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OF GOOD THINGS**

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**BR.
ROY
GUFFEY**



"In 1927 I rec'd the Holy Ghost. I was always a bad trader. I always had confidence if anybody told me anything I believed they were telling me the truth. And people just beat me long ways in a trade.

I've seen hard times. Times were so hard. I made a good crop. One of the prettiest ones I thought I had ever seen. I picked the cotton and barely had enough to pay the fertilizer bill. There was man that I worked for there (in the west) who own a farm down on the river. He said, Roy, if you will I'll stock that farm and I'll put you on it and we'll just divide everything. You just go ahead." I left there and came back to this country.

I came back reanted a little house that wasn't fitting for a cow to stay hardly. That year I made crop on halves.

A man come and got me to go to meeting and God gave me the Holy Ghost. Think about it. I made the best trade I ever made in my life.

Br, Roy was known far and near and love by all for he was a peaceful man. Even the world respected him, having as the Word said, A good report of them without. He was also known for his love of gospel singing. By those who are aged he is known to have sung at more funerals then any in north Alabama.

His Nephew, Br, Wayne Guffey wrote a fitting song for him called My Final Song.

So many years have come and gone,
 Since I sang my first song,
 So many times I sing o'er friends,
 As on I go, as on I go;
 Now old age is stealing on,
 And perhaps it won't be long,
 Until I sing my final song,
 On earth below.

When I sing my final song,
 In this old world of care,
 I'll sail away above the clouds,
 To join the chorus there.
 What a singing that will be,
 And some day I'll get to go,
 When I've sung my final song,
 On earth below.

Lord, there's one request I ask,
 When I complete my earthly task,
 And when I unite With all
 That happy throng;
 Lord, when the choir began to sing,
 And their voices start to ring,
 Let me lead just one verse
 Of that new song.

Everyone who knew Br. Roy, knew this song fit him.

This past summer they hung Br. Roy Guffey's picture in the Gospel Hall of Fame in Birmingham.



When asked why he didn't hold any feelings toward people that talked hard to him or about him, his answer was "Oh, they didn't mean it that way."

He'll never be forgotten by those who knew him. He's probably already singing again in a stronger clearer voice then he ever had...."



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Sis. Hazel Davis twisted her foot while hanging out clothes. I got so bad after that, swelling up and hurting, so much so that Sis. Hazel teeta would chatter and she trembled all over. This went on for two or three days. She was reading the Word of God about the Lord useing Peter and John to heal that lame man. She got her mind into it so much that she strated praising the Lord tho it had happened alomost 2000 years ago. The thought came to her then, "You can walk." It kept coming to her until she realized it was the Lord. She tried and sure enough, God had healed her lameness also.

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Sis. Dessie Townson has been ill.

Br. Odell Pendergrass has had severe heart trouble. (CLAYSVILLE)

Br. Toss West had been ill.

Br. Charles Cornelison was bit by a rattlesnake and he has trusted God and is doing well.

BR. ELTON BRAZIER: "The old Pharasee prayed, "Lord, I thank thee that I'm not like other men. I give tithes of all that I possess. Lord, have you ever noticed it. What a good feller I am? I fast so many times in a week. And I thank you that I aint like that old publican over there. I hope you're noticing..."

Looks like he was praying that without him the Lord would be in bad shape.

The publican stood over there and wouldn't raise his head up. Just smote himself on the breast and said, "Be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus said, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified."

I've heard them come to the altar and throw up their hands and start into praying and I felt like they were praying for my benefit, then for the Lord to hear them. Want it to sound just right.

And I've seen them just bury their head in the floor and it wasn't long 'til God lifted them up.

He that exhalteth himself shall be abased. He that humbleth himself shall be exhalted."

(Ed: works for the saints too.)

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Sis. Marie Wooten of Hartselle, Alabama had knots in her head, though you couldn't see them just touching her head would hurt so bad. She went to the ARAB church and Sis. Margie Morrow laid hands on her and she got alright.

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Sis. Gloria Cornelius^{son} from BROWN'S CHAPEL tells how her and her husband, Br. Royce, were in financial straits. She was wanting the Lord to give her something to stand on when the mark of the beast comes... She prayed and then forgot it. She was at the pond and looked down and there were some fish there. She put her hand in there and caught a fish. She reached and got another. Cooked them. Then later went back and caught some more the same way.

Later on when they were out of the tight she decided to go look for the fish anyway and they were not there!

Br. Royce tells when he was lost a brother talked to his wife and told her to kneel by the bed each night and pray and call Royce's name out to the Lord, it wouldn't be long before he rec' the Holy Ghost.

She did and he didn't like it. He'd get so angry he'd want to whip her. He'd lie to her and even hit her with something once. She wouldn't get ill or anything like that but say, "I love you."

Once he started to work but thought of hearing that if a man mistreated a holiness girl, if she lived humble, the Lord would take care of him. He turned around and went home...

BR. ED AVONS: "I am not critising anyone. It put a thought in my mind. I heard a brother one time as he got up and talked, "We'll always make little mistakes but we'll still be perfect." I thought, "That don't sound right." When I got home I looked up what perfect really means. You know what perfect is? We suppose to grow into perfection. It said that it was sound. Solid. No defect. That's the kinda church God's coming back after."

The Stroms Exhustive Concordance in Greek gives perfect and perfection as; to complete throughly; completeness; finish. Perfection is comanded or stated as our way of life at least 20 times in the New Testament. The ministerial gifts are for our perfection. To have faults is an imperfection. So let us go on to perfection..... Ed:tor:

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Br. Robert Whitley of Fort Payne had a growth in his nose, so bad that he couldn't breathe through it for over twelve years. Sis. Mae Willa Summerford laid hands on him and the Lord healed him. About two weeks later he rec'd the Holy Ghost at Alexander City. That was this Spring.

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Br. Ed Lee Saint of GRASSY MTN tells how some people say the Lord found and honest spot in their heart. He said the Lord does not come into a spot, the Lord saw his whole heart was honest.

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"Last month (May) my daughter Pansey Ashley got to hurting and gaining weight real fast. She went to the doctor, he found that she had a cyst about the size of a grapefruit. The Dr. was going to have her admitted to the hospital in just a few days for surgery.

In the meantime, me and her dad (Br. Joe Ashley) was praying for her. And I started asking prayer for her at church. Me and her dad were praying that the Lord would remove that cyst.

She went to the hospital for surgery. They took her down to the operating room. The anesthesiologist put her to sleep and the Dr. checked her again. The Dr. didn't have to do no surgery for the Lord had already removed that cyst. He came back up to the waiting room telling us there was no cyst. That it had dissolved. I thought about telling him that it was no surprise to me that it was gone.

Now I know the Lord did that cause we were praying that He would take it away and He did just that, Thank God! But most of all, Pansey needs the Holy Ghost.

Sis. Rita Ashley
(MARKHAM)

"I've been raised in Holiness all of my life. My dad (Br. Elton) has been the preacher at PLEVNA every since I was born. When I grew older I began to want to enjoy the world. I wasn't but about 17 but I thought I was grown. I remember I used to go out with friends and drink and cut up. I would tell my mother I was going over to spend the night with one of my friends and act just as innocent as could be.

I remember one day, God let something happen that really opened my eyes. From that day on I was afraid to do the things I once did.

We stopped and got some beer and I told him I wasn't going to drink. He handed me one anyway and I would act like I was drinking it but when he turned away I would pour it out.

I was afraid to do the things I did before. I remember one night after God condemned me, I was tore up because school was almost over and I knew I was going to have to get a job, but I goofed off in school so much I didn't know if I could. That night Dad told me to think about getting the Holy Ghost first, then worry about the rest. That really tore me up!

So I graduated, and at that time I was dating my wife. She went to SKYLINE, and they were about to have a revival. I wanted them to get my dad to help them so I could go out there more, but they chose Br. Paul Warren. I didn't like that to much because he had just held the revival the two years before this time. But the Lord knew what he was doing.

That day Br. Paul Warren's wife (Sis. Veda Mae) said when she seen me get out of the car, the Lord told her to pray for me.

That day it was crowded so I didn't go in. My wife was upset that I didn't, so that night I came in and sat in the back. Br. Paul read about how back in Noah's time that God regretted that he had made man because of the many sins he was doing. I just could not stand the thought of God being sorry He had ever made me. I cried all the way home that night it seemed like.

Monday night, Br. Paul got up again and asked whoever wanted the Holy Ghost to come and shake his hand. I knew I had to, because I didn't want to be a hypocrite.

