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One Hundred Years of Evening Light

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One hundred years of Ev'ning Light:
Earth's darkened shades dispelling!
The fulness of salvation's might,
The pure and holy telling!

One hundred years ago broke out
A great and holy shaking,
When from the gloom of wrong and doubt
There 'rose a great awak'ning.

The saints possessed the kingdom of
Our God so pure and holy,
When in the bonds of perfect love
They lived for Jesus solely.

And in decision's vale below
The multitudes were gathered,
The perfect will of God to know,
No more by Satan fettered.

This blessed truth! The Church of God!
A holy institution
Was taught and preached; the Saviour's rod
Broke man-rule's constitution!

Vile compromise her ranks did thin;
Fanatics gave much trouble;
But through the years her triumph-win
Repaid the devil double.

And so today a remnant stands
Upon the landmarks given;
And, ever lifting holy hands,
They praise the God of heaven.

And in His perfect holiness
All sinful ways they sever;
The saved and sanctified possess
God's Kingdom now forever!

—Leslie C. Busbee

Messages by Pulpit and Press of The Church of God Reformation

As Roman civilization in the time of the Caesars had become favorable for the advent and spread of the kingdom of the Messiah in its pristine glory, so has the literary spirit of the twentieth century brought into use and perfected the great mail system, printing machinery, and the various applications of steam and electricity to the printer's art, thereby making favorable conditions for the extensive publication of those prophetic messages of truth which were to mark a great reformation in the last days, carrying with them the judgments of God against all false religions, and bringing the light of full salvation and unity to all hungry souls in the bondage of sin and sectarian idolatry.

It can therefore be easily seen that the publication of literature is a potent factor in the great spiritual reform of these latter times.

A Great Prophetic Movement

A considerable portion of the world's history is outlined in the prophetic writings. Empires have arisen and fallen; times have changed; political boundaries have been altered; great men have figured and left their imprint on the pages of history—and all has been but the fulfillment of prophecy given centuries before by the great Author in the interests of His kingdom, or Church.

There was a time when Roman Catholicism held dominion over the people of God, when for twelve and a half centuries and more, the truth was obscured by the spiritual darkness that existed. This state of Christianity was to end, and did end with the reformation of the sixteenth century, when a revelation of greater light on some points of the Word of God effected a change in the affairs of religion. Christianity rose to advanced light, not new light, but light regained, which had been previously possessed, but which was lost in the apostasy of papalism.

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

In like manner Protestantism, as being the highest idea of the Church then obtaining, has had its period of three and a half centuries, characterized by divisions and sect making, during which God's people have been in a scattered condition, held captives in that form of spiritual Babylon. Again, true to prophetic fulfillment, has greater light, particularly that respecting holiness of heart and the oneness of God's Church, accomplished the deliverance of the people of God, so that they no longer are held subject to the organizations and creeds of human device, but are blessed with light and truth that enable them to stand together in sacred unity in Christ.

Thus a reformation of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries is sweeping over the earth, and let it suffice to say that the time is prophetic, without attempting a consideration of the prophecies themselves which relate to the subject.

The Church of God

The idea of the Church, as revealed by the light of this reform movement, is that body which includes in its membership all the saved; that is, all the true people of God. There is therefore but one Church, with salvation as the way into it, sin being the only way out. It is divine. To receive or expel its members lies not within the power of man. Its record of membership is spiritual and is kept in heaven. The bond of union is also spiritual, and is the principle expressed in 1 John 5:1—"Every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him"; and in 1 Cor. 12:13—"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

The organization of the Church is divine. "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." 1 Cor. 12:18. Its creed and discipline, also of divine origin, is the Word of God. That this is the correct idea of the Church cannot be gainsaid.

We are sometimes asked when, where, and through whom this movement originated. As has been said, the light is not new light, but light that was possessed by the early Christians, and that has been regained since the apostasy. It is simply the Word of God itself taught, believed, practiced, and lived. The question then of "when, where, and through whom" loses itself in the Word of God. There can be no religious reformation whose principles of truth were not already embodied in the Word of truth itself.

Viewed as a reform movement, this work had its beginning in the holiness agitation of the latter nineteenth century. As to *where* it began, it may be answered: In all places where there were the true spiritual people of God. In reply to *through whom*, the answer is: Not through any one person, but through the spiritual people in general and universally. As to *when* this movement began, the reader is directed back to about the seventies of the last century, to a great holiness agitation in many of the various denominations. It was from God, and was the ushering in of a dispensation of judgment upon the

apostate religions of the day. Those who were "at ease in Zion" began to realize a disturbance of their carnal security. It was the beginning of a great day of decision, when the corruption of men's hearts was to be so revealed that they could not endure the burning truth, but were compelled either to accept and walk in the light, or take their stand against the same, and in many cases become filled with a double portion of carnal wickedness, even to the extent of displaying the manifestations of demons.

A great crisis had come, which should result in the gathering of God's people out of the various places where they had been scattered and held captive by the creeds of men. The spiritual people everywhere began to discern the fact that the corrupt sectarian denominations were not the church of God, and their hearts were being prepared for the angel's call, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4.

Thus we comprehend the beginning of this reform movement. Thousands have left the bondage of spiritual Babylon to abide in the liberty there is in Christ alone, and to enjoy the sweet fellowship and unity of the people of God who are free from all creeds and divisions. Perfected holiness in the heart leaves no room for sectarian elements. Entire sanctification makes God's people one, in accordance with the prayer of our Savior in behalf of his disciples: "Sanctify them through thy truth . . . that they all may be one."

That the Protestant sects, as well as Roman Catholicism, are a part of spiritual Babylon, is acknowledged by the best commentators, and is no question in the minds of all godly people.

The deliverance of God's people became the real theme and object of the holiness reformation. Satan, anticipating this, devised many counterfeit movements. No longer able to deceive God's people by sectarian teaching, he attempted, by counterfeit, to falsify the doctrines of truth that are especially effective in establishing the true work of God.

A True Reformation

The fact that there are so many counterfeit movements only proves that there is a genuine. There is something about the real that the counterfeit never possesses. There were those in whom existed the real spirit of truth, whose teaching had the right ring, and whom God honored with the anointing of power and glory in the salvation of souls, both by word of mouth and by medium of the pen.

—By. A. L. Byers in 1907

What is the best soul food? Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4. As the body feeds on bread, so the soul feeds on the Word of God. It was in those early morning hours in the solitary place and those all night on the hill sides in prayer to the Father that Jesus fed His spiritual life. If it was needful for Him to do this, can it be less so for us? —C. E. Orr

The Church of God

Its Name, Organization, Membership, Doctrine

The name *Church of God* is used because this is the only Biblical name given to the people of God. We do not claim exclusive rights to that name, but maintain that all within the family of God should bear His name. It is evident, by the Scriptures, that God ordained that there should be only one Church, having a universal membership that includes all the saved. The Church is a divine institution, named by God, purchased and built by Jesus Christ, and governed by the Holy Spirit.

While the Church of God was fully organized and set in order in A. D. 33, we in the present movement can only claim to have been operative as a distinctive body since the year 1880, at which time, Bro. D. S. Warner and others severed their connections with humanly organized churches, maintaining that the Scriptural, all-sufficient standard for the people of God was membership in the spiritual family of God alone.

We regard denominational walls as barriers separating one Christian from another by their creeds. It is a lost world's greatest obstruction in its search for God. We deplore these facts, and maintain that when the creeds of men have been forsaken, with all their division, and all the true people of God return to the teachings and principles of the Scriptures, then Christian unity becomes a reality. (Eph. 4:1-6). The assumption of the name alone will not accomplish that end.

Since membership within the Church of God depends upon union with Christ alone, we offer no human organization to formally join. Repentance for sin and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour makes one a Christian and a member of God's Church, whose name is written in heaven.

Doctrinally, God's Church may be called evangelical and orthodox. We believe in the Trinity, in the divine inspiration and inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures, in the deity of Christ and the all-sufficiency of His sacrifice and atonement for sin, and in the supernaturalism of religious experience. We believe that redemption is wrought in the heart of the individual believer by two definite works of grace: (1) justification, (2) sanctification, or the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is His own witness in the soul. We believe and practice the doctrine of divine physical healing. We believe in the immortality of the soul, in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment, and in eternal rewards and punishments. We recognize three Scriptural ordinances: (1) water baptism by immersion, (2) the Lord's Supper, and (3) feet washing.

