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Thanksgiving

As fades the green of summer hue,
Thanksgiving much we ought to do.
The gracious God who made us all,
Who caused the fresh'ning showers to fall

The loving Maker of mankind
Has sent these blessings all combined:
The bounteous harvest and increase,
And food and gladness with His peace.

Our thanks we offer unto Him,
Although our eyes with tears be dim
With sorrows, grief, and earthly care—
His mercy drives away despair.

He lives above in triumph still,
And speaks to us of peace, good will;
Thanks to His name the fruit we yield,
Our hearts become a harvest field.

His grace o'ercomes all doubt and fear;
His Son He gave to draw us near;
'Tis ours to win abounding more,
And feast on His exhaustless store

Of life and truth and saving grace,
And strength to run the Christian race:
The treasures money cannot buy,
The hope that dries the tear-dimmed eye.

So courage, then, my brother, take,
Straight paths for Jesus let us make;
Lift up the hands now hanging down,
Confirm your tread on holy ground.

In every thing that comes your way,
Give thanks to God and ever pray—
And daily serve Him without doubt
And He will surely bring you out!

—Leslie Busbee

Thanks Living

We thank Thee, Father, Lord of all; who made us for Thine own . . . That we can come before Thy throne, and make our wishes known. . . Thou madest earth and sea and sky, and put us here to dwell . . . That we might know and follow Thee that doest all things well. . . The air we breath—the sunshine warm—our daily bread—our clothes . . . Are only tokens of Thy love that give us deep repose. . . 'Tis only by Thy grace we breathe or open up our eyes . . . To see the beauty of this earth that all around us lies. . . And so we thank Thee, Lord Most High, for guidance day by day; as we obey Thee and we live according to Thy way . . . For we can't live by bread alone but through each Word Thou giveth . . . Oh, may our lives shine forth for Thee as we Thy precept liveth. . . We drink in all Thy blessings rare that Thou dost freely give . . . And bow on knee before Thee now and pray that we might live . . . A thankful life before Thee while we spend our life on earth . . . That others, too, might find it good to be of Heav'nly birth. . . Though many would not bend a knee to thank Thee, Lord, we feel . . . That Thou still favorest those who would reject their pride and kneel . . . In humble gratitude for all the blessings that You give . . . 'Tis only by Thy grace divine that we as children live. . . We thank Thee for the Bread of Life Thou sentest from above . . . To save a sinful dying world and teach us of Thy love. . . We are most blest of man on earth to know this precious gift . . . Of life eternal with our God if we would truly lift . . . Our hearts and souls to Thee above and leave this world behind . . . And keep our hearts and minds in love, and always true and kind . . . To show the world that Thou art real and lovest every one . . . And long to bring us Home on high, when here the vict'ry's won. . . We pray, O Lord, that Thou wilt give us grace to use the things . . . That Thou so richly hast bestowed on us poor mortal beings . . . For Thine own glory—not for ours—to work away our days . . . And make each moment count to turn men from their ways. . . While yet the light shines out

on earth and darkness does dispel . . . Oh, let us weep and pray for souls now on their way to hell! . . . Who shun the light and reap the cost of life that's wasted here . . . And let old Satan tread them down to live a life in fear. . . Oh, thank Thee, Lord, for blessings given the world knows nothing of . . . Oh, may our living be thanksgiving to Thee, O God, above . . . For we do thank Thee for the grace to banish every care . . . That lifts us o'er the trials of life that we could never bear. . . And for Thy healing touch of love upon our bodies here . . . For Thou dost save and keep our souls and bless our bodies dear. . . So may our sacrifice of praise be honored in Thy sight . . . And keep us, Lord, for heaven's love, away from earthly blight.

—George A. Hammond

BEWARE!

Take Heed What You Hear and Read!

Any false statement that has been listened to, considered as right, and accepted in one's mind, will affect a person's thinking, and in turn affect their actions. Therefore, we need to be very careful what we listen to and accept. We should always be on our guard. This holds true also of what we read.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments [or elements] of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." Colossians 2:8, 9. There are many vain philosophies presented to the people today, religious and otherwise. The sad fact is that most of the philosophers are trained to sway the thinking of those who listen to them. For instance, an older man was drafted into the army during World War Two, and he said they were given lectures and shown movies which were geared to create hatred in their hearts against the enemies of the United States. He said he saw through their motives and didn't let it affect him, but some of the younger men went into these classes feeling calm, but would come out fighting mad at the enemies of the U. S. What did this? Those philosophers were trained to change men's thinking. They showed just the movies of certain great injustices that incited anger. They felt that only angry soldiers fought fiercely. Now this is just an example of what can hold true in any field where there are trained men who can sway people's minds. No wonder we are warned in the Bible to beware lest we be spoiled for truth and correct Bible teachings by vain philosophy through the deceitful workers of this world. We should be careful also what we listen to over the radio, and otherwise. The devil is sly, slick, and tricky. He would inject a wrong thought or false teaching into our minds that will lead us astray. The Bible tells us to "beware of evil workers."

The Apostle Paul warned young Timothy by saying, "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to

thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: which some professing have erred concerning the faith." 1 Tim. 6:20, 21. In our schools there are many teachings to destroy faith in the fact that God created all things as the Bible tells us. The Bible says, in speaking of Jesus who is One of the Godhead, "For by him were all things created, that are in the heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible." Col. 1:16a. The school textbooks are trying to tell our children many false ideas of the creation and the beginning of mankind. We trust that parents will fortify their children against such teachings, and that our children will beware themselves of those false statements lest it hinder their faith in God. The devil is working through educators today who have the authority about the textbooks that are to be used, and they are allowing communistic teachings which deny God's existence. They are also bringing in teachings about the occult and witchcraft, as well as the teaching of the operations of the human body in connection with producing offspring in a way to break down modesty, reserve, and abstinence before marriage. If these books are put in our schools, they will have an adverse effect upon our young people and nation. The morals are fast breaking down now and what will the future bring? It will bring our nation to disaster just as other nations have fallen when their morals were corrupted.

Again, I say, beware of false teachers. The Bible says, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." 1 Timothy 4:1, 2. Beware and be on your guard concerning what you listen to, and read.

—Sister Marie Miles

The Rest of the Soul in Christ

"REST," what a wonderful word! This word signifies the highest place one can ever hope to reach, who seeks to please God. Rest, soul-rest in Him!

Webster defines it, "rest: freedom from everything that disquiets, wearies, or annoys; peace; quiet; security; tranquillity." Sleep, yes, sweet sleep. David wrote, "He giveth his beloved sleep." (Psa. 127:2). This is what Jesus came to give to us all. He said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you." (John 14:27a).

"For if Jesus [Joshua] had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." (Heb. 4:8, 9). The "rest" enjoyed by Israel after they crossed Jordan, by faith, from their weary wanderings in the wilderness, and from the persecutions inflicted upon them by the Egyptians, was but a type of that soul-rest to be enjoyed by the people of God after the coming of the promised Mes-

siah (Jesus). He came to give "peace" (soul-rest) which the world or no man could give.

The "rest" from their labors which the Jews enjoyed every sabbath day was also a type of the "rest" enjoyed by God's saints when they cease from all their works. "For he that is entered into his [God's] rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his." (Heb. 4:10). Verse 6b reads, "And they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief." For the same reason, many today are failing to enjoy that blessed "rest" of the soul which is handed down to all the faithful in this perfect plan of salvation. Dear reader, have you entered into that sweet rest?

Micah, the prophet of God, looked into the future when he wrote, "Arise, ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it will destroy you, even with a sore destruction." The old, carnal self is working against your soul's welfare trying to destroy your hope in Christ. The justified experience does not bring one into that precious "inner court," that close walk with God wherein one enjoys being dead to self and alive to God, "crucified with Christ." In this peaceful state we cease from doing our own works.

Moses prophesied of this "rest" when he said, "Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes." (Deut. 12:8). As long as the professed people of God do and say "whatsoever seemeth right" in their "own eyes" we can know surely that they have not entered into that soul-rest prepared for them.

