

# GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS

Two pigs were working together once and they were real busy. An angel and a devil were up above them in a tree.

The devil jumped down and slapped one of them on the back. The pig turned to the other and asked, "Why did you do that?" The other one replied, "I didn't do anything." Then the devil hit the other pig who spoke up, "Well, first you accuse me and then you do this to me...."

And all this time the angel was saying, No! ... No! ... No!..." but who was listening to him...

Sis. Sherri Childers told of reading about this a long time ago. Don't it look like that is what is going on today???

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# I LOST IT ALL

"I've lost my tender touch. I've lost my feelings. I've lost it all. I've lost everything since I lost the Lord.

I lost my glory. I lost the Lord and I lost it all. My friends, my glory, I've lost it all. I lost everything I ever had, but now it's too late to cry over my lost soul.

Now I've lost it all. Cause I lost the Lord. Don't you lose over anyone or anything. Hang on. Hang on with all your might grip.

If you, if you will only try, the Lord will lead you right. He'll show you the way. He'll show you how to be a better person, if you'll only give him your trust and undivided attention. He will show you the Way. He will show you how to be a better person and live for Him, if you'll only try. And don't lose, don't lose Him.

Because it's no fun to lose. I lost. I lost the Lord and I lost all. I lost everything since I lost the Lord.

My friends, I lost everything I lived for when I lost the Lorddddddd.

So don't you lose."

This was left in the door of a brother's house in 1983. He wasn't sure who put it there, but it caused him to fear the Lord...

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## MOTHER

*Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Though written thousands of years ago by Solomon, it is still true today.*

Today motherhood is look down upon. It is said that they are "slaves," they are being "denied their rights," if they marry and bear children. If they love their own husband. Paul spoke on, *who changed the truth of God into a lie...*

Someone once said, "One of the sweetest words in the English language is 'mother.' A minister once wrote, "There is no velvet so soft as a mother's lip; no rose so lovely as her smile; no path so flowery as that imprinted by her footsteps."

Mothers sit on a pinnacle. The lawyer, college professor, and the statesmen may have more learning than she, but in childhood's day we would rather trust the God-given instinctive wisdom than all the world beside. Mother hold an scepter over all mankind. God pity the one who at the thought of mother does not

hesitate when tempted to do wrong. It is not enough simply to be a sister, a woman, or a wife; for it is the 'hand that rocks the cradle that rules the world.' Mother occupies a plane all by herself; an important place is given her in the economy of the world. It is wrong to say of a nation that her men are strong and her women are weak, as have been said of some nations; for the weakness or strength of any nation is rated by her womanhood.

The suicide rate among teenagers has tripled in the last 25 years. Could the cause be the breakdown of the home, with many broken by divorce, millions of mothers leaving the home and going into the factories.

The young need the firm hand of a mother to say "No!" In too many homes they are rushing the child thru and forcing them to "Grow Up," too quickly. They need their childhood. They are not ready for adulthood and many cannot take it. Thus suicide, dope, alcohol, and the run-away.

There is something in a mother's love, a mother's face, her tender touch and watchful eye, that claims close kinship to something beyond the skies. Mother passed close to the valley of death when she bore us, and that was to give us the best of everything....

In this world, mother's love is the strongest and most enduring or earthly instincts. It is even so in the animal kingdom. But in the human mother it finds its greatest degree. Not with just the wealthy but in skid row she wraps the baby still closer to her bosom protecting it from the cold winds that blow. Mother's love will climb any obstacle. Class nor age hinder it. From the queen on the throne to the peasant in the hut.

It was written: "May the Lord bless and help our mothers to realize they have one of the most important places to fill in God's plan. May they feel the sense, the honor of working with God in accomplishing His plan for them."

Joy is love exulting; peace is love in repose; long-suffering is love on trial; gentleness is love in society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on the battle-field; meekness is love at school; and temperance is love in training.

Br. Jack Denson is telling the saints that going to meeting is to worship the Lord together. To get food from the Lord's table. That working for the Lord is mostly outside, when you are visiting the sick and that soul in prison. Those that are down. Feeding the hungry. Clothing the naked. If you do this outside the meeting, the church will know it when you are inside. If you work outside, you eat inside. AMEN!!!

This is Br. Will Guffey speaking back in 1975:

"I seen the day of Pentecost, the Holy Way. I seen the One Way to Glory. From that church plum into Gloryland. I seen a line drawn, just as straight as an arrow, from there down to the Holy Ghost church. And He said, "I have lain the foundation and another buildeth thereupon. Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man aly than that which is lain..."

I seen some of the children of God, they were four or five steps from the line. They had stepped off that far. They looked good and had a pretty smile on their faces, but they were grieved. They wanted the people back there that hadn't made a mistake to respect them, and they didn't know how to do it. The Holy Ghost began to work with me. What is the matter with them? They need teaching. They have been thrown off on and thrown away. THEY HAVE GOT TO BE TAUGHT. If they ever get straighten out, they will have to let the gifts of teaching get ahold of them. Then the helps and governments get ahold of them and love them, then you'll see many get straighten up.

Jesus is coming after a glorious church!

Everybody went under One Spirit, and when they did, they all was baptised into One Body, done by the same Spirit, and then they loved everyone alike. But when they get it and never die out to sin, whether it is, or whether it aint, it aint the Lord. The bible says, As many as were baptised into Christ have been baptised into His death. If you don't go down thru that death, you'll be something else besides a trueborn child of God. You can't get along with anybody. Everybody is wrong but you. You can see everybody's trouble but your'n.

That you should abstain from fornication, that you should know how to possess your vessel unto honor. A lot of folks got a pretty vessel and they are trying to handle it with, "Shouting," "Buck jumping," and "Singings," and, "Hurraing" around, fooling around with music and everything else. Have a big time and calling it, "The Lord." I don't call it that. You see where we are at.

Br. Bates would turn around and say, "Will, I want you to listen to what I tell you. When you get smart, you grow to fast, and you'll get out of shape... Just take your time and what you do, let it come to pass. Let it be with love and joy and kindness and goodness. This other is, "Make-shift." The first thing you know, they'll be pulling against one another. Tearing one another down. One trying to go this way... I see it now.

They say, "If you want the real Holy Ghost, come to our church." I tell them, there aint no such stuff in the bible. It's all real when it comes. If you're under a brush pile and you get the Holy Ghost, that's what it is. It aint nothing else.

If anyone was hurt (In the 1930's) they would quit their church and come there and take ahold of that and stay with it. That was the helps and governments. You see, the preacher aint suppose to do all that. He's to preach the Word. When he preaches the Word, the helps and government of the church, the power of the church is in their hands (the working of the ministry).

"Br. Will, you mean the preacher isn't over the church?"

Br. Will: "No he aint. He's to preach The Word!"

Teye'd come and say, Br. Will, we hear that there's a little division where you are at. What's the cause of it?" I would break down... and tell them. They'd say, "Well, were here to help you..." If they done that today, wouldn't it be wonderful..."



"In March 1985, Gary and his wife AmAnda started coming to HUNTSVILLE. Gary went to the altar once during this time and Amanda continued for awhile. Then ththey both quit coming. Neither one rec'd the Holy Ghost then.

Two years passed and during thi s time Gary rebelled strongly against the Holiness doctrine. He believed that "back-sliding," was perfectly acceptable to God.

Two years later, Amanda told Gary, "I want to go back to the Holiness church." Gary reluctantly agreed

A few days before they began, Gary prayed and asked the Lord, "If she is right, show me something to convince me."

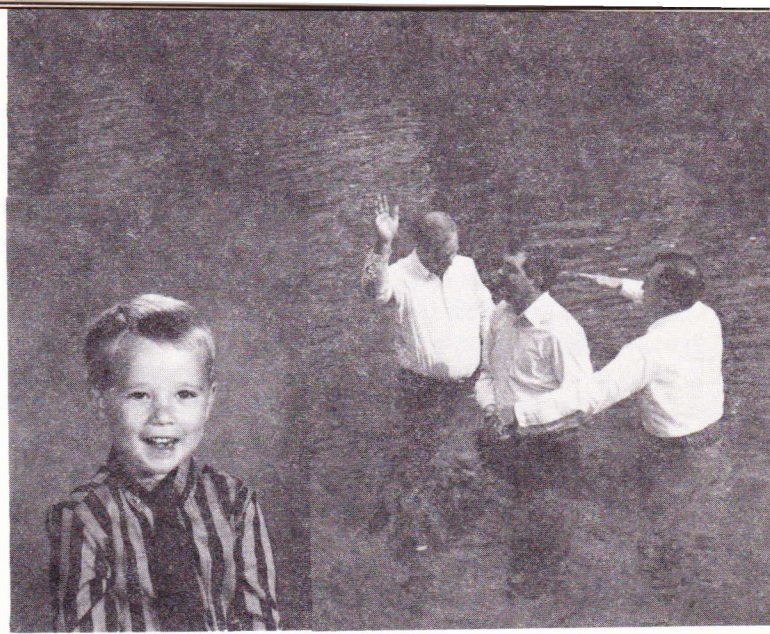
A couple of days later, Amamda was sitting and reading the bible and Gary came up and asked, "What are you reading about?" He took the bible and began to read it for himself. He was flipping through the pages and he was stopped at Hebrews, chapter 10. As he read this an unusual look came across his face and he started to cry and praise the Lord. He said, "Their right! There right! Thank you! Lord, Thank you Lord!"

His eyes were opened and the presence of the Lord. was felt by both of them there in the kitchen.

By his fourth visit back to the church he had rec'd the Holy Ghost and within two weeks so had his wife Amanda. They were both baptised together on April 12, 1987.

The night Gary rec'd the Holy Ghost and in many testimonies after, he would testify that he was ready for the Lord to take him home.

May 8th 1987, two months and one day after Gary had rec'd the Holy Ghost, he and his son Joey went home to be with the Lord.