We have no written creed, but accept the Word of God as our only rule of faith and practice. We believe in a life of practical holiness and devotion to God.

We recognize all true Christians as members of that one spiritual family, whose name we bear, and extend a warm welcome to all true Christians everywhere.

—Selected

Not A New Movement

By C. E. Orr

A brother writes us reprimanding us for leaving the reformation. A sister writes asking us if we are trying to start a new movement or only endeavoring to uphold the old movement. Let us have a short, earnest talk over this matter. Let us be honest, fair, candid, and reasonable. We all recognize Bro. D. S. Warner as one of the principal agents used of God in bringing about this reformation, or of originating this present movement. We will all agree on this.

He was one of the holiest men in modern times. To come into his presence was to feel the awe of God. A heavenly atmosphere surrounded him; he constantly lived and moved in a holy solemnity. It was my privilege to be very closely associated with him for a few years. We occupied the same room and bed together many nights. The room he occupied always seemed to be filled with holy presence. You felt you dare not utter a word of lightness. All frivolity and foolishness died in his presence. In the early morning all was hushed and still. His soul would be in silent communion with God, and such a holy, heavenly solemnity rested upon us, forbidding us to break the silence by uttering a single word. Heaven filled the room. God was there. We felt like if we put out our hand we would touch Him. The consciousness of that man's holy presence would linger with me throughout the day. It lingers with me yet. He was a reformer in every sense of the term. It was he and a few of his associates that God used in establishing this present reformation movement. It was my privilege to be with him in a number of campmeetings, and other meetings. I sat under his preaching for more than a year in a school building where I taught school. He lived in my home for several months while he was building a home for himself and family near Grand Junction, Mich. Few men have had greater opportunity for knowing the life and teaching of this holy man than we have had. The truthfulness of what we shall now say about his belief and teaching cannot honestly be denied. His writings through the paper he published will verify all we say.

He did advise the teaching of young men and women the doctrines of the Bible. He did advise young men and women who were called of God to the ministry to accompany some older and better established minister, but that he advocated, that he advised the establishing of a seminary for the educating and training of preachers, we deny. No writings of his can be produced that teach that he advocated such a seminary, but on the contrary he did denounce such seminaries in strong terms, often calling them, "Preacher Factories." He denounced as a great evil the building of costly meeting houses, with their fine carved work, their colored windows and expensive furniture. He taught plainly and forcibly against the use of musical instruments in the worship of God. None of the congregations used them in his day. Often have we heard him denounce the organ, the

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Through the Free Literature Fund thousands of gospel tracts are published and sent out free of charge as the Lord supplies. Co-operation of our readers is solicited, and will be appreciated in any way the Bible and the Holy Spirit teach you to do or stir your heart. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Read Exodus 25:2; 1 Chron. 29:9; 2 Cor. 9:7; and Luke 6:38.

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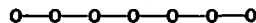
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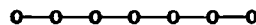
EDITORIALS



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.



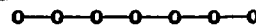
According to our stated policy and usual practice, this "Faith and Victory" paper will not be published for the month of August. This omission of one issue will relieve the workload somewhat in the month of July, and allow our faithful co-workers some time off, if they so desire, during July to attend 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 46th annual Oklahoma State campmeeting, held here at Guthrie from May 23 to June 1, 1980, was another very profitable meeting which was well attended from a number of states. The Word was preached with holy anointing, clear and definite. Some souls were saved, believers sanctified, and also bodies healed in answer to the prayer of faith. The sacred and solemn ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Feet-washing were observed. A number of believers followed Jesus' example in water baptism. It was a blessing to have Bro. and Sis. John Varghese, native missionaries in India, to participate in these services. May God's grace ever rest upon them, and prepare them for greater service in that vast mission field of India.

The night service on the last Friday was cancelled because the flood waters from the Cottonwood Creek surrounded and blocked the access to the chapel. In answer to prayer the water did not get into any of the buildings, and by the next morning the flood had receded completely. The services during the last two days of the meeting were very well attended.

Our co-workers in this gospel publishing ministry were off work during the campmeeting in order to attend those services, so this writer and his wife were not permitted to attend the day services as we had the responsibility, as usual, to keep the office open during office hours. We certainly enjoyed the fellowship of the saints who came to the meeting and the preached Word that we were permitted to hear at the night services.



In stock at this office are more than 400 different titles of gospel tracts in English and Spanish to be sent free in limited quantities for careful and prayerful distribution. Where prices are quoted, they

are at cost or below. Write for a FREE 4-ounce sample to read and pass on, or enclose in your letters. One tract may result in the salvation of many souls.

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This writer's sister, Marie Miles, just returned from a ten-day plane trip to the Green Bank, W. Va., campmeeting. She reported a very good meeting with good attendance. For the first time she met a number of saints with whom she had corresponded for several years.

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"Lost and Found" at Guthrie Campgrounds . . .

For the "lost and found" articles left at Guthrie campgrounds, please contact Leslie or Sylvia Busbee, 1014 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. 73044. There were some nice towels, new men's socks, etc. Please send stamps or money for mailing the items.

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Bro. George Hammond, Bro. Tom Melot and his daughter Lissa, and this writer were privileged to attend the first Sunday services (June 8th) of the campmeeting at Tulsa, Okla. There was a large attendance, and the Lord seemed to be blessing in the services in a special way.

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New Workers Here in the Printshop . . .

Thank the Lord for answering prayer and sending more consecrated helpers to His Printshop. On May 30, during our campmeeting, Sis. Grace Lassché arrived by plane from Ontario, Canada. During her summer vacation from high school she desired to work for the Lord in this gospel publishing ministry. She will be returning home with her parents, Bro. and Sister William Lassché, who expect to attend the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo., in July.

Sister Rebecca Sorrell of Thayer, Mo., arrived by auto on June 19. She has also felt a burden and concern to help get out the gospel literature. Each one of them is adapting very well to the duties in this ministry. May the Lord ever bless and reward them for their consecrated service in this phase of His work. "Only what's done for Christ will last."

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Sister Sandra Whitson, our faithful co-worker who sets most of our type for printing on the Vari-typewriter machine, expects to return to her mother's home in Alabama at the end of June and be away from the office during the month of July. May the Lord ever bless and reward her for her faithful service in His cause.

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Remodeled Bus in Evangelistic Service . . .

Bro. Tom Melot and his company of five other gospel workers left Guthrie on June 10 with the remodeled, self-contained, Greyhound bus, on their first evangelistic trip to Oregon and Canada via the route through California. They arrived safely at the Oregon campmeeting. Pray much for this evangelistic outreach, especially for this first campmeeting to be held under a new tent located on Highway 97 twelve

miles south of Prince George, B. C., Canada, beginning on July 5, 1980.

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Booklet on Mission Work in India . . .

Sister Dorothy Keiser has written an interesting booklet entitled, "Evening Light Church of God Mission Work in South India," which is a brief history of the gospel work in India and her observations on her recent trip there. It also shows the spiritual and economic needs of that great field. This booklet contains 56 pages, including 18 pictures, bound in a heavy paper cover. Sister Keiser has paid most of the cost of printing the booklet, and she is offering a copy to anyone for a contribution in any amount to the mission work in India. All the proceeds and offerings from this production, with no deduction for the cost of printing, will go to Bro. Varghese for that mission work. He had these books with him to pass out at the Jefferson, Ore., campmeeting, and he will also have them available when he attends other meetings this summer. This book will also be available from Sister Dorothy Keiser, R. 6, Box 10, Shawnee, Okla. 74801, or here at the Office on the same basis. If you want a book mailed to you, the cost of the postage and handling is 50c, plus your contribution to Bro. Varghese. The purpose of this project is to encourage prayer and financial support for the mission work in behalf of India's millions. A fund has already been started to purchase a suitable van for Bro. Varghese's use in India, but it needs much more financial support. What would the Lord have you to do?

