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The church of the morning bright,
Like crystal so clear her light,
Triumphant she knew no fears;
In finest white linen dressed;
Pure holiness she possessed,
Two hundred and sev'nty years.

The sun went down ere his time,
The moon also ceased to shine,
Left Zion in bitter tears,
No star then appeared in sight,
Oh, long, dreary Papal night—
Twelve hundred and sixty years.

Arising the sun of day,
Disperses the night away,
While popery quakes with fears;
Shone dimly the gospel ray,
There followed a cloudy day—
Three hundred and fifty years.

We welcome the evening light;
The gospel so clear and bright
Breaks forth as in days of yore;
The mists are all cleared away,
All hail the supernal day!
The sun shall go down no more.

Hell never can destroy the church,
Built by the Saviour's hands;
Upon the Rock, the solid Rock,
Christ Jesus, still she stands.

Despite of persecution's flood,
And gates of hell, forsooth;
She's still the kingdom of the Lord,
The pillar of the truth.

—W. G. Schell

Jesus Is Coming Again!

Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea, lived in Nazareth thirty years, spent three years and a half preaching throughout Galilee, Samaria, Judea, and parts of Syria, was crucified on Calvary and laid in Joseph's tomb. But He arose triumphant from the grave, and forty days later He led His disciples out to Bethany, and from there ascended to heaven and took His seat on the throne, at which time "He was crowned with glory and honor," King of kings and Lord of lords. Sovereign of earth and sky, this same Christ is coming back again. He Himself declared to His disciples, "I will come again" (John 14:3). It is an undeniable fact that the church in her present state is instructed to look for the return of Christ from heaven as the next great event. To the disciples who stood gazing into heaven at the time of Christ's ascension, the angels announced, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). The writer of the Hebrew Epistle confirms this truth by declaring that "unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time" (Heb. 9:28). James declares, "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8). John, writing to newly converted children of God (1 John 2:12), exhorts them to "abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming" (1 John 2:28).

This Second Coming Is Not His Spiritual Presence With The Church In This Age

That Christ promised to return in the person, power, and presence of the Holy Spirit, is clear. In connection with the promise, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:18), He said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world can-

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not receive. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:16, 17, 20, 23). He further promised, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5); "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). In Ephesians 3:17 we read, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." And again Colossians 1:27, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." These texts, with many others, clearly show Christ's spiritual presence with His people in this dispensation. There are some who teach that this is all that is meant by His second coming, but such teaching is absolutely erroneous. His spiritual presence with the New Testament church through out the gospel age must not be confounded with His personal coming at the end of the world. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all his holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations" (Matt. 25:31, 32.) "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (1 Thess. 4:16). Any candid, honest person can surely see by comparison that Christ's living in the hearts of His followers is not the same as His coming at the end of the world.

Just One Personal Coming of Christ Yet Future

There are a goodly number of professing people who honestly believe and teach that there are two distinct comings of Christ yet future. We hear it over the radio, and millions of tracts and booklets have been distributed teaching it. The idea has grown from the Scriptural statements that Christ will come and receive His bride-church, when the saints will be caught up to meet Him in the air and to accompany Him to heaven. Certain teachers have read, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all" (Jude 14, 15); "At the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints" (1 Thess. 3:13). And from these texts they have drawn the conclusion that Christ will come first for His saints, and then at a later time with His saints. But a careful study of the subject removes this apparent contradiction. Paul explains it fully in 1 Thess. 4:13, 14: "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." From this it is clear that the saints who will accompany the Lord on His return are the innumerable host who have died, from Adam to the last one before His coming. This includes the patriarchs, as Noah, Abraham, Jacob, and the saints of all ages, whose bodies are slumbering in earth and sea. All who "sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." That is, the spirits of all the saints who have been resting in paradise will accompany Him. The resurrection will then take place, and these spirits will reanimate their bodies raised immor-

tal and glorified, and then they will all be caught up to meet the Lord, receive their reward, and enter heaven eternally. This all takes place when the Lord "appears the second time" (Heb. 9:28). Such a thing as two comings of Christ future is nowhere taught in the Scriptures.

"What shall be the sign of thy coming?" (Matt. 24:3). "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 2:1). "Preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:23). "Whom the Lord . . . shall destroy with the brightness of his coming" (2 Thess. 2:8). "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). "And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming" (1 John 2:28). "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord . . . Stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:7, 8). I here call the reader's attention to the fact that in all the texts that refer to the coming of the Lord, never in one single instance does it appear in the plural—"comings"—but always in the singular—"coming." There is just one future coming. I again call attention to Hebrews 9:28. "Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time." This text clearly teaches but two advents of Christ to this world. The first in the beginning of this age, when He appeared as a Savior, the world's Redeemer, and was "offered to bear the sins of many"; and then His appearing at the end of this age. Note the language—"He will appear the second time." Not a second and a third time, but just the "second" time.

Christ's Coming Will Be Visible

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which was taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11). This is clear. "This same Jesus" shall come again, "in like manner" as He went up. He went up bodily and visibly. It was a personal ascension of Christ into heaven. They saw Him ascend—"a cloud received him out of their sight." "In like manner" shall He descend from heaven. Language could not be framed to teach more clearly Christ's second advent as a personal, visible coming. "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him" (Rev. 1:7). "The powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:26, 27). "Then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory" (Mark 13:26). "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth

mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matt. 24:30). "Ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power; and coming in the clouds of heaven" (Mark 14:62). Pastor Russell, the originator of the Jehovah's Witnesses movement, taught that Christ came in 1914, but only his followers are aware of it. The rest of us have not found it out yet. In the face of all the foregoing incontrovertible texts, how any intelligent person can accept and believe such teaching, is a mystery. Instead of Christ's second advent, the first World War came upon the world in 1914. Language could not be framed to teach more definitely that the Lord's coming will be personal and visible, not only to the righteous, but "also to those who pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him" (Rev. 1:7).

It Will Be Unexpected By The Great Majority

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth" (Rev. 16:15). "If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief" (Rev. 3:3). "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night" (2 Pet. 3:10). "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them . . . and they shall not escape." (1 Thess. 5:2, 3). "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:34-36). "But as the days of Noe were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:37-39).

This is very plain. The coming of Christ is a great and solemn event pending, for which the church is to look and watch and be ready. The day and hour the Father only knoweth. When the rending heavens shall reveal His presence, this world will be in a Sodom state and as the antediluvian world before the flood. The millions of earth will be sleeping in carnal security, many dreaming of millennial glory. Oh, the surprise and disappointment of the masses in that great day! Never since the foundation of the world has there been a day like this, in the surprise and terror with which it will break upon the thoughtless millions of the population. Business and pleasure as usual will occupy the minds of men up to the close of the preceding day. The sun will rise and set with the same placid majesty, and as he sinks beneath the western horizon he will fling his smiling radiance in the same bountiful profusion upon an admiring world. Myriads will go to rest dreaming of future years of wealth and happiness; but the loud blast of the "trump

of God" will awaken them to sleep no more, and looking up, they will see the heavens on fire.

