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**GLAD
TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS**



Sis. Joyce Sharp

Memorial: To Sis. Joyce Sharp

"About a sister in the Lord who was dear to me many years.

She worked without a grumble, as if she knew her time was short. Much of the time she was not able to go. She loved people and wanted so much to help them along the way. She had no respect of person and wanted to see everyone come to the Lord.

She loved the song, Little Is Much If God Is In It.

She believed in praying three times a day.

Reading her bible wherever she was.

I went to work in a plant and was next to someone who looked like they loved the Lord. I got to know her and sure enough she did. She just looked special.

Not a lot of people had much to do with her. When they saw how I felt about her, they began to take another look at her and they found the same thing I did. A very special person that loved them more than they loved her.

At Christmas she wrote a little note and put it on the bulletin board, how thankful she was of such nice people.

Where she worked before, they booed and made fun of her, but she loved them just the same.

She prayed a lot for everybody's kids. She made a list of people's kids and put them up before the Lord. As they got the Holy Ghost, she took them off the list. But she kept on praying that they would live for the Lord.

It didn't take much for her because she did not want no part of the world or the joy of it. The world meant nothing to her at all. She felt like she didn't have to have much. She worked to give to others and ate very little.

I never heard her talk bad or say a harm word of no one.

She believed in prayer for everything. If she thought she needed anything, she would talk it over with the Lord first.

I tell people, If it takes the life she lived to make it. There ~~won't~~ be many who make it.

She wanted to have mercy on every one even if she didn't see things like they did. She prayed God would help them make it to heaven just the same.

She is living in her brand new home that she looked forward to.

Sis. Marie Wooten.

Sis. Joyce Sharp was 49 years old when the Lord called her home January 28, 1988. She rec' the Holy Ghost at Br. Milton

Spears home on Sand Mtn in the spring of 1960. She was the grand-daughter of old Br. Dave Sharp.

We here at Glad Tidings knew Sis. Joyce well and loved her much. She was such a big help in putting out this paper. In the years that we knew her, she was always giving, never asking or taking. We have at times given her things, such as cameras and other things. We usually got it back, she was worried that we needed it more than she did.

If we mention of a sister being down, troubled, persecuted or other cares of this life, you could bank on them getting a visit from Sis. Joyce. She might not have always caused their burdens to leave, but they at least knew there was one human being, and child of God who cared.

Many, many saints today remember how she was interested and cared for them when they were trying to make their way to God.

She knew the doctrine of Holiness more than most. She knew that the main ingredient of holy living was LOVE. And that this love for God and for one another was the keeping power that kept sin away from our door. She knew it, and she practiced it in her day by day walk.

You would pass her up in a crowd, if you didn't know her, or didn't walk with the mind of Christ. Some would probably call her the wall-flower type. And a flower she was, but not the wall type. She is the kind that is found in the master's bouquet, if he has one.

For years we've heard her try to tell of an experience that she had. She called it the "Exquisite blessing." Somehow the good Lord had let her see perfect love. We never got to hear all the details 'cause when she would tell it, the Lord would bless her as she rocked back and forth on her feet and say, "O-o-o-we-e!" And we all praise the Lord with her.

We have good hope that Sis. Joyce is now enjoying that "exquisite blessing," in all its fullness, with all heaven joining in with her.

When our mind thinks on Sis. Joyce now, we can hear that, "O-o-o-we-e!"

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Jesus talked like the good shepherd would give his life for the sheep. A hireling is different. He cares more for himself than the sheep. He'll tell them, "If you don't like what I preach, go somewhere else." Jesus said the good shepherd would leave the ninety and nine and go out and seek that sheep that was straying. You sure can tell the difference between a shepherd and a hireling, can't you?

Br. PAUL WARREN: "The old adversary comes along, and he'll discourage me. For a little while. Then God will come by. When I can feel the Lord, I just like to be bold. The bible talked like we should be bold as a lion. I'd like to be. If we could be that bold. Satan is that bold. But if we could be, when we're suffering adversity, and we feel like we may die next week. We can stand up like Job when they were criticizing him. When he got opportunity to speak, he was telling them about the goodness of the Lord.

It might have been Job who said, "I have esteemed the words of the Lord, more than my necessary food!"

You know, I love God. One way I know I love God, is when I love His children. We know we have passed from death unto life that way.

My brethern, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations; Somebody will say, "All my joy's been sapped." Somebody says, "I was making it pretty good til something comes along and knocks me down." Paul said, "*Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities.*" Just all kinds of troubles. Today you're sick. Tomorrow somebody is talking about you. The next day you lose a love one. Count it all joy. Kids get sick. Count it all joy. Tempted to take them to the doctor....

Let me say something, you can trust in God. Just make sure he can trust in you.

How much joy you got this morning? You say, "Not much!" Well, you must not have many temptations, because he said, "*Count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations.*"

Knowing this, that the trying of your faith WORKETH patience. I've stop hem from asking, "I want you to pray for me hat I'll have more patience." If they start praying for you to have patience the more troubles you'll get.

They say this fellow thought he was getting ready for God's work. He thought God had called him to preach. He went to this old man and said, "Borther, I want you to pray for me. God's called me to preach but just aint got enough patience." They said hat old man fell down on his knees and cried "O Lord, send him trials." He said, "Wait a minute. You misunderstood me. I want you to pray for me that I have patience." The old man said, "*Tribulation worketh patience.*" ..*The trying of your faith worketh patience.*

What's patience? We all know what it is. Instead of waiting on the Lord, you run over there and get something done right quick. You didn't have patience.

Let patience have her perfect work that you may be perfect, entire wanting nothing.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and unbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like the wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. I'm going to tell you and me, and me first. If you want anything from God, get "self" out of the way first.

There's been a few times when I didn't know which way to go. A few times when satan stood right in my face and say, "You'll never get out of this!" But I did get out. God got me out! ...

He loves you! I love to tell people that God controls it all. I like to tell what He will do. What He has done.

If we're a child of God, we know he can heal. We know He can perform miracles. But we all feel like He won't do that for Us. Job didn't feel up to par either. He was a perfect man and upright man. Took all he had. He was criticizing himself. He was bearing himself down. God had turned Job over to Satan. After he seen Job had suffered enough, he told him out of a whirl-wind, spoke; *Who is this that darkeneth council without knowledge?*... You know one of the first thing he told him to do. "*Gird up the loin like a man and I'll speak to thee.*" He was wanting Job's mind. For Job had searched for the Lord and couldn't find Him. Today if you've searched for God and can't find Him, stand still. Wait on Him. And when he comes by, you'll know it. And when he comes by in after Him. You can depend on Him!

That old spirit talking to you, "Why you aint ever done nothing." When he tells you that, say, "No I aint! But God has!" Paul said, *I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me.* When a man thinks he is something, he is nothing.

When you get in a trial, don't throw up your hands. Look up! "God, you said you'd never leave me nor forsake me. And I certainly aint gonna leave you Lord."

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Sis. Linda Fields of CAVE SPRING tells of having something in common with Naoh. She has found grace in the eyes of the Lord. She remembered where the spriture said; **Ye are saved by grace thru faith...**

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Sis, Annie Ruth Brewer: "Singing that song, All Heavens Gonna Be There. I thought, 'Ya, it won't be just me and my little group, but it will be everyone of us that will get to go in. I love the children of God. I would love to praise Him because he has been real good to us."

December 14, 1987

Dear Br. _____

Most everybody knows of Br. Wayne Williams (family picture enclosed) and his health condition. He is not well off financially either.

Br. Wayne and his family are now renting a home at West Brow on Lookout Mt. They have three children, all school ages.

Unless the Lord helps or heals Br. Wayne he will never work again.

It has been pressed upon some brethren to construct Br. Wayne's family a home to live in (with financial help from churches).

Proverbs 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay again.

1 John 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Will your church please make a love offering?

Send donations to: Br. Denny Moore
1602 E. Willow Street
Scottsboro, Al (205) 259-4571

or

Br. Dennis Denson
104 Ashmore Lane
Scottsboro, Al (205) 259-1887

Br. Jr. Hill of BRYANT will supervise the construction. We would like to begin the construction after the first of the year. If any member of your church has materials or a trade (construction, carpenter, roofers, plumbers, brick mason, electrician, etc.) and would like to donate it to this cause

please contact: Br. Jr. Hill
Route !
Bryant, Al (205) 597-2797

All help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and God bless you all.

This letter was mailed a little before Christmas to most of the holiness bands among us with a picture attached of the Br. Wayne Williams family.

Br. Wayne and Sis. Gail live on Lookout Mtn, ABOVE Trenton Georgia.

They were both raised by Holiness parents. Both of their dads, Sis. Gail's being Br. John Scott, and Br. Wayne's being Br. Coy Williams, have been passed away in the faith, for some time now.