Br. Roy Gaines and Br. David Jones baptising Br. Gary Lowery. (Inset is Joey)

This was taken from a local paper:

"In a tragic coincidence, a 4 year old boy and his father drowned on a fishing trip to Guntersville lake - 6 days after the drowning of another 4 year old boy and his father who had also come to fish.

The victims this time were Joey Lowery and his father Gary Lowery, 37, of Huntsville. Their bodies were recovered at Goat Island 3 miles above the dam.

No one knows for aure what happened, Coroner Dempsey Hibbs said there wasa report that a large boat went through the area at enough speed to make other boats rock. He speculated that the boy might have been thrown into the water and that the father might jumped it to try to save him.

A double funeral for Mr. (Br.) Lowery and Joey was held Monday at the Huntsville Holiness church, with burial in Green Valley Cemetery...."

## 1987—People

Who doesn't admire "the good Samaritan"?

The reason Jesus Christ chose a Samaritan to illustrate His point about how people should be concerned for others is very simple. The Samaritan was a man of different race, different nationality, different religion from the unfortunate one whom he helped at personal risk and expense. In other words, the Samaritan helped not because he "had to" or was "obligated to" but because he saw human need and "wanted to."

Whatever else faces us in 1987, emulation of the good Samaritan's concern for others can have a happy im-

pact upon our lives.

We should, of course, help those who need charity. But there should be awareness of more than material needs. There are some who hurt and need comfort, who lack dignity and need to be treated with dignity, who may not seem to deserve consideration but need consideration. There is a shortage of simple courtesy, deference and friendliness. Just think what even a smile can do to brighten the lives of others.

What opportunities we will have in abundance every day throughout 1987 — to "make my day" in a positive way for someone who needs it.

As a Man  
Thinketh in  
His Heart, So  
Is He.

## DON'T CUT IT DOWN!

During the 1st week in March Revival For The Saints, Sis. Sherri Clark was telling of how after she rec'd the Holy Ghost and bye and bye she became very slack in her living for the Lord. Aftrr awhile He began sending the Word to her, to draw her back close to Him. Tho she feared and trembled, she did not get ahold of it until one night a minister got ahold of the words on Charity and she was up acknowledging the Truth and even on her knees in the altar. The Lord moved on this young sister in a very good way that touched all the church, so much so that those who didn't know her well thought that she had just rec'd the Holy Ghost. She shouted for weeks....

As she was telling this she was thanking God for have mercy toward her and she remembered the tree in the garden...

*A certain man had a fig tree planted in His vineyard; and He came and sought fruit thereon and found none. Then said He unto the dresse of His vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none; cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? and He answering said unto Him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dung about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.*

The good keeper of the vineyard was begging for the tree, Don't cut it down... Don't cut it down..... Don't cut it down! Those words seemed to be stamped in the minds of those who were listenin to her. "Don't cut it down....."

If the Lord pled for one of His unfruitful trees, saying, Don't cut it down! Give it another year still," How much more so shouldn't we whom are in the same fraility of this flesh have the same watch word, "Don't cut it down... DON'T CUT IT DOWN!"

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## FARMINGTON KENTUCKY:

Meeting on the fifth weekend in Kentucky were a continuation of the last meeting last year, with the Lord blessing about everyone and the peace of God still reigning there. They had Br. James Brazier to the ministry and all were encouraging in the grace of God.

Next meeting will be on the fifth weekend in May, starting at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning... If you love peace and the Lord's work, meet us there, if it's the Lord's will.

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*Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shall cry, and He shall say, Here am I.*

"Ye have heard that it hath been said Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you do good to them that hate you, and persecute you: That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and unjust. For if you love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

To love thy neighbor is a beautiful thought, but to love thy enemy is even more beautiful.

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"God's standard of dress is modesty. Those who love God and love His truth are willing to measure to the proper standard of dress. God will have His children in Holiness. Abstaining from the filthy places out there in the world is according to Scripture. Television has no place in the home of the saints of God. I cannot picture saints sitting down before those things watching the ungodly stuff that comes over those screens and getting up and finding themselves having peace with God. T.V's are out for the family of the saints. I know some of you have unsaved husbands, and I'm not advising you to go and take the T.V out, but you don't have to sit there and watch it. I cannot believe that my Lord would sit down or the apostle Paul, Peter, James, John and others would sit down and watch the ungodly things, the smoking, drinking, curseing and nakedness that is seen on them. Don't tell me it's not there. It is there. The sinner world. If you've got one in your home, I advise you to get it out! Clean up. Live the life. We want power with God. We want the church to shine forth in her beauty.

Get the sisters to wear decent dresses. Get the rings off the fingers. Get rid of the make-up. Let their hair grow long. That is the saints standard you know. Men's hair short. Women's hair long. When I say long, I mean it's uncut. When I say short for men it ought not to be hanging over our ears, down our neck. Get a haircut every few weeks. Look like a man. Look like a saint.

Have a love for God. Have a love for Holiness. Have a love for the pure and the holy Way. Have a love for the will of God. A love for the saints. A love for the house of worship."

## CHRISTMAS ? ? ?

Everything about the word and the day brings good thoughts and sweet memories of by gone days of Christmas and the reunion of love ones and show good will to one another and on and on we could go. It also sparks a gleam in the eyes of about every merchant on earth. For if people spend money at all, they'll surley do it at Christmas.

But... does the blessed Lord honor it. What causes it? For the bible doesn't mention it. We are taught by His word to remember His death and suffering, but it does not mention remembering or celebrating His birth.

How did it start? The early church in the first and second century didn't have Christmas. They were to busy serving the Lord and helping one another and preaching the Word of God all over the world. In about 350 A D, the known church which was mostly Catholic was influenced by the pagan festival, Sol Invictus, which celbrated light over darknes and the lenghtening of the sun's rays at the winter soltice. They assimilated Christ as the Sun god, as the Sun of Rightousness and was strengthened by Constantine's law of Sunday worship. They didn't consider that Jesus was in no way related to any sun god, or any other god for that matter. They forgot that the Commandment said; *I shall have no other gods before me.*

Gift giving did not come about the wise men bring gifts to Jesus Christ, but rather from the Roman Satunalia celebration (Dec 17-19) and the Catholic church's feast of Saint Nicholas who was and early pope.

From it's beging, Christmas, has been packed full of lies.

The Word Christ-mas means;  
Christ; The saviour.

Mass: a religious service of commeration of the birth...

If the commercial aspect were removed from Christmas, most folks would feel that they hadn't experienced Christmas.

If the spirtual aspect were removed from Christmas and entirely large number would not even notice the difference.

Commercialism is linked to "Babylon the Great," that is spoken of in Revelation, and God is going to destroy her. And He told us *"Come out of her my people."*

Many of the early Reformationists in the 16, 17, and 18th century didn't believe in this thing called Christmas. The Purtians who landed on these shores forbade it to be honored and called it "Heathism."

So.... The whole Idea of Christmas was not sanctioned or pushed by our Lord Jesus Christ or any of His apostles. Rather, man has pushed this, contrary to God's Way, even bringing it into the meeting houses.

We did not rec' this knowledge all at once. It was a growing prosses, growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

Today the whole world goes after it. Even the Buddist and other gods that are worship, they have Christmas

It of course is said, "Some strain at knats and swallow camels." We might be straining at knats as we try to please the Lord and try to be careful to mantain good works, and we hope we don't swallow any camels. We know that we all shall stand before the judgement seat of Christ to give an account for our life. May the grace of God be with you all. Amen.

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A man can't  
stumble  
when he is on  
his knees

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"The Word of God teaches us that, *"God has not given us the spirit of fear."* If not God, where does fear come from," I questioned? The answer followed quickly; Satan is the instigator of fear. James 4:7 says that we are to "Resist the devil and he'll flee," not ignore him. To oppose him in our own strength is impossible. We must call on the Lord.

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Jesus was born in a borrowed manger.  
He preached from a borrowed boat.  
He entered Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey.  
He ate His last meal in a borrowed  
upper room.  
He was buried in a borrowed tomb.

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Sis. Eddie Peden and Sis. Betty Eden rec the Holy Ghost at STATELINE.

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Br. Whitey Summerford's wife, Sis. Faye is still bedfast and still trusting the Lord.

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Br. Charley Brown has been just about past going but he is still hanging in there.

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Five rec'd the Holy Ghost at GRIFFEN during their first of June Evagelistic service that week. They were a happy bunch of people with Br. Ed Avons who was helping out, right in the middle of the shouting.

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It is one thing to read the bible thru.

Another thing to read and do.

Some read as their duty once a week,

But no instruction from it seek.

Some read to bring themselves into repute;

While others because their neighbors do.

Or see how long will take to read it thru.

Some read for the wonders that are there,

How David killed a lion and a bear;

While others read with uncommon care,

Hoping to find a contradiction there.

One reads with father's specs upon his head,

And sees the things his father said.

Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed,

many understand little that they read.

For every passage in the book they bend,

To make it suit that all important end.

Some people read, as I often thought,

To teach the bible instead of being taught.

And some there are that read out of spite.

I fear there are few who read it right.

So many in these latter days

Have read it in so many ways,

That few can tell which system is best,

For every part contradicts the rest.

But read it prayerfully and you'll see,

Although men contradict God's Words agree;

For what the early prophets wrote,

We find that Christ and His apostles quote.

So trust no creed, but God's own Word, what

has been penned by one and verified by all.

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Sis. Patricia Chaney told about just before her and Br. Richard were married, they were trying to save all they could to set up housekeeping. Then her car got to leaking transmission fluid. She drew up worried because she knew it would cost quite a bit to fix it. But then she got down and prayed and asked the Lord for assistance and she got it. It cost \$4.00 to fix it.

Once when he car quit on her on Sand Mtn near the Martling Cemetary. Sh went back to a house she had passed and got scared of by the dogs. Back at the car, she got to thinking and talking to the Lord. Thinking "This won't do. I've got to be sober minded. Then the Lord told her, "Go back where you were. I'll protect you, that's what I gave you the Holy Ghost for." On her return to the house on this dark night, only one dog came out this time and she assured him, "Nice dog, "Im' not here to do you any harm". When the man came out, he said, "I don't understand it, any other time that dog would have bit you.....

