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"A Man Foursquare"

(Luke 2:25-29)

By Bro. John Varghese

Before Jesus gathered a group-movement around Him, there was another group out of which the group-movement grew. This existing group has been called, "The Redemptionists"—made up of those who were "looking for the redemption of Israel."

There was decay within Israel. The voice of prophecy had ceased. Religion was formal and dead. It was dry ground out of which the "root," Jesus, would grow. The page between the Old Testament and New Testament was blank, except for a remnant, the Redemptionists. They were the seed-plot of a new order, the germ of a new world. We can trace the Redemptionists in the opening chapters of Luke's Gospel. The group was made up, in all probability, of Zacharias and Elisabeth, Mary and Joseph, Simeon, Anna and the shepherds. They were agents of a new order, based on an equality of opportunity to everybody. The word "just" runs through the account of all of them.

The man who summed up the spirit of the Redemptionists within himself was Simeon, probably the humble center of this group. "There was a man." He was unadorned by any title, office or rank. He was just a man, which was the key note of the

new order. This plain layman was the vehicle of God's thought for the new age.

He was not only a man, but also a man foursquare. He "was righteous"—toward man; "devout"—toward God; "looking for the consolation of Israel"—toward his nation; "and the Holy Spirit was upon him"—toward himself. His faith made him sound in every relationship; a well-rounded personality. Some are righteous toward man and not devout toward God. Some are devout toward God and not righteous toward man. Some are patriotic lovers of their country but are inwardly empty; the Holy Spirit is not upon them. Some are devoutly mystical and spiritual but not interested in the affairs of their nation—they are narrowly personal. In Simeon, God's kingdom was working as total wholeness and health.

Simeon was right in general, and as a result of that, found particular guidance in a particular situation. "By an inspiration of the Spirit he came to the temple." Luke 2:27. You must not expect particular guidance if you

refuse to allow God to give you general guidance in the whole of your life. We must come under His general and particular guidance. May God help us to fit in every department of our life just as Simeon.

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Power When You Need It

By Bro. Ernie Moles

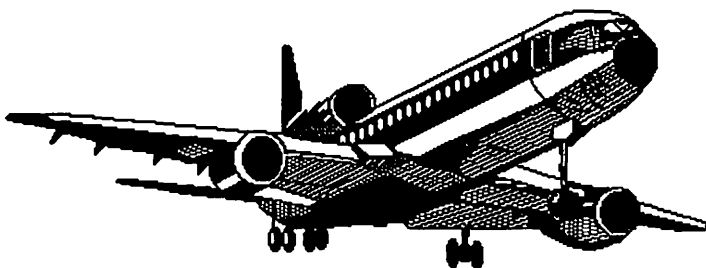
Automobiles, trains, tractors, and planes are designed to produce power when you need it. Big 747 jet planes are designed with an extra fuel line that leads to the motors on the plane. The pilot has access to the valve on that line to give the motors more fuel, which produces more power, to get the plane in the air. He needs that extra power. Gravity pulls hard at the plane to keep it on the ground, and there is only a certain distance to get airborne.

God has also designed a plan for man to have power when he needs it. That power comes through sanctification; being filled with the Holy Spirit. Sanctify means: "The state of being set apart for a sacred purpose." When we have been saved from all our sins, we need power to keep saved. So we dedicate our lives to God, bringing everything we possess to God and laying it on the altar of sacrifice, saying, "Lord, I am giving everything I possess, including myself, to you to do with as it pleases you. I am no more my own. I am selling out to you one hundred percent. I am asking you now to fill me with the Holy Spirit." And God will do that. (Lk. 11:13.)

The plane needs the extra power. If you have ever lived near an airport, and heard one of the big planes take off, you know when the pilot shuts the extra fuel off. The plane makes less

noise. Thank God for power to deny self. Self is our enemy, just like gravity is the plane's enemy. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23.) Self is the only channel that the Devil has to work through in tempting us to do something that will displease God. Self has a lot of power. Every child of God needs a good experience in sanctification, and we need to know what the Holy Spirit will do, and what it won't do. It will warn us of danger, and plead with us to not go any further,

but it won't stop us. If we are not willing to stop, the Holy Spirit won't overpower us and take our freedom from us. But it will give us power, when we need it, to resist temptation.



Like the airplane pilot who doesn't allow his plane to yield to gravity, we are responsible for what we allow our bodies to be overcome by, for God is dwelling there. I Cor. 6:19 says, "...know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" Take heed to keep your body from yielding to temptation. Use the power you are privileged to. Heb. 4:16 says, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

HOME LIFE

Pick-Me-Up Support

By Connie Sorrell

You know the scene: a crowded grocery store at 5:30. The lines at the check-out counters were four and five persons deep, moving slowly, though everyone seemed in a hurry. I was "patiently" waiting my turn, mentally scolding myself for shopping at the rush hour, when my youngest son decided he was fed up with waiting and hungry for supper. He let out a squall which turned 20 heads in our direction.

"Now, now, honey, we will soon be home." I began my comforting but the more I patted and

coaxed the louder his howling crescendoed. Though my face flushed hot my hands were cold and I felt like a lone ranger taming a wild cat.

Suddenly I heard a kind voice and felt a hand upon my shoulder. An elderly lady spoke cheerfully to my little tot, "There, there, little man! It can't be that bad!"

He stopped short of a cry and sniffed.

"Oh, see there! You are a good little fellow," she continued. "Your mommy is just as tired as you are, so be patient for her sake, okay? Oh, now look at that handsome smile you have! Let's play a game and see how long you can keep that smile! Don't you loose it!"

This kind lady continued her light chit-chat with my tot until I had handed the clerk payment for my groceries.

"Thanks a million!" I told her as I prepared to leave. Though I didn't even know her name, I felt fellowship in her understanding. She had warmed my heart so that I was reminded of my Grandma Miles who had helped me with my oldest son.

"Always think of your children as your friends," Grandma would say. "Be friends with them when they are young and they will be friends with you when they are older."

I knew Grandma must have practiced what she preached because many childhood family vacations I can remember, my dad had included Grandma in them. She made the trips more fun with her games and stories while highway miles rolled past. Daddy and Mother would have a few quiet times together while she kept us four youngones out of mischief. She always brought treats and snacks along to hand out when we seemed to be restless and a quiet time with Grandma soothed even the fussiest child.