There were childhood sweethearts, seeing one another at meetings. They married in 1968. They have 3 sons, Br. Tim, Br. David, and Seth.

In 1976 they moved to Indiana and were seen regular at SOUTH Haven. These saints in the northfell in love with this couple as did all that knew them here in the South.

Br. Wayne is known for his quiet and meek spirit. God put His hand on him before he moved north, and for reason that they know, he has held himself back. But when he moves for the Lord, even in his present condition, you can feel the working of the Lord with him.

A few years ago, arthritis started on him in a big way. Though many times he has been prayed for, both in private and in meetings, this disease has prevailed til now he is confined to a wheelchair, and suffers much with little to no complaining.

Through all this, that meek and humble spirit still prevails.

The saints are coming together to build this family a 30 X 50 house on Lookout Mtn. Br. Wayne of course can't hold down a job and they used up their money to buy the lot the house] will be built on.

Br. Wayne and Sis. ail don't know how to react to all this. Mostly they are embarassed and you^{new} words from them like this: "We aint worthy..." And, "We're getting by alright," and, "But other people need help more than us."

We know they are not destitute and get by, but we are thrilled that God's people from everywhere are rallying around this labor of love.

Money is starting to come in from many different churches. More than once, churches have

left Br. Denny with money in his hands and tears in his eyes, knowing that little congregation sacrificed much to give such large amounts. For usually those who have much help little, and those who have little help much. That is the reason many of them are poor, they are rich in good works.

One of the letters that accompanied a large check said:

"We feel this is a great work you brethren are doing. We thank you for giving _____ Holiness Church the privilidge of having a part in it.

May God richly bless you all

Beside people giving money and help ing build later, some are assisting in other

ways:

Br. Denny Moore is supplying the flooring and installation.

WINCHESTER will try to supply the dry wall and Insulation and help put it up.

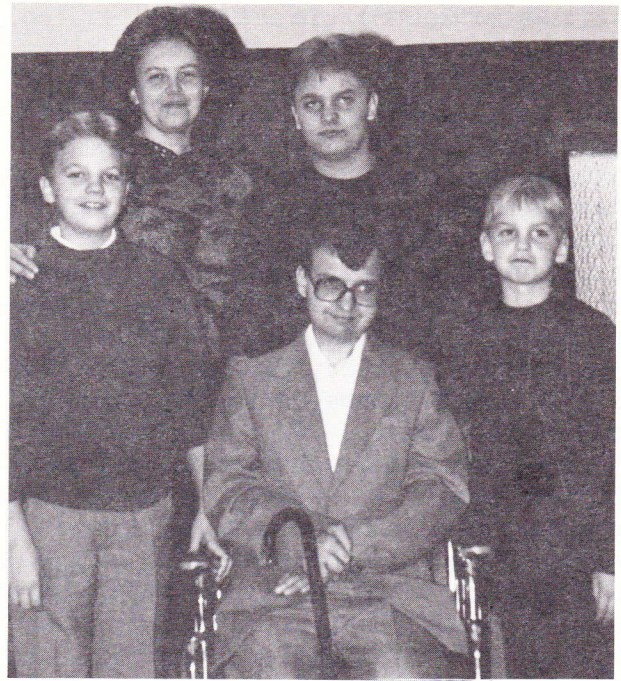
WHITE'S CHAPEL will try to supply the doors.

Br. Jr. Hill and Br. Chris Robinson will try to make and install the cabinets.

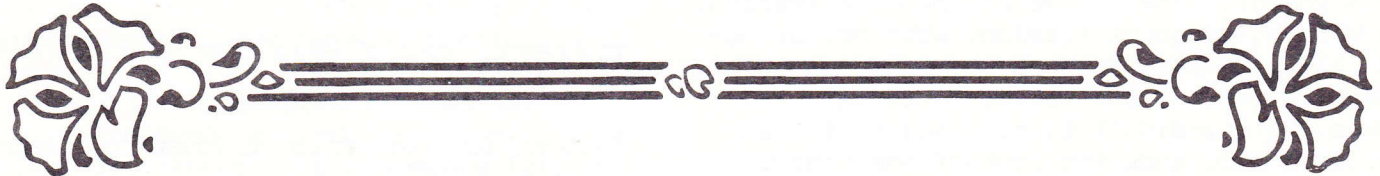
A number of carpenters are standing by, just waiting for the word.

A number of the saints are enthused over this labor of love and are anxious to get it going.

Anyone else who wants a part in this endeavor, whether in manual labor or financial, just contact one of the brethern whose name and adress in on the letter.



The Br. Wayne Williams family



"Br. Jack (Denson) was at Winchester and preaching on, 'your works.' I was sick and in prison and you visited me not. And I was naked and you clothed me not. He said, as you did it unto to the least of thses my brethern, you did it unto me. He said, that's works, children of God! You've got to have them!

Br, Ronnie Worthington, used to go to WILLIAM'S COVE. He got up and the Lord blessed him. It just looked so good. He said, "Br. Jack, for thirteen years I have went along, I thought if you live a good life, you go to church, you testify, the Lord bless you, I thought that was living Holiness. But I can see! Oh, I can see!" He would jump... It was the best part of the whole meeting.

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BR. G.W. ATCHLEY: This man stepped out in front of me. I didn't even know the man. He said, "I heard that you love the Lord?" I said, "I think I do. My daily life will prove it..."

If we can't love our brother whom we have seen, how can we love God who we have not seen. If we say we love God and keep not his commandments, the bible says that we was a liar. And esus said that every liar will have his part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone.

That get close, don't it? It ought to cause us to fear God.

Br. Lloyd Houston: "When we start getting out of line, get going in the wrong direction, and then a trial comes upon us, gets us turn-back around. I thank Him for that! Glory to God!

Heard that song Br. Hodgie Holman sings about that father who had a son who was getting out in the world. He prayed, "Lord when he gets flying to high and stuff like that, You clip his wings, but don't let him fall to hard Lord!" I like that. I want Him to take me up. He will. Glory to God.

When I started, I wanted to do right. I had something that didn't look right. I gave them to somebody. I didn't want it between me and the Lord. I wanted to look like a holiness person. I wanted to live like them. I wanted to do right. And I want to take care of IT if I can.

Pray for me that I'll always stay under the fear of God."

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Br. Edwin at TIFTONIA: He was at the grocery store, one night after church. He met a couple from another church, they were so friendly. Went down another aisle and met another couple. By the time he had left the store, he had met four holiness couples from different churches.

It came to him so plain. Everybody loved him from the different churches, but it was the leaders who cause the divisions."

Departing from TRUTH

There's gradual departing from the Way of Truth. It is sometimes so small a departure that at first it is not noticed. Then later on, sometimes years, the departure is noticed and then they wonder when and how it came about.

Let us take for instance, the spiritual position of a husband and father; he is to be over his wife; his children. Too much of God's Word prove this beyond any doubt; **The head of the woman is the man...The woman(was created) for the man... To the woman; Thy husband shall rule over thee...For the husband is the head of the wife... Wife see that she reverence her husband... Wives submit yourselves to your own husbands...** On and on we could go, as you all well know. But as we also know, in most homes it is not this way. The Word told of this: **Children are their oppressors, and women rule over them.**

Many things have caused this. The women's lib movement. The "spineless men" generation. The working woman generation, with her bringing in a nice paycheck and she is going to spend it the way she wants, "After all I worked for it, didn't I, so I spend it the way....." You know the rest of the story.

All this comes thru the working of the Wicked one. If a man is taken out of the head-ship of the home, he can get them to take the Lordship of the church away from Christ and let man rule there.

Another thing is when the husband and wife situation is talked in church, often the man is made to be the heavy, in this way; It is spoke of the woman as the sweet dainty little thing and her husband a brute who crosses his arms and says, very loud, very hatefully; "I want you to know I'm the head of this home. I'm the boss! You'll do just as I say!" And of course, this has and will happen, to our shame.

But there is that meek brother, who wants to please God, by being in control or the head of the home, and when he would assert his God given duty, he is cowed down by what he heard at church, and some of the dominating wives remind him of it too.

So not wanting to appear a brute, he let's the will of God pass. After awhile it comes home, when he offers himself in meeting. The right power of God is not there. When praying the prayer of faith, the faith doesn't come. When the children are grown, they are not grown right. Truly, what a man sows, that does he also reap.

I doesn't matter who cooks breakfast or

who does the dishes. It does matter that the home has peace, and Godly peace at that.

When Christ is the head of the church and the man is the head of the woman and home, and that in the love of God, here there is peace. And things work out right at this place.

Regardless what is said and done, the Lord still require the children to be in subjection to their parents. The wife be in subjection to her own husband. And all be under subjection to The Lord.

