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Unto Him shall the
gathering of the
people be.

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LOVE

YE SHINE AS
LIGHTS IN
THE WORLD.

JESUS
SAVES

The night cometh,
when no man
can work.

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I Had A Part

Throughout His sojourn here below,
Integrally, I had a part
In all His sufferings and His woe—
I helped to break the Saviour's heart.

My thoughtless spirit closed a door
In rustic Bethlehem one night;
What shame, the Saviour to ignore
The Heav'nly Stranger thus to slight!

The dawning light my shadow cast
In Pilate's crowded judgment hall;
"For or against," a question vast,
With strident voice, was asked of all.

My voice gave volume to the cry
Which rang, "Away with Him, away!"
I cried with others, "Crucify!"
The multitude I helped to sway.

The nails which pierced the Saviour's hands,
Were sharpened by my sins, I know;
Yea, I assisted Roman bands,
My sins gave force to every blow.

He wore a crown whose every thorn
Was pointed by my sin and shame;
The thirst endured, the bitter scorn,
This guilt I dare not to disclaim.

I thrust the spear which rent His side,
I caused His holy blood to flow;
I heard the Saviour as He cried,
"Forgive!" unmindful of His woe.

The load of sin which broke the heart
Of Christ upon the cruel Tree,
Alas, 'twas mine, a major part,
He took my place to set me free.

—David F. Nygren

A Mystery of God's

By Vesta-Nadine Severs

Resurrection! The word flies in the face of all our eyes as experience only tells us about death. As driven cattle balk before cattle rail crossings, so our minds stall before the Word, even before the *Hope* of a resurrection.

We see before us the still body of a departed loved one. No longer will we see the shine of their eyes, the smile of their lips, nor hear their voice, and we are asked to believe they will live again.

Resurrection is at once accepted or rejected as a total impossibility. A person's belief in God does not automatically bring a sound faith in the resurrection. The Sadducees believed in the one God. They wanted to claim Abraham for their father too, but declared the resurrection of the body and soul null and void. They were pragmatic realists concerned with the here and now—what they saw they believed.

One of the mysteries of God is that Christ was received up into glory, not before death as one prophet experienced, but after death, an ignoble death at that. His steps were death, resurrection, glory. (I Tim. 3:16.)

Paul was once in a tight place, battling, one might say, for his very life. Cleverly, he pitted the Pharisee's belief in the resurrection of the dead against the Sadducees non-belief. (Acts 23:6.) Because of Paul's belief in the resurrection, the Pharisees backed away from pressing further charges. "We don't want to fight against God," they said.

I have always accepted the theory of resurrection, but it was brought to me more vividly through the eyes of my five year old grandson, Sheldon, a number of years ago. We discussed

visiting my friend, Janyce. "Who is her father?" he asked. I replied, "He was Amos Porter, he's dead now." Immediately he latched on to the finality of what I said. "What happened to him? Did God lose His power to keep him alive?" Realizing Sheldon had little, if any, experience with death, I breathed a prayer, "Lord, what do I tell him?" I literally opened my mouth and God filled it. "No, He didn't lose His power," I replied, "but God used His power to give him eternal life." With that, Sheldon was totally satisfied. And I was too. May you too be comforted and satisfied knowing that God uses His power to give us eternal life.



He is Touched!

By Bro. Galen Kelly

Has there ever been a great king in history, who has taken the blame for wrong doing, and been willing to accept the consequences of punishment and the sentence against wrong?

Most kings think it below themselves to accept any judgment against themselves; after all, the king is the one in position of power and judgment. The King I am acquainted with has received a position of great power because, though "...being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But... took upon him the form of a servant,... And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:6-8.

What importance is there that a god should die for its creation? Man had trespassed the divine law of the Most High God, the only true God, the inhabiter of eternity. The trespass price was death. Adam plunged the human race into the circuit of sin; his offspring were born in his likeness, which was sinful. Mankind has begun life every time in sin. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psalm 51:5. There are no exceptions. Our merciful Creator did not leave us without hope. As our forefathers were being punished for their wrongdoing they were also given the light of hope; a redeemer would be born of a woman who would save His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21.) Our redeemer, Jesus, who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth (1 Peter 2:22), was holy and pleasing to God in every capacity.

