord, if this is really for me, let her put her hand on my head. In just a little bit, her hand went on my head. After she done that, I felt good. I told them I didn't want to put them pants back on. I believe I went to church that night, and I tried hard not to let people see me cry. For I couldn't help it. I went to church for a while. Then I quit and turned back mean like I used to be. ... But one day, I went to my mother-in-law for something. I was just fixing to go out the door, when Brenda was coming in. I noticed her face. It looked so shiny. Satan told me, Yea, she done quit going to church and started back to drinking. Then she told me, "Cheryl, you know that I been trying to get (The Holy Ghost), well, I've got it!" When I heard that, I thought, "Oh Lord, I want the Holy Ghost too!" I started seeking the Lord again. Ten days

later, (November 30, 1974) from the day I met Brenda at the door, I was born again."

Sis. Cheryl Mullins

ROCKY BRANCH: Br. Lawrence Brown was talking from the 8th chapter of Romans, walking in the Spirit. Br. Willard was telling how there was more to the Way of God then just being "Saved." He told how he didn't put other churchs down because they were trying to serve someone that he loved very much, which is Jesus Christ. He just wanted to tell them that there was more for them then just being "Saved." That on the day of Pentecost, there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind that filled all the house and they began to speak in tongues. He was really wanting people to know that there was more for them. If it took it back there 2,000 years ago, it would take the same thing today. (AMEN!!!) Br. Doc Tom Lawson was up and encouraging the lost to turn everything over to the Lord and He would come into them.

During the altar prayer, Annette Rice rec'd the Holy Ghost. While she was praying she started speaking in tongues but found it hard to believe that the Holy Ghost came in such a simple way. When she came up believing the Lord, there was joy everywhere.

My New Path

My New Path

I was once a lonely boy,  
Had no peace, had no joy,  
Going through the world with  
blinded eyes,  
Full of sorrow, full of strife.  
Then I heard a sweet voice say,  
Come to me, be mine today.  
What God gave to me is mine,  
I'm a child of God and no longer blind.  
Now I can see.  
And I praise the Lord for he set me free.  
I want to please Him who saved my  
soul,  
Showed mercy on me and made me whole.  
One of these days I will see the  
sights untold,  
The father, the Son, and the City  
of Gold.

Br. Tim Parker

Br. Tim is the son of Br. Arnold and Sis. Carolyn Parker of HYTOP. He rec'd the Holy Ghost on February 5th of this year at Nila.

BR. HORACE WILLIAMS: (LOOKOUT MTN. (5/16/79)

"... and make straight paths for your feet lest that which is lame be turned out of the way, but let it rather be healed. God wants us to look up, he doesn't want us to be moaning.... I tell people there is joy and there's peace in this Way. Brethern, for 47 years I have had joy. I've told them I feel like a goose. I wake up in a new world every morning. I'm still happy. There is joy in serving the Lord when we don't have our mind tied down with things of this world. ... Follow peace with all men and Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Now this is the scripture that was on my heart. He said, *Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God. Lest any root of bitterness springing up and trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.* God let me see and understand what that meant. Did you know, that if I had a grudge toward this man here, I could ease off over here to my brother and talk about that boy and ruin his influence with him. And from that he would go over and tell another and it just keep going, on and on. That's where *thereby many be defiled.* ... While you feel your way clear with the Lord we need, ... There was a man who sold his birth-right for one morsel of meat. After he had sold out, all hope was gone, he sought it careful with tears, but found no place of repentance. Listen here! *Lest there be any fornicator or profane person as Esau WHO FOR ONE MORSEL OF MEAT sold his birth-right.* Glory to God! It enticed that man and got his mind, and after the last hope was gone, AFTER THAT LAST HOPE WAS GONE, then when Satan seen he had him, ... Esau saw where he was at, ... *For he knew how that after when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place of repentance tho he sought it carefully with tears.* While we can feel we're still a child of God, that thing that is tantalizing your mind and telling you you can't over come. Look up tonight, and say "Yes Lord, I can make it..." I just feel the fear of God all over me. ... I aint been out here in a number of years. But I want you to know one thing I didn't have nothing agin you. I wasn't in Paint Rock Valley a talking about you. Praise the Lord. ... After Esau lost his birth-right, he sought it with tears. I read about a man one time, he really had power. This women came around to Samson's feet and say Samson, you don't love me. If you did, you would tell me where your strength lies. Well Samson would tell her something, and then she would call her Philistines in and when they would come in Samson would shake himself and the power would come on him. Now what is so dangerous and what I can see to-

night is I can feel that somebody is gambling with their Salvation. No doubt Satan has showed you the beauty of this world. But stop where you're at. Nothing is worth your soul. That man Samson, the women kept coming back, coming back and finally one day that spirit got a hold, came around knelt down saying, "Samson, you don't love me! If you did, you'd tell me where your great strength lies." He answered, "Tell you what you do. Cut these seven locks off of my head and I'll be like other men." She went out and got them men and had them come in and cut his locks off. I want you to think, children of God. Samson thought that all he had to do was shake himself and the bands would bust, but that time when he shook himself his power was gone. Oh, tonight, brethern, if you can feel the peace of God, that's the time to stop! ... *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation for when he is tried he shall rec' a crown of life which the Lord has promised to them that love Him.* Now brethern and sisters, if you've been saying "Seems like the Lord has really been trying me, ...." Now, lets see what the Word of God says. *Let no man say when he is tempted, I'm tempted of God. For God cannot be tempted of evil, neither tempteth He any man.* Listen! *But every man is tempted when he is drawn away with his own lust, then when lust has conceived it bringeth forth sin, when sin when it is finished, it bringeth forth death.* You may be tempted but if you turn it aside, ... I've had things come to my mind that I wouldn't do for the whole world. I would pray, "Lord help me. I wouldn't do that for anything. *When lust is conceived, it bringeth forth sin, when sin is finished, it bringeth forth death.* .... Now I don't know how you people stand, but I know how I stand. And it's this. That a sin and a fault are ~~just~~ the same. A fault, you can confess. If we see we've made a mistake, can we do that. Can we just go to them and say, "Brother, I'm sorry. I want you to forgive me! But if we sin, we are dead. ... (He didn't say, Confess your sin one to another. But He said, Confess your faults one to another!) We are right in the last time and Satan knows his time is just about up. There are so many giving up. If you've been really tried and Satan has been showing you the beauties of this world and all the things that you could enjoy. Just love Him and Glorify Him. He said in one place, *Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that does so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.* God will help you, but never go over that feeling for there's danger out there....."