The worldling, elated with schemes of opulence and splendor, will suddenly find his visions dispelled by the light of eternity and the despairing cry, "The Judge is come." The astounding senate will suddenly break up at the crash of the conflicting elements and, hurrying away in wild confusion, will see that the great Legislator is come. The ermined judge and the manacled prisoner will hear themselves alike summoned without ceremony to the great tribunal. The miser, counting his gold or reckoning his profits, will be panic-stricken by the knell that tells him gold has no more value and that his priceless soul is forever lost, in seeking a bubble that has now burst. The procrastinating trifler, dreaming of mercy after years of worldly pleasure, will be filled with dismay to see that the day of grace is past and the hour of retribution is come. The anxious speculator, the busy merchant, the thriving tradesman, racking imagination with the schemes of gain, panting to reach the goal of wealth and to revel in earthly aggrandizement without one thought of God or eternity intruding on the vision of anticipated bliss, will be struck with terror to find the delusive mirage break up before the flare of the flaming skies and the catastrophe of a ruined world. The atheist who denied God's being will be appalled at the sight of His person. The Demases who have forsaken Him for the world, the Judases who have betrayed Him for silver, and all the host of apostates and blasphemers who have despised His name and trampled on His blood will stand aghast when the great day of His wrath breaks upon their sight.

It was an awful night in Egypt when every family rose up to bewail its first born struck with death: it was a day of terrible vengeance when the siege of Jerusalem closed with the crash of a ruined city over 1,100,000 dead bodies; it was a day of anger when the Deluge burst upon a degenerate world and overwhelmed its despairing millions in one common grave—but this day exceeds them all. It is the day when time shall have run its course, when universal retribution shall be awarded, when God Himself shall come to take vengeance on them that know Him not, and when pent-up fires shall envelope the earth in a general conflagration. Throughout the New Testament the most solemn charges and warnings are given to the church to be ready for that great and awful event. "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 24:42, 44). While to the masses Christ's coming will be a great surprise, His faithful church will be "looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God." "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thess. 5:4-6).

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EDITORIALS

The God-ordained cycle of time has brought us to the summer season again. Following our policy of past years, we will not publish the "Faith and Victory" paper for the month of August. It is well that our faithful volunteer co-workers would have a few weeks off from their regular duties here at the Print Shop to attend the various campmeetings or do whatever the Lord may direct them. Their services as unto the Lord are certainly appreciated, and we are confident that the great Paymaster of His vineyard will not forget their work of faith and labor of love. The last prophet, Malachi, of the Old Testament writes: "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." Mal. 3:17. In Dan. 12:3 we read: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." These are wonderful promises to the faithful, and the Apostle Paul encourages the Church in these words: "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

The work-load and demand for gospel literature has been heavy this past year, and much more is waiting to be done, but we feel the time is well spent for all of us to assemble in worship and fellowship with the saints and feed on the Word of God at these summer meetings. However, some of us will be here at the Office most of the time to fill orders for literature, take care of the correspondence, etc.

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The campmeeting season got off to a very good start with the first meeting held here at Guthrie on May 30 to June 8. It was well attended from this and several other states. About twenty ministers were present, and the messages from God's Word were preached with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. A number of souls were saved, several were baptized, and the church was edified and strengthened in the faith. The weather was excellent, and it was decided to hold the meeting again next year in the spring—to begin on May 29, 1970, Lord willing.

The saints were warned of the evil times in which we are living and exhorted to put on the whole armor of God and be prepared to face the greater spiritual and physical persecutions which may descend upon the church at any time.

However, today, the greatest threat to the church to hinder its witness and influence is not from the outside world, but from the insidious spirits "among" God's people. These inroads and uprisings are not new in the history of the church, but they are certainly detrimental and damaging to the cause of Christ. In the Apostle Paul's day he faithfully warned the church at Ephesus in these words: "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking

perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." Acts 20:29-31. Again the Apostle exhorts: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." 1 Cor. 1:10. The Apostle further writes to the church: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions, . . . and avoid them." Romans 16:17.

The Apostle Paul indicted some in the congregation at Corinth with this question: "Dare any of you, having a matter against another go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? . . . I speak to your shame. . . . But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?" 1 Cor. 6:1, 5-9. The Apostle makes it definitely clear that it is wrong for brethren to go to law with brethren. When any person wilfully rejects the advice and counsel of the church on this point, he is proud and puffed up in his carnal mind. Jesus said, ". . . but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven . . ." Matt. 18:17, 18.

After attending the Guthrie campmeeting, Bro. Ray Key, pastor at Kalamazoo, Mich., went to Pampa, Texas, for a few nights' meeting. He left a request for prayer for his physical handicaps and that his labors in the gospel work would be effectual.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Ernest J. Kirchner of Brownsdale, Minn., whose wife departed this life on June 11. He phoned on June 14, desiring prayer as he was sick in body from grief. Bro. Kirchner is isolated and especially needs the continued prayers of the saints.

Bro. Curtis Williams, who is taking the evangelistic tent and equipment out for the summer, reported a very profitable tent meeting at Junction City, Ky., held June 1 to 8. On Wednesday night, June 11, Bro. Williams brought a good message at the 50th Street Chapel in Oklahoma City. He was enroute with the tent to Fort Worth, Texas, where he began a meeting on June 13 and it is continuing this week. Pray that this tent meeting will result in a permanent work for God in that area, and that the Lord will give Bro. Williams special physical and spiritual strength to continue this evangelistic work, as well as to burden other gospel workers to help him. Tentative plans have been made for other tent meetings in Texas.

Sister Sam Abbott writes from Holly Hill, S. Carolina that they are having a precious campmeeting there, which began June 6. Three persons were saved on the first Sunday night of the meeting. Some of the saints present are: Bro. Wm. McCoy, Bro. Bill Abbott, Bro. and Sister Mart Samons, Bro. Charles Reynolds, Bro. Bobby Forbes and family, Bro. Stacy Biddix, Bro. E. J. Biddix and wife, and Bro. and Sister Sam Abbott.

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Lord willing, Bro. Curtis Williams will hold a tent meeting on June 24 to 29 at Bogota, Texas near Sis. Nellie Lovell's home on W. 7th St., ph. 632-5475. All in that area are urged to attend this meeting.

About 50 pounds of gospel literature—papers, tracts and books—are being sent to the Akron, Ohio campmeeting which begins July 5. All who love the old-time truth in the East are urged to attend that meeting.

Sister Ruby Marken, our faithful helper in the subscription department, left by bus on June 19 to spend some weeks with her parents at Twin Falls, Ida.

There is power and authority in divine love and unity. Jesus said: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35. Love in action is the only fruit of the Spirit that will convince the gainsaying world. "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." Col. 3:12-14. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." 1 Cor. 13:13.

What are the effects of divine love in the heart? "Love suffers long and is kind; love envies not; love makes no parade, is not puffed up, is not rude, nor selfish, nor easily provoked. Love bears no malice, never rejoices over wrong-doing, but rejoices when the truth rejoices. It knows how to be silent, it is trustful, hopeful, patient, enduring. Love never fails. . . ." 1 Cor. 13:4-8. (Modern Speech.)

Continued prayer is requested by this writer for the removal of growths on the left side of his face. Our faith and trust is firm in our great Physician who has been our Healer all our lifetime, and He has verified His promises to us many times, for which we praise Him. I believe God has the condi-

tion under His control, and I am expecting its complete eradication. If there are lessons to be learned or conditions to be met, my heart says amen to His will. His promises cannot fail.

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We hope to meet many of our readers at the National campmeeting to be held at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri on July 18 to 27. A supply of gospel literature—tracts, papers, books and Bibles—will be in stock at the book store on the grounds. Come in and browse around on good reading matter.

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Our sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to all those who have prayed for and co-operated with us in printing and mailing the "white-winged" silent gospel messengers around the world. It is a pleasure to be "workers together" with you and the Lord in obeying our Savior's Great Commission.

