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### The Church of God

The gates of hell cannot prevail  
Against the Church that Jesus built,  
And mortal wrong can't quench the song  
In every holy bosom felt.

For Christ has shed His blood so red  
Upon each trusting soul to fall,  
To reconcile and free from guile,  
All who will heed the heavenly call.

The men of old this Church foretold  
Enlightened by the Holy Spirit,  
And Zion free for you and me  
Bestows a mother's holy merit.

All who in love, born from above,  
Do follow Christ, His Word obey,  
His Church compose, and them He knows:  
They walk the straight and narrow way.

It means so much to be of such  
Who walk the holy Bible way;  
By Jesus led, by Jesus fed,  
By Him o'ershadowed every day.

His Church is One, for Christ the Son  
A Bride adorned in holiness:  
All chaste and pure, in faith secure,  
In garments of His righteousness.

Oh, praise the Lord! He doth afford  
All things to life that do pertain;  
To live in Him, not waxing dim,  
Upon His throne of love to reign.

What grace is ours, what holy powers,  
Is willed for all our need to fill;  
His Church to be, His face to see  
Upon His holy Zion's hill!

—Leslie C. Busbee

### The Visibility of the Church

Men who are blinded to the truth and can see nothing but human churches or sects, generally state that the Church of God is invisible and therefore it was necessary to have sectarian organizations in order to make it visible before the world. But the superficial character of this argument is easily seen by all of the spiritually-minded. Where was the Church of God during the early centuries before the rise of human ecclesiasticism? Paul said, "I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it." (Gal. 1:13). Was he chasing a ghost or a shadow, or was there a real, living, visible Church of God that he was opposing? The answer is clear to all. He addressed his Corinthian Epistles "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth," and he asked them, "Despise ye the church of God?" (I Cor. 1:2; 11:22; II Cor. 1:1). Many times this expression concerning the Church is used in the New Testament, but it is never used of an invisible something up in the air, but is *in every case applied to the visible body of worshippers on the earth*. Still salvation itself is clearly shown to be the mode of induction into the body of Christ, the Church; and salvation, we know, is in its nature invisible, though not invisible in its effects upon men.

Now, the harmony between these two apparently discordant facts is found in the one fact that in the apostolic church the spiritual body of true believers in Christ and the collective body of worshippers *were identical*. "And the same day there were *added unto them* about three thousand souls . . . and the Lord *added to the church* daily such as should be saved." (Acts 2:41-47). "And of the rest durst no [unsaved] man *join himself to them*. . . . And believers were the more *added to the Lord*, multitudes both of men and women." (Acts 5:13,14). There was no difference between being added to the Lord and being added to the apostles and disciples; for the same act of receiving salvation did both.

Now, when this identity between the body of Christ and the body of worshippers existed, the apostles did not need to write and preach about a spiritual, invisible something as the Church of God, but could point to the

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congregation of worshippers as the Church of God and call it the Church of God. This they did, as we have shown.

This identity was manifested to the world in organic form as the normal church. It was obtained and maintained in those days by the following means: 1. All the truly saved were naturally members of the body of worshippers. 2. The Spirit of holy power, discernment, and judgment which filled the Church purged out all hypocrites, thus keeping the congregation clean and pure. When Ananias and Sapphira hypocritically sought to deceive, the Spirit of God revealed their condition, and even laid special judgment upon them, with the result that "of the rest durst no man join himself to them." (Acts 5:1-13). At that time "sinners could not stand in the congregation of the righteous" as God's people. Later, when the apostasy set in and men through unfaithfulness lost their spiritual discernment, judgment, and holy power, the congregation became mixtures of saints and sinners, as was the case with the seven congregations in Asia Minor, mentioned in the opening chapters of the Revelation. But God was highly displeased with this state of affairs, which shows that it was an abnormal condition; therefore He reproved them sharply, and to the Church at Laodicea He said, "I will spue thee out of my mouth." (Rev. 3:16).

From the foregoing facts we adduce these conclusions: 1. That a congregation of the Church of God is one in which the Spirit of God has the ascendancy; one in which sin is rebuked and exposed, so that a clear line of distinction is drawn "between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not." (Mal. 3:18). 2. That whenever the Holy Spirit is no longer allowed the leadership, and good and bad mingle together undistinguished, such a congregation is rejected by Christ and therefore ceases to be a congregation of God, regardless of its name and profession.

Following the pure apostolic period of the Church such wholesale apostasy took place that the Church of God in its organic form no longer existed in any prominence on the earth, its few spiritual members being scattered among the human institutions called churches. This condition has led to the ridiculous assertion made by certain sectarian divines (?), that the visible church of Christ is filled with the precious and the vile. This may be very true of human sects, but they do not constitute the visible church of Christ.

—F. G. Smith

From *What the Bible Teaches*, 1913 edition.

## Some Minutes With the Bible

Some minutes in the morning  
Ere the cares of life begin,  
Ere the heart's door wide is open  
For the world to enter in.

Oh, then alone with Jesus,  
In the silence of the morn,  
In the heavenly, sweet communion  
Let your every day be born.

In the quietude that blesses,  
With a prelude of repose,  
Let your soul be soothed and softened  
As the dew revives the rose. —Selected

## Are You in the Ranks?

From the following Scriptures we learn that a great battle is being waged between God and the enemy of souls.

"I harkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, what have I done? Every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle." Jer. 8:6. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. . . . His name is called The Word of God." Rev. 19:11,13. "Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations, . . . Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle." Rev. 20:7,8.

As the pure Word of God goes forth, how many are being set in battle array on one side or the other, for truth or error? Every one is turned to his own course as a horse rusheth into the battle, or else he is following the faithful and true Word of God in the ranks of the "white horse." Dear soul, on what side are you fighting? Christ says, "He that is not with me is against me." Matt. 12:30.

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." II Tim. 2:4. We cannot be in God's service and entangle ourselves with worldliness at the same time. Nor can we please self. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 16:24,25. Too many make the mistake of not denying self and get into the enemy's regiment instead of that of King Jesus and thus oppose God, thinking all the time that they are doing God service. Indeed, one of the first enemies will be self, the carnal mind, the "body of sin," or the Adamic nature, against whom we must wage a most fierce encounter. Yea, this enemy must be killed—crucified—ere we become a true soldier.

Eph. 6:13-17 describes the armor we are to wear, by which we are able to withstand the wiles of the devil. Thank God for truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation, in which all His own are arrayed! The Word of God is given unto us as one of our weapons, but our weapons are not carnal, but mighty through God. (II Cor. 10:4,5). "Finally brethren," says Paul, "be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might"—power of His might! Success in conflict makes us strong. How we ought to treasure every needful testing and trial we are called to pass through! "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings." I Peter 4:12,13.

Let us learn cheerfully every lesson of self-sacrifice. May we meekly submit to the chastening of the Almighty. May we "gladly suffer pain and loss" for our Leader who has given His life for us. It is our reasonable service that we present our bodies a living sacrifice to the One who has sacrificed His own for us. Dear ones, may we be true until this great warfare is over, when we shall reap an eternal reward, and say with Paul: "I have fought a

good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, . . . and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." II Tim. 4:7,8. Are you truly in His service?  
—C. H. Dewey

## An Earthly and Heavenly Father

"Won't you pray again?" cried little Marie. The wind was howling outside, and the crashing of the uprooted trees hitting the house was frightening. The doors upstairs were banging back and forth, and the wind and rain were coming in through the broken window glass. Marie's father had already prayed several times, but it seemed that only when her father was praying did she feel any calmness. Finally, the wind calmed down and the rain stopped. Since the street light had been broken, it was very dark outside, yet with a flashlight you could see the limbs of the huge trees lying around. This had been a severe time for the entire Pruitt family in the year of 1923, but with thankful hearts they again knelt in prayer.

Earthly fathers who know God are a great comfort to those who are dear and near to them. Children have faith in their prayers and know when they pray that things will come to pass. There comes a time in a child's life when God lets him know that he must look directly to his heavenly Father himself. He cannot depend upon earthly fathers.

"Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us." Psa. 123:2. Just as we looked to our earthly fathers for food, for clothing, and for comfort, now we can look unto the Lord with the same faith and confidence, knowing that He will help us. Praise the Lord!