So when I shook his hand, I started back to my seat, but I just couldn't go.

I prayed hard that night. Came back Tuesday and prayed that day and night. I came back Wenesday

morning and God satisfied my soul with the Holy Ghost. My legs had bothered me so I laid down but my head was laying on the bench seat. I came up from there a happy boy. Just as soon as church was over a bunch of us ganged up in a car and drove to Br. Tony Clark's house and called Mom. I was telling her and just a speaking in tongues over the phone.

Since then God has given me everything I needed including a job. And I plan to live for Him the rest of my life

Br. Bruce Brazier

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Sis. Dorothy K'rby of SAND MTN was telling her daughter, Sis. Marie, the other day:

"Those old men of God didn't get up looking like they was over everybody, they looked humble and they done humble."

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One said, "We don't often talk with the Lord.... We talk at Him."

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Br. Oakley Drake: "They put a little boy up on the stand at school at Owens Crossroads and were gonna let him preach. The principal put him up on the stand. They thought they had the little boy in a bind about preaching.

The little boy got up there and said, "Two places to go to and you're going to one of them. Amen!"

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The Date of Christmas

Nearly 2,000 years ago, shepherds in a field near Bethlehem were startled awake by a spectacle never before seen or heard. Wintry clouds were thrust asunder as a heavenly choir burst into majestic song. An angel proclaimed, "We are here to announce the first annual Christmas, which hereafter shall be celebrated throughout the world on December 25."

Fact? Certainly not!

Luke records that angels did announce the birth of "a Savior which is Christ the Lord." And it is true that shepherds received this news. But was the declaration made for December 25?

The fact is that Christmas, as we know it, is a rather modern innovation. Christ's birthday was not celebrated until more than 300 years had gone by, years in which accurate birth records (if there were any) had been lost. The early church remembered and celebrated Christ's Resurrection from the dead, which was more important. But the church was slow in adding Christmas to its list of dates worthy of recognition.

Luke pinpoints the era of Christ's birth by naming Augustus as Rome's imperial ruler. Roman history shows that Caesar Augustus was born 691 years after founding of the City of Rome. Luke 2 further tells that Cyrenius was Syria's governor; again, thanks to Rome's exhaustive

record of names and events, historians have determined what is believed to be the particular census that Luke described. These dates have minor discrepancies; yet secular history gives us almost the exact year of Christ's birth.

But the month? the day? Winter was wet and chilly in Judea. It is unlikely that shepherds would have spent a December night in an open field, subject to rain and wind. Christ's birth was more likely during the spring lambing season, when nights would have been balmy and shepherds would have needed to be awake, tending the ewes.

So why have we celebrated Christ's birthday on December 25? A pagan festival, *Natalis Invicti*, was a boisterous Roman affair celebrated on December 25, when the sun was in its winter solstice. Worshipers of the Roman sun god enthusiastically pulled their Christian friends into the partying. By A.D. 386, church leaders set up the celebration of "Christ Mass" ("Christ's Coming"), so that Christians could join the festival activities without bending to paganism.

After the Roman Empire dissolved, Christians continued the December 25 birthday custom. By that time, December 25 seemed more fitting than any other date.

These are some of them who rec'd the Holy Ghost this past summer:

BLACK OAK:

Sis. Margaret Estes Sis Opal Wrisinger
Br. Kevin Duvall who is Sis. Pat's
Br. Tim McKenzie mom and 81 years.

BROWN'S CHAPEL:

Br. Verlon Bethune Br. James Brown
Br. Larry Walker, & Sis. Lisa Walker
children of Sis. Reba Joyce K. Walker
Sis. Brenda McKenzie Br. Melvin Carroll

ELKWOOD:

Br. Tim Ratliff Br. O. Gaines sis
Br. Delmar Kirkland of Birmingham
Br. Larry and Sis. Emma Pogue
Sis. Kim Hereford Sis. Michell Payne
Sis. Debra McElyea Sis. Dana McElyea
Br. Michael Wooten Br. Clarence Eirls
Sis. Mary R. Kirkland Sis Lynette Smith
Sis. Nancy Carpenter Sis. Francis Smith's
Br. Donnie Neeley g. dau. Sis. Karen
Br. Shane Scarborough

FYFFE:

Sis. Felisha Reece Sis. Benita ????
Sis Benita came by the church one day when

some of the saints were cleaning it and told them she was looking for a place to go. They of course welcomed her there and in a few weeks she was born again full of the Spirit of God.

HIGDON:

Br. Jerry Bowman Sis Cindy Townson
Br. Jr Higdon Br. Glen Hawes

HUNTSVILLE:

Sis Connie Mason Sis. Becky Cantrell
Sis. Tonya Cantrell Sis. Judy Stanley
Sis. Karen Jones Br. Mike Burroughs
Sis. Diane Jones Br. Roger Stapler
Sis. Eddie King

HYTOP:

Br. Tom Avans Sis. Alice Clark
Br. Roger Clayton Sis. Lucille Parker
Br. Grady McGill Br. David Brown
Br. Darron McAllister Br. Jason West
Br. Casey Culver Br. Brett Sealey
Br. Chad Jones Sis. Myra Clark
Br. Roger Paradise Sis. Deane Brown
Br. Homer Culver Sis. Janice Treece

IDER:

Sis. Janice Gilbert
Sis. Denise Miolen
Sis. Ginger Williams
Sis. Judy Furgeson
Br. Jamie Gilbert
Br. John Hartline
Sis. Angie Brown
Sis. Pam Bowman
Br. Tim Bearden
Sis. Lucille Bearden
Sis. Leela McBride
Sis. Betty Lacey
Sis. Tula Fay Lacey
Br. Charles McBride
Sis. Carolyn Rigsby
Br. Wayne York
Br. Hildon McBride
Sis. Latonia Black
Br. Durwood Bearden
Br. Keith Freeman
Br. Anthony McBride
Br. Jeff Rice
Sis. Katrina Sealey
Sis. Pat Otinger
Sis. Loretta Black
Br. Gregg McLain
Br. Eric Shrader
Br. Nathan McBride
Sis. Bertha Gilbert



Br. Willard Shrader sought the Lord for years. At NILA he gave up his life and the Lord filled him full of the Holy Ghost. It then was like a dam bursting with the Shraders. His neice Sis. Pam Bearden came to the Lord, then her husband, Br. Tim, then Br. Tim's mother, then Br. Willard's wife, Sis. Charlotte and on and on they came, 20 at last count with a few still seeking the Lord in the alter.

The above pictures show some of the family: Last row; Br. Willard Shrader, Br. Tim Bearden, Br. Wayne York. Middle row: Sis. Lucille Bearden, Sis. Pam Bearden, Sis. Charlotte Shrader, Sis. Leela McBride, Sis. Latonia Black, with Sis. Berdina Shrader, Br. Willard's mom who has had the Holy Ghost for about 12 years, and Sis. Tula Fay Lacey. Front row: Sis. Betty Fay Lacey, Br. Charlie McBride, Br. Hildon McBride, Sis. Deauna Bearden and Sis. Carolyn Rigsby.

LAKEWOOD PARK:

Sis. Patricia "Pat" Yohn
Sis. Fannie Young

LOOKOUT MTN:

Sis. Marcella Teet
Sis. Beverly Teet
Br. Jesse Hines

NOAH'S ARK:

Br. Carlon Pritchett Br. Glan Estes
Sis. Teresa Sealey Br. Brad Sealey
Br. Bobby Smith & Sis. Angel Smith
Br. Steve Mahan Sis. Diane Lewis
Sis. Norma J. Ellison Sis. Brenda Vasser
Sis. Susan Sealey Sis. Terri House
Br. Robby Gunter
Br. Ben Rice & Sis. Chris Rice

NILA:

Br. Michael Clark Br. Chesley Brown
Sis. Tina Padget Br. Richie Burns
Br. Brett Stephens Br. Jeff Avans
Sis. Peorshe Crabtree Br. Rod Finlayson
Br. Mike Keel Br. Todd McLain
Br. Johnny Ross Br. Danny Fergeson
Sis. Carla Byrum Sis. Terri Pritchett
Br. Willard Shrader Br. Keith Sutton
Br. Brett Avons Sis. Lanette Talley
Br. Mike Woods Sis. Fay Medley
Sis. Angie Gossett

OAK GROVE:

Br. Ollie Taylor, wife, Sis. Linda Taylor &
dzu, Sis. Darlene, son, Br. "Little" Ollie
Sis. Paula Wright Br. Tommy Allen
Sis. ??? Loudermilk Br. Jerry Hopper

OLD SARDIS:

Sis. Michelle Hamilton Sis. Angie Hamilton
Sis. Valerie Winkles Br. Chardel Pritchett
Br. Johnny Trotman Br. Jeff Davis
Br. ??? Stapler Sis. Teresa Lands
Sis. Sue Golden Br. Jeff Hamilton
Br. Steve Hancock Sis. Kathy Gifford
Br. Shan Hamilton Br. Nat. Hamilton
Br. Gregg Pendergrass Br. Jerry Gibson
Sis. Kathy Hancock Sis. Edith Craig(?)