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In view of all these statements from the Bible, the supreme question of life with all of us should be, Am I ready for that great event? Christ gave this solemn charge, "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 24:44). The spiritual state we must be in to be ready is explicitly set forth in the following Scriptures: "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17). We must be like Christ in moral purity, "even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3), and "righteous, even as he is righteous" (1 John 3:7). We must live upon the plane of His nature and possess His holiness. "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (2 Pet. 3:11, 14). These texts are very clear and to the point. No person with the least spot of sin will be able to stand in the presence of His majesty and awful glory.

—H. M. Riggle

OBITUARIES



Prudence Hamilton Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Hamilton, was born March 8, 1902, in Anderson, South Carolina. She departed this life June 4, 1969, at Tulsa, Okla.

On January 8, 1922, Noble Brown and Prudence Hamilton were united in holy matrimony. To this union five children were born. Her husband and one son preceded her in death.

Sister Brown gave her heart to God a number of years ago and was born into the Church of God. She lived a consecrated life, always willing to do her part in the Master's service, trusting firmly in her God and believing His great promises. She quietly went to her Home of rest, abiding "under His wings."

She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Street and Mrs. Beulah Latimer of Tulsa, Okla., two sons, Noble Brown of the home, and Bernard Brown of Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother, six grandchildren, three great grandchildren, a host of relatives, friends, and the saints.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, assisted by Bros. Manless Gaines and Woodrow Warren. Text: Eph. 3:14, 15.

Sister Tempie Melvina Crisp, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bomar, was born in Charles, Texas, on Jan. 24, 1885, and departed this life on March 17, 1969, at Henryetta, Okla.

She met and married Andrew Jones in Texas. To this union two daughters were born, Bessie Ruth and Vera Mae. The first daughter preceded her in death. After coming to Oklahoma she was married to James Crisp who preceded her in death.

Sister Crisp was a devout Christian and worshipped with the Evening Light saints of the Church of God as long as her health permitted.

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Vera Mae Hawkins, Tulsa, Okla.; one step-daughter, Ophia Easley, Hoffman, Okla.; one step-son, Roy Crisp, Kansas City, Mo.; six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren, assisted by Bro. M. D. Gaines who read the 23rd Psalm at the Church of God chapel in Hoffman, Okla. Interment was in the Hawkins Cemetery at Hoffman.

Daniel Justice LaFaver was born in Sullivan County, Missouri on October 26, 1884, and departed this life at the Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 84 years, 7 months, and 7 days.

He was united in holy matrimony to Etta A. Smith, April 30, 1916, at Wichita, Kansas, and to this union 12 children were born, two preceding him in death.

He heard and embraced the teaching of this Evening Light Reformation forty years ago. One quality he possessed was a spirit of humility. He had a great faith in God and was a vessel of prayer.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Sister Etta LaFaver; 4 sons, Danny J. Jr., Phillip Gerald, Ronald Glen, and Leo Randy LaFaver; 6 daughters, Emma LaFaver, Bernice Sturgeon, Billie Holeman, Alta Waggoner, Ruth Miller, and Esther Thorpe; one sister, Grace Williams, 21 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in the saints' chapel in Shawnee, Okla., with Charles R. Smith officiating and burial was in Sunny Lane Cemetery, Okla. City.

—Charles R. Smith

Remaining Campmeeting Dates

Following are the dates of the remaining Church of God campmeetings for this year of 1969:

Jefferson, Oregon—June 27 to July 6.

General Southern at Hammond, La.—June 27 to July 6.

Ojos Negros, Baja, Mexico—July 1 to 14.

Akron, Ohio—July 5 to 13.

National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, (Neosho) Mo.—July 18 to 27.

Bakersfield, Calif.—July 25 to August 3.

Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—Aug. 1 to 10.

Fresno, Calif.—August 8 to 17.

Boley, Okla.—August 8 to 17.

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—Aug. 22 to 31.

Dover, Okla.—August 22 to 31.

Remaining Campmeeting Notices

JEFFERSON, OREGON

The campmeeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Oregon, will be held, the Lord willing, June 27 to July 6, 1969, inclusive. All are invited and welcome to come.

This meeting will be supported on the free-will offering plan as usual. Cabins and bedding are furnished on the grounds.

God blessed here in our Easter meeting this spring, and we are looking to God for another feast at Father's table. We urge everyone to attend this meeting.

All the saints here are praying that God will send His Holy Spirit-filled ministers to be with us to preach the truth of His precious Word.

For further information, write Sister Hilda Nielsen, P. O. Box 34, Jefferson, Ore., phone 327-2564, or Sister Bea Spaur, P. O. Box 348, Jefferson, Ore. Phone 327-2855.

—Sister Bea Spaur, Pastor

GENERAL SOUTHERN—HAMMOND, LA.

The annual General Southern campmeeting of the Church of God will convene Friday, June 27, on the camp grounds at Hammond, La., and will continue through Sunday, July 6, 1969.

We are expecting the Lord to meet with us in mighty power, to save souls, sanctify believers, and heal the sick. We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His choosing, who will preach the Word of God under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, without fear or compromise.

As in the past, meals and lodging will be provided on the free-will offering plan. We urge everyone who possibly can to be here for this meeting.

For further information write or call T. H. Coffey, P. O. Box 1177, Hammond, La. 70401, ph. (504) 345-2412.

SEVENTH CAMPMEETING IN MEXICO

The seventh annual campmeeting of the Church of God in Baja, Mexico, will be held at Ojos Negros from July 1 to 14, 1969. A new chapel, the construction of which was begun by our beloved late Bro. Harland Smith, has just recently been completed at this location. He had a vision of a prosperous mission station here. The earnest prayers and co-operation of the saints are requested that God will richly bless in this coming campmeeting to bring Bro. Smith's vision to reality.

For further information, contact Bro. James Huskey, Box 2262, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073.

AKRON, OHIO

The Akron, Ohio campmeeting of the Church of God will convene on the saints' campground located at 419 and 421 W. Thornton, on July 5 through July 13, 1969. All nations, kindreds, and tongues are invited.

We are praying and expecting Spirit-filled ministers to be here, to preach the full truth of God's Word under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We are living in the last days of time, so come, all who need help in soul or body. The enemy of souls is bidding high for every soul.

As in the past, meals and lodging will be furnished on the free-will offering plan. We are thankful that the Lord has provided us with much more sleeping room, so all feel free to come. There is plenty of space for campers.

The chapel phone number is 762-2286, parsonage, 762-4432, Bro. Adolph Robinson's number, JE 6-6948, or 836-6948.

—Sister Hazel Clark, Pastor

32nd NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, on the saints' campgrounds at Monark Springs (Neosho), Missouri, July 18 through 27, 1969, inclusive.

We extend a very sincere and cordial invitation to all who read or hear about this campmeeting to attend,

if at all possible. We need the Lord and each other more now than we ever have before.

As in previous years, meals and lodging will be furnished on the grounds. The usual fee of \$5.00 for camp tents and \$1.00 for cot and mattress will be charged. Also, space in dormitories will be \$2.50 per person. With the Lord's help we will try to provide for all who come. All who can, please bring bedding. It would be advisable to bring wraps, as the weather turns very cool at times. Meals will be served on free-will offering plan.

We know God will send His Spirit-filled ministers to bring us His Word. We are instructed in 1 Thess. 5:12, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you." We like to know those who labor among us. Let us pray earnestly for the ministers and the meeting, that the power of the Holy Spirit will give fresh anointing for every service, convincing sinners of their need to turn to God, that believers will be sanctified, bodies healed, and an overall upbuilding of the Church of God.