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*Woe unto the world
because of offences!
for it must needs be
that offences come;
but woe to that man
by whom the offence
cometh!*

(OFFENCE: scandal

snare

stumbling block

cause to fall)

Sis. Linda Farmer: (WINCHESTER) "Anthony had been gone from the house about two hours. (She couldn't find him) I got real worried about him. I thought, "Lord, you can send him home!"

In just a little bit, I was sitting there, and he came running in the door. He wanted to know what I wanted? He said he had heard me call him three times.

You know the Lord done that!"

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Br. Lonnie Dudley passed away in the peace of God November 29, 1987. He was 71 years old and had served the Lord for 52 years. He rec'd the Holy Ghost at BIERNE AVE in Huntsville Alabama.

His widow, Sis. Linnie Mae, said, "Lonnie was a good man as all that were acquainted with him knew. He would not speak evil of anybody. He was the kindest person I ever knew. And patient."

Trial are the proving grounds of our faith. In trials is a faith verified.

Fox's Book of Martyrs

We want everybody to know that this is history and not the Word of God.

The 1st persecution under Nero, A.D. 67

Nero, the 6th emperor of Rome...reigned five years, with tolerable credit to himself, but then gave way to the greatest extravagancy of temper, and to the most atrocious barbarities. ...he ordered the city of Rome should be set on fire, ...by his officers... While the imperial city was in flames he went to the tower of Macaenas, played upon his harp, sung the song of the burning of Troy and openly declared that 'he wished the ruin of all things before his death.' ... palaces and houses were consumed; several thousands perished in the flames, were smothered in the smoke, or buried beneath the ruins.

...continued nine days; when Nero finding that his conduct was greatly blamed and a severe odium cast upon him, determined to lay the whole upon the Christians, at once to excuse himself, and having opportunity of glutting his sight with new cruelties. This was the occasion of the first persecution. ... Nero even refined upon cruelty, and contrived all manner of punishments for the Christians... he had some sewed up in skins of wild beasts, and then worried by dogs until they expired; and others dressed in shirts made stiff with wax, fixed to axeltrees, and set fire in his garden, in order to illuminate them. This persecution was general thru-out the whole Roman Empire; but it rather increased than diminished the spirit of Christianity. In the course of it St. Paul, and St. Peter were martyred.

To their names may be added, Erastus, chamberlain of Corinth; Aristarchus, the Macedonian, and Trophimus, an Ephesian, converted by Paul, and fellow laborer with him, Joseph, commonly called Barsabas, and Annias, bishop of Damascus; each of the Seventy.

The Second Persecution, Under Domitian, A.D. 81

The emperor Domitian, who was naturally inclined to cruelty, first slew his brother and then raised the second persecution against the Christians. In his rage he put to death some of the Roman senators, some thru malice; and others to confiscate their estates. He commanded all the lineage of David to be put to death.

Among the numerous martyrs,... was Simeon bishop at Jerusalem, who was crucified; and St. John who was boiled in oil (He couldn't kill John) and afterward banished him to Patmos. Flavia, the daughter of a Roman senator, was banished to Pontus; and the law was made, "That no Christian, once brought

before the tribunal, should be exempted from punishment without renouncing his religion,

A variety of fabricated tales were... composed ... to injure Christians. Such was the pagan, that, if famine, pestilence, or earthquakes afflicted any Roman Provinces, it was laid to the Christians. These persecutions ... increased the number of informers and many, for the sake of gain, swore away the lives of the innocent.

..when any Christian was brought before the magistrates, a test was proposed, when, if they refused to take it, death was pronounced against them; and if they confessed themselves Christians, the sentence was the same.

...among the numerous martyrs who suffered during this persecution; Dionysius, the Areopagite, was an Athenian by birth, and educated... bishop of Athens.

Nicodemus, suffered at Rome during the rage...

Protasius and Gervasius were martyred at Milan.

Timothy the celebrated disciple of St. Paul, and bishop at Ephesus... 'til 97. As the pagans were about to celebrate a feast called Catagogion, Timothy meeting the procession, severely reprov'd them for their idolatry, which so exasperated (them) that they beat him (with clubs) that he expired two days after.



Sis. Myrtle Cardin, wife of Br. Harvey Cardin, went to sleep in Christ December 5 1987 in her 71st year. She rec'd the Holy Ghost under Br. Hexry McLain in Williams Cove over 47 years ago. She was from SMYRNA.

Br. Denny Moore: "Without God, we can't do nothing. I'm helpless. You're helpless. And everyone of us is brought down just alike. But in Him, He said, "All things are possible." But if we could trust Him with all our heart, He'll do what He said He would.

We was all one time, we aint now, but we was all one time, poor people. And sometimes I think of myself as poor, but when I look back how I really was, and compare it to how now, I'm not poor.

Because when I was a child grow up, I thought people with grass in their yard, and mowed it. We had a dirt yard. Before company would come, Moma would tell us, we had a brush broom, and we'd sweep the yard. We didn't have running water, we carry it from a spring. We didn't have an inside toilet, nor and outside one either. I could lay in my bed and look at the stars at night, not thru the window, but thru the wall. So compared to the way I am now to then, I was poor but I'm not now.

There were some people one time that were in bondage for 400 some years. The Lord chose them, not because they were a great people but because they were few. You see, the Lord like to take something that aint nothing and make something out of it. He like to take one man like he did Elijah and prove His power against 450 prophets of Baal. He took some fishermen and caused the people to marvel at them, the way they spoke. Just common people.

I want to read; **Behold when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered unto the saints.** delivered unto the saints. Every one of us, when we come to the Lord, He measured out a measure of faith.

I trusted Him when I didn't have a job. He gave me a job. I trusted Him when my kids was sick. He healed them. I trusted Him when I got in trouble, and it seemed like I would seek Him and couldn't find Him... And holding on, sometimes I didn't know how I stood with him. He come by. Holding to His hand will work when all else fails.

He will keep us in the time of famine. He aint changed a bit. **The same yesterday, today, and forever.** All the changing that's been done has been in mankind.

One time we were in bondage. One time we wouldn't do right and couldn't do right. I'd tell the Lord, "I won't do that no more. The next day or the next weekend, I'd find myself do the same thing over again. I couldn't help it. I was a slave to Satan. But the Lord had mercy on me. Just like he did them people over there that he chose.

But some of them didn't believe, and because of that, we've got this opportunity

tonight. He came to His own, and His own received Him not. But He gave us an opportunity when He gave it to the gentiles. We ought to be thankful. And if them, the true vine messed up, then we ought to fear.

I'm thankful tonight that He thought me worthy. That He thought enough of me that he chose me. And He told me, if I kept His commandments, that anything I asked, He'd give it to me. And when I ask and don't get it, I look at me.

If we aint careful, we do like them people did over there. We don't want to forget where we came from.

We've got to believe God... or were in trouble. Because them people was cut off cause of unbelief. They've been a praying at the Wailing wall near the Eastern Gate for 2,000 years for the Messiah to come, 3 times a day. What about that! He come and they wouldn't accept Him. But He made a Way for us. If we aint careful, we take it for granted. If we aint careful, we might boast. But you know what? We're just like they are. We are made out of dirt. But we've got a home over yonder, if we'll believe and put our trust in God. Some people are going to be cut out, because of an belief.

I want to make it. Not just me, I want you to make it. I want to be able to live in a way, that I could help you. And I want you to help me. And the only way we can do that, is live a charitable life. Because charity edifies. And to edify means, to be built up. So, if I got charity in my life, what I say will do you good."

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Br. Shirley Byrum: Elijah... had him on my mind today. He asked the people; **How long halt (hesitate) ye between two opinions?** He wanted them to find out who was God. They had 450 prophets on their side. Some times we want a crowd on our side, don't we? But if you can feel the Spirit of God, it will stand when everything will go down!

He told us under the blood to, **offer your selves a living scarifice, holy, and exceptable.** When I do that, I've got confidence. I got faith in God He'll help me.

If I don't, I just can't believe Him.

Help somebody. **The poor you have with you always.** If you'll be led by the Spirit of God, you'll be giving somebody something. Somebody will say, "I will if the Lord tells me." The bible says, "If you see your brother have need and shut up the bowels of compassion against him, how dwell the love of God in you?"

If that loves there, you'll go get him what he needs!

We've all got to have one another!

The Beatitudes

The role of believers:

- The poor in spirit
- The mournful
- The meek
- Those who hunger & thirst after righteousness
- The merciful
- The pure in heart
- The peacemakers
- Those persecuted for righteousness' sake

The reward of believers:

- To possess the kingdom of heaven
- To be comforted
- To inherit the earth
- To be filled
- To obtain mercy
- To see God
- To be called The children of God
- To possess the kingdom of heaven

The relationship of believers:

- They are to function as the salt of the earth
- They are to function as the light of the world

Sis. Dollie Sanders: "I'm so far behind in praising and honor Him. I thought tonight as we got down to pray, Lord help me to be a light. Don't let my light be dark. If we live like we should our light will shine.