Sis. Wanda Bethune tells of going to the altar many years. One time in meeting, Br. Dewey Barrier told her in front of everybody "You are a professional altar go-er." It hurt her so bad that she cried all the way home, but it was just what she needed. It got her "Moving." Shortly after she rec'd the Holy Ghost.



Br. Bucky helping his wife Sis. Wanda

Sis. Wanda was the one in the bad auto accident over a year ago. Though she hovered near death, she is doing much better and they are waiting on the good Lord to heal her completely.

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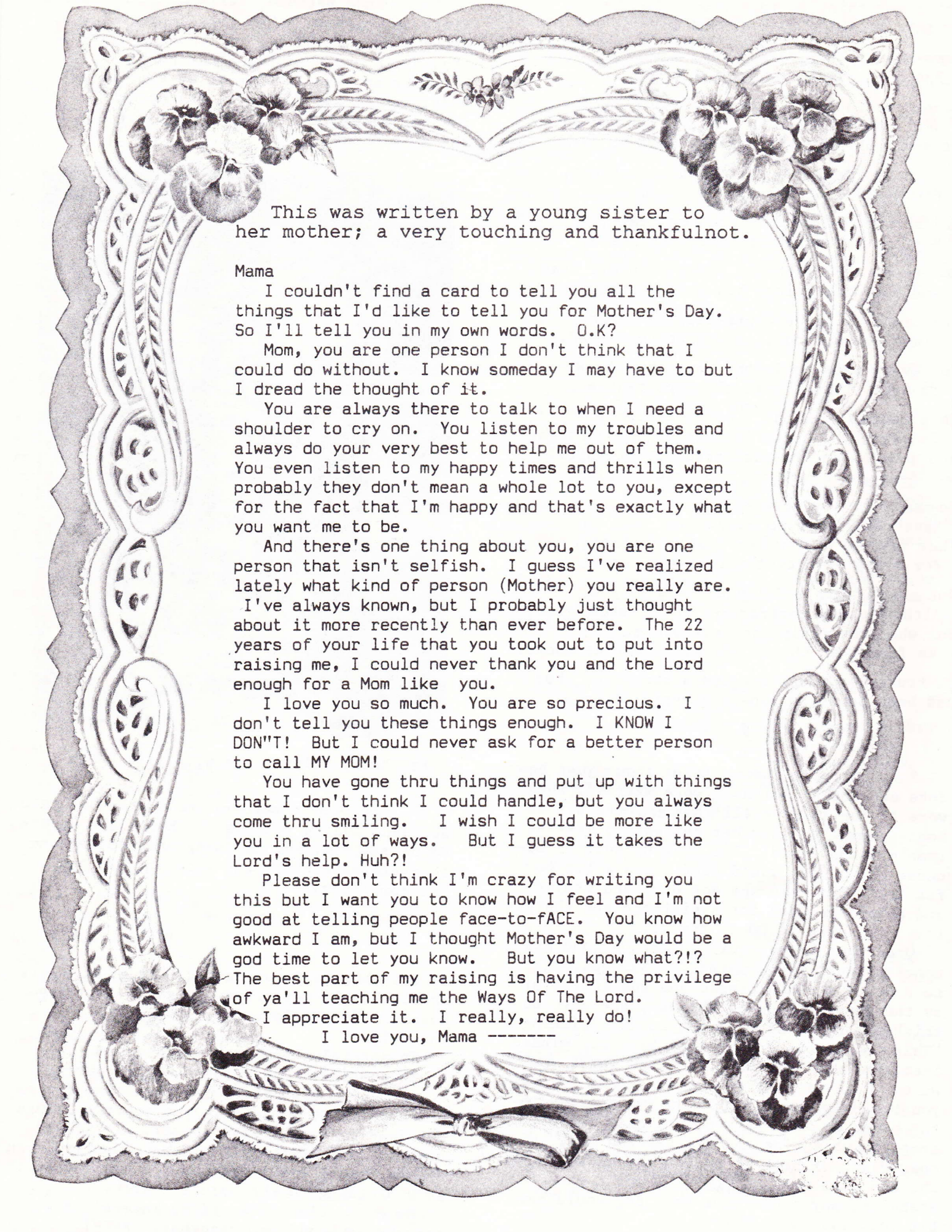
Br. Charlie Brown was at SKYLINE in April and talking a very good thing. He was trying to stir people up to get the fruit in their life.

To not talk about one another.

To not speak against any other church.

About the tree that wasn't bearing fruit and how it was just taking up space. It was not feeding on the right stuff. It if had been eating right, it would have been fruit-ful. one who walks right and bears the right fruit is a blessing to the Lord's church.

He could die gladly, if he knew all the chruchs were pulling together. AMEN!)



This was written by a young sister to her mother; a very touching and thankfulnot.

Mama

I couldn't find a card to tell you all the things that I'd like to tell you for Mother's Day. So I'll tell you in my own words. O.K?

Mom, you are one person I don't think that I could do without. I know someday I may have to but I dread the thought of it.

You are always there to talk to when I need a shoulder to cry on. You listen to my troubles and always do your very best to help me out of them. You even listen to my happy times and thrills when probably they don't mean a whole lot to you, except for the fact that I'm happy and that's exactly what you want me to be.

And there's one thing about you, you are one person that isn't selfish. I guess I've realized lately what kind of person (Mother) you really are.

I've always known, but I probably just thought about it more recently than ever before. The 22 years of your life that you took out to put into raising me, I could never thank you and the Lord enough for a Mom like you.

I love you so much. You are so precious. I don't tell you these things enough. I KNOW I DON'T! But I could never ask for a better person to call MY MOM!

You have gone thru things and put up with things that I don't think I could handle, but you always come thru smiling. I wish I could be more like you in a lot of ways. But I guess it takes the Lord's help. Huh?!

Please don't think I'm crazy for writing you this but I want you to know how I feel and I'm not good at telling people face-to-face. You know how awkward I am, but I thought Mother's Day would be a god time to let you know. But you know what?!? The best part of my raising is having the privilege of ya'll teaching me the Ways Of The Lord.

I appreciate it. I really, really do!

I love you, Mama -----



Br. Oakley Drake was pretty sick from have been bitten by something

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Sis. Lisa West Ward was bit accidentally by a poisonous snake and is now doing better.

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Sis. Ester Shantylfelt was troubled as she went thru a trial. She laid down after praying and during her sleep saw a straight, bright, white path leading to white clouds with a rainbow over them." What hope this must have given.

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Sis. Barbara Pendergrast needed help from the Lord. She went to the mail-box and saw a car come from a neighbors house in Martling. A brother was driving. She knew him but couldn't remember his name. As he rolled the window down, he asked her how she was doing. She answered him and told him to pull over and go in, her husband, Br. John, was in the house, and they'd fix coffee. However the brother began speaking in tongues, got out of the car and came and took her hand and then began to speak in tongues again and laid hands on her, went and got back in his car and drove away speaking in tongues.

Sis. Barbara rushed inside and told her husband who was shaving. He tried to help her think of the brother's name and couldn't. They got to nameing names but none fit. It was very strange. But anyway, it happend like Sis. Barbara had said, "The Lord can help you in your own back yard.

(By the way, they found out his name, but we aint telling!)

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"Br. Doyle Otinger said that he heard a lot of love, joy, and peace talked a lot but didn't hear much about fearing the Lord. The fear of the Lord was the foundation of this Way. He said that he got in this Way fearing God, not wanting to go to torment, not because he wanted to be like other children of God. And IF THE RIGHTOUS SCARECLY BE SAVED... we will scarreclly make it, the best we can do. (AMEN!)

*That they would fear me and keep all my commandments.*

*That they may LEARN to fear me.*

*Serve the Lord with fear.*

*The fear of the Lord is the begining of wisdom.*

*The Lord is with them that fear Him.*

*There is no want to them that fear Him.*

*Fear the Lord and depart from evil.*

*The fear of the Lord is to hate evil.*

*His mercy is on them that fear Him.*

*Perfecting Hoiness in the fear of God.*

*Let us therefore fear.*

Br. Rick Holman speaking at Br. Pat Petterson's funeral:

Br. Virgil "Pat" Petterson, route 1 Grant Alabama, was born September 21st 1919 in Marshal County Alabama. He left the walks of this life, May 22, 1987 at the age of 67. ...

Everywhere he went, people loved him. And He loved everybody.

A tesimony that he made a lots; I'm just a little bitty child of God. I'm just a poor boy, and I aint never had nothing to brag about, but one time I come up here and condemnation fell on me and I made it right with the Master, and now I've got something to talk about."

He lived a quiet and simple life, but he had ahold of something that had greater riches... Soloman was talking, "There is that maketh himself rich, but hath nothing. There is that maketh himself poor yet he hath great riches untold."

One time, Grandpa John Maynor lay sick and he died. The children of God began to pray for him and the Lord brought him back. He said, "Now, the next time He comes after me don't you all pray, becuae I done seen what's over yonder, and I want to go home.

I believe Br, Pat is right now enjoying the same thing that my grandpa had seen...

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Someone once remarked that the bible contradicted itself. He was rebuffed with the reply, No! It doesn't contradict itself, it contradicts you!"

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Sis. Roberta Smith. She was borned to Joe and Elizabeth Phillips in 1902. Married Walter Smith. He folks were strict baptist and as a child she went to meeting in the Culpepper settlement on Sand Mtn. After she married went to the ROCK HOUSE. Once here, Rhody Black was down in the floor seeking the Lord. Walter told her that if he ever saw her that way, he'd leave her.

Later in Chattanooga at a neighbors house she rec'd the Holy Ghost. She is the one that her oldest son said on that day, Moma and the devil had a fight!" Some did not accept her to readily but she held no ill will.