That doesn't mean, however, that my mother lacked a motherly touch. Mother still puts her family first even though she is so involved these days in real estate. She has time to visit with me even if an important client is in her office. That personal priority is important to me.

Official holidays and birthdays are special family days. Mother plans the meals carefully and we eat them heartily. She learned good cooking from her mother who was an excellent cook and baker.

"Steam cook the vegetables in the smallest amount of water possible," Mother taught me. "Keep a lid on the pan and cook only a minimum bit of time to save the vitamins, flavor, and color."

Since Mother was a 'country girl' we often had fresh vegetables from her garden or her mother's. Patiently, Mother taught me the joy of gardening and cooking—a joy which I am endeavoring to pass along to my two daughters. Consequently, I am currently cultivating patience.

Perhaps some day I will be as my great-aunt and great-uncle. Once a month or so I clean house for them, often with one or two children in tow. Actually, I think she has me to clean so she can be with the children.

"Did you come without any children today?" she will ask if I was blessed to find a baby-sitter.

"Oh, my, I thought we would have some children to watch today."

Her love for my children makes me appreciate them more than ever. After all, isn't value determined by need and importance? If my children make others happy, then I want to keep happiness among us.

I know I love my family but sometimes I lose sight of that love in the everyday hassle of life. That's why I appreciate the after-supper calls I daily receive from an elder sister in our congregation.

"What good food did you have for supper?" she will ask. I know she calls out of loneliness but I desperately need her calls for encouragement. She believes fresh green peas are delicious which revives my energy after spending thirty minutes stuffing little green balls into shut mouths.

"I'll bring you over a fresh piece of apple pie when I run to the grocery store after the children are in bed," I tell her. (By then my husband is home with the children.)

"Honey, don't worry about me," she tells me. "You need to go to bed early tonight and do the shopping in the morning. Remember, you want to look just as nice at 50 as you do right now."

"Thank you. I need all the compliments I can get," I sigh into the phone. "Believe me, it is easier to shop all alone at 9:30 p.m. than with a crowd at 9:30 a.m."

"Well, do what is best for yourself. You know I always enjoy a visit from you," she reconciles.

What would I do without not only the council but also the examples that I have in older women? I find support and good examples in the elder women about me. (Titus 2:3-4.) This gives me courage to face one more tomorrow.



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Editorials

Recent times have shown evidence of unchecked humanity in such things as the government supporting the lessening of restrictions for abortion and the gay rights parade in Washington D. C. Our president has stated that in his first one hundred days of office he has made great changes in the direction our country is going concerning social issues. If the lessening of the sanctity of life, and perverting the holiness of living is his boast, then I believe that the country can lower its eyes in shame. Supporting "alternate lifestyles" that are clearly defined in the Bible as disqualifying one for heaven, is to stand up in the face of God and question either His existence, or else His sovereignty. It is obvious that although the actions of the gays and those who supported them flaunted God to His face, they never saw the face of God, or else they would have been on their knees.

Our country has already had enough drift toward evil to prove that it is the wrong course to chart, and history will bear out the eternal truth of God's judgment that any people who forget God will not prosper. We are shown by the marriages that break on the rocks of infidelity, and the young people's lives that are destroyed on the reef of drugs and uncontrolled living, that steerage must be in the opposite direction.

This is a time in which the call goes out to all Christians, "...But whom say ye that I am?" Matt. 16:15. When evildoers forsake God and plot against Him, who are Christians saying He is? Since Christians are the salt of the earth, how much of a flavor do we exert in our communities and country? Do we really believe that Christ is divine? If we do, then we can turn to Him for personal help in time of our struggles and temptations. There are those who would denigrate Christendom by saying that God is only a crutch to those who are weak. We admit that humanity is weak, and that God is One who upholds us in time of trouble. This is also exactly what sinners need, but of which they seem to be so oblivious. It is our desire to show to the world that Christianity is more than a creed, and that going to church is more than a social gathering; it is a life of inner-strength and blessings. It is as we truly believe in God, and believe that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, that we can be a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. Let us rally to the call of God to holiness, and not to the undermining

influence of a misdirected society. Let us be a light to them, and not a pawn to the bombardment of evildoers and their sympathizers.

May ninth is set as the day to honor mothers. It hardly seems that one day of appreciation balances the scales when you consider the year-round work it requires to fill the roll of a mother. Even if a family gives the proper appreciation to the mother, still the fulfillment of motherhood must come by a constant awareness of the end result. It is the final product that lends the credibility and glory to the creator. It takes God's help to raise children fitted with all the graces that life requires, so it is our desire that God's blessings will be enriched to all mothers who are giving of their time and talents for their families.

Our heart-felt sympathy goes out to Bro. and Sis. David Skaggs who lost their twenty-three year-old daughter, Tina, in a tragic car wreck on April eighteenth. Words seem insufficient at a time like this, but if you would like to send condolences, address your correspondence to: 11529 Highway 614, Pascagoula, MS 39567.

We wish to also convey our prayers and sympathy to the family of Angela Bremer, the married daughter of Bro. Doyle and Sis. Carolyn Arender, who was also killed in the accident. Tina and Angela were on their way to Church together that Sunday morning when the mishap occurred near Rolla, MO.

Bro. Barry Sorrell of West Plains, MO was recently involved in an accident where a car, with two young people in it, ran into the truck he was driving. The two young people lost their lives. Although Bro. Barry was not seriously hurt, this is understandably a heavy weight on his mind and heart, and I know he would appreciate the prayers of the saints.

Welcome. . .

Through recent advertising for the *Faith and Victory* paper, we have received over 300 new subscribers, and the responses are still coming in.

To these new readers we would like to say "Welcome," and we trust this magazine will be a blessing to you.

There are any number of religious magazines that are for the asking, most of which contain a certain creed or doctrine. The Bible

also has a doctrine, but beyond that, we hope that you will see the sweetness of Christ's spirit working in the lives of God's people. More than just the doctrine you may glean from its pages, notice the personal testimonies, and let these be a blessing to you.

We are investigating means of archiving the books, tracts, *Faith and Victory*, etc., which we set on our computers. We have been doing this on hard disks, but so much has accumulated that it is not leaving the necessary room for other purposes. We are investigating a CD ROM which has a "write-to" capability, but the cost seems somewhat prohibitive.