I know because, and I aint bragging...a few years back... Me and Coleman were the only Holiness folks there as far as I knew. (At a funeral Home) This woman kept a looking at me. I kept thinking that something was wrong with my hair or something, and I'd keep trying to fix it. And everytime I'd go in where she was at, she be staring at me. I'd think, "Surely something is wrong with me!"

(She came up and talked with Sis. Dollie saying)"..but that aint what I wanted to meet you for." I said,"Well, what did you want to meet me for?"

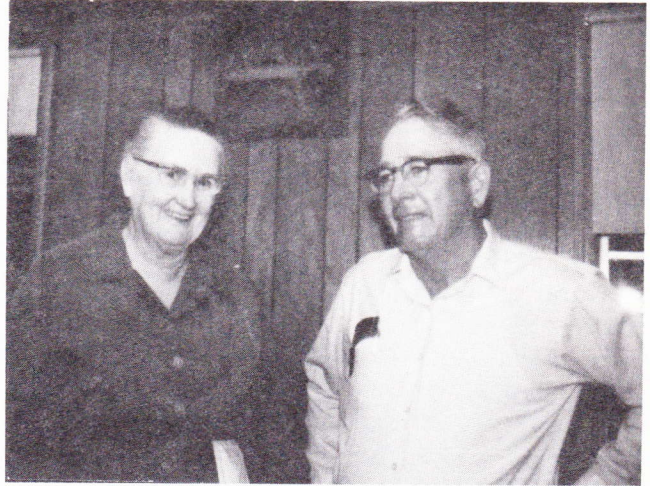
She said,"I've been watching you all night."

I said,"I seen you! But what is the matter with me?"

She said,"There's something about you. You are shining. There's something around you I don't see around people."

And, whooo, I got so happy talking to her there. It was just a blessing to me. I know what she seen...."

Sis. Lura Murphy, wife of Br, Verlon Mrphy was called away in her 81st year on August 12, 1987. She came to the Lord at home in 1933. She was from FORT PAYNE.



Br. Verlon & Sis. Lura Murphy

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Br. Arthur McAllister is telling the saints by The Word Of God to quit wearing jewelery. He said,"I know some of you don't like this, but I'm gonna tell you anyway."

Stay in there Br. Arthur, tell it like it is. We don't need to shun any of God's Word.

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Br. Denny Moore: "I've seen my daddy, time after time, take the last dollar he had and stop at a gas station and put in his car to go to church. Didn't have another dollar to by some to get back on. He believed he'd get back, and he always did,

I remember one time in particular. We had started somewhere and got to S. Pittsburg. He had an old 49 Chevrolet that he had given \$150.00 for, and it had a 100,000 miles on it.

We got to S. Pittsburg that morning, and I'm no mechanic, but I believe it was a rod knocking in it. It sounded like it was going to come out of that car.

He pulled over to the side of the road. Mama said,"You'd better turn around right now and go back. We might not get back home."

The hood was raised. Daddy stood there a minute. He was no mechanic either. He was looking at it. Directly he just slammed the hood down and got back in the car and started it up. Mama said,"What'er you doing?" He said, "I'm going to church. If it quits 'fore I get there, I'm going to get out and walk. I felt like going and I'm going to church!"

I believe it was BIG COVE where I was going. He put 50 or 55,000 miles on that car after that.

That's the same God we are serving."

The 5th weekend of January will long be remembered by most of the saints who met for service at Farmington Kentucky. It was a time of endearing testimonies, beautiful singing, glorious shouting, humbleness of spirit, rivers of tears, joys of laughing, leaping and praising, kneeling and begging, and love and peace everywhere.

It won't be soon forgotten either by those who saw many of these on their return home, for many were lit with that glow that is with real peace and love and joy. Some of the young saints even had the Spirit of God moving on them the following week at school.

Over 60 children of God from 16 different holiness bands met and worshipped the Lord together, in love and respect for one another.

No man was the head, but Christ was in his rightful place, in His temple and on His throne. He was in control again and He was smiling on His children.

Many of them that came were "Up against it," money wise, some not having the cost of food and lodging, but as always, the Lord provided as the need arose.

Some came with a burden, in need of spiritual help. Many had the need filled. Sis. Connie Sisk brought her young daughter, Sis. Olivia, hoping she would get help from The Lord. The Lord blessed them both. Sis. Julie Veal (she rec'd the Holy Ghost last fall at GRIFFEN) had a very low mind, until the Lord blessed her and brought that sweet smile back again.

They had Br. Denny Moore to the ministry, and those who didn't already, fell in love with his quiet and gentle way, especially the way the Lord uses him to encourage and uplift the saints.

Br. Melvin Priest and Br. Carl Simmons help conduct the meetings, and everyone seemed to be in subjection to one another.

The first meeting on Saturday morning started out with just a couple there, but they kept coming in until they had a good number, and the testimonies were good. Sis. Ethel Treece was blessed and they were comments on what a "good feeling," she brought by many who had never even seen her before.

They met after this meeting at the old folks home to sing. The old folks were touched and of course this touched the singers.

Though there was a lot of "shouting" there were also plenty of good solid testimonies. Sis. Phylis Culver had everyone's attention as she told how they mistreated her at school. They spit on her, cut her clothes. She would call her mother, Sis. Lubelle, to come bring her more clothes to wear. Once she decided to keep count of the

people who talked to her over a three week period. She counted three (or maybe it was two) and they were teachers giving her assignments. She didn't fit in at school, but when she went to meeting, she fit in.

In this same service, the subject of correcting children was talk on quite a bit. Sis. Becky Petty told how she and her husband came to the Lord the same night. In a little bit, there girl, Sis. Christy also rec'd the Holy Ghost. She thought evrything would be peaches and cream. That they would never have to correct young Christy anymore. But she finally got out of line with her Mom. Sis. Becky was troubled about this. Sis. Christy had the Holy Ghost. Surely you didn't whip a child of God. She prayed and prayed and the Lord gave her the answer. Sis. Christy when asked what her Mother did, she replied, "She beat the fire out of me!" When Sis. Becky was telling this, there was not many dry eyes in the house.

This type of testimony was repeated over and over this weekend. Good testimonies. leaping and shouting, crying and laughing. people laying out in the floor. Saints hugging one another. What a time the had.

Sis. Becky's big husband, couldn't stay still, laughing and jumping and just grinning.

Br. Jr. Atchley and his wife were telling of God healing her of brain tumor. Their daughter were also blessed.

Br. Clyde Langley couldn't be still all weekend as he enjoyed the good spiritual fellowship everyone shared. His son, Br. Warren and daughter, Sis. Angela were there and they enjoyed the blessed Lord too.

Br. Ronnie and Sis. Diane Blevins were so grateful for the Lord many benefits. Br. Ronnie needs the Lord's healing for his feet.

Br. Denny was telling of a group of saints, where the Lord was head, and how greatly He blessed them til man took control and it changed.

At another service Br. Denny was showing how all the children were born with the light of God on them. They are the Lord's and precious in His sight. Then as they grow in body and mind, they reach a certain point were they know sin- become accountable for it. That's when they need the great Redeemer, to redeem or bring them back under His love.

At two different meeting, Sis. Deana Rice caused the Lord's goodness to be felt as He blessed her.

Br. Jeff Lewis was blessed much. Once before he finished about all the saints were glorifying the Lord with a number out in the floor.

Sis. Mildred Sisk was happy and dancing in the Spirit.

There were about 25 young saints and they had such good love for one another. Sis. Kelly Story of WILLIAMS COVE was either shouting or walking around behind the other young sisters as they testified, sorta like a moma hen looking after her brood.

The Stapler sisters of NEW HOPE were happy.

Br. Carl Simmons brought the power down when he talked. When he tried to lead service on Sunday morning he mostly was squinting crying or laughing.

The Finlayson boys, Bros. Ken, Scott, and Rod.... well, you just ought to have seen them.

And through all of this, Sis. Edna Jones the only child of God that lives here in Farmington was trying to act natural and not knowing how. She was so thrilled that so many came, so many were blessed. That the lord honored them so much, she just laughed, part of the time, cried part of the time, and part of the time she tried to look sober... and failed.

After they dismissed Sunday, and they were leaving and some standing around saying "goodbye," Sis. Jari Huges got a hold of the good lord and it started up again, maybe even better than before. That "holy circle" was there and seemed like every one who walked thru it, came out rejoicing. Sis. Becky Pentecost wanted to go thru but held back. When she finally went, she about got to the other side when the sweet Spirit of the Lord struck her and as she went down she was heard to yell the Lord's name out. What a time they had. Like old time shouting, rejoicing Holiness. Sis. Becky is the daughter of Sis. Annie Ruth Morris and rec'd the Holy Ghost last year at HUNTSVILLE. And you can tell she has the Lord to.

