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GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS

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From then til now...

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said "Let there be light." And there was light.

And God saw the light that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.

Thus started a division and/or battle that has waged down thru the ages. Day and Night. Right and Wrong. Good and Evil. God and Satan. This all started on the first day of creation.

God then made everything that was made, in heaven above and in the earth beneath. When He made it, it was all good. On the 6th day He made Man out of the dust of the earth and called him Adam. He then put him in a garden eastward of Eden.

God then told Adam, (this was before the woman was made): Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it. For in the day that thou shalt eat thereof thou shalt surely die.

Then darkness raises it's ugly head. He came in the form of a serpent and beguiles ...

Eve with: *Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?* It came not as a statement but rather a question. Now, whether Adam told his wife Eve the exact words of God almighty, we don't know, but her answer to Satan was: *We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, "Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*

We now get an open view of how Satan works and will work until the Lord comes again. The Word is added to, and the Word is changed even if it be ever so little. God said nothing about them touching the fruit, though we are sure it was good not to do so. But He said not to eat of it! He did not say; lest you die. He said: Thou shalt surely die. Lest means: per-adventure or maybe. Shalt means: it will be just that way.

We all know the outcome of the argument. The woman added to and changed God's Word and of course lost to the wicked one and ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and gave to Adam and he also ate. Thus sin entered this lovely place as God in His all wise knowledge knew it would, for he said that Christ was crucified before the foundation of the world.

Man had sinned. He then proceeded to cover himself with fig leaves to hide his nakedness. The Word of God in another place said; *Without the shedding of blood there is no remission.* So God made them coats of skin to clothe them instead of man covering of fig leaves. To do so he must have slain animals. And then he put them out of the garden. From that day forward the Lord accepted blood for the cleansing of man's sin. Cain tried



to change it by bringing fruit of the field instead of the way Able brought of his flock. The Lord had no respect toward Cain's sacrifice. Cain killed Able because God was pleased with him and this also has

been the form of battle down through the ages. If a man pleases God more than you, be against him.

What we are leading to is the blood, it is the center of the battle. God told Noah that the blood was the life of the creature. He also said that the wages of sin is death. So it takes the life of one to obtain life for another. Life for life.

God's battle standard is The blood. Satan's battle cry is to go back down into Egypt.

When God started a nation unto himself over 350 years after Noah's flood, He called Abram, later named Abraham, saying, *"Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee"*. After much ado, Abraham did as the Lord God commanded him and settled in what is today called Israel. Later *"There was a famine in the land and Abraham went down into Egypt to sojourn there.* He got into trouble in Egypt. This is written in Genesis which means Beginings. It is the starting of God's dealing with man. It tells also of how Satan also works with man. Satan hasn't since changed his approach either. God's people always got into trouble when they go down into Egypt for their help. It has always represented "The World" to God's people.

Abraham had a son, Isacc, and God told him *"Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land... sojourn in this land and I will be with thee and will bless thee..."* Isaac left the land once also and as the father so the son, he got into trouble.

Joseph was sold to some people by his jealous brethern and landed in Egypt and got into trouble, but the Lord lifted him gloriously above it all because he went not willingly. He even thought the Lord wanted him there. But the Lord doesn't say one thing and then do another. He just changed defeat into victory for one of his own. Joseph causes his dad, Jacob (or Israel), to bring all his substance down into Egypt. And before we think it was good, because it helped in a famine, they spent 400 years there and the last and most years were spent in slavery. A pretty hard payment for a couple of years of plentiful corn while back in THEIR LAND it was flowing in milk and honey.

Joseph in his heart knew where he belonged, for though he spent the largest part of his life in luxury, before He died he commanded his offspring that one day they would go back to where they belong and to take up his bones and bury them in that goodly land.

Moses was used of God to deliver them out after much trouble 400 years later.

It was still the enemy battle cry, "Let's go back to Egypt...." And even in Moses day they continually wanted to be back into Egypt. If not for that great servant of God, Moses, God would have destroyed them all.

Now back to the blood.

When God gave the oracles of Himself to Moses, blood offering for sin was the main theme throughout. Without it, there was no remission of sin. This was to bring people to the better blood sacrifice, that of Christ Jesus, God's own son. This was and is the new and living Way.

After they rec'd God's law and were settled in that goodly land they still would not follow the Lord with a complete heart. He was over them. Their king. But they told Samuel, "*Nay but we will have king over us.... like all the nations...*" God didn't want to, but He gave them a king, and again they heaped to themselves trouble as you can read in the kings and prophets of Israel.

Down thru the years God's people have allowed a weakness, that Satan presses for, to go down to Egypt to sojourn and to be like other people.

When the fullness of time came, this same Jesus came, lived the sinless and guile free life. He then sealed it, offering Himself and His blood, as a lamb for the slaughter. He allowed His blood to be spilled and then returned to the heavenlies from where he came, to sit down by and with His Father.

He then sent the Holy Ghost on earth to seal all to redemption who had accepted His blood sacrifice by repenting of their sins. While He was still here, He told Simon Peter that He would build His church on "This Rock," which was Himself. This started to take place at Pentecost. The kingdom of God came with a noise and cloven tongues. On this day, Peter used the "Key" given to him by the Lord, the Word of God, and unlocked heaven to a lost and dying world. Thousands started coming to the Lord. At Jerusalem first, then the outlying region, then to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Since that time there has been a constant warfare between Satan and the church, Christ's Bride. We might go on a fishing trip or a vacation, but the wicked one never does. There have been battles won and battles lost but the war isn't over yet. We on the Lord's side know this war is going to end. Satan and the false prophet and all who follow them will be cast into the eternal burning lake. Those who follow the Lamb of God, the King of kings, The Faithful and True Witness, will go into that good land wherein dwelleth righteousness.

But until that great day there will be more

battles fought and it's left up to us who wins them, for we are the Lord's army.

Back to Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost was given, the fire was burning and the Light shining, as they went everywhere preaching the good Word of God. The rough roads were made smooth and the mountains were brought low. The mighty became poor and all men had everything in common. They filled Jerusalem with their doctrine, and then the countryside. Then Samaria, then to the Gentiles, especially after Paul was converted and sent. At Damascus, then Arabia and then in Syria at Antioch and then northern Asia and the islands of the sea and then into Europe.

Everywhere Paul went, he left churches behind him. They held his teaching as they had seen Christ in him. They thought it better to be sure to do that that was right, than to take a chance and do something they were not sure of.

Again Satan's warfare hasn't changed, they still wanted to go down to Egypt. Paul had preached to the Galatians (which was a whole country not just one church gathering) and churches sprung up everywhere. He went on to other places preaching Christ and Him crucified. Awhile later he wrote back under the anointing of the Holy Ghost; *O foolish Galatians who hath bewitched you.....* They had already started back to the world (Egypt). Over and over Paul and many other men of God stood in the gap, pressing the saints not to go back to the world in anything. That they were complete in Christ.

So The Word had gone out into all places. Paul's own words attesting to this: *Have they not heard? Yes, verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words into the ends of the earth.*

As the Word went out, so went Satan, persecuting, burning and killing. He whipped the heathen to a frenzy against the Lord's Christ and His saints. They were made spectacles in The Roman arena, thrown to wild beasts. Burned in Nero's garden as candles, tortured, beheaded. The more the wicked one raged, the more the church prospered.

About this time it was written: "... their wonderful and confessedly striking method of life. They dwell in their own countries, but simply as sojourners. As citizens, they share all things with others, and yet endure all things as foreigners. They marry as do all; they beget children; but they do not commit abortion. They have a common table but not a common bed. They are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, and at the same time surpass the laws by their lives. They love all men and are

persecuted by all. They are unknown and condemned; they are put to death and restored to life. They are poor yet they make many rich; they lack of all things, and yet abound in all. They are dishonored, and yet in their very dishonor are glorified. They are evilspoken of, yet are justified. They are reviled and bless; they are insulted and repay insult with honor; they do good, yet are punished as evil-doers.

When punished they rejoice as if quickened into life. They are assailed by the Jews as foreigners and are persecuted by the Greeks; yet those who hate them are unable to assign a reason for their hatred..."

Of the hundreds and thousands of congregations in the world, they were as one. On certain occasions the wrong thing would spring up and if the presbyter at that place could not get it back in order, the Lord would send by the Spirit, someone who could.

The churchs were ruled by the presbyter, a group of elders and deacons who were blameless; Bishop meaning elders or overseer; Deacon meaning minister. It was never a one man rule. The elder women even had some rule over the sisters, where everything would be decent and in order.

Christ was slain about 33 A.D. Paul was reported to have been beheaded around 65 A.D. The last apostle to die was reported to be John. This was near the end of the century.

Before the Apostles passed on, they could see trouble ahead. Br. Paul could see the storm clouds hovering on the horizon. He wrote: *After my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of yourselves shall men arise speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch....*

It came too. It was slow, but it came. After the Apostles were gone and the next generation that knew them were leaving, men started trying to add to God's plan.