PINE GROVE: (Morgan Co.)

Sis. Regina Atchley Sis. Anita Atchley
Sis. Mary ????

PLESANT GROVE:

Br. Darrel Walls Br. Daryle Stephens

PLEASANT OAK:

Sis. Kathryn Padgett Sis. Edna Conerly
Sis. Dona Shelton Br. ??? White

SOUTH HAVEN:

Br. Tim Williams Br. Steve Puska
Sis. Peggy Puska Br. Brian Lamb

Br. Richie Cain
Br. Roger McAllister
Br. Randy Weddington

Sis. Meredith Still
Sis. Dawn Powers^{well}

SKYLINE:

Br. Rodney Stephens Sis. Allison Stephens
Sis. Debra Mansion

SMYRNA:

Sis. Stacey Owens Sis. Terri Sims
Sis. Arlene Walker Br. R T Weitz
Sis. Tammy Ledbetter Br. Steve Adams
Sis. Shirley Lyon Br. Dale McGehee
Br. Phillip Tilley Sis. Kelly Coffey
Br. Jason Hamilton Sis. Judy Dawson
Br. Ray Walker jr Br. Kyle Bunch

TIFTONIA:

(Finlayson)
Br. Johnny Young Sis. Carma Finlayson
Sis. Donna Petty Sis. Diana Blevins
Sis. Freda Ann Wooten Br. Robert Petty
Sis. Martha Furgeson Br. Jamie Black
Br. Aaron Wooten Br. Carlos Knight
Sis. Elizabeth Heaton Sis. Kathy Wooten
Sis. Stella Veal Sis. Sue Otinger
Br. Jackie Petty & Sis. Becky Petty
Sis. Sue Campbell & Br. Robt Campbell
Sis. Charlotte Shrader Sis. Dione Bearden
Sis. Christy Petty Sis. Sheila Trotman
Sis. Kendra Black Sis. Brenda Wagner

WILLIAMS COVE:

Sis. Wanda Byrum Sis. Gladys Moore
Br. Jimmy Miller Sis. Tina Nelson

Br. Ezra Lee Summerford dau-in-law, Sis
Dorthy, rec'd the Holy Ghost at his home.

Sis. Linda Compton rec'd the Holy Ghost
while she was praying for her son who is
was troubled over. Came up speaking in ton-
gues. She lives near Hartselle Alabama.

BRYANT:

Sis. Melissa Lance

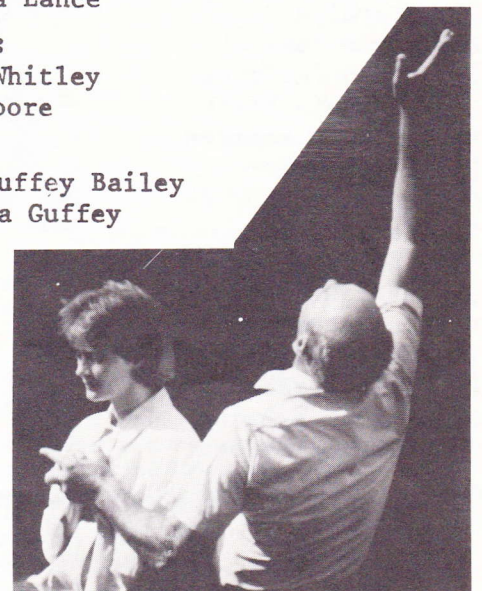
ALEXANDER CITY:

Br. Robert Whitley
Sis. Ruth Moore

SCENICLAND:

Sis. Lisa Guffey Bailey
Sis. Annissa Guffey

Br. Ed Avons
baptising
Sis. Lisa
Bailey



BRIARFORK:

Sis. Cheryl Schrimsher

CLAYSVILLE:

Br. John Pendergrast Br. Dale Pender-
Br. Lester Bonds grass

Br. Fodges and Sis. Amy Moore of Chattanooga are still shut in.

Sis. Edith Ingram of HUNTSVILLE lost her precious son, Gary Kenneth, and then had a stroke and is now living with her daughter Sis. Juanita Duvall at BLACK OAK.

Br. James A. McLain is in the process of moving from SCOTTSBORO to LOOKOUT MTN.

Br. Wayne Williams of SOUTH HAVEN is still down, even getting worse but they are trusting in Him who never fails.

Sis. Ivaline Montieth of TIFTONIA is been ailing as also Sis. Paulin. Lewis.

Br. Irvin Priest of HUNTSVILLE has been down in the body.

Br. Gomer Childres of OAK GROVE as been ail-
for sometime.

Sis. Floy Guffey of OAK GROVE is doing poorly.

Sis. Flora Law's health has been failing.

Br. Walter and Sis Mary Lee Higdon is still slowed down bodily.

Br. Billy West Of PLEASANT GROVE is being crippled up with arthiritis.

Br. Herman Womack is still holding unto the Lord and is in bad shape.

Br. Ronnie Denson of SCOTTSBORO has moved to Houston Texas and has got a place in Robinson near Waco to have meeting in about once a month. It is about in the center where the few saints in Texas can meet together. We appreciate Br. Ronnie interest and help and hope the Lord establishes a church here.

They had a very good Children of God revival at Lookout this fall with Br. Jr. Stephens leading and preaching the Word of God so good with other ministers coming and helping too.

It was just for the saints of God's help, and help they did get. Thank the Lord!

Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much; Wisdom is humble that he knows no more

Br. David Wright son who was burnt is doing fine now tho he suffered much after the state got him and tried to treat him. (More on this later).

BR. BOBBY CULVER: "Them that's doing wrong, I'm not upholding them. But we've got people today that is got so many requirements drawn up for us to have to live by that it's hard to satisfy the people to where we can honor God.

If the Word of God is against me, it's just against me. If it cuts me out, I'm just out. But if it aint cut me out, man ough'n to be trying to cut us out.

God's not looking for a reason to cut them out. He's not!!! If He had been, He'd of never brought us in this Way...

Please don't misunderstand me, I'm not trying to uphold wrongdoing. I'm not! But we can pull this thing so close that it will choke the life out of people...

I've seen people in my estimation that were not walking it like I thought they should. I didn't say "They weren't walking according to this (The Bible). I said according to the way I thought they ought to, Whenever I came to my right senses, and I began to see, they were far down the road ahead of me.

Who is to say whether it be right or whether it be wrong. It'll take this right here (the Bible)! If it's against it, it's wrong, if it aint, it's just an idea. (Amen!!!)

The Lord's commandments are not grivous, but man requirments will choke you to death.

We're headed before God's judgement. We like to think and we're heard to say, "We're going to Gloryland!" And I hope everyone of us get's to make it, but 1st there's a stopping place; We're going before the Judgement Seat of God, to be judged. There He'll say what's what. What's He gonna judge me by? By people's opinions? People's idea's? What Uncle John said? No!!! We know better then that! We're gonna be judged by the deeds we have done.

We can help one another. We can support one another.

Thou art enexcusable O man whosoever thou art that judgest: wherin thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judges doeth the same thing.

We are not supposed to look for ... (Faults in another)...~~How~~ long has it been since you lent a helping hand?

There has been people caught in a little fault where if there had been somebody come along and had been anxious to lend a helping hand, they could have helped them out of it. If they had been as anxious to lend a helping hand as to put their foot on them they could have been helped.

There are people who stand just as hard on an opinion as they will on The Word. Why this, I don't know, but I aint going to be that way.

God's been good to us. He's not looking for reasons to turn us out. He'll go out of His way to keep us.

For thou that judgest doest the same thing. Did you ever see somebody and you say, "My... they ought to know better than that!" And

have a lot to say about it. The first thing you know you can see yourself where they were at. Why??? Why was that??? Because we judged them in that.

Everybody don't have the same understanding."