We are also beginning extensive repair work on a worker's residence. These are avenues that we are pursuing to better facilitate the printing of the Gospel, and we appreciate all those who enter into these burdens with us.

—Wayne Murphey

Partial List of Items Available

A Hive of Busy Bees by Effie M. Williams. An excellent book for children. 118 pages, bound in a heavy paper cover. Price, \$1.50.

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A Religious Controversy by C. E. Orr. An 80-page, paperbound book presenting Bible truths in an interesting manner. \$1.00.

A Sketch of My Life by H. B. Hall, relates his experiences as a young man, his act of murder, his prison life, conversion, release, gift of healing, experiences as a caretaker of a senior citizen's home, and much more. It is an interesting story that all will enjoy. It contains 126 pages bound in a heavy paper cover and sells for \$1.50.

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Egermeier's Bible Story Book for children, illustrated with beautiful colored pictures. 576 pages. Cloth binding. \$15.95.

Egermeier's Bible Story Book (Deluxe) The same as the above book, except it also includes a presentation page in the front of the book, 16 pages of pictures of "Bible Lands Today," a 16 page map section and comes in a gift box. \$17.95.

Emma Bailey Seeks Truth by Mabel Hale. True experiences in "Pentecostalism." Paperbound, 24 pages. Price, 50¢.

Errors of Russellism by J. E. Forrest is a 252 page book bound in a heavy paper cover which gives an in-depth explanation of the doctrinal misconceptions on which the modern day Jehovah's Witness religion is founded. Price, \$3.00.

Foxe's Book of Martyrs is the records compiled by John Foxe of the lives, sufferings and triumphant deaths of Christian martyrs throughout history. Paper binding, 413 pages. Price, \$9.95.

From Rags to Riches is the personal testimony of Bro. Sid Souvey. The book depicts the power of God to deliver from sin. It consists of 21 pages and is bound in a heavy paper cover. Price, 50¢.

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Heart Talks, by C. W. Naylor, a book designed to comfort, strengthen, and instruct in the Christian life. 279 pages bound in paper cover. Price, \$3.00.

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price of the book is \$7.95. Please include \$1.05 for postage.

NOTICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE

As many of you are aware, the *Lamp of Youth* has not been printed in the past few months. Lord willing, we will be printing it again in the near future.

If you would like to receive the *Lamp of Youth*, please send your name and address to: P. O. Box 518, Guthrie, OK 73044. If you have already received a notice concerning this and have responded, there is no need to respond further.

Camp Meetings '93



Myrtle, MO—May 12-16

**Oklahoma State at Guthrie, OK—May 28-
June 6**

Jefferson, OR—June 11-20

Green Bank, WV—June 11-20

Tulsa, OK—June 11-20

Loranger, LA—June 25-July 4

Fresno, CA—July 2-11

National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 16-25

Ensenada, Mexico—Aug. 1-8

Bakersfield, CA—Aug. 6-15

Boley, OK—August 22-29

**California State at Pacoima, CA—Aug. 27-
Sept. 5**

Meeting Reports and Notices

NORTHPORT, AL REVIVAL

The saints here in Northport, Alabama wish to announce a revival meeting to be held June 20-27, 1993, if it's the Lord's will. We are extending a hearty welcome to all who are led to come and be with us. We are also praying for a real moving of God during this meeting. God sees and knows what is needed for His people. We ask Him to lead, guide, direct and send ministers of His choice.

There will be some home accommodations, and there are motels in walking distance of the chapel. Meals will be served daily in the dining

hall. For more information you may contact: Bro. Henry Effinger, (205) 345-7854, Sister Jessie Shelton, (205) 339-3026 or Bernice Petty (205) 553-4450.

TULSA, OK CAMP MEETING

The time is drawing near when the camp meeting, Lord willing, will be held at Tulsa, OK, 1102 E. Pine Pl.; the dates are June 11-20.

All are invited to attend these services. Please come praying that souls will be saved, baptized and sanctified; also that bodies will be healed.

If you are not saved, pray that God will save you. The time is coming when we will all appear before the judgment bar of God.

There will be morning and night services, Monday through Saturday. There will be afternoon services on both Sundays. The last Sunday will close with the afternoon service.

For further information contact Sis. Eva Hardman, (918) 583-2929 or Bro. Charles Lowe at (918) 584-6838. The Church number is (918) 584-8438.

—Sis. Eva Hardman

JEFFERSON, OR CAMP MEETING

The annual camp meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Oregon, will be held June 11-20. Lord willing, the first service will be Friday evening at 7:30. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

R. V. hook-ups and sleeping accommodations are available on the grounds. Those needing further information may contact Bro. Donald Sharp, (503) 327-3621, or Bro. Clifford Smith, (503) 581-4575.

OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING

The annual Oklahoma State Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held at the Church of God campgrounds, 624 W. Warner, Guthrie, OK, beginning, Lord willing, May 28 and continuing through June 6.

An invitation is herewith extended for you to attend this 59th annual camp meeting. Your presence and interest in the meeting would be greatly appreciated. Provisions will be made for everyone attending. It would be helpful for the brethren coming to bring their own bed linens.

The meeting will be operated by freewill offerings, and if you would like to make a contribution, you may do so by sending it directly to the state treasurer, Sis. Brenda

Wilkins, Rt. 6, Box 797, Guthrie, OK 73044.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Elwell, phone (405) 282-0743.

56TH NATIONAL CAMP MEETING MONARK SPRINGS, MO

The National Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO, July 16-25, 1993. All are cordially invited to come and bring others to enjoy the blessings that we are expecting from the Lord.

The Monark Springs Campground is located approximately five miles east of Neosho, MO. It is one mile east and 3/4 mile south of the intersection of Highways 86 and 71 Alternate.

If you travel to Neosho by bus, you may telephone the campground (472-6427, Granby, MO) for transportation.

The camp meeting is conducted on a freewill offering basis. There is no charge for meals or lodging on the campground. You are welcome to come and enjoy the meeting. We are confident that God will supply every need. Meals will be served in the dining hall. Dormitory space, tents, and trailer spots are available on the campground on a first come, first served basis. Trailer spots include electricity, water, and sewer hook-ups. Motels are available nearby, but reservations should be made in advance.