He husband never came to God. Her children married and moved away. She lived by herself and passed away in peace on April 27, 1987. In the end, all that matters is if you are the Lord's or not. Nothing else matters.

TO SIN, OR NOT TO SIN???????

This article was found in a Greek-Hebrew King James Version of the bible. It was written at the beginning of 1st John:

John examines the question of whether the person who is born of God can commit sin. In John 3:6 we are told that "Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not," but in verse 8 it says "He that doeth sin is of the devil." Then in verse 9 we have the emphatic declaration that "Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin... and cannot sin."...

Sounds good, doesn't it? Sounds just like Holiness, doesn't it?..... It would if he had stopped there, but this highly educated man goes on to say:

But if it is possible for a Christian to sin, and experience teaches that he does at times, does there not appear to be a contradiction in these portions of scriptures? (If this be so) there then can be but very few Christians, if any?.....

He then continues in this vein and proves (To himself and those who want to believe it) that these scriptures mean that you really can sin. The scales are still on peoples eyes thru out the whole world as they was ours. But thank God! He took away the scales where we can see the truth clearly and that is just like God said it. *HE THAT SINNETH IS OF THE DEVIL.....*

Sin: Bear the blame; offend, transgress.

Transgress: stray or wander.

Iniquity: evil; mischievous; sin.

Trespass: treachery; rebellion; a revolt.

Transgress: Cross over; over run; turn away, depart; unfaithful.

In short, sin, transgress, trespass and iniquity just means to disobeying the good commandments of the Lord.

The first mention of disobedience on record was when Lucifer wasn't satisfied with where he was, or rather, his first estate, where he was in God's realm. When he left that estate, sin was the outcome and for this cause was hell kindled. It was made for the one who was finally called Satan and all that followed him.

On earth, the first disobedience came when mother Eve listen to the creature Satan. She changed then doubted the Word of God. Then she listened to another and disobeyed God that didn't make the sin any less. Sin is sin is sin!!!

The first time sin is used as a word in the bible is when God spoke to Cain who didn't

bring the right sacrifice; "If thou doest not well sin lieth at the door." He arose up and did not well and slew his brother. That is called a presumptuous sin. He didn't care what the Creator God said.

The last mention of sin in The Word is; "All unrighteousness is sin..." The last mention of disobedience is, "There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth neither anything that worketh abominations or maketh a lie.

Defile: profane; pollute; unclean.

Abomination; be filthy, pollute

Lie; Telling something you know better, or telling something you don't know about.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity and in whose spirit there is no guile.

The labor of the righteous tendeth to life; the fruit of the wicked is sin.

Sin is a reproach to any people.

A high look and a proud heart ... is sin.

The thought of foolishness is sin.

Foolishness: preverse; silly.

Thought: purpose; imagine; mind.

John saw Jesus coming unto him, and saith "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!"

Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not in faith. for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself... But if ye have respect to persons ye commit sin...

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is a transgression of the law, and ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.

Jesus saith... "Go and sin no more!"

Wherefore as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin... so by the obedience of one (Jesus) shall many be made righteous.

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid! How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? .....

Knowing this that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin....

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal

body, that ye should obey it in the lusts there of....

For sin shall not have dominion over you...

Being made free from sin, ye become the servants of righteousness.

But now being made free from sin, and become servants of God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

For the wages of sin is death.....

Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not. Whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him. Little children, let no man deceive you. He that is righteous is righteous, even as He is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil (SIN).

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin for His seed remaineth in him: and he can not sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil...

# # #

"The fruit of the Spirit is love," and it is manifested in joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. "Against such there is no law.

"The fruit of the Spirit is Joy," and it is manifested in love....."

# # #

"Br. Jack Denson said, "Just a few more days and this (Christmas) will be over with and then we can have meetings."

It really is a shame that we can't have meetings on the worldly holidays, as that is why I come to Chattanooga when my kids can get out of school. I need to be in meeting when I can....

This was written home by a sister who lives in Texas. We thought it was "Food for thought."

# # #

### FRUIT

Joy is LOVE's strength

Peace is LOVE's security

Longsuffering is LOVE's patience

Gentleness is LOVE's conduct

Goodness is LOVE's character

Faith is LOVE's confidence

Meekness is LOVE's humility

Temperance is LOVE's victory

### BIBLE FACTS:

The 149th Psalm is the longest chapter in the bible, and every verse in it, excepting the 122nd and 132nd contains a reference to The Word of God.

The shortest chapter is Psalm 117; shortest verse, John 11:35.

In the New Testament, there are about 180 direct quotations from the Old Testament.

The 38th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of 11 Kings, are alike.

The first book to be issued from a printing press was the bible, printed between 1450 and 1455 by Gutenberg.

The first divisions into chapters was made in the 13th century by Cardinal Hugo.

The Scriptures, in whole or in part, are published in about 10,500 languages and dialects.

# # #

Sis. Trinia Glassco and Sis. Theresa Smith rec'd the Holy Ghost at OLD SARDIS in January.

# # #

BR. BUFORD TROTMON: "I can't tell you not to vote or to vote. The apostles voted on the man that succeeded Judas...I can't tell you it's wrong but I can tell you one thing, it's wrong to get out here politicing for other people. We need to stay out of that stuff. Let the church stay free from Politics and so on but if were not careful, it will be preached right up here, who ought to be elected for president and so on. They need to run that part of it and let the church stay out of it. Holiness people need to stay out of politics.

Satan is trying to get us more like the world.

If you had a great big gun and I could talk you into doing away with that big one and get a small one like I'm carrying, a little old 22 pistol. Now you don't need that big gun... I'm gonna get him down on my terms, more like me see, and the more we are like the world, the more we are disarming ourselves. Can't we see that. We've got power with God, cause we're like Christ. Cause we believe in Him. But the more we are like the world, the more disarmed we are, the less we fight back. But we have to fight (Contend) back with what we have today. Paul said "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, not natural weapons, but he said, We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness and so on. That's our warfare. The more we are like the world, the less we're gonna fight back in the showdown. Keep ourselves in the Love of God. keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

# Thank God...!!

"About 4½ year ago we moved south from Illinois. Renee knew nothing about Holiness.(I knew a little).

Some of my family went to WILLIAMS COVE church. They would ask us to go from time to time. I wouldn't go much, but Renee and the kids would. Meanwhile I had to go north to go to school for the union. Renee stayed here.... Went to meeting and rec'd the Holy Ghost. It was a year later that I rec'd it.

Two years ago, Renee, started getting sick. She would get stiff joints. She would be sore an. stiff all over, and had a fever most of the time, but she kept going. She wanted to trust God with this. We both did. The Lord would help her and

and from time to time she would get better for a short while.

LasttSeptember, on Saturday morning, she was so sore and stiff she couldn't get out of bed. It hurt her to move. We were calling on God to help us. I felt part of her pain.

We would go to meeting at SKYLINE and ask the children of God to pray.

We had been trying to live in the fear of God. We have been praying for God's healing power.

We got lots of encouragement from a lot of children of God, to trust in His healing.

We were in a battle with death.

In November, Renee's mother and Dad came for a visit. When they seen her they wanted her to go to a doctor. She didn't want to go. They asked her time and time again to go. We prayed about it. The Lord knows your heart. You can't fool God.

She honored her folks and went.

The doctors told her that she had an uncurable disease called Lupis. They gave her some pills, which she took and threw away in the trash at home.

There was a lot of love from God's people. That helped a lot. It gave us hope.

About 6 weeks ago, Renee, got bad. She had been having problems with her kidneys for months and on this Wednesday they stopped acting. We supposed the infection had went to her legs for she could hardly walk. She couldn't sleep. She could not eat much. On Saturday evening we called the children of God into pray. The Lord moved and she slept all night. When she tried ti get up she couldn't, she was hurting so bad and her kidnevs stopped working.

Some of the children of God would visit and some would call and that really helped us hold onto God.

We heard they were calling the children of God into pray for Sis. Cleo Brewer. She was hurting real bad. I got Renee ready for she really wanted to go. She could not do it herself, she was having such a hard time.

When we got there, they were already singing. I wanted to carry her in, but she wanted to walk so I helped her. Sis. Cleo really needed help from the Lord and so did Renee.

We had a good prayer. The Lord helped Sis. Cleo. He hlped Renee but she was still

suffering. Many of the children of God felt the Lord. He really did bless.

Renee was sitting in a chair and she could hardly sit up. She started testifyin and br. Jr stephens asked her to stand up. She told him she couldn't. Br. Jr asked some of the sisters to help her up.

When she stood, she took about two steps and the Lord took her mind abd blessed her and she was praising the Lord. She just "shouted," and was moving like there was nothing wrong with her. As she was praising the Lord he spoke to her, saying, "Now I have healed you!" It was like heaven opened up, she was so happy. Then she told the children of God that the Lord had healed her. Then they began to shout as the power of God came down

It was wonderful. We have been praising the Lord ever since. Renee is doing her house work, cleaning, cooking, and praising the Lord. It was like she never was sick.

THANK GOD! THANK GOD!

*Oh give thnaks unto the Lord, for he is good. For his mercy endureth forever.*

Br. James and Sis. Rennee Rouse

"We had A good revival here at ARAB in May. Heard some good Word of God and the Lord blessed His people well. One night in particular, Br. Buford trotman... spoke of the early and latter rain of the Holy Ghost. How that back years ago the harvest was ripe and the laborers went in and worked and many rec'd the Holy Ghost. How we had went thru the early and latter rain and were now in the vening of time. How you could get a lot of cotton in the 1st and 2nd pickings, but you could hardly get anyone to pick the 3rd picking because the cotton was scattered just a boll here and a boll there. It made the children of God to fear to know we are so close to the end."