The above Scripture became precious to me, as I sat by the bedside of my teen-age son who was near death with typhoid fever. He had come to a point in this sickness that I knew that if my heavenly Father did not heal him, he would not live. His faith had been in the Lord to trust God completely and not go to a doctor, and my faith was with his in looking to our heavenly Father. Now he was in a coma and had been for some time. My faith had to take hold or he would be gone. God blessed in a precious way and honored the faith of all who were praying for him, and my heavenly Father healed and raised him up. The above Scripture was a witness to me that God, my heavenly Father, had heard and had answered, even before the work was done.

How precious it is to have earthly fathers, and also mothers, who love God! Today I do want to thank God for giving me an earthly father, Bro. Fred Pruitt, who had faith in the heavenly Father, and taught me to have faith in Him. Even though my father has been gone for fifteen years (June 6th), I still thank God for that faith that he had and today for the faith that I have in my heavenly Father.  
—Sis. Marie Miles

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." Psalms 92:1.

## Bible Unity

A Bible experience can stand the Bible. Some people cannot stand Bible doctrine, for the reason that they do not have a Bible experience.

Some religious meetings have been spoiled by the pure teaching of the Bible. Such could not have been Bible meetings. Bible doctrine will not offend any one who has the right experience.

If all were willing to take the Word of God, all of the Word of God, and nothing but the Word of God, there could be no division among them.

How can we attain this unity? By humbly submitting our own way to God. When we get the mind of Christ, we will have no trouble about unity of Spirit, of faith, or of understanding.

One may see much farther than another, but as far as they see, both see alike. There can be but one right way to look at God's Word, and when we look at it in this way, we will all see it alike. With humble submission to the mind of Christ, division is impossible. Oh, that men could see the simplicity of unity! "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The Holy Spirit was promised to guide us into all truth, to take the things of the Father and show them to us, His church. There could be no trouble about unity if all were led by the one Holy Spirit.

It is not simply understanding the Bible that produces unity, but obeying the Bible. Men may have a good understanding of the doctrine, but lack the Spirit. This understanding alone never brings them into Bible unity.

It takes the experience of the Holy Spirit within us to bring us to the Bible standard of unity. "For both he that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified, are all of one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren."

There is one God and Father (Eph. 4:6), one Saviour (I Tim. 2:5), one Spirit (Eph. 4:4), one doctrine (II Tim. 3:16,17), one church (Matt. 16:18), one head (Eph. 5:23), one door (John 10:7,9), one name (Eph. 3:14,15), one family (Eph. 3:14,15), one heart (Acts 4:32), one mind (I Cor. 1:10), one way (Jer. 32:38,39), one fold (John 16:16), one shepherd (John 10:16), one body (Rom. 12:4,5), one mouth (Rom. 15:6), one bread (I Cor. 10:17), one hope (Eph. 4:4), one faith (Eph. 4:5), one baptism (Eph. 4:5), all one in Christ (Gal. 3:28), one unity with Christ (I Cor. 6:17), and one in labor and purpose (I Cor. 3:8). Three chapters on unity (John 17, I Cor. 12, Psalms 133).

J. W. Byers

If God's children only knew, could only comprehend, the yearning love God has for them, they would never have a fear, and oh, how carefully they would walk before Him, lest they wound that love. See how he feeds the fowls of the air and clothes the lily of the field, and now hear Him say to you, "My child, you are much more to me than they." If you understand what this means, it will take all fear and distrust out of your life. You will take no thought for the morrow. You will not have a care. You will be wholly free from fret and worry. God is real, and you will understand Him so as you get nearer to Him.  
—C. E. Orr

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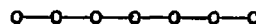
To live without Christ is only to exist, missing the whole point of life. To be without Christ on a death-bed is terrible. To go into eternity without Christ is midnight darkness forever. Oh, the thought of an eternity without Christ!

—Sel. by T. S.

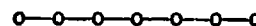
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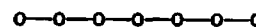
**GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS** on the arrival of this campmeeting season: We hope that many of you will be privileged to attend at least some of the Church of God campmeetings and evangelistic tent meetings that will be held at various locations across the country.



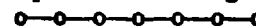
According to our stated policy and usual practice, this "Faith and Victory" paper will not be published for the month of August. This omission of one issue will relieve the workload somewhat in the month of July, and allow our faithful co-workers some time off, if they so desire, during July to attend a campmeeting or two, or do whatever the Lord may direct. Since the demand for gospel literature has increased so much, it seems very necessary to keep the presses running all through the summer if possible. Lord willing, some of us will be working here at the office through the summer to take care of the literature orders and correspondence.



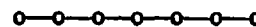
The 44th annual Oklahoma State campmeeting, held here at Guthrie from May 26 to June 4, 1978, closed with victory. The attendance was from many states, some coming for their first time. A number of ministers were mightily used to preach the Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Many souls were under conviction, and a number yielded to the Spirit's call and found the joys of salvation. A number of believers consecrated their lives to the Lord to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit. Bro. Titus Enu, native pastor in Nigeria, and Bro. John Varghese, native pastor in South India, arrived in time to be present and preach at this Guthrie meeting. On the last Saturday the New Testament ordinances of the Lord's House—feet-washing and the Lord's Supper—were observed. These were very solemn and sacred services which brought afresh to our hearts the great atonement that our Saviour accomplished for our salvation.



Sister Opal Kelly, whose chief burden is producing and distributing Spanish gospel literature and Mexico mission work, left Oklahoma City by plane on June 14th for San Diego, Calif. From there, she went to the Spanish mission station at Ojos Negros, Baja Cfa., Mexico, to help prepare for the coming campmeeting at that mission which will be held July 3 to 9, 1978. Pray for the special anointing of the Holy Spirit upon that meeting.



This writer, his wife, and others from Guthrie were privileged to attend both Sunday services of the campmeeting at Tulsa, Okla., which began on June 9th. The meeting was well attended, and the Word was preached clear and definite with holy anointing.



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#### **The Book, "God's Gracious Dealings," Is Available . .**

The Seventh Edition of the book, "God's Gracious Dealings," by Fred and Lawrence Pruitt, just off the press, is not only a history of this gospel publishing ministry in the Church of God for the past sixty years, but also a brief record of the activities of the Church at large. It contains 496 pages, including more than 100 pictures, bound in a nice cloth cover. This volume would be treasured by every home who loves the old-time truth of the Church of God. The price is \$5.00 each, plus 60c for postage and handling.

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#### **Two Overseas' Native Pastors Arrive . . .**

By the blessing of the Lord, Bro. John Varghese, native pastor in South India, arrived safely at the Tulsa, Okla., airport on May 24th and was met by Bro. Richard Madden, pastor at Sapulpa, Okla., who had visited Bro. Varghese and his mission in India a short time ago. It was regretted that Sister Saramma John was not permitted to accompany her husband to the U. S. For some reason she could not obtain her passport and visa. Bro. Varghese attended the Guthrie campmeeting and was happy to meet the saints again, as well as to bring greetings from the believers in India. He brought some inspiring messages. After this meeting, Bro. and Sister Madden took him by auto to the campmeeting at Jefferson, Oregon. At the close of that meeting they returned to Oklahoma and proceeded to the Hammond, La., campmeeting which began on June 24th. Lord willing, Bro. Varghese will attend other campmeetings, including the National campmeeting, as time and transportation permits, and return to India in the month of August.

Bro. Titus Enu, native pastor in Nigeria, W. Africa, arrived safely at the Oklahoma City, Okla., airport on May 26th, and was met by this writer and his wife. He was delayed two days in leaving Nigeria on the account of the serious illness of his aged father. Bro. Enu was all smiles and very pleased to meet the saints again at the Guthrie campmeeting, as he was here in the summer of 1976. He also brought some forceful messages, though a number in the audience could not understand all of his Oxford

English. Meeting one another for the first time, Bro. Varghese and Bro. Enu became fast friends as they both lodged in rooms at the Lord's Print Shop during the Guthrie campmeeting. After that meeting, Bro. Enu went to the Tulsa, Okla., campmeeting beginning June 9th, where he was warmly received and preached the Word as the Lord directed. During that meeting, Bro. Robert Eckenwiler took him by car to Alabama for a precious service with the few saints at Tuscaloosa. At the close of the Tulsa meeting, Bro. Robert Sherman and company took Bro. Enu to Pacoima, Calif., enroute to the campmeeting at Oakland, Calif. From Oakland he will likely contact other congregations in that area, and then attend the campmeeting at Fresno, Calif., beginning on July 7th, before he returns east to the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo., which will be held July 21 to 30. As the Lord directs, Bro. Enu will also attend the campmeetings at Bakersfield, Calif., Boley, Ok., and Pacoima, Calif., in that order.