All correspondence about tents and dormitory spaces should be addressed to Sis. DeLoris Bradley, Rt. 1, Bartlett, KS 67332, phone (316) 226-3390. She will be coordinating requests for sleeping quarters on the campground.

Our scheduled work days are June 6, July 4, and July 11. We will be looking forward to working together.

—Business managers: Randel Bradley, (above address), or Ed Johnston, Rt. 2, Box 2180, Seymour, MO 65746, phone (417) 935-2520.

Prayer Requests

MO—"Please pray for my back."

—Sis. Eathel Hill

AR—"Pray for me, that the Lord will keep me safe, and pray for my six children, that the Lord will save them."

—Allie Dale

GA—"I request prayer for my brother's body; also myself."

—Mary Johnson

KS—Sis. DeLoris Bradley has been going

through a trial of affliction, and needs the saint's prayers.

CA—A special request has been called in for Letha Reece's grandson who needs God's protection.

OK—"My mother has a very bad back."

—Justin Morgan

IL—"Remember me when you pray."

—Mildred Snell

TN—"I have a friend near death's door. As far as I know he is a lost man. Please put him on your prayer list."

—Robert Green

OR—"I need prayer as arthritis is giving me a lot of pain."

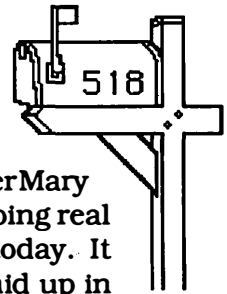
—Sis. Grace Jones

IN—"I would like for you to pray for me. I am having trouble with my feet and legs. Also remember my loved ones, that they will get saved before it is too late."

—Dessie Wilson



FROM THE READERS...



AR—Dear Bro. Wayne, Sister Mary and all: I hope all of you are doing real good. It is sort of blustery today. It seems the sun wants to stay hid up in the heavens a lot. It is so pretty here. My six redbuds are at their peak and I enjoy them. The dogwoods are almost opened, besides a lot of flowering shrubs. God gave us such a beautiful world. God gave man dominion over all the earth (Gen. 1:26.) and now it is messed up in many ways. Let us keep our eyes upon God. He never changes.

One nice thing about it, God knows all about me and you, too. He knows our problems and has all the help we need if we only trust Him for it. God helps us where we are the weakest. I feel my need of Him twenty-four hours a day, and always find Him there.

He tells and shows us of His great love, mercy, grace and tenderness. I feel so unworthy of His goodness. "No other friend so kind could be; Safely keeps me every day Free from sin and in the way." I can never repay such love and all the blessings He so freely gives. It seems the most we can do is so little. I often think of the scripture, "Will a man rob God?" Mal. 3:8. There are more ways than one we can rob God. It is not so much what we do, as what we leave undone, according to Matt. 25:31-46.

My heart is heavy and burdened for those who have become negligent in following the instructions of the Lord. The Holy Spirit makes no mistakes in giving directions. Do pray for me that I will be obedient and humble. I do not desire to grieve the Spirit of God, but just to be a little servant. Christ said, "...If any man serve me, him will my Father honour." John 12:26. Honor from God; what could be more precious?

Things are about as usual around here. God's blessings are many and we thank Him. Do pray for all of us. Our needs are many.

Sister Ethel Worrall is recovering nicely from a fall she had five weeks ago. With the love of God, we can bear fruit under unfavorable circumstances.

Let's labor together, always in the will of the Lord for His glory.

Yours for Christ, —Sister Lou Bray
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WV—Dear saints at the Publishing House: Greetings of much love and prayers in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope these few lines find you all in the best of health. As for ourselves, we are doing just fine. We are praising the Lord every day. He has answered some of our prayers...

May the Lord bless you all,

—Steve and Edna Cashdollar
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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' name. We trust that all there are well and enjoying the peace that only Jesus can give, and only the saved can know in this world. We pray continually for all there and the work that you are doing.

The Lord has blessed us in the construction of the addition we made to our house, and we were able to move in the day before the earthquake. It looked like the juncture of a wall and the ceiling moved four or five inches during the quake, but the house was not damaged, and nothing was broken, thank the good Lord.

We still desire your prayers for the care of our bodies and that we will remain faithful in our service for Him who died for us and arose again so we may know that we can have eternal life.

With Christian love,

—Bro. Bill and Sis. Doris Busch
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MN—Bro. Murphey: I do appreciate the saint's prayers. The Lord has been so good to me. Praise His name. Please remember me in

prayer. I am trusting that the Lord will take the smoke habit from me. —Lee Hilton
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LA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings of Christian love to you and all the workers there, in the name of our precious Saviour. Thanks be to our dear heavenly Father for His wonderful gift to a lost world.

I trust the Lord is blessing there in a special way with all the many needs that are certain to be in a work like that. Jesus said, "Your Father knoweth what things you have need of before you ask." It is such a consolation to know He knows each of His children individually, their status in life, who they are and where they are, and needs no explanation about any of their needs. Not only does He know, but He is able to supply them all on every line.

So I pray often for the work there, for the Lord to give guidance, discernment, courage, comfort, and just all that is needed to carry on with all the financial needs.

We had a blessed prayer meeting tonight.... Bro. Samons was with us last Sunday. (April 4.) Then Monday he and Bro. Harold left for Goulds, FL, to help Bro. Louis Kimble in the meeting there. Bro. Samons is to be here Sunday to begin a week's meeting....

I rejoice and thank the Lord every day for what He did in healing that awful condition I had in my back. Now I have trusted God to not let me be stricken again with it, as the devil would try to make me think it would return. The dear Lord has done beyond my expectation.

In Christian love, —Alta Flynn
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CA—Dear Bro. Wayne: May the Lord bless you and all of the others who labor to publish the *Faith and Victory*. It is a delight to me, and I await each issue eagerly....

I haven't been to church, except for two occasions, in the last year. My wife is ailing and requires my full attention. Please pray for us, and a son who also is not well. I thank God for keeping me well and able, and above all, saved and sanctified.

Yours in Him, —Bro. Bob Mickelson
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KS—Dear Bro. Wayne and others: I am very much encouraged to continue on up the King's highway. I truly mean to make heaven my home. The world seems to be getting more wicked at a rapid pace, but "where iniquity abounds, grace does much more abound." I am glad that Jesus

is alive and God is still on his throne and able to keep us from falling. God is so great and I love and appreciate Him so much....