"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;"

Hebrews 5:8. What were the sufferings of Christ? He bore the sins of the whole world. It pleased God to let His Son bear this disgrace and shame that we might be set free from corruption and sin. Jesus was tempted with the greatest temptations contrivable. Though He was God, He was God in the flesh. The flesh has feelings and Jesus was tried through the appetites that are common to all the human race—feelings.

I know you have felt the guilt of sin; how heavy it feels and how impossible it is to get away from when you are carrying it. Jesus never sinned but He had to carry the guilt of sin. Jesus came down to the level we were at. He humbled Himself to the lowness of a corruptible human body, so He could take on our sin. (He was acquainted with grief.) Christ was extremely aware and conscious of the sin He bore. This sin was as real to Him as it was to us before we were saved from sin, and it was as real to Jesus as it is to the sinner now who is still carrying his own sins. He bore sin in His body so He could experience what we experience. You've heard the expression, "Don't judge a man until you have walked a mile in his shoes." "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice." John 10:4. Jesus does not require more from us than He has experienced Himself. Jesus resisted unto blood. Jesus' experience gave Him the authority to be a faithful high priest. "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." Hebrews 2:17.

To experience the life of a human, He had to come in under the law already given by God to Moses and be in subjection to the sin trespass which was death. Christ made it all the way in the human capacity, from birth to death. He experienced all we will ever experience. Jesus knows how heavy sin feels. Jesus knows about rejection. Jesus knows about great temptations and He knows what it is like to die bearing sin. He was not let off easy on any line. He left no feelings unattended. He was faithful to bear our transgressions to death.

The curse of death could not hold the righteous man Jesus. He was not confined to the grave as all other human subjects have been. Jesus was made a curse for us but Himself was not cursed because He had not trespassed the laws of God. He arose.

He has received a name above names, an exaltation above exaltations. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name." Philipians 2:9. Jesus is the only God among all the gods that lowered Himself to man's level, died as all men must die, then returned, by resurrection from the dead, to confirm the promise of His salvation. All other false prophets, false priests and false kings return to dust, never to live again. Only in Christ is there hope of eternal life after death. Why would anyone want to serve a false god or the devil himself? None has the power to raise you above the death the Father has decreed will happen. Only in Christ is there hope of a resurrection of everlasting life. All other gods give everlasting death. If the price of death was the end of the curse placed upon sin, there would be an end. However, after death and the judgment is a banishment from all that is good. There is an everlasting lake of fire where the fire is not cooled and the soul dies not. Those who die without Christ will abide in this place of everlasting torments. Since Christ and His Father have gone so far out of the way to make sure we can escape this place of doom, don't be found there.



Depression Was Not His Choice

by Sis. Connie Sorrell

One of my favorite Old Testament characters is David. The Lord greatly loved David who was a man after his own heart. (I Sam. 13:14 & Acts 13:22) There were many reasons why the Lord favored David. One very encouraging story about David is found in I Samuel, chapters 28 and 29. Let us fill in a little background detail before relating this inspiring story.

The old prophet, Samuel, had gone to David's home in Bethlehem where he had reviewed seven of Jesse's sons before asking that David be brought in from the fields. The Lord chose David, and Samuel anointed him before his family and proclaimed him to be the next king. We have no record that David received any special family favor at this time, he just went back to the sheep, but the spirit of the Lord came upon him. (I Sam. 16:13.)

Later he was called to the palace to play music for King Saul who was troubled in spirit. The king was pleased with David's music and so their first meeting was pleasant. In fact, chapter 16, verse 21 states that King Saul "...loved him

greatly; and he became his (Saul's) armourbearer."