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Life heaviest burden is to have nothing to carry.

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This was taken Dallas Texas newspaper:

The 'me' temperament today

In the 1980's, time no longer marches on - it speeds by jet propulsion. Reason has given way to panic. Careful consideration has been replaced by emotionalism. America has become a mob scene. Satemanship has long since been laid to rest, and patriotism is wavering.

Well established institutions are falling apart. Major financial institutions are kiting checks and running stings on each other.

Morals and ethics are being replaced by entirely new standards - both in the workplace and in private life.

Thinking as become warped as more and more Americans cross the line of logic and decide to do only those things that benefit them personally - today.

Even our language is changing.

To cheat the government is not cheating at all - it's "smart."

To defy the laws of the land is "courageous."

To pay your fair share of taxes and refuse to take advantage of loopholes is "dumb."

To take advantage of a fellow human being is to be "tough."

The word "adult" can be interchanged with "obscene," the word graphic with "gory." We don't like to be identified with things that are obscene and gory - so we label them adult and graphic.

To give in when you realize you are wrong is a sign of weakness. Win at all costs.

Things that once were considered luxuries are now deemed to be necessities.

Unfortunately, a lot of thinking is being turned upside down in the every-man-for-himself decade of decadence; the fast-and-loose game of living life to it's fullest is taking directions that are not only unwise but dangerous.

If the Internal Revenue Service allows the deduction, take it - whether it's legitimate or not.

Sis. Mary Marrow of LKT MTN was testifying and wondering if we had come in contact with the rich man and Lazerus on separate occasions, how would we have treated them. How would we treat a man laying out by a gate, looking very untidy, covered with sores, dogs were even allowed to lick him. Probably in vile and tattered clothes. Smelled bad. And the rich man. Dress fine. Eating very good. Probably smelled wonderful. Grining from ear to ear. A fine way to travel. Money to spend when he got there.... I just wonder how we would have treated these two men??? The answer is as important as heaven and hell.

If business problems pile up, file for bankruptcy.

If mortgage payments are too much of a load, default and walk away from them.

If you do something stupid and injure yourself - sue. Surely, someone else is to blame for your mistake or poor judgement.

Criminals get more sympathy than their victims.

America's favorite sport is skating on the edge of the law.

Anti-heroes are in; law enforcement officers are the bad guys.

A man's word is not better than a contract. A contract? Forget it.

Saving for a rainy day is old fashioned, out of style; debt is a good thing.

When an "opportunity" comes along, don't investigate and don't hesitate. Get abroad before the wheels come off - or before the law is changed.

Even our cliches are beginning to show signs of larceny. Have you heard any of these comments lately?

"Don't worry about it. It's insured."

"If it isn't illegal, then it must be okay to do it."

"Everybody else does it, so why shouldn't I?"

"If he is dumb enough to fall for it, that's his problem."

"His mistake wasn't stealing - it was getting caught."

Our freedoms are being misinterpreted and sorely misused. One man's freedom to swing his arms no longer ends at the point of another man's nose.

In my actions or language offend others, that is their problem. Let them stay clear of public places.

Fuzzy thinking, vanishing ethics and fraudulent practices are not limited to the business world. Like discipline, integrity should begin at home.

BR. DEWEY BARRIER: "There was a man in David's kingdom that cursed him. David's solidiers wanted to kill him but David said, "My own son is seeking my life. Leave him alone...This man was cursing David and David left the man alone. He regain his kingdom.

Just before David died he called Soloman in where he was at and said "I go the way of all men.... and he brought that man (Shemei) up and said, "He cursed me. Do whatever you think is right about it.

Whenever David died and Soloman took over as king and he called for this man and told him... He didⁿ say anything about his cursing his Father. He said, "Now you can build you a house in Jerusalem. You can go anywhere in Jerusalem that you want to. You got all the freedom you want, but there is a brook over there. The day you cross the brook, you die."

I guess he thought Soloman was going to put him to death that day, but he said, "It is a good saying."

He went and for three years he stayed in Jerusalem. But one day, two of his servants ran off to another town. He got word where they were at. He told his other servant, "You just saddle an ass, I go get them. They are mine." You see what's happening? He's standing for what's his. "I gonna stand for mine."

You know where he found his servants at? There was a little brook out there.... He crossed that brook.

Watch for them creeks boys. Cause if you ever cross it, you can't get back.

He went and got his servants and got back to the city. He left late in the evening and got them boys and got back before daylight.

The next day the king sent for him. And when he brought him in there this time he went back to the day that he cursed his daddy and brought him right on down to the day he told him to stay in the city. ... They killed him.

Watch out for the brook boys."

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"It is easy to be pleasant when life flows by like a song, but the man worth while is one who will smile when every-thing goes dead wrong. For the test of the heart is trouble, and it always comes with the years, and the smile that is worth the praises of earth is the smile that shines thru the tears."

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The fellow who worries about what people think about him wouldn't worry so much if he only knew how seldom they do.

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith that ye being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth and hieght.

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On Sunday April 21 1985, Angela "Angie" Brown rec'd the Holy Ghost.

She was born in 1968 and was paralised from the waist down. When she was about two years old her legs were removed from the knees down. She has been under doctors care off and on all her 16 years. She has had a number of operations with side affects that at times looked like her life would be snuffed out. But the Lord shewed mercy.

Last summer her mother, Sis. Doris Brown, rec'd the Holy Ghost.

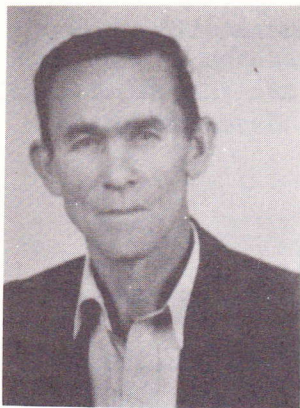
Br. Shorty Summerford, Sis. Doris's brother had been a great help throughout Sis. angie's life. Once when Br. Shorty came with Sis. Joyce Brown to see Angie in the hospital ward, though they didn't kneel to pray, the following day Angie was doing better as was everyone else in that ward, including a young girl who had been badly burnt, and on this day was up feeding herself.

Br. Buddy Michaels stirred and drew Angie as he talked about "The end of time."

On that good night, Br. Bill Yancy was up saying that the Lord wanted to give someone the Holy Ghost and saying, "I'll tell you who it is. It's that little girl." Angie also knew it was her and knew she had better not put it off any longer. So that night, the first time she ever went to seek Him, He filled her full of the good Holy Ghost.



The following Sunday, Br. Lawrence Brown helped Br. Alvin Bailey baptise her in the name of The Father and of The Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.



BR. HODGES MOORE:

"Most of the children of God here, but those who have had the Holy Ghost for a very short while, have laid on hands sometime or another. Whether you have or haven't, I want you to listen to The Word of God.

There are six separate events in the New Testament concerning laying on hands.

Before I read, I want to say as of now, I don't know of one in The Word of God and it aint in the New Testament where God, or Jesus or the Apostles told anybody to lay on hands. God told Moses to lay his hands on Joshua...

I want to read about what Jesus said, but before I read it, He didn't tell them to lay hands on nobody when He said it.

Mark;16 *And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Now, when He was with us He did not tell them to preach the gospel. He told them to preach the kingdom of God. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved. 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. Didn't say, "might" said they shall. 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.*

I finally arrived at this conclusion and told folks that the Lord did not say, These signs shall follow them that lay on hands. He said It'll follow them that believe.

I throw reflection on myself and not on somebody else. If you send for me to pray for you and I lay hands on you and you get up and go home still sick. Get up tomorrow. Come back Sunday and still sick. I haven't got a thing in the world but dead works. No works followed me, but I've laid hands on. You hear me! I might not get an amen but Paul said, Show me your faith without your works, I'll show you my faith by my works. No works have followed me but I have laid hands on him.

It's very, very easy, and I know it, and if you lay hands on much, you should know it. It's the easiest thing in the world to get ahead of the Lord by being anxious. He said *they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover..* Who's they? Them that believe the gospel.

You may pray for somebody and lay hands on them and they may not get alright right then

but if the Lord directed you, they'll be mending soon. We've got one account where they started to mend that hour. But if they didn't begin to mend and are still sick I haven't nothing to glory about, and to me, I'm in trouble.