May God continue to bless each one at the Print Shop and reward you for your labors.

Christian love, —Shirley Knight
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NC—Dear Bro. Wayne and all who read the *Faith and Victory* paper: I just feel I should write a few words of testimony for the encouragement of all.

As many of you know, my husband, Grady Dunn, was very ill for thirty-three months, lacking two days. There is no way I could ever explain to any of you the condition he was in. Some of the dear saints came in and ministered to us as his life was ebbing away.... Through it all, Dad was so sweet and humble. No matter what anyone did for him, he'd look up and say "Thank You" so sweetly. Elaine had told many folks that it seemed we had a little angel here to take care of, and surely it seemed so.

There were many times when it seemed I could not put one foot in front of the other. I was so exhausted, but as soon as I would hear his voice calling "Mom" or "Honey," I was always by his side to do for him anything that was needful. I can truly testify that it was not *my* strength, but the Lord who gave me all I needed to care for Dad throughout his lengthy illness. Even since his passing, the Lord has marvelously sustained me, and I appreciate it from the depths of my soul. It is such a comfort to know he is no longer suffering....

Dad left many precious testimonies as to where he was going—but had he not left *any*—I would have no doubts. We lacked only nine days being married forty-seven years, and we had served the blessed Saviour for more than thirty-six of those.

God bless you all, and please pray for us as we try to carry on for Jesus and do His will.

—Margaret and Elaine Dunn
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WV—Dear Bro. Wayne and all the faithful workers in the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior! I trust this finds each one still happily enjoying salvation on this heavenly, heavenward way. "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Prov. 4:18. I am looking forward to that great homecoming when all God's children hear the words: "Welcome home!"

I feel it is high time for me to give my testimony of a recent miracle in which the Lord miraculously spared my life. As you know, I drive a 1992, Freightliner conventional truck for Howes Leather Co., of Frank, WV, and I spend many hours and days away from home.

But I am never alone since the Lord is my constant companion. I would never want to leave home, or spend one day, without Him.

On January 12, 1993, I was enroute to Ridgeway, PA, in the upper Allegheny Mountains about five miles north of Penfield, PA. The road was heavily cindered, and I could see the shiny, icy road condition. The temperature was about 25-30°. All was well, I thought. I was about twenty miles from my destination. Little did I know of the danger just ahead!

I climbed Boone Mountain with just under 46,000 pounds of leather bends. When I topped the mountain, I crossed the county line and started down, when suddenly the engine "jake brake" stalled the engine. I shockingly realized there was black ice, with a light freezing rain, and no cinders! Immediately I restarted the engine and tried stab braking. I checked my seatbelt and began rapidly changing to higher gears to try to regain traction and control, but to no avail. I was swiftly gaining momentum to about 50-60 mph when the trailer began swerving from side to side, each time making a wider swing. About one-half mile from the top, the road made a gradual bend to the left and I went crashing through the guardrail and over the embankment to the right.

The impact of the crash, and sudden stop, ripped the drivers loose on the tractor, the rivets popped loose and the nose of the trailer opened up as approximately 35 (1200 pounds) bales of leather came crashing through the nose. They slammed the rear of the sleeper and ripped apart the right side of the cab.

At the last second, with one sweep of God's big hand, He caused the trailer to jackknife to the left and stop after striking the left side of the sleeper behind where I was sitting. Miraculously, the bulk of the load missed the cab and landed in a small, snow-covered field, prepared by God, and all the 3800 pieces of leather bends, approximately \$150,000 worth, were saved.

The tractor and trailer were declared a total loss, but the Lord spared my life. I climbed from the wreckage through the driver's door window, covered with fine glass, but without a scratch. The Lord had placed His big hand of divine



protection over the left side of the cab where I was sitting and spared my life! There were two other trucks wrecked on each side of my accident within seventy-five yards. One driver was thrown through the windshield and lived, but his '91 Peterbilt was demolished by large trees.

The remainder of my life I owe to the Lord. I give my all to His total control, without reserve, and with no strings attached. It is my heart's utmost desire to highly please the Lord, and to be living in the center of His will and masterplan.

Many thousands of souls are dying, having not heard that Jesus cares and truly loves them, and having never received a *personal* gospel invitation. May we all realize the weight of the responsibility of the gospel entrusted to us and quickly leave the safe confines of home to rush into the highways and hedges and bid everyone to the wedding feast. Time is running out and we have no time to lose! "Every second, sad to tell, Counts another soul in hell...Yet the blessed Savior shed His blood for all...Quickly leave thy cottage door, Spread the truth from shore to shore, For the blessed Savior shed His blood for all."

The saints are my people and I appreciate each one that is serving the Lord in sincerity and truth. Let's not go empty-handed to the judgment, but gladly reach out and help fallen mankind and our associates.

Bro. Ostis Wilson has said, "It doesn't take long for a seeking soul and a seeking Savior to get together." Let us each one introduce Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save that which was lost, to everyone!

In His service,

—Mancil Doolittle

KY—Dear workers at the Print Shop: It is wonderful to know that I can call you folks at the Print Shop and ask you to have special prayer for my loved ones and for myself, too. I know you remember us in your prayers, and I know, too, God hears and answers.

I called and asked you to remember my great-grandson, Taylor Hampton, in your prayers, and to ask God to heal him of his croup. Thank God, he is doing great and growing real well. I also requested prayer for my high blood pressure, and it is much lower now.

Please continue to pray for me that God will completely heal me. I am almost 70 years old and can still do my own house work, and I give God thanks for giving me the strength to do so.

May God bless you all, —Wilma Horsley

MN—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour. I trust this note finds you all well at the Print Shop.

I have been much encouraged and pressing on, after being in Guthrie in December. My faith has just blossomed. I was a victim in my past and needed to forgive to release me from the pain and trouble I was going through. Praise God, He was merciful and showed me the way through a dear sister. I have freedom now like I have never known. I can say I truly know what the peace of the Lord is.

Continue to remember Chad and me in your prayers. Right now I am going through a very slow time in my job, but I have faith that God will provide. I am willing to trust Him no matter what His will is for us. I continue to remember you all in prayer and think of you often. May the blessings of the Lord fall on you all.