When before he fought the church from without and he lost. For the church only grew stronger. He raised up ministers who were false apostles, deceitful workers. They as messengers of light rose up among the brethern and they who were not watching were caught unaware.

Instead of the rule of the presbytery, they brought in a one man rule called a bishop and by the 130 and 140's A.D. they had several churchs under this one man. This of course hindering the leading of the Holy Ghost in the rule of the church. Then other little things were added or taken away. In the early church no one was allowed an ill will toward another, no matter where the other was located. One of these old ones wrote; "Let no man having a dispute with his fellow join your assembly until

they have been reconciled, that your sacrifice may not be defiled." Later they let this and many other injunctions down. Where they believed that sin after remission of such caused you to be cast away. Now they were allowing a few as "sins not unto death."

Then it grew worse until every abomination was allowed, just as long as the doer was repentent. So with the marriage. In the start there was no dissolution of the marriage vow, but now under certain so and so's, one could divorce and even remarry. The meeting places that in the beginning were in homes and sometimes in the synagogues were now in nice buildings, some were even very nice. In a short while they were building cathedrals. They were imitating the world. What the world done they were doing in the churchs. The gate was down and the cows were out and anything went under the name of Christian.

About 320 A.D., Constantine, the Caesar of the Roman empire, became a Christian. It soon became the "In" religion. They who persecuted the church so much, now sheltered her or what called itself by the name.

In the beginning it was called The Way. Now it was called The Universal or more commonly, The Catholic Church. She had her bishops who were now the priests. Soon they would absolve men of their sins.

Through the last couple of centuries, many voices were raised against the idolatry that was creeping in. But they became fewer and stronger. At one time a man by the name of Montanus started a revival that swept into many churchs to come back to a spiritual way. He held sway for awhile, but by deflamation of character and other things, he fell into disrepute about 200 A.D. By 300 we have no record of the early Christianity. This is not to say that there wasn't any, there just was no record of them for 1600 to 1700 years. There were probably pockets of holy people scattered in out of the way places, hidden from view.

The priestly order took over saying, "Jesus went back to Father, we are here in His stead." It wasn't long before men were confessing their sins to this same man as they said: "Bless me Father and forgive my sins, because you take the place of Jesus Christ." Such awful sacrilege, that man would put himself equal to the Prince of Peace, the Mighty God, The Everlasting Father. These and many other great woes came out of this great city called a church, and her strangle hold on man on this earth was great. When she had the greatest strangle hold was what historians aptly called the Dark Ages. The Word had been translated out of the Hebrew and Greek into Latin the language of

the priests and cardinals of the church, so the common people didn't know what the Word said. The church told the people what they wanted them to know.

In the 1100's, groups of people started preaching contrary to the Catholic doctrine. Like the Abilgenes from southern France and the Waldenses also of France who pushed for reform and were paid by being slaughtered in every conceivable manner, though some few thousand still exist in northern Italy.

In the following century men like Wycliffe stood up to the pope and the church as he translated the bible into the common language. He died in peace but Huss who followed him was not as fortunate. He sealed his testimony in his own blood when he refused to go back on Christ whom he taught.

The light was slowly breaking through after a long night. The Lord had foretold of this long before Jesus came: *Behold the day cometh saith the Lord God, that I shall send a famine in the land, not famine of bread, nor of thirst for water, but of the hearing the words of the Lord. And they shall wander from sea to sea and from the north even to the east, they shall not find it.*

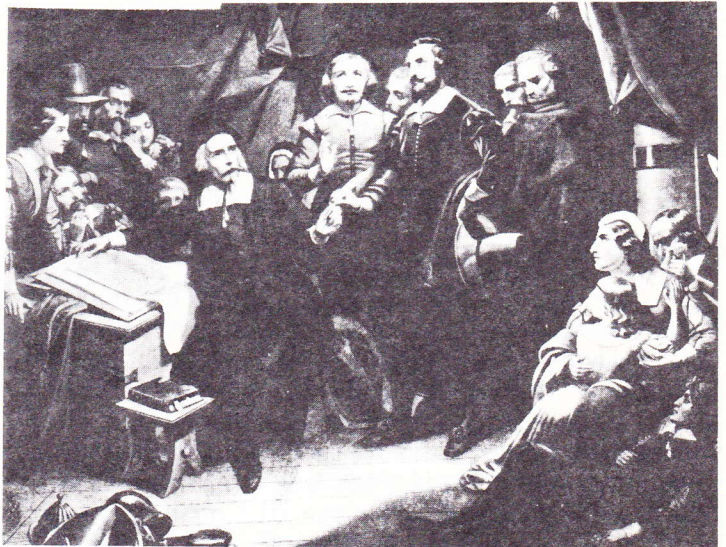
When the time was right the Lord started opening the minds and hearts of man. Martin Luther a Catholic priest got to reading the Word and studying it's content. He saw that salvation came not by following man and of doing works but of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. His voice, feeble at first, started in Germany and as it got louder, it sounded all across Europe. The church would have killed him but he had King Fredrick as his protector. He also translated the bible into the common language and though they also burned his, the more they burned the more was put out and the more men read.

By the time of the death of Luther, men had made a start back to the cross. Other men took up the work; men like, Melanchthon of Germany, Hans Tausen of Denmark, Gissur Einarsen of Iceland, Olavus Petri of Sweden, Michael Agricola of Finland, John Knox of Scotland, Zwingli and Calvin of Switzerland.

In the early 1600's, when the pilgrims left Holland to settle in what is now New England, their pastor told them:

"The Lord knoweth whether I shall live to see your faces anymore. But whether the Lord hath appointed it or not, I charge you before God and His blessed angels, to follow me no further than I have followed Christ. If God should reveal anything to you by any other instrument of His, be as ready to receive it as even you were to receive any truth of my ministry; for I am confident the Lord hath more truth and light yet to break forth out

of His Holy Word. For my part, I cannot sufficiently bewail the condition of the reformed churches who are come to a period in religion and will go no farther than the instruments of their reformation.. The Lutherns can not be drawn to go beyond what Lutherns saw; and the Calvinists you see, stick fast where they were left by the great man of God, who yet saw not all things. This is a misery much to be lamented; for though they were burning lights in their time, yet they penetrated not into the whole council of God, but if were living now, would be as willing to embrace further light as that which they first received."



As one can see, many were looking for more to come. As we said earlier in this article, we are not saying there were none holding to the perfect oracles of God. They were just not known if there were any.

In America in the 1700's, John Wesley and his brother Charles, came from England preaching "Holiness" and clean living, still not knowing of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Man had to go back still further. Wesley's camp meetings were lighting fires of revival everywhere across frontier America and people were rejoicing, but there was still something missing....

In the late 1800's, a Mr. Spurling of the Unicoi mountains of southeast Tennessee had a dream of a closer walk with the Lord. In 1885 he got about 10 people to take hands with the purpose of striving to get closer to God. Surely there was more for man in the Lord. In the following year, just before he died, his son, R. G. Spurling, joined with them in the dream. He carried the dream to all parts of these mountains into N. Carolina. After ten fruitless years, the dream did not diminish and in 1896 two men by the name of McNabb and Tipton got ahold of this dream and with a burning also started on the quest of a closer

communion with God. Meetings were run in a lot of places. But something started happening that was different and meetings ran day and night. A Mrs. White came up with the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues and soon others followed. Healing followed. A William Bryant came to the forefront of this small beginning. From the school house they went to a log church which was burned down by persecution. They were stoned, shot at and chased by maked posses but they prevailed. There were ups and downs, joys and troubles for this young starting. By 1902, they went and organized into Camp Creek Holiness that later became the present day Church of God, but some stayed free. One of these came from Chattanooga to Orme Tennessee in 1907 and the "Free" Holiness movement in this area bloomed out and in about 15 years covered about the same area it covers now. Maybe a church more here and a church less there.

At the same time that the east Tennessee movement was emerging, Holiness was starting in places like Topeka, Kansas, Los Angeles, California and other places. Most of these went the way of the movement in East Tenn. The movement that came from Orme Tenn. was sin free, living for God, loving one another. But as they say, History repeats itself, for even here in this area, there is a pulling away from the Word of God and the traditions that was handed down by the old ones who began with the Orme movement. That which is seen in most places today is nothing like that that went on forty and sixty years ago. There is a change taken place by many, and they are the ones who deny it the most.

We started at the turn of the century in this area, spiritual. All the saints wanted to do was live for the Lord Jesus. To serve God with one another. They sang in the Spirit. They spoke in tongues and others interpreted it. They all believed in "Divine Healing." Not everyone was healed, but they stayed there with them until they were healed or the Lord took them. They had meeting everywhere and any where. They prayed almost continually. Many can still remember the parents praying before they went to bed in the evening and around midnight they were woke up and put to bed. They had prayed for hours. But alas, history is repeating itself. The church is heading back down to Egypt. We are becoming so natural.

There is as much shouting as ever, but it is not in the purity of the gospel and no charity with it. Charity does still edify.

The Word of God is changed just a wee bit here, saying, "I don't believe that is what it means," and a very little there, saying, "Well if it ain't sin, I guess it's alright."