The Holy Spirit rules and reigns supremely in the heart and life of those in whom He dwells. Their hearts contain nothing but love and mercy for all. The love of God has been "shed abroad" in their hearts by the Holy Ghost. Love suffers long and is kind. Those whom we love dearly we never speak evil of, never condemn, nor cast aside. We are to support the weak, lift up the fallen and always do and say those things which will edify and build up souls.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14). Oh, how sweet is this rest! Those who enjoy it are free from all trouble, fear and worry. They just rest in Him, casting all their care upon Him who died for us all.

This wonderful experience is for His people, the born-again ones, who come boldly to Him putting their all upon the altar of sacrifice, looking unto Him who is able to cleanse from the inbred sin. When the complete consecration is made, the way is open to receive the Holy Spirit by faith. Then the soul will be filled with that joy which the world cannot give. The soul-rest that follows will ever abide as long as we prove faithful and never doubt. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6).

—H. P. Huskey

Warning! Beware of Drug Use!

(Bro. Jackie Riley, a young man from Goulds, Fla., attended the Oklahoma campmeeting at Guthrie this summer, where he gave his personal testimony to the young people of his deliverance from the drug habit, with a strong warning not to touch it. In order that this warning may be carried abroad, Bro. Riley has written his testimony which was edited for publication and is printed as follows. —Editor).

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour: I write unto my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ and all young people with love and humility.

Some think of drug use as a little matter, but I pray that these lines will help someone to open his eyes to the facts, and will help those who are trying to find a way out.

When I was in sin, one of the main things I did was to use drugs. It all began one day with a "stick" of "grass" which is marijuana, and from one "stick" to a "bag" of "grass" which is a small pack, and from a bag to an ounce of grass. Some of those around me often thought of getting a pound of grass which would cost about \$125.00. Sometimes I would get a good grade of grass and it would give me what I used to think was a good feeling. It seemed like it was going to kill me. This is the feeling grass users look for, and I thought it was good. We used to smoke all the time—\$5.00 bags and \$20.00 bags. Just imagine what a pound would do to you if it was a good grade. The best grade came from Vietnam, but it can be gotten other places and here in America. Some grow it in their homes. If you keep smoking it for a long time, it will kill you. Do you ask how? It starts you to coughing. It gets you out of breath and sometimes chokes you. A lot of young people, and older people as well, are being swept away with this devil's tool because they have been reprov'd and they have hardened their hearts and necks against God and will accept anything except the Lord.

Some people have been deceived into thinking that marijuana does not lead to using stronger drugs. I am going to say that it does lead one on to these other drugs because I have observed some of the young men with whom I used to smoke "grass" and they were "dropping acid" and "shooting up heroin." These are some of the strongest drugs you can take. I did not use heroin, but LSD, which is a pill. Some call it "acid." It can be put in paper to suck and in gum to chew. I also sniffed mescaline which is like white powder. "Speed" is another name for LSD. I used to drink Romalar, which is a cough syrup, and it gave me a feeling like a "graveyard high." You cannot understand about a "graveyard high"? All is still and quiet, and you cannot enjoy anything on it.

When anyone takes LSD and gets under the influence of it, this is called a "trip." I used to take "trips" often. On some of the "trips" I wanted to kill myself. I observed that it was very strong, and it came from hell. If a soul doesn't turn to the Lord, he will soon die and be doomed to hell.

A 16-year-old boy died here from an overdose of "skage," and a young man died from "shooting up" drugs. But our God is able to deliver any soul from drugs, lying, stealing, fornication, adultery, and any other thing that binds a soul in sin. I have much more to say about drugs, but I am going to close this letter.

—Bro. Jackie Riley

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EDITORIALS



The response of our readers in mailing in the lists of names for the special three-months subscriptions is very encouraging, and we want to express our appreciation to everyone who is co-operating so faithfully in this gospel extension effort. The subscription envelopes are arriving daily, and we would like to have the one that was put in your paper last month, so don't disappoint the Lord and us—just take a few minutes to write ten names and addresses of your friends, relatives, and neighbors, enclose \$1.00 and mail it to this office. Please keep them coming, as it brings pleasure to the Lord and us in anticipation of reaching several thousand new people with the gospel message during the months of January, February, and March of 1973. For additional subscriptions, please type, or print very plainly, the lists of names on a sheet of paper and mail them in promptly. A premium of your choice will be mailed to you for each list of ten names and addresses. Be a home missionary in this manner, and the Lord will bless you abundantly for your labor of love for souls. Please send in all names by December 8. Thank you!



Brother Andrew Senti of Minneapolis, informed us that Bro. Ernest J. Kirchner, aged 87, departed this life on October 5, 1972, at Austin, Minn. where he had been in a nursing home for the past few years. A resident of Brownsdale, Minn., he is survived by three daughters, and three sons. A long-time reader of this paper, Bro. Kirchner loved the Lord and His truth. In former years he attended the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo.

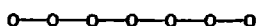


Ministers' Meeting Concluded on Bible Standard . . .

The general ministers' meeting, in session on October 3, 4 and 5, 1972, at Guthrie, Okla., was attended by about sixty ministers from several states across the nation. Questions of major portent were prayerfully considered in the light of the Scriptures. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the deliberations culminated in the retention of the Bible truths held by the Church of God on these matters.

On the blackboard at the chapel was this text: "Let brotherly love continue." May the essence of this exhortation be exemplified as each minister returns to his respective field of labor. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

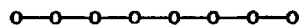
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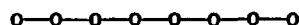
Brother Lawrence (Mackey) Francisco of Los Angeles held a very profitable meeting at the Green Pastures, Okla. chapel, at 57th and Denver Streets, from October 8 to 15. The anointed messages were heart-searching and souls found victory at the altar of prayer. A number of the saints attended from

Guthrie, and the messages we were privileged to hear were real blessings from the Lord.

At the close of the above meeting, Bro. Mackey Francisco went to the meeting which began on Oct. 16 at Okmulgee, Okla. where Bro. Woodrow Warren is the pastor.

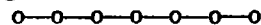


The annual Oklahoma State Assembly meeting here at Guthrie, Okla. will be held this year, Lord willing, from Dec. 22 to Dec. 31, 1972. A more complete notice will appear in the next issue. Plan to attend this largest mid-winter gathering of God's people in the central area of the United States.

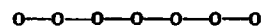


Bro. Ostis Wilson of Jefferson, Oregon held a meeting from October 8 to 15 at Anthony, Kansas where Brother Willie Murphey is the pastor. Saints also attended from Wichita and other congregations. Those in attendance were refreshed by the preached Word and the fellowship of the saints. Bro. Wilson had pastored this congregation many years ago.

This week (October 15 to 22) Bro. Ostis Wilson is bringing real soul-searching messages to the Guthrie congregation. The meeting is well attended, including those from other congregations, and the saints are feasting on the inspired Word of truth which is coming forth clear and definite.



Sister Claudia Sidener of Shawnee, Okla. is at rest with the Lord at the age of 96 years. A resident of the Golden Rule Home for the past nine years, Sister Sidener departed this life on October 9, 1972. Though physically blind for many years, her spiritual eyes were open to God and the truth. Interment was made in Illinois where Bro. Charles Smith and Bro. Herbert Probst conducted the funeral service. Another saint is at Home in the paradise of our eternal God.



Additional Scriptural Comments on the Subject. "Did Jesus Wear Long Hair?" Which Appeared in the October Issue:—

In 1 Cor. 11:3-15 the Apostle Paul sets forth the rules governing divine worship for man and woman with reference to their head being covered or uncovered. The key to this study is in the 15th verse: "But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her [long] hair is given her for a covering." As we proceed, keep this truth in mind that woman's long hair is given her for a covering.

In verses 3 and 4 Paul says, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered [with long hair], dishonour-eth his head [which is Christ]." In order for a man not to dishonour his head (Christ), he must have short hair when he prays or is in divine worship. Jesus was a man on earth, and if He prayed wearing long hair, He would have dishonoured or disgraced His Head, which is God (See verse 3). "For a man

indeed ought not to cover his head [with long hair], forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God." Vs. 7.