Many were blessed in this circle and Sis. Wanda Bethune was one of them.

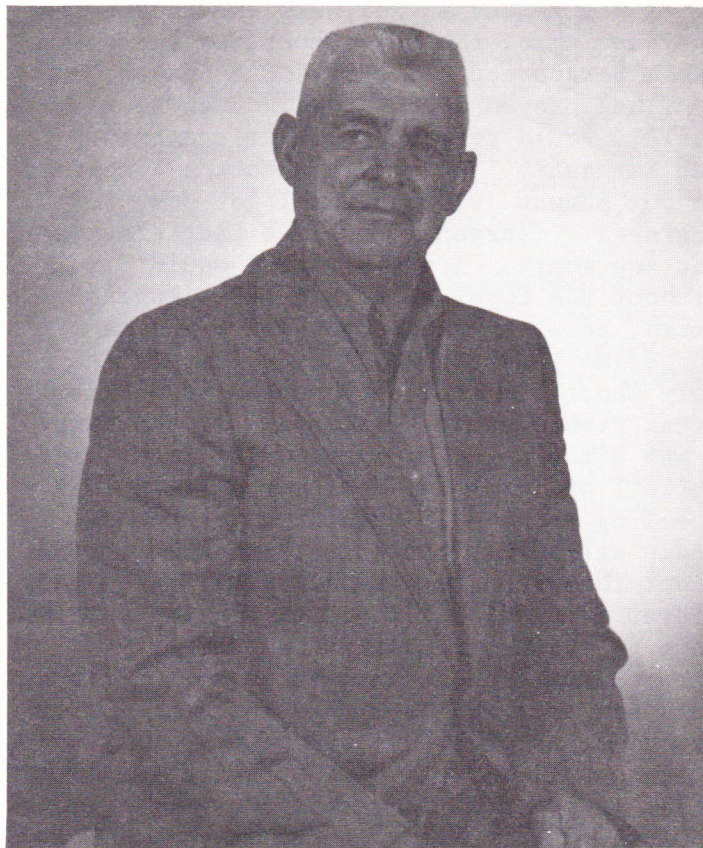
We have not done this weekend justice by writing just a few words about it. There were many more good testimonies, many more were helped and most left here, saying, I can't wait until the next time we get to come back.

And if the Lord wills it, the next meeting will be the 5th weekend of May. There is talk of having a short revival or rather a lengthier meeting- say from Saturday morning to Wednesday evening.

Hope to see you then, if it's the Lord's will!

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Sis. Kate White rec'd the Holy Ghost at the ROCK HOUSE. She died in a car wreck in September. Her husband, Br. Wilse White at 76 years of age, followed her in death on December 1, 1987. He rec'd the Holy Ghost at HAPPY HOLLOW about 62 years ago.



Br. G. Henry Key passed away July 21, 1987. He was 78 years old and had rec'd the Lord about 60 years ago at Grassy Mtn. He lived the last part of his life in the Bryant community on Sand Mtn.

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Sis. Jaunita Davis: "Seems like people's testimonies have helped me. At HIGDON once, this sister was talking about her husband brought home about \$60.00. When all the bills was paid, she had 15.00 to go buy groceries.

She got down and prayed and asked the Lord to let it be enough to feed her family. She had several children.

She said she went to the grocery store. She talked like The Lord would tell her everything she needed. Fifty pound bag of potatoes. The Lord would bless her to get That, and she'd get That and put it in her buggy. Before she got to the end, her buggy was getting mounted up. Her husband was afraid she couldn't pay for it.

Before she got to the end, she thought, "Lord, I never get to get my kids anything special." She wished the Lord could get them something special. It came to her to get them ½ gallon of Ice cream. So she got it and went and paid for it and she had some money left over"

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The world crowns success,
but God crowns faithfulness.

"I was raised in Holiness and taught that the baptism of the Holy Ghost was the only way a person could get to God's heaven.

I had prayed a long time. Even as a child I would get to the altar and pray. But earnestly I prayed for about 3-4 months. In our August 1985 revival I got down to business. I began to realize that time was getting short. I was afraid I would die without the Lord. I remember Br. Eugene Smith, he always knew what to say to me to get me thinking why I hadn't rec'd the Holy Ghost. I began to hunger and thirst after righteousness. I prayed all the time. I was either praying out loud or in my mind while I was doing my housework. I would try kneeling by my bed, but things around me would attract my attention. Then I remember about that scripture about entering in your closet to pray. I had plenty of closets but none had room for me to kneel and pray. I then cleaned one out at the bottom. It was dark but that way my mind was on the Lord. I would pray until I could pray no more and then go back to work, but with the Lord still on my mind. Every spare moment I would go back to that closet to pray. During this time I would read the bible as possible.



I had given up everything that I could think of and done everything that I knew to do. The bible says when you've done all to stand, then just stand! That's the place I had gotten to. I would do my best to believe, and if the saints told me something to do or say, I would do it. And the Lord let me "Shout" a few times but I had never felt the power of God real strong.

This day a brother began to talk and Satan did his best to work... He told the lost people that they didn't really want the Holy

Ghost bad enough or the Lord would have already given it to them.

Well I know I had pryed and done all that I knowed to do. I put my head in my hands and began to pray, saying I have done the best I know to do according to my knowledge.

They gave altar call and I was ready to pray. I prayed with one thing on my mind; "Lord, here I am. I've done all I know to do. If there's anything else, just let me know.

I prayed a long time, even shouted, even fell in the floor. I have long hair and Satan would say that my hair was all messed up and people were looking at me, but I did not care, the Lord was blessing me, more than He ever had and I was enjoying it.

I was walking when something happened to me, my tongue was moving (under the power of God) and I could hear myself, but couldn't believe it was me. So I kept praying, but I couldn't because my tongue kept moving.. I knew I was speaking in tongues, but I wanted to be sure. I prayed until I was sure, and there was no doubt that I was full of the Holy Ghost.

Everyone looked good. It is the most precious gift a person can rec'.

I thank Jesus... who died for me on Calvary.

Sis. Regina Markham

"Teach us to Pray!"

ELEMENT TO PRAYER

Faith: "Our Father which art in heaven"

Worship: "Hallowed be Thine Name"

Expectation: "Thy kingdom come"

Submission: "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven"

Petition: "Give us this day our daily bread"

Confession: "And forgive us our debts"

Compassion: "As we forgive our debtors"

Dependence: "And lead us not into temptation"

Acknowledgment: "For Thine is the kingdom, and power, and the glory, for ever. Amen"

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Br. Hubert Morrow was 74 years old when he passed away January 17, 1988. He rec'd the good Holy Ghost about 61 years ago at BOND'S CHAPEL and remained faithful unto the end here.

A person who knows every thing, has a lot to learn.

Holiness

"FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL ME, AND HOLINESS, WITHOUT WHICH NO MAN SHALL SEE THE Lord. How can anyone teach we all sin more or less every day in the face of that scripture.

You don't need to know Greek or Hebrew, to understand those words; what you need to do is believe the Word of God.

Men who live holy will follow peace with others. So let us consider the subject of holiness.

It is true the Scriptures say, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. But the subject is not whether we were once sinners, but how we are to live once we have become a child of God.

What is sin?

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Sin is not the transgression of someone's personal opinion or someones else's convictions. Sin is not the transgression of some creed. Sin is the transgression of the law of the New Covenant. When we speak, of living holy, living a life free from sin, we are talking about imputed sin, for, Sin is not imputed when there is no law. "For where no law is, there is no transgression."

When a child of God is living to all the truth he knows, God does not impute any act to him as sin, for the Christian is accountable only when he comes to the knowledge of the law. "Blessed is the man the Lord imputeth not iniquity..."

When we become a Child of God, we are saved from our sins: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." "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? "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

So, Christians are saved from sin. That is not to say it is impossible for them to return to a life of sin, for they can, but one who returns to the old life of sin is no longer a Christian.

Some refer to Romans 7 as proof that Paul continued in sin after he met Jesus on the way to Damascus, but not so. The 7th chapter speaks of Saul the Pharisee, not Paul the child of God. Notice the 8th chapter his testimony, "There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not

after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak thru the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

In the 7th chapter, he was describing his experience under the law of Moses, before he found Christ. He speaks of his infantile state, when he was "alive without the law" - Did not even know that the law said, "Thou shalt not covet." Afterward 'when the commandment came to him, he says, 'sin revived and I died.' This law under which he was brought up was good in that it defined sin and revealed his condition as an actual sinner, but it did not bring him deliverance and salvation from sin; therefore he cried out, 'Oh wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?' Then he got a ray of hope and answered himself: "I thank God thru Jesus Christ our Lord."