When the Word of God teaches us all to be perfect/without fault.

Where once the fear of God reigned in the hearts, we now try to love one another, but it doesn't come out right because the fear of God is fading and as soon as one crosses another, sparkes fly.

It says *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the God.* But every Word is not so important today.

Once nothing was done until EVERYONE agreed. Today we're a democracy and the majority rules.

The hoary heads are "Old fogey's" and youth rules to our shame.

When one was grieved others respected them.

"Trusting the Lord" used to mean that we depended on Him in everything, even the healing of our bodies. Now, most of us go down to Egypt for our help, and justify ourselves all the way down there.

Instead of doing what Christ taught when faults arise among the brethern, we now go somewhere else and take a bunch with us and most of the saints don't know where to go and who to worship with. One can speak evil of his brother and go to other places and they will lift him up instead of insisting that he first be reconciled with his brother. That is how they do down in Egypt, not in God's good land.

There are still old ones among us who have seen the change and are grieved over it, and some of the younger have looked into the prefect law of liberty and have seen it, but it is not popular to mention this in most circles. You will be rediculed like they did the prophets of old.

We talk about having watchmen on the walls. It is too late to put a watchmen up when the enemy is already in the camp, all you can do then is fight for your life, or rather in this case, your soul.

Home movies has taken the place of the close communion and fellowship among us and kept us from close knee relationship with the Master. Plus all the evil it has instilled in the minds of our young and was invented down in Egypt and has caused us to look back to that land and take pleasures in those things we at one time gave up. EGYPT . . . EGYPT . . .

Most people want to lay hands on the sick, but no, they don't want all those other signs to follow them...because they are afraid.

It is good that a man sing and make melody in his heart unto the Lord, alone and together with other saints, but when it becomes and ends unto itself, especially when it comes to loud, boisterous talking, joking, clapping for men and not God, and

yelling, it is *reveling* in God's book.

Eating is good if you are hungry and it is taken with thanksgiving, but let it be as Paul said, at home, not at eating houses where the close fellowship of the home is gone.

Praying is always good, for we have a great Mediator, but when we get like Egypt and let one pray for all...

Watch night services, I guess they are alright, but we got it from Egypt and not the Lord. Besides the first of God's months is not January but April. Study The Word.

Santa Claus is a lie by the devil to diminish Christ's work. Egg rolling... It is said that these are little things and they don't matter. When Satan brings something in that Jesus Christ didn't, it is not a small thing, and it does matter.

He didn't tell us if we saw someone in need, to have a benefit singing.

Selling in our churches... God forbid. Did not Christ drive out the money changers and say His house would be called a house of prayer, not a community or club house. Plays, fancy weddings, bands, plays.

Jewelry and ungodly dressing, even necklaces, pants on women and they cutting their glory and on and on we could go. It came not of God but of Egypt.

God was our head, now men are rising up among us calling themselves revered. Reverend means: to fear; be afraid, and is used once in The Word of God: *Holy and reverend is HIS name*. The first recording of it ever being used by man was a Thomas Black in 1657 in England.

There is still no big I's or little you's in the Lord's Way.

They are saying "You can't get to nice for the Lord." No? After grace came with and by Jesus Christ, where was he born and to whom? How did He live for our example? What kind of people did He come to save? Who was His forerunner, and how did he look and dress? The poor! The Poor! He even went so far as to tell us to withdraw ourselves from them that teach otherwise.

Money talks more than humbleness today. More than qualifications.

Fine homes and cars and churches (Babylon) have taken the day and the Lord is taking to the door.

We know that some have lifted up their voices against this deadly onslaught from the world. We hope and pray that they'll be encouraged and that the Lord will raise up more to do so and that He will confirm His Word with signs following as He did in times past.

We are not "against" anyone. We love the saints, and The Way of Holiness. We joy in seeing it and them prospering in the Lord.

It has been said many times from our Pulpits. "People say that Holiness has changed. Holiness hasn't changed, it's like it always was. It's the people who have changed." Well, if holiness is the same and we have changed, what are we then????? "

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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

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BR. JACK DENSON: ". . . if you can't edify the church, you'd better get to where you can.

It aint everything that speaks in tongues that is of the Lord. I've seen people who have told me a barefaced lie and I've seen them get up and act like they always did speaking in tongues.

We need waking up! Yes we do! We need a good shaking.

It fruits that we're going by. You can't go by these other things.

I'm worrying about our power in the Lord. We don't have the power they had fifty years ago and you know it.

It's a shame the way this thing is going. Each generation that passes on is getting a smaller measure then the one before.

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Great peace have they which love Thy law and nothing shall offend them.

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BR. DEWEY BARRIER: "....."My children just get on my nerves!" He might decide to solve your nerve problem. He might decide to take care of your nerves. You got a little feller that you really love and he's getting on your nerves, and the Lord sees and seen: for him to come on home. . . . I'd be careful when I talk about my nerves.

In a great house not only vessels of gold and of silver, but of wood and earth; and some to honour and some to dishonor.... Now sisters, if you are doing anything that you know God's not please in, you'd better quit it!

A young mother came to me who had several children. Said to me... "I'm thinking about cutting my daughter's hair. It takes a long time to fix it and I got all these other children to get ready. It's just a job to fix her hair." I told her, "I said, "I'd get up earlier if I had to. I get up and hour earlier if I had to, but I never cut her hair." She said, Br. Dewey, "Other people got their hair cut and they shout." I said, "But Sis. they hadn't

heard the Lord say "Well done!" yet. I said, "They may shout. I read about a group of people who shouted. A group who took their ear rings and took their finger rings... and made them selves a calf and set that calf up and they just a shouted. But when the man of God got in hearing, it didn't sound right." I believe in people shouting when they can'y help it. We aren't judged by the shout, but by the life we live.... She said, "She don't have the Holy Ghost." I said, "No, but you want her to get it."

Now, this is it young mothers who have young daughters. Your daughter hasn't got the Holy Ghost now and you may think, "I'll cut her bangs off. I'll pierce her ears. I'll just paint her fingernails. I'll put the rouge and lipstick because she don't have the Holy Ghost. But you want her to get it someday. If you want her to get it, you bring her up right now like she already had it. If you want her to get the Holy Ghost, you dress her like a child of God.

I'll tell you moma's one thing that I half way accuse you of. I hope it's false accusation. But when I see the little girls with a short hair and ear bobs and the paint and the Moma, I think that's the way she would like to be.

Not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and earth; some to honor and some to dishonor. If a man will purge himself from these, ... if this has found you today, my advice to you, starting today, "Lord, I know I made a mistake, but starting now, I'm going to do better. I'd erect me and altar and I start praying not for the Holy Ghost, but I start begging Him to let me keep the one I had.

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BR. BUFORD TROTMAN: *"Now concerning thing whereof you wrote unto me, it is good for a man not to touch a woman. I've actually seen with mine own eyes where a preacher walked up to another preachers wife and hugged her neck. I've seen where thye would go in saying "How can I resist when I get the chance to hugg a beautiful man like this."*

Don't you know that this shewed be stop-ped right now.... Now the bible says it good! not even to touch a woman.

Now there's a way to associate with people and be friendly without going way out to do it. Someone says "They are just like mine own daddy or something like that. But a lot of times it not just thata way.

Holiness people should act like Holiness people. ... Don't let it (hugging etc.) go to far. I didn't say that, the bible said it. *It is good for a man not to touch a woman. They're doing it. Never-the-less to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and every woman her own husband.*

That's what it's for. Then if they want to love on somebody let them do it to them.

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Kevin McLain

Br. James "Totchie" and Sis. Wanda McLain of SOUT HAVEN had an experience in March that left them thankful to the Lord.

Their 4½ year old son, Kevin has not been a real healthy child and when he is ailing he sleep a lot, but this time he would not wake up. They tried every way they could to wake him, water in his face, water in his mouth 'til he almost strangled, but to no avail. Little Kevin slept on

They thought he might have this and he might have that, but for twenty-fours he slept on.

Then they called the church into pray for him. Then Br. Reuben (Gaught) said "Br. Wesley, why don't you start a song." Br. WESLEY McLain started just a few words of "Where The Healing Waters Flow" And Lo and Behold! Little Kevin jumped up and said "I want something to eat." He also said "I was sick and the Lord healed me!"

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BR. CHARLIE BROWN: "There is spirits... all kinds of them and they all are seducers. Every one of them is after your soul. That is what they want. Want you to throw up your hands and quit serving God. Know why? Because there is no way on earth they can serve the Lord. They want you to go to hell with them. Want you in hell!!! That's all they got to offer.

One time he told me, "Why do n't yo u just quit?" I said, "Y a, just quit. Throw up our hands and just give it up, and wind up down there with you in that awful place of torment."

I've had a lot of joy down here. I've had a lot of peace down here. Wouldn't ask for a better home. Wouldn't ask for better blessings.

I don't go around asking for more blessings. I feel like I'm a long way behind even paying for what I've already rec'd.