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The reprint of the interesting book, "The Hero of Hill House" by Mabel Hale, is expected by the 1st of July. First printed in 1922, this true story of Austin's heroic efforts to keep the children of the Hill family together after the death of their mother, has been out of print many years. You will enjoy this heart-warming narrative. It consists of 224 pages in a heavy paper cover. The price is \$2.00 each, plus 65c for postage and handling. Send your order NOW, and the book will be mailed to you as soon as they are ready.

Scheduled also for publication in July is the excellent book, "Food For Lambs" by C. E. Orr, in English. That volume is already in stock at this office in the German language. This English version will contain 168 pages in a heavy paper cover. The price is \$1.50 each, plus 65c for postage and handling. Place your order NOW, and the book will be forwarded as soon as completed in July.

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Guest Home Is On the Realtor's List . . .

The four-bedroom Church Guest Home here at Guthrie is now for sale by the realtor, Barbara Silvers, phone (405) 282-5500. Their price is listed at \$72,500.00. Anyone interested should contact her.

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At the coming National campmeeting (July 18 to 27) 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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In the month of May, 10,000 pounds (five tons) of printing paper were delivered from the paper mill to the Lord's Print Shop. Another 10,000 pounds are scheduled for delivery in July. Of course, each shipment comes at a higher price, the current rate being about 44¢ per pound. However, the gospel of Christ must go forth regardless of cost, for "it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." We are trusting the Lord to supply the means to cover the costs of His work. Your continued prayers and co-operation are certainly appreciated in these crucial times of inflation, recession, moral decline, and spiritual deception.

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May God's hand ever direct all our readers as you travel this highway of holiness to heaven, and, Lord willing, we will greet you again in the September issue of this paper. —Lawrence D. Pruitt

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Partial List of Items Available

Birth of a Reformation—Life and Labors of D. S. Warner by A. L. Byers. A reprint with additional pictures of pioneer ministers. Cloth bound, 496 pages. Price, \$5.50 each.

Prophetic Lectures on Daniel and the Revelation by F. G. Smith. It contains 260 pages in heavy paper cover. Price, \$3.50 each.

What The Bible Teaches by F. G. Smith. A reprint of the original 1914 edition, containing 576 pages in cloth binding. This is a book that should be in every home. Price, \$5.50 each.

The Revelation Explained by F. G. Smith. Reprint of 1906 original edition (fourth reprint), plus two 17x22 inch wall charts in two colors. 464 pages in nice cloth cover. Price, \$5.50 each.

Personal Experiences of S. O. Susag was written by himself, a Norwegian who had many marvelous experiences and answers to prayer as an early-day minister in the Church of God. 191 pages are bound in a heavy paper cover. Price, \$1.75.

The Last Reformation by F. G. Smith. Just recently made available, this reprint edition contains 256 pages. Nice paper binding is priced at \$3.50 each, and the cloth binding is \$5.00 each.

Holy Spirit Baptism and the Second Cleansing by R. R. Byrum. Consists of 108 pages in heavy paper cover. Price, 75c each, or three for \$2.00.

Bible Readings for Bible Students and for the Home and Fireside compiled by S. L. Speck and H. M. Riggle. Originally published in 1902, this excellent volume contains 432 pages of Scripture references and comments on many Bible subjects. Nice cloth cover. Price, \$5.00.

Adventures in the Land of Canaan by R. L. Berry. An instructive allegory of true-to-life experiences in the grace of sanctification. 128 pages in paper cover. Price, \$1.00 per copy.

Christian Baptism, Feet Washing, and the Lord's Supper by H. M. Riggle. This excellent doctrinal book

on the three ordinances of the New Testament contains 264 pages in a nice cloth cover. Price, \$3.50 each.

Evening Light Songs, shaped notes, with 512 pages in a cloth binding. The right hymnal for the Church of God. Price, \$4.50 each.

The Cleansing of the Sanctuary by D. S. Warner and H. M. Riggle. Reprinted verbatim in 541 pages, cloth binding. Price, \$5.50 each.

Beyond The Tomb by H. M. Riggle. This excellent book of 288 pages deals with man, his present and future, in a nice cloth cover. Price, \$4.00.

Life's Golden Gleanings by Ruby E. Stover. She records many experiences of her childhood, and how God answered prayer in marvelous ways in her family and through the years in the gospel work. 94 pages in nice paper cover. Price, \$1.00.

The Christian Church; Its Rise and Progress, by H. M. Riggle. Bound in cloth cover, 488 pages. Price, \$5.00.

Must We Sin? by D. S. Warner. This 24-page booklet records the supposed conversation between Bro. Light and Bro. Foggy on the sin question. Price, 25c each, or five copies for \$1.00.

God's Gracious Dealings by Fred and L. D. Pruitt. This enlarged Seventh Edition is a history of this gospel publishing ministry in the Church of God for the past sixty years, as well as a record of the work of the Church at large. Contains 496 pages, including more than 100 pictures, in a nice cloth cover. Price, \$5.00 each.

Life's Story and Healings by Sister Nellie Poulos. This is a reprint of her first book, plus additional material. This volume contains 160 pages with a heavy paper cover. Price, \$1.50 each.

The Double Cure, or Redemption Twofold by D. O. Teasley. This book should enlighten the reader on the two works of grace, and correct the thinking of those who deny the cleansing element in sanctification. 160 pages of large print in a heavy paper cover. Price, \$1.50.

The Second Coming of Christ by Willie C. Murphey. An excellent short treatise on this very important Bible subject. 24 pages in a paper binding. Price, 25c each, or five copies for \$1.00.

The Battle of Armageddon by O. B. Wilson. A clear exposition of this much misunderstood subject in an enlarged 24-page booklet by the author. Price, 20c each, or six copies for \$1.00.

Memoirs of George E. Harmon, sponsored by Vera M. Forbes. Recently off the press, this book is an autobiography of our beloved Bro. George Harmon, a long-time minister in the Church of God, including the record of the memories of a few others who knew him. It will inspire your faith in God. Its 56 pages with four pictures is bound in a heavy paper cover. Price, 60c each, or two copies for \$1.00.

Divine Healing for Soul and Body by E. E. Byrum. Available ONLY in the German language, it contains 282 pages bound in a heavy paper cover. Price, \$2.25.

Bible Humility by J. W. Byers. An excellent treatise of this subject in 33 pages with a heavy paper cover. The price is 30c each, or four copies for \$1.00.

Rays of Hope by D. O. Teasley in the German language. It consists of 180 pages in a heavy paper cover. Price, \$1.50 each.

Food For Lambs by C. E. Orr in the German language only. It consists of 127 pages in a heavy paper cover. Price, \$1.00 each.

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In Memorial

Harry Hubert White was born October 2, 1904, at Ottwine, Oklahoma. He passed from this life on May 31, 1980, at his home in Guthrie, Oklahoma, at the age of 75 years, 7 months, and 29 days.

On August 19, 1922, he was united in marriage to Minnie Ott in Guthrie, Oklahoma. To this union five daughters were born, one of which preceded him in death. His wife, Minnie, preceded him in death on December 4, 1971.

At the age of 15 he came to Guthrie, Oklahoma, with his parents, and resided here until his death. He, his father, and brothers all worked helping to build the Masonic Temple and Guthrie High School in the 1920's. He was in the blacksmith and welding business for 33 years on East Harrison Street in Guthrie, before retiring in 1966, and was a good friend to many area farmers.

Harry White was taught the goodness of God as a youth, and had a tender heart toward the Lord, desiring to live for Him. He yielded himself to the call

of the gospel, and sought Christ for his salvation and accepted Him as his personal Saviour. He endeavored to maintain that experience and faith to the end. He was a member of the Church of God. He left a testimony that all was clear with God and that he was ready to go.

He is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Marie Mitchell of Trout, Louisiana, Mrs. Frances Deforth of Guthrie, Oklahoma, Mrs. Virginia Mitchell of Jena, Louisiana, and Mrs. Vera Rout of Crescent, Oklahoma; two sisters, Nellie Ott of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Mary Reece of Fresno, California; one brother, Roy White of Guthrie, Oklahoma; eleven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; besides a host of other relatives, saints, and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Leslie Busbee, and burial was in Summit View Cemetery of Guthrie, Oklahoma.