Family in Christ, —Diane McClure

Hello saints of the most high God: I would like to take the time to thank you for your speedy responses to our orders. My family and I are currently serving on a two year Air Force tour in Turkey. We have been blessed by many of your publications. We pray for your continued success.

Yours in Christ, —Paul and Merlene Scott

OK—Dear Bro. Murphey and workers at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings of love. It has been some time since I have sent in my testimony. I am very much encouraged in the Lord and enjoy reading the *Faith and Victory* paper. I am so grateful to God for the work you are doing there.

God has a wonderful replacement plan. We thank God for you dear ones who are still carrying on the work started by our pioneer ministers and workers. Keep up the good work.

May God bless you, —Sis. Theresa Gaines

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AL—Dear Bro. Wayne and workers: I greet you in the precious name of Jesus; trusting you all are well and happy.

We had a real good service Easter morning. The message was on Jesus' returning and the resurrection day. It will be a glorious day for His people, but sad for the ones that don't know Him. We need to pray much for the lost, that they will come to Him before it is too late.

Do remember Emmett in prayer as his leg is giving him some trouble. Also remember me. We are both a little better, but still need prayer.

We love all of you out there and pray for you often.

—Bro. Emmett and Sis. Pearlene Gerald

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Dear Sirs: I have enjoyed your *Faith and Victory* newsletter as well as several other books passed on to us by Bro. and Sis. Adair, who live in Paradise, TX. We maintain to contend for the holiness faith and welcome any encouragement. Our desire is to go deeper in a separated and overcoming life for our Lord. We know the only way to do this is to walk the well-trodden pathway that our dedicated ancestors walked without giving in to the world and its lure. May God bless your work for Him.

In Christ, —Sue Meconi

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MO—Dear ones at the Print Shop: We truly thank God for you and your efforts in the publishing work.

We are thankful for all the saints who prayed for us during the time Austin was so sorely afflicted with shingles. We went to visit our daughter in Arizona and the day after our arrival he started into severe pain.

Austin thought he was having a heart attack because of the location and severity of the pain. After about three days he began getting a rash and knew he had shingles. He suffered very badly many days, but was able at times to sit out in the sun, which was a help. The Lord blessed him to be able to drive the three-day's trip home. He is still in some pain, but we are so thankful for all God has done for him through the prayers of the saints. We want to be faithful in whatever work the Lord has for us. —Ida Belle McMillian

MISSIONARY REPORTS



From Mexico...

April 16, 1993—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: I greet you in the precious and holy name that is above all names, Jesus Christ, who makes it possible for us to be partakers of the glory of God and be free from sin and condemnation. Amen. (Acts 4:12.)

Dear brethren, I begin this letter with much love and joy for being able to enjoy this precious salvation in my life. The Lord doesn't take us out of the world, but He takes the world out of us. Praise God for this.

We have thanksgiving in our hearts because the Lord has been blessing us greatly in the work here. We have had new souls that are seeking God for salvation, and others for sanctification. We had a revival for four days and twelve children and six young people came to the altar to be saved. We had good services, and our little church building was full every day. All the saints are encouraged, for which I want to say that we appreciate your prayers, because I know that a lot of you are praying for the work here.

Bro. Paulino and Sis. Edith Lara came to be with us in the revival. Also, there was a family from Tijuana, and Bro. James Huskey. All of them were a blessing.

Bro. Lucas, a faithful minister in the church, left on a missionary trip to Culiacan, Sinaloa, Guerrero, Puebla and Chiapas, for two months. There is great hunger for the Word of God, and by faith he has gone to these places. Please pray much for him. He is a very humble brother, and the Lord has used him greatly.

We have already started working on the new church building. We hope to work as fast as possible since the camp meeting in August will be from the 1st to the 8th. We have had the camp meeting for three years, and there have been a lot of people and saints who have come. That is why we are praying that God will work in everything we do.

We would like to invite all the saints who can come to be with us in the meeting. The weather is perfect, and you don't have to worry about anything, for the Lord will provide. One thing, if you have a tent and could bring it, it would be

helpful. Please pray that all who come will be blessed.

God has been good to us. We give God the glory for the attacks, afflictions and tests, for they help us get closer to the Lord. The congregation here is beautiful, and we thank God for that. Give our love to the saints. We love each one. Thank you for all that you have done for us. May God bless you richly in all that you do.

Yours in Christ,

—Bro. Mayarino Escobar and family

Honduras, C. A. Report

April 10, 1993—Dear saints: Greetings from Honduras! This finds the brethren doing well, spiritually and physically today. We are, at this writing, holding services in Politilly Bight, Roatan, Honduras. The weather has been very moderate this trip, although the rain has hindered people from attending the meeting.

We held a meeting in La Ceiba last week, (March 7-14) and can report that the Lord was there to confirm His Word. Outside response was hindered by rain but the Lord knew what He was doing. We feel that the time spent with the brethren was very profitable. There was a definite blend of the Spirit, and we believe that the Lord is going to bless the work in La Ceiba. Their new chapel is mostly completed and is a very nice facility. There is a debt on the building and if anyone would like to contribute to this need, you may send it to the Church of God Missionary Fund, in Metairie, LA.

Bro. Kimble, Bro. Waymon Parmer and myself, along with Bro. and Sis. Jim Wall, came over to Roatan to start the meeting on Friday, March 12. Bro. Mart Samons and Bro. Bob Forbes remained in La Ceiba until Sunday, and then came to the island. The meeting is in progress as I write this letter. We appreciate Sis. Bennett coming from Miami to assist in the meeting also.

The above excerpts were written during our last trip to Honduras. The Lord did bless the efforts that were made, although the weather was unusually rainy while we were there. The work in Honduras is progressing and more doors continue to be opened in new fields. There is a desire for some of the brethren to visit the Grand Cayman Islands, and also another of the Bay Islands, Banaca.

I would like to include a financial report of the Honduras work. First of all, the van is doing

a good job on the Island and is definitely being used. Every Sunday, Bro. Toney Hamilton starts early and makes several trips to different villages to bring people to Sunday School in Politilly Bight. The Sunday we were there, there were probably at least 120 children present. The cost for gasoline, which is about \$2.00 per gallon, is running around \$125 per month. An offering box was placed in the van to help with the expense, but most of the people do not have much to give.