In regard to the woman Paul says, "But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered [short hair] dishonoureth her head [man or husband]." Verse 5. "For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head [long hair as a covering, a sign that she is under the power of her husband], because of the angels." Verse 10. Woman's long hair is her symbol of subjection to her husband. If a woman cuts her hair short, she dishonours her head (husband) by this sign of insubordination. Paul writes further: "Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered [short hair]? Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame [disgraceful, degrading] unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering."

In Galatians 1:12, the Apostle Paul affirmed that the gospel he preached was received "by the revelation of Jesus Christ." If Jesus had long hair, that practice was contrary to the revelation which He gave to Paul for the Corinthian church. Jesus is our example, and throughout the New Testament we are exhorted to follow in His steps and to pattern our lives after His conduct, but no where do we find any indication that He wore long hair. It would be absurd and ridiculous to conclude that Jesus followed a practice which contradicted the divinely-inspired revelation to the Apostle Paul.

The artist's imaginary pictures of Jesus with His disciples at the Last Supper, showing Jesus with long hair and many of His disciples with short hair, are inconsistent because Jesus instructed His disciples to follow His example. People have seen the traditional pictures of Jesus with long hair for so many years that they have taken it for granted, but such an idea has no sound basis in the Scriptures. Since the recent "hippie movement" has focused attention on this question, it is well that we re-consider this tradition, whether good or bad, in the light of the Scriptures, and not by mere secular history. It is indeed difficult for even sincere and honest people to break away from a long-standing tradition, and it often takes a period of time for light and truth to become effective. Will you pray about this with an open mind and heart?

Here is another Scripture which we need to consider on this subject. In 1 Corinthians 6:9, Paul says, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate . . ." This effeminate act, which the Apostle Paul condemns, refers to the man with womanish traits or looks that are unbecoming to a man. What would make a man look more like a woman than long hair, and Paul said that the "effeminate" shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Would you think Jesus was in this class? Nowadays when you see a person driving a car, it is difficult to tell whether it is a man or woman. God has ordained certain traits and looks to distinguish the sexes, and

He wants these distinctions maintained for His glory and the good of mankind.

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Since we have received a number of requests from our readers for the October article, "Did Jesus Wear Long Hair?", to be reproduced in tract form, we expect to have these available by Nov. 6. Send offering of stamps or coin for copies to pass out.

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Several of our regular books are out of stock, and urgent requests have also come for the reprinting of a number of the excellent out-of-print books which were written by the pioneer ministers of the Church of God Reformation. We believe the Lord is answering prayer for another consecrated printer-pressman in order that these books of vital Bible truths may be available to the reading public. Continue to pray for every phase of this literature ministry, and we pray that God will bless and prosper each reader.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

OBITUARIES



Willie Ivery Weatherly, born February 22, 1933, in Boley, Oklahoma, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weatherly, departed this life on September 27, 1972.

He was a kindhearted person and very devoted to his mother who was a widow. He worked to help send his two sisters to school.

A few weeks ago, he became very ill and constantly asked for prayer. Every time prayer was offered he would get relief. On September 23, the Lord saved him and with rejoicing he told his mother and aunt that he had a visit from the Lord.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted mother, Ora Horn; two sisters, Alberta Nelson and Loretta Weatherly; one aunt, Erma Allen; one uncle, George Allen of Castle, Okla.; a host of other relatives, saints and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Herman Kelley. Texts: Matt. 24:42-45; 2 Timothy 4:6, 7. Interment was in Hillcrest Memory Gardens.

The family wishes to express their appreciation for the many acts of kindness extended to them.

Luetta Bramlett was born January 7, 1913, in Castle, Oklahoma and departed this life September 2, 1972, at the age of 59 years, seven months and 26 days.

On October 26, 1929, she was united in holy matrimony to William Bramlett. To this union twelve children were born. Two preceded her in death.

At the tender age of twelve years, Sister Bramlett gave her heart to the Lord, and remained faithful and triumphant to the end.

Sister Bramlett was a faithful wife, devoted mother, sister, and friend to many. No matter what the test, she simply took her burden and the burdens of others to the Lord in prayer.

She leaves to mourn: her devoted husband, William Bramlett; three sons, George of Palo Alto, California, Eugene of San Mateo, Calif., Alfonso of Ontario, Calif.; seven daughters, Louise Pierrro of San Pablo, California, Joyce McClendon and Sharon Smith of Fresno, Calif., May Frances Jennings, Maxine Tyler, Beverly Madden,

and Debra of Bakersfield, Calif.; sixteen grandchildren; three brothers, U. G. Norling and Robert Mayes of Bakersfield, California, Willie Norling of San Francisco, Calif.; three sisters, Lillie Mae Chandler, Idonia Harris, and Juanita Sheppard of Bakersfield, Calif., and many loving relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Church of God chapel, Bakersfield, California, conducted by Brothers E. J. Trotter, Z. E. Francisco, and Francis Doolittle. Her earthly tabernacle was laid to rest in Union Cemetery, Bakersfield, California.

Monteen (Deadwyler) Graham was born August 8, 1905, to William and Roxie Deadwyler, at Tulsa, Okla. She departed this life at Pacoima, Calif. on August 26, 1972, at the age of 67 years and eighteen days.

She was united in marriage to Jodi Graham who preceded her in death. They were blessed with four children. One son also preceded her in death.

In 1950 Sister Graham accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and was born into the Church of God. She had a great interest in the Church and wanted to see it prosper, working and giving of her means anywhere it was needed. She was instrumental in helping get the chapel built in Oakland, Calif. She was faithful in services and will be greatly missed, especially in this Oakland congregation and community where she lived.

She leaves to mourn her passing: two brothers, William Deadwyler, Martinez, Calif., Granville Deadwyler, Berkley, Calif.; one sister, Sister Seretha Atkinson, San Bernardino, California; one son, William Austin, Berkley, California; two daughters, Mrs. Gloria Greer, Richmond, California, and Mrs. Christine Riley; also four grandchildren, many other relatives, neighbors, and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother E. J. Trotter and Brother Roger Prince. Interment was in Rolling Hills Memorial Park, Richmond, Calif.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Charles Dewey Spaur, aged 73, who departed this life in June, 1972.

It was our loss and Heaven's gain,
When God called our loved one Home.
He looked so peaceful lying there,
So restful, without pain.

We miss him, oh, so many times;
Our eyes will long to see
The one that walked here with us—
He will live in our memory.

His pen is lying now aside,
His fingers never more to touch,
To write the precious Word of God
In poems, he loved so much.

The songs and poems that he wrote,
Telling of God's love and power,
And the beautiful woods and hills,
Seemed he wrote them by the hour.

He was a gentle brother.
When he grew up at home,
He used no cursing or vulgar talk—
He lived for God alone.

Now he is resting from his labors here,
No more to be weary and ill;
His body now lies resting
On a beautiful WEST VIRGINIA HILL.

I am sure today he is happy
With God in Heaven above;
He is with One he wrote about—
Christ, and His wonderful love.

Sleep in peace, dear brother,
Your cares and trials are past.
We will meet you some morning
In that Home where joy shall last.

Carried by angels with tender care,
Our brother will wait and rest,
Till God and the angels come in the air,
Ever to be with the Blest.

—Queen Luzader

FRESNO, CALIF. CAMPMEETING REPORT

Our campmeeting held here at Fresno, California in September was very successful. The Lord sent the saints in to worship with us. On both week-ends there was a full house. God sent His Word to us on various lines. The Holy Ghost came in a mighty way. There was rejoicing in the camp especially on Thursday night and Sunday morning. The sweet spirit and fellowship of the saints were a blessing to our souls.

We thank the Lord for all the working help, singers, those who carried a burden for the meeting, and for all the ministers that came our way. Souls were saved and many others sought help. We truly thank the Lord for a wonderful meeting.

—Bro. E. J. Trotter, pastor
By Naomi Jennings

NATIONAL CAMPGROUND REPORT

(Oct. 6)—The recent purchase of additional ground adjacent to the National campgrounds at Monark Springs, Mo. has been finalized, and the ground will be available for use during the next annual meeting.

There is a current balance of \$5,000 owed in the form of a personal note to the seller. We feel that it would be good to clear this debt as quickly as possible, permitting our improvements to the property to proceed as additional means are available.