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Carrie (Reed) Woods, the daughter of William and Laura Reed, was born on Jan. 14, 1900, in Guthrie, Okla., and departed this life at Tulsa, Okla., on May 11, 1980, at the age of 80 years.

At a young age, Carrie accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and was born into the Church of God.

In Dec., 1924, Carrie was united in marriage with Al Woods. To this union three daughters were born. Her husband and one daughter preceded her in death.

Sister Carrie had a special love and concern for the young people, and often exhorted them to keep their lives clear and straight before God. Some of her last advice to the old and young was, "Don't get slack in living for God, but tighten your grip and hold fast."

Sister Carrie leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Jeffries and Mrs. Maxine Pegues; ten grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Luther and Sanders Reed; one sister, Mrs. Lottie Buchanan, all of Tulsa, Okla., and a host of other relatives, saints, and friends.

The funeral services were held at Tulsa, Okla., with Bro. Woodrow Warren officiating, assisted by Sister Katherine Williams and Bro. Lewis Williams.

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Sis. Rosa E. (Pierro) Tompkin Wilson was born August 29, 1936, and entered into rest May 12, 1980.

She was a devoted Christian wife and mother. God blessed her with the talent to compose and sing songs, in which she was faithful to encourage and inspire many others.

In 1955, she was united in holy matrimony to Bro. Leo Tompkin, Sr. Bro. Tompkin departed this life in 1963, leaving her with their four small children. In 1972, the Lord blessed her with another devoted husband, Bro. Grady Wilson. He faithfully stood by her and helped to care for her during her difficult afflictions.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Bro. Grady Wilson; her father, Bro. Jefferson Pierro; her mother, Sis. Geneva Pierro; her paternal grand-

mother, Sis. Josephine Pierro; one son, Leo Tompkin, Jr.; three daughters, Leona, Cheryl, and Rosanne Tompkin; nine brothers, James, Edward, David, Alfred, Charles, Samuel, Ralph, Isaac, and Jeryl Pierro; six sisters, Jefferlene, Pauline, Josephine, and Bertha Pierro; Sheila (Mrs. Jack Nettles), and Gloria (Mrs. Cecil Dyer); as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

Services were conducted at the Church of God chapel in Fresno, California, with Bro. E. J. Trotter officiating.

Note of Appreciation

Sincere thanks are hereby extended to everyone who expressed their kind concern through prayers, and to all those who otherwise performed deeds of love during the difficult, final days of Sis. Rosa Wilson.

Aged Saints at Rest With the Lord

Word has just been received that Sister Della Perry departed this life on June 21-22, 1980, at the Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, Okla. Burial will be in the Oak Grove Cemetery at Loranger, La.

Information was also received that Sister Edith Wittenborn passed away on June 19, 1980, at the Church Sunset Guest Home at Pacoima, Calif. She had suffered much from a broken hip.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the bereaved relatives of these deceased loved ones.

—Editor

In Loving Memory of Sidney Charles Rabel

(August 31, 1955 to April 27, 1980)

Sid is remembered by all who knew him as a strong, uncompromising Christian. He witnessed to more people of his Christian faith in the last two years of his life than many Christians do in a lifetime.

In the fall of 1978, he and his wife Betty and daughter Julie moved to Prince George, Canada, to help spread the gospel in this spiritually dark north country. He was much loved by all who came in contact with him, and his vibrant testimony let people know the reality of God.

In the fall of 1979, he bought a water-trucking business, in which he was successful. He felt good being self-employed and having a job where he could meet the public. In March, 1980, he and his wife went to an old-fashioned Church of God revival meeting in Okla. When he came back, he was simply heaven bound. He spent his spare time telling religious people, "The way is very narrow, and God will not accept anything less than a self-denying, holy life to get one into heaven." People got turned off, and in the last few weeks he began to desire to go to heaven himself. He told us he'd consider it a compliment to be able to die and go to heaven. One day when his mother was planting trees on the forty acres, he drove over and told her he would not be living very long. When she tried to detour his thoughts, he said,

"You can say what you like, I know I won't live long." Another time he said, "I try to warn people of how God wants them to live, and they won't listen. Maybe they'd listen if someone died; maybe I'll have to die."

Sid and his family had been looking for a campground to hold a campmeeting this summer, July 5 to 13. We found two acres which looked good. As we were looking over the grounds, I observed Sid standing with his hands on his hips looking all around, and then standing silently staring at the heavens for some time. I couldn't see anything above. It was time to go, so I called him and asked what were his thoughts? He smiled broadly and said, "It won't be long now."

About a week later, Sunday, April 20, Sid contracted the flu. After driving the truck part of the time, and being up and down most of the week, on Saturday Sid told his brother Ben he was well and he'd handle the trucking himself. So Sid trucked Saturday, and Ben flew back to Chilliwick. On Sunday morning Sid passed over to receive his crown, leaving his loving wife Betty, daughter Julie, and a baby to be born in June. He also left a vacant spot in the hearts of each of the family, which only God can fill.

God wonderfully supplied, and the day after his death we were notified that we could purchase the grounds, even though it hadn't been up for sale at the time we inquired about it. We are purchasing the grounds in fulfillment of Sid's dream.

Sid's favorite song was, "There's a city of gold; . . . oh, what will it be to be there?" His favorite Scripture was, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to day and forever." Hebrews 13:8. —John and Daisy Rabel

HOLLY HILL, S. C., CAMPMEETING REPORT

The Holly Hill, S. C., campmeeting of the Church of God convened on June 6, 1980, with the first service on Friday evening.

The preaching was given by the Holy Spirit from the start to the conclusion. The power of conviction rested on many as the Bible truths came down in their fullness. Several were at the altar for spiritual help. We trust that those who did not yield will yet come to the Lord.

Eight states were represented in the attendance. Many were the temporal blessings throughout the meeting as the Lord provided in a special way.

The special singing was very inspiring, and we thank God for the truth in song. Let us pray that the truth heard in the meeting will continue to bring forth fruit.

We are encouraged to keep right on with our campmeeting by God's help and the saints' prayers. Praise God!

Yours in Christ,

—Bro. and Sister Hudson Crummie
Rt. 1, Box 42, Holly Hill, S. C. 29059

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The Remaining Campmeeting Dates For 1980

Hammond, Louisiana—June 28 to July 6.
 Ojos Negros, Baja Cfa., Mexico—June 30 to July 6.
 Fresno, California—July 4 to 13.
 Prince George, B. C., Canada—July 5 to 13.
 Akron, Ohio—July 5 to 13.
 National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs),
 Missouri—July 18 to 27.
 Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Missouri —
 July 28 to August 4.
 Bakersfield, California—August 1 to 10.
 Boley, Oklahoma—August 15 to 24.
 California State Campmeeting at Pacoima, Calif. —
 August 22 to 31.

FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the coming 43rd National Campmeeting of the Church of God in this "evening time" of the gospel day. It will be held, Lord willing, on July 18 to 27, 1980, at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri.

This is the centennial year of the Church of God Reformation which began about 1880, under the labors of D. S. Warner and other reformers, bringing the light on the one true Church that Jesus built. During this national gathering of God's people we should remember with grateful hearts the rich heritage of Bible truth that has been brought down to us by the faithfulness of those pioneer ministers of the first thirty years of this reformation, and all those ministers and saints who remained true to the faith during the past seventy years to the present centennial year. Come to this national campmeeting and observe a people who are still teaching and practicing the Bible truths that brought forth this glorious "evening light" reformation. Ministers from across the nation will preach the Word under the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit who is the Executive Officer. No instrumental music will be used in the services. Men and women of God will be dressed in modest apparel as becometh saints. (However, remember that everyone who comes on the grounds or attends the services is not a saint, but we want everyone to come so he can hear and believe the gospel.)

The campgrounds are located approximately five miles east of Neosho, Missouri, on Highway 86, the exact location being one mile east and 3/4 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 dormi-

tories 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. Motels in the area were listed in the May issue of this paper, and reservations at those motels should be made far in advance of the meeting. In addition, there are parking areas on the grounds for trailers, campers, and motor homes. Electricity, water, and sewer hook-ups are available at the trailer spaces.