Paul had this sin-experience, but following we have, in his own words; 'There is therefore NOW no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit

It seems the reason so many people oppose the life of holiness, and say such is impossible, is because they have not "died to sin." You have to die to sin to be made "alive in Christ." "How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on this earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

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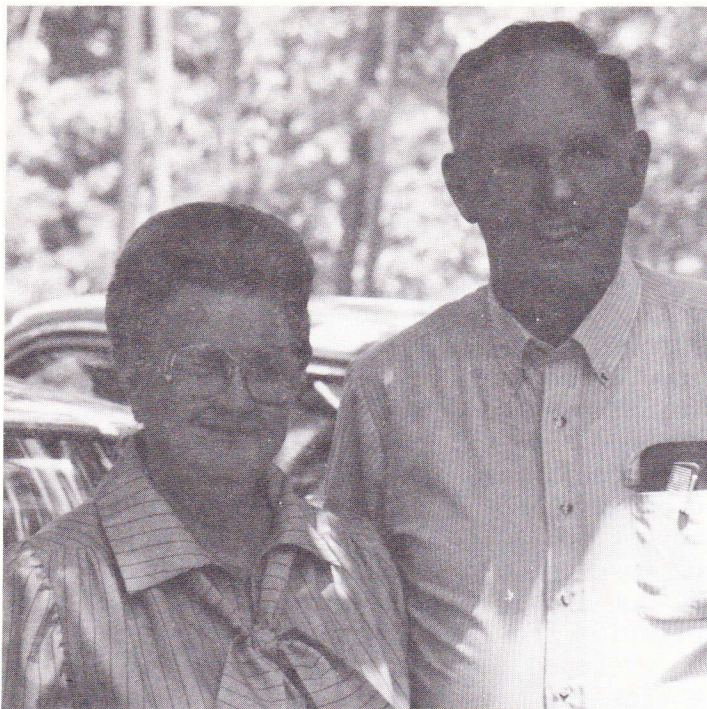
Sis. Mae Clark left here in peace in her 78th year on July 7, 1987. She came to the Lord around OLD SARDIS under Br. White's ministry in 1944.

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Sis. Joyce Sharp finally got to go live in that "Exquisite blessing," on Jan 28, 1988. She was 49 years old and came to the Lord at Br. Spears on Sand Mtn in 1960.

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Br. Bud Clark put off this tabernacle November 7, 1987 in his 66th year. He rec'd the Holy Ghost at BRIARFORK about 22 years ago.



Sis. Virgie & Br. Eldridge Lassiter

Sis. Virgie Lassiter, wife of Br. Eldridge Lassiter passed away, October 14, 1987. She was 72 years old and had rec'd the Holy Ghost under Br. Bartow White's preaching at Happy Hollow in 1958.

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Br. Charlie Brown was on the floor at Griffen on the 3rd Saturday evening of January for two hours preaching from the 12th chapter of Hebrews but no one from the crowd that was there wanted him to stop. It was the longest sermon that many had ever heard but they all loved it as he encouraged all to "hold on to the Lord," and to, "love one another." For saints not to be against one another. To, "Bear one another's burdens," was the main theme throughout. It was beautiful how he pressed all to help their brother who had brought burdens on themselves. Where many before him had strove to get saints not to help others when they got into strains, especially financial matters, he exhorted the saints to prove their love at this time. For, "Not the ability to handle money," as they should.

He was followed by such good testimonies as Br. Billy Williams, telling of being under the chastening hand of the Lord when he first came to God, and how he thought he had lost the Holy Ghost. You could feel how he felt when the Lord finally came by and blessed him.

Br. Frankie Leston had the saints heart as he told how the Lord let him entertain and angels unaware.

Br. Larry LaHayne told of seeing thru blurry eyes for about 14 years until lately

when God healed them.

Br. David Gillian was glad as he told how he had to ask his 6 year old son to forgive him (talking hard to him) and how they were hugging and crying at school where he went to see him.

Br. Todd McLain was thirsty and had nothing to buy a drink with, until the Lord let him get just enough from a telephone.

Sis. Wanda Parker told of hurting her back (and hip) and how the Lord so wonderfully healed her.

Br. Bill Yancey: The Lord caused a man to come and pay (not lend) a 1500.00 debt he owed. He brought such a good feeling.

Sis. Jandell Holly had a bad hearing problem until the Lord healed her ears. She now gets impatience at night with her daughter's ticking clock at the other end of the house.

Br. Rod Finlayson was jumping and shouting telling about giving money to one who look like a beggar, but he thought, felt like an angel.

On and on went the good testimonies and all were encouraged by them, even though they kept trying to dismiss to eat some food prepared before hand. When they managed to dismiss meeting, just about everybody was so sad that they didn't keep it going longer. They loved the food on the Lord's table more than what man had fixed up. Many, "I could listen to that all night," were heard as the children of God departed.

The Good Shepherd

Characteristics of the Shepherd:

- He does things the right way
- He is recognized by the porter
- He knows His sheep
- He is known by His sheep
- He leads His sheep
- He is the only true shepherd
- He lays down His life for the sheep
- He takes up His life for the sheep
- He imparts life to the sheep
- He imparts abundant life to the sheep
- He is approved of the Father
- He is authorized by the Father
- He is the Son of the Father

Characteristics of the sheep

- They will not follow strangers
- They are totally dependent upon the shepherd
- They share the same fold with other sheep.

*Unseemly * Unseemly*

We are careful when we mention the subject Of sexuality, for God's word says, "It is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret."

So with a careful spirit we want to mention how the Lord honors a man and woman marrying, for he said. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

This was the starting of God's working with man. Nowhere in all of His teaching does it make allowance for any other kind of sexuality.

Down thru the ages, God's wrath has been poured out for this kind of wickedness, called homo-sexual. When he and two angels came to the cities of Sodom and Gormorrah, the trip was to find out about how bad this type of wickedness was. He destroyed these two cities and all the other cities of the plain who were contaminated with this same evil.

Man today call it an illness, or life style. God just calls it SIN!

The Lord told Moses that thses type of people were to be killed.

Christ came in all the love and goodness of His Father, but they didn't change on this subject. He even said that it was, "Uncleaness thru the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves."

Some of the big Christian churches have ordained homosexual ministers, but the Lord said, "For even their woman did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men, working that which is unseemly, and rec'ingin themselves that recompence of their error which was meet... they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only they which do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

If one wants to come to the Lord, they will have to lay this thing down. God forgives all manner of sin and blasphemy. But if he forgives you, you'll have to keep it laid down. You cannot do this and be a child of God. God forbids it!

The Lord's feeling are so strong against such that he won't even allow a man to be "effeminate;" which is to act womanly or girlish.

So, let every man have his own wife, and every woman her own husband. And may the good Lord bless you all. Amen.

*Unseemly * Unseemly*

"I'm just a poor girl, aint never had nothing and don't expect to have down here, but on November 29, 1980 at IDER, God gave me the Holy Ghost. It gets sweeter every day, and I'm still thanking him for it.

Me and my family has had a lot of sickness in the past few weeks. My husband got down to where he couldn't walk, so he sure couldn't work. And of course we got behind in all our bills and I'm not employed, except by God.

One day last week, that part in the bible come to me over-n-over where the man was a neighbor to the one who was down and everybody passed him by except this one who took him to an inn and told the inn-keeper to put it on his charge.

Anyway, God told me to pay a debt for a girl who ow ed another girl 15.00 and I said, "But Lord...! You know me. You know who I am. You know my situation..." (but Lord!) It would come again. Finally I said, "Lord, you know what I got and if you make the way this Saturday night, I'll pay the debt.

I went to church that night and after church services I started out and a brother walked up and shook hands with me and said, "Merry Christmas!" and left 20.00 in my hand. I said, "Thank you Lord!" I thought, "Well, now I'll pay this tomorrow," and God said, "No! Do it tonight." So I did. I went on and gave it to her and explained.

God knew we didn't even have Christmas and could have used that money, but it was not mine at all. I thought, "Lord, why tonight?"

On Sunday morning another brother shook hands with me like the first one did and this brother left a 100.00 bill in my hand.

Oh, all the way home I kept thinking, "Oh thank you Lord! We're gonna have Christmas after all. My little 4 year old boy is gonna have Christmas."

I love the Lord and all his goodness and mercies. He is so good to me.

Sis. Panzie Sanders
(LAKEWOOD PARK FLA.)

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A few saints were at Sis. Rosie Vander's near Williams Cove before Christmas to have meeting with her. It was good.

Her husband, Br. Pope, has been gone a few years now, and she is still confined in that wheelchair, but she is no crier. Her spirit seems to soar like wings of eagles. She loves the Lord and spends most of her days, singing about and talking to the Lord. Sis. Rosie, we all love you and you are an inspiration to us.