# Anniversaries Celebrated

Br. William and Sis. Cora Helms of Pleasant Grove community, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 12, 1979. Sis. Cora, the daughter of Br. Kennady, rec'd the Holy Ghost at Old Sardis when she 13 years old. Br. Willy who is 82 years old, rec'd the Holy Ghost on Bre- nlee Mtn over 65 years ago.



Br. Jim and Sis. Mary Black of SCOTTSBORO celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 18, 1979. Br. Jim who is 72 years old rec'd the Holy Ghost when he was 15, at

home where he was praying. He was the son of preacher Br. John Black and went to the ROCK HOUSE. Sis. Mary the daughter of Br. Willis Brown, was living in Bridgeport Alabama and went with her dad to PELL'S CHAPEL (Blake) where he was preaching 54 years ago and rec'd the Holy Ghost. Later she was baptised by her dad with her brother, Br. Oakley and her sister, Sis. Grace. She is now 67 years old.

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This is the station that Br. Willard Wooten is on the air on Saturday from 1 o'clock to 1:30 and on Thursday from 11 o'clock to 11:15

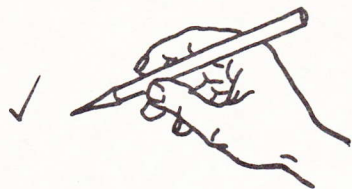
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**S**is Ethel Polston of BIRNE AVE tells of when she first came to God so many years ago that the saints loved one another. She has so stated, "If someone came and told us something on another child of God, why we'd tell them, "I don't believe a word of it!!!"

# MARK THESE DATES!

## Revival



ATTALLA (GADSDEN): 2nd Sunday in June.

BEIRNES AVE: 1st Week of June.

BIG COVE: 1st week of August.

BLACK OAK: 4th Sunday in May.

BRIAR FORK: 5th Sunday in June.

BROWNS CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday in June.

CLAYSVILLE: Week of 4th of July.

ELKWOOD: 4th Sunday in May.

FYFFE: Starts 4th Sunday in June.

HIGDON: 1st Sunday in July.

HYTOP: 3rd Sunday of July.

IDER: Starts 3rd Sunday in June.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN: 4th week of June.

MARKHAM: 1st Week in August.

NOAH'S ARK: 3rd Week of June.

NYLA: 2nd Sunday in June.

OAK GROVE: 2nd Week of July.

OLD SARDIS: Starts 2nd Sunday in July.

PLEASANT GROVE: 4th of July week.

PLEVNA: Starts 2nd weekend of August

SCENICLAND: 3rd Week of June.

SCOTTSBORO: 2nd Week in September.

SECTION: 2nd Week in June.

SKYLINE: 1st Week in June.

SMYRNA: 4th Week in June.

SOUTH HAVEN: Starting Labor Day Wk end.

TIFTONIA: 2nd Sunday of July.

WILLIAMS COVE: 3rd week in June.

On Saturday night at Hytop (5/19/79) Sis. Katly Houston rec'd the Holy Ghost.

On Sunday night they had a good service. Took the Lord's Supper. Some who were working came in late and they had another "Foot washing." Some who did not partake in the first were ready and took the Lord's Supper in the last. It lasted a long time and was very good.

LAKWOOD PARK: On Wednesday, May 9, a few car loads of saints gathered in at Br. Lowell Hollaway's for breakfast. They knew a few were coming, but Lo and Behold, there were 26 people in this group and they had plenty to eat and some left over. The Lord still does miracles today. Most of these people were children of God from TIFTONIA, IDER, NILA & HIGDON. They were to stay and have nightly meetings until after meeting on Sunday evening. And did they ever have a wonderful time in the Lord from beginning to end. On Wednesday evening Sis. Melba Arts, who had been "Close" to the Lord and had went to the altar for fifteen years rec'd the blessed Holy Ghost. She is Br. Lowell's daughter. On Friday evening, Sis. Vaudie Sprinkett's husband, Br. Bob Sprinkett rec'd the Holy Ghost. He is 58 years old and he is so happy and full of joy and the peace



Br. Bob Sprinkett and Sis. Melba Arts at the Sunday baptising.

of God. Other saints came south during the rest of the week. Testimonies were good. Sis. Nelda Drake of BIG COVE was there and was telling about the story (It has been told in other churches by other saints and it is good) of a man who was close to death and he had tried to serve the Lord all of his life. His life appeared before him and he saw two sets of foot-prints down thru his life. Along the way he saw only one set of prints. Upon asking the Lord why there was only one sets of prints and why had He left him to walk alone there. The good Lord replied. "I promised to never leave you or forsake you. Where you saw only one set of prints, that was where I WAS CARRYING YOU. Oh, how good the Lord blessed this sister and many others in these few meetings.

## 23 ACTS OF WICKEDNESS

*And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate (Rejected, worthless, a cast away) mind, to do those things which are not convenient (becoming or fit).*

*Being filled with all*

**UNRIGHTOUSNESS:** Wrongfulness.

**FORNICATION:** Harlotry, adultery and incest, idoltry.

**WICKEDNESS:** Depravity, iniquity, sins, malice.

**COVERTNESS:** Extortion, greedness, fraudlency.

**MALICIOUSNESS:** Malignity or trouble, evil, naughtiness.

**Full of ENVY:** Ill will, jealousy, spite.

**MURDER:** To slay with malice afore thought, hate.

**DEBATE:** A quarrel, contention, strife, variance.

**DECEIT:** Wile, crafty, guile, a trick or decoy.

**MALIGNITY:** Mischievousness, bad charactor.

**WHISPERERS:** A slanderer, secret detraction.

**BACKBITERS:** Talkative against, slanders.

**HATERS OF GOD,**

**DESPITEFUL:** Injurious, insulter, maltreater.

**PROUD:** Appearing above others, haughty

**BOASTERS:** Braggert, self-confidence, glories or vaunts one self.

**INVENTERS OF EVIL THINGS:** Discoverers or contrivers of worthless, depraved, bad, harmful, noisome, wicked things.

**DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS:** Just don't obey or honor parents.

**WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING:** Foolish, unintelligent.

**COVENANT-BREAKERS:** Treacherous, won't keep their words.

**WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTIONS:** Being hardhearted toward kindred, etc. with the lost of instinctive, physical and normal chershings.