Four services will be held daily, in addition to children's meeting in the morning and young peoples' meeting in the early evening.

There will be an 11 P. M. curfew. All are expected to be in their tent, cabin, or dormitory at this time. Allowance is being given to ministers or those working at the altar or praying for the sick. We appreciate the co-operation given and want to commend our precious young people for their consideration. It was a blessing last year to hear different groups gathered under the tabernacle singing the praises of the Lord throughout the day between services. We still remember the precious meeting the Lord gave us last year, and our expectation is even greater this year.

It will be necessary for those coming by bus or train to come to Neosho, and either take a taxi to the grounds, or call GR 2-6427 which is out of Granby, Mo., and some one will come after you.

We would appreciate receiving your orders for tent and dormitory space as soon as possible. Please send orders and offerings to Bro. H. A. McMillian, Rt. 5, Box 50, Neosho, Mo. 64850, or Ralph M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.

Special Work Days

There will be special work days at Monark Camp Ground on the following dates: June 28, July 4, 5 and 12. All help will be appreciated. Please remember these dates and come, if possible.

—Ralph M. Beisly
407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas 67337

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

The Bakersfield, California campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, on July 25 through Aug. 3, one week earlier than usual. The chapel address is 1502 Virginia Ave., corner of Virginia and Brown Sts. Those coming from north or south, get off the freeway on Brundage, go east three miles to Lakeview, left to first stop sign, which is Virginia, then right two blocks to Brown St. From east on highway 58, take left fork on Brundage about eight miles out of town. Go four miles to Lakeview, right to Virginia, then right two blocks to Brown. For further information, contact Pastor, Isaac Chandler, 415 11th St., Phone 325-6752; Archie Sherman, phone 327-0411, or Robert Mays, phone 325-2730.

—Robena Montgomery

Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him it is a hopeless end.

MISSOURI STATE AT MYRTLE, MO.

The Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo., will be held August 1 through 10. We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His choosing. All nationalities are welcome. We extend an invitation to all. Bring bedding, if convenient. The meeting is supported on the free-will offering plan.

Anyone coming by bus, come to Thayer, Mo., or Pocahtontas, Ark., and call 938-2483 or 938-2482, and some one will come and get you. Remember the new date—August 1—10. For further information, write Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Route 1, Myrtle, Mo. 65778, phone 938-2483.

FRESNO, CALIF.

The Fresno, California, campmeeting will be held August 8 to 17 at 7249 E. Kings Canyon Road.

Those coming from the north on the freeway, get off at Venture Ave. exit and go left on Venture. Those coming from the south, turn off at Venture Ave. exit and go right on Venture Ave. Keep straight out Venture Ave., which becomes Kings Canyon Road, to 7249 E. Kings Canyon Road.

Those coming by bus or train and want to be picked up, or for further information, may call the church—Phone 255-9868, or Bro. Moles, phone 255-6109.

All are welcome. Our meeting is supported by free-will offerings. Let us all worship together and receive a blessing from the Lord.

—Bro. E. J. Trotter, Pastor
4871 E. Fillmore; phone 255-9957.

BOLEY, OKLA.

The Church of God campmeeting at Boley, Okla., will be held, Lord willing, on August 8 to 17. We welcome you to come. Saints, pray much for the meeting. The harvest is ripe, and the laborers are few. For further information, contact the pastor, Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73104, or Ora Spears, Route 1, Box 108, Boley, Okla.

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING

The California State Campmeeting of the Church of God will convene on the saints' campground located at 12312 Osborne Place in Pacoima, Calif., on August 22 to 31, 1969, Lord willing.

Pacoima is a suburb of Los Angeles in the north-west part of the city near the town of San Fernando. If you come by car from the east or south, take the Golden State Freeway (it will be marked "Bakersfield" where you leave either of the freeways coming from those directions) and follow it to Osborne Street which is about 20 miles out from where you hit this freeway. When you come to Osborne Street, turn right and follow it straight ahead across the railroad tracks and about a half-mile farther to a "Y." At this "Y" go straight ahead instead of taking the left curve and soon you will come to our sign over the entrance to the campground on your right. If you come from the north by car, follow the freeway which will be marked "Los Angeles" to Osborne Street, turn left and proceed as outlined above.

The phone number on the campground is A. C. 213—899-2022. If you arrive by bus or train, give us a call and someone will come to get you.

We hope that all of the saints throughout the West will be able to attend this meeting, as well as all others

who may need help in soul or body. Pray earnestly for a victorious meeting and for a precious visitation from God.

We will be looking to see you at the campmeeting. Remember the date—August 22 to 31—and plan for it.

Yours and His in the Master's service, —O. B. Wilson

DOVER, OKLA.

Lord willing, the Dover, Okla., campmeeting will be held August 22 through 31, 1969. We cordially invite all to attend this meeting.

We are praying and looking to the Lord to send ministers and workers of His own choosing. We realize in these last days that perilous times have already begun, and there is a dire need of the old-time truth being preached in its fulness. Let us pray earnestly for the campmeeting season that there will be a harvesting of souls this summer in all the meetings. We will be expecting you at Dover.

For further information, write Bro. Henry Caldwell, Route 1, Dover, Okla., or Sister Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73104. Phone CE 5-2270.

Prayer Requests

Pa.—"Remember my brother in prayer as he is afflicted." —Twila Campbell.

Ohio—"Everything I eat has been making me real ill and I have weak spells. . . . I have a special burden for my unsaved children, grandchildren, and the saints' children, also the lost about us." —Sister Maudie Sharp.

Calif.—"Remember Sister LaVerne Manuel in prayer. The Lord had touched her and she was able to be in meetings some, but she had another severe heart attack and is now in need of prayer."

Okla.—Bro. and Sis. Sam Barton both still need prayer.

Ind.—"Our little grandson, who has spells of some kind, is staying with us now. He hears us reading in the Bible about Jesus healing all diseases. He asked me several times why Jesus has not healed him and when is He going to do it. I know God is able and can heal him. Do remember him in prayer, also our unsaved loved ones. I feel some better, but still need prayer." —Sister Lowell Wilson.

South Dakota—"I have a large growth on my face. No doubt it is cancerous. I am praying earnestly for healing. Remember me." —Sister Olive McFarling.

Miss.—Sister Rosa Davis wrote out a number of requests for herself and others.

Ark.—"I suffer so much that it makes it real hard for me to care for my family. God has helped me, but I need complete healing. . . . My nerves and heart bother me, also." —Sister Opal McMurrin.

Colo.—"Please pray for my grandson in Vietnam that God will save him from liquor and tobacco and from all sin." —Fred B. Allen.

Ill.—We received a phone call from Bro. McClain. Sister Vivian McClain had fallen and broken her hip and arm. Pray for her.

Fla.—"Please pray for Helen Hanke of Lake Wales, Fla., who is suffering with cancer and is very weak. Her breathing is hard and she feels despondent. She desires the saints' prayers. She has been and still is a faithful friend of all the Marler family, and that includes me, too. We visited her this week and it touched our hearts. We felt a burden to request prayer." —Sis. Viola Weir.

Mo.—Phone call—Sister Katie (Marler) Gibson had what they thought might be a heart attack and needs prayer. Bro. Asa Gibson also needs prayer.