Once when Br. Floyd Williams and Br. Buford West went to see Sis. Nellie Putnam when she was sick, they were called into another room where they were told Br. Charlie was just fallen back in a chair and they wanted them to pray for him. They prayed and prayed. Br. Buford had quit praying and was holding to Br. Charlie's wrist as Br. Floyd just prayed on. For quite awhile Br. Buford just held his wrist,, there was no pulse beat...Br. Charlie was gone. Br. Buford started to get up and go tell the children that Br. Charlie was dead... when he opened his eyes and smiled.

LATER: Br. Chesley Brown testified: One time Br. Charlie Putnam came and sat beside him, putting his arm around him, asked him if he ever seen a miracle? Br. Chesley replied that he didn't reckon he had. Br. Charlie told him, "I have, I was one. I died and the Lord brought me back!"

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Br. Lee Hawkins was 80 years old when God called him away, January 29, 1988. He rec'd the Holy ghost at Browntown on sand Mtn in 1933.



Br. Lee Hawkins with his nephew, Br. Doyle Hawkins.

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Don't be afraid of the future, God is already there!

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Br. Ollie Cooper was telling people to come back to LOVING one another. That God was backing away from helping us, like healing our sick, because we failed to keep HIS Commandment, Love Your Neighbor As Yourself.

We know he is telling the truth. So why do we still talk about, backbite, and deride our neighbor. We are without excuse before God.

Babylon is fallen

The bible says babylon is fallen. What is babylon? It is wealth, luxury, and wickedness.

Wealth, is great worldly possessions, riches, or more than is needed.

Luxury, is the use and enjoyment of the best and most costly things that offer the fleshy comforts and satisfaction, or anything considered unnecessary to life and health.

The bible also says, Come out of her my people.

How deep can we go into Babylon and still come out? If we are into wealth and luxury and things to please the flesh, there may be a chance to come out. But if we go into wickedness, then we fall we fall with Babylon.

We all know that a child of God cannot be into wickedness and still have the Holy Ghost. But if we are into wealth and luxury and love the flesh too much to come out we are headed for wickedness, according to Revelation 18- 12 when Babylon fell the merchants were weeping and mourning for her. But God wants His people to rejoice at her destruction. Can we come out of her and rejoice.

Are we too much like the merchants?

What is a merchant? This means a person whose business is buying and selling goods for profit. That is why I believe the bible is against merchants.

The bible says, And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drwon men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves thru with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things: and follow after righteousness, Godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. What is meekness? Yield to; easy to pose on. What is patience? Calm endurance without complaint.

Have we plenty of these? Let us take inventory how we stand before God.

Heaven will be worth it all so be careful.

Br. Eli Smith

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Knowledge humbles great men, astonishes the common man, and puffs up the little man.

The Spirit is alive and well at PLEASANT OAK.

On the 3rd Sun. eve in Dec. the Lord was blessing His saints and love was everywhere.

The Lord blessed Sis. Bell Miller in first prayer as they prayed for her.

You should have seen the old saints, Br. Elmer McCormick and Br. Lether Mills as the blessed them around this house.

Br. Elmer's daughter, Sis. Marie Allison was telling of her son jamming his fingers in the spokes of a running bicycle and get-them tore up, possibly broken. Sis. LuBelle Culver was called, and on getting there she said that they'd be alright. And they were. Later the son told his mother that they had not hurt much.

Br. Kenny Finlayson thank ing God forhaving mercy on him, and how much he loved the children of God.

Sis. Cheryl Dickey praising God and trusting Him for her healing. She has spells and one started on her while she was up but the Lord stopped it. We are hoping with her that God will heal her!

Be. Ed Gray sounded good, as he always does, as he told how good God had been to them.

The Lord was helping some of the visiting saints. Sis. Sandra Stapler of New Hope was trying to testify and started to sit down when a young sister, Sis. Kelly Story of WILLIAMS COVE went and got her around the waist and started walking the altar with her and love seem to pour down. Sis. Sandra was free, free, free, her 1st time in the Lord. Sis. Kelly was seen down in the floor praising God. Sis. Joyce Lewis was blessed and laid hands on a brother who was coming down with one of those bad headaches and it left. Her son Br. Jeff was happy in the lord.

Sis. Kathy Talley and he sister, Sis. Regina, Br. Charles Atchley's girls, were feeling the goodness of the lord. Sis. Kathy's 3 month old child died last spring.

Br. Tony Gray was a hold of God, and oh how it edified as he talked about God and His LOVE.

Br. Bobby Culver, who leads service here didn't say much this night, but he was grinning a lot.

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Br. Oran Whitley tells them, if you want to help the Lord, or work for the Lord, help somebody out.

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Br. Buford West tells about having an heart attack and the Lord healing him in Huntsville at Sis. Grace Pickett's home.

The 3rd Sunday in December he was telling, of an accident, at WILLIAM'S COVE.

"I had put my house up for sale. Told my wife, "I'm going out here to cut the yard

where it'll look better.

Right at the road where you turn up there's a pretty steep little hill. I got a 11 horsepower Murray mower, and it don't die when you get up off the seat. ... the breaks was gone on the mower. I started to let it back and when I let out on it, it was out of gear, and it started running backwards. When it got to that culvert... my wife said that she seen a big cloud of dust. She was watering the flowers.

When it started turning over, I started getting off it. But I just rolled with it. When that mower stopped, it had turned completely over and was laying on my leg with the blades laying on my shoulder.

The first thing I said was, "Oh, Caroline!" I was hollering for help cause I thought that thing was going to catch a fire.

She runned down there and jumped that ditch and got that mower and picked it up off me. She always told me she couldn't do much, but she did that mower.

Neighbors came down there. Car stops on the side of the road (asking) "You all right?" "Yeah, I'm all right!" I said, "God helped me!"

PSALMS 84

How amiable (beloved) are thy tabernacles (dwelling places), O Lord of hosts.

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for for the courts (hamlets) of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

Who passing through the valley of Baca (weeping) make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

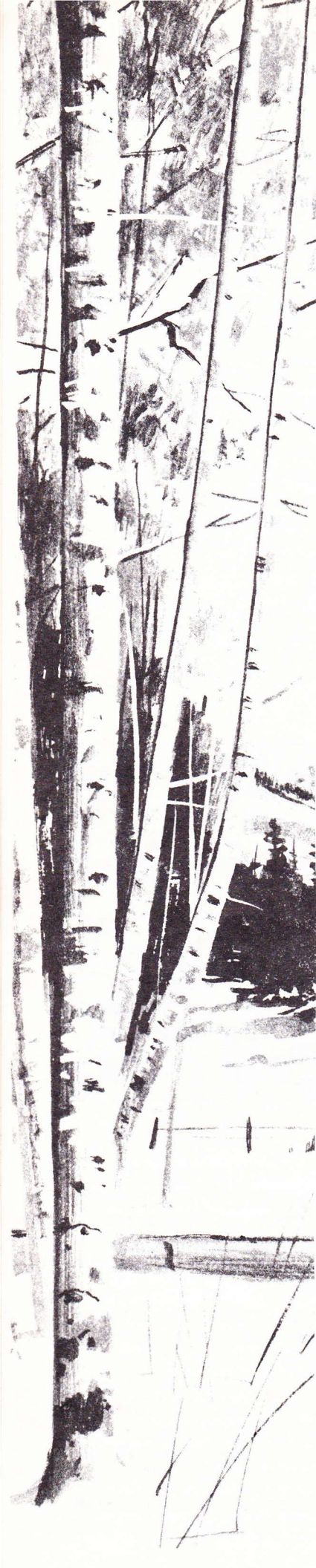
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Forthe lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.



Sis. Joyce Sharp: Sisters; "Above all things, my beloved sisters, keep your praying done up. The WORD is the key to the kingdom of God but prayer is the key to His storehouse of all our needs. Call upon Him. get Him to do things for you. Whatever you need... If you realize you need God to do it for you. This will give you experience that you can go back to time and time again.

Prayer is also the best weapons to overcome Satan. Submit yourselves to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you. But don't be listening for him back over your shoulder. If you can't get Satan away any other way- you can't out argue him- just raise your hands and praise the Lord for what He's already done for you. You have a perfect right to praise Him any time you wish, You don't have to "feel" like it."

New American Meanings for Old Words

God says, "Thou shalt not kill." Americans gave murder a new name and indifferently aborted 1,374,000 unborn babies last year (1984) alone.

Many tried to camouflage sin with new terminology.

God calls it "drunkenness." We call it "alcoholism—a social disease."

God calls it "sodomy." We call it "homosexuality—gay rights, an alternate lifestyle."

God calls it "perversion." We call it "pornography—adult entertainment."

God calls it "immorality." We call it the "new morality."

God calls it "cheating." We call it "abnormal social development."

With the dissolving of absolutes, America's crime rate has spiraled, until it now costs taxpayers \$2 billion a year. A serious crime is committed every 3.5 seconds, one robbery every 83 seconds, one murder every 27 minutes.