A limited number of lots will be available for \$100 on a long term basis for those who desire to build cabins. Although the ground has not yet been plotted, it is anticipated that the lot size will be larger than the existing lots on the present grounds.

Also, the owners of the property located at the south entrance of the grounds have notified us of their desire to sell. This property consists of a small home and a store building with approximately 3 or 4 acres of ground, and is priced around \$10,000. If anyone should be interested in this property, or any portion, as a retirement home or small business, we would appreciate hearing from you, as we feel it desirable to have someone on this property who has an interest in the work of God.

The permanent address of the campground has been changed to a post-office box to permit forwarding of the mail during the year. This address is: Monark Springs Church of God, P. O. Box 331, Neosho, Missouri

64850. Correspondence may also be mailed to the following address: Kenneth Probst, R. R. 1 Box 49, Bluejacket, Okla. 74333. —Bro. Kenneth Probst, business manager

NOTE OF THANKS

Quite some time ago the saints took over the payments on a car for Bro. Curtis Williams, an evangelist from Kentucky. The loan is now completely paid off, and we take this opportunity to thank the Lord and each individual who had a part in this endeavor of love. The Lord surely did bless and we were able to pay off the loan sooner than we had hoped. —Randall Flynn

LOS ANGELES FALL MEETING

Our annual fall meeting at Los Angeles, California will convene, Lord willing, on Friday night at 7:30, November 24, and continue nightly for ten days through Sunday, December 3, 1972.

There will be three services on Saturday, November 25, also on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, as well as three services on each Sunday.

All are welcome. The chapel is located at 1381 East Walnut St. (phone 746-9474). For further information, contact Bro. T. R. Summers, 711 W. 85th Street, phone 752-1135 or Bro. Alvin Lucas, 917 W. 62nd Place, phone 759-3962. —By Sister Leon Phillips

ALL-DAY SERVICES AT SAPULPA, OKLA.

You are cordially invited to attend the all-day services on Sunday, October 29, at Sapulpa, Oklahoma. The chapel is located on the old Sapulpa Road to Tulsa. There will be preaching services in the morning, basket dinner at noon on the grounds, and the afternoon service will be devoted to gospel singing. You are urged to come and spend the day in worship to God and the fellowship of His people. —Richard Madden, pastor

GENERAL SOUTHERN ASSEMBLY MEETING

The General Southern Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will convene, Lord willing, in Hammond, La. on November 19, and continue through November 26, 1972, which is Thanksgiving week.

A most hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this meeting. As in the past, the expenses of the meeting and needs of the ministry will be met by free-will offerings. Rooms and dormitory space are available on the grounds.

We are looking to the Lord to send the ministers of His choosing through whose lips the words of truth and righteousness may be preached. Let everyone come burdened and praying for a prosperous meeting. —Randall Flynn

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Prayer Requests

Penn.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings to all the saints there: I have been confined to bed most of the time for three weeks. I had a severe heart-spell and am very weak, but no pain. I am trusting the Lord for strength and deliverance. He has never failed me, and will not now. I need the prayers of the saints. Please do remember me.

May the Lord bless you in the Printshop, and elsewhere. In Christian love, —Sister Sara M. Aldinger

Miss.—“I am crippled with arthritis. . . . I have high blood pressure. Keep me on your prayer list.”

—Teasie E. Magee

Mo.—“Pray for us. We are in need of help in our bodies.” —Ed and Carrie Tombleson

Mich.—“Pray earnestly for a Sister here who is very badly afflicted.” —Sister Eva Wilkins

Ind.—“I have been paralyzed for nearly six months. . . . Please remember me in prayer. I am in much pain.” —Sister Ona Schurman

Mo.—“I have a swelling in my ankles.”

—Sister Edith Torrance

Wisc.—“I have been having trouble with rheumatoid arthritis. I am trusting the Lord all the way. . . . The Lord healed my younger daughter and myself of cataracts on both eyes. How we truly appreciate His kindness to us!” —Sister Florence Knoll

Okla.—“I am sick. . . . Remember me in prayer. If God is ready to take me, that is all right. I am not dreading to go.” —Lizzie Jordan

Be sure to still remember Bro. Steve Henry of Baton Rouge, La. in prayer. We do appreciate this warrior for God. He has been faithfully fighting the “good fight of faith.” Those who visit him say he is a real inspiration to them. We would say to him, and others who are afflicted, the words the Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossian brethren, “For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith.” Col. 2:5. We have not been able to visit Bro. Steve, but we rejoice in his spiritual steadfastness and trust in God. The Apostle also wrote to the Thessalonians, “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers: remembering without ceasing your work of faith. . . .” 1 Thess. 1:2, 3. We thank God for all of those who are faithfully holding on to God for their healing. Be encouraged in the Lord. God does care for His suffering children, and by faith we touch His throne.

Ga.—“Dear Sister Miles, it has come to my mind, also to the minds of other saints that you would please appoint a fast and prayer day, and the saints pray earnestly to our God for the healing of Bro. L. D. Pruitt, Bro. Steve Henry, and others.” —Sister P. R. Bowers

We do so much appreciate the saints' interest in the healing of my brother, Lawrence Pruitt. Could there be a better day to fast and pray for his healing than on his birthday which is November 15th? He will be 61 years old. I know that would please him greatly for the Lord to heal him on that day, although God doesn't just do certain things on certain days, yet it is His will to heal His children. God hears our cries and sees our earnestness. He honors our prayers when we “diligently seek him.” Maybe others would like to be remembered on that day, so let it be known in places where there

are congregations which will meet together on that day in prayer meeting. —Sister Marie Miles

Foreign Field Reports

REPORT OF NATIVE MEXICAN MISSIONARY

Baja Cfa., Mexico (Oct. 1)—Bro. Lawrence Pruitt, and all those working at the Print Shop: May the peace of God rule your hearts. Today I give thanks to my God for the victory in my soul over all things, and for peace in my soul.

Brethren, this is in answer to your letter and the offering you sent us, and the . . . dollars sent us from the brethren in Anthony, Kansas. May the God whom I serve recompense all of you for all you do for the work here in Mexico.

The Lord is blessing the work here in the Valley. The other day, Brother Chon's mother called me to pray for her. I talked to her about the necessity of being ready to go to that celestial Country, and she told me, yes, she would like to be saved. Later, she called me again and asked me to pray for her that God's will would be done. (She has been sick for three years.) She told me, "Brother Tomas, I want to be baptized, because I want to be completely ready." It was at night, and in that same hour, she was baptized . . . and God began to bless her. Yesterday she went Home to be with the Lord.

I give thanks to God that He gave her a chance to repent. Today we will have the funeral. Please pray much for Bro. Chon's family that they may be saved soon.

Brethren, I would like to ask you, please, that this letter be translated to the brethren who have had concern for the souls here in Mexico. . . .

The brethren here send greetings to all. Pray much for souls. May God bless your souls richly.

—Tomas Mendoza

REPORT FROM INTERIOR MEXICO

Michoacan, Mexico (Sept. 26)—Brethren, we are answering your letter that we received with the checks for . . . and Thanks to the brethren that make an effort to support the work of God here. We feel much gratitude upon receiving the letter that you sent us. We hope that the love of God may abide in our hearts. We are praying for all the brethren in the States and here also. We ask your prayers that we may be able to finish the chapel soon, and for all the brethren here in Mexico.

—Irineo Rama, missionary

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Sept. 20)—Beloved Brother Pruitt and all other saints in the Church in America: Greetings again in the precious name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of life and Captain of our salvation.

Thank you very much for your two good letters dated Sept. 5, and Sept. 11, 1972, and the enclosures were noted with overflowing gratitude.

The English copy of all papers concerning the purchase of the chapel site at Avoor shall be sent to you without much delay. Now we all look to the Lord to supply the means to build a small chapel at that location.