The saints in the U. S. are happy to have these overseas' brethren with us again, and let us pray the Lord to bless them abundantly for their sincere concern and sacrifice to labor for precious souls in this country as well as the multitudes who roam in spiritual darkness in their own native lands.

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#### **Bro. Hammond in Gospel Work in Philippines . . .**

As of June 23rd, Bro. George A. Hammond was still very active in the gospel work in the Philippines where he has been since March 30th.

His last letters dated May 31 and June 6 stated that he had been to Mendenao where he had made some very promising contacts as well as at other places. He said the Lord was just opening up one place after another to contact sincere seekers for the truth and to hold services. Near Cauayan, services were held and thirteen young people sought the Lord at the altar of prayer. Then on the following Sunday seven of them were baptized.

Bro. Hammond wrote that the Northwest Airlines had been on strike for a month and the other airlines were all booked up for the month of June. He was originally scheduled to return to the States on June 29th, but under these circumstances he did not know when he would get a flight. Pray that he will have a safe return at God's appointed time.

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Lord willing, we want to reprint as soon as possible the out-of-print book, "The Better Testament" by Wm. G. Schell, which was originally published in 1899 with 420 pages. As the title implies, it sets forth the superiority of the New Testament over the Old Testament. If anyone has a good, clean, clearly printed copy, we would like to purchase it for reproduction purposes or replace it with a new one when they come off the press.

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Another shipment of 10,000 pounds of printing paper is scheduled for delivery to the Lord's Print Shop the first part of August, 1978, at a cost of over \$3,500.00. Jesus said, "The gospel must first be pub-

lished among all nations," (Mark 13:10) and surely His Church must be so doing until He comes again.

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At the coming National campmeeting (July 21 to 30) at Neosho, Mo., we expect to have, as usual, the Bible Book Store open, where Bibles, song books, and other gospel literature will be available. Come in and browse around. We hope to see you there.

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#### New Chapel Under Construction in West Virginia . .

Bro. Mart Samons, pastor at Green Bank, W. Va., writes on June 15th that their campmeeting is in progress and the Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way. Each service has been precious. The tent has been almost full of people every night, sometimes to overflowing.

Bro. Samons informs us that the congregation at Green Bank is in the process of building a new chapel and the basement is completed. As soon as the campmeeting is over, they plan to build a wood-frame chapel over the basement. He requests the prayers of the saints for the Lord's work at that location. Different ones have expressed to him their desire to help whenever they started to build the chapel, so this is your opportunity. If you want to offer manual labor on the building or send a contribution to help pay for the high cost of material, address your letter to Bro. and Sister Mart Samons, P. O. Box 127, Green Bank, W. Va. 24944, and the Lord will bless and reward you for aiding this worthy project. Their phone number is (304) 456-4469.

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#### Proposal to Reduce Space for Obituaries . . .

For quite some time the publishers have considered the suggestion that the space for obituaries should be reduced to a minimum in order to have more space to print gospel messages to the living while there is yet hope of their salvation. Our tentative plan is that beginning with the September issue, 1978, all deaths of the saints would be reported under a column titled "IN MEMORIAL," which would include name, dates of birth and death, place, and whatever could be printed in three or four lines. The ministers and correspondents should remember this new policy when sending in reports of deceased saints. Hopefully, we will have more space for gospel messages. Thank you for your co-operation in this reduction of space with reference to obituaries.

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This writer is still trusting the gracious promises of God for his healing in this extended fiery furnace of affliction. I am constantly looking to the Lord to profit by the lessons He has for me in this prolonged trial of faith. Jesus has been my only Physician for more than sixty years, healing me many times, and I mean to trust Him all the way. As the poet wrote, "We'll trust Him while we live, and we'll trust Him when we die." With one of old I can say, "But he [the Lord] knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. For he performeth the thing that is appointed

for me: and many such things are with him." Job 23:10, 14. Though I am in pain with fever most of the time, the Lord still gives me strength and perseverance to work 10 to 12 hours almost every day in the office, for which I am very grateful. Thanks again for your prayers, letters, get-well cards, and words of encouragement in this testing time. Your continued prayers will surely be appreciated until faith brings the victory.

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May God's presence abide with all our readers to guard and guide each one on the path of life, and, Lord willing, we will greet you again in the September issue of this paper. —Lawrence D. Pruitt

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## Remaining Campmeetings for 1978

**Ojos Negros, Baja Cfa., Mexico**—July 3 to 9.

**Fresno, California**—July 7 to 16.

**National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri**—July 21 to 30.

**Myrtle, Missouri**—August 2 to 9.

**Bakersfield, California**—August 4 to 13.

**Boley, Oklahoma**—August 18 to 27.

**California State at Pacoima**—August 25 to Sept. 3.

### FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

A hearty invitation and welcome are extended to everyone to attend the 41st annual National Campmeeting of the Church of God which will convene, Lord willing, on July 21st, and continue through July 30, 1978, at Neosho (Monark Springs) Missouri.

Another time of warm, Christian fellowship is expected among those who have a love for the truth and are willing to walk in the old paths of the Church of God reformation. Ministers from across the nation will preach the Word under the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit who is the Executive Officer and Pulpit Committee in all the meetings of the saints in light.

The campgrounds are located approximately five miles east of Neosho, Missouri, on Highway 86, the exact location being one mile east and ¾ mile south of the intersection of Highway 86, and of Alternate 71 Highway. Those coming by public transportation, such as bus or train, will need to come to Neosho and take a taxi to the grounds, or call Granby, Missouri, phone number 472-6427 to arrange for someone to meet you and bring you to the grounds.

Meals will be served in the dining hall on a free-will offering basis as well as the lodging in dormitories and tents. We do trust that no one will stay away because of a lack of finances, as we are confident that God will supply for the needs as they arise. Dormitory space and tents will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. There are several comfortable motel accommodations within a short driving distance which are available at reasonable rates for those who desire such. In addition, there will be parking areas on the grounds for trailers, campers, and motor homes. Electrical and sewer hook-ups are available at the trailer spaces. This year the campground is in need of tents, as most of the old tents are worn out, and there are only 14 left. The trustees are asking each congregation to help in buying a tent, or for the ones who plan to stay in tents to bring their own tents.

Additional seating space has been provided this year on the west side of the tabernacle. This unit, costing considerable money to erect, has reduced the campground fund to a very low figure, so the managers may be hard pressed to get the campmeeting started. Also, a new roof is needed on the caretaker's house.

Since the price of food is much higher this year, the managers of the dining hall encourage all the saints to send or bring in groceries and food of all kinds—fresh, canned or frozen fruits or vegetables. If you intend to



process more fruit and vegetables this season, we could use the processed food you had left over from last year.

Bro. and Sis. Austin McMillian will be working to assist in finding accommodations for sleeping. All correspondence regarding tent orders, dormitory space, etc., should be addressed to them, in care of the Church of God Campground, Monark Springs, Rt. 5, Box 61, Neosho, Mo. 64850.

The address of the campground caretakers, Bro. and Sis. Dale Doolittle, is Rt. 5, Box 61, Neosho, Mo. 64850, phone 472-6427. Please send your contributions to Bro. Dale Doolittle, or to the secretary-treasurer, Bro. Bob Stover, 6304 S. 97 West Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74131.

The work days to prepare for this meeting are scheduled for Saturday, July 1st, July 3rd and 4th, and each Saturday thereafter. Your services as unto the Lord will bring His special blessings, so come and see what the Lord will do.

Come praying for the salvation of sinners, sanctification of believers, divine physical healing for the sick and afflicted, and a drawing together of God's family in these last days.

### MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING

The Missouri State Campmeeting held at Myrtle, Mo., will begin on Wed., August 2nd, and continue through the following Wed., August 9, 1978, Lord willing. This meeting begins on the third day after the Monark Springs National Campmeeting ends. This will make it convenient for those leaving Monark Springs to drive on down to Myrtle which is only about 200 miles away. This is the 28th annual campmeeting to be held at Myrtle and we extend a hearty invitation to all to attend. Come praying for a rich outpouring of God's Spirit on this meeting and that many souls will be saved.

The expense of the meeting will be met by free-will offerings. Provisions will be made to care for all who come; however, those who have campers or trailers are advised to bring them as that will help in accommodating everyone. Bring bedding if convenient, as there is a limited supply on the grounds. Come prepared for some possibly cool nights.