**IMPLACABLE:** Truce-breakers, not peaceable.

**UNMERCIFUL:** Having no mercy.

*Who knowing the judgement of God, that they which committ such things are worhty of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

**LOOKOUT MTN:**(4/11/79) The Lord was blessing here on this Wednesday evening. Love was multiplied and the saints were rejoicing in it. The singing was good. The prayer was better. But when the saints started testifying for the Lord, the love of God came down and "There is food on the table for the children" rang out. There was a good size crowd here with children of God from different places like SCENICLAND, HIGDON, TIFTONIA and from as far away as ROCKY BRANCH and Keel Mtn and Sand Mtn. Br. Alvin Bailey was preaching on the love of God continuing among His people everywhere, and the Lord blessed him. And the saints started moving and the Lord started blessing. Many said that they had not ever seen and felt this much love before. A large number of IDER saints were here and the Lord let them re-

joice greatly. IDER and LOOKOUT MTN have been working together in love lately, also the people at TIFTONIA have been a good help. This meeting will be long remembered and it seemed sad to dismiss and go home.

The Lord has been helping this church of late. TIFTONIA and IDER and LOOKOUT MTN are working closely together in love and it is bearing good fruit. Br. Doyle Buckner of NILA is here a lot and is helpful to the church. Br. ALVIN Bailey as been coming and the Lord has been blessing him in the WORD. He was in the Spirit on the 1st Wednesday of April and he was preaching "HE led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men and from there to people talking things about one another that wasn't pleasing to God and for us to quit it. Br. Hodges Moore said "It was the best spiritual preaching I've heard in ten years. Br. Melvin Fergusson from Sand Mtn is here a lot, testifying for the Lord.

*He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him*

**TIFTONIA:** Sunday evening, March 25th meeting here had been going for about an hour when Br. Billy Parker got up and told them that the Lord had showed him what was holding the meeting down. A jealous spirit. Some of the children of God had been going other places all along and were getting good blessings. When back at TIFTONIA they didn't do good on account of jealousy. Br. Billy rebuked that spirit and let everyone know that the children of God here was free to go where they wanted to and get ahold of the Lord as much as they could and everyone would be glad to see them when they returned home and hoped they could also feel the Lord here. He then had them start meeting all over again. With the singing and the praying and Sis. Faye Hill was feeling good in the Lord testifying. Br. Dolye Buckner's wife, Sis. Anita was so blessed in the Lord. That's when Sis. Sandy Sanford laid hands on a few sisters and the Lord blessed and one commented she left this world for a bit. It's really unexplainable how the meeting was. There were a lot of the children of God on the floor at once. After altar call, Sis. Dianne Walker started hugging the sisters necks and she was in the love of God and looked like she had just rec'd the Holy Ghost. Meeting was dismissed but the people didn't want to leave. Br. Chris Robinson was down in the floor and up talking on how the children of God ought to love one another."

Special prayer request to all the children of God.

"About three years ago, my husband got a divorce. What breaks my heart, he has my darling little girl which was about four years old at that time. He does not want to share her at all with me, or for me to contact her. I haven't even got to see her in about three years. So I'm just waiting for God to work this out for us.

I have prayed and prayed, but I know I haven't prayed a prayer that God couldn't answer. I wish every child of God that reads this would take it to heart and pray for us.

Thanks so very much."

Sis. Florence McDonald  
(GRASSY MTN)



Sis. Florence McDonald

**S**is. Shirley Brazier of PLEVNA was testifying and edifying at PLEASANT GROVE on the 4th Saturday of February. She was telling how she wouldn't be here today if it hadn't been for the children God obeying the Lord about seven years ago. She had cancer and had went to church and called some of the children of God out to pray for her. There was one brother who got up and was talking about the walls of Jerico and how they came tumbling down. He got to walking around Sis. Shirley, then another and then another. He then said, I don't want to get out of my place, but I want to raise you up in the name of the Lord." She said that during this time, "I believe the Lord preformed an operation." We do too.

**B**r. Dewey Barrier at NILA on the 1st Sun. in January talking on the Works of the flesh:

"UNCLEANLINESS: Morally impure. Morally,.. what you study about, how you do. Would you people believe that the morals of the American people, that in the last twenty-five years that the morals of the American people have really lowered. Twenty-five to forty years ago I never heard of a divorce in my community. People just didn't do that. When a man and woman married they just live together. I'm hesitant to mention this, saints, but I want to tell you why I believe some of this has come about. I believe by the means of television, that so much of this is put on before the face and before the crowd that after awhile we just get used to it. The heros among our young people are the ones that are doing these things on television. I believe the time will come, saints of God, when, under the fear of God, when Holiness people will want to get shed of television. Because what you set and look at. Say, "Well it's got a knob on it!" But most of the time after they've done done and said what they was gonna do and say, it's to late to turn the knob then saints. I believe if you set there every day or every night and listen at this man curse, and you watch this man drink wiskey and beer and you watch him make love to another man's wife, then after awhile when your neighbor starts doing that it's not going to look so bad to you because you're used to it. and your children's used to it. It's dangerous. And it's hard to talk about saints. If we're going to get to the place called Glory world, we're gonna have to be careful. ...I want to ask you something saints, the program you watch, would it be alright if my wife and I came in and set down with you and watch it? Or would there be something on it that would be embarassing. If it was I'd swap programs. I believe that it has done more to lower the morals of the American nation than any one thing. The Beatles came into this country a few years ago and our young men of our nation went wild over them. Started letting their hair grow out. That was the first start of these people having long hair. Do you know if the Bealtes had come over here and people didn't have access by the way of a television set chances are our young people would still have short hair. Think about it saints.