We want to have a special agreement in prayer that God will work this season when the various meetings are in progress. As the poet has said, "Every second, sad to tell, counts another soul in hell." How our very soul cries out to God to have mercy upon eternity-bound souls! Oh, if they could just see the great love of God and be convinced of their need of salvation, they could find it! We believe in prayer and that it will change things. We believe God to be our Saviour, Sanctifier, Keeper, and Healer. All we need is to be found in God. He can give us grace to live a victorious life right in the midst of trouble. Let us each one hold our faith steady in God and not let one bit of discouragement touch us. Just don't let the devil talk to you. He only wants to back you down and take away from you all the beautiful virtues that God has given you. He will take away every bit of your faith if you let him. Jesus met the devil with Scripture every time he talked to Him. We, too, live only by the spiritual food that God gives to us in His Word. May the very God of peace comfort your hearts in the faith is my earnest prayer.

—Sister Marie Miles

TO MY DEAR MOTHER

I think of all the years gone by
When a child; and I start to cry.
I think of times when I was bad,
And sometimes it makes me so very sad!

Mother took us to church every time she could;
She loved the Lord, and prayed we would!
So, with God's help, she taught us the way
To live our lives, as Christians each day.

We said our prayers at bedtime each night,
That God would bless us throughout our life.
Sometimes I wish I could go back once more,
But the past is forever a closed door.

But I still have memories of those years,
Wonderful with happiness, prayers, and tears.
I thank God at the end of each day
For having a Christian mother to brighten the way.

Pray for me as I go through life,
To live the way I know is right,
To keep in mind Mother's prayers and tears—
Tears that still fall, through all the years.

For still she's praying that we'll live so
When God comes again, to heaven we'll go.
So why do we still linger in sin,
And let our souls the devil to win?

In sin we have our troubles to bear,
With no one who is willing to share!
Saved, we have a Saviour who's always there,
When in trouble, He will hear our prayer.

So when the saints kneel down to pray,
I hope they will remember me and say,
"Dear Lord, help her to turn away from sin,
And let your love enter her heart again!"

Written by Mrs. Ruthanne Little, for my Mother,
Sister Ruby Quave.

TAPE LIBRARY IN LOUISIANA STATE PRISON

Bro. Wayne Turner, inmate of La. State Prison at Angola, and working in the prison hospital, has for some time desired a tape recorder of his own with the thought of starting a tape library of Church of God sermons and songs which would be a rich blessing to others in the prison besides himself. Permission was recently granted from the officials for him to have a tape recorder in his quarters. A 4-track stereo tape machine with 3 speeds (1 7/8, 3 1/4, 7 1/2) and taking up to 7 inch reels is on order and should be in his possession shortly. Permission was also granted that he could receive tapes through Faith Pub. House. Bro. Wayne would appreciate donations or loans of tapes of sermons and songs from Church of God campmeetings or regular services. We would be pleased to forward tapes of this nature to Bro. Wayne through this Office. When mailing tapes to us for him, write the number you are sending, the speed of each, whether donated or loaned, the titles of sermons and name of speaker, and titles of songs. He will be happy to return to you through this Office any and all tapes which you desire to be returned. Let us co-operate in this worthy project.

—L. D. Pruitt

P. O. Box 518, Guthrie, Okla. 73044

REPORT OF ALABAMA REVIVAL MEETING

Sister Katherine Williams, minister of Oklahoma City, just returned from the revival meeting at Northport, Ala., held June 6 to 15. She reported a very good meeting with a number of souls seeking spiritual help at the altar of prayer. Also present for the meeting were Bro. Isaac Chandler of Calif., Sister Savage, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Bro. Hargrave and family, and another family of Goulds, Fla.

Bro. and Sister Hargrave had recently lost a young child in illness, then during the Guthrie campmeeting they sent in a prayer request for another child who seemed to be taking the same illness and the Lord wonderfully healed it. Thank the Lord!

During the Alabama meeting Sister Katherine Williams was injured accidentally when a car door was closed against her ankle. She suffered intensely for a while. As the saints were praying for her she said she heard the bone snap back in place, and the misery began to leave. She was certainly rejoicing and praising the Lord for how He had miraculously healed her.

A quantity of papers, tracts and books were sent to the Alabama meeting for free distribution from this office.

Bro. Chandler and Sister Savage are presently in the spring revival meeting at Tulsa, Okla., which will close June 22.

—Editor

SOUTHEASTERN NIGERIAN REPORT

Southeastern Nigeria, (May 17)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and every saint: Greetings to all of you in the Church of God Mission in America, in the Lord's dear holy name, from the entire Church of God Mission in Nigeria. Hope this reaches you safely through the help of the Lord God Almighty.

Enclosed is the full text of the campmeeting held at Ikot Ofon Ikono on April 25 to 27, so receive it in good faith and pray for us as you can. God really worked miracles for us as sign of His presence in our midst throughout the meetings, so we are thankful.

Up to the date of this writing we have no word from you; however, we wrote you on the 14th of last month and trust you got it and that its reply had been on the way.

In order to help you to be aware of the present existing stations with preachers and other gospel workers, below is the list: [There followed a typed list of 32 gospel workers.]

Send to us "Faith and Victory" papers, tracts (in English and Efik), etc.

We are eager to hear from you, while we remain and pray.

Yours in His Service,

—B. U. Etuk

(Editor's note: The postal service has again been interrupted to the native minister, Bro. B. U. Etuk, in the Southeastern State of Nigeria, evidently on account of the civil war which is still raging. In answer to the above letter, this writer sent a registered air-mail reply with money draft on June 9. Then on June 13 this letter was returned to us by the postoffice with the notation, "No service to city named in Nigeria." This turn of events is disappointing to us and to them, but we trust that communications will be resumed in the near future.)

REPORT FROM MIDWEST NIGERIA

Midwest Nigeria (June 5)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints of the Church of God abroad: Greetings to you in the name of the only begotten of God—the greatest Gem of glory sacrificed for our redemption—the Saviour of our souls. We should love Him better for He died for us; we should love Him better for He set us free; we should love Him better as the moments fly and should love Him better as the days go by.

We have received your letter dated the 20th of May, 1969, and noted the contents with many thanks. The Bible tells us not to be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. (Gal. 6:9.)

We are toiling on. We are convinced your prayers are ascending for our efforts for Christ and souls. With the power of the all-prevailing name of Jesus we travel to preach His gospel to those still held in sin, for them to obtain the regenerating powers of Jesus Christ, thus miraculously escaping from the jaws of death and Satanic sonship into the glorious liberties of the Son of God. It is the greatest victory anyone ever knew to get loose from Satan.

We need your prayers earnestly for God's continued protection of us from the Nigerian Civil War with Biafra. The war is now being waged very, very close to Kwale. We rely hard upon God regardless of the situation. He is our defense.

We . . . shall attempt to open communications with our brethren of the Church of God mission in southeastern Nigeria.

Faithfully yours in Him, —Pastor Titus U. E. Enu

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (June 7)—Dear Brother Lawrence Pruitt and co-workers: Joyful greetings again to all the brethren in America in the all-prevailing name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who loved us and died for us.

Thank you for your good letter dated May 19, 1969, and its enclosures were noted with great thanks.

We are very glad and thankful to God for His mercy and blessings on our convention at Niranam. It started on the 15th of May and ended on the 18th. . . . The convention was conducted in the paudel (flat roof) built beside the home of Bro. V. J. Thomas. Though it was a

rainy season our heavenly Father directed the convention miraculously. People around were convicted and convinced, and they could understand that there is a living God who is all in all. Believers also were encouraged and strengthened in their faith. Saints from far-away places, such as Calicut, Trichur, Challissery, Porhulam, Pazhanji, Mepral, Kottarahara, etc., joined together at Niranam. We had open air meetings, processions singing songs, and at intervals, shouting Bible verses. God provided Spirit-filled speakers to preach the Word of God. Praise the Lord! Toward the end of the convention, four youngsters, including two daughters of Bro. V. I. Thomas who came under the joy of salvation, were baptized. Please pray for them.