It would be very beneficial, from our viewpoint, to be able to send a designated amount of money to Roatan monthly to help with the expense of the work there. Three hundred to four hundred dollars per month is needed to pay the expenses of the work in Roatan.

Bro. Jim Wall constructed new benches for the chapel in Politilly Bight this last trip. They were a blessing during the meeting and we saw them mostly full a few of the services. That expense was covered.

Under the new chapel is a large area being used for Sunday School rooms. The floor is dirt and mostly mud when it is rainy. During a future trip, we hope to be able to concrete the floor and divide it into different rooms for Sunday School classes and rest rooms.

Another item I wanted to mention, was concerning the work in La Ceiba. Bro. Benjamin James and his wife would like to attend the Monark camp meeting this year to meet more of the saints. Any assistance toward this effort will be much appreciated, I'm sure. All of the brethren from the States felt that these people were very sincere and open to the Truth. We want to do all we can to encourage that.

In conclusion, thank you for your support of the Honduras missionary effort. Many of you have been very faithful and we appreciate it. The Lord will bless you. Each trip, we realize that it takes much money to continue to work on the mission field. We are endeavoring to be accountable to you as we know that you all are a very important part of this work. Any contributions that you desire to send for any of the above mentioned needs, please specify on your check or letter. We will distribute your money as carefully as we know how.

Pray for us that we will be faithful to His call in our lives.

For the Honduras Missionary Company,

—Bro. Toney Samons

From India...

March 22, 1993—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and saints in America: Greetings to you all dear ones again in the Holy name of Jesus Christ.

It is with real shock that I read in the *Faith and Victory* about the homegoing of our dear elder brothers, Ostis Wilson and Orie Young. Both of them have been my friends since 1974, and I have good memories of my experiences as a result of the fellowship with them. The writings and messages of Bro. Ostis were very inspiring and heart-touching. No one can forget the smiling face of Bro. Orie. My family and my co-workers send our heart-felt sympathy and condolences to the bereaved families.

North India is suffering from the brutality of terrorists. The bomb explosion in Bombay and Calcutta took away the lives of many people and paralyzed the business centers. We thank God for His protection to His children everywhere. All the congregations are marching on fine here, getting victory over problems. Pothukuzhy is a new field opened for us where we have a nice congregation. God helped us to buy the land there for the church and we need support to build a building for the saints there to gather together. Now they assemble in a small hut. Please pray for this need.

Our earnest prayers are for the progress of the church of God in America.

Yours in Christ, —John Varghese

March 15, 1993—Dear ones in the Lord: Greetings with much Christian love.

First of all, I extend my hearty thanks and gratitude for your deep love and concern expressed in various ways when I was in your area.

By the grace of the Lord, I arrived home on the 2nd of October, 1992. Due to my kidney problem, the long journey (that is half around the world) made me sick. For about three months I had to take complete rest, trusting in the Lord for relief. Still I have problems in my body. I understand that it is "the thorn in my flesh." I have experienced the sufficiency of grace, and the power of God that is perfected in weakness. Therefore, as Paul did, I give thanks to the Lord for the weakness in my body through which the power of Christ may dwell in me. I am very sure that hundreds of people are praying for me all over the world. Because of that I am getting better. I need more prayers for my health.

However, the Lord is strengthening me to do

His ministry in various places. I am very aware that I am called out to preach the Gospel. Therefore, I cannot wait until I get perfect health. I visit churches and share the messages that the Lord entrusts me with. In addition to this, a group of young people and myself started a series of Gospel campaigns by the name of "DELIVERANCE '93". It is for the non-Christian people in and out of Trichur City. The main programs of this campaign are singing, preaching and personal contacts. The topic of my preaching is, "How to get deliverance from the addiction of alcohol, drugs, immorality, etc." Of course, I will strongly point out Jesus Christ who is the only One who can give deliverance. But it is not an easy task in the present condition of India where the communal riots are everywhere. Threatenings, as well as good responses, have been received from where this program started. —Bro. P. D. Mathunni

From Rivers State, Nigeria...

March 31, 1993—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and fellow-soldiers of Christ in the U.S.A.: Greetings in the only worthy name of Jesus Christ. We can't cease giving immense thanks to God for the manner in which He has been enabling you to support us in His vineyard up to date. We have been and ever will be, appreciative of all that you have been sacrificing on our behalf. Meanwhile, we have the pleasure to reassure you that all of your exerted efforts towards our welfare have never been in vain. We earnestly pray God to keep rewarding all of you and His Print Shop very richly in Jesus' worthy name. Amen.

This month's *Faith and Victory* paper contained several obituaries, including that of Bro. O. B. Wilson. We heartily sympathize with the bereaved families, and the congregations the deceased brethren belonged to. You all should please take heart, and accept our condolences. Though their passing is a great loss to all of us, yet we are comforted by the fact that paradise has welcomed their souls. God will certainly take care of the vacuum their passing has created.

As usual, our revival program for the first quarter of this year started on March 20, and ended with a victory over the enemy on Monday night, the 29th of the same month. The first public meeting was conducted on Monday night at the town square, and as soon as the good news was going forth through this writer, two

armed policemen appeared on the scene, called an elder brother in our midst a little space away from us, and ordered him to tell us to quit with immediate effect, or to suffer the consequence. For about thirty minutes the brother agitated for the free course of the message already in progress without being intimidated. The Lord really stood by us that night, so that the plan of the enemy to hinder His work failed woefully. For six consecutive nights we have boldly preached salvation and divine healing to members of the public, with the Holy Ghost anointing. We are optimistic that some will bring forth fruits worthy of repentance.

The printed Word also was freely and prayerfully handed out to members of the public that are literates. The Lord's supper and feet washing ordinance was kept indoors on Monday night to conclude the revival program for this quarter.

The last of February a higher-college male student was converted and added to this congregation, by the Lord, through water baptism. According to him, he had ignorantly been associated with a cult, which he now confidently denounces....