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 at Rt. 7, Box 351, Neosho, Mo. 64850.

The work days to prepare for this meeting are scheduled for Saturday, June 28, July 4, July 5, and July 12. All that have a burden for this work are encouraged to come and help prepare the grounds and buildings for the meeting. If you are not able to come, please pray for the workers and that the Lord will bless us with a successful meeting this year.

Please send your contribution to the meeting or request for further information to the caretakers, Bro. and Sister Dale Doolittle, R. 7, Box 415A, Neosho, Mo. 64850, phone 451-2542, or to the business manager, Bro. Jim Wall, 5825 E. 64th St., Tulsa, Okla. 74136.

Come praying for the salvation of sinners, the sanctification of believers, and the divine physical healing of the sick and afflicted. —Editor

MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING

The Missouri State campmeeting, held at Myrtle, Mo., will begin on Monday, July 28, 1980, and continue through the following Monday, Aug. 4, Lord willing. Since this meeting begins on the day after the Monark Springs National Campmeeting ends, the meeting will not convene until Monday night. This is to give time for those coming from Monark Springs to set up their tents or campers before the meeting begins.

Due to the increased attendance at this annual meeting, we would like to inform you that our accommodations and facilities are limited; also, that the cabins are reserved for the ministers and elderly. All who can, are urged to bring campers, tents, cots, and bedding. However, provisions will be made to care for all who come.

This 30th annual meeting will be held under the new tabernacle erected on the campgrounds. We extend a hearty invitation to all to attend. Come to get a blessing and to be a blessing, and with a burden for souls and the welfare of the meeting. The expense of the meeting will be met by freewill offerings.

Anyone coming by bus to Thayer, Mo., (the nearest station) may call the Church of God campgrounds at Myrtle, Mo., phone (417) 938-4682, and

arrangements will be made to bring you to the grounds.

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

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., CAMPMEETING

The Bakersfield, Calif., campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, August 1 to 10, 1980.

The location of the chapel is 1802 Virginia Ave., on the corner of Virginia Avenue and Brown Street. Everyone is invited to attend these services, and accommodations will be furnished for all who can attend. We request your prayers, and hope the Lord will impress many of you to come and *be* a blessing and *get* a blessing.

For further information, contact Bro. Robert Mays at 421 So. Brown St., Bakersfield, Calif. 93307, phone (805) 325-2730, Bro. Z. E. Francisco at 305 So. Owens, phone (805) 323-0747, or Bro. Archie Sherman, Jr. at 3400 Rayborn Way, Bakersfield, Calif. 93306, phone (805) 871-1636. The church phone number is (805) 395-9314. —Sis. Robena Montgomery, Sec.

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING

The annual California State campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, August 22 to August 31, 1980, at the campground located at 12312 Osborne Pl., Pa-coima, California.

A sincere invitation is extended to everyone to attend this meeting. We solicit the prayers of the saints everywhere that each service will be richly blessed of God.

Accommodations will be provided for all who attend. If you can bring your own bedding, it will be appreciated.

For further information, contact Bro. Robert Sherman, phone (213) 896-7593, or Brother James Pierro, phone (213) 896-5331, or the chapel, phone (213) 899-9021.
—E. L. Sorrell

TULSA, OKLA. CAMPMEETING REPORT

The annual campmeeting, held here at Tulsa, Okla., from June 6 to 15, was well attended. The power and authority of God was manifested in the deliverance of people from sin and sickness. We are thankful for the faithful brethren who obeyed God in coming to labor in word and doctrine, and also for the saints who faithfully worked and prayed for the campmeeting.

The time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God. When the Word and power of God has full and free course with us, then we can realize "where the authority is." When one has met the authority of God, he is able to submit to that which is of God, even to God's delegated authority.

Pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified. —Norman Simpson

OKLAHOMA CITY SPRING MEETING REPORT

Prior to our April meeting at 800 N. E. Third St., in Oklahoma City, our daily petition to Jesus was, "Lord, send a revival, and let it begin in me." The Lord did so faithfully answer this prayer. Words cannot express the joy and refreshings of His Spirit that we received.

We thank God for the ministers, Bro. E. J. Trotter and others, who participated in the meeting, allowing the Lord to use them at His will. Many other saints came from far and near to share in the effort of soul-winning.

The messages were anointed, and the presence of God was felt. Souls sought and found spiritual and physical help. Through all the battles, the victory was so plainly won. To God be the glory for all He has done!

Our sincere thanks are extended to everyone for your prayers and support given. —Juanita Parks

FRESNO, CALIF., MEETING REPORT

The annual spring meeting of the Church of God in Fresno, Calif., is now history, and only God knows the lasting good that was done.

It seemed the Spirit of God followed a pattern—in the first part of the meeting sending forth the Word on adorning the hidden man of the heart with the ornaments that are priceless in the sight of God. The middle part was on taking inventory as to how much value we place on our souls. The last part was on keeping what we have gained and reaching forth to higher heights. Also, we received some precious instructions for the mothers on Mother's Day, that being the last Sunday of the meeting.

The Spirit of God not only anointed the messages sent, but brought conviction to many, convincing souls of their needs. How we thank God for those who received help. We pray all will stay faithful, and abound in the "abundant life." —Lavern Moles

REVIVAL TENT MEETING IN MISSOURI

The Lord willing, and conditions permitting, there will be a revival tent meeting held August 6 to 17, 1980, on the Skyline School ground, which is eleven miles south of Norwood, Mo. Take U. S. 60 highway to Norwood, then take "C" road south eleven miles to Highway 76, then left on 76 one-tenth of a mile.

Bring campers, bedding, sleeping bags, and tents if you have them.

We're praying the Lord to send ministers, singers, prayer warriors, and personal workers that have the burden for the meeting.

Meals and lodging will be at the home of Egbert Allen. We have plenty of shade trees, good water, and hospitality.

For further information contact, Egbert Allen, Rt. 2, Norwood, Mo. 65717, phone (417) 746-4250.

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PROPOSED SCHOOL NEEDS HELP

Lord willing, the Christian Pathway School in Springfield, Mo., will start this school year on Aug. 25, 1980. We are trusting in the Lord to prosper and bless this effort. We are in need of two teachers. If you feel a burden to help in this way, please contact Bro. Terry Allen, 2761 W. Sylvia Ct., Springfield, Mo. 65803, phone (417) 865-9287.—Sis. Reba Wittenborn

A Correction, Please

The poem in the June, 1980 issue entitled *A Picture In My Heart*, was given to us to print. We apologize for printing copyrighted copy. An especial apology goes to Ross Minkler, who is the composer of this lovely song, for not knowing to give him credit.

—Marie Miles

Prayer Requests

W. Va.—“My husband left me with a baby and a little girl. Pray that the Lord will deal with his heart and bring him back home. I want him to be saved.”

—Donna Simonin

W. Va.—Pray for Janet Patrick to be healed of seizures. She has two children who need her training. God is still healing seizures. Her uncle was healed of it about six years ago.

Wash.—Bro. Thomas of Seattle writes of his great need of healing.

Okla.—Sis. Evelyn McCoy has been sick for a couple of weeks. She is some better, but still needs prayer.

Ohio—Pray for Sis. Hiles' grandson who has diabetes and other complications. He needs salvation.

Okla.—Bro. Elbert Johnson in the State prison requests special prayer for the healing of an affliction on his body.

N. C.—Pray earnestly for Bro. James McLester who is in a furnace of affliction.

Ga.—“Pray that the Lord will heal the pains that I suffer. I desire that God will completely heal my body.”

—Miss Willie Lou McKinnon

Fla.—“Please pray for my wife who is very sick. She has her trust in the Lord.”—Roy L. Blanchard

Be encouraged to trust God for all things. Nothing is too hard for Him to do. My father (Fred Pruitt) said one time that some people act like they are serving a God that they can carry around in their pocket. But we are serving a big God, One who created the universe and our bodies. Surely, He can heal our bodies.