I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time when they will not endure sound doctrine; But after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; AND THEY SHALL TURN AWAY THEIR EAR FROM THE TRUTH, AND SHALL BE TURNED UNTO FABLES. Shall be turned unto fables.

Today. This hour. Children of God are sticking their noses into things they should not do. And they don't want you to correct them in it. Don't say nothing about it.

I told you there were a lot of seducing spirits in the land. They are out there. Now Br. Charlie, I know that old Br. Brown and Br. Will Guffey, that they talked that and they told us not to do these things. They didn't know, they were so dumb and unlearned. They started out in Holiness, they didn't know how to set the church up. They talked again things that was really all right if we done. I don't see nothing wrong in them. They wanted to take all our pleasure away from us. They didn't want us to do nothing but go to church. They didn't know no better. They didn't know how to enjoy life. They were just plain old fogeys, that you could do these things and keep a clear conscience."

I want you to know something, you aint keeping no clear conscience. When you do something that God is displeased in, I do not care what it is, you are gonna try to justify yourselves, and when you do, YOU ARE WRONG. (AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!)

We've got a lot of things out there that we are supposed to stay out of. We can't get caught in them things because they are after you.

When you get in them, you don't want no body, especially Br. Charlie, that old fogey to come over to preach. I don't want to hear him. I like that old brother So-in-so, because he is into it too. God bless your soul. Go and listen to old Br. SO-in-so and when you wind up to far, there aint nothing I can do about it. Because you aint no better to go to hell than nobody else. God aint got no respect of persons.

I'm gonna do my best to keep you out of trouble. To keep your desire at the church house. Keep your love out here. Keep assembling with one another. Especially to-

night, you be here and be ready to remember Jesus in His death and suffering if He permits it. And if He don't permit it, you can go home saying "It aint my fault because I was ready."

We're in the last days. The time is here that they won't endure sound doctrine. They are here! Let us be careful that it aint us. Love the Word of God. And if you don't love that that will keep your desires in the church, you aint loving the truth.

He said He would send a flood out, and you had better believe the flood is out.

There is every thing in the world to distract your mind, and it's slipping in the back door and getting in the homes. Keep the time to read the bible away. Keep the time to talk about the Lord away.

You young couple, you invite one another over from church... What do you talk about? What's your conversation? There is a few talking about the goodness of God. and how you enjoyed that testimony.

I want you to know, when I was a boy and you set down in a man's house, you didn't talk about nothing but the Lord. Has it slipped? I can remember my father, sitting on the front porch, reading the bible, and he looked up and seen this brother coming, and he said, "Praise the Lord, here comes o br. So-and-so." His hand went up and the power hit him. They hugged one another's neck and the power fell and they came in the house talking about the Lord. And if I walked across the floor and made too much racket Mama called me down." That's the truth.

A lot of time your conversation is on some movie star. "He's famous. He's really coming out. You know he's really getting good."

Some tapes these old movies and look at them. They are doing them. Children of God. Taping these movies on television and when they have company, the right kind of company... they wouldn't show them when I got there.

Let me tell you something. We are living in a time when people will not endure sound doctrine.

Do you want to know where you stand with God? If the Word of God approves of your life, you are in good shape. If it don't, it'll tell you right where you are at. You don't have to ask God, just listen to the Word. It'll tell you.

If you want to go to heaven, you'll love the Word of God. You'll listen to it when it comes.

Them movies that you tape, if they are not... I started to say "if they are not decent." You shouldn't tape them no television movie, decent or not decent, because that's displeasing to the Lord.

If you want to tape something that you want to listen at, tape somebody's good testimony or tape the Word of God. And then go

to that feller that wasn't in church and say "Come on, I taped the Word last night. You ought to come over and listen at it." See what he says, "If I wanted to hear that, I would have went to church." I imagine he is right.

"Come on over, I've got a good movie. It is something, I would like you to see. Don't bring the children though. We don't want them to see it."

That is absolutly a shame. Listen; *For the time will come when they will not indure sound doctrine.* He said they would not. I wish that could be changed but it can't. He said; *they will not...*

You can be like over there where he said; *Some fell on stoney ground. Some among the thorns. Some on good ground.* You want to be on good ground, follow that Word. *They will not endure sound doctrine... they shall heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth. and being led into fables.* How about that???

If this isn't the last days, I'm a fooled man.

... if your minds tore up, go to church and let the Word of God straighten it up for you.

If I said, "I believe with all my heart you are gonna make it just like you are." Would you be pleased? No you wouldn't. That'd scare you.

They won't ENDURE... "He is so hard! He aint bringing it in love. He's trying to scold me into it." You aint endureing sound doctrine. If you love the Word of God and you're praying for the Word of God, the harder it comes, the better you'll like it. If you can say, "Br. Charlie, preach it like it is!" A man loves it when he gets that way about it. . . ." (Amen!)

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When people don't desire more of the Lord, it is natural to lose some of what they already had.

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BR. BUFORD WARREN: "My wife had been sick for a long time and I just took off from work and it was getting kinda rough. Some people had give me some money. It was the year that it had freezed all over the south and ruined nearly all the fruit and it had gone sky-high, and this was Christmas. I thought about, Well I could go and buy that high priced stuff, I had the money. But I thought, Holiness people probably had sacrificed something to do this. Would it be right. I told my children and my wife, I could go buy this stuff, but Holiness people

had sacrificed and gave us that money because they felt like we were in need. I said, I f you all don't mind, we are gonna skip it and not spend our money on that high priced stuff. And everyone agreed. There wasn't a word said about it.

The day before Christmas, there was a sister and her husband, he didn't even have the Holy Ghost, they had been to Florida and just got back. She came over there with a big dish-pan. She had apples, oranges nut, candy, and it was rounded and piled up. Better then anything that I could have went out and bought.

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Br. Shirley Byrum, Br. Vondale Plunkett, Br. James McLain (wife Sis. Betty looking on) and Br. Buddy Michaels.

BR. BUDDY MICHAELS: "How we get along with the children of God here is about how we are getting along with the Lord. How we live here is how it's going to be up there. If we're not getting along with our brothers and sisters, I fear for us when we stand up there.

"You mean we can go there with the Holy Ghost and not get in?" I don't believe that! (But) We can live in a way down here that the Holy Ghost will leave you, and when we stand there, we aint gonna get in."

"Some people may tell you not to go here and there to certain churchs, but we need to go and love one another."

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JR. STEPHENS: "Be ye followers of me even as I also am of Christ.

Now I praise you brethern, that ye remember me in all things and keep the ordinances as I delivered them to you. That's laws aint it? And he told us to keep them.

But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man. And the head of Christ

is God. It told us who the head was, didn't it?

Every man praying or prophesying having his head covered, dishonoreth his head. But every woman praying or prophesying with her head uncovered, dishonors her head. For that is even all one as if she were shaven. But if a woman be not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, Let Her Be Covered.

For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, for as much as he is the image and the glory of God. But the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man. God made Adam and Eve. He made the man and then took the rib out of him and made him a woman. He fixed her as it please Him for that man. She was the glory of that man. Neither was the man created for the woman, but the woman for the man. For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels. Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man in the Lord. For as a woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman, but all things of God.

Judge in yourselves, is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

What's He talking about brethern? Let me read on. It tells what it is. I won't tell you what I think. I'll just read this.

Doth not even nature teach you, that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

What's it teaching the woman too?

But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory unto her.

If my hair is getting down there, you'll say, "That's a shame!" And it is. It gets too long in some of the Holiness brethern. It's shame! The bible said it was. And a woman's long hair is a glory to her. It is her glory. If you cut it, you're cutting your glory. YOU'RE CUTTING YOUR GLORY! If it said a man's long hair was his glory, I'd want mine coming down to here.

(The Lord was really blessing Br. Junior about now)

But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair was given her for a covering. That's what it was talking about over there, wasn't it?

But if any man seem to be contentious we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

They'll say, "You can if you want to." There wasn't no such custom.

...here it is. Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out. So where there is no talebearer, strife ceaseth.

As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife. A contentious man is what I wanted

you to hear. A man can get contentious and get in the wrong cause. We sure do want to be peaceful. We want to love the Word of God. Bless the Lord!"

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O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day.

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Br. Hilra McLAIN: "Faith without works is dead... I got down, between my shoulders, pain, I 'd loose my breath. One night I lost my breath and jumped out of bed and I was struggling to get it back... One morning I sneezed and again lost my breath. ...I went back to work moving around kinda bent over, hurting between my shoulders. I was walking along and getting serious... I said "Lord, where is my works that I could have faith?"

He answered me just as peaceful and calm, "You remember that brother you was going to give 25.00 to?" I said "Yes Lord, I remember. And when I see him I'll give him 25.00!" This was the first part of the week. At Wednesday evening I saw him at church and decided to give it to him during a tar call. They gave altar call and I looked around and he was leaving.... I went taking off after him. There he was leaning up agin the rail... He felt it and said "I don't want that." I said "Get this load off me!" Still a hurting. You know what, Saturday morning, ...driving along, ... and I hauled off and sneezed and didn't even guard against it and I sneezed so loud... God healed me!..."