Anyone coming by bus to Thayer, Mo., (the nearest station), may call the Church of God campgrounds at Myrtle, Mo., (417) 938-4682 and someone will come and pick you up.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Donald Sharp, Myrtle, Mo., 65778. Phone (417) 938-4410.

**NOTICE:** Water purification measures have been taken on the campgrounds due to a regional sewage leakage threatening regional wells. Water on the campgrounds will be safe for drinking.

—Harlan Sorrell

### BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., CAMPMEETING

The Bakersfield, Calif., campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, August 4 through 13, 1978. The chapel address is 1802 Virginia Ave., on the corner of Virginia Ave. and Brown Street. We expect to furnish accommodations for all who can attend. We request your prayers, and hope the Lord will impress many of you to come and help in the meeting.

For further information contact: Bro. Z. E. Francisco, 305 So. Owens St., phone 323-0747, Bro. Robert Mayes, 245 "N" St., phone 325-2730, or Bro. A. W. Sherman, 201 "L" St., phone 327-0411. The church phone is 322-9314. Area code 805.

—Sis. Robena Montgomery

### BOLEY, OKLA., CAMPMEETING

Lord willing, the annual campmeeting of the Church of God at Boley, Okla., will convene August 18th and continue through Aug. 27th, 1978. We extend a hearty welcome to all to attend these services. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord." Isa. 1:18.

We are looking to the Lord to send Holy Ghost-filled ministers and workers of His own choice to help in the meeting. Dormitories and ample space for parking trailers are available on the campground.

Let us all come praying the Lord to give us a successful meeting with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, convicting souls of their needs and causing them to turn to God with all their hearts to be saved. Remember the Lord's request: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

For further information, contact Sis. Ora Spears, Rt. 1, Boley, Okla., 74829, phone 918-667-3376, or Sister Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Oklahoma City, Okla., 73104, phone 405-235-2270.

### CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING

The California State Campmeeting of the Church of God will convene, Lord willing, at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif., on August 25 and continue through September 3, 1978.

Meals and lodging will be provided on a free-will offering basis. We do request for those living within the state and traveling by car to bring their own linens if possible. There are accommodations for all.

Let us all pray earnestly for this meeting.

For directions to the chapel or other information, you may contact Bro. F. E. Doolittle, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif. 91331, phone 213-896-3685, or Bro. James Pierro, 11316 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima, Calif. 91331, phone 213-896-5331. The chapel phone number is 213-899-9021.

—Sis. Wynema Clay

### TENT MEETING TO BE HELD AT MARION, KY.

Bro. Mart Samons announces that an evangelistic tent meeting will be held, Lord willing, at or near the home of Bro. W. R. Fox, Marion, Ky., beginning on August 11, 1978. For further information, contact Bro. W. R. Fox, Rt. 4, Marion, Ky., phone 965-3320.

### UNPAID BALANCE ON TRUCK

Bro. Paulino and Sis. Edith (Cole) Lara, missionaries in Old Mexico, still have more than half of the total price to pay as an unpaid balance on the truck that was purchased last year. Pray and ask the Lord what He would have you do to help remove this debt. Send your check or money order to the Faith Pub. House Missionary Fund, specifying that it be sent to them for this



need. Only a missionary-minded child of God and church will prosper in the things of God.—Sis. Marie Miles

### OKLAHOMA CITY SPRING MEETING REPORT

Another spring meeting has come and gone for the year of 1978, at the Church of God chapel, 800 N. E. Third St., in Oklahoma City. Again our God richly blessed in answering our prayers. Yes, the Lord was faithful to anoint His precious Word. Souls were saved and others received spiritual strength and enlightenment. The prayer of faith was prayed and some were healed.

We appreciate the minister, Bro. E. J. Trotter, and others who came to assist in the work of soul-winning.

Thank the Lord for all the saints, friends, and loved ones who attended this meeting, and those who labored to make it a success. May our God richly bless you is our prayer.  
—Bro. Herman Kelly, Pastor  
by J. Parks, Sec.

(Editor's note: Through an oversight on the part of the publishers, the above report was delayed in publication. This we regret.)

### REPORT OF HOLLY HILL, S. C. CAMPMEETING

Bro. Egbert Allen and I attended the campmeeting at Holly Hill, S. C., which was held June 2 to 11, 1978. The Word of God went forth with real plainness and simplicity anointed by the Holy Ghost. The saints were all encouraged and edified in their souls. Several persons sought the Lord at the altar for help and God did not fail them. Praise the Lord! Some sought for salvation and some for a deeper life in God. Others confided that they needed help. Please remember them when you pray.

Bro. and Sister Sam Abbott came by plane from California with faith that God would strengthen their frail, aged bodies. Oh, how the Lord did bless them! Bro. Abbott preached like a young man, and Sister Abbott exhorted from her seat with great anointing. Bro. Mart Samons was there from Saturday night until Tuesday morning. Bro. Carl Shaffer of Oklahoma City preached a real anointed message on Thursday night and the saints were much impressed.

We surely did appreciate Bro. and Sister Hudson Crummie for their faithful labors in the kitchen and for the food supply, as well as Bro. Crummie's three sisters who helped with the cooking. Also, Bro. Tommie Platt and his wife labored faithfully in the kitchen. May the Lord bless all of them.

Bro. Crummie gave us some good teaching in the Sunday School. Bro. Platt brought an inspiring message on Sunday morning, June 11, on the holiness and righteousness of the saints.

Please pray for God's work at Holly Hill.

—Orie Young

Following is a further report by Bro. Hudson Crummie:

God surely was present this year in every service of our Holly Hill campmeeting. He showed Himself strong and poured His blessing out upon His children. Praise God! . . . Thank God for everyone of the ministers and saints that came. They are all precious in God's sight. Remember to pray for us as we pray for all the saints everywhere.  
—Bro. Hudson Crummie

## Field Report

Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings from Sneads Ferry, N. Carolina on June 9th.

We started on this evangelistic tour by faith, and thank God for standing by us every step of the way. Leaving Guthrie, Okla., on June 3rd, we stopped first with the saints at Prattville, Ark. Next, we went to Jena, La., where we were glad to see the saints. The next day we traveled to Birmingham, Alabama, and had a service with the saints there. We were refreshed with their lively testimonies. From there we came on to Sneads Ferry, N. Carolina, where Bro. Frankie Millis has been saved from drugs. The door has been opened for us to preach with liberty to a small congregation the old-time truths of the Church of God. One soul has gotten saved and the Lord is stirring others. We would like all the saints to pray for this congregation as they are looking for a pastor and we want God to send them a Spirit-filled man. Pray earnestly for this needy field.

From here we expect to go to W. Virginia and then to Indiana. We are looking for God to call people out of confusion into the clear light. The time for division and confusion is past. I feel God is calling for a new move toward the unity and doctrines of the early church. The call is for all split-off and worldly-minded so-called "Church of God" groups to drop the world, cut loose from man-rule, and go all the way back to Christ and build up His kingdom on earth. Division is of the devil; unity is of God. This carnal party spirit of pulling off and dividing up is sensual, devilish, and earthly. The Church of God is unified, purified, holy and righteous.

May God help us to sound the trumpet, set up the Bible standard, publish, and conceal not. Jer. 50:2. "Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: . . . shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the Lord." Jer. 50:14.

Brother, that is what we are striving to do. Pray for us. Your Brother in Christ,  
—Tom Melot

### NOTICE OF CORRECTION

In a letter to the editor which appeared in the March '78 issue of this paper, I made the following remark with reference to a dream: ". . . to burn up the strongholds of corruption with the devil's own fire." It should have more appropriately been phrased: "If we allow ourselves to be cleansed from all worldly defilement, the Lord will then use us to burn down the strongholds of deception with the fire of His Word." As far as the dream is concerned the Lord probably merely wanted to show me that the fact of my personal cleansing from defilement would provide the necessary spark for Babylon to go up in fire. I apologize for any misunderstanding.

—R. Mueller

### VACATION WORK FOR GOD

We have back issues of the *Faith and Victory* and *Beautiful Way* papers in our storage room which we want in the hands of people. Order several pounds to pass out on your vacation. Please include \$1.00 per pound for postage and handling.

## Obituaries



**Sister Helen Marie Gresham**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Zachary, was born on April 25, 1935, and departed this life on May 13, 1978, at her home in Hoffman, Oklahoma.