Drug addiction and alcoholism are in pandemic proportions. More than 500,000 heroin addicts live in the United States, and 43 million Americans have experimented with marijuana.

The United States now has more than 9 million alcoholics.

Suicide is the second largest killer of teenagers.

Teenage pregnancies, incest and sexual child abuse draw national attention. More than 2 million Americans a year contract gonorrhea.

Pornographic magazines (more than 20 million a year) and books crowd the newsstands. Video-cassette stores now market the products of X-rated theatres. One out of every two marriages ends in divorce. Some 1.3 million unmarried couples now live together, according to the United States Census Bureau. The IRS has made abortion clinics "charitable" organizations, therefore exempt from taxes.

America once legislated against those things that God said to be wrong. But gradually we began to tolerate, then accept, then condone openly, and even promote, that which was once unthinkable. The perversion and degradation that once made us blush are now flaunted before the eyes of a nation that was conceived in the fear of God. It has happened, little by little, right before our eyes—not because someone forced it on us, but seemingly because we did not care. We just didn't care.

And so, we are living out the truth of God's Word given to a past generation:

"And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which He swore unto thy fathers, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildest not, and houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyard and olive trees, which thou plantedst not, when thou shalt have eaten and be full; then beware lest thou forget the Lord . . . and thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth" (Deut. 6:10-12; 8:17).

Br. Shirley Byrun was at TIFTONIA over the 1st weekend of Jan. and he was exhorting the married to live in peace with one another. When the wrong feeling was working between them and they went to meeting, that wrong feeling would go with them. It would tell when they tried to do something for the Lord to.

How when a tree, or a child of God, was not bearing fruit, how they should be dug around, fertilized, not thrown away.

The Lord really blessed him. Br. Luther Hill told the church, that this was not Br. Shirley talking, for Br. Shirley couldn't talk that good. He stated, "That come straight from the throne of God."

Br. Shirley's wife was helping in the Lord also. Telling about not be grading and coming as the Hebrews did in Moses day And were wasted in the wilderness.

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Leftovers are such humble things.

We would not serve them to a guest.

And yet we serve them to our Lord

Who deserves the very best.

We give to Him leftover time,

Stray minutes here and there.

Leftover cash we give to Him,

Such few coins as we can spare.

We give our youth unto the world,

To hatred, lust and strife;

Then in declining years we give

To Him the remnant of our life.

Br. Lige Holland: "Let us fear, lest the promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." Now we all claim to be going to heaven... but they told me years ago, that just because you rec'd the Holy Ghost, that aint no sign you're going to heaven. Boy, there's been a lot of water under the bridge since then. But what i've done since the Holy Ghost came into my life, and God knows ever piece of it. And i still say, "I'm going to heaven." It says here, *Let us therefore,* He uses the word *fear*: Uneasy, worry, scared... That is what he is talking about.

If that's upon you, you're in pretty good

shape, if you're examining your life.

If *any of you should*, He uses the word *seem...to come short*. Aint measured up to the line.

When Jesus was here upon this earth he told of a feller who had done something and he said, "I knowed you was a hard man." He used in another place, "An austere man." A man that was stern, hard, believing in coming up to the line. That's what it is talking about right here. If *any you should seem to come short of it*.

If we don't measure up like we ought to I don't ^{know} if whether God won't say well done or not. Do you ever have that feeling? We ought to.

When you search your life... YOU usually do that when you lay down at night. When it gets real quiet. Check over your self. See what I done? You look at that you did down yonder, and, "Was that accepted by You?" I'm bothered over that. See?...

There's something trying to tell me and you something.

...we got wait it takes, but boys, there is a judgement somewhere! *For we all will stand before the judgement seat of Christ*. And we're gonna give an account. You'd better believe that! He said, we! The buck will stop right there."

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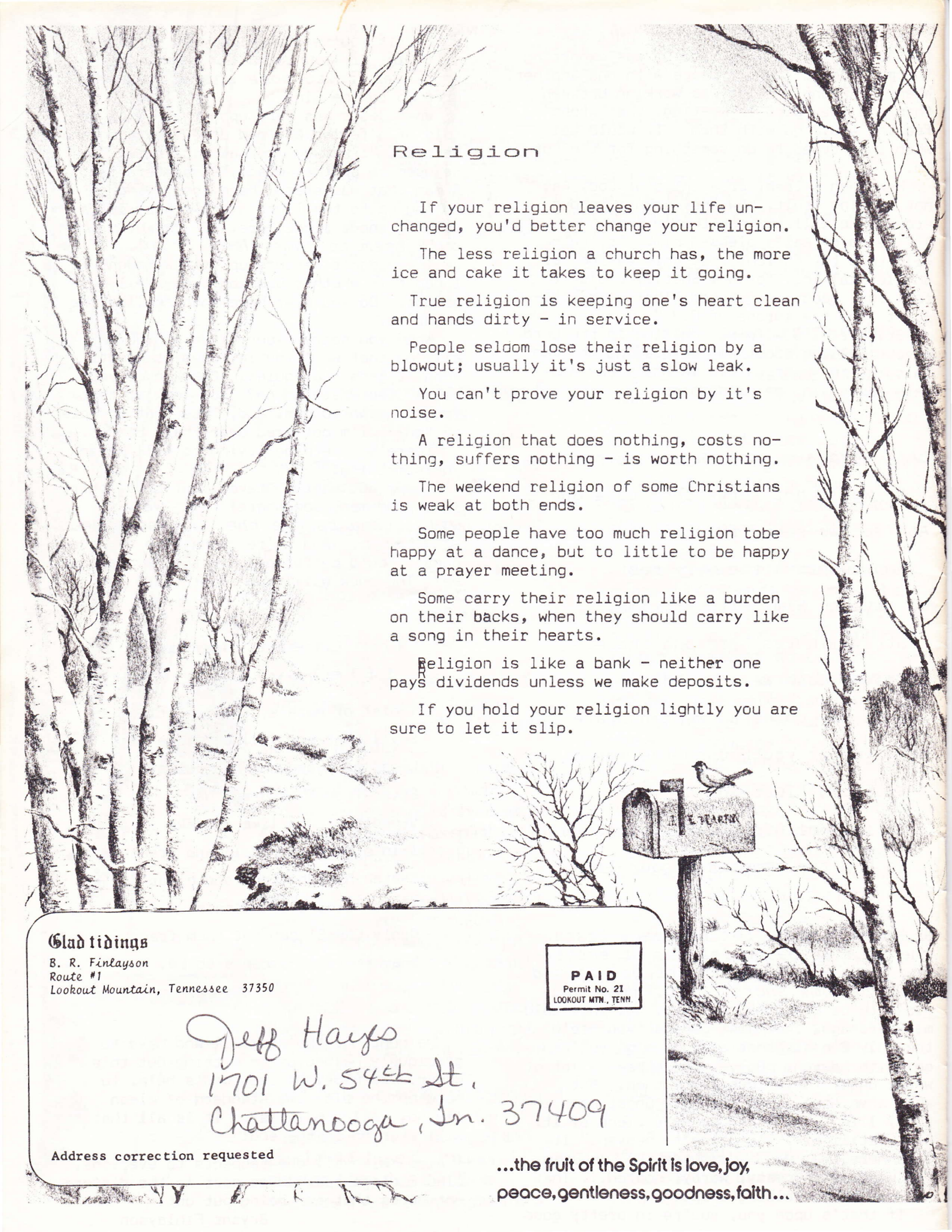
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T-hief of morals, thief of time
E-vil bent and full of crime
L-eading young and old astray
E-ver from the narrow way
V-ending venom like a snake
I-into minds of small and great
S-atan hissing loud and clear
I-nto poor, deluded ears
O-nly CHRIST can set them free,
N-evermore it's dupes to be.

We continue thanking all who have so graciously helped us in putting out this paper. We hope, by the Lord's help, to hold up the old-time standard of clean living, called Holiness. It is all that will ever do in the end!

Also- with all due respects to everyone, Glad Tidings has had no part in the different books that are being put out.

Bryant Finlayson



Religion

If your religion leaves your life unchanged, you'd better change your religion.

The less religion a church has, the more ice and cake it takes to keep it going.

True religion is keeping one's heart clean and hands dirty - in service.

People seldom lose their religion by a blowout; usually it's just a slow leak.

You can't prove your religion by it's noise.

A religion that does nothing, costs nothing, suffers nothing - is worth nothing.

The weekend religion of some Christians is weak at both ends.

Some people have too much religion to be happy at a dance, but too little to be happy at a prayer meeting.

Some carry their religion like a burden on their backs, when they should carry like a song in their hearts.

Religion is like a bank - neither one pays dividends unless we make deposits.

If you hold your religion lightly you are sure to let it slip.

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