Now I'm going to the 6th chapter of Acts. *And in those days the multitude was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples together and said It is not meet that we should leave The Word of God and serve tables, wherefore brethren, look ye out among yourselves, men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of The Word. That is another lesson we get. If they was continually to prayer and The Word, they didn't have time to go to Florida fishing. I just dropped that in there. You can't find Peter fishing another time after Pentcost. And the saying pleased the whole multitude. ... and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them....* What followed that in Mark? The laying on hands of the believer, the sick were healed. In this case when they had prayed and they laid their hands on them *A-N-D* the Word of God increased. Following what? The praying and laying on them! And the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly. And a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. This followed the laying on of the hands. He told them that they were built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone. If you and me aint built on them, we'll hit the ground sure as the world!!!

In the 19th chapter of Acts, and finding certain disciples, he said unto them "have you rec'd the Holy Ghost since you believed?" And they said unto him "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." And he said unto them "Unto what were you baptised?" And they said "Unto John's baptism." Then said Paul "John verily baptised with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is on Christ Jesus.? When they heard this they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hand upon them the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Listen! When means; at the same time; at what time? So when he had laid hands on them they spoke with tongues. It didn't say, He laid hands on them about a dozen times and they came back next week and laid hands on them again.

Til I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee, with the laying on the presbytery. Presbytery is a body of elders. That's the way it was given, by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

Meditate on these things. Give thyself wholly to them. Doesn't give one much time to plow... Listen, when I call to remembrance of the unfeigned faith that is in thee. Unfeigned means, without pretense. Which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and in thy mother Eunice and am persuaded is in thee also. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up... He didn't say, "Timothy, I'm going to stir you up." That thou stir up the gift that is in thee by the putting on of my hands. Paul didn't tell nobody to lay on hands. Jesus didn't tell them. He told us what happened when they did.

I'll tell you two things that are going on that was not, that was not, when I started. When a preacher got on the floor, you could hear every word he said. When a child of God got free, you could hear what he said. I started hearing this 65 years ago. Paul said that ye may all prophesy one by one. That all may learn and all may be comforted. I believe in shouting I started shouting before you did. The other is, laying hand on them in the back of the house, That might be one of the best ways in the world, but it wasn't going on when I started. It was about 45 years ago that it started and got to this. They would get to testifying and you couldn't what the one on the floor was saying. If I get up here and go to shouting or another goes to shouting, he aint preaching or testifying. He aint reading the Word of God, he is just shouting. It wouldn't hurt for every child of God to shout with him. But say, he gets up here and starts a talking and says a few words and before he got half thru there is so much noise you don't know what he said. Let me ask you a question. Is that in order? Let all things be done decently and in order. You know what order is? It's something fine. Correct. When everything is in it's right place and functioning properly.

When a man teaching you the Word of God you need to hear it.

Let me make myself clear on one thing. God's command to Moses is the only time He commanded anyone to lay hands on in the bible. However, the Lord did send Ananias to Saul who saw a vision of him coming in and laying his hands on him that he might rec' his sight. Of course we believe he obeyed God."

Br. Hodges and Sis. Amy Moore

VICTORY~~~

"It was on the Friday night before the 3rd Sunday in April. Ray seemed depressed. I tried to pray that God would give him courage.

They were having a men's meeting that night (At NILA) and a few of the sisters came down to sit with us. I sat down at the end of the couch where Ray was at, saying, "Why don't you lay down and try to go to sleep." He laid down and closed his eyes for a few minutes and then opened them again.

I asked him, "Can't you go to sleep?" He said, "No. I said, "Why don't you just try to rest your eyes?" His eyes fastened toward the end of the room. He began to look from one side of the room to the other. He said, "I see a bridge. It's a long bridge, and it's so rough don't look like anybody could cross it. I see somebody on that bridge and it's me and I'm way over half way across. I'm nearly to the end, and when I get there I'm going to tell everyone to hold on for there's victory on the other side of the bridge."

He sat up on the couch with his face beaming. He said, "Victory is just ahead"

Sis. Bobbie Hollway ask him, "What did the Lord say to Job? He said, "He told him to stand up on his feet, gird up the loins of his mind and he would talk to him." He raised up off the couch and heaven came down. He along with most everyone here shouted and praised God.

It was really wonderful. Two weeks later, Friday before the first Sunday in May he stepped off that bridge into victory.

Our hearts are so sad and we miss him so much, but we thank God for his precious blessing. He certainly did give him courage, even more than I asked for.

Sis. Lorene Parker



This was written to Sis. Beth Smith who lives in Michigan who husband is in service by Sis. Cindy Woods, the daughter of Br. Willis Brown of Scottsboro Alabama.

Dear Sis. Beth'

It's been such a long time since I've written you, but I have forgotten you. I guess you've heard of all the good news that has happened in our family. My sister, Debra, rec'd the Holy Ghost at SKYLINE in June. My brother and mother at HYTOP and my husband on July 27 at NILA.

It's been so wonderful! It's like a different marriage to Mike. At last we both enjoy the same things and share the joys of the Lord.

Let me begin by telling you how humble I had become before it all took place. I've been home now two years and I've gone to meeting almost every time and enjoyed it and was blessed, but somehow I just couldn't rec' what I wanted out of my salvation, so I began looking at Cindy (myself) questioning what was wrong. Why wasn't I feeling that burden and liberty under the power of God? I realized, with God's help, that I had been slack in my work outside of church. My praying was slack and so were my bible studies, not to mention my charity. (read Cor; chap 8). Boy, did that hit me like a brick.

I changed myself and my ideas quickly and became willing to do anything to feel that liberty again. I prayed more. I read more. If we do all we're suppose to, God will supply the love and patience to over come our trials. Oh, how much better I felt and God freed me at SCOTTSBORO on June 30.

It was worth it all just to have a better mind but when he freed me I had so much joy. (Joy unspeakable and full of glory).

Three days later, I saw Jesus in a dream, and I was standing in the sight of Him. People were gathered from the four winds and it was a sight to behold. He was robed in white with out stretched arms and a light was shining around Him greater then any sun. And He was looking at me and I Him.

I could see the figure of His face and He did have a beard and longer hair. To me He did look like a Jew. He was a very handsome Lord and made me realize just how much that I loved Him as a savior.

After we had all stood there for awhile He turned around and began walking. We all praised God for we knew the end was near. He led us up into a high place where we were being judged from the book of life.

I began looking for my mother and she was nowhere to be found. I was asking everyone where she was, for I knew she did not have the Holy Ghost and would be turned away. Suddenly I heard her cry out and our God had turned

away. How pitiful that it was. I ran to her to comfort her but all I could say was "Mom, you've waited too late." She was crying and begging and so was I. I did not want it to be the end for her. A saint told me that it was the end and we had done all that we could. I said "No." I hadn't done all that I could. I could have tried harder to get her in. And we talked awhile, my mom and me, and I said my good-bys. Then I began looking for my husband. He was sitting alone shaking his head, not believing the Lord had come back and he was still lost. We talked a minute and I said my good-bys

Next I was looking for my brother. I questioned my mother as to where he was. When I saw him ahead in a distance. She told me that surely David wouldn't be turned away, that he had always been such a good boy and he was only 15. I looked again and he was walking away. His head was dropped down and he was kicking his foot. Oh! How my heart broke. I began screaming and begging for it not to be the end! But it was.

Just then a saint walked up to me and said "Weep not for all tears will be dried while entering heavens gate." And I stepped up to an open book lying on a table. My name was there and He said "Enter in." I felt myself being pulled upward and I ask for my children kimberly and Brooke.

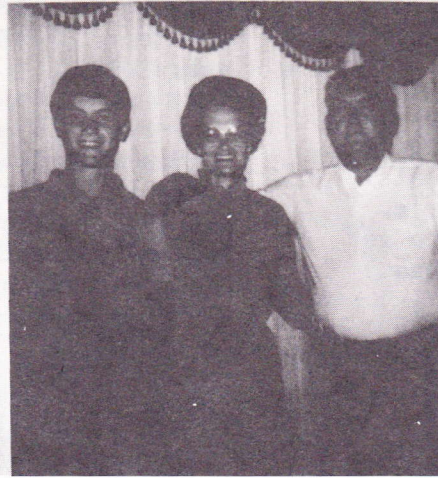
Then I awoke and looked out at the early morning, amazed that I was in my bedroom. I felt such a great fear to hurry and pray our loved ones thru before time ended. And I began begging God to save them and I tried harder than I've ever tried and God baptised each one within 6 days of ne another and only one month after the dream. How my heart rejoiced and how the burden was lifted away. Praise the Lord.