(If Br. Dewey was wrong, Br. Will Guffey and Br. Willis Brown and about all the old men of God who have gone on were wrong because we heard them speak the same way except they talked with the bark on, not as easy as Br. Dewey did this day.)



The scripture speaks expressedly of Jesus Christ sitting on the right hand of the Father in His Glory:

*...sat down on the right hand of God.*

*Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, when He had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high.*

*Sit thou on My right hand, until I make Thy enemies Thy footstool.*

And there is more on this. Br. Eli Smith was overheard saying "When old Stephen was being stoned, the Lord Jesus was watching and when they were about to kill him, the Lord loved him so much that he stood up.

*But he (Stephen), being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into the heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.*

### IT IS REAL

Is the Holy Ghost real? That was my question for years, maybe I should say, the question I ran away from for years.

I had been raised in Holiness all my life. Mother and Daddy (Sis. Florene and Br. Julious Bailey) always carried us to church and raised us to be good. When I was fourteen or fifteen I felt I needed something in my life. I couldn't stand the thought of dying and going to hell to burn forever. I went to the altar to pray for the Holy Ghost. People told me I really got close. All I could think of while I was praying was what would my husband-to-be think. What would he think of a Holiness girl. So, I never went back to the altar.

We were married and after about a year, I joined the same church my husband and his family attended. It wasn't long after that I went up to be saved and was baptised. The only thing was, I never felt anything. I couldn't even give a testimony at my baptising. I was faithful attending church and Sunday school. I kept wanting to feel something. I wanted to really know I had salvation. I would pray and study the bible; but always turn away the little thought, "You need the Holy Ghost." I kept thinking, "... at church they tell me I'm alright, so I must be." This went on ten years. After my Mother's death, I realized how fast a person can leave this world. I knew I wasn't ready to go.

The Lord began calling me. I just didn't know if the Holy Ghost was real. I knew Holiness people were good and had something that kept them. I just knelt on my knees and asked the Lord, "If the Holy Ghost is real, show me." Oh! I felt the Lord's power!

I knew right then what it was. I had never felt that way before. I had asked sincerely and the Lord answered. I began praying but kept thinking what would my husband and friends say if I rec'd the Holy Ghost. I had to tell my husband I had to have the Holy Ghost.

It sure was hard, I cried and walked the floors; but whatever it took I was willing. The Lord was more important to me than anything. After I told my husband; the way was clear. I knew of nothing else I had to do, but pray.

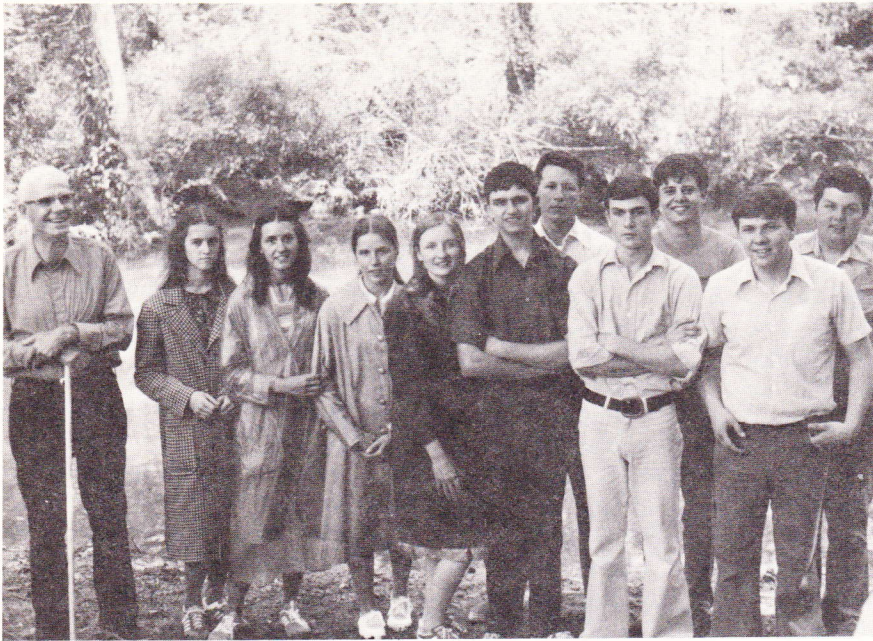
The next day I rec'd the Holy Ghost at my Grandma Bailey's house. Oh yes! The Holy Ghost is real. I felt like a new person, the world seemed brighter and I loved everyone. I thank God for my second chance. Now I have the promise of ETERNAL LIFE if I keep His commandments and keep Him first in my life.

Sis. Lovilla (Bibble) Farmer  
(LOOKOUT MTN)



Sis. "Bibble and her sister, Sis. Recilla Veal. (LOOKOUT MTN.)

**B**r. Willard Wooten was preaching during a very good service at ELKWOOD (4/8/79) on the works of the flesh. He went thru them and explained each and told how you can not do such things and enter the gates of Glory. He was also talking to the young children of God and teaching them how to behave with their boy friends and girl friends. He was strong in showing it was not right for them to hug and kiss one another. He explained how this was with the works of the flesh.



Br. Ollie Priest with Sis. Tammy Hereford, Sis. Vickie (Hereford) Hicklen, Sis. Regina Hereford, Sis. Tammy Heard, Br. Tommy Heard, Br. Ronnie Sisk, Br. David Hereford, Br. Bernie Hicklen, Br. Allen Clark, and Br. Terry Mulberry at the baptising hole on the 1st Sunday in May, following a very good service at BRIAR FORK

The names of some of the people who rec'd the Holy Ghost this Spring:

PLEVNA: Br. Donny Maynard, nephew of Sis. Buelah Moore.