On Sept. 25, 1953, she was married to Joe Ellis Gresham. To this union seven children were born—five sons and two daughters.

In October, 1973, Sister Gresham was born into the Church of God and was baptized in Okmulgee by Bro. Woodrow Warren. Sister Helen was faithful in whatever her hands found to do, and did it willingly as unto the Lord.

Survivors include: five sons, Calvin Gresham of Wichita, Kan., Joe Ellis, Jr., Vincent Jerome, Damon Troy, and Shawn Jermaine of the home; two daughters, Patricia and Gladys of the home; two grandchildren; four brothers, Andrew Zachary of Hoffman, Okla., Charles and James of Temple, Okla., and Robert of Okmulgee, Okla.; two sisters, Florence McClellan, Okmulgee, Okla., and Shirley Carter, Hoffman, Okla.; other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren and others at the Church of God chapel in Hoffman. Texts: Ps. 55:6; Rev. 14:13. Interment was in the Hawkins Cemetery.



**Pearl Allen**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Francis Allen, was born on Sept. 11, 1892, in Waco, Texas, and departed this life to live with the Lord on May 17, 1978, at Oklahoma City, Okla., at the age of 85 years.

Bro. Allen accepted Christ in the late 1950's with the Evening Light Church of God at Hoffman, Oklahoma.

His wife, two sons and a daughter preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn: one son, six daughters, 24 grandchildren, 70 great grandchildren, three great, great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren, assisted by others. Texts: Job 16:22; 5:26. Interment was in the Grayson Cemetery. The family expresses their appreciation and thanks for all the acts of kindness during their loss of this loved one.



**Fannie Lee Taylor**, the daughter of Clayborn and Daisy Payne, was born on July 13, 1905, at Columbus, Miss., and called to her heavenly Home by an apparent heart attack on April 18, 1978, at Henryetta, Okla., at the age of 72 years.

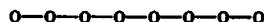
On Nov. 11, 1922, she was married to Felix Taylor, Sr. To this union 14 children were born, three of whom preceded her in death.

In 1946, she was united in spiritual marriage with the Lord Jesus Christ, and was faithful to her vows until death. She was a member of the Church of God.

She leaves to mourn her departure: her husband, Felix Taylor, Sr., of the home; five daughters, Mrs. Anna Bell Allen, Mrs. Lucille Johnson, Mrs. Clara Barnett, all of Okmulgee, Okla., Mrs. Josephine Pannell, and Mrs. Sally Lewis, both of Henryetta, Okla.; six sons, Lonnie, Frankie, Charles, all of Wichita, Kan., Carl of Tulsa, Okla., Felix, Jr., of Guthrie, Okla., and Andrew of Kansas City, Mo.; four sisters, Mrs. Mae Ella Woodruff, Henry-

etta, Okla., Mrs. Lillie Bell Crisp, Tulsa, Okla., Mrs. Sally Kirkwood, Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Alberta Bruner, Akron, Ohio; one brother, Melvin Payne, Akron, Ohio, and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren, assisted by others. Texts: John 17:4; Phil. 1:20-21. Interment was in the Hawkins Cemetery.



**Hosie Edward Campbell**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Athen C. Campbell, was born on August 17, 1905, in Laneville, Texas, and departed this life on June 4, 1978, in Oklahoma City, Okla., at the age of 72 years.

Hosie and Ophelia E. Williams were married on Nov. 27, 1927, at Langston, Okla. To this union six children were born. Two sons, Paul Richard and Wilbur Leslie, preceded him in death.

He accepted Christ as his Saviour in 1957 at the Church of God chapel, 800 N. E. Third St., Okla. City, and remained a faithful Christian there until his death.

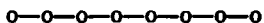
On May 17, 1971, Hosie retired from Langston University after 35 years of commendable service.

He leaves to mourn: a devoted wife, Ophelia Campbell; one son, Melvin E. Campbell; three daughters, Marcelett C. Henry, Dorothy M. Stephens, and Mayme Nephew; two sisters, Beatrice C. Ward and Belzora Brooks; sixteen grandchildren; two great grandchildren; many other relatives, saints, and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Bro. Herman D. Kelly, at the Church of God chapel, 800 N. E. Third St., Okla. City, assisted by others. Interment was in the Hillcrest Memory Gardens, Okla. City.

The family of Bro. Campbell expresses its sincere appreciation for all the kindness extended in this time of need.

—The Family



**Myrtle Dolly Glass**, daughter of John and Lucy Glass, was born May 18, 1910, near Fremont, Missouri, and departed this life on May 30, 1978, at her home in Neosho, Mo., at the age of 68 years and 12 days.

She came to Neosho with her mother and sisters in 1944 where she resided until her death.

She was saved at the age of 18 and lived a consistent Christian life, facing the world with a smile, and enduring her handicap with much courage and patience those fifty years. She possessed that meek and quiet spirit.

She leaves behind three sisters: Ellen Wilson, Neosho, Mo., Lilly and Elizabeth Glass of the home; one niece and nephew, besides other relatives and friends who will miss her so much.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Austin McMillian and Sis. Ruth Murphey, and burial was in the Gibson Cemetery, Neosho, Mo.



### MAY OLA JOHNSON GONE 24 YEARS

Texas—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sister Maybelle: Greetings in Jesus' holy name, the One who died that we may live. I give the dear Lord all the praise for His saving and keeping power.

My dear companion, May Ola, will have been in the arms of Jesus for 24 years on July 29, 1978. I am still longing for that day when I will hear the dear Lord say, "Come, well done." Here are a few lines from a poem

that she wrote a short time before the Lord took her at the night service of the 1954 National campmeeting:

"All my life in His service now is given;

He'll be with me here and take me Home to heaven.

I'll be true while here below;

There's no danger now I know—

All my life to His service now is given."

I thank the Lord that I know she lived that life. I thank the Lord for the July, 1954, National campmeeting picture in the book, *God's Gracious Dealings*. It was the last picture taken of us together.

May God's richest blessings be with all of you, is my prayer.

Your blood-washed Brother, —Harvey Johnson

## From the Mail Box . . .

Ind.—I was glad to hear from you, and I am so thankful we found you were the real Church of God. . . .

Sister Miles, my husband is 80 years of age and I am 78. We were married 60 years last January 27.

When my Lord saved my soul and I understood what the Church of God was, there has never been anything that could take its place. I believe you folks are part of the Church of God. God has said that His people are one, so please let us all be one in Christ.

Please pray for us and for my daughter, too, that she will understand there is no church but the Church of God. . . . I am so very thankful Sister Brewer brought me your paper, so I would know there is a real Church of God. . . .

—Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Brown

S. Carolina—The Holly Hill, S. C. campmeeting was good and a lot of truth was preached. We all got blessed in our souls. We were unable to attend as much as we desired, as we have around 80 miles to drive. Also, we have hogs to look after, so have to be home to do chores. . . .

Bro. Orie Young and Bro. Egbert Allen stopped on their way back and had a short visit, and they ate breakfast with us. . . .

We were blessed with good rains just before and during the meeting. . . .

—Bro. Howard and Sis. Minnie Boulden

Mich.—Dear ones: . . . My sister-in-law (Mary Cawels) passed away last month. She suffered a lot. I left her soul in God's care as I was able to have prayer with her. She said she was ready to go. . . .

We do pray for the work there twice a day that God will bless all of you for your labors in Him. What would we do without Him? I could not live, and without Him I would dare to die. He is my all and all. I do enjoy the paper so very much. I pass it on when I am through with it. . . .

—Mrs. Merrill Burd

Tex.—Dear saints: I really enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper and all the literature that comes from there. Thanks to the good Lord for the consecrated workers who work there which helps isolated saints like myself. . . .

I'm still saved, sanctified, and pressing the battle on. The good Lord doesn't leave me alone. . . . Thanks to the

good Lord for the strength He daily gives me and the good vegetables to can.

—Nellie Lovell

Minn.—Dear Marie Miles: . . . I am 89 years of age and still trusting the Lord. He has been so very good to me all through my 89 years. I know He will be with me to the end.

Please pray for me that I will keep well. . . .

Best wishes to all my friends there at the publishing house and may the Lord bless all of you. . . .

—Helga M. Spohn

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Calif.—Dear saints: I love all the people of God and I love God with all my heart, soul, and mind. I am contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

I thank God for His love. He has touched me time after time and I do praise Him for victory in the persecutions and all things the enemy has taken me through. Praise His dear name!