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What is Charity?

It is Silence—when your words would hurt.

It is Patience—when your neighbor is curt.

It is Deafness—when a scandal flows.

It is Thoughtfulness—for others' woes.

It is Promptness—when duty calls.

It is Courage—when misfortune falls.

Sis. Carol Hereford of BRIARFORK has been ailing and the Lord has been helping.

Sis. Marjorie Rouse's baby, Mary Elizabeth is such a pretty and smart child fro just 16 months. She took sick and went into convulsions. The next day the law was out here at SKYLINE and took the child to Birminham. Now she is blond, can't walk and they are almost sure she can't here. The Birmingham people don't know what's wrong or the cause.

Children of God everywhere. Please pray for this child. We know the Lord knows what's wrong and his ears are open to our cry.



Br. Oran Whitley with Br. Paul Wilson

BR. ORAN WHITLEY: "If I get so independent that I can't get along with you, there aint gonna be room for me up there. He aint going to fix you a place over there if you can't get along with your brethern. He won't fix you a little place here and me a little place there. Do like Br. Wayne was talking, when some little something comes up fix it.

I don't love you all because I have to. We have to love one another if we get to go. But I don't love you because I have to. God put a love in here. I love you and you know I do, but it aint because I have to. Someb dy says "I love Br. Buford because I have to." That aint no good. If that's the way it is, I don't really love him.

There is a good place prepared for them that love one another. But we'll let the devil come around and seperate us. Just little bitty things seperate us. There aint no room up there for that."

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How sweet are Thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

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BR. PAUL WARREN: "Paul having passed thru the upper coasts came to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples. Followers; doing every thing they knew to do.

He said unto them. Have you rec'd the Holy Ghost since you believed? They believed something. They were even baptised. There are people today as old as I am that don't know anything about the Holy Ghost. Some of them are God fearing people.

Talking about Br. Willis Brown was a Baptist preacher. When God gave him the Holy Ghost he spent about fifty years preaching Holiness

Have you rec'd the Holy Ghost since you believed, and they said, We have not so much as heard whether there be a Holy Ghost. He said unto them, Unto what were you baptised? They said Unto John's baptism. Somebody had been over there and told them about John preaching repentance.

John indeed baptised with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on Him who should come after him, that is on Christ Jesus.

These people wanted to do right. These people wanted to go to heaven. Now if you don't want to go, you won't go. But if you want to go, God had prepared a Way It's not hard to live for the Lord. Br. Dewey said something about children of God not committing sin, and somebody says, "That's to hard!" The bible says that the way of the transgressor is hard. But He said, *My yoke is easy and my burdens light.* If you want to go to heaven there is a Way to get there, and it's not walking a sinful life.... And if you ever go back to sin, there's no way out for you.

When they heard this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus, and when Paul had laid his hands on them, they rec'd the Holy Ghost. In the 10th chapter of Acts. Peter laid hands on them and they rec'd the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is given thru the laying on of the hands.

When Paul laid his hands on them the Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues and prophesied.

Some people say, Well I'm not against speaking in tongues, but I don't believe you have to. Well, do you believe you will have to have the Spirit to go to heaven? I believe we will all say we have to have the Spirit. The Spirit and the Holy Ghost are the same. And the way I knew the Spirit came in, I spoke in tongues. That's the witness of the Holy Ghost

Sombody will say, I didn't speak in tongues but I got religion!" I'm glad you have. You know, religious people are good people, but i would like for you to have salvation. Salvation is deliverance. When you get salation, when the Holy Ghost comes into this temple, it will tesify back to the Father.

We don't get the Holy Ghost. God gives it to us."

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Unless Thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

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Sis. Ruth Turner of SAND MTN is still seen in church but is ailing.

Br. Hubert Sampson is ill with heart trouble.

Br. Danny McAllister is down in his back.

Sis. Bertha Sampson has cancer.

BR. DENNY MOORE: "We're not our own, We've been bought with a price. And that price was blood, children of God!

Br. Jack talked last night how necessary it was that we be led by that Spirit. And how we are failing in the work that Jesus done. And when His apostles come along and (He) confirmed the Word with "signs following". We aint seeing all this. It makes me fear.

I know that our children are looking to us. I know that I looked to my daddy and my moma. I looked to Sis Brazier and some that have gone on. Now they lived and I can see that we're not hardly getting where they got.

I talked to my daddy a while back. He is in bad shape. Soon will be 87 years old... He was talking about The Way of Holiness. He said "Son The Way aint changed, but people have. If you can imagine in your mind, a mighty river coming off from a mountain. Full of rushing water. Anything that come in it's path it would tear down. Coming off into a valley and running out younder and it's got down about this wide and it's a muddy stream.

So I want to be led by the Lord. ... without God I can do nothing.

Now brethern, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you except I shall speak to you, either by revelation or by knowledge, or by prophesy, or by doctrine?

Now here's the main part that has been on my mind. And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harped, except they give a distinction in a sound, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

I never was in the service, but I've heard about it and talked with people that was... and I've also read the Word of God about His army, where they used a ram's horn back over there. They use a trumpet now. They blow a horn to get you up. I don't know if I'd know what that sound, but they would. It's a certain kind of tune hat means "Get outa that bed!" The calvary, and I guess the regluar army, they had a tune that they played that meant "Charge" it's time to fight!. Well, if you were so ignorant that you didn't know the difference between "getting up" and "charging," and they blow... "revele" and you jumped up and got your gun and started shooting... That would be kind of foolish, wouldn't it?

Now children of God, eventhings without life giving sound, whether piped or harped, except they give a distinction in a sound, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? Think about this. Ther'es a lot in this. Jesus said "My sheep know my voice and another they will not follow. Glory to God! So, we have got to know what the voice of God sounds like. If we don't, we might charge when just oughta be getting up, you see. ... If someone started speak-

ing Spanish, they are little things that I would know he is speaking Spanish. ... and in the French, I know that was French. What we need to know is when we get up on the floor, is that God? That's what we need to know. And if we are following that, I don't care who it's coming thru, youre following God.

If a boy or girl got the Holy Ghost last night and the Spirit of God gets ahold of them we supposed to know that voice. Follow that and you'll go right. They'll be no if's and but's, if you follow that, you'll end up right."

BR. DENNY MOORE: " When I was a kid. I did not have the Holy Ghost. I would set and listen to them talk. I've listen to Br. Brown and Br. Will and Daddy talk. And a lot of old ones talk and they'd disagree. And I'd think then, and I went to a few preachers meeting when I was a kid with Daddy, he made me go. I am glad that he did. I've set and listened and think "Why can't they just drop this and and say "Let's just love one another and maybe after awhile some of us will see what is right and go from there.

They still can't see that! Everybody that's getting to be a preacher, it looks like, they want to be right, and they are gonna be right, and if you don't like it, you go somewhere else.

Paul said when he was in prison some would wax bold because of his bonds, and some preach Jesus Christ of envy and strife, but he thanked God that Jesus Christ was preached.

If they had done that twenty years ago. Just thanked God that Jesus Christ had been preached. And they said "Brother, maybe after awhile we can come together, but I thank God for you because I believe you've got the Holy Ghost."

The LAW of the LORD is PERFECT,
CONVERTING the SOUL.

The TESTIMONY of the LORD is SURE,
making WISE the simple.

The STATUTES of the LORD RIGHT,
REJOICING the HEART.

The COMMANDMENTS of the LORD is PURE,
ENLIGHTING the EYES.

The FEAR of the LORD is CLEAN,
ENDURING forever.

The JUDGEMENTS of the LORD are TRUE
and RIGHTOUS altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea much find gold: sweeter than the honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is Thy servant WARNED: and in KEEPING of them is great reward.

Br. David and Sis. Vickie Wright had six boys. One is named Adam. Adam was out with his older brothers and others while they were burning brush. One of the neighbors child had thrown a gas can on the fire, so Adam tried to kick it out of the flame and it exploded and caught his clothes afire. Sis. Vickie looked out about then and seen her six year old son on fire. She ran down but couldn't get to him because of a six strand barb wire fence. Adam was screaming and running. His mother told him "Don't run Adam." He stopped running and was patting at the fire saying "Momie, it hurts."

About this time the rest of the family got to him, trying to put out the fire. He had on sneakers and they were burning. Br. David got him up and rushed him to the branch and got it put out.

His grand-parents, Br. Vernon and Sis. Ivalene Wright came over and all were praying. Adam asked his dad "Daddy sing me five songs." Br. David got his guitar and began singing. In less than a half hour he quit hurting.

A neighbor who had heard the child when he was on fire had come and asked Br. David to take him to the hospital. Br. David told him "If I hadn't tried the Lord... But I've tried Him."

Adam was burnt about 6:30 and about 8:30 two officers and a woman from Pensions and Welfare were there. Adam was laying on the couch and doing alright. She asked the dad to take him to the Emergency room. He replied "All that I ask is just let me trust the Lord." She told him that if you don't take him "We'll get a court order and we'll be back to get him."