When my father was living, my husband and I lived in the home with the young people who worked here in the office. Naturally our home was a place of much activity, since many came and went. One time my nerves caused me much trouble. With the many duties in the office and pressures from carrying a burden for the work of the Lord, I felt that it was needful that I get away for a week's rest. My husband and I agreed that we would get a motel and

spend the week, so I would be completely away from the phone and all activities that I might rest. I told my father about our plans. I will never forget the calm smile that came over his face, and in a low, kind, firm voice he said, “You don't need to do that. God can heal you.” Of course, I knew that, and agreed that was what I needed. After he quoted some Scriptures and encouraged my faith, I asked him to pray for me. We knelt in prayer and the Lord touched my body and nerves. I didn't go away for that planned rest. Isn't that just like the Lord?

—Sis. A. Marie Miles

LETTER BY THE VARGHESES OF INDIA

Okla. (June 5)—My dearly beloved Bro. Pruitt: Greetings to you all again in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Thank you very much for your letter dated June 2, and the support for the mission work in India was noted with gratitude.

I'm glad to know that the last two days of the Oklahoma State campmeeting were very good, but sorry we missed those blessed meetings. We are very happy to note that several young men and women got saved, sanctified, and consecrated during the Guthrie campmeeting. May God help them to grow in the grace of God and to continue in the love of God until death.

By the grace of God, my wife and I are going on very well in soul and body. Lord willing, we plan to attend a few days' meetings of the Tulsa, Okla. campmeeting, and then start to Oregon. After the Jefferson, Oregon campmeeting, we plan to attend the Hammond, La. campmeeting. After the National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo., we wish to go back to India. We continue to remember you in our earnest prayers.

Yours in His service,

—John & Sarah Varghese

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Bendel State, Nigeria (May 14)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints everywhere: Greetings in the precious name of the Lord Jesus, the “Apostle and High Priest.”

Thank you for your letter dated May 2, 1980, and contents of which were noted.

Life is one golden opportunity, and we either avail ourselves of it or lose it. “Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? . . .” (Psa. 15:1-5). With meditation on this Scripture, there will be in the heart a determination to be sincere. Under the shade of the tree, Nathaniel thought he was unseen by any eye, but he was seen by the eye of Him from whom nothing is hid. “When thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.” We seldom pause to think that God knows us altogether, that His eye looks into the innermost recesses of our being, and that He knows us through and through.

Campmeeting time is the call of God to a spiritual feast, to accept the gospel message, which is all

important. New, clean, white garments are provided by Him who has made all things ready. Man is utterly unfit for such occasions in his own garments of self-righteousness. Our prayers are with you for the occasions to close with soul-saving victory.

We are going forth at Christ's bidding, doing our best in the vineyard of souls. The midnight fishing in the sea of Galilee resulted in complete failure because the efforts of the apostles were self-directed. But when the fishermen went forth at Christ's bidding, how different the haul! "Without me ye can do nothing," Jesus said. Faithful, patient, humble service may go unrecorded and unnoticed of men, but the faithfulness of brave and loyal hearts is not forgotten by Him whose eye is on the sparrow.

A handful of men at Oguta in Imo State, who heard about the Church, have invited us to visit them. Lord willing, we shall be there during the month. "Whosoever will" is the language of the Scriptures. We have Christ's message to deliver to them. It is a universal message of love, of freedom, and of victory. The Church is marching on!

Yours in His service, —Titus U. E. Enu

Earthquake Strikes Mexico Mission

Word has come that on June 8, 1980, a volcanic earthquake struck the village of Patzcuaro, Mexico, where Sister Edith (Cole) Lara has a mission station. Some people were killed, all the buildings were damaged, and the survivors in the government village were evacuated to another town. Several cracks appeared in the ground from which came steam, water, and mud. Steam wells already existed nearby. The mission family is safe, for which we thank the Lord, and they are endeavoring to live in their damaged home. Pray for them, and remember their need for financial support. Address: Edith Lara, P.O. 1425, Calexico, Calif. 92231.

—Editor

From the Mail Box . . .

N. Mex.—Dear Sister Marie and saints: I take everything to God in prayer. He is a present help in every time of need. I do appreciate the *Faith and Victory* paper. It is so much help and encouragement. I would hate to do without it, so keep sending it. May the good Lord bless all of you and keep you well, especially in the complete healing of Bro. Lawrence.

—Sis. Ruth Doolittle

Kansas—Dear Sis. Marie: I love to serve our blessed Saviour and do His will. He has been so long-suffering with me, so gentle, and faithful to my soul. My words are too few to tell how deeply my soul is satisfied in Him. "Could I sing out the pleasure in my bosom, how my heart thrills with glory in the way; all the world would no longer in the desert stay, but to my Jesus come, and even today." I desire to live that I can win someone to the Lord.

One day when I was expecting to receive the paper, I called out to Jerry, my husband, as he was

returning from the mailbox, "Did we get the *Faith and Victory* today?" He asked, "Do you have the faith?" I replied that I certainly did. He said, "And I've got the victory, praise the Lord!" I'm so thankful for a home where God is honored. It's a blessing to serve Him together.

Christian love, —Cynthia Meek

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Okla.—Dearest Sister Marie: I have certainly enjoyed your many inspiring letters. They have been a source of encouragement to me.

We can bear fruit in our old age, too. Psalms 92:13,14. I desire to continue to live so that God will be pleased with my life and use me in His vineyard. There is a rich reward for the faithful.

I desire your prayers that I grow in grace, knowledge, and wisdom, that I might leave a heritage for our children. We are growing older, and these golden years are precious. I want to make each day count for the Lord.

Your Sister in the Faith, —Theresa Gaines

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La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all other saints: Greetings in the name of Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I am surely thankful for that, because there is so much change in the world, that if Jesus changed I couldn't keep up. I am glad that as the Church moves forward, it remains the same, humble, peculiar people.

This leaves us still encouraged to press on, although we have trials and afflictions. I am not completely over the swine flu, but it seems I am making a faster recovery than people who trust the doctors. I am able to tend some garden and mow my yard. We both still need prayer, but we have had some definite physical help from God since I last wrote. We are still praying daily for your complete healing.

Lord willing, we hope to see you at the Monark Springs campmeeting in July.

Yours in Christ,

—Bro. and Sister Ben Goldsberry

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: I have wanted to testify that the good Lord showed me that it was wrong to have a TV in our home, when we claimed to be a follower of Christ in the Church of God. At one time we had a TV. I told Bro. Merrill and Sis. Ruby Williamson that if God would show me it was wrong to have it, I would get rid of it, and He did. I thought about the Scripture which says that those whom God loves He chastens.

A bolt of lightning killed two cows and set the garage on fire. We put it out. Thanks to God for His love for my family and me! The fire burned switches out at different places.

Bro. Lawrence, I want to be a light to the world. I want to see all the saints up in heaven. Pray for us here at West Monroe. —N. P. Futch & Family

Canada—Dear Bro. Pruitt: May the good Lord bless you in soul and body. Greetings in the lovely name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are happy in the Lord to report that everything is well with our souls and bodies. Praise His holy Name! I am trusting fully in the Lord. He will keep me on the narrow way—the King's highway of holiness, and up and up until I will see my Redeemer some day.

I love to read His Word and to live by it to the best of my ability. I am happy in the Lord and want to do His will. The Lord has been so good to me; from this world He set me free, and I revel in His love, counting all the things above.

May the Lord bless all of you.

A follower of Christ, —George Schroeder

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W. Va.—Dear friends in Christ: I want the world to know how God is healing me. I had a cataract on my right eye. The doctor said I would go blind, but praises be to God, He is removing the cataract by a divine operation. I can already see my hand and part of my fingers. Oh, praise the Lord!—Alice Hinkle

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W. Germany—Testimony of Bro. Karlbowski continued, Part Two:—

Nevertheless, my health still deteriorated, and in an hour of weakness, I yielded to persuasions of my son to take me to a world-famous homeopathist in Gottingen, who was also well-known for administering fresh-cell-injections and acupuncture. This was on Nov. 22, 1977. However, his findings were much in agreement with those of the other doctors: body worn out . . . short life expectancy without fresh-cell-injections, which are extremely expensive. So, I went back home and resolved not to take any other medication apart from that which was already prescribed to me by the other doctors.