After the convention, we were glad to note that one man belonging to the Marthonite Church realized the truth and is now in our fellowship with his family. Now they are very happy in the Church of God. They could see divine healing when God touched his wife and made her free from her disease when prayed for. Please remember that family also in your prayers. . . .

Now I remember what John Knox prayed, "Give me Scotland or I die." Please pray for a great harvesting of souls in India, also.

We, in India, pray for your campmeetings at various places, and we believe, of course, the Oklahoma campmeeting was a successful one. May God provide physical as well as spiritual needs for those campmeetings is our prayer. I don't know what is the shape and manner of your campmeetings. I wish it were possible for me to be with you a few days and enjoy the campmeetings. But as you know, it is very expensive to travel that far away.

I have translated some more tracts, and a few of them will be off the press soon. Please pray for the means to distribute them, and also to print more copies.

Now in Kerala State the monsoon rain is in full swing day and night. Food is costly and epidemics are rampant in several places.

Remember us in your everyday prayers as we do you.

Yours in the Master's Service,

—John Varghese

MEXICO MISSIONARY REPORT

La Mision, Baja, Mexico (June 10)—Dear Ones: We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose Father is the giver of every good and every perfect gift. We are made to stand in awe as we read 1 Cor. 2, noting especially verses 5: "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God," and 9, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." But let's read verse 10, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

Our activities these past few weeks were centered around our annual May tent meeting here in La Mision. Bro. Juan Cruz and I started working to set up the tent and camp on Friday morning, the 23rd of May. We were working, cleaning off the grounds and making plans to set up camp and hoping that the Lord would send someone to help us put up the tent. Then about 10:30 A. M., Bro. Tomas, Bro. David, and Chon came and we soon had the tent up, the benches in, the tent wired for lights, and the electric plant ready to go for night services. We had a good turnout the first night . . . For nine days we had at least two services a day which included children's meeting every afternoon during the

week. Our smallest night attendance was more than 50 and the most was about 100. In most of the services there were seekers at the altar of prayer. This was also true of the children's meetings, in which Charlotte took a good part.

Bro. David and Chon made a camp stove with rocks and mud, with a piece of tin for a top. Some from Rosarito came and did the cooking both week-ends. Of course, everyone at one time or another got K P duty. We ate mostly beans, rice, and tortillas. The last Sunday some of the saints from San Diego brought us a big turkey which we fixed into a "mole" with rice. . . .

Oh, how they love to sing! Sometimes we would sing 10 or more hymns, then the children would sing a few choruses besides. I led the singing most of the time, as I love to do it. The Lord wonderfully used Bro. Juan in this meeting. Also his family is a real testimony. . . .

Bro. David Rosas was very active in the services, and also in inviting and bringing many people to the meeting. David feels his call to preach, and in this meeting he spoke several times to the crowd and did very well. It seems he has a special gift in personal work, also.

We are glad that Bro. Irineo Rama got some experience speaking to a large crowd. The Lord blessed him in delivering several short sermons. This experience, plus the fellowship with the brothers, will be much help to him as he plans to step out by faith and go to Michoacan to take the gospel to those in darkness there.

Bro. Tomas Mendoza brought a few good messages, also. He was here only the first Friday and Saturday, then left in order to be with his congregation for Sunday. Then he came with his family the next Friday and stayed until Monday. His children are growing up, and they all look well. I took a tape recording of one of Tomas' sermons which was on "Dying out to Sin." Bro. Tomas reports that the congregation in the Valle de Trinidad is growing much. Some are ready to be baptized, and are expecting to go to Ojos Negros meeting.

The Ojos Negros campmeeting will be held July 1 through July 14. Pray for its success.

Continuing the report of La Mision campmeeting: Eight souls were baptized the last Sunday afternoon in the La Mision River. Three children and their parents, one elderly sister who was here visiting from the state of Gto., the young brother that Bro. Juan has witnessed to over the years, and Bro. Tomas' brother, Trebucio, from Rosarito were baptized. One of the reasons for the success in this meeting was prayer and the united efforts of many on both sides of the border. Some sent help, others came and took part. There was unity among the gospel workers, and we believe we learned some lessons in Holy Spirit leadership. . . . Those who desired to come to this meeting and did not make it are invited to go to Ojos Negros campmeeting. Write for details.

At this point, this is our vision:— La Mision—with the new life in our congregation we will have need of a larger place to have services. We are still praying for our trade school here. Southern Mexico: Bro. Irineo will be going soon to the state of Michoacan, which is one of the most needy and most backward states in Mexico. He has a vision of an orphanage there. Rosarito: New life here, also. Pray for Sister Esquer. She has a serious affliction. Need a pastor here. Ojos Negros: Campmeeting July 1 to 14, 1969. We believe that a congregation will be raised up there as we find the people very hungry for the truth. Bro. David Rosas feels that he should stay there until someone comes.

We feel joy in our hearts in planning to go to the National Campmeeting (Neosho, Mo.) in July, then on

to Southern Mexico for a missionary trip and returning to Baja about the first of September.

We love all the saints and we find that our Mexican brothers and sisters are very precious to us. We feel we are a part of them and they even say sometimes that we are very much Mexican. We have learned many lessons and the Lord grows sweeter each day.

—James and Charlotte Huskey
P. O. Box 2262, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073

From The Mail Box . . .

Okla.—Dear Sister Miles: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. . . .

I have been considering having a Bible school for the children at the Monark Springs campmeeting at Neosho, Mo. I am searching to see if we have enough material to take care of the children. I believe we can have Bible School at Monark Monday through Friday as we did at Guthrie, Okla., if the Lord wills.

We just ended a Bible School at Boley, Okla., last Friday. We had an enrollment of 215 children: 58, ages three to six; 37, ages seven and eight; 39, ages nine and ten; 29, ages eleven and twelve; 52, young people from 13 years up. We are burdened to plant something in their hearts while they are young. I will be happy to get some "Beautiful Way" papers to give out to the children in Bible School here in Okmulgee and other places. Pray for us.

—Annie Bell Allen

Ohio—. . . I am 68 years old and retired from the N. and W. Railroad. My wife has been dead since January, 1966. I live alone. I have five fine children, all married and have families. I was saved in 1938 from a life of sin. The Lord is very real to me.

My first copy of the "Faith and Victory" paper I found on the floor of a box car, perhaps 25 years ago. . . .

In Christian love, —C. D. Chancey

N. Car.—Dear Brothers and Sisters: A few words to let you know we enjoy the paper very much. It's been a great help to us. We need all the encouragement we can get in these last days. Please remember each one of us in prayer.

Yours for Christ, —E. J. and Violet Biddix

Calif.—Dear Saints: Today finds me with a fervent desire to be all the Lord wants me to be. Sometimes He lets us go through severe suffering in order to teach us His will for us. Our Father will prepare us for heaven if we will be pliant in His hands. I want to always remember to thank Him for the tests, trials, or blessings, as everything that He lets come in our path He sees we need it. Our Father loves us so much that He humbles Himself to look upon us and help us to live to please Him. I want to make heaven my home, so pray for me.

Christian love, —Letha Reece

W. Va.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: We are happy to greet you in the loving name of our Lord, through whose wonderful blood we can live a life free from sin, have victory over the devil and all the works of darkness. Every child of God should be happy that we have something better than all the money, land, or possessions of this old world. Thank the Lord!