Here, the rainy season comes to an end and our convention season arrives by next month. Sorry that we were forced to postpone the Calicut convention again

due to rain and certain other inconveniences. Satan works hard in different ways to spoil the gospel echoes. But he always fails because One who conquered Satan at Calvary forever is living with us. Our Karikkom convention comes in January, and in this upcoming convention season we wish to conduct meetings at Thrikannamangal, Niranam, Avoor, Kalayapuram, etc., for which prayers and help are essential from everywhere.

A moderate bicycle will cost \$50.00 here, and we need four bicycles now for four workers. It will be a great help for our workers to go for miles around with the gospel any time.

I was very glad to hear that the fund for my fare to the U. S. is slowly increasing. Praise the Lord! Yes, I trust I shall get the visa very soon if it is the will of God.

Though we are in distant places, remember us always in your prayers. And let us work together in His field until our departure or until His second coming.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

MISSION LETTER FROM NIGERIA

Nigeria (Sept. 26)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the most precious name of Jesus Christ, the Great Redeemer. He heals, He saves, He sanctifies—what a mighty God we serve!

We have received your letter in September, brother, and a big "thank you" for its contents and enclosures.

The Lord is with us. We are not alone in our journey. We are happy and praise Him that His Church here at Abbi is being blessed as His Church above.

We shall go out in His name for open air preaching from September 30 to October 2, 1972,—all of course to take place within the Town of Abbi, the three quarters of Abbi community.

The day is bright, no fear at all. We have no night anymore, for the Lord Jesus is the Light of this Heavenly City. Night and day, His glory shines to guide our feet to victory. In our warfare with Satan we are sure that in Jesus' name we shall win the day. We lack nothing that is necessary for this warfare. We have His weapons and are daily reinforced by the Holy Spirit. Thank God!

Extend our sincere greetings to our brethren working with you at the Printshop. May the Lord Jesus bless there.

Yours always in Him, —Pastor Titus U. E. Enu

CHAPEL NEEDED IN NIGERIA

Southeast State, Nigeria (Sept. 25)—Dear Brother Pruitt, we greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who has bought us all by His spotless blood: Since the founding of this congregation in 1965, our true figure of attendance is now 462 souls and increasing daily. This led us to start a permanent building of the chapel which foundation was laid on March 13, 1972. We had pulled down the old chapel built of mud, sticks, and leaves, hoping to finish this one soon. But the recent rise in prices of building materials has caused a lot of delay and we cannot help putting this request at the feet of the American saints. We have finished the walls and have come short of money to put on the roof which will be made of zinc sheets, nails and wood. Dimensions of the chapel are 86 feet by 40 feet. We are sawing timber for the roof-work, and our main concern is for

a fund to pay for 23 bundles of zinc sheets estimated to cost about \$650.00.

Continue to pray for us. May God add more blessings upon all of you.

In His service, —Pastor Moffat Udo Ekpo

(Editor's note: This letter is from the pastor of one of the twenty Church of God mission stations in southeast Nigeria, and their chapel project is worthy of your support, as well as the mission funds needed to send monthly allowances to the 25 native missionaries in that area. During the summer the offerings to the Missionary Fund at this office were not sufficient to meet the minimum needs of the foreign fields in Mexico, Nigeria, and India. Please specify any amount you want applied to this chapel project. The Lord will reward you in eternal profits for your sacrifice for home and foreign missions.)

From The Mail Box . . .

Wisconsin—Dear Lawrence, Marie, and all at the Printshop: We send greetings of love in our blessed Savior's name. We trust you are in health and able to care for the duties of life.

We love the saints and appreciate them more today than ever before. May the Lord bless each faithful one. Truly we are in a great spiritual battle and I am glad I am on the side of victory. . . . We are living in a day of the traditions of men and a social gospel.

Sister Dietrich [my wife] still remains under the hand of affliction, but we are steadfastly looking to the Lord in faith for her deliverance. She surely appreciates the prayers and interest of the saints. . . . I have been more than busy with caring for her, the garden, and the church services. I am sure I won't rust out.

We are sending a check for the mission work in Mexico. . . .

We appreciate the good Sunday school Bible Lessons, and are thankful we can have a part in this great cause of bringing this everlasting gospel to others.

Don't forget to pray for us. We pray for you.

In Christian love, —Frank Dietrich

Conn.—Dear Brethren in Christ, greetings in His precious name, the Lord of our salvation: Would you please send me the following books? . . . I am placing these in the hands of the people of the church. . . .

May God richly bless each one of you at the "Faith and Victory" printshop. Keep up the faith, and keep fighting your good fight. We all are praying for you. We may never see each other face to face here, but praise God, some day we'll meet on the other shore. What a grand reunion that will be, when the saints will all meet around the throne of God and sing that redemption song!

Again, may God's blessings rest on all of you is my most sincere prayer. Remember us in your prayers.

Yours in His service, —Sister M. Gurka

S. Carolina—Dear Brother Lawrence, greetings of much love to you and the saints at the Print Shop: This leaves me still encouraged to press on. I feel more like going on than ever. I have been studying God's Word and according to His Word and the enormous sins that are in the world today the time cannot be much longer, so I am running to be ready when He comes.

I am surely enjoying reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. It surely is a help to my Christian living, so I am trying to place it in other homes that have not heard the whole truth. May God bless you and all of the saints that have a part in printing the books, tracts, and papers. With God's help I want to have a share in helping by my little offering to keep this work going until Jesus comes. I will be praying for you. . . . I have already felt the presence of God by opening my heart in giving to His cause. I am afraid that there are many today who are spending a lot of God's money on themselves and not giving what they should to God. . . .

Much love to you and all of the saints. Pray much for me.

Your Brother in the One Body, —Eddie Driggers

Texas—Dear Sis. Marie, greetings of love in Jesus' dear name: He is the One who comforts us in time of sorrow and hears and answers prayer. Surely there is not a friend like Jesus.

I want, first of all, to thank God for the healing of my body. I'm glad to testify to the Lord's healing power, and that He is blessing me more every day. Thanks to all the dear saints that prayed for me.

I was so thankful to attend the Enid, Oklahoma tent meeting, and it was so nice, Sister Marie, to see you again. I am sending an offering to help in the work there.

Christian love, —Sarah Hoffman

Ohio—Dear Sister Marie and the saints at the Publishing House: Thank you for your faithfulness to the work of the Lord. Please accept this money order—the Lord's money—to help with the Lord's work. Remember us in your prayers. May God bless you all.

—Maxine Carter

Colo.—Dear saints at the Lord's Printshop, greetings in Jesus' name: I read your article in the October paper about the long hair on men and it was so good. I just wondered if you have it in tract form, as I want more copies of it. I am sending it to my grandson in California. He was here and we were talking about the long hair. He said, "Look at that picture [of Jesus]." I told him that was man's idea, and to read in the 11th chapter of 1 Corinthians. . . .

Last Sunday I had seven for Sunday school and ten for children's meeting. So pray for me that with God's help I can help the children that come. It is my desire to do the Lord's will and help others. I am so glad I ever learned to trust the Lord who is so good to me, and that we ever found the saints.

Love, —Mrs. E. R. McEndree

West Va.—Dear Sister Miles, greetings in Jesus' precious name: The good books and tracts from there that I have read and given out have been a real blessing to me.

Sister Mart Samons called me on Sept. 28. They got home [Junction City, Ky.] on the 25th, and were going to Akron, Ohio on September 30 and October 1 for services. They are due here on October 9 to get me, and go by Sister Keene's on the 10th and get her, and the meeting at Webster Springs, W. Va. will start, the Lord willing, on Oct. 10. I have never been to Webster Springs. I pray that a good work will be raised up there. I have known Sister Keene and Sister Clevenger only a little over a year, but the Lord really blessed my

soul when I had a letter from Green Bank in January, 1971. . . . Truly the Lord has been good to me. . . . Please do pray for the people in W. Virginia. So many need the gospel.

I think of you dear ones in Oklahoma. Even though I have never met you, I feel I know you. May the Lord bless all of you. Remember me in prayer.

Yours in Christ, —Flora Hinzman

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Mo.—Dear ones at the Printshop: I hope this finds you all well in body and encouraged to press on to the prize.

I want to help send the Word to this blind, lost world, and while I am able to work, Lord willing, I am going to contribute some.

Remember me in prayer. I need complete healing of my body or grace to stand.