BROWN'S CHAPEL: Sis. Gloria (Pritchett) Cornelison, Br. T. Pritchett's dau. Sis. Betty Bunch, Sis. Marie Bunch's daughter, from BIG COVE. (4/23/79)

BEIRNE AVE: Br. Jeff Brady. He was a Baptist preacher who worked with Br. Johnny West and Br. James C. Black of PLEASANT GROVE.

PLEASANT GROVE: Sis. Brenda Black, was at meeting only three times. (4/22/79)

NILA: Sis. Ginger Louvorn, Br. Curtis Louvorn's daughter.

SCENICLAND: Sis. Connie Davis, of NOAH'S ARK and the dau.-in-law of Sis. Agnes Davis of BEIRNE'S AVE.

ELKWOOD: Maggie Orlando.

WILLIAMS COVE: Sis. Ann Mahathey, dau.-in-law of Br. James Mahathey of BEIRNE AVE:

GUNTERS MTN: Toney Guffey, son of Br. Ed Guffey. Sis. Tammy Lackey, Br. Stanley Scott's daughter.

ROCKY BRANCH: Sis. Annette Rice, Br. Carl Rice's daughter. Sis. Lynda Bridges, wife Br. James Bridges.

GRASSY MTN: Sis. Polly Rice dau.-in-law of the late Sis. Ethel Rice. (4/29/79) Br. James Moore, he was Church of Christ. (March)

LAKWOOD PARK: Sis. Melba Arts, dau. of Br. Lowell Hollaway. Br. Bob Sprinkett, husband of Sis. Vaudie (Kilgore) Sprinkett.

BIG COVE: Br. Al Bridges from Indiana and stationed at the Huntsville Arsenal and dating a Holines girl. Sis. Alicé (Schrimshire) ???

PINE GROVE:(Lkt Mtn) Sis. Revonda Keith, grand-daughter of Br. Henry Walker.

FYFFE: Sis. Caroline Wooten, daughter of Sis. Monie Maxwell. Sis.

Brenda Byrum, daughter of Br. Leroy Byrum. Br. Lester Wooten, son of Sis. Monie Maxwell. Br. Rickey Wooten, Sis. Monie's son. Sis. Janice Wisner, she came for something better, and found it! Sis. Wydean Blackwell, Sis. Monie's sister. Sis. Betty Patterson, Sis. Monie's niece. (Sis. Monie must be having a Hallelujah time!!!!)

HYTOP: Sis. Kathy Houston, daughter of Br. Lloyd Houston of SKYLINE.

SCOTTSBORO: Sis. Donna Willmon, Br. Charles Willmon's dau-in-law. Br. Anthony and Br. Benji Willmon, both Br. Charles Willmon's sons. Sis. Carla Sutton, Sis. Barbara Sutton daughter. Sis. Lisa Brown from Powell's Crossroads. Sis. Mary Knight, daughter of Sisk Betty Parker of HYTOP. Sis. Sharon Hancock, Sis. Mamie Millers grand-daughter.

It was good to hear of the Lord letting Sis. Dollie Sanders "Sing in the Spirit", on the 2nd Wenesday night in February. While she was in the Spirit it came to her and Br. Charlie Brown also, "Oh, how can they see, how can they see without a sign?" Br. Charlie had been talking how the lost had a veil over their eyes and couldn't see the Way of God.

When this was noised abroad, another child of God at another place was burdened about what was the Sign? After praying and taking up the Bible they found, *and they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and CONFIRMING THE WORD WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING.*

Br. Clarence Williams of PLEASANT GROVE quotes from Proverbs: *He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination (something disgusting) to the Lord.*

LOOKOUT MTN: (3/7/79) "Meeting was slow on this Wenesday evening. But when we thought it was over, and they were dismissing it, a brother got up and tried to lift the minds of the saints up by talking on LOVE. Then it started. In a little bit, almost everyone in the house was feeling the love of God. And he was blessing everyone. The Lord blessed as different one testified. But when Sis. Stella Culpper got up, feeling like she was the least, the Lord got to blessing her and letting her lay hands on the children of God. When she laid hands on Br. Julius Bailey, he began to speak in tongues and leap, and you ought to have seen Br. Harold Nix (From IDER) when she laid hands on him, for he just wonderfully shouted. The Lord was blessing her all this time, and she was thanking Him still, for healing her throat. Meeting got better and better, and they started hugging one another in love and many were in the hands of the Lord. Sis. Anita Teet was seen laying against the book stand, just speaking in tongues as many of the saints were being blessed by God. Br. Larry Wooten was feeling the Lord. Br. Doyle Buckner (Who helps here a lot) was rejoicing in the Lord. Every one left with a much happier heart.

After church, Br. Larry and Br. Doyle and a few met at a neighbors house before going home and the peace of God was still around. For when they started to leave, we got down to pray and the power of God was still among His children.

Sis. Sherri Law

( Sis. Sherri was blessed this night also, as she confessed her faults to one another, and told of how she wanted to live for the Lord better every day.)

**A** good meeting at SOUTH HAVEN on 2nd Sunday in March. Some visitors from the south were here, Br. Raymond McAllister and family, Sis. Edith McAllister and her daughter, Sis. Thelma Br. John Scott and family and Br. Charlie and Sis. Gladys Brown. Br. Charlie was preaching on not judging one another, to love one another, not to think of ourselves better than other weak children of God.

The Lord blessed Sis. Annie Ruth Priest at BEIRNE AVE on the 3rd Sunday in March as she told how God blessed and comforted her thru the grief of losing her husband, Br. Doyle Priest. Also the Lord blessed Sis. Adele Montgomery even while Sis. Annie Ruth was still up talking.

Br. Johnny Rigsby, telling of picking cotton. And how the good Lord hand picked each one of us. (LOOKOUT MTN)

Had a wonderful 1st Sunday meeting at BRIAR

FORK with many good testimonies and the power of God there.

It was wonderful how the Lord blessed Sis. Diane Warren on the 3rd Sunday morning with the spirit of edifying. The Lord has been blessing her much lately at ROCKY BRANCH.