I thank you for your good letters. I am pressing onward.

I trust you had a wonderful campmeeting and that souls were saved and healed. . . .—Sis. Opal Williams

Mich.—Dear saints: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am so thankful for salvation, that God was so merciful to me. He lifted me up out of the miry clay and set my feet on the solid rock, Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord! I promised the Lord when I was so very ill that I would send my testimony to the *Faith and Victory* paper.

I took ill the 9th of April, 1978, with a stomach pain and diarrhea, and in a few days I was very ill, cold, and clammy. The saints came and prayed for me. Some said I looked like I was dying. They called Bro. Hargrave in Florida for an agreement with them. He said they would all hold us up to the Lord in prayer and encouraged us to hold on.

I began to have cramps or spasms in my feet, then they went to my legs, and would not stop cramping. I felt that if God didn't undertake for me, my time had come to go. They called out for prayer again. I had it settled in my heart to endure to the end. Praise the Lord, He heard and brought me through again! Then I began to cramp all over in different places. This went on, I believe, for two days or more. I had one more very severe spasm. I knew if God didn't undertake, I couldn't go any farther. Praise God, He stepped in and delivered! We know we were nothing and God was all and in all at this time. It was God and God alone. When you face the Eternal, you find how little you are in His presence. . . .

My stomach was so upset that I could not retain food or water. I was dehydrating very badly. I lost 22 pounds during my illness. Food would come up undigested. This went on approximately three weeks, then the Lord stopped this in answer to prayer. The saints in Goulds, Fla., prayed for me on their prayer and fast day at the campmeeting and sent me an anointed handkerchief with special encouragement. The saints in Guthrie had special prayer also. The saints all over were praying, and I want to thank all of you for your love and concern for me. I had the hives during this time. They

itched so terribly that I couldn't sleep at night. I had very little rest or sleep. The only time I could rest was through prayer.

My mother came and stayed night and day for a little over a week, praying almost all the time, and God truly heard many times.

I had the flu to start with, and it turned into pneumonia of the bronchial tubes. I could hardly breathe and had to sit up to rest at nights. . . . My nerves collapsed also, and I could not stand any excitement of any kind or I would get very ill. . . .

Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons came over and anointed me with oil according to the Word. I believed by faith. I have had some battles; the devil doesn't like to admit defeat, but he has to when God says the word.

During my illness I asked the Lord to take a sore off my right cheek that scaled and looked dark. Praise God, He did! The scales dropped off, and there is new baby skin below it. Praise God, He never fails!

After some of our unsaved children saw they couldn't persuade me to go to the hospital, they tried to get the family to send me against my will, but they wouldn't. They thought I was dying. I told these dear ones that God would never let me down and He was going to raise me up. He had never let me down before and He wouldn't now. They can now see and admit that God has done the work. Praise the Lord!

I am doing my housework, washings, ironings, getting my own meals, and even driving the car. Praise the Lord! I am stronger every day.

—Sis. Aneita Corteway

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N. Mex.—Dear saints: Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, who died for us by giving His precious blood for the whole world. I do thank and praise Him for everything He does for His children. It is so good to trust in Him for both soul and body. I love the *Faith and Victory* paper. . . .

—Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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Ill.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We are still loving the Lord and we are living for Him. We love to see the work of the Lord progressing. . . .

We had prayer meeting tonight. There were just ten of us but we know that Jesus said that where two or three meet together in His name that He would be with them. So we know that He was there and did bless. . . .

Pray for us as we pray for all of you there.

—Bro. and Sis. John Matlock

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Calif.—I am praising the Lord for salvation and for His abiding Spirit in this old wicked world. It would be unbearable to live in without the Lord. Oh, if faith and belief in our Lord Jesus Christ could be gotten over to the masses, what a change in this life there would be!

Pray for me that I will do all the Lord is requiring on my part, that numbers of souls will be reached. . . . There is much work to be done; the fields are white, and the laborers are so few who are willing for His name's sake to suffer, take up their cross daily, and bear it to glorify His name. He is so precious to me. To be His child means to be obedient to His Word, and a constant prayer life that His wisdom can be manifested and our labors will be pleasing in His sight.

There is much to do here, and, oh, how we need wisdom! We are in a deceptive age. Pray much for me that the rest of my life will glorify the Lord and that souls may be benefited.

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Calif.— . . . I am so very glad for salvation today, and the mercy, love, and kindness of God, and for His protecting arms around me, and for what He is to me each day. My trust is in God and I mean to continue to look to the Lord for everything I need in life. I can't thank the Lord enough for His goodness to me. The Lord knows that I don't want to miss heaven. Please continue to pray for me, as I need your prayers that His will be done in my life.

I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper so very much. The testimonies are very encouraging.

I am not well. I have low blood sugar and heart trouble. . . . I know God can heal anything. I am still trusting the Lord to heal me at His own set time, and if He doesn't, I mean to trust Him all the way. . . .

—Sis. Jettie Mae Phillips

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W. Germany—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all co-workers: In the light of the Word written by Apostle Peter, I greet you very heartily in the love of Jesus.

I want to say thank you, thank you, very much, for sending the books and the Scriptures to me! Today I received the paper, *Faith and Victory*, and since I started to read it I have a great joy in my soul! Now it is time to tell you who I am and to give a testimony of my faith in God!

I am the son of a Church of God family. Together with my sister, I heard the precious truth of the Bible since I was a little child. My mother was converted in East Germany at the age of 19 and my father at 17 years of age. My mother stayed at the Mission Home in Essen, Germany; for some years and there she met my father. Later, they were married at Hamburg, and so a good Christian home was prepared to bring up children in the faith of the Bible truth.

I don't know how old I really was, but as a little child I was present at a Bible hour held by my father. I don't know what he was preaching that night, but I do remember the song we were singing at the conclusion of the hour. It was the song, "Have You Any Room For Jesus?" I remember that most of the persons present that night couldn't sing very well, but apart from that, I heard wonderful voices sing. A hand from heaven touched my soul. I said to my mother, "I feel it's Sunday!" Later, after the Second World War, I was present in a campmeeting of the Church of God in Germany, and there I was really converted to Christ my Saviour.

It would take a special book if I would tell all the blessings and miracles the Lord has done for me, but two wonders of His power I want to tell you in this letter.

In the days of my early childhood I was suffering with tuberculosis. At that time, I lived mostly on milk, as my body was full of fever. I wouldn't take any other food. I became very sick and very weak. The people in our neighborhood asked one another, "How long shall that poor child suffer? How long will it be until he shall

close his eyes?" . . . My parents wept before the Lord and were standing on His Word, that He was able and ready to heal me. They remembered His promises and trusted Him. To make a long story short, I can say that the Lord honored His Word and healed that little boy!

In the days after the last great War, I became very sick of dysentery. It was a very bad time when there was not enough food to give strength to the body. . . . And so it was no wonder that I became dangerously ill. One day I was dying! That night I asked my mother to take the New Testament and to read something to me. My mother read in the Gospel of Mark, chapter 16, verse 17 and 18. Then I said, "It is the middle of the night and too late to call an elder of the church." My mother said, "I am your elder now!" She prayed for me, anointing me with oil in the name of the Lord. Under that prayer I breathed three times from head to foot. Then my mother said to me: "And now you can eat something like all healthy people do." The next day I was walking in my garden.

These are only two miracles the Lord worked in my life. I am very thankful that the God of past times is the same today! Father and Mother are with the Lord, but my Saviour cares for me and His blessings are new every morning.

I am not through reading the books and Scriptures I received from you, but I want to say that the books are a great blessing to me, especially the life story of our dear Bro. Warner. I am so very glad for all the people who believe the same truth he stood for and preached. "The end of all things is at hand," writes Peter. Let's do all we can to bear the truth to all who will hear it. The divided, confused and sick, so-called "Christian" world needs it very much!

From your Brother, —Georg Wilhelm Lohmann

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W. Va.—Dear Sis Marie: . . . I just got back home a couple of days ago from the Green Bank's campmeeting in W. Va. We truly had a good time in the Lord. The Lord sent us good, rich food. My hungry soul was fed. . . . Being so far from Green Bank, and my husband not being saved, I don't get out to services very often. . . . I read and feed on His Word, and as I do this, He reveals so many things to me. Most of the knowledge I have of the truth, the Lord has given me here as I have read and studied. Praise His name! He is everywhere! . . .