So when all seems so unbearable and the load gets so heavy, carry it to Jesus in prayer and faith. He loves us all including your husband and family. He doesn't want anyone to be sad but we must get our life in order before we can come to God for favors.

He will comfort us all along and He will never leave us but we must put our full trust in Him and depend on Him for all that He is. For God is love and so shall we be if we are to be like Him. When all else fails us, our God will help us endure to the end.

Hold your head up and know you've got your name written in that book of life. Love it with all your heart and live for the day He says to enter in.

One part of the dream I forgot to mention. Just before I stepped in; a hand swept over the top of my head and all of my tears were wiped away. Everything I had felt with Mom, David and Mike were forgotten and I knew them



Sis. Cindy and Br. Mike Woods with Br. David, Sis. Dean and Br. Willis Brown

no more. For they weren't going to heaven.

If anyone could realize how my life changed in just a few months. I came before God clean of everything and presented myself willing and able.

Since the dream and the family rec'ing the Holy Ghost I've still been doing what I can and God still blesses me most abundantly and I'm so proud (Thankful) He's looking after me. I thought I'd lost my chance to work but thru His tender mercy and grace He forgave me of my doubting and all. I strive to be closer and do more for Him, for I am nothing without Him. My day dwells upon what else I may do. Not that I'm not thankful enough, but that so much needs to be done. So many souls to be uplifted to Him, and if I contribute to anyones help I pray that He will let me. Read Eph. 4 5 6.

I love you, Sis. Beth. We all love you. God loves you and one day we all be free of this world and it's evil. Pray for that day that God will save your husband. Remember - Love your husband and be subject to them but love God more and keep yourself clean from all wickedness of powers among the earth. For we are tempted thru our own lusts and without God who shall stand.

I need to close now. I've enjoyed the morning writing to you.

May God bless you Sis. Beth and keep you in His arms.

Love to you all from All

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Worry often gives small things a big shadow.

Full Coverage

I have an insurance policy,

Written in the blood of the lamb.

Sealed by the cross of Jesus,

Redeemable where ever I am!

The company will never go bankrupt,

It's bonded by God's promise true;

It will keep every word of it's contrac

Exactly what it says it will do.

I don't have to die to collect it,

No premiums do I have to pay.

All I do is to keep God's promise,

And walk in His holy Way.

No collector will ever come calling,

It was paid on Calvary's tree.

It insures me for living and dying,

And for all Eternity.

Sis. Gertrude Welker of Gurley lost her husband this summer.

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Sis. Betty Hamilton's girl Questa burnt her arm badly at Sis. Betty's mother. Her mother wanted her to take it to the emergency room at the hospital, but Sis. Betty hurried her home. They had three of Kenny, her husband, sisters with them. Questa was hurting bad. Sis. Betty and the girls prayed, they were calling on the Lord just like she was. The love of God moved and took the pain away.

A couple of days later at Sis. Betty's mothers', the child's arm looked like it was getting infected. Her mother tried to get her to put medicine on it and she replied "I will if it needs it" but the girl didn't need it. At church Sunday, several laid hands on her. Questa had long sleeves on so they didn't know anything was wrong with her, but of course our Father did. That did it. It had been burnt about a week but it had the look of being healed for a long time.

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Satan doesn't care what we worship as long as we don't worship God.

They passed this way...

Sis. Flora "Grannie) Golden, Br. Morgan's mother passed away on Feruary, 1985 at a 102 years of age. She rec'd the good Holy Ghost 37 years ago.

Sis. Kate Guffey passed away in the Lord on October 9, 1985 at the age of 76. She rec'd the Holy Ghost at the age of 23 at Joppa Ala. She was a Fortner and was Br. Will Guffey's daughter in law. (She also was the one to get this editor in the altar about 30 years ago.)



Br. Bill and Sis. Loretta Lewis

Br. Bill Lewis of NOAH'S ARK passed away on November 24, 1985 at the age of 56. He rec'd the Holy Ghost at LAKEWOOD PARK Fla 18 years ago.

Br. Roy Guffey, the Singer, died in the Lord on the 13th of June 1985 in his 85th year. He rec'd the Holy Ghost at Prospect church near his home place on Gunters Mtn in 1927.

Sis. Geraldine Sharp, Br. Martin's wife passed on September 29, 1985 in her 49th year. She was from PINE GROVE on Lkt Mtn.

Sis. Elizabeth Culpepper, Br. Howell's wife, went to meet the Lord on September 13, 1985 in her 52 year. About 33 years ago she rec'd the Holy Ghost. She had went to the altar and rec'd forgiveness, but that was all she was raised to know. Then she'd go right back into what she had come out of. She was 19 years old and married when she heard of the "Better Way" spoken of. One night Br. Howell who was still lost, came in from a honky tonk to find his wife with the power of God all over her and it was there all night.

Sis. Opal Wrisinger of BLACK OAK passed on to that good land in her 81st year on November 22, 1985. She rec'd the Holy Ghost just a few months ago at BLACK OAK'S revival. She truly came in the 11th hour.

Sis. Emma Freeman made it down her last mile on November 6, 1985 in her 54th year. She rec'd the Holy Ghost at OLD SARDIS at 9 years old.

Sis. Sue Jane Allen of BLACK OAK went to sleep in Christ in her 71st year on October 24, 1985. She rec'd the Holy Ghost at the foot of Cumberland Mtn at Mud Creek under the preaching of Br. C. Thackerson.



Sis. Sue Jane Allen

Sis. Flossie Poole, wife of Br. Charlie, passed on in her 70th year on July 1985. She rec'd the Hol Ghost at ELKWOOD 17 years ago.



Sis. Leddie and Br. Morgan Golden

Br. Morgan Golden got to go to that land he spoke so much about in his 77th year on Aug 4 1985. He rec'd the Lord many years ago at the old BEIRNE'S Ave Church in Huntsvl.

Br. Bill Fowler of BLACK OAK passed away in March 1985 in his 51st year. He rec'd the Holy Ghost about 40 years ago.

Sis. Ollie Tilley, wife of Br. Autman Tille-ey of OLD SARDIS died in the Lord at 77 on March 18, 1985. She was born anew 69 years ago

Sis. Leah Golden od HYTOP passed away on May 18, 1985 in her 59th year. She came to God at SCOTTSBORO 17 years ago. Her hus-band Br. James left about a year ahead of her.

THE BATTLE OF THE AGES

The Lord GOD --- verses -- Satan, the Devil

All that is in the world (#1)the lust of the flesh, (#2) and the lust of the eyes, (#3)and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world.

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The first woman, Eve was command-
ed not to eat of the Tree of Know-
ledge of Good and Evil. Afterward
she was tempted of Satan and:

And when the women,
SAW THAT THE TREE WAS GOOD FOR FOOD,
and that
IT WAS PLEASANT TO THE EYES,
and a tree
TO BE DESIRED TO MAKE ONE WISE.

When she fell into sin and she
gave to her husband and he fell into
sin, all the world was then brought
into subjection of sin and devil.

There are three avenues that Satan
can tempt you:

- #1 The lust of the flesh.
- #2 The lust of the eyes.
- #3 The pride of life.

Satan tempted Eve in these three
points, and The Word of God says:
But every man is tempted, when he is
drawn away after his own lusts (a
longing or desire), and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth
forth sin: and sin when it is finished (done; completed), bringeth forth death.
And, by man came death.

The three avenues of worldly sin that was used by Satan in the Garden was
also used by Satan on Jesus Christ. He tempted Him in the three points he used
on the woman but The Lord Jesus Christ resisted him and brought eternal salvation
to all who beleive. And by man(The Son of Man) came also the ressurection of
the dead.

SAW THE TREE WAS GOOD FOR FOOD.	The lust of the flesh.	COMMAND THESE STONES TO
IT WAS PLEASANT TO THE EYES.	The lust of the eyes.	BE MADE BREAD.
TO BE DESIRED TO MAKE ONE WISE	The pride of life.	SHEWETH HIM.
		HE SHALL GIVE HIS..

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For ye are bought with a
price.

Ye are the TEMPLE OF THE LIVING
GOD: AS God hath said, I will dwell
IN THEM and walk IN THEM: and I
will be their GOD, and they shall
be my people. WHEREFORE come out
from among them, and be ye seperate,
saith the Lord, and touch not the
unclean thing; and I will recieve

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The first Adam brought sin thru the
world, the last Adam, Jesus Christ was
tempted in like point but overcome and
brought eternal salvation to allthru
the Spirit.