There was good love at ELKWOOD on their 5th weekend of April communion service... Br. Preston Buckner was telling some of his experiences and enjoying himself.



Br. Tilman Holman

**B**r. Tillman Holman is not with us now because the one whom he served for so many years, called him out of this warfare and took him home to his promised rest. He heard Holiness preached by Bro. Jim Mills and Bro. Andrew York at Pleasant Ridge which was called Shake-rag near Huntland Tennessee. He told many times (and it was his life) of how the people would say of Holiness, "It's no trouble to tell they are right, just look how they love one another." One night at the school house where they were having meetings, he promised the Lord, if you'll forgive me of my sins, I'll be baptized, if it's in the dead hours of mid-night. The Lord forgave him there, and he had Br. Andrew baptise him in Bean Creek near Brown's Mills about 11 o'clock that night. Then in September of 1923, he knelt down by his bedside in his little two room home, as humble as he'd ever been in his life. The Lord gave Him the Holy Ghost and he shouted into the little cook room, a very happy person. One thing marked his sojourn with us. That was, he was a MAN OF PEACE. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD.

# The Lord healeth thee...

"On Sunday night at BLACK OAK I got up to testify. When I sat down, I felt worse then I did before I got up. The next morning I went to work and my job was to bring in bales of cotton from the outside. That morning I went to take the top bales off from a stack fifteen or twenty feet high and the top bale fell and hit me in the back. I thought I was dying and the first thing I thought of was that I testified the night before. The next thought was, "Lord, I'm ready to go" and the most peaceful feeling came over me. I couldn't move but all the pain was gone and I was feeling the Lord. I don't know how long I laid there but finally somebne came and when they saw me they thought I was dead. A big crowd gathered and stood looking at me. I guess I looked bad for they told me later that blood was running out my eyes, nose and mouth and ears. Finally an ambulance came and they got me into it and started to the hospital. By this time I had gotten to where I could talk and the drivers kept asking me if I was alright. They just didn't know how alright I was. When we got to the hospital there were several doctors and nurses gathered around me an they wanted to give me some shots. I said that I didn't need them and they were really amazed they said aren't you hurting? I said, "No." They took me up to X-Ray and then put me in a room and told me that the vertebras in the lower part of my back were crushed. They said that it was like putting an egg in your hands and crushing it, that they were in splinters. They said I would never walk again or if I did that I would have to have support and canes. I was unable to move my legs. When they left I was trying to pray and I reached down and slid my legs off the bed. They were right I couldn't walk or even get back into bed. They had to come and put me back. The nurse really bawled me out. She said "don't you know that you could snap your spine trying that." I didn't say anything, but I kept trying and got in a couple of days to where I could stand and by holding on to things shuffle my feet and walk a little. I really wanted to get home where I could get the children of God to pray for me. I asked the Dr. on Friday when I could go home. He just laughed and said "I'll let you go when you can bend over and touch your toes." I began to try to pray for faith to do that and on Saturday I called Bro. Billy Williams and asked him to ask the children of God to pray for me that I could touch my toes. That night about the time I thought they would be praying I started down the hall to a bathroom with the intentions of trying. Every foot of the way satan tried to discourage me. He told me that if I did, I'd snap my spine and kill myself or never be able to walk. But I was determined to try. I got in the bathroom and leaned up against the door and prayed. I said "Lord those children of God are praying for me and I've got confidence in them, I'm going to try if it kills me." When I did I tried and didn't have a bit of trouble. I was so full it was just bubbling over as I nearly ran back down the hall to where my wife and mother were. I said, "Look here!" I bent down and touch my toes again. We nearly had meeting there in the hallway. The next day, Sunday, the doctor didn't come in but on Monday when he walked in, I got out of bed and bent down and touched my toes. I told him I was ready to go home. He didn't say anything but to get back into bed and he examined me. After he left the nurse came and told me he had released me to go home. The next day when I left my room the head nurse had a chart in her hand and she would look at the chart and then up at me and she asked, "Are you Mr. Parker?" I told her I was. She then asked me if I was going home? I told her I was. At this she said, "You can't!" I replied that the doctor said I could. She said, "How did you do it? I've been a nurse for twenty some odd years and and I've never seen anything likethis." I said, "You wouldn't believe me if I told you." When she said she would and that she really wanted to know I told her, "I had some awful good people praying for me,..." That was as far as I got for she interuptted me with, "Huh! You must have had some awful powerful holy water" as she turned and walked off. As I rode down the elevator down, my heart was rejoicing as I thought, "What I have is some awful powerful Holy Ghost!"

The story doesn't end here. The Lord had answered my prayer and I could walk but I wasn't healed. There were time when I'd get down and couldn't get up. This went on for about a year and half. I still had to make trips to the doctors and they had me wear a brace in order to keep my job. The doctor told me unless I would let them operate I would lose my job. I refused and was fired. On Wednesday evening at church I could hardly walk as I told the children of God what had happened and that I was going to trust God or die. After meeting got going, Br. Charlie Brown motioned me to come around in front to the rostrum. He told me later that God told him if I would He would heal me. I did. The Lord started moving. I was still holding to the railing when Br. Charlie pushed me out in the floor. The Lord got ahold of Sis. Elizebeth Turner and she laid hands on me and the next thing I knew I was over on the other side of the church shouting. When things settled down, I went down to the basement and took off the brace. I never saw it again. Upon my return to the doctor I told him how we belive in divine healing and that God had healed me last night. He began to tell me to bend this way and that as he wrote on a chart and finally he said, "I guess that's all I need with you." I had lost my job but God had given me my back well and whole again. I was healed.

Br. Billy Parker

BLACK OAK: (2/21/79) Meeting tonight was good with visitors from the other two churches (MARKHAM, SOUTH HAVEN) here and all testifying. God blessed Br. Jim Stilwell when he was up. Sis. Patsy Terrell was blessed also. Sis. Terrill was also "Up".