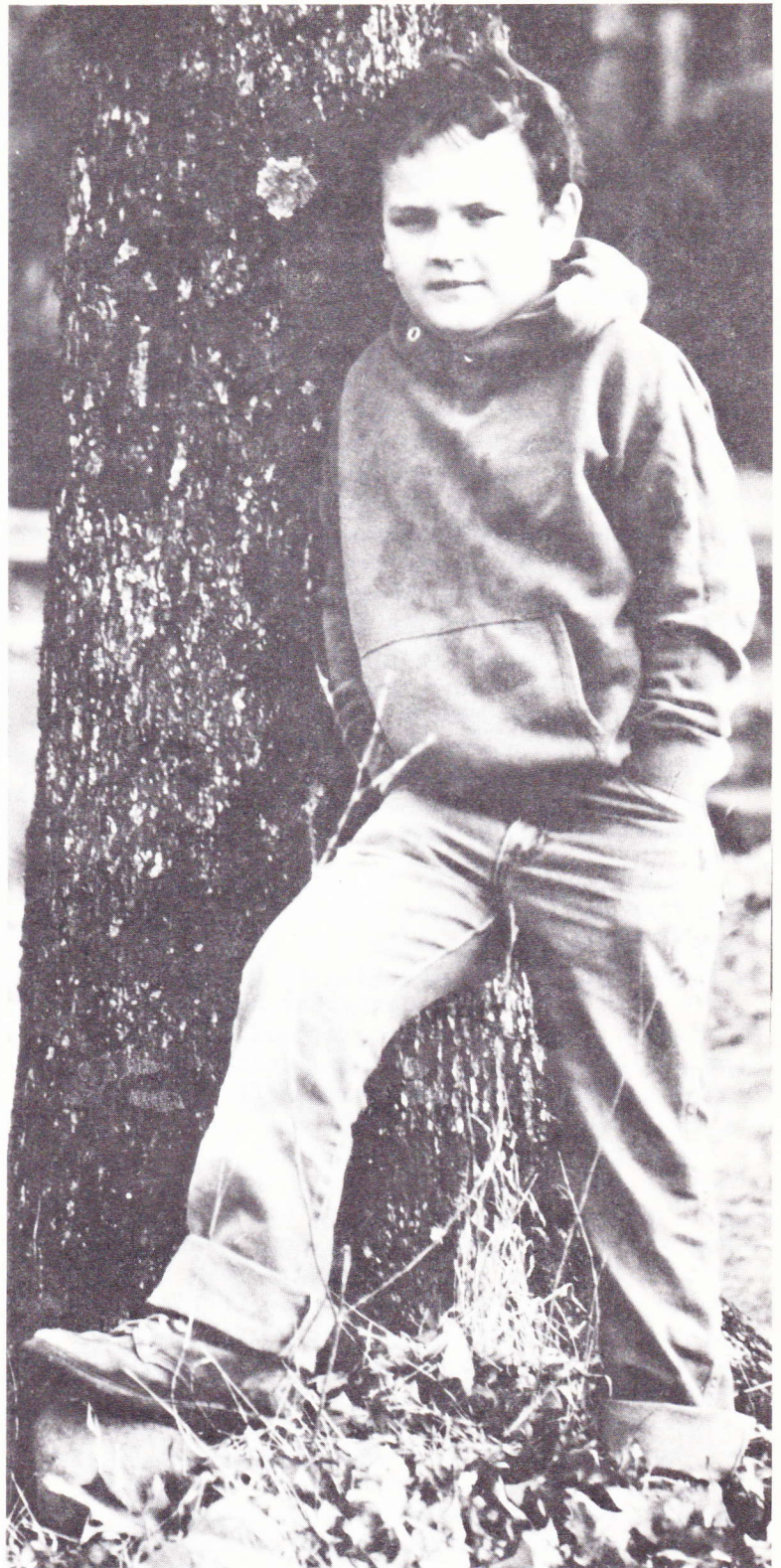
They were back by 9:30 after him with a court order. When they asked him if he was hurting, he answered "No." As they were taking him to the Scottsboro hospital, they were overheard on the scanner "We're bringing in a six year old boy that has been burnt. He is aleart and don't seem like he's got a bit of pain about him."

He spent the night and the next day there. He was sick all the day, vomiting, and fever, and leg swelling. He had burnt 60% of his legs.

That night he was taken to Birmingham. The judge let them go with the child even tho they were supposed to be in court the next day. He stayed here seven days. And th the pain that little feller went through. They would scrape his leg as he screamed "Plesae-e-e don't do that! t hurts bad-bad!"

A week later they were taken to Cincinnati by the Shriners. They were from Huntsville and so nice to Adam and the parents.

At this burn center they tried their best to help the boy, but oh, the suffering he had to go thru. If only they had let them trust the Lord. One of the times, Br. David heard his son screaming and went looking for him. He



saw him through a slit in a curtain while they twisted his leg and blood flowing all over them and the child. It hurt so bad to see his son suffer so, and when they came out with him, the nurse said "He slept right through it."

Adam would try to be a man, when a man would have screamed. He would tell them when he came out of there "I did my very best." Once after a very agonizing day he stated "I've searched for the Lord all day and couldn't find him." It would just tear at your heart or whatever it is that seems about to burst in side of you.

The first time he stayed three weeks. Later he went back for check ups three times.

Custody was given back to the parents about Christmas. Put just before Christmas, the week before, they were killing hogs and it was cold. They had poured about half of a tub of water and it was hot and fogging up a lot. Adam uldn't see and hooked his foot on the tub and sank his kn-e in this hot water. Searing pain again came to this little feller. It took about two hours this time to get the Lord to stop the pain while Adam was saying "I don't want to go back up there. He didn't have to either. He got burned on Wednesday and Thursday night it snowed. So on Friday they didn't have to go to school. Then they were out two weeks for the holiday.

Prayers were going up at many places. The boy and the parents had suffered so much....

To look at his leg, you would have thought, they is no way it can be healed in time for him to return to school. But thank God it was and he didn't even limp...

He is doing fine.

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*Through Thy precepts I get understanding:
therefore I hate every false way.*

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BR EPHARIM DAVIS: (about his dad) "We thought it was his time to go. They prayed for him night and he got up and walked to the fire place. He never had no trouble with that no more as long as he lived.

He had double pneumonia one time. I thought he was gonna die. Old Br. Tellis came over there. He said "Br. Davis, I believe you'll be back in meeting again. It sure did not look like he was, but he started getting better. It wasn't but a few days and he was up going again.

God's been good to us. He heaed T.B of the bone. Healed one of my brothers of Typhoid Fever. He healed my mother of what we used to call pelagra.

He healed our daughter when she got hit in the head with stone and like to bleed to death. The man who brought her home said "She needs something done." I said "We usually don't take her to the doctor." He said that he was a strong believer in faith too "But she needs something done. Well, she did, and God just done it. Me and my wife both, seems like a good feeling just came over us. Her hair was long and it was dripping wet with blood. When the Lord stopped that, it didn't bleed another thimble full.

God's done some wonderful things for us. I would love to be humble. I know that is the kind of people He loves.

Anthony and Glenda Womack picked up their children from his mother's who was baby sitting them. Sis. Mary told them all she was going to charge them was for them to go to meeting Sunday at OLD SARDIS.

Sunday they were there and they both ended up in the altar. Anthony rec'ing the Holy Ghost and his wife rec'ing it later this week.

More that came to the Lord here were, Sis. Louise Baldwin, Sis. Betty Hamilton's mom.

Br. Timmy Wilbanks: He is the son of Sis. Sally Wilbanks, and had gotten into drinking and etc. He and his wife were seperated, he had tried to kill himself. His uncle, Br. Dennis Wilbanks had been burdened for him for about 3 weeks. When this revival came up he started hunting for him. When he found him, he told him if he came to the meeting he believed he would rec' the Holy Ghost. He came as did his wife. later after rec'ing a negative reply from Timmy, Br. Dennis told him to go back to his drinking and such, "The Holy Ghost is too good for you!" On Tuesday he rec'd the Holy Ghost and his wife Benita is now in the altar.

Sis. Lisa White, dau-in-law of Sis Edith Craig and grad-dau-law of Br. Floyd White.

Sis. Juanita Simpson, Br. Bill Cook's dau. Sis. "Nita's" husband told her "If you want the Holy Ghost, go get it. I won't hinder you I'll let you go to church." She later testified "Drinking and smoking get you "high" but nothing like this," as she had her arm raised praising God.

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Many talk today of the time when one will have to stand alone. If you've got the sweet Holy Ghost, which is God, His Son and His Spirit, you'll never have to stand alone again.

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Sis. Jewell Blackwell of IDER has had a serious physical problem for about two years. The doctors said this and that was wrong with her and prescribed some pills. People became concerned. Her son, Br. Darwin desired for the Lord to healed her. He also wanted the Lord to use him. He would often be walking thru the woods praying for her.

Once he felt like the Lord wanted him to lay hands on her but didn't. He then felt so bad over it. He then told the Lord if He would let it come again like that, he would lay hands on her not matter what. It came - - and he did and that was the day that the problem stopped. Since then (about 3 months) the problem has not recurred.