Sis. Marcie



Br. Echols

Mr. Echols has always loved the Lord. For years he went to a Baptist church and done the best he knew how, but one day, Br. Flech Shepard went to see him and he had a headache that he couldn't get rid of. Br. Flech told him he ought to go over yonder and get then Holiness people to pray for him. On this Sunday morning in 1983 Br. Flech brought Mr. Echols in at PLEVNA. He asked us to pray for him and we did. As testimony service would take place, he would stand and tell how God had healed him. He couldn't talk very plain because he had a stroke but he told how one time he lost his sight and how he prayed all night. And the next day his sight came back.

He kept coming with Br, Shepard, and one morning he decided he wanted what them Holiness people had and he went to the altar. The children of God didn't know what he was praying for because when they prayed for the sick he would come out and pray with them and he would pray everytime we had altar call. But this day some began to gather around him and ask him what he wanted. His reply was, "I want the Holy Ghost!" It was not but a few minutes and He had it and he was 81 years old.

He came to meeting as often as he could, but he was old and his health wasn't good.

Everytime he stood up for the Lord, He would say how he loved the Lord and how he thought he was alright when he came over here and had you pray for me, but I found out that ya'll had more then I did.

He stayed sick for awhile, but he was happy. It was said that as he passed away he was saying, "Praise God! Praise God! Come on! Come on!" He left with joy. This was on May 8 1987.

"Br. Pat had been raised in Holiness but he went into the service and when he came out he married and started a family and drifted from the Lord. His wife was a Baptist. His mom told him she believed if he took her to church th at she'd rec' the Holy Ghost. He told his mom that he liked her like she was.

He had a sister-in-law who had told him how good meetings were at PLEVNA, so he came with his wife on Easter to meeting.

That morning, Br. Elton Brazier was talking to the little children about Easter. This condemned him and his wife Vivian. They knew that they had to come to God, and they made their way forward to the altar to pray. It was awhile before the Lord redeemed them. Pat rec'd Him when he was 46 years old.

He was fine man, and he loved his church. He talked good about everybody. He loved to feel the Lord. He told the saints many times how the Lord spared him thru the service.

About a month before he left us he was telling how you never knew when your time is coming, but the main things is to be ready.

About a week before he died the Lord let him take the Lord's Supper. He told Sis. Vivian that is was the best "Foot washing," he had been in in ten years, for he was shouting and praising the Lord.

We will miss him for we loved him dearly, but we have a lot of good memories of him to hold in our hearts"

Sis. Elaine Mills



Br. Pat and Sis. Vivian Patterson

Sis. Zeda Lewis who rec'd the Holy Ghost at BEIRNE AVE in 1930, passed away at 83 years of age on May 16, 1987.

# SHAKERAG

Shakerag! The name of a little farming community in Franklin County Tennessee, north of present day Huntland and above highway 64. It's name is not noticeable, it's area not necessary of importance. No famous landmarks or the birth place of any great man, but to those who love to remember the good things of God, it is very interesting.

In 1921, two men, preachers of the gospel, came here and stated have meeting around. This in itself was no great thing, but the doctrine they taught, Holiness, sin free salvation. Recieving the Holy Ghost like the apostles did on Pentecost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, this was very notable. Salvation had been preached here since the whitemen moved into this country, but for a man to live thru this life and not be contaminated with the sins of this life? Impossible! Speaking with tongues? There aint no way! That went down with the apostles, did it not? That was the general feeling by most people, but these two men, Br. Jim Mills and Br. Andrew York proved by The Word of God that God never changes and His plan of Salvation too is always the same. What was good for the apostles was good for you today.

Bud Medley and Louis Bolden had heard of Holiness in Huntsville Alabama south of here They asked some of them to come to Shakerag and preach it there.

Br. Jim and br. Andrew came preaching. first in a house and then in the local Lutheran church. It wasn't long until they were run out of the church by a unbelieveing crowd. They went to the local school and preached The Word. It was burned down but was rebuilt and again they were seen here preaching "The exceptable Way of the Lord." Some say this school was burned down twice. They also had meetings in homes, like the McCormicks and Holmans and others. Also meeting were in brush arbors, one being by the school.

They were rocked and cussed and threatened but the kept right on preaching. A year went by with out anyone rec'ing the Holy Ghost but they kept on preaching.

One day a man said to his wife, "If some-one don't hurry up and get the Holy Ghost that they are preaching about, I'm gonna say there aint nothing to it!" A couple of days later his wife was on her knees near him when she started speaking in tongues as she rec'd the Holy Ghost.. Her name was Sis. Mary Medley. Sis, Doshie McCormick and Sis. Lois Holman (Later a Brazier) rec'd the Lord also.

This opened the door and the Lord was giving of His Spirit all along. In the next couple of years about twenty rec'd the Holy Ghost here at Shakerag.

Mary Medley; Arthur Medley's mom.

Dosha McCormick; Elmer McCormick's Mom. He was 11 years old when they came to Shakerag and his widow's mother's home preaching Holiness.

Flossie Newby; Elmer's sister-in-law.

Maggie McCormick; Elmer's sister.

Lois Holma; Elton's mother.

Mal Holmon; Lois's mother.

Annie Holman; Lewis Holman's wife.

Issac Medley; Arville Medley's dad.

Polly Medley; Arville's aunt.

Jerry Medley; Lonie Holman's dad.

Tilman Holman; Lois Holman's brother.

Lonie Holman; Tilman's wife.

Bessie Medley; Lois's sister

Arville Medley; Bessie Husband.

Mary Newby; Elmer McCormick's sister.

Jim McCormick; Elmer's brother.

Love-Viney Mann; Aaron Brazier uncle.

Ellic Mann; Aaron's aunt.



Sisters: Doshie McCormack, Lela Guffey McLain, Jenny Loyd Mills (Sis. Jenny and Sis. Flossie Guffey were sisters), Mildred Phillip Houck, Lela McCormack (Doshie's dau)-----  
????? Bessie Holman Medley, Cora Mills Murray, Louise Hillis Mills, Ellen Pendergrass Mills, and Ethel Mills Pearson.

Ruby Clark ? ? ?

Emma Medley; Arvill's mom.

These are the one remembered to have received the Holy Ghost here at Shakerag.

They had the testimony that, "They loved one another."

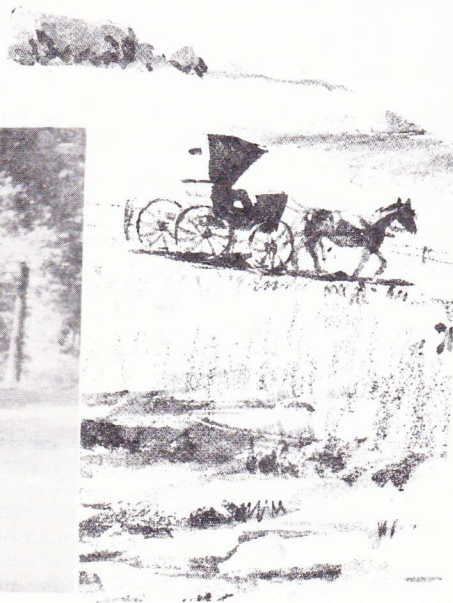
Br. Tilman Holman told the Lord if He would forgive him of his sins, he would be baptised, "If it' in the dead hours of Mid-night." About 11 o'clock one night he was forgiven of the Lord and he kept his word. Br. Andrew baptised him in Robinson Creek the



Br. Jim & Sis. Jenny Mills with Bertha and Joe (Joe was killed by a train).



Bryce & Sis. Mary Medley



Sis. Bessie (McCormick) and Br. Arville Medley



Br. Grady Howell, Br. Leonard Holman, Br. Mitt McAllister, Br. Herschel Houk and Br. Wlater Mills.



Br. Jim & Sis. Jenny Mills



Br. Frank & Sis. Bertha Holman, Sis. and Br. Aaron Brazier



Sis. Oma and Br. Raymond Wise

Br. Raymond Wise has gone on to glory now. His wife Sis. Oma came to the Lord a few years ago. He didn't much believe in her way of serving the Lord. A couple of year ago he came down with a cancer in his mouth. He seen how serious it was and how fragile man's life really is. He started seeking for the Lord. At first he didn't know where to find Him, but when he did, he made his peace calling an election sure in Christ Jesus about a year ago at TIFTONIA. The cancer seem to let up a little for awhile but it then came and took his life with the Lord's permission. He left us in peace on March 19, 1987. The Lord was merciful to this pilgrim.

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Sis. Allie Isbill came to the Lord at Br. Jim mills palce at PLEVNA 58 years ago. She passed away at age 79 on April 25, 1987. She was Br. Con Thompson's niece.

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TRUST THE LORD AND LEAN NOT TO THY OWN UNDERSTANDING.

**DISCORD:** Strife; contest; quarrel; brawling; contention.

*A naughty (wothless, without profit) person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward (perverse; crooked) mouth;*

*He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet he teacheth with his fingers.*

*Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief (trouble) continually; he soweth discord.*

*Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.*

*These six things doth the Lord hate; yea seven are an abomination unto Him:*

1. A proud look,
2. A lying tongue, and
3. Hands that shed innocent blood,
4. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,
5. Feet that are swift in running to mischief,
6. A false witness that speaketh lies, and
7. He that soweth discor among the brethern.

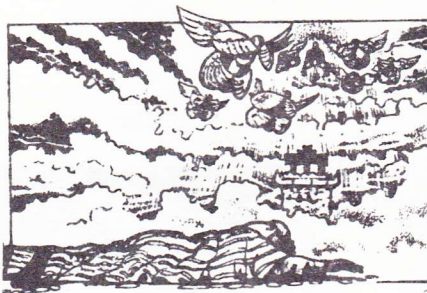
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### The message of the prophets

**ISAIAH** lived in Jerusalem in the 8th century BC. He saw a vision of God commissioning him to warn the nation of punishment unless they

trusted in God. He also foretold the coming of the Messiah.

**EZEKIEL** was a Jewish exile in Babylon. His vision of a valley of dry bones coming to life foretold the return of the Jewish exiles to a new life in their homeland.