I can't find words to express my gratitude to you dear ones. It seems I always have a burden to bring. May God's richest blessing be on you all there.

—Thelma Halbrook

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Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I thank God because He gives me health to work that I can help support His cause. All that I am or ever will be, is because God has been so good to me.

If there ever was a time that people should turn from sin and serve the Lord, it is in this present day and time. People never know what time they will go out of this life. . . . It pays to serve our God of love rather than to meet Him unprepared in the Judgment.

I am sending . . . dollars. Please send me the paper and let the other go for other expenses there at the publishing house.

We need more preachers today that will preach the gospel as it is. The Bible tells us to beware of the false preachers and teachers. We have them around us today. . . .

I know you are busy there, and may God bless you and give you some co-workers to help in any way that is needed. May God add many to His kingdom for the labor that you put forth. I will be praying for you.

Your Brother in Christ, —Chester Dunaway

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Indiana—Dear friends in Christ: We greatly appreciate the "Faith and Victory" paper. It is like an oasis in a dry and thirsty land.

Please find enclosed our humble contribution to whatever area it may be used in the kingdom of God.

In His service, —Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Jones

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Colo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all: May God's richest blessings rest upon you, is my prayer.

We are doing pretty well at the present time, and are enjoying beautiful weather. However, we could use a good rain. It is about harvest time for maize now.

Enclosed is a little donation for the publishing work. Use it as you see best.

Yours in the faith, —Reinhart Wollert

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Kansas—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' name: I am glad to say I am still saved and waiting on God for our many needs. We have had quite a fight of faith these past months, but I am glad to report victory, and to say that we are still in the battle. When one is taken prisoner by the enemy, he is no longer in the battle. So when we stop fighting, we are no longer soldiers, but prisoners of Satan. I know I am not a prisoner be-

cause I am still in the heat of the battle—where I always desire to be. . . .

Yours in Christ,

—Homer Fee

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and workers in the printshop, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I have been wanting to write sooner, but I can hardly write by hand, and trying to learn to type is rather hard for me.

I have been up north with my two daughters for some time, about four months. In early spring I had one hard fall, and hurt badly, but the dear Lord protected me from getting any broken bones, for which I am so grateful to the dear Lord. He has been so good to me.

I am having a real trial with high blood pressure and with my stomach, and I have lost some weight. I desire your prayers. I do want to be true to the dear Lord, as He has been my Healer for over 60 years. I surely want to make heaven and meet all my loved ones that are there. If the Lord sees fit, my twin sister and I will be 81 years old in November. The Lord has given us a long life and I give Him the glory. The Lord has blessed me with 59 grand and great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Find an offering enclosed, and use it where most needed. May the Lord bless all, is my prayer.

Love,

—Sister Edith Wittenborn

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Mo.—Dear Sister Miles and all the saints at the Print Shop and saints everywhere: Greetings in our precious Saviour's name. I love the Lord and I love His Word. How it does strengthen, comfort, and encourage our hearts each day as we read it.

The "Faith and Victory" paper and the "Bible Lessons" are so good. I wish everyone could enjoy reading your papers and literature. It surely does feed my soul. Thank the Lord for the truth and for His faithful messengers all over the world. May God bless each one of them and encourage their hearts.

I want to thank the saints for their prayers for my husband and me when we were sick with the flu last spring. Especially do I want to thank Bro. and Sister Roy Harmon and their congregation, and Sister Torrance for their faithfulness in praying for us. It was truly wonderful how the Lord heard and answered prayer the night I called Sister Leta Inman and requested prayer when I was suffering so much with pleurisy. I just had a thanksgiving and praise service that night. Praise the Lord! My pleurisy pain was all gone the next morning. Thank the Lord!

I'm enclosing an offering for the Lord's work there.

May God bless you each one and encourage your hearts. May we each one be faithful and endure as a good soldier to the end.

Husband and I have had sore throats and it seems to have left us with a bad cough. Please remember us in your prayers and remember our unsaved loved ones. We know God is able to heal our bodies and save our souls.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Lena Bowman

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Penn.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in the precious name of our Lord: Today finds me pressing on toward that mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. He is my all in all and I wouldn't want to live without Him. I want to bring others to Him, but in this day of so much wickedness it is hard to get anyone to listen to the Word or heed it. We must keep trying. That is

why I send money to help you send forth the good news of salvation by the printed page.

Please pray for my affliction, for it is so bad this morning. God is able and I want to trust in Him. . . .

May God bless you in every way and all who work there with you that souls may be saved through your ministry. May He give you strength and wisdom, and meet all your needs, is my daily prayer.

Your Sister in His service, —Eva Cox

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Arkansas—Dear Sister Marie and saints everywhere, greetings of Christian love: Truly, Christ is real to me. He is real in my heart, and real in my life since I have decided in my heart to stand in the gap for Christ. . . . Truly, I am waiting before the Lord for my petitions for myself and for all the children of God. Yes, the Lord has sent me out on the field again to warn the people of His soon visitation of wrath upon the disobedient and wicked. So pray for me.

Find enclosed a piece of money to be used wherever needed.

In Christian love, —Cherry R. Alba

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Tenn.—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints, greetings in the dear name of Jesus. . . . I really enjoy the good paper, "Faith and Victory." It really helps since I have no Church of God to worship with. I feel the prayers of the saints. The Lord has been so good to me. I am praying that the Lord will continue to bless the paper. Sometimes I read it over and feel blessed.

I have a sister-in-law who is afflicted in body. She believes in prayer and I would appreciate your prayers for her healing. Pray also that I will be able to help this family find God. . . .

Your Sister in Christ, —Mary Williamson

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Ark.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Pruitt, and all the dear ones at the Printshop: Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord. Oh, how precious the Lord is to me this beautiful morning! Thank the Lord for His great love, patience, and goodness toward the children of men. I thank God for His dear saints, and the love and fellowship we have for and with each other.

Sister Marie, I thank you for your good, encouraging letters and the tracts. I trust all are well and encouraged in the Lord's service. God is still blessing and healing His people here in Arkansas. God is everywhere, and people can find Him when they seek Him with all of their hearts.

We had a blessed day at Grubbs, Ark. on the first Sunday of October. The weather was lovely, and there were six ministers present. It was so good to see Bro. and Sister Sam Abbott there which was their first time to be with us at Grubbs.

Please find a love gift enclosed, and I pray the Lord daily to help and bless each one there and everywhere. Continue to remember me in prayer.

Trustingly, —Sister N. E. Adams

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Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



Mo.—Dear saints at the Publishing House and those scattered abroad: We thank the Lord for full and free salvation, and for the peace and joy it brings when we yield all in His loving hands. We truly rejoice for the love of God He has shed abroad in our hearts, and that it makes us love everybody, helps us live the life in word, deed and truth, cleans us up on the inside, then on the outside. Praise His dear name!

My heart is overflowing with praise and thanks to my dear, loving Saviour. He has been so good to me and mine down through these many years we've served Him. It has been only His great love and mercy, and by none of our goodness whatsoever, for we are just unprofitable servants.

The dear Lord has so marvelously brought about a healing touch to my body just recently, and I want to glorify His name and give in my testimony. Last October (a year ago this month) I was working in my flower beds pulling out dead stems and cleaning it up, when one of the dead stems hit me on my lower eye lid of the right eye. I didn't think too much about it at the time, but in a few days the vision in that eye became blurry, and it bothered me some. We went to Grubbs, Ark. all-day meeting and I had the ministers to anoint and pray for my eye. The Lord did bless and removed the blurry vision from my eye, and then before long a knot came up on the eye lid and gradually grew larger as time went on. I kept praying and asking the Lord to heal it and remove it for me. By the time of the Monark Campmeeting, the knot had grown quite large and was quite noticeable to others. It was getting sore and caused my eye to water a lot. Some asked about my eye, and if it was a sty. I told them, and asked an interest in their prayers, but it still stayed. One day after the Myrtle, Mo. Campmeeting was over, I was reading a book, and the writer expressed that when we ask the Lord for something, to believe and not just continue asking Him for it, but to thank Him for it instead. So the Lord said to me, "You've asked Me, so now thank Me for healing." I fell on my knees and went to thanking Him and praising Him for healing my eye and the knot started going down, and within a few days it was all gone. Bless His precious name forever! There is nothing there. You can't tell there ever was a knot on my eye. What a wonderful and loving Saviour!