The Lord has been blessing us much since the last time we wrote you. There are some disappoint-

ments along the road, but these tests are only making us grow stronger in the Lord, and getting us ready for heaven.

We truly are thankful for the papers you are sending us, and also the adult Sunday School Bible Lessons booklets. They have been a real blessing. We are having prayer meeting every week. . . . We are in need of much prayer in the work here.

The Lord blessed us with a trip to Akron, Ohio, at Easter. It was good to see the saints there again and to receive some heavenly food. I was sorry we couldn't get to Dayton when all of you were there, but I am glad you had a good meeting. Bro. Mart Samons is praying about holding a meeting here the middle of June.

We do hope these few lines find all well at the Publishing House, and may the Lord bless each one of you with wonderful heavenly sunshine. We pray that you will keep encouraged in this important work for the Lord and ever look to Him and trust in His love. Pray for us here. Christian love, —Bro. James White

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Indiana—Dear Saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. Just a few lines to let you know that I am still encouraged to go all the way with Jesus, and hope all of you feel the same.

I trust that God blessed in your campmeeting there. I would have enjoyed attending, but we have been having good meetings in Dayton and Kalamazoo. Many good saints are there.

Please send . . . books and list these subscriptions to "Faith and Victory" paper. . . .

Your Brother in His service, —Ed Johnston

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Kansas—Dear Sister Marie: I'm glad you are having a good meeting [campmeeting at Guthrie]. We all need such great help from God in these evil days. . . .

I'm sure you are getting and giving good food for souls in the campmeeting. I can't be there, but my prayers are with you.

We are thankful for the "Faith and Victory" and pray God to bless you and keep each of you working with unity. Remember us in prayer.

With love, —Mamie Norcutt

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Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



Okla.—This is June 11, 1969, and having missed seeing all of the dear ones at the Okla. State campmeeting at Guthrie this year, I feel it my duty as well as a privilege to write you a few lines of comfort and encouragement in the name of our Lord Jesus who is the propitiation for our sins, and has become our salvation. Praise His holy name forever!

I am so glad we serve a God who is present everywhere and we can enjoy His comforting presence in our secret places of prayer when it is not our lot to meet with a group of saints. I still have a longing more and more to commune with my beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord by the printed page when it is not possible to do otherwise.

I can say like dear Bro. Paul of old that I, too, am a prisoner of the Lord, (in spirit and in truth) and rejoice in the fact; however, I am not behind iron bars (as yet). Praise the Lord for the Christian freedom we yet enjoy. In my case I am hindered and hampered only by elderly years. But if our heart is fully yielded, there is work in the Master's vineyard for each one to do. Psalms 92:14 says, "They shall bring forth fruit in

old age." Isn't that wonderful? I am seeking the Lord for an anointed pen to write where I cannot be.

Some time, over three years ago, while living in Wichita, Kansas, I was seriously ill in Sister Bessie Gordon's home. For a number of days the pastor and saints there stood by, battling for my health again. It was mid-winter; the weather was cold and severe. My trouble seemed to be the "flu," together with a nervous rundown condition. During the recovery period the Lord spoke very definitely, saying that I had been faithful in the past and He was going to raise me up and enlarge my field of labor. I asked, "Lord, how far?" He said, "To the ends of the earth." Whatever that means, I want to be faithful, in words of comfort, consolation, or counsel. I need your prayers.

—Sister Ethel K. Miles

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Ky.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, workers at the Lord's Print Shop, and saints everywhere: We greet you in Jesus' sweet and precious Name. We can never praise Him enough for all He has done for us, (His unworthy servants), but we shall endeavor with all our hearts to love Him more and serve Him better.

We desire to let you know that your fervent prayers in our behalf were not unheeded by our dear heavenly Father. We were both very ill prior to Easter, and a good while thereafter, suffering from the "flu" and complications, as some of you know. We learned some precious lessons while patiently waiting for God to come to our rescue, for He is and has been our great Physician for more than thirty years. We were not afraid to fully trust Him. I said to Bro. Abbott like this, "When the 'Faith and Victory' paper gets into circulation and all the dear saints' prayers are going up as one man's prayer, then we shall be healed!" Praise God forever, it was so!

We are now on the Holly Hill campground in South Carolina. Saints are gathering in and we are praying much and looking to God for a good meeting here. We want souls to be saved and much lasting good accomplished. Continue to pray for us. We desire to know and to do God's will above all else. We deeply appreciate the dear children of God, and are glad to be part of them.

—Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott

R. 5. Box 16, Somerset, Ky. 42501

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Missouri—Dear Ones in the Lord: I have much for which to praise the Lord. He has proved again that He is a mighty God. Oh, I'm glad I turned to serve Him! I want to always see that He has a dwelling place in my heart, for He said, "But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." Isa. 66:2b. The Psalmist David didn't even want to sleep until he found a habitation for the Lord. (Psalms 132:2-5)

It is so good to be well again. I had a hard winter, but God was real close to bless. He could have taken me Home, but He spared me to my husband and little family. A few weeks after my illness of pneumonia or pleurisy, the Lord blessed us with a tiny baby boy. I got along wonderfully well and had no signs of milk leg, although I had bad varicose veins. Actually I hardly suffered with my limbs even when they looked so bad. I just give God all the praise. I know many of God's people were praying for me. I can't begin to thank each one of you, so I use this method through the "Faith and Victory," and trust God has blessed you as you thought of me. I got several get-well cards which were real uplifting.

When Philip was only a month old I had a ring-around on one of my fingernails. It looked as though it could have been real painful, but the dear Lord let me suffer very little. I know this is a rich blessing from Him. Now I am getting a new nail.

I need much more of all of God's graces to be the kind of mother, pastor's wife, neighbor, etc., that I should be, so that I might always have God's approval on my life and win other souls to Him. Do continue to pray for me.

—Sister Sylvia Busbee

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and workers at the Print Shop, and saints and friends who read the good "Faith and Victory:" Greetings in the name of Jesus who said, "Come unto me." Again He said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me."

I'm glad I answered that call when I was a child, and I've never been sorry. Yes, there has been a cross to bear, but oh, the joy and glory along with the cross that comes from the One who so meekly bore His cross before me. He has led me by His hand, and given me wonderful blessings spiritually, mentally, physically (He has been my Healer for 54 years), and materially. Praise His dear name!

It's good to be home again and back to my home congregation in California after a two-months' stay in Springfield, Mo., with my daughter and family, the Busbees. The saints there are very precious, as well as here. The saints are all precious. I thank God they are all my brothers and sisters in the Lord. (Not that I'm worthy to be counted with them, except by His grace.)

After my return home I was stricken one night with a bad case of arthritis (or something) in my right hand, arm, and up in my neck. I was so helpless, as it seemed almost paralyzed. Two days later at meeting I was anointed according to God's Word, and very soon my hand limbered up, but the arm continued helpless for four more days, then the dear Lord took it all away in one night. Oh, how I praised the Lord for His goodness to me! While I was so helpless the dear ones came and combed my hair and helped me get ready for meeting. Praise God, He always provides needed help!

I'm following Jesus each step of the way. It pays an hundredfold in this life and in the world to come "everlasting life." Praise the Lord!

Christian love,

—Vera Forbes

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie Miles, and all the workers for the Lord: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am thankful to God for His many blessings. I am especially thanking the dear Lord for His healing power. I was very sick. My husband called Sister Willa Williams at Hennessey, Okla., to pray. The Lord completely healed me. Praise the name of the Lord!