(2/27/79) Meeting this weekend were wonderful. God was blessing some children of God that hadn't been blessed in awhile. Br. Tom was comforted and blessed lately. Someone was testifying and saying they were so thankful to see Br. Tom blessed, it's like old times. The one who said that was Br. Frank Duvall. He testified so humble and the power of God fell. His father-in-law, Br. Leonard Summerford, went over and laid hands on him and the Lord gave him such a good blessing.

The next morning, the meeting started off so good, they sang the song about, Where The Shades Of Love Lie Deep. The more they sang the better it sounded. Before it was over there was a good number of God's children who were blessed. Sis. Nova Hopkins testified of her sister, Sis. Nancy and Br. Troy Walls being in that wreck. How the children of God didn't let them down, kept praying, even came to Kentucky to the hospital where they were at. Many others were blessed of God.

(3/4/79) Br. Tom preached to all of us on Saturday night. The part that came my way was that I worried over my lost children and hadn't turned them over to the Lord. He also preached on "Setting your affections on things above, not on things of this world."

(3/18/79) A very good Lord's Supper and foot washing.

(3/25/79) Good meeting. Sis. Janice Allen down under the power of God, speaking in tongues a lot. She had a long trial but the Lord seen her through..

(4/22/79) Sis. Sue McKenzie was up testifying during a wonderful Sunday evening service and the Lord blessed as she went in the floor speaking in tongues. The most wonderful sweet feeling, and she looked so sweet and smiling as she was so free in the Lord. Her Husband, Br. Harold was thanking God for blessing his wife. Sis. Ruth Coffey from S. HAVEN and her son Br. Don and his wife, Sis. Marnecia were here and all were blessed. Br. Reubin Gault also of S. HAVEN was blessed and talked good to us. Sis. Gertrude Cain just freed the meeting as she was blessed. Such a sweet wonderful feeling and other's were feeling so good in the Lord.

ROCKY BRANCH: (4/14/79) Br. Lawrence Brown and Br. Hubert Sampson was talking concerning people having troubled hearts and how they ought to look up to the Lord. Sis. Diane Warren was free in the Spirit. Sis. Jenny Rice, Sis. Jean McAllister, Sis. Cardlyn

Spurgeon were all blessed by the Lord. Br. Bill Guffey of OAK GROVE who now lives in Birmingham was here and warning us to beware of the wrong spirit that just try to hang around us. He liken it to what he seen in a garden. He noticed a small bush with bugs all over it. He would knock at it and they would fly off. But gradually they would come back to the same bush and again cover it up. If you resisted a spirit, you would have to keep it resisted away.



Br. Clarence Williams

BR. CLARENCE WILLIAMS: "I was coming off from the mountain in a cow path and hit the flats and there lay the biggest copperhead, and the meanest I ever saw. He was going to run me out of the mountain. I run back as he just a striking. I went to praying, "Oh Lord, help me." The next thing I knew, the power of God had me down on my knees. And that old snake had quit striking and was like an old dog cowed, trying to get under the earth. The next thing I knowed, I was rubbing that snake. Wasn't no fear there. The power of God fell on me and I had that snake up. And I seen the glory of God one time in my life. That light there (pointing to a light bulb) aint nothing a' tall to the light in them bushes, a light like dew, dropping down. I couldn't say glory for speaking in tongues. And the snake was lifeless. I just laid him down, rubbed him good. took off then, and he raised up like he wanted to go with me too. That was about forty years ago."

# Asleep in Christ

Sis. Flossie (Sampson) Bonds of ROCKY BRANCH was called away in her 74th year on May 10, 1979. She had been a child of God for about 55 years.

Br. Gordon King of OAK GROVE was taken away from us on May 1, 1979 in his 60th year. He had been a child of God for almost fifteen years.

Sis. Sue Pell, the daughter of Br. Nimon Pell of BROWN'S CHAPEL was taken in peace in her 22nd year on May 11, 1979. She was a child of God for seven years.



Br. Sam and Sis. Willie Dudley

Br. Sam Dudley of Keel Mtn was carried up on May 28, 1979 in his 71st year. He rec'd the Holy Ghost in WILLIAMS COVE about 20 years ago.



Br. Andrew and Sis. Louella Holland  
(Taken many years ago)

Br. Andrew Holland went to receive his reward on May 2, 1979 in his 72nd year. He was from OAK GROVE and came to the Lord at HIGDON about 36 years ago.

Br. Alonzo Bramlett finished his course here in his 70th year on January 9, 1979. He rec'd the Holy Ghost under Br. Edgar Watts and Br. Taylor Plunkett near Silicoga 44 year ago. He was from Alexander City.

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The Lord has been blessing wonderfully at FYFEE this Spring.

"The last Wednesday evening in April the Lord was truly in their midst here at FYFEE. The service was good from the beginning with the Lord blessing Br. Vernon Middlebrook (TIFTONIA) as he told how he and his wife, Sis. Ester, rec'd the Holy Ghost forty-two years ago on the same night and how the Holy Ghost was now a sweet as it ever was. The Lord was blessing the new saints here, ten in number. Br. Charles Willmon then preached the "Plan of salvation." He told how

Holiness people usually gave altar call and how for the lost to do. (Some thought it might be going to so and so) A new face rose up from the back of the house and made her way to the altar. After a short time of doing just what the children of God told her she was seen "Speaking in tongues." Her name is Sis. Janet Wisner. She had asked a friend of hers to stay out of her church and come with her to FYFEE. She had been to a Holiness church a time or two before and she felt if she could go one more time she could rec' that satisfaction that comes with the Holy Ghost salvation. She now has it.