By mid-September, my health condition had further deteriorated. I had great pains in my intestines, and the taking in of food was especially painful. I was rapidly losing weight, about ten pounds per week, and I felt my time was running short. I stopped troubling any more doctors with my condition, and rejected the idea of being transported to Gottingen again for care in a clinic.

During the night of Sept. 21, 1978, while being seized with another severe attack of pain, I fell on my knees and implored the Lord to have mercy on me and heal my body, if He deemed I was still useful in His service. But the heavens seemed brazen. My petition yielded no immediate answer. Then it was like a small voice from within speaking to me: "Why are you lamenting so much? Believe, and thank God for healing amidst your suffering." Now that seemed very paradox to me. It appeared to make no sense at all, and while still being at war with this idea, I began to claim the promises of Jesus, and began to thank God while yet in pain. I told him that I believed I would be healed when I got off my knees. While yet praising the Lord, I felt the power of God on my body, yea, as if His hand

reached inside my stomach and removed with a slow motion the cause of my suffering. I was healed! With great joy, I leaped on my feet, praised the Lord, and was filled with unspeakable joy.

From that time on, I could eat everything, even those foods I hitherto had to avoid, and I have had a healthy appetite ever since. (Tears of joy are streaming down my cheeks, and I must pause from writing.) Right then I disposed of all my medicine, and I never intend to make use of a doctor's services or medicine again. My gratitude toward God knows no bounds. I cannot help but praise Him, and I desire to take every opportunity to testify for Jesus. The Lord made me a living testimony of His grace.

It was on Feb. 6, 1979, when I was suddenly struck with great pains. My back up to the neck was paralyzed. Pains persisted, whether lying, sitting, standing, or kneeling. I could not turn my head nor breathe properly. I found myself again in a very poor condition, and I endured much pain that night. In the morning of Feb. 7, I could hardly get out of bed. However, I managed to drag myself into the office, there falling on my knees and calling on the Lord with much faith. I told Him that I did not believe it to be His will that I should suffer so much, since he had so marvelously healed me a few months earlier. I believed it was Satan, and none else who inflicted me with so much pain. So it came to pass, that when I could not kneel any longer, because of the severity of my pains, I began to praise the Lord and resisted the enemy. After having received a sudden surge of strength from the Lord, I arose from my knees, shouting and praising God and leaping up the stairs into the kitchen to see my wife. In doing so, I took two steps at a time. There I performed some gymnastics to show her that I was healed, and I gave thanks to God for instant healing. At first, she was frightened and thought I was out of my mind. But I gave glory to God for His kindness in coming to the rescue of His weak and unprofitable servant.

—Reinhold Karlbowski

(Part Three in next issue)

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Va.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: These lines are to let you know that God is still on His throne, and that He still performs miracles. I feel that He has just brought me through one.

A contractor is building some houses across the street from where we live. I thought I would go over and help him some. While I was there, he asked me if I would help him get the house under a roof. The newspapers were forecasting rain turning to snow. He wanted to keep the plywood on the floor dry, so that it wouldn't warp. The bad weather was to last over the weekend. I told him that I would if the Lord was willing. This was on March 6. We got the roof up and covered with plywood all over except a place about 2 feet by 5 feet. Then we covered it over with building paper to keep the rain and snow from getting on the floor. We covered the whole roof, as well as the place that had no plywood. We had

marked it so no one would walk on it. At least, that is what we thought. That night the rain and snow came. We could not do anything more on the house until Wednesday of the next week.

There are two roof levels on this house. One is about 14 inches above the other. I walked up on the low roof and stepped up on the high roof, over the two rafters that formed the over-hang on the roof. This is the place that had no plywood, just the building paper. This is where I put my foot. Then the paper tore, and I started to fall. The Lord said, "Put out your arms"; so I did. When I got them out, they rested on the roof. There I was, my arms and head above the roof, and the rest of my body below the roof, hanging in mid-air. I was trying to figure how I got into this position, when I realized that I had walked where we had not put the plywood. I thanked the Lord that He told me to put out my arms, and that I didn't fall to the floor, which was about 14 feet below me.

I got back up on the roof, and started to work again. The fellow that I was helping asked me if I got hurt. I said, "No, I don't think I did." Then he said that I should go see my doctor to find out if I had any broken bones or cracked ribs. I told him that my Doctor was the One that let me fall, and if I had any broken bones, He would heal me or they wouldn't get healed. I worked all that day. The next day was Friday, and it rained all day, so we didn't do anything. On Friday afternoon my leg started to feel like it had some pressure on it, like it was swelling and getting stiff. That night when I went to bed, I saw that my thigh was getting black and blue. I said, "Lord, I am in your hands." Then I had prayer and went to bed. I had a good night's sleep. When I got up the next morning, I saw that my thigh was black and blue from my knee to my hip. I had no pain, but I was sore. I realized then that when I had fallen, my thigh scraped along the edge of the plywood, causing a bruise from my knee to my hip. Then the devil tried to slip in and said, "You should have gone to a doctor. This might cause blood clots or blood poison, or gangrene might set in. This could kill you, or you might have to have your leg cut off." I said to him, "Get behind me, Satan. I will trust in the Lord. He has done many miracles, and He can take care of me now." Then I thought of Noah and the ark, and how God took care of him. I thought of the three Hebrew children, and Joseph, Paul, and Silas. I thought of how He raised Lazarus from the grave and healed others. Oh, how it pays to serve and put one's trust and faith in the Lord!

I believe the Lord worked a miracle for me when He kept that paper from tearing, holding my weight of 184 pounds until I got my left foot over the side of my right foot, and how He told me to put out my arms while I was falling. He kept me from falling down to the floor. He kept me from getting any blood clots, blood poison, or gangrene. He healed me in two weeks and four days and took away all the marks of the accident. I thank the Lord for every-

thing, and I will keep my faith and trust in Him, for He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day, "both soul and body."

Your Brother in Christ, —Earl Tinsley

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints of God: Praise God for keeping grace, and a calm in the midst of all storms.

Bro. Willie Murphey of Guthrie, and some brethren from Tulsa were with us in services a few days ago here at McAlester prison. I was so happy to see the different ones that I had not seen for so many years. God blessed us in our worship together, as Bro. Murphey fed us with the Words of Life. Praise God! The world has **nothing** to compare with the pure, clean Gospel. It will redeem the soul and empower the saints for service. I do pray that God will reward each one for his sacrifice of love and efforts in our behalf. It lifts us up in this dark place, just to know the saints are praying for us. Indeed, we are not alone!

I've been reading these back issues of the *Faith and Victory* and feasting on the wonderful testimonies of God's blessings to His trusting children. My highest desire is to be able to live so that I can truly be worthy of His name! As someone said, "I would rather be a doorman in the house of God than a reigning monarch in this world!"

Yours in Him, —Bro. Elbert Johnson

Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

Question: Please comment on Luke 6:30-35. If someone steals from us, should we make no effort to get our possessions back? Also, "And lend, hoping for nothing again"; is this talking about not receiving interest on what we loaned, or that we should not look to receive back what we loaned?

Answer: I will first insert the text of Luke 6:30-35. "Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil."

I acknowledge that for a long time, I myself stumbled at this passage and mulled around over it quite a little. But I think the reason I did was because I was taking it out of context. Any time we do this, we are likely to be thrown into confusion and wonderment as to the meaning of any specified text. I am

reminded of a time when Bro. Gene Harmon was on the ground cutting rafters for the roof of a house he was building, and two men were on top putting them up. One of the men called down to Brother Harmon and said, "Here is one that doesn't fit." And Brother Harmon, without stopping his work or looking up, called back and said, "Put it where it belongs and it will fit." Sure enough, it was so. The men on top were trying to put it in the wrong place. Many are doing this with the Scriptures, and making them mean something which they do not mean at all. Scriptures have their place and proper setting, and in that context mean exactly what Jesus had in mind for them to mean. Taken out of context, those same Scriptures can be made to mean something far different from what Jesus had in mind.