**DANIEL**, a Jewish captive, became a minister of state in Babylon. God saved him from death in a den of lions. He interpreted dreams for the kings of Babylon and foretold the rise and fall of several empires.

Other prophets including **Amos**, **Hosea** and **Micah** spoke out against oppression of the poor by the rich and against dishonesty in business. They warned of God's judgement on the nation for worshipping other gods.

**JOHN** wrote the book of Revelation at a time of persecution by the Romans. He foretells the ultimate triumph of Christ over Satan and the creation of a new heaven and earth.





BR. EUGENE SMITH:

When I got it all fixed up, God gave me the Holy Ghost. He gave my wife the Holy Ghost. He gave my daughter the Holy Ghost. He's been really good to me. I would like to live for Him. The best thing of all, brethren, the Holy Ghost will keep you.

I was working up there in this mill. I couldn't read, and I couldn't write. And you know, after God gave me the Holy Ghost, I had a great desire to look into the Word of God. I said, "Lord, I need this Word of God. If I make it, I've got to have it, and know and understand what it means." Now, I had the Holy Ghost and I know it will lead me. But I began to desire to read the Word of God. I couldn't read, and from, "Thee," when He gave me the Holy Ghost. I put that little bible on the table where I work. And every time people would go to take their break, and they'd go down there to do what they wanted to do, I would sit over there and look at that bible. I'd looked at that red writing in that bible and I say, "Lord, would you just help me to know what it says?"

I done that htree long years. Every day I went to that mill, that little bible was there. I would bring it home with me in the evening. The next morning, I had my little bible. I'd carry that with me to the mill every morning. I had work for them people for years.

One day I was sitting there. The people had went to their break. I picked up the little bible. Still couldn't read. My son, my daughter would read a verse at night. My wife would read a verse. They would tell me to read, you know, go over, let me see what the word was. Now, I can't write. But you know what happened, saints of God? What my faith has done for me. That day they had went to break and I picked my little bible up and was looking at it. Tears running down my face had wet many a page in that bible, and I didn't understand a word it said. But that day, with tears running down my cheeks, a woman came back and grabbed my bible out of my hand, and said, "Gene, I'd just put this thing up, if you can't read it. Semm like that hurt me so bad. I said to my self, "I don't want to do that!" I looked at her with tears running down, and the Holy Ghost moved on me, and I said, "Sis. what would you like me to read?" She had the bible in her hand and she just snatched it open and said, "Read this." I just gently took the bible and laid it in my hand, and looked at it and read it. Saints of God, do you know what she done. She took off, and I began to shout... and I can still read tonight.

You know what I done then? Then when I come to the end of the table the next day, I was setting there reading my bible, and they'd stop. People would stop. "Gene, reading the bible" Sevreal years I couldn't even read my orders. Had to get somebody else to do it. "I'm gonna stop and listen to what he's got to say." I would read the bible, and one day I looked around and I had more at my table then they had over at the break area.

After that I began to get me a little congregation at the end of the table and I would tell them about jesus. I'd read to them the bible. And the powwer of God would come upon me, and one day I picked up a bunch of stuff that was to heavy and something just popped out of my stomach, right there. A boy said, "You'd better hurry and get to the doctor. You'd better go now!" I wasn't afraid. I had the Holy Ghost. I pushed my belt down and he looked at that, and He said, "You'd better do something." I looked at him and said, "Why, I've got the Holy Ghost." I said, "God will heal this!" Listen! Do you know what God done? He just healed it. I mean, right then!

This same feller that had sen these things tried to run me down. I was sittin g in there one day and this man was there. He said, "I don't believe in speaking in tongues." I didn't say a word. I just set there and looked at him and grinned. There was a bunch in there. This feller said, "I can prove by the bible that Paul said, "I rather speak five words and understand as tenthousand in an unknown tongue." I still didn't say nothing. he got to walking the floor. He got to quoting the scriptures. He knew the bible and how it read, but he didn't know what I knowed. He didn't kinow about the Holy Ghost. After awhile, he got so bad, I mean he was just a raging. I din't open my mouth. Directly the Superintendent come by. He had seen the Lord work thru me and knwe I changed. He walked by and this man was a downing me. He made about two steps and I seen him when he come back to the door. He looked in there and call the feller by name and said, "I want to tell you something. I went to a brush arbor one time. I don't know what all those people were doing, but there was a little old woman who got up over there and she began to speak in tongues. And you know, there was the awfulest fear came upon me that I ever had in my life. There's something to that! I better not let me hear you say nothing else about it. If you do, you're fired."

BR. ELI SMITH: "I don't believe Holiness people lie. Do you? I know one thing, our confidence aint what it ought to be in one another. If you lose confidence in me, it's because I did something maybe I ought not to have done. If we'll live right, talk right, walk right, you'll have confidence in me.

Someone says, "I don't care if they have confidence in me or not!" I do! If you don't have any confidence in me, I might as well sit down. ... Confidence goes a long, long way. You say, "I don't care!", Don't tell me that. We better let the love of God be among us and walk in a way that we have confidence in one another.

.. how to raise children. Now, if you aint careful, you'll raise a child when it marrys it don't know how to make biscuits. How to keep house. If you raise a girl, learn her how to cook. How to wash dishes. How to behave itself. How it ought to keep the house.

SEEING WE ARE COMPASSED ABOUT WITH SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT AND THE SIN THAT DOES SO EASILY BESET US, AND LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US. There is something that gets close to every child of God. Somebody says, "The devil don't tempt me with nothing." Well, I don't believe we are no better then the Son of God was. He was tempted, wasn't He? I know one thing. That thing that is holding you down where you can't feel your freedom in the Lord, quit it! That thing that holds you down where you can't hold your head up among the children of God, quit it! That is something that is hindering the people today. There's people who quit going to meeting and they'll pack it off on the church when instead it that they done wrong and feel guilty among the people of God. If you live Holiness, you can hold up your head no matter what kind of crowd you're in. Can't you do it? If you've got a clear conscience, and somebody said, "He done this.. He done that," you can hold up your head. But if you're guilty, plead guilty.

What's hindering you? WhAt's hindering you? I know what's hindering a lot of people. It's the things of the world. The cares of this life is choking the Word of God out of people.

If you feel bad over it, quit it! If the Word of God is against it and you don't feel bad over it, you are getting in bad shape. We're not going this Way by our feelings, we're going by the Word of God.

Something is hndering people.... We used to sing a song; "Keep Straight Between The

Shout." We ought to live Holiness. We ought to live in a way that when we shout and we lay hands on this person here sick, he can expect something is going to happen.

What's hindering. Somebody says, "I don't do nothing wrong. I don't say nothing wrong." That's real good. Hold up your head and praise the Lord. But if there's something about your life that's holding you down, .. you ought to quit it! LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, that thing that is holding you down AND LET US RUN. We are in a race, believe or not. P eople get out here and run.... when got ready to run a race, I didn't get a whole lot of weights and put in every pocket, aly a big weight on my shoulder... When you do have weights it keeps us from running the race for the Lord.

If you want to feel free, live free. CAST DOWN EVERY IMAGINATION AND EVERYTHING THAT EXHALTSELF AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF God AND BRING INTO CAPTIVITY EVERY THOUGHT INTO OBEDIENCE... Live Holiness. It's clean Way. It's and upright Way.

Some things is holding us down.

Somebody says, "The devil is making me feel so bad I can't hardly stand it!"... Let us examine ourselves and see whether it's the devil or the chastening hand of the Lord. I raised six children. I didn't whip one of them for telling the truth. I didn't whip nary one of 'em for doing good. God won't whip us for doing good, willHe? If we make a mistake, God will whip us a little b it. You can pack it off on the devil if you want to. If you feel like you done something, examine your life and see if there's anything about you that God is holding against you. If you do, quit it!... WHOM THE LORD LOVETH, HE CHASENETH...

Sis. Viola Chandler went to meet the good Lord back last summer. She trusted Him, but He saw fit to call her home.

She rec'd the Holy Ghost when she was a young girl. She was the wife of Br. Shelly Chandler and the mother of Br. Jerry Chandler and Sister Juanita Lance.

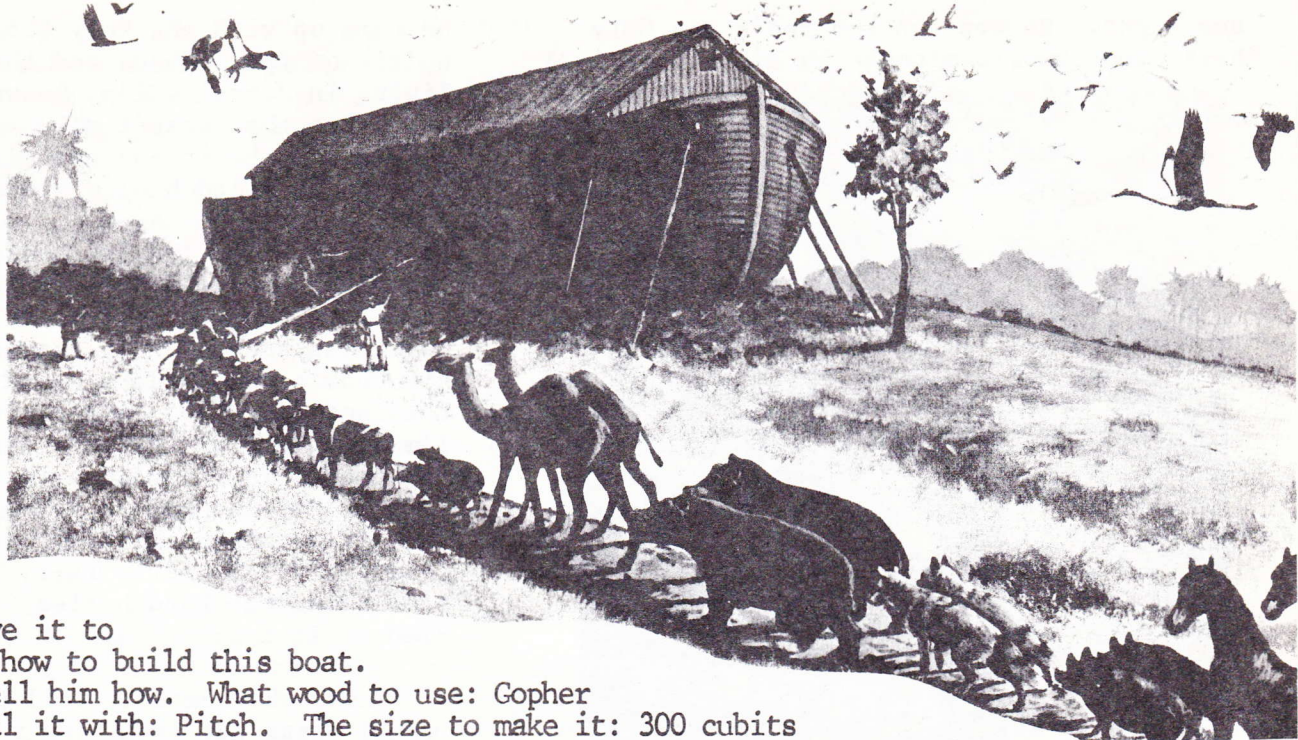
Whoever reads this, please pray for this family. Sis. Pellie Nailor