I am sending a donation to be used wherever needed. May the Lord bless all of you.

—Emma Taylor

Diligently Teach Your Children Right

A young man was about to be hanged upon the gallows. Just before the fatal moment he received permission to speak to any of his friends, if he desired. Calling for his aunt, who had reared him, he moved forward as if to speak to her, but instead, he bit off her ear. Amid exclamations of horror that followed, the young man said: "You think what I have done is

cruel. Let me tell you that had my aunt done her duty by me, I should not be here today. Had she taken the pains to inquire where I obtained the lead pencils, knives, handkerchiefs, and other small articles which I brought home from time to time; had she not accepted the flimsy excuse that I had found them; had she warned me of my danger, and not praised me for 'finding' the things I had stolen—I might have escaped this awful end."

My Struggle With Tobacco

"The Lord is good and ever to be praised and His mercies endure for ever!" He is no respecter of persons—what He has done for me, He will do for you. Turn your complete self over to Him and be blessed!

As was the case with so many people, I thought smoking was important, as most every one of the boys I traveled with did it. I didn't want to be alone, so I felt I could control it; I'd smoke cigarettes awhile, then go to the pipe. Eventually I'd get a blister on my tongue—so I'd set the pipe aside and go back to the cigarettes. So it was, back and forth until I just had to have something to smoke. I was inhaling the pipe as well as the cigarettes. It really had me. I continued to lose weight, so I had to stop for awhile.

Now, I thought I really had control of it; but I was soon back to it again. It seems to get in one's blood, and one craves it.

After I was married it continued, and tobacco became part of the grocery order, for it was something needed. When there was trouble or disagreement in the home there was a greater need for the stuff.

When I would come out of my home I would start to cough and continue coughing until I got on the street-car. When I got off the car, I again would start to cough and keep on coughing until I got in the mill. While working or talking to someone, I would have a cigarette in my hand, lit, and didn't know when I lit it. It became a part of my life. I smoked so much I couldn't find my office doorknob in broad daylight. This condition continued until 1930, when I got saved. I was saved at home and hadn't heard any preaching about smoking, yet I felt it was wrong and that the Lord was not pleased, so I decided to stop smoking gradually. I'd put a piece of hard candy in my mouth and then discover I had lit a cigarette and was smoking along with the candy (the candy didn't help in the least) so I did away with the candy.

I would get so upset with tobacco that I would twist the pack in half and throw them in the street. Then I would have to get another pack. (Still no preaching on tobacco.) I finally told my wife to keep the pack, give me one cigarette after breakfast, put one in my lunch pail, and one after supper. The one I took to work I'm sure I smoked ten times, something I had never done before. (I always smoked the whole cigarette.) Then I started begging cigarettes off the men I worked with, and I was ashamed of this. My wife went to church one night and left me home with two small children. I had no cigarettes. I searched the house from attic to cellar for a stump. I finally locked the children in the house and I went to the store and got a pack.

I finally came to the conclusion that God didn't care if I smoked or not, so I stopped trying to quit. Then God proved His greatness. I had been saved about a month and was still smoking when I made this decision.

Sitting in my dining room one day smoking a cigarette, a pack in my shirt pocket, and reading a tract about tobacco, I got about half of the tract read (and to this day I couldn't tell you what I read), when I suddenly pinched the fire off the cigarette, put it in the pack, went to the cellar, threw them in the furnace, and bless God, I haven't had a taste for tobacco since. God took the appetite away completely. (It's permanent, for this is 1969 and I still have no desire for tobacco.)

I went to church the following Sunday morning, and the sermon was on tobacco, and what a joy to be FREE. How easy it was to say Amen to that sermon!

—Guy I. Reynolds

His Life, Not My Own

Sometimes on my journey here
I see a mountain tall.
With doubt racing to my mind,
I think, "I'm much too small.
I could never reach the top,
My strength would all be gone,"
But then a Voice says to me,
"My strength and not your own."

Often times I chance to meet
The enemy here below.
With piercing words that wound my heart,
He strikes blow after blow.
Within the limits of my mind
No words can face this wrong;
But then a Voice says to me,
"My words and not your own."

When all my trials here are passed,
And the sun begins to fade;
When the flower starts to shed its bloom,
And my last prayer is prayed;
To friends I love I'll say, "Good-bye,
We'll meet when all is done;
But to the Father I must go,
For it's His life and not my own."

—Sandra Whitson

Sunshine

The sun is shining beautifully
From out a cloudless sky;
All is quiet and peaceful
As of the Realms on High.

Let's be like the glad, warm sunshine.
Be warm, kind, and true.
Live to love and bless our fellowman
In everything; in all we say or do.

Let's be like the glad, warm sunshine
And brighten a lonely life
That's left below by loved ones
Who have flown from earthly strife.

Gone on to be with Jesus,
On that bright eternal shore,
Gone on to live forever
With loved ones evermore.

There's no rosy road to glory,
And the world will sometimes frown;
But if we bear our cross for Jesus
We'll exchange it for a crown.

—Dolly Williams

Women to Speak or Not to Speak?

Question: The Bible tells us that the women should keep silent in the church. It also says that in the last days your sons and daughters shall prophesy. Is this a contradiction?

Answer: The following is an excerpt from an article which appeared in "The Gospel Trumpet" issue of Dec. 28, 1905, entitled, "The Labor of Women in the Gospel."

"Through the distribution of these gifts [gifts of the Spirit], offices are constituted in the church. Without these gifts, neither men nor women are fit for office in the church. God made no discrimination of sex on Pentecost—all alike were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Cloven tongues like as of fire sat upon each of them and they spake as the Spirit gave them utterance. They (men and women) spake in tongues and prophesied. Phebe, a sister, was a servant (minister) of the church at Cenchrea. (See Rom. 16:1.) Also the daughters of Philip prophesied. Priscilla and Aquilla, wife and husband, became helpers with Paul in his ministerial work. Romans 16:3. Priscilla and Aquilla helped Paul, and on a former occasion instructed a young preacher by the name of Apollos. See Acts 18:24-28.

"The church at Philippi sent a bounty to Paul at Rome, by the hand of Epaphroditus, in which he says, "And I entreat thee true yoke-fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlaborers." Phil. 4:3. This epistle is addressed to all the saints at Philippi with the bishops (overseers) and deacons. Evidently those women which labored with him in the gospel were included among the overseers and deacons, for that was their mission according to the nature of the offices mentioned.

"In Rom. 16 several women laborers in the gospel are mentioned, and in verse 7 a woman's name is referred to as an apostle. Paul discusses the propriety of the oriental veil in connection with praying or prophesying. The custom of the veil he declares to be a custom of the people and not of the church, etc. See 1 Cor. 11. Had the church and the apostle been opposed to women praying and prophesying, Paul never would have given directions for their service in that line.

"What office may women hold in the church? Any office wherein God sets them, by virtue of the gifts He bestows upon them, and they may hold no office for which they have no corresponding gifts from God. The same is true with men.

"Let all things be done decently and in order."

—G. L. Coplin

o FLEE FROM SIN

O Lord, teach me what I can do
To help someone to come to You,
To help some child to give his heart
To Thee, dear Lord, and from sin depart,
To help them see how sad indeed
To live in sin 'til eternity.

Smoking and drinking are a curse.
Of all the sins they seem the worst.
Flee from sin in your youthful days,
As many have found sin never pays.
Live for the Lord and spare your soul
From much sorrow and dreadful role.
Lay up treasures in heaven above,
Prepare to meet Jesus in perfect love.

—Effie Miller