When I think of how He has kept me over the past 4½ years and of all He has done for me, I feel like shouting that all may know of what the Lord has done for me. He has brought me through some rough waters, has healed me, both mind and body, and has kept me saved. I had such a hard battle with my mind, but the Lord never allowed me to break. He came to my aid time after time. There were times when I thought I could not face my problems any longer. There seemed to be a force that was trying to blow my mind to pieces. There were times when I couldn't think clearly enough to even take hold of the Word. I was holding on with my heart as my mind was in such a mess that I couldn't think straight. . . . The enemy told me that I wasn't saved and all kinds of things. I held on with all my heart and cried out to God. . . . Praise the Lord, He saw me through! My mind is clear today! My nerves get a little shaky at times, but the Lord always comes to my aid. There were no saints here when I was going

through this battle, so I had to lean hard upon the Lord. Sis. Marie, He is real, so very real to His children. I'm never alone as the Lord is here. Without Him, I would have fallen a long time ago. I love the Lord with all my heart. I want to be faithful to the end. Phil. 3:13. I want to forget those things which are behind and press forward to the things that are before, as I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

I met some of the saints from out there in Guthrie and Okla. City! It was good to meet the different ones, as I love the saints so very much. I brought them home with me in my heart. I miss them already as they are all so dear to me. . . .

I love you dear folks out there and appreciate your lives so very much.

—Sis. Nancy Wagoner

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Okla.—Dear ones scattered abroad, greetings: I thank the Lord that I am spared and able to write my testimony. The dear Lord has been so very good to me, and I want to thank every one for your prayers, love, and deep concern for me in my great test of affliction. I thank the dear Lord how He stopped those dreadful hemorrhages as I had eleven in twelve days. I got so weak they fed me with a spoon. The last one I had was the 13th of May and it was very light. I am gaining strength in body, but still suffer greatly. I desire complete healing of this large growth on the back of my neck as I suffer day and night with it. Words cannot express it. I am not discouraged. My full trust is in God. By His grace I mean to be true and faithful to the end. I want to see inside of heaven for myself. There is nothing to look back for; all is before us. Please pray for my complete healing.

I love the true way that was taught me from a small child by my dear saintly parents. It truly pays to love, honor, and obey your parents. (Eph. 6:1-3.) I have had a wonderful, happy life. I love the Church of God, the straight and narrow way. Acts 20:28. To know God's will and to obey it is a pleasure to me. Please pray for us.

In the Master's service,

—William A. and Evelyn (Gibson) McCoy

Written by Sister Evelyn, 1205 W. Warner, Guthrie, Ok. 73044

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Okla.—Dear saints: Greetings in the name of Jesus. We are so thankful to know Him as our personal Saviour, Keeper, and Healer. To many people today, Jesus and God are Beings who are great enough to create the world and cause it to function properly and who control the universe. We're so very thankful we can know the Lord on a much more intimate basis than that. To know that Jesus died for us and He is interested in even the smallest detail of our lives fills us with an overwhelming joy we can hardly contain. We count it a real privilege to live for the Lord. To the world, the people of God have to give up so much, but their eyes are blinded to the many benefits we reap in return. They fail to see our lives are much fuller, happier and healthier, containing an inner peace and contentment the world knows nothing of.

The Lord has been revealing Himself to us in a very real way recently. For about three months I had an affliction on my body that seemed to only get worse each day. Bob (my husband) and I prayed earnestly about it. The Lord permitted it to go on longer than seemed needful at the time, but now as we look back

on the trial, we can see why. There were more lessons He wanted to teach us first. I am thankful He didn't grant healing as soon as we first asked. We would have missed so many precious lessons in faith, submission to God's will and in prevailing prayer. When He saw we had been in the furnace long enough, He granted instant healing to my body. We both thank the Lord daily for it. I have been taught all my life to trust God for my healing, but this was one of the most outstanding healings I ever experienced. As soon as I was anointed, the affliction was gone completely and I haven't had it anymore. "How can I ever praise my Lord enough, He's done so much for me. . . ."

During this time of trial, the saints were so precious to us. They carried such a burden for us that we marveled at their love and concern. We count it a privilege to be a part of the family of God.

We appreciate God's dealings with our family and our greatest desire is to live for the Lord and glorify Him with our lives. He certainly has proven Himself a "very present help in trouble" many times.

Pray for us that we will always prove faithful to the One who has done so much for us.

—Bob and Irma Sallee

## Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

**Question:** Why do the saints raise their hands while singing? I want to know so I can enjoy their blessing also; but first I need to know the reason.

**Answer:** You are entitled to know why the saints do any thing that they do as a regular practice. The reason that saints raise their hands while singing the beautiful, inspired songs of Zion is that the inspiration in the song finds a response in their hearts and they express that by raising their hands. It is also a means of testifying to victory in their souls along the line of truth being expressed in the song. Also it signifies an acceptance in their hearts of the particular truth in the song.

We read in Lamentations 3:41, "Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens." In this text is indicated that the lifting up of the hands has a direct connection with something transpiring in the heart, and in the case of singing indicates that one knows in his heart what it means and is accepting and experiencing in his heart what is being sung. This same thought in regard to the lifting up of the hand is expressed in Isa. 49:22 in showing God's attitude of outreach to the Gentiles. It says "Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: . . ." The lifting up of God's hand to the Gentiles signified His acceptance of the Gentiles into His salvation the same as our lifting up our hands signifies our acceptance of the truth being expressed.

We have the same thought further expressed in Psalms 119:48, "My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; . . ." This signifies an acceptance and love for the commandments of the Lord.

In Lamentations 2:19 it says, ". . . lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint

for hunger in the top of every street." Here the hands were to be lifted up in entreaty and prayer for mercy from God in the time of extreme trouble and great need. Sometimes when a certain truth is being presented in song or preaching or however a person may feel a need of mercy and additional grace to fully measure to the standard on that line, he may lift his hand as a supplication from his heart for that mercy and grace while at the same time submitting to it that it is right.

Psalms 63:4 says, "Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name." Psalms 134:2 says "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord." These two texts carry the same thought which is that the raising of the hands is a means of expressing the individual's blessing and praise to the Lord. We have a song which says, "Lift up your hands and praise the Lord." When one lifts up his heart with his hand in this respect in praise, adoration, and blessing unto the Lord in the Spirit, it has an "electrifying" effect to inspire the whole congregation some times.

In former years there was much more of this than we see now and many times there were many hands up and much shouting and rejoicing and the Spirit of the Lord would come down in great anointing, power, and blessing. The word from here is that you just go ahead and raise your hand when you feel like it and know that you are on good scriptural grounds when you do it and enjoy the blessings along with the others.

## GIVING

Giving is one of the many graces displayed in the Word of God in which we can advance the same as in faith. We read in II Cor. 8:7: "Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." Many times I have been caused to feel that many dear souls do not understand the design that the Lord brings out in the Word concerning this grace. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." See Acts 20:35. There is a great blessing to be derived from giving if we do it willingly. (II Cor. 9:7). If one has God's cause at heart and His love abounding in the soul, he will give of his means to advance the cause. How thankful we should be that God has intrusted us with His work and with means to carry it on! Everyone ought to be more anxious to see the cause of God prosper than his own work. We cannot prosper in our souls if we withhold from God the means He has entrusted to our care.

Some think that because they do not have much to give there is no need of their giving at all. The Lord does not reward according to the amount given, but according to the purpose of the heart. If one gives only five cents from a heart that is anxious to see the cause prosper, and it is all he can give, his reward will be just as great as the reward of the person who gives a large sum. Sacrifice reveals the extent of our love. If each of us does our part, there will be no lack, and in the end we will hear the blessed words of Jesus, "Well done."

—S. A. Drotts

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## Praise God Anyhow!



"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." We so easily give thanks for the nice and pleasant things that come into our lives, but what about the hard, rough things that touch us along life's path? Some would say, "Well, I do give thanks for everything that I feel God permits to come to me." Perhaps you have not considered that nothing can touch you, as one of God's little children, unless God has permitted it. The devil could not touch Job until he had God's permission. The same is true with you and me.

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Psa. 150:6. What are we to praise the Lord about? Everything! Sickness, trouble, pain, reverses, disappointments, losses, wayward children, blessings, success, prosperity, health, and when all goes well. Yes, "in everything give thanks," for this is God's will for you or it would not have touched your life. We may not like the problems of life from day to day, but we must give thanks for them. This praise and thanksgiving to God is God's will "concerning you." We must trust God's judgment as well as His power.