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He that is down needs fear no fall.

They passed this way...

Br. Comer Childress of OAK GROVE on March 17, 1985 at the age of 72. He rec'd the Holy Ghost in 1984

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Sis. Lila Colburn, Br. Bill's wife, of OAK GROVE on Nov. 28, 1985. She rec'd the Holy Ghost over 50 years ago.

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Sis. Lena Sanders at age 59, on Nov. 28, 1985, following a long suffering illness. She rec'd the Lord about 46 years ago.

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Sis. Beatrice Keaton on SKYLINE, at age 71 on Jan. 18, 1986. She rec'd the Holy Ghost here in the spring of 1951.

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Br. Get Arnold on Jan. 16, 1986 at age 77. Rec'd the Holy Ghost at WILLIAMS COVE about 50 years ago.

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Br. Glen Hawes on March 10, 1986 at age of 46. Rec'd Holy Ghost at HIGDON last Sept.

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Sis. Audrey McCarson (mom-in-law of Br. Glen Hawes) on Dec. 7, 1985 at age 78. Rec the Holy Ghost at HIGDON 35 years ago.

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Sis. Annie Sue Whaley on Jan. 16, 1986 at age 40. Rec'd Holy Ghost at CAVE SPRINGS 1976.

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Sis. Marjorie Herrin on March 6, 1986 at age 55. Rec'd the Holy Ghost last April. Sis. Sandra Walls' mom.

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Br. Herschel Tidwell on Jan 16, 1986 He rec'd the Holy Ghost 4 years ago.

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Br. Leonard Mathews on July 27, 1985. He rec'd the Holy Ghost at WILLIAMS COVE about 30 years ago.

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Br. Hugh Phillips March 1, 1986 at the age of 80 years old. Lived at STOCKBRIDGE and rec'd the Holy Ghost in Br. Jim Mills yard while Br. Will Guffey was running a meeting.

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Br. Melvin Ferguson who has been going about holding himself across the stomach where he had a rupture where his intestines were hanging out, is now healed. And He is always happy to tell you about it too.

Dear Mom and Dad;

The war is done;
My task is through,
But Mom, ther's something great,
That I must ask of you.

I have a friend, oh, such a friend!
He has no home you see,
And so, Mom, I would really like,
To bring him home with me.

Dear Son:

We don't mind,
If someone comes home with you.
I'm sure he could stay with us,
Pherhaps a week of two.

Dear Mom:

There's something you must know-
Now please don't be alarmed-
My friend, in battle recently,
Was hurt and lost an arm.

My Son:

Don't be alrmed to bring him
Home with you.
Perhaps he could stay and visit
For a day or two.

Dear Mom;

But Mother, he's not just a friend,
He's like a brother too,
That's why I want him with us
And - like a son to you.

Before you give your answer, Mom-
I really don't want to beg-
But my friend fought in a battle
In which he lost his leg.

Dear son:

It hurts so much to say,
My answer must be "No,"

For Dad and I have no time
For the boy who is crippled so.

So months go by, a letter comes,
It says their son has died,
And when they read the cause of death;
The shock was "suicide."

Days later when the casket came,
Draped in our country's flag,
They saw their son lying there,
Without and arm or leg.

Br. Clinton and Sis, Renee Knight of SMY-RNA lost there baby in March.

Br. Kerry Ferguson was free in the Lord at IDER as he pressed the saints to "Gird up the Loins of your mind." It was good the way the Lord blessed him.

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Some people bring happiness wherever they go. Others bring happiness when they go.

A good meeting the 3rd Sunday in March at Robinson Texas, near Waco. Br. Ronnie Denson invites everyone to drop in and help them, or rather he begs you to do so.

Just a few meet here but the spirit here is sweet and quite humble. Go and be with them. You'll be glad you did.

Also at Alvarado Texas were a few sisters live, you can have meeting by just dropping in and talk about the Lord. Tears usually flow and they end up praying.

Sis. Lizzie Drake's eyesight is leaving her.

Sis. Florence Dean has been ill. Both are from BIG GOVE.

Sis. Mary E. Pennington of CAVE SPRINGS has bad health. Also Br. Eugen Stone is ill, unable to work. His wife also is ailing.

Sis. Betty McAllister of Scottsboro is yet in ill health.

Br. Vergil Sanders of WILLIAMS COVE is ill and Br. Horace Williams is not doing good. Also Sis. Rosie Vandiver is ailing.

Br. Walter and Sis. Mary Lee Higdon are still down. Br. Arnold and Sis. Iva Kestler have been ill for a long time.

Sis. Louise Harris of TIFTONIA is in bad shape with a cancer. Sis. Montieth is also real sick, as is Sis. Pauline Lewis.

Br. Hodges and Sis. Amy Moore are still bedfast.

Sis. Olgie Knight is up in years. one of the oldest saints left among us and she is ailing.

Br. G, Henry Key doing a little better and is in the Claysville nursing home.

Br. Pauley White is not doing very well yet.

Br. Danny Johnson still ailing with emphysema.

Sis. Pelly Nailer had a heart attack.

Sis. Ethel Dabbs has been in the Claysville nursing home for a few months.

Sis. Veda Warren still having back problems.

Sis. Shirley Countryman is getting bad with arthiritis.

Br. Pete Wooten is ill.

Sis. Hester Thower has is ailing in her feet and legs.

Sis. Myrtle Cardin is ailing.

Sis. Lillie Mason and Sis. Shirley Clark are ailing.

Br. Duke still having trouble with his legs. (Cowan)

Sis. Cheryl Dickie has been having seizures. (BRIARFORK)

Sis. Louise Dudley of HUNTSVILLE is having trouble with a cancer.

Sis. Faynell Posey is still sick and trusting the Lord. Sis. Doll Black and Br. Virgil Brwer are ailing.

Br. Joe Scott of OAK GROVE has been real sick but is up and back in meeting.

Sis. Helen Willmon havinf back ailment.

Br. Willie Helms of PL GROVE had an heart attack.

Br. Billy West is still with crippling arithiris. (Pl GROVE)

Br. Wayne Williams of SOUT HAVEN is a cripple from Arithiritis but still manages to go to church and testifying.

Sis. Joyce Wagner of Lookout Mtn also has this desease.

Br. Coleman Sanders is down in his legs.

We hate to hear of so many of us down sick and some dying. But God still heals whenever we approach the throne of grace right. So please pray for these saints and the others that we failed to get their names.

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It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn Thy statutes

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"The Happy Man was born in the city of Regeneration, in the parish of Repentance unto Life. He was educated in the School of Obedience, he works at the trade of Diligence and does many jobs of self-denial.

He owns a large estate in the country of Christian Contentment and wears the plain garments of humility. He breakfasts every morning on spiritual prayer and sups every evening on the same. He also has "meat to eat that the world knows not of.

He has the Gospel submission in his conduct, due order in his affection, sound peace in his conscience, sanctifying love in his soul, real divinity in his breat, true humility in his heart, the Redeemer's yoke on his neck, the world under his feet, and a crown of glory over his head. In order to obtain this, he prays fervently, believes firmly, waits patiently, works abundantly, redeems his time, guards his sense, loves Christ, and longs for glory."

(This was written in the 1600s by a John Bunyan, probably from a jail cell where he spent so much of his time for his faith.)

"When I was 23 years old, I roomed with a fellow I worked with on a construction project. We had the same things in common. We did dope.

One day my friend (now Br. Charles Shafer) started acting different. Instead of being carefree, he was quiet and his appearance changed when he cut his long hair. I asked him if something was wrong? What was on his mind? He said his older sister and her husband had rec'd the Holy Ghost. What was this I asked? But all he would say is to read the book of Revelation. How it talked about locusts and the end of time.

I started looking for a bible and about two weeks later I found one at his mother's house. I sat down and read it for myself.

We were drinking in the parking lot at a dance, when his mother came to get her car from my roommate's brother. I was kidding with her and asked Charles to invite her to dance, but her reply was "Charles, you know better!" Her answer pricked my heart. What did they know that I didn't know?

During this time, my room mate had drank some tea made from mushrooms found in cowpastes after a rain at some place called The Walls of Jerico. The way he said it affected him caused me to want some tho I had tried most everything.

One day he brought some home and five of us drank it while playing monopoly. At first I thought we had gone to far, but finally we started coming down. We were listening to our music when suddenly the disc jockey on the radio said "News flash, a woman jumped off a roof and lives. Man puts 30.06 into his mouth, pulls the trigger and laughs about it. It seemed as if I was the only one to hear this, even after I mentioned it. The others went to bed, but all I could do was listen and say over and over "I believe in Jesus, I believe in Jesus, and chain smoke down to the filter until dawn.

I decided to attend a church. I had long hair and a bushy beard. The people treated me so friendly. The singing sounded so good. When they started testifying, I didn't know God could do so much for people.