...and afterward he hungered. And
when the tempter came to Him, he said,
If thou be the Son of God,
COMMAND THESE STONES TO BE MADE BREAD.

* And saith unto Him, If thou be the
Son of God, cast thyself down: for it
is written,
HE SHALL GIVE HIS angels charge con-
cerning thee: and in their hands they
shall bear thee up, lest at any time
thou dash thy foot against a stone.

* The devil taketh Him up into an exceeding
high mountain, and,
SHEWETH HIM,

* All the kingdoms of the world, and
the GLORY of them, and saith unto Him,
All these will I give thee, if thou wilt
fall down and worship me.

you, And will be FATHER unto you,
and ye shall be MY sons and daugh-
ters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Having therefore these promises,
dearly beloved, let us cleanse our-
selves from all filthiness of the
flesh and spirit, perfecting Holiness
in THE FEAR of God.

Br. Buford Trotman talking on judging and getting the beam out of your own eye... Said when women wore "rats" in their hair some got to preaching on it. Once a sister told another who was sitting in front of her, "The Lord told me you shouldn't wear that "rat." The other sister said, "Well, you are sitting right behind me, why don't you just take it out for me?" She undid the sister's hair but there was no "rat" in it. It was her own judging mind not the Lord.

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Br. Jim Downs son had been sick for a long time. The Lord had helped him a lot. They went to see Br. Charlie Brown. He was not at home but over at Sis. Len Sanders. They also went there. Had prayer before they left. Hands went on the boy. He started eating the next day. The Lord told the mother that he had healed the child. She got ahold of it and sure enough the child is alright now.

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BR. S.C. WHITAKER talking about divine healing: "I never seen a doctor bring them out of the bed shouting!"

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SIS. BEULAH ANN YORK: "I had got groceries. I was about out of a few things. When I got groceries it just slipped my mind to get potatoes. Seems like around the house it's beans and potatoes one day and potatoes and beans the next. I didn't have any more money to get any. This woman I work for, I went up to her daughter-in-law that day. When I went in she said, "Oh Beulah, at the foot of the stairs there's a sack with your name on it. You can take it when you leave." It was potatoes..."

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BR. VERNON WRIGHT: "If me and you go by a pattern, it'll come out just right... My wife sews for a lot of people, or used to, and if she had a pattern to fit that person, she could make it just to fit that person. But she had to sew for some you couldn't get a pattern for. You could buy the biggest pattern and it still would not fit. She learned how to sew for these people. She'd take up a little in one spot and let out a little in one spot. When she got it made it wasn't by the pattern but it fit and looked pretty good on that person. We can't do the Word of God like that. If it don't fit us, we have to get ourselves where it will fit us. That is the only way it will fit us. The only way it will fit us is to get ourselves where the bible told us to fashion ourselves. So when we do that, the Word of God will fit us and we'll fit it.

BR. OLLIE PRIEST: (referring to T.V and such) "I don't care how high you jump, or what they say.... The bible says *Love not the world neither the things that are in it. For all that is in the world is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life.....* Another scripture *I walk in my house with a perfect heart and I'll set no evil thing before my eyes.* Now, what's that?"

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BR. DEWEY BARRIER: "People went to the doctor. Daddy and Momma blame children. "Children took me." I tell them they ought to talk to your children while you're well. While everything is going good, you're not sick at all. Tell them what you want to do when you get sick. Chances are them children will let you do what you want to do.

Br. Lloyd White's boy, he told me, he said "I talked to Daddy while I knew he was in good shape and sound mind. I said, "Now what do you want to do Daddy?" He said "I want to trust God." If he told me tomorrow or next week, he said "Take me to the doctor." If I thought he was out of his head, I'd just leave him at home."

I thought that was real good."

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Isn't it true that we judge ourselves by our best intentions and others by their worst faults.

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"Br. Ed Avans at HYTOP talking concerning these "unspoken request." "I don't like them. I don't know what to pray for. I dismiss them from my mind. The bible said to let your request be made known. That's bible. As far as I know you may be wanting us to pray for your husband to die, or your wife. You may have something you couldn't tell the children of God, but you could ask for help. Say, I need prayers. Then I could ask the Lord to help you."

(P.S. These requests started in the denominational churches)

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Editor: Amen! Amen!

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BR. ELTON BRAZIER: "Sometimes you can talk to long. There's a time to get up and there's a time to sit down. I think I've come to the sitting down time."

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True charity is not giving a man a dime when he is hungry, but giving a man a dime when you are as hungry as he is, and need the dime just as much.

BR. JOHN D. STAPLER: "Always keep this in mind, that as ye would that men should do unto you, do in like manner. A lot of times if we did this from the heart, it would change our conduct. We'd speak fewer words if we done this. If I made a mistake and God hadn't withdrawn His Spirit, and you knew about it. I wouldn't want you to tell everybody about it. Because it would be hard for me to get over it. Get down and pray, "Lord if this brother has a chnace, You help and prove him. If He don't have a chance, you manifest him," (Do this) between you and God. You know if God manifests something it is exactly right. You don't have to worry about it no more. You don't have any trouble with it ever."

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Creation took six evenings and mornings or six of our days. This was about 4004 B.C.

Noah's flood was 2348 B.C. or 1656 years after creation when Noah was 500 years old.

Abraham was born when Noah was still alive in 2158 B.C. 290 years after the flood.

Joesph enters Egypt in 1876 B.C.

Moses leads Israel out in 1446 B.C.

David became king 1004 B.C.

Babylon destroyed Jerusalem 586 B.C.

Christ born 4 B.C.

When men first started using B.C and A.D during the Roman empire they miscalculated 4 years.

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Sis. Leona Stillwell of SOUTH HAVEN is paralyzed from her waist down.

Sis. Leona Sanders of NILA is still in bad shape but she holds on with such a good spirit thru it all.

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This was found written in a newspaper and sent to us:

"God sho has been good to us. He coulda made us ole turtles and set us off beside the road without a hand to wipe the dust from our eyes and speeding car wheels to send us crushed or spinning when we crossed the road. But He made us man and woman, in His image, after His likeness; so we swing along free and easy, with our heads reaching for the sun. And our hearts go out to our fellowman."

This was written by Sis. Marcella Teet just before she came to the Lord:

Dear Carma

His Sis! What's up? Thinking about the Lord here. I sure wish I did as good as I did Sunday morning. I guess I do better in the day that at night. I would like for you, _____, _____, _____, and I to get together at my house and talk about the Lord, take turn reading the bible, and talk about the Holy Ghost. Brenda (Sis. Brenda Wagner) might could help us a lot since she has the Holy Ghost. Maybe we can rec the Holy Ghost, because I want to go to heaven, not hell. I want to live in a wonderfu; beautiful country bright and fair.

Well, I guess I'll let you go, I need to pray.

Love your friend
Marcella.

P.S. Maybe I can come over and we can talk or you can come over. We might get the Holy Ghost if we get together outside where know ones around and talk to the Lord.

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You can see why this young miss got the Lord's attention and in a few days she rec'd the Holy Ghost one Wenesday evening. Her thoughts were on Him more then anything else. Meeting was give out the next night at LOOK-OUT MTN after she rec'd the Holy Ghost and then next for a week and a half. It was not noised abroad just mostly the homefolks and the Lord helped everyone much. Two more came to the in this time: Sis. Beverly Teet, Sis. Marcella step mother, and Br. Jesse Hines her uncle. Carma also came to the Lord later.



Friends, Sis. Marcella teet and Sis. Carma Finlayson, now sister in the Lord.

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Sis. Naomi Hancock and Br. Kelly Davis were married this past spring.

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BR. CHARLIE PUTNAM: "It's just a little piece to the Holy Ghost. A woman testified that had been going to the altar 21 years. She said "I had to lay down some things before I got the Holy Ghost. Don't tell me you've been going five years.... When you repent....."

If you want the Holy Ghost, go at it right, it won't take a little bit.

If you want the Holy Ghost, listen... Somebody can tell you how. That one up there knows everything. You just as well tell him the truth, because He knows it anyhow.

If you want the Holy Ghost, get down humble, tell Him what you want. Repent. If you rec' the Holy Ghost you are going to have to live it. Start before.

There was a feller once bought his daughter a dress. She put it on. She walked around. She said "Daddy, how's it look.?" It's alright but it's short." She said "Aw, I aint got the Holy Ghost." He said "Yes, but I want you to have it." See where it's at. If you want it, you'd better act like it.