The passage under consideration here is a part of a more extended passage, and in connection with the other part of the passage comes out with clear and balanced meaning. This passage begins with verse 27 and ends with verse 36, and the part involved in this question is sandwiched between the first and the last. I do not have the thought now, though I did to some extent for a long time, that Jesus in these verses is teaching indiscriminate giving or indiscriminate lending or just general, promiscuous, wholesale charities and benevolences on any line to just anybody and everybody that asks of us.

Verses 27, 28, and 29 say, "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also." Taken in this context the statement in verse 30, "Give to every man that asketh of thee," seems to teach that if an enemy or one that hates me or has just cursed me and despitefully used me and has smitten me in the face and taken away my cloke (or possessions) or whatever, if he turns up in need of some help and comes to me for help, I am not to withhold from him help which I could give, because he is an enemy or has done these evil things to me. But I am to return good for evil (Rom. 12:20,21) and help him just as I would a friend. I recall a time when I was praying and meditating over the text, "Love your enemies"; the Lord spoke straight out to me and told me my enemy was just the same to Him as my friend was, and that I was to see all men through His eyes and serve Him in kindness and in benevolence toward my enemies as well as toward my friends. When Jesus said "every man" in this text, I interpret it that way, rather than to a general, wholesale, promiscuous giving to anybody and everybody whom I might know were going to gamble with it or buy liquor or narcotics with it. I cannot feature Jesus teaching any such thing and making us helpers of their evil deeds.

When Jesus spoke of "Him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again," He was not referring to a person's outright stealing from us. But this is in connection with the last part of verse 30, and is made a

little clearer maybe in Matt. 5:38-41, and more particularly verse 40 which reads, "And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also." This is clearly not a man (a thief) stealing from you, but a man who has some complaint against you sufficient to make a case out of, and he sues you and wins the suit in court and takes away your cloke (or some of your possessions), give him more than he asks. This whole passage in Matt. 5, is teaching us away from the old law, "eye for eye and tooth for tooth"—tit for tat and giving back just what we received concept, and teaching us to give full satisfaction to anyone who has a complaint against us. Instead of asking a return of what they took away, give them even more than they ask, if necessary, to satisfy the complaint.

In verse 35, Jesus said, "Lend, hoping for nothing again." The Scriptures teach us to "owe no man any thing" (Rom. 13:8). In other words, pay our obligations. Also, in Rom. 12:17 we read, "Provide things honest in the sight of all men." Psalms 37:21 says, "The wicked borroweth and payeth not again." In other words, he does not pay his debts. This is God's teaching for our financial dealings with our fellowmen, and God surely expects people to pay back what they borrow. We have a right to expect that, too. But what the Spirit and disposition of God is against is our doing good and being helpful and benevolent and lending as a Christian person, but at the same time having the sneaking idea in the back of our mind that some time we may get a pay back on that by exacting some favor from the borrower in return. True Christians never do a favor to another person with the idea in mind of obligating that person to return the favor. This idea is covered in Luke 14:12-14, "Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

The extended passage of Luke 6:27-36 closes by saying, "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." The overall passage teaches us to be merciful unto all men whether friend or foe. This is really the crux of the whole matter here.

It is possible for us to be placed right in the midst of wickedness, where the people are desperately wicked on every side, where but little else is heard but cursing and blasphemy, and at the same time we be kept from all this evil and our souls filled with the love and glory of God.

—E. E. Byrum

A little pine tree that grew by the roadside had its branches heavily covered with snow. As the tree bent over, the snow fell off, leaving the tree to stand upright again. Oftentimes we would not have so much to bear if we would bend more readily. Be submissive.

—C. E. Orr

Not A New Movement . . .

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pipe organ, and the orchestra. All who heard him well remember his scathing words against such honorary titles as Rev., D. D., L. L. D., etc. He told us where they got the initials D. D. How would some of the present D. D.'s, claiming to be representatives of this movement, feel to have this holy man come and preach on such a subject in their "First Church of God"? His teaching, both preaching and writing, abounded in denunciation of worldliness in dress. While the women in those days did not wear the short skirts and sleeveless waists [blouses] as worn today, they did wear the big flouncing sleeve, and other extravagances which he denounced. They did not bob and marcelle [wave] their hair as today, yet they did "bang" their hair and wear "rats," which he abominated.

He taught against the wearing of flowers and plumes on the hat, or wearing beads, bracelets, rings, earrings, etc. He taught plainly and forcibly against the sin of sectarianism, of the joining of Y.M.C.A.'s and ministerial alliances. He taught against the use of tobacco, tea, and coffee. He taught emphatically against the shamefulness of a salaried ministry. He classed a hireling ministry with the false prophets. Some attempt to make a distinction between a salaried ministry and a hireling ministry. In any vocation in life, to arrange for a certain sum as a salary is to become a hireling. To receive a salary is to receive a hire. There is no difference. This holy man taught pointedly against the use of medicine, the surgeon's knife, etc. He denounced all money begging, fairs, shows, picnics [not referring to a group taking a lunch out to eat in the open air], festivals, bazaars, theatres, dancing, ball games, horse races, chicken and box suppers, etc. He opposed the marriage of a saint with a sinner, and the remarriage of any divorced person. We could go on to greater length, but this will answer our present purpose.

The above are some of the things he opposed both in teaching and practice. He lived what he preached. Now I believe, teach, and practice all those things I heard him teach. I cannot call to mind one single thing which I heard him preach that I do not believe and practice today. The question then is, Have I left the reformation? We will let every fair, honest, candid man answer the question. We are not starting a new movement, but keeping right on in the one that those early reformers brought in. No man can gainsay this. No honest, fair-minded man will attempt it. If Brother Warner were to be resurrected from the grave on a certain day, and he were again to preach as he did preach, and I knew the day of his resurrection, I certainly would make an honest and earnest attempt to have someone at the graveside with an invitation for him to come hold a series of meetings in our house of worship. Would all you preachers who claim to be of this movement open your pulpits to him for a month? Oh, what a clearing there would be if you would do it! Can you be fair and

still say that I have left this reformation? We are not starting a new movement, but in the love of Jesus are doing what we can to perpetuate the old movement that was brought in by D. S. Warner and his associates. We love these old time truths today. They are clear Bible teachings.

Satan is doing what he can to bring the world into this movement. It is only to look around a little to know how he is succeeding in many places. We are not warring and fighting, but praying and pleading, and teaching in the love of Jesus the good old-time truths of this reformation that brought us out of sin, sectarianism, and the world. We love this reformation. We love it in its old-time teaching. We do not want it dressed up in some new style of dress that you cannot tell it from the world. And now we appeal to all honest saints, all who love the old-time truths of this reformation to join us in endeavoring to preserve the simplicity and purity of this glorious reform. There are many who are not willing to bow to the goddess of this world. There are many precious saints in this movement who are groaning in spirit because of the worldliness of some others and a number of the preachers. They do not want these worldly innovations brought into this pure movement. They love God, they love His Word, they love those dear reformers who sacrificed and gave their lives for the pure, plain, simple teaching of this blessed reformation. Let us unite our efforts in upholding those glorious truths and keep this reformation moving on in her purity and power.

—By C. E. Orr in 1930

Five Points for Young Christians

Five things, if remembered, will help you each day; Obeyed, they will keep you from going astray; Though Satan may tempt you and trials betide, You surely will conquer, and in Christ abide.

"Keep looking to Jesus." He never can fail, And walk in His footsteps in every detail; The world's vain allurements will vanish from sight By "looking to Jesus," your Savior and Light.

"Read daily your Bible," if you would be strong To witness for Jesus and overcome wrong; "The Author," "the Book," and "the doer" abide, But they who neglect it will surely backslide.

"Pray without ceasing." This will bring you to Him Who cleanses and keeps you a victor o'er sin; There's nothing so great that our God cannot do, And nothing so small but He'll undertake, too.

"Confess Him to others," be bold for your King To those who are lying in darkness and sin; What help can you better to all recommend Than this blessed Jesus—the needy one's Friend?

"Do something for Jesus," He did all for you; Your joy in willing His sweet will to do; So seeking to please Him through life day by day, His presence shall gladden each step of your way.

—J. McIntosh