I then started seeking for the Holy Ghost at TIFTONIA and other holiness churches. I laid off a lot of habits. I shaved and got a hair cut, causing someone at work to say how I now looked like a man. I was starting to humble down, for one night after praying in the altar at TIFTONIA, the good Lord let the children of God gather around me and pray.

When I opened my eyes, I was in the middle of the altar on my back and it was dark. I had heard to look for a great light, but all I saw was a brother carrying a candle. (The

lights had gone out in church) They were still praying while someone shined car lights into the church.

All this distracted my mind, but I knew I had felt something better than all the drugs I had ever took. Although I didn't rec' the Holy Ghost that night, I knew in my heart that there was a God and that He had called me.

After that I got married to a Holiness girl, and for many years I tried to repent and come to God but I was always in the Lord's way.



Br. Bill Sanford

One day I was stopped by a state policeman for having no brake lights. He questioned me about my Florida drivers license and how long I had been back to Tennessee. I lied, saying one month. Then a co-worker told me he had lied about his license. I thought "Yea, I'm no better then you." A few weeks later, Br. Elton Brazier ran two weeks meeting on Lookout Mtn. He proved to me by the Word of God that sin wasn't going to heaven.

The following Monday night, my father-in-law ask us to go to NILA. I wasn't even going to the altar. It hadn't done me any good before. But this night a brother persuaded me to get down in the aisle during altar call to pray. I was in shape and I rec' the good Holy Ghost.

It sure was worth all the pleasures I gave up for this sweet peace I've found."

Br. Bill Sanford

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MEMorial Day week:
BLACK OAK

1st Week in June:
LOOKOUT MTN; Br. Ed Avons
SKYLINE

2nd week in June
NILA
BROWN'S CHAPEL

3RD week in June:
WILLAMS COVE: Br. Charlie Brown
SCENICLAND

4th week in June:
SAND MTN

5th week of June (or the July 4th week)
HIGDON
CLAYSVILLE

1st week in July (starting the 7th)
OLD SARDIS

2nd week in July:
SOUTH HAVEN
GUNTERS MTN (Oak Grove)
TIFTONIA: Br. J Denson & Br. W. Wooten

3rd week in July:
IDER

4th week in July
ROCKY BRANCH

1st week in August:
MARKHAM
WINCHESTER
BIG COVE

5th week in August:
ELKWOOD

2nd week in September:
SCOTTSBORO

1st week in October:
NILA

REVIVAL * * * REVIVAL * * * REVIVAL * * *

Some that rec'd the good Holy Ghost of late:

BIG COVE: Sis. Carol Moon; Sis. Jean Moon's daughter in-law.

Br. Kevin Drake; Br. Oakley's son. These came to the Lord in '84 and we didn't have them in this paper.

Br. Wayne Thorson: Sis. Mildren Mance's son-in-law.

Sis. Ester Shaneyfelt; Br. Freddy's dau.

Br. Scott Dean; Sis. Florence's son.

Sis. Denise Pogue; dau-in-law of Br. Charles Pogue.

Sis. Sharon Moon; Sis. Jean's dau-in-law.

BRIARFORK: Br. Mark Green; Sis. Sandra Self Green's husband

BROWN'S CHAPEL; Sis. Joyce Barkley; Br. James Willmon's dau. Sought the Lord years.
Sis. Brenda Tinker; Br. Aubrey Downer's daughter.

CAVE SPRINGS: Sis. Marjorie Herring; Sis. Sandra Walls' mom in April of last year, also Sis. Bernice Rhoden. In August, Br. Bruce Robinson.

HIGDON: Brs. Lamaris & Randall Gamble: Br. Eugene's boys.

HUNTSVILLE: Br. Billy Lamons of WILLIAMS COVE; Sis. Marjorie's husband.

IDER: Sis. Connie Summerford. Br. Tim Tinker; Br. Sherman's son.

NILA: Br. Danny Ratley, Sis. Janice McCain, Sis. Polly Lynch, Sis. Kim Neal, Sis. Sharon Loveday, Br. James Holder, Br. "Little Paul" Simmons; Br. Paul Simmons of Huntsville is his dad. Br. Bill Spurgeon, Br. Lloyd Miller, Br. John Sanders, Br. Andy Sanders, Sis. Jaunita Miller; Br. Lloyd's wife. Br. John Miller and his sister, Sis. Jan. Sis. Evelyn Couch.

ROCKY BRANCH: Sis. Deanna Rice; Br. Charles dau. Sis. Chris Rice, Sis. Bea Estes, Br. Arthur Anderton, Br. Clifford Vaught, Br. David Gamble, Br. Eric Scott, Br. Ricky Duvall, and two Stapler sisters from New Hope. Br. Danny McAllister, Sis. Angie Jordan and Sis. Lou Bonds.

SARDIS: Br. Anthony & Sis. Glenda Womack. Sis. Loise Baldwin, Sis. Lisa White, Sis. Anita Cook & Sis. Elaine Peek.

SKYLINE: Br. Mike Walck.

TIFTONIA: Br. Jackie Knight; husband of the late Sis. Lora Knight.

WINCHESTER: Br. Vernon Clark, Sis. Charlotte McGill, Br. Tim Sealey, Sis. Iris Evans, Br. Larry Ariel, and Hambrick, Sis. Rita Walker, Sis. Lisa Cyree, Sis. Joe Walker and Br. Jimmy Holland.

CLAYSVILLE: Br. Roger Hardin, Sis. Sheila Pendergrass, and Sis. Kathy Atchley, Br. Charles daughter.

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We are sorry to report that another church has split! We hope they let the Lord bring them back together.

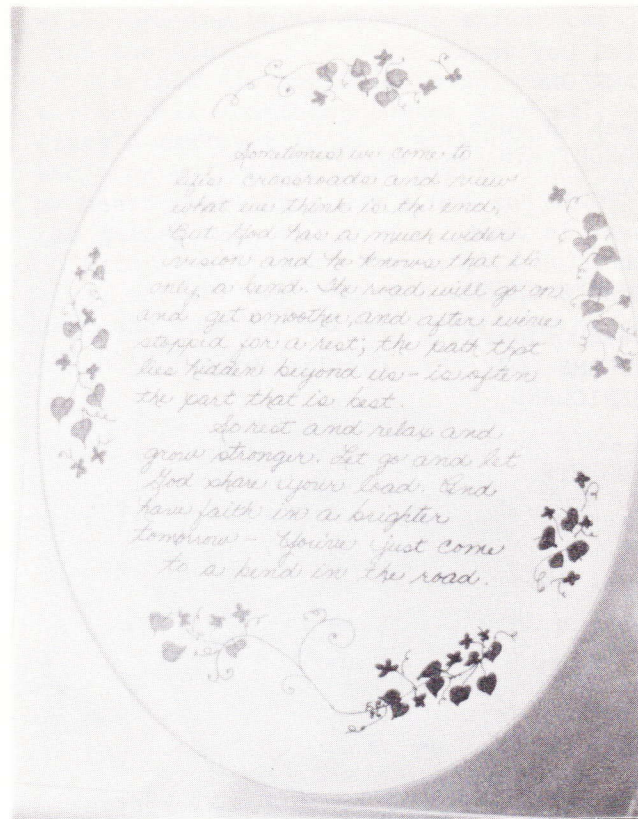
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Sis. Lena Pinkerton from BIG COVE is ailing.

There was ice and snow this winter as usual. One morning while driving to work in his pickup truck, Br. J.B. Coffey, of SMYRNA tried to stop before he hit some ice on a bridge. He hit the ice tho and his truck slammed against the side of the bridge smashing his face into the windshield. His truck then rammmed a car and another pick up hit the same ice from behind him slamming into his pick up and he found himself pinned under the second truck with no way of getting out.

Br. Ronnie Parker came upon the scene and went and called an ambulance. It was awhile before it came, but when it did, it hit the same ice with the same reaction. Br. J.B. heard as someone yelled that the ambulance was heading for the truck. Br. J.B. tells how he held to that truck frame for dear life in his tore up condition, and stay with the truck he did. If he hadn't the ambulance would have ran over him also.

It was 45 minutes before they got him out from under the vehicle, using air bags. He was crushed pretty badly, but he has a gritty spirit and the Holy Spirit and a church that stuck close by him. He was put in the hospital for a few weeks but he is now home and recovering ver fast. Br. J. B. we all love you. Stay in there.



This was written for Br. J.B. by Sis Faye Black of SMYRNA

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"In a gun factory, an elongated bar of steel which weighed 500 lbs. was suspended vertically by a chain. Near it, an average size cork was suspended by a silk thread. "You will see something shortly which is seemingly impossible," said an attendant to a group of sight-seers. This cork is going to set this steel bar in motion!" The cork was swung gently against the steel bar which remained motionless. For ten minutes the cork with the pendulum-like regularity, struck the bar. Then the bar vibrated slightly. At the end of an hour, the great bar was swinging like the pendulum of a clock!

Many of God's children feel that they are not exerting a feather's weight of influence upon others, or making a dent in the bastions of evil. Not so. How powerful is the cumulative influence for good which emanates from the obscurest of God's children!"

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