If you want to drag along. Go for about ten years. Just so as you please. Best thing is not even start, 'cause God aint gonna give It to you 'til you get down to business.

He gave us the right to do as we please. We don't have to live for God. We can believe anything we want to.

You aint got the Holy Ghost? You want ti? Act like it! Repent!"

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BR. BILL PARKER: "...he was testifying about that rattlesnake that struck at him. When he got ahold of God, he took it up.

You need to be careful. Lay hands on people all God will let you. If God's in it, it's all right. That unction of the Lord, that Spirit, that Guide, if you let it lead you then there will be something done.

Sometimes children of God, we want to lay hands on. Sometimes the Lord will let you.

(Br. Billy then told of a brother who wanted to lay hands on a person and he laid hands on a steel post)

Up north, Sis. Olene Neeley, meeting would be going on and when God wanted her to do something she would just stand up and she would just walk to where the Lord wanted her. Just before she would get there, the power of God would strike her and she would lay hands on whoever God wanted her to, and they would come up out of that seat, saying, "God's healed me," and a shouting.

Sometimes we want God to jerk us up by the hair of the head, throw us down on the floor three or four times, then we might do it. If God tells you to do it, all that aint necessary.

I know when God tells me to lay hands on somebody. I hear people say "I don't know whether it's the Lord or not." Let me tell you something. If you don't know it's the Lord, stay on your seat."

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BR. EDDIE ARTHUR SIMMONS: "I love the Lord. You know the reason I know I love Him" I love His children.

It's got to the place where you'll meet some of them and they'll turn their head. We need to cultivate our love. Then when I see you, you'll look at me and smile.

You've got a garden out there. You keep the weeds out. Put a little fertilizer every now and then. You'll see it start producing the Fruit. If you start cultivating that love. If you'll pull all the weeds away from it... You'll see some fruit about it.

...It takes love to get in this Way. It takes love to stay in this Way. God bless you! If you got anything against anybody, you'll have to fix it up.

If you don't obey your husband and you're coming to the altar, you just might as well get ready to obey him.

If you got the Holy Ghost and aint obeying your husband, you'd better start obeying him, because that's a requirement of God. "I'll tell you what. I aint the head of the house." You'd better be the head. A lot of us want to ease around, let the wife be the boss and lay it unto the wife, because they aint got enough back bone to be the (head). They can't take the responsibility. But He said that the man was the head..."

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The Christian philosophy is a philosophy of self-denial, self-control, and self-restraint. The satanic philosophy is a philosophy of "live as you please"; "have what you want"; "don't let anybody tell you what to do"; "it's your life, you have got a right to live it."

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In a recent poll 30 million americans claim to be christians. (Christian means to be a follwer of Christ).

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Sis. Delora Edwards rec'd the Holy Ghost when she was 14 in 1965. She met her husband, David, in high school, even though they attended church together. In 1968 they were married. They had a happy marriage for 15 years, until God called her home in June of 1983.

God honored them with a son in '69 and they named him Dwight David. The Lord sent them a girl in '79 and called her Delissa Jane.

Sis. Delora and David were as one. Most of the time when you saw one you saw the other. She helped him gather in the hay and vice versa, he helped her with the housework. When he was cutting wood, she would be there stacking it on the truck.

Sis. Delora was a good wife and mother. She would do anything to help her family. She and her husband worked on public jobs all day and when at home they did what had to be done there. She left her daughter with grandma Edwards during the day while she worked.

On May 6 when she came to pick up Delissa, she had a terrible headache. It was David's birthday and she was going home to bake a cake.

She didn't get to bake the cake. David and Dwight found her on the floor in bad shape. She was rushed to the hospital where she stayed through two operations and finally her death. She died of brain hemorrhaging.

She had many friends and loved ones who miss her dearly. She rec'd the Holy Ghost at VALAMOSA SPRINGS in Morgan County Alabama. She was a good child of God and now is gone to be with Him to rec' her just reward.

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How To Raise Children

The rod and reproof give wisdom. But a child left to himself bringrth his mother to shame. Correct thy son and he shall give thee rest: yea he shall give delight

unto thy soul.

Did you ever go visiting and your little child wouldn't hardly be still, just wanting this or that, and you couldn't enjoy your visit just having to say "Be quiet! Behave yourself!" Getting up having to wait on it?

You couldn't enjoy yourself and your friends you were visiting couldn't enjoy their company all because of that little child.

Solomon the wiseman said, *Correct thy son and he shall give you rest.*

The place to train your child is at home. When you let it have it's way at home it may not know better when you take it a visiting.

He that spareth his rod hateth his son, but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes. Thou shall beat him with the rod and deliver his soul from hell. Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Provoke means to stir up to action or feeling.

How can we provoke our children to wrath? When you correct it, just whip it enough to make it mad at you. You have provoked him at you. But when you correct a child, first, be real kind to it, and let it know why you have to whip it. Reason it over with it in a quiet way. If you will he may not think hard of you for correcting it.

Another way to provoke a child is to talk about people before him. That will make him have a bad feeling toward them people and that is wrong. Be careful! (AMEN!!!)

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Br. Pauley White tells of his grandpa Kennedy. Once Br. Bartow White and two of his girls were sick. When you want someone to pray for you, you want someone you think can get the job done. They sent for Br. Kennedy and it took a day to get over ther and a day to get back. Br. Kennedy came in, sat down... didn't mention praying... Sis White asked him if he wanted something to eat. Yeah, he guessed he would. She fixed him something. He ate and sat back down. After awhile, said-well I guess we ought to pray. They prayed and the Lord healed all three of them.

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Br. Bobby Trotman once had his knees swelled up and could hardly go. Br. Joe Summerford told him if he'd go to meeting, the Lord would heal him. He borrowed Sis. Mattie Lou's crutches and went. Meeting was dry but he held unto what the Lord had been leading Br. Joe. One laid hands on him and the Lord healed him.

This was taken from a national magazine and worthy of our consideration:

During election month, candidates for the same public office spend a lot of time debating and emphasizing their differences. Sometimes the infighting leaves the impression that political opponents are personal enemies.

Back in 1972 when I was a senator from Iowa and living in Washington, D.C., a boyhood friend visiting from my home state was strolling with me through the halls of the Capitol. It happened that we passed Mississippi Senator John Stennis. "See you at the prayer breakfast tomorrow," John said to me as he breezed by.

My friend turned to me with an incredulous look. "From what I read about the red-hot debates between you and John Stennis in the Senate, I thought you must be bitter enemies. Do you actually sit down together at breakfast and pray?"

"Well," I laughed, "you'll see a lot of strange things in Washington."

But his surprise started me thinking in a more serious vein. "You remember my mother, don't you?" I asked finally.

"Sure."

"Well, she had a saying that fits just what we're talking about."

"What's that?"

"The ground is level at the foot of the cross."

The Word of God teaches us to all be of the same mind and to mind the same things but we know it is not always that way. If there is a disagreement can't we be like these United States senators until we do come to the same mind in Christ?

We hope you all have a memorial Christmas.. and don't forget the poor!

I knew John Stennis probably considered me a bleeding heart liberal whose ideas, if put into effect, would send the country down the drain. By the same token, I felt that the flinty conservatism of his ideas could blow the country apart. Yet I loved John as a brother in Christ, a friend with whom I discussed many problems at our prayer breakfast. We acknowledged our equal standing in the family of Jesus.

A few months later, one January evening, John was held up and shot by thugs. At the hospital, surgeons worked desperately to save his life. The news flashed through the capital; calls went out to members of our prayer group.

Senator Mark Hatfield, a Republican who had often attacked John's stand on military spending and civil rights, rushed to his Democratic opponent's side at the hospital. He kept a prayer vigil and answered the phone all night.

John Stennis lived to return to the Senate floor, where we all continued to argue about issues—yet agree on the principles of brotherhood and faith.

Yes, the ground is level at the foot of the cross. It's a good thing to remember in any argument, whether you're a politician or not.

The Lord has been good to us here at Glad Tidings. This is the end of 13 years in editing this paper. We have 1700 names on our mailing list. And we appreciate all the help and testimonies that have been given to us. We have tried to keep this thing strictly "Old Time Holiness." We might have failed in doing so but it hasn't been because we didn't try. There has been a lot of changes in the last few years among us, but the Lord's Way never changes and we hope we stay with the Lord's Way. Sometimes in doing this, it might appear that we don't like certain people and such, but be that far from us. We have learned that if we are to be one to hold to the old Way, it will have to be done in honor and love to all men.

So please pray for us here.

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