Perhaps a child is wayward or sickness comes into your life like a flood; give thanks! Perhaps you cannot give thanks that the child is in trouble or sickness has come, but "look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal: but the things which are not seen are eternal." The promise is still ours that "All things work together for good to them that love God. . . ." Rom. 8:28.

When did God deliver Paul and Silas? At midnight, at the darkest hour, when they "prayed and sang praises." Thank God, we have a privilege to ask for help and deliverance, but in asking don't forget to believe that God hears us and thereby give thanks for the victory even before the work is done. That is faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for. . . ."

Jesus found it necessary to give thanks to the Father in John 11:41,42. It was before Lazarus was raised from the dead that Jesus gave thanks to the Father. "In everything give thanks. . . ."

Perhaps you feel that the trouble or sickness is from the devil. Then praise God for victory in the trouble or sickness and the devil will flee. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." The devil does not like to hear saints praising God. I know of no better way to resist the devil than to praise God.

At first, it may seem that you are only saying words of praise and not at all feeling praise in your heart. Keep praising God anyway, and ask Him to fill your heart with praises and it will be done. "Whatsoever we ask we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." Praise is surely pleasing to God.

One person said, "There is more wrought through praise than prayer." I believe prayer is the sure foundation for praise.

Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled." Praise will drive away the clouds of Satan quicker than anything, and it will bring the smile and blessings of God upon you.

"In everything give thanks: for this [thanksgiving] is the will of God. . . ." 1 Thess. 5:18.

—D. B.

## Bear and Forbear



"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2. "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." Col. 3:13. These principles might be extended to every phase of human society, and every Christian endeavor; but since the HOME is the foundation upon which any nation depends, and since the moral and spiritual condition of the home is the measure of its weakness or its strength, we shall confine ourself to the individuals of the home, and matters respecting home happiness.

It has been said that life is what we make it. If this be true of the individual, it is equally true of the home. The enemy of mankind knows very well that a whole is no weaker nor stronger than the parts that compose it. He knows also that if a home be divided against itself, it cannot stand. He, therefore, works systematically and energetically to accomplish division in the home.

### Power of Discouragement

Discouragement is the devil's most powerful weapon; it is a great disorganizing force. Each year it drives many to the asylum and to suicide.

*"How short the road that leads us to despair;*

*When ONCE WE TURN, how soon our feet are there."*

Discouragement is to the soul like a dungeon to the physical man; it closes the door of happiness and rest, and throws a false light even on things beautiful and right.

### Causes of Discouragement

Unconsciously, perhaps, the husband may be a discouragement to his wife. He forgets that in Scripture she is called the weaker vessel; that in constitution she is somewhat weaker, and more refined than he. Thus because of thoughtlessness on these little points many husbands ride over the wife's wishes, desires and more sensitive nature, requiring more of her than she can endure, and keep strong in body and encouraged in mind. He accuses her of impatience and of grumbling sometimes, when he himself is the cause. He forgets that, generally speaking, she has but little variety in life; and that she stays at home day after day, eating the food that her own hands have prepared, seeing the same sights, hearing the same sounds, and every day having to answer the many questions of her children. He may forget that variety is "the spice of life." When she is a little tired, and not as cheerful as she sometimes is, if, instead of being unusually kind and considerate, he is a little distant and austere, a great cloud of discouragement may arise and make home quite dark for her. Seeing that she is really discouraged, he may continue to accuse her of not being cheerful, thus widening the breach between; until, by many repetitions, little by little, love in the home at length grows cold. Neither desire it to be so, but they conclude it is the irony of Fate. It is not so; it is simply the inconsistency of man. Who has not been somewhat guilty at some time?

The man has more outdoor exercise; he sees new faces; eats at many tables; keeps in touch with current events; and talks with many people. Sometimes he almost forgets that he has a wife at home struggling with perplexing problems, trying to make ends meet,



hungering for a kind word, a caress, sympathy, which, if given, would make a sad heart glad, lift a heavy load, and make freshness return to her cheeks, the bright light shine in her eye—those charms that made him do his best to win her in the days that have gone by.

Husband, think on these things; forgive her hasty word, her impatient look, her seeming neglect: tell her that you love her, and then act like it. It will surprise you, no doubt, to see what effect your actions will have in your home. "But," says one, "my wife is so inconsistent." That may be true; but that will not excuse you from being a kind, consistent husband. Speak as kindly to her, and be as quick to lend her a helping hand as you would to a visitor in your home, and then note the results. Express your love, not only in words, but in kind acts. Remove love—warm love—from a woman's life and she will fade like a rose in autumn. Even trifles will help show love or neglect. For example, when you light the fire, do not throw the burnt match on the floor for her to pick up; for all such acts she remembers when alone, and you, more than she, will be the loser. Says one, "I love my wife, but she does not seem to appreciate it." That makes no difference, keep on loving; for the heart is much better though love is never returned. Learn to bear and forbear.

To the wife I would say: You have your part to perform. Many more temptations are set in the path of your husband than in your path, you who stay at home. This is an age of hurry. In the battle of life, competition is so keen that your husband uses up much vitality struggling with commercial problems, in financing, in supplying the needs of the home. Many clubs and fraternal orders are willing to pay a high premium for his presence and support. A coldness on your part may drive him to the place you least desire him to go; or, at least, might make him wish to go there. When you act cold and distant toward him, resent his affectionate approaches; remember, you are dealing with the most delicate, dangerous thing in life, outside of the salvation of your soul. Remember, that if you are continually nagging at him, criticizing him, not doing your part as a wife, that the moment you stop, and the place where you stop, someone else will step in and take your place—or may take it. Affection shown on your part will keep him at home with yourself and family, but the enemy of the home has a place ready to entertain him when you, by your actions, discourage him.

Take your place in the home, and there is not one man in fifty, who cannot be won back to the wife of his youth, if she is wise enough to show a reasonable amount of affection—warm pure affection. I speak from the standpoint of a man, and I know whereof I speak. A man loves a pure, womanly woman, and despises the one who is not. The home should be the brightest spot on earth; and when the gospel, with its warming influences, reaches every home, it will cause the divorce mills to cease to grind.

#### A Few Don'ts

Don't criticize every mistake your companion makes. Don't belittle each other's remarks, or seeming ignorance on any matter, in the presence of others. Don't remind each other that "your folks" were remarkable because of their lack of morals. Don't say, "I told you so." NEVER, for any reason, speak slightly or suspiciously of your

companion's experience of religion. Your accusing, crushing criticism may drive your companion into hopeless discouragement. Great troubles begin with little things, generally; and I am sure that many hearts would be lighter, and many homes happier, if the above advice were put into practice. Learn to bear and forbear.

—J. G. Anderson

#### FAITHFULNESS IS WHAT COUNTS

The man who is always doing things with a view of making a reputation succeeds only in obtaining notoriety; while he who never thinks of anything but duty secures a reputation without being aware of it. A young man who shunned publicity and who did his work as he thought, out of sight of the world, recently passed away. In his last illness he was surprised to learn of crowds who came to express their sympathy—many of them people of whom he had never heard. They had quietly watched his quiet work and knew him not by his efforts to make himself known, but by his efforts to be faithful.

—Sel.

#### GOING MY WAY

I am a traveler on a one-way journey through life and never expect to retrace my steps or come this way again.

My yesterdays are poignant recollections of tasks neglected or undone, mixed with pleasant memories of the few things done well.

My tomorrows hold a promise of opportunity to do bigger and better things.

My present is being lived in the valley of struggle and pain, and sharing the load of others.

Since I will pass this way but once, my sincere hope is that men, women, and children may be glad that I came and regret that I am leaving.

As I journey with my fellow men, may I be privileged to bring joy where once sorrow ruled; smiles to replace the terrors; to plant a flower of kindness in those hearts where once the weeds of despair grew. As I follow the noble pattern of the Apostle Paul, may I never falter as I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling!

But should I stumble and fall, may the grace of God lift me up and start me forward again, going my way.

—Sel. by S. Goldsberry

#### GOD'S WILL

We were searching for a mountain top,  
So very, very high;  
A place so very close to God,  
A place where we could fly.

He led us to a valley,  
So beautiful and green;  
A place where any soul could rest,  
So peaceful and serene.

But, in the midst, He placed a brook,  
That just keeps rolling by;  
To tell us that we must go on,  
Our Home is in the sky.

—Selected