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All that Satan needs to have his way is for a few good men to remain silent

When sin became so great in the earth in the days of Noah, The Lord God decided to destroy everything living on the earth, and start over again.

But a man named Noah found grace with the Lord. God told him to build an ark, for He was going to destroy the earth with a flood of waters.



He did not leave it to Noah's "Feelings" how to build this boat. He proceeded to tell him how. What wood to use: Gopher wood. What to seal it with: Pitch. The size to make it: 300 cubits long; 50 cubits wide; 30 cubits high. Also to make rooms. To build it three stories high. It was to have a window. And a door was to be made in the side of it. He was told to take food for them all. Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

When the time came and it started to rain much on the earth, and all the fountains of the deep burst forth and water started to prevail on the earth, the old Ark floated. It not only floated up then but it stayed floating for about a year with a very heavy Gargo aboard. It didn't sink. Was it because Noah was such a great boat builder or was it because he done like the Lord said, and then of course the floating then was left up to the Lord. We believe the last to be true.

Now, how about us today? Reckon what we have to go by to stay in the "Ark of safety." Go by our feelings? Or do what the Lord said do. Feeling are fine and we all like them, especially when they are good ones, but when it comes to living for God, we must go by what the unchangeing Word of God says. Do what the Lord said do. Do what the Lord said do.... and we'll make a safe landing on the other side, in the land wherin dwelleth righteous ness.

In 1974, Bill Blackwell, Sis. Ruth Turner son, brought his family up from Florida. He was interested the Lord, and he was in bad health. But, he got to going to meeting tho and the Word of the Lord reached him. He came to the Saviour and He gave him the Holy Ghost and let him know that He wanted him to ask Him to heal him. The day after this knowledge came he was hit by one of the spasm that he suffered from.. Br. Bill asked, "Lord would you just move that for me." When he mentioned move, the spasm and pain quit then.

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A man was going to beat up Br. Robert Knight, and to hear Br. Robert tell it, he could do it with one hand tied behind his back. The man had his hand up and was going to let him have it when Br. Robert said, "Lord he is yours," and the mans arms snapped down to his sides as Br. Robert walked away. A couple of blocks away, Br. Robert looked back and the man was still standing there like he was frozen. He said "The Lord takes care of His own.

A sister was moving back to Huntsville and Sis. Luvenia Stiefel was with her. When they arrived the door was locked, and they couldn't get in. She asked some men nearby but they wouldn't help. They told her about some man that could, but she went back to the door and got to praying. The Lord opened the door. The man she was told about came later on and ask her how she got the door opened it was still locked. She was happy to tell him that she didn't do anything but that the Lord opened it.

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Br. Floyd Williams told how his dad's animal getting out into his neighbor's corn. The neighbor and borther was upset about it. Br. Willis Brown lived in Huntsville and came to Pleasant Grove. No one had told him anything. He got up talking and called the brothers name saying, "If you're living Holiness it won't upset you if Br. Clarence's mule gets in your corn. No one got hurt at the preachers. They just confessed up.

same night. He went on and rec'd the Holy Ghost in a two room house by his bed in 1923.



J.B & Mildred Holman, Br. Frank & Sis Bessie Holman, Br. Tillman & Sis. Lonie Holman.

Br. Tillman said, "They brought us the cleanest life I had ever heard of. I remember the world began to talk about them people. "Them are the preachingest people I ever heard of." "It's the best thing I've ever heard." And, "There's no trouble to see they are right, just look how they love one another!"

Br. Alex and Sis. Luvinia Manns rec'd the Lord here. She had the gift of healing work a lot with her. The Lord even used her to heal a mule once.

Br. Alex's sister, Callie and her husband Bill Taylor came to the Lord.

These were just rough farmers, but when they rec'd the Holy Ghost of God they became gentle people. Before Br. Frank Holman came to the Lord he had an argument with a man in the meeting yard. This man was going to get on him about something. Frank told him, "The horse is saddled, if you want to ride, jump on." He musta wanted to ride, because he jumped on him. He ended up the worse for it. He was stabbed by Frank for it. He just like to have died.

Jerry Medley was going to the altar and a very sick man with doctors taking fluid out of him about twice a week. Doctors finally told him, "Get operated on or die." The closest hospital was over a hundred miles away. That was out of the question. No way to go except by train... One morning he was down in his barn a praying, and glory to God,

he came up with the Holy Ghost. That good Spirit of God. Jesus and the Father set up living in Jerry Medley, known as Br. Jerry now. But that wasn't all. He left that barn new man on the inside and also on the outside for the Lord had healed him and he was clean every whit.

At that time Arvalee Medley had a child born and it was dead. They were digging a grave for it at the local cemetery. Br. Jerry came over and a man by the name of Spec asked him "Uncle Jerry, do you really believe the Lord healed you?" He answered, "Yea! Yes! I'm sound and well! There aint nothing wrong with me!" This boy down in the grave replied "I'd rather die and go to hell to torment as have them goose-gabbering over me!" That was on July 31. By early fall, Spec, had the same thing the Lord healed Br. Jerry of. He died of it too.

Those who remember tell how Br. Andrew would start out preaching with the bible in his hand; "As we began to look down in the Word of Eternal truth, we find (and he'd be flipping thru the pages) over here in the Word of God... By then he was reading and preaching. He was reported to speak quick and fast. Some called him "dynamic." He would sometimes start praying thus; Father, it is agin we bow in the humblest way we have been taught, taking no denial from the throne of grace..."

Though Br. Jim and Br. Andrew were good friends, they didn't always agree together on verything. Over one of these difference they stopped having meeting at Shakerag tho they still remained friends.

Br. Andrew went to Huntsville and Br. Jim went to Plevna, Alabama.

He moved into a log cabin where they started having meetings. The room was a 20 x 20. They would remove the bed and serve the Lord. They used old saw mil benches.

Some of them in Shakerag would walk the fifteen miles there to have meeting.

Sis. Beck Moore was the first here to come to the Lord.

They also had meetings at Br. Bob abd Sis Clara Phillips who lived just across the way from Br. Jim in a two story house.that is still standing. Br. Will Guffey lived here at this house with the Phillips for a season. It was the year that his wife, Sis. Flossie gave birth to a 19½ pound child. It was born dead. His daughter Sis. Lona Spurgeon rec'd the Holy Ghost while they were here.

Br. Jim moved up the hill to a two story home in '32, just down from the present PLEVNA church house. People were coming to the Lord all along. Sis. Lela Shockley who

heard the two ministers at the schoolhouse at Shakerag when she was 13 rec'd the Holy Ghost in the late '30's at Br. Mill's place. She said, "When the Lord gave me the Holy Ghost, He gave me the knowledge of it. Satan never has got me on that. I know I rec'd the Holy Ghost!"

In the late 1930's, Br. Alvin and Sis. Yula Watts lived near Flintville. Br. Arvillee and Sis. Bessie Medley who had rec'd the Holy Ghost in 1929 at home, lived near them. They would all go to meeting together in Br. Arvillee's Model A Ford. Both families had four children at the time. Ten people in a car. Br. Alvin and Br. Arvillee's oldest daughter would ride on the running board of the car. 8 inside, 2 out.

They had meetings at Br. Mort Moore's house. There were so many that came to the Lord. Br. Elton rec'd it under the trees in Br. Jim's yard.

They built the first meeting house at Plevna in 1948. It was a block building.

In the early 50's some left and built New Market.

Some went after "Jesus Only."

By 1960 there were not having any meetings here. Some had moved to Atlanta. The big structure saw even it's floor's rotting out.

But there was a movement to fix it up and start having meeting again. About this time 1964, Br. Elton Brazier who had been in Indiana for some time. felt pressed of the Lord to move back home to Plevna. Everybody worked together and they started again having meetings. The Lord sure did bless. Hundreds came to the Lord. The Lord done wonders among them.

In 1985 again misunderstandings arose and some left and started Mtn View, with Br. elton leading services.

Br. James who had been standing in the wings has step out on the stage of battle and the Lord is up holding him at PLEVNA and the Lord is still blessing his saints here....



Sis. Lois Holman Brazier tells about being in Shakerag in the begining. She went to the Church of Christ. She couldn't feel any thing and tho she was young, she wanted a salvation you could feel. Something "She" knew about. She had heard about the Baptist and Methodist shouting and got to think- ing about going there when she was older.

When Br. Mills and Br. Guffey came, they told her the Holy Ghost was for her and she believed it. She remembers how it stirred up the community and how they burnt the Lutheran church they were having meetings in. (it was a little log building. But this did not hinder these people.. You could hear them out there praying. Br. Jim Guffey had a singing school and her folks wouldn't let her go, telling her she was to young.