It was in last December I wrote to you with postage stamps valued at ₦1.00 affixed to the letter. This letter is taking postage stamps worth ₦30.00. This is a 1,000% increase within an interval of about three months. This development is a depiction of the actual state of the living conditions in Nigeria. And here in the Rivers State in particular, where food is produced on a very meager quantity due to meager farmable land available. We are unavoidably being tortured by the current predicament caused by inflation. As a matter of fact, the condition in which we are is far worse than what we had undergone as a consequence of the Nigerian civil war in 1966-1969. I feel safe to state that the living condition of this State is really desperate, if not the entire nation. Employers of labor have recently increased workers' salary for the purpose of coping with the man-made inflation. But it has been observed with regret that the increase in pay granted to the workers has succeeded only to have aggravated the already unbearable inflation. And so brethren, please intensify your prayer for Nigeria, and for us, your fellow-saints....

Two days from now is yet another first Friday of the month for our usual all-day prayer with fasting for the overall progress of the global

gospel ministry. The success of all the camp meetings scheduled to be held this year in the U.S.A. has been listed along with other vital prayer items. It is our pleasure to state that your fervent prayers have been bringing us many benefits in like manner. We are confident that ours do accomplish good in your midst. Thus our oneness is enhanced....

Your fellow-labourer,
—Bro. Onimite B. Alalibo

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Russian Report

April 18, 1993—We felt that we should give a status report of the Russian ministry. We are thankful for all your prayers and support. At the present time the account holds \$2,816.62. We had hoped to spend at least a year in Russia to help establish a new congregation and a Christian School in a city where there is no church. However, the Lord has not released us for a while from our responsibilities in the ministry here in the states. We believe that someone should go. Until He releases us, we continue to communicate with those we have met by letter, and to send gospel literature, in particular Bibles and Bible story books. Especially remember in your prayers the Cuban brother whom we met in the house church in 1991. His visa expires when he finishes his engineering degree in Moscow. He has written us many times, and has been so grateful for the instruction we have given him. The Lord has done a lot for him and has called him to preach the gospel. We have sent him several Spanish tracts, Bibles, songbooks and one concordance. Our hearts go out to him because it is still illegal to preach the gospel in Cuba. He said that "he was willing to go to jail for the Lord." We think about those dear ones in Russia everyday and we pray for them. We desire to be with them, but most of all, we want to be in the place where God wants us.

Yours for Jesus' sake,
—Bro. James and Sis. Tricia Bell



IN MEMORIAM

Eri Mildred Detwiler was born March 26, 1911 in Anthony, KS. Her parents were members of the Anthony Church of God. As a young person Mildred gave her heart to Christ, and embraced the truths taught by the Evening Light saints. Through the years she endeavored

to hold to the Lord. She always loved to attend the services of the local congregation where she lived, and also attended special services and campmeetings as long as she was able.

On August 4, 1963, she was united in marriage to Brother Henry Decoq of Purdy, MO. Brother Decoq passed away September 3, 1964. Sister Mildred moved to Neosho, MO, where she worshipped with the Neosho congregation.

She was united in marriage to Raymond Brown in 1969 and lived with him in Tulsa, OK, until moving to the Golden Rule Home in Shawnee, OK, a few years ago.

Sister Mildred passed from this life on Sunday, March 28, in Shawnee, at the age of 82 years and 2 days. She left a testimony that she was ready to meet the Lord. Several days before she passed to be with God, she told her husband the Lord had let her see a vision of heaven and it was "real pretty."

She is survived by her husband, Raymond, of the home; step-children, Henry Brown, of Palmer, TN, Kenneth Brown of MO, Doris Halladay of Guthrie, OK, Dolly Allison and Sue Browning of Tulsa, OK; and one sister, Lou Wilma Rush of Pomona, CA; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at Sapulpa, OK, by Bros. Leslie Busbee and Richard Madden. Interment was in Green Hills Memorial Gardens, Sapulpa, OK.

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Funeral services for **Ferne Marie Laub** were held in the Craig-Hurtt-Bradley Chapel Saturday, March 6, 1993 at 2:00 with Bro. James Bell officiating and Sis. Dena Porter assisting.

Ferne Marie Laub, daughter of the late William and Elizabeth (Filer) Wymer, was born on March 10, 1927 in Douglas County, MO, and departed this life on March 3, 1993 at her home in Hammond, LA, following an extended illness. She was 65 years, 11 months, and 23 days of age.

Ferne grew up in Douglas County, and graduated from Norwood High School in 1945. She married Fred Laub on November 29, 1945, at Springfield, MO. Two children were born to this union.

Ferne moved often with her family, as Fred's job transferred him to many different parts of the country. She enjoyed making a home for her family, not only physically, but spiritually as well. She was converted and baptized at an early

age, and was a member of the Church of God. Ferne was faithful to her Savior all her life. Fred and Ferne retired several years ago, and had lived at Hammond, LA, for seven years. She enjoyed needle work, especially crocheting and sewing for her family.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Laub of their home; one son, Michael Laub, Mesa, AZ; one daughter Elaine Doolittle, Denham Springs, LA; one sister, Ruby Pope, Chandler, AZ; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends who will sadly miss her.

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The family of Sis. Ferne Laub wishes to thank each one of the saints who sent cards, flowers, and prayers in behalf of Sis. Ferne Laub during her extended illness. She enjoyed receiving them so much, and it made her days brighter to look forward to the mail in hopes of hearing from those she knew.

The Lord looked down in mercy and did not permit her to suffer the excruciating pain that would have been characteristic of this disease. Her husband says that Ferne and the saints prayed for a miracle, and the Lord did just that! Her suffering was very mild compared to what it could have been. The aides who cared for her in the home were amazed at the calmness and the freedom from pain that Sis. Ferne exhibited. Praise the Lord for His mercy!

Thank you again, —Fred Laub, Michael Laub, and Elaine Doolittle

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Thank You

Thanks for all the letters, cards, calls, offerings and love during Ostis's illness and passing.

—Sis. Evelyn Wilson, The Jim Lynch and Betty Garges families

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"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death"

Cyprian, when on his way to suffer martyrdom, was told by the emperor that he would give him time to consider whether he had not better cast a grain of incense into the fire, in honor of idols, than die so degraded a death. The martyr nobly answered, "There needs no deliberation in this case." John Huss, when at the stake, was offered pardon if he would recant. His reply was, "I am here to suffer death." Ann Askew, when asked, under similar circumstances, to avoid the flames, answered, "I came not here to deny my Lord and Master."

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