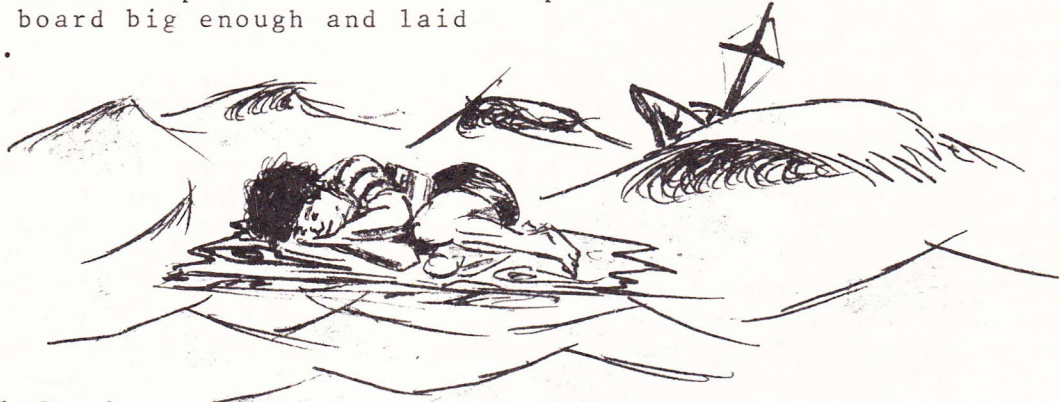
**Br.** Paul Warren on "Raising children."

"... blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. The children that come up when they get about twelve years old, they think they don't have to do what mother and daddy says. They think they can go out on their own, and many are doing it. But children, as long as you got a mommy and daddy, the Word of God commands you to obey them. I do not care if you're forty-five years old, the Word of God says to obey them. ... these young boys and girls are getting to the place where they are heady, highminded. We are living in a wicked and adulterous generation. I tell you parents, it's getting to the time, if you've been to lenient on them, you'd just better bring them back to the line. If it takes you using a hickory on them, the bible will back you up, and the Lord will stand by you. There's people who will say, "You'd better not whip them, you'll get in trouble. I have one over here, sixteen, and one over here twenty-four years old, and if they still need a whipping, I've still got the authority. I wouldn't do it unless it was necessary and it aint been to long since it was necessary. If we don't obey the Word of God, when we stand before Him, we'll be just as guilty as the child. Mother will ask their children to do something and the mother ends up doing it herself. You mothers aint got no business doing that. I know it's real easy for the child to put up an excuse. But I don't care how much homework you got to do. If momma tells you to do the dishes, you leave the homework alone and go wash the dishes. Don't speak back to them. If you do, you've disobeyed the Word of God. When they say, "Do it!", you do it and don't answer again. If you don't, you'll be one of these, *disobedient to parents*. When I was a child at home, my daddy never told me the third time to anything. Usually it was one time. Once when I was young, my mother slapped me for something and I throwed me a little fit. While I was doing it, I didn't know my daddy walked around the corner of the house. He didn't even make his appearance out there, he just turned and went to a peach tree, cut him off a limb about this long. And before I knew what was happening, he was up there were I was at. And when he got through with me, I knew better then to throw a fit again. Now there are children today who are getting by with it. Every where in the Word of God that you read about a child being corrected, the father is the one required to do it. But you mothers can help out a whole lot. ... *despisers, without natural affections, trucebreakers*. Now if that child is allowed to go like that, this is where he'll end up. *truce breakers*. Go out here and make a truce with somebody and it won't mean a bit more then nothing. He don't care to break it. Why?

Because he never was made to do that back at home and he still don't know to do it. They are children of God now that was not taught at home, wasn't strict on them, now they don't know how to do on their own. Because they weren't taught at home. It was the parents fault. Listen to what it says. *Truce breakers, false accusers*. If you don't want your child when he is grown to be false accusers, people, don't you do it and don't you allow them to do it while they are growing up. *Incintent, fierce, dispisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more then lovers of God*. Now, where all this starts is when the child about, ..18 months old. If you want your child to come up like God is pleased with, when it needs correcting, you'll have to correct it. It might be hard sometimes but it's necessary. There's people will tell you if you whip that child and leave marks on it, they'll report you. They call it child abuse. Now, Solomon had more wisdom of God then any man. He told how to bring a child up. He said if you beat it, it shall not die. Talked like if you left it without chastisement, it would bring it's mother to shame. That's what's happening today, they've been let go... .. allowing them to wear long hair. You might say, My son don't have the Holy Ghost, so I'm going to let him wear it." Well, It says, *bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord*. If you'll do that, God will stand by you. I'm persuaded that God will give you power over your child. A lot of time we may suffer a lot of grief because we're not bringing our children into subjection. You might say, "I can't bring myslef to whip'em. Well you're harming that child. If it needs it and you don't whip it, you are harming that child. We had better get under the fear of God and bring them up like The Word of God says. If we do not, and this thing goes on another twenty years, people aint going to know what Holiness is. Bring them up in the fear of the Lord, teach them the Word of God, gather your family around at night and call them to prayer. A lot of this has left our homes. They used to pray at night before they went to bed, in the morning before breakfast they'd pray. Before lunch they would pray. Now a lot don't have time to pray at night. I'm sorry to say that a lot of times they set up so late that they haven't the energy to get on their knees and pray. They just go fall in the bed. This is getting out from under the fear of God. This is leaving the Way we were taught back yonder. This is leaving the Way that The Word of God taught. If we get under the fear of God, we will find happiness and our children won't bring us to shame. And when they are grown, we'll be thankful of them!"

**B**r. Floyd Williams: "I heard a sister testify one time. She said she heard about a man and little boy who went fishing out on the ocean and after awhile there came up a storm and tore up the boat. The man found a board big enough and laid his child on it.

It was not big enough for the both of them, just big enough for the boy. He told the boy, "Son I'm going to swim to shore and then I'll come back and get you!" He left the



child floating out there on the ocean. But you know what? He swam and swam and after awhile he got to shore. He then got someone to go back with him out there and they looked all night and the next day they seen an object and when they got over there, it was the boy. The little feller was asleep. They shook him awake (on his little board) and they asked him, "How could you sleep? Why could you be so peaceful, knowing the fear of death might be upon you?" The lad said, "My father promised me that he'd come back after me!"

**I**t brought to our minds the words of our Lord: *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, AND RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF; That where I am, there ye may be also.*

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I was sad because I had no shoes for my feet, until I looked around and saw a man with no feet.

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