The ministers preached about the Holy Ghost. Sis Lois's daddy who couldn't read his wife, "When we get home, you're gonna read that to me." She replied, "It aint in there!" But on getting home and reading the bible, they found out it was in there.

Sis Lois got to seeking for that Holy Ghost. Praying in the woods and fields. Her older brother commented, "If I was Papa, I would whip her." The Lord gave her the Holy Ghost when she was 12 years old in 1922.

When she got older she married Aarron Brazier and he too rec'd the Holy Ghost. And all of their seven children rec' the same good Holy Ghost.

Br. George went to PLEVNA.

Br. Luke George had the Holy Ghost for a little while and he had a thing come up on his arm. He said that he was down in the field one day. He said that he had done everything that he could to get God to hear him and heal him. He had to carry his arm in a sling, it was eating his arm off.

Br. Luke was in fresh plowed ground. He said that the Holy Ghost told him, "Luke, if you'll get down here and pray and get some of that fresh plowed dirt and put it on that sore...."

He got down there and prayed: "Lord, out of the dust you made man and woman, and all the thing we see around us, you made it. I'm trying my best to live for you, and obey you. I believe this is you." He put that dirt on there and rubbed it real good.

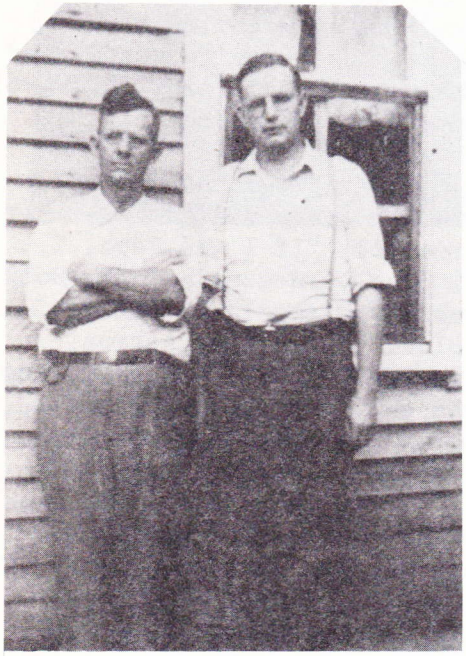
That thing began to heal up and in just a few days everything was gone but the scar."

Br. Walter Mills, Br. Luther George, Br. Willard Wooten and Br. Leonard Holman.

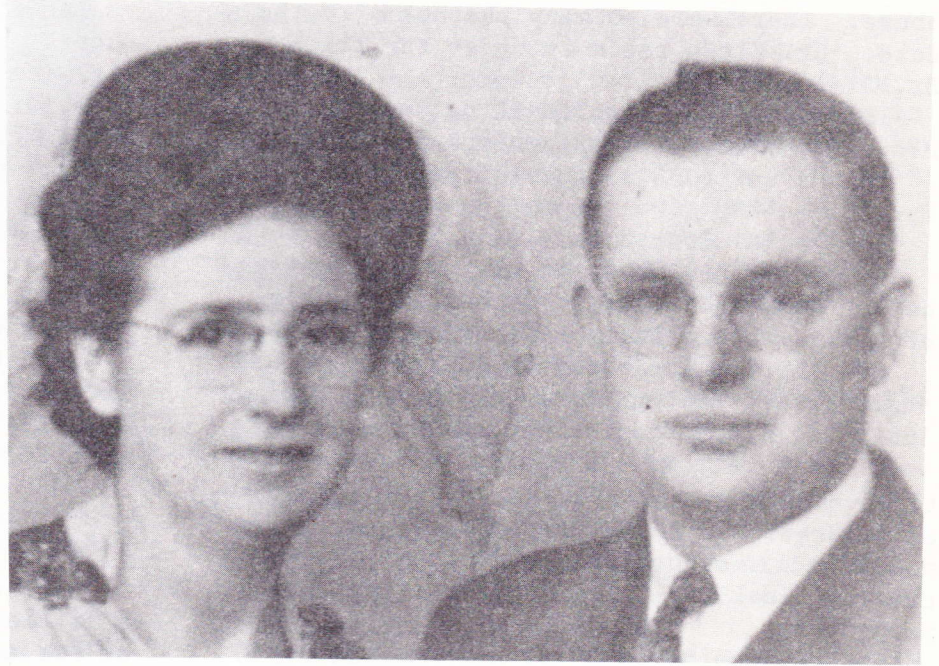


Br. Walter & Sis. Louise Mills, Sis. Edna & Br. James Hillis, Jake Dewies, (boy on tri. r. Winfred Mills, IN BACK; Alfred Mills, Br. Billy Mills & Br. Buford Mills.

Made in 1944 at the old home place.



Br. will Guffey and Br, Aaron Brazier



Sis. Lois and Br. Aaron Brazier



Br. Frank Holman's parents, Ed and Sis. Mal Holman at house in Shakerag.



Jim Snead, Br. Frank Holman, Br. Mord Moore, Br. Jim Mills



Sis Doshie McCormick

Somewhere in the state of Tennessee, James Edward Mills was born to Floyd Jackson Mills in 1879.

In the early 1900's they moved to Gunters Mtn in north Alabama. James married Jennie Leona Loyd who was born on this mountain in 1891. They had six sons and three daughters, the two oldest sons dying when they were very young.

He was a Baptist and lead prayer in public often. He had commented that he thought there ought to be a way for a man to live free from the curse of sin.

Br. Tom Perry and Br. Sam Bates came to this mountain in 1910 preaching of just such a Way. It was called The Way of Holiness. Some accepted it, most didn't. Floyd Mills tried to get James to promise that he would never have nothing to do with Holiness, but he wouldn't promise. By the fall of 1911 he rec'd the Holy Ghost. In a little while he was even praching the good Way. Later Jenny came to the Lord too.

They moved to the Huntland Tennessee area in the early 1920's and got meetings going at Shakerag where people started rec'ing the Holy Ghost. They later moved to the log house at Plevna Alabama. It was located at what today is the corner of Buddy Williamsoln and Ollie Howard roads.

Sis Jenny cook for many many people. One year during revival when they had meeting at their house, Br. Jim hired a colored lady to come and help his wife so many ate and slept at their home.

He caused the first Plevna church to be built.

Sis. Jenny died in November of 1962. Br. Jim follwed her in August of 1975. He had been a Holiness preacher for about 50 years.



Br. Sam Bates & Br. Jim Mills



Br. Jim Mills & Br. Will Guffey

He has been waiting  
for his journey,  
He has been praying  
Lord to go.  
His mind is getting meeker.  
His sight is getting weaker .  
And his footsteps  
are getting slow.  
He has been a true worker  
for his Savior,  
When many people would taunt  
him here below.  
He has had it rough Lord.  
But this you know.  
And Lord we will miss him  
when he goes....

Yes, the old man, I can now see, sitting on the porch of the old home place. I can almost hear him whistling and see the firm expression on his face. His sight has about left him now, and at times it's hard for him to hear. But he still knows the Words of The Lord, and is still quoting them clear. The old man has had it so rough thru the years, living for God. And teaching the people far and near - preaching His Word, as he trod. And when it's time for him to cross over, I'm sure God will reach out His gentle hand from His abode, and tho we love him, his treasures will be there in heaven...

(written by his grand-daughter)

Things to think upon.

...he talked about lipstick, but I haven't heard it mentioned about arched eyebrows which is very common among us.

The bible said we must worship Him in Spirit and truth. The word truth means a lot more then we are getting. If we were getting the full gospel of Jesus Christ, there wouldn't be so much time for these other things...

He said, preach the Word, not what somebody said. Not what a book said...

He said if you have faith, have it to yourself. Like getting in a closet to pray. Just so you don't pray as the hypocrites.

There are so many little natural things being taught now hat we used to never here.

I know we must grow, ... but in spiritual things. Our neighbors have those worldly things.

This was written by an elder sister and it sure fits the times. Eh???

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Br. Arnold Kesler of IDER died to this world on Jan 7, 1987 in his 74th year. He had been one of God's children over 56 year.

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And again another good weekend in Farmington Kentucky. There was a bigger crowd and the Lord helped many. They had Br. Buford Warren to the ministry and the Lord helped him to speak on not judging one another any more. The saints were gald to see him rejoicing in the Lord too. The next meeting will be the 5th weekend in August. If you love God and peace come. As Br. Bucky Bethune from LookOut Mtn said, "This is neutral ground here!" AMEN!!!

... We love the Way of the Lord and all of His children. We know that the Way of the Lord is spiritual and the only way that one can worship the Lord properly is to be in the Spirit and regardless of what anyone says, only that which is spiritual will stand. Only that which is moved by the Spirit will edify, teach, build up and cause Christ's church to prosper. Now, know this to be the truth, we put out Glad Tidings with this understanding, that it is a vehicle to pass on all those good things God does for and among His children and to anyone where you go to meeting, if God is with you, He will do good things for you.

We have been putting out Glad Tidings for a long time now. We know it is not for everyone. The answer to those who ask why we do put it out: We love the goodness of God and just like to spread around all the good things that God sends His childrens Way.

We love the Way of God, a Way of Love, and we love all His children. We know, for we are taught of the Lord, that the Way of God is spiritual and the only way in this sin cursed world to worship the Lord is thru and in the Spirit of God. Other things may sound and feel good, but the bottom line of this salvation is what is done in the Spirit or in The Name of the Lord. Only that which is moved by the Spirit will edify... teach... build up...cause Christ's church to prosper. Glad Tidings is not spiritual, it is just edited by one who loves the Spiritual Way and ALL those who are in it, regardless who you are or where you are from. We enjoy doing this work of Love and appreciate all who have been so good to help us and make this paper possible. Please pray for us.

Bryant Finlayson.

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