Dear ones, if you have an affliction, do all you are required to do, then stand, thanking Him for the healing He gives you. Be encouraged, God is faithful who has promised.

Pray for us. We desire to be steadfast.

In Christian love, —Natalie Allen

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Ohio—Greetings to all in the name of Jesus: This leaves us still keeping busy for Jesus. There is so much to be done. We find no time to spend in idleness. The song says, "No, I shall not be idle, for in God's Word I see, no idlers in My vineyard, go thou and work for Me."

The pure gospel is so greatly needed. What are we doing for precious lost and deceived souls? In that Great Day will we come bearing precious sheaves, or only withered leaves?

We are so thankful for the health and strength He daily gives us, for we do love His service and we realize

that we don't have much time left to work. Time is fast closing out. Let us redeem the time.

Yesterday, the second Sunday in September, was all-day meeting here in Dayton. There were a number here from other states. God did richly bless. The Lord willing, we will continue to have all-day meeting the second Sunday in each month. We would appreciate having others in driving distance to come and be with us on that Sunday or at other times as the Lord directs, for we surely have appreciated those that have come to be with us. It is so encouraging. The chapel address is: 622 Tyron Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

From ones who love the Lord and His dear people,
—Bro. and Sister William and Evelyn McCoy,
5252 Wadsworth Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45414. Note that our house number was 5824, but now it has been changed to 5252.

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Oregon—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' holy name. We're still pressing onward. Our aim and goal in life is to make heaven our home.

I'm so thankful how the Lord healed Diane, our child. The day after we arrived at Earl's parents' house in Mississippi, their dog attacked Diane. She had just walked outside to play. Then we heard screaming. It had bitten Diane in the cheek, and had scratched her forehead and all over her cheek. It was only the Lord that protected her eye. I called mother and she called the saints here in Oregon for prayer. On the way home she had a very bad spell. Some said it was the after effects of the dog bite. We were in Utah when I called you during the Guthrie camp-meeting. Diane and George took turns crying that night, so I didn't get any rest. About 12:30 a. m. I heard Diane vomiting, so I got up. I took her to the bathroom to finish, then I laid her down at the foot of the bed. Next I heard her say, "Dada, pray for me, I'm so sick." Earl was asleep, so I prayed for her and told her that Jesus would make her well. I started to rub her head and I felt her fever. I carried her to our bed. She started shaking, so I covered her up and waked Earl. By that time it was 1:00 a. m. Her fever kept rising until she was so hot we could hardly hold her hand. It was at that time she started talking at random. We prayed and prayed, but she was no better. At 1:30 a. m. I phoned my grandfather and told him the situation. He said he'd call around and they would all pray. She seemed to get worse. Her fever went higher and she started vomiting again. At 2:30 a. m. we were wondering if God was going to take her on. That is when I called you and my grandfather again. When I got back to the room, I told Earl that we should pray and see if there was something God was trying to get to us. We couldn't find a thing. So we prayed some more. God gave me the song, "The Victory Is Mine," so we sang one verse and the chorus. Then the song came to me, "Faith Is Believing." So I told Earl that we would just have to go by faith. Even though our baby was lying there so sick, we both were full of praise and thanksgiving. We felt the presence of the Lord so near. At 3:30 a. m. we decided to pack the car and start on toward home. When the car got started, Diane settled right down and slept. I was so worn out that I would doze off for a few minutes at a time. Every time I woke, I checked Diane. The fever went away gradually. By 5:30 a. m. the fever was completely gone. She slept most of the time we traveled. When we arrived home that evening, she tried to play a little, but couldn't do much because she was

so weak. That happened in May. All there is today is the scar where the teeth of the dog went into her cheek. We are surely thankful for how God heard and answered prayer.

Remember us in prayer. We want to stay true and faithful to the end.

We hope and trust that all are well. Use this donation wherever it is needed.

Christian love and prayers,

—Earl and Violet Watson and children

"Return Again To These Thy Cities"

(Jer. 31:21)

The nation of Israel was chosen by God as a vessel through which to manifest His power to the Gentiles, and in so doing, prepare the world for the advent of Christianity. Israel, with her various ordinances, covenants, and laws was chosen specifically as a type and a blueprint of the Church of God. The tabernacle, with its imposing settings, and the bloody offerings at the altar, set forth in a most effective manner the vicarious sufferings of Christ and the plan of salvation that was to be wrought in the hearts of men. In like manner, the sins and failures of Israel are to be interpreted as a warning to spiritual Israel in this dispensation. Their periods of internal disorder, captivity, and subjugation were shadows of the apostasies that Satan would seek to impose upon the Church of God in the dispensation that followed.

The road to apostasy is opened by removing our eyes from the "highway of holiness," and the established waymarks of divine enlightenment and truth. Each time that a sanctified waymark of divine truth is dishonored, the state of error and the descent into the abyss of spiritual darkness steadily worsens.

It is necessary that we recognize such apostasies as not merely a possibility, but a reality. They have plagued Christianity over the centuries, and their fruit can be seen in the liberal lives and teachings of the professed Church of God movements today. Satan works in a most covert manner, and it is only the fruit of such workings that can be clearly seen. The prophet Hosea was specially gifted of God to declare unto the Northern Kingdom of Israel its deteriorated and sinful condition. The prophetic utterances that he issued reveal much concerning the techniques Satan employs in seeking to destroy Zion today. His writings present a picture so fearful, and yet so vivid, that the spiritual mind cannot fail to comprehend the awfulness of spiritual idolatry and its terrible consequences. In the eighth chapter he wrote, "Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law." It is important to notice the swiftness with which Israel was to be attacked by her enemies due to her failure to follow wholly after the Lord. When God's people fail to maintain an intimate communion with Him, of watchfulness and prayer, an opening is made for Satan. Seizing upon this opportunity, Satan's spiritual hosts

will attack swiftly, and the opening will be enlarged to a wide breach.

When God gave the Israelites the land of their inheritance, it was a fruitful land with great cities which they did not build, and houses filled with good things which their hands did not supply. However, rather than to abide in these cities, the Israelites wandered out to the high places and into the groves, making idolatrous sacrifices to pagan gods. Hosea spake thus, "They sacrifice upon the tops of mountains, and burn incense upon the hills . . . because the shadow thereof is good." Hosea 4:13. These sacrifices stirred the anger of God, and He sent the Assyrians as instruments of judgment to punish them for their sins. As it has been stated, the transgression and failures of the Israelites were types of the dangers that face the Church today. According to this principle, the high places and groves were shadows of the spiritual high places that emerged in the following dispensation. These spiritual high places can be distinctly located as the carnal elements that surround the exalted heights of Zion. The flesh constitutes the altars of these high places, and to yield to any of the temptations that these elements present to the natural man is the antitype of the Israelites sacrificing on the altars of the historical high places. True to the type, even as the ancient Israelites were plagued by their physical enemies when they sacrificed on the literal high places, those who yield to any of these carnal elements will be vexed by spiritual enemies. One of these high places specifically named along with the enemies that are associated with it is pride, and its accompanying spirits of schisms, envy, strife, wrath, self-seeking exaltation, variance, bitterness, and covetousness. In examining the desire for worldly praise and acceptance, it is seen to produce emulation, lethargy, and unbelief.

A vivid example that clearly illustrates the tragic results of sacrificing on spiritual high places is seen among the religious movements that once were on fire for God. As the modern age ensued, the high place of worldly praise and acceptance presented itself most appealingly. Desiring to attract immense crowds and to exalt their doctrines to a recognized place in society, they found it necessary to radically pervert their trend of thought, conduct, and mode of worship. This action quenched the Spirit of God, and their lives and services were plagued by spiritual enemies. Lethargy came first, destroying the fervent prayer life and devotion to God. It made such seem archaic and fanatical. The spirit of unbelief came next. Miracles were questioned, and the necessity of trusting God for both soul and body was greatly depreciated. In this state, their labor unto God was unacceptable, and His divine favor took its flight.

"Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee. Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him." Hosea 8:2, 3. It is in the nature of man to crave the recognition of God and His divine favor. Few, however, are willing to pay the price

of absolute devotion to His will and to follow wholly after His righteousness. Presently, in the nominal Christian society, multitudes can be heard crying, "My God, we know Thee." However, their lives reveal a lack of consecration and of the Spirit of God that declares, in the most deafening tones, that "they have cast off the thing that is good." The Northern Kingdom displayed an extreme love for its own works, and a great disregard for the divine sanctions of God. Among the professed religious groups today, man-rule is predominant. However, Isaiah wrote, "For unto us a child is born and unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder." It is important that the saints in Zion recognize Christ, and Him only as the Head of the Church.

We are living in a time of many staggering problems, conflicting ideas and situations that we do not understand. Yet, in the face of such conditions it is essential that we do not seek to establish our personal opinions as the divine mandates of God. This action would eclipse the light of Christ. Realizing this, it is imperative that we get our eyes on Jesus only, and elevate ourselves above the corruption that this age presents.

"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up." Hosea 8:7. In this verse the prophet describes in most lamentable tones the deteriorated condition of Israel, and the utter worthlessness of their labors. In Lamsa's translation of the Peshitta text, Hosea 5:11 is rendered thus, "Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment because he willingly went after vain things." By seeking after things of vanity that were contrary to the divine will of God, the judgment and strength of the kingdom of Israel were completely broken. In worshiping upon high places, and paying tribute to foreign leaders, the Israelites sowed to the wind of idolatry and they reaped the whirlwind of sickness, affliction, persecution, and captivity in a strange land. The labor of their hands was rendered ineffectual and what minor fruit came forth was consumed by strangers. This is a vivid type of the conditions that existed during the era of darkness following the advent of Christianity. It is also a type of the general condition of the religious society, and of what Satan seeks to impose upon the Church of God in this age. When those who profess to be the children of God sow to the wind of compromise, man-rule, and appeasement, they reap the whirlwind of strife, division, confusion, and spiritual darkness. When such a state prevails, the seed of the gospel cannot germinate, and the stalk of salvation cannot come forth. If, by chance, the bud should yield its meal, and a soul be born into the kingdom, his surrounding habitation would be as "broken cisterns that can hold no water." Under such conditions, his spiritual life would be greatly hampered, and would soon fade away.

In the Land of God, however, there are far better things. Here are found spiritual cities wherein are

great storehouses of the inexhaustible graces of salvation. Vineyards have been planted and wells dug whose depths cannot be measured. Within these palaces God is known for a refuge, and sinners find deliverance from the works of evil, and saints enter into rest from the works of self. It is only when souls wander out to the high places and groves that they are vexed by their spiritual enemies and eventually are led into captivity.

The period of captivity in Babylon was the specific type chosen by God to symbolize the general state of darkness with which the Church of God contended during the long reign of human precepts, and under which many honest souls still exist today. Yet it was, and is the will of God that a brighter day should dawn, one that would witness the return of the apostolic power, and evangelical fervor of old. However, this return to Mt. Zion will not be effected without a return to the very principles whose dishonoring led to apostasy. When Solomon first built the temple of God, he commanded his servants to go up to the mountain of Lebanon and hew timber for the Lord's House. After the temple's destruction, and the time for its reconstruction came, the Lord again commanded, "Go up to the mountain and bring wood and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified. . . ." Haggai 1:8.

Today, it should be clear to the spiritual mind that the time for more building in the Kingdom of God has arrived. In the hearts of many the walls of Zion can be seen rising again. However, there is no new method to complete this work; there is no new technique to implement this task. Although much is being said about the opening of the Seventh Seal and the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet, this is nothing but the fraud of Satan. The commandment of God was then and is now, "Go up to the mountain and bring wood and build the house." When the Jews left Babylon to return to their native land, there was no new path for them to follow. Instead the Lord commanded, "Set thee up waymarks and high heaps: set thine heart towards the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities." Jeremiah 31:21.

Today the Lord is still calling for His people to set their hearts again toward the highway. It is His divine will that we should, with spiritual comprehension, get a vision of the "Highway of Holiness," of which it was prophesied that "the unclean should not pass over it." Where envy, strife, human rule, and worldly principles pervade people's mode of life and worship, it is clear that they have not truly set their eyes again upon the highway, and returned to the cities of God. When the called people of God learn to cut down the high places and truly abide in the cities of love, faith, humility, and complete mortification of the flesh, then the inhabitants of the land will be joined together in an impregnable bond of spiritual unity; and the world shall be convinced that the Lord doth indeed dwell in Zion.

—Charles L. Chandler

Why I Believe in a General Resurrection

Webster defines the word "resurrection" as follows: "A rising from the dead, moral revival, restoration to life, conformed to right."

Now the first statement I want to make is that I believe the Bible to be the Word of God handed down to man through the medium of divine revelation. The Bible teaches that God made man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. The Lord God said it was not good that the man be alone, and "I will make a help meet for him." The Lord had "commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." Gen. 2:16, 17. All Bible readers know that because Eve was beguiled by the serpent, and Adam was also influenced by his wife to eat of the forbidden fruit, sin and death entered into the world.

Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." John 1:1-4, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men." John 3:14-17 says, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." The Life that Jesus brought was spiritual.

The physical life is of a different nature, and as someone has expressed it, "Man, in life, is in the midst of death." Jesus said, on one occasion, "Verily, verily I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24. Paul writes in 1 Cor. 15:3-9, 12-20, 35-44, 55, 57, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the scriptures: and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the

apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. . . . Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. . . . But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die: And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat or of some other grain: But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption: . . . It is sown a **natural body**; it is raised a **spiritual body**. . . . O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? . . . But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Yes, I believe there will be a resurrection. When we were children, our parents took us to Sunday school and church services where we were faithfully taught that there would be a resurrection of the dead, and those that served the Lord and lived right in this life would rise to meet the Lord in the air, and He would take us to a place called heaven, and those that lived sinful and wicked lives would go to torment, or a place called hell, where the devil and his imps would be tumbling in fire day and night.

I well remember the first dead person I ever saw, many years ago. One of our neighbors had died and our parents sent us over to view the corpse. I cannot describe how I felt as I looked upon that lifeless form, lying still in death. Our parents told us that we, too, would have to go through the same gate, and then in a day that is called the Judgment Day, we would all be raised from the dead and a great separation would take place. Good children would go to the right and bad children would go to the left. I began to think about that great day to come. I would hear some of the older people singing about it, and sometimes the preachers would talk about it. But as I grew older, I wandered out in sin, and got to the place that when I wished to do good, evil was present, as Paul said in Romans 7:15-17, 24, 25, "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I

consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. . . . O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." Romans 8:1-4, "There is therefore 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 through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." I did not want to die in my sins. The minister said that if we died in our sins, we could not go where Jesus was. I wanted to be converted. I called upon God for mercy. I know He heard my prayer. He took away my heavy burden, and gave me sweet peace in my soul. I felt like a new person. He put a new song in my mouth, even praise to God. "I heard the voice of Jesus say, Come unto me and rest, lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast. I came to Jesus as I was—wearied, and worn and sad; I found in Him a resting place, and He hath made me glad." Another verse of the same song goes something like this: "I heard the voice of Jesus say, Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live. I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream. My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him."

I truly know by the living Word of God, and by His Holy Spirit within me that there will be a general resurrection of the dead, and that people of every race, nation, kindred and tongue will stand before God, and be judged according to their works and a great separation will take place. The righteous sons and daughters of God will be admitted to the glorious and everlasting City of God where there will be no more pain, sickness, sorrow or death, but the wicked shall be cast into the lake of fire forever. In this life is the time to make the choice. Hear the blessed invitation in Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." There is life for a look of faith at the Crucified One. —Ulysses Phillips

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"Triumphing over them in it." (Colossians 2:15). That is real triumph—triumphing over sickness, adverse circumstances, etc., in it.

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Christ sometimes delays His help that He may try our faith and quicken our prayers.

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