When Israel went to war with the Philistines, David was called home by Jesse, his father, who later sent this son to check on the welfare of the three older brothers in King Saul's army. David was around 20 years old when he set out for the Valley Elah, some 16 miles southwest of Bethlehem. No doubt he did not realize at the time that he would never again return home as a shepherd boy.

While at the battle front, David heard the Philistine giant, Goliath of Gath, challenge the Israelites. David persuaded King Saul to let him face the giant with only five stones and a sling. God honored David's faith and courage and David slew the giant.

Victory songs proclaimed David a hero of the Israelite army. It was then that King Saul allowed envy and hatred to rule in his heart and he desired to slay David. Twice he tried to stab David with a javelin while David played the harp for him. Two of King Saul's children, Jonathan and Michal, David's wife, helped David temporarily escape from their father's evil wrath. David sought protection and comfort from the old prophet, Samuel, who lived in Ramah three miles from the palace. Even Samuel could not protect David, and again he had to flee.

Furthermore, anyone who assisted David in his flight from King Saul was in jeopardy. David was faint with hunger when he came to Nob where Ahimelech, the priest, gave David bread to eat and Goliath's sword to use. Soon David fled but later Ahimelech, 84 other priests, and the entire city of Nob died because of this one act of kindness to David. (I Sam. 22.)

Now David knew his parents were not safe living in Bethlehem and he went to the King of Moab for help. His great-grandmother, Ruth, had been a Moabite so David asked that the King of Moab protect his parents until his future was more certain. Here they lived for ten years while their son was a fugitive.

Samuel died, David's parents were in exile, and all his countrymen were afraid to befriend him. David surely was tested to the limit when he went to the King of Gath for friendship. This was one of the Philistines' central cities and home of Goliath's family. David was desperate. He pled for sanction and King Achish gave him nearby land for his family and men. David called this "city" Ziklag.

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Editorials

Since we celebrate April 16th as Easter, this month's edition of the *Faith and Victory* includes several articles on that subject.

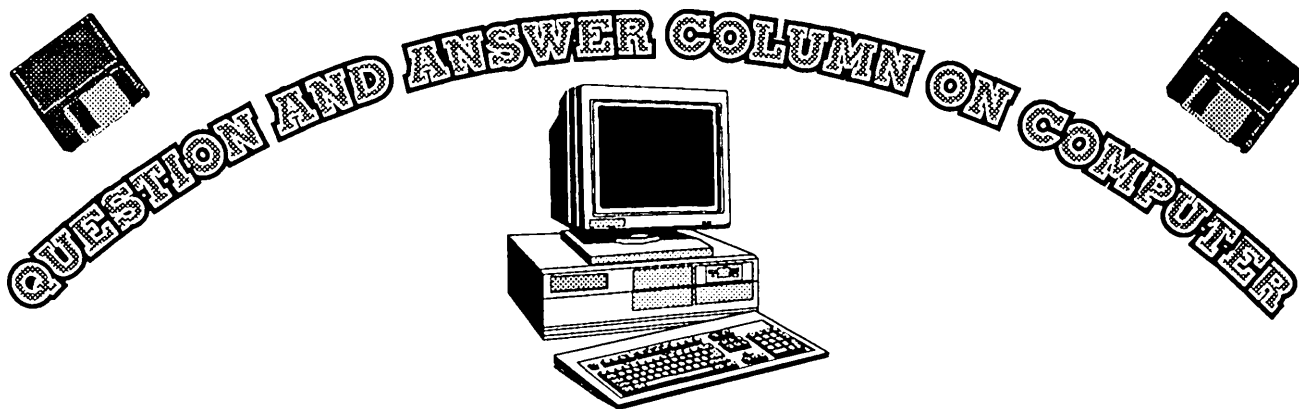
Easter is the way God chose to make an avenue through which the promise of eternal life with Him could be planted in the heart of man. The story of the resurrection is more than a proverb or fable to be told to others. It is a life-changing story. Believing in this event is the test of our faith and the gauge of our salvation. "...If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9. When the importance of Easter is viewed in this light, it reveals the necessity of sharing the story with others.

I applaud our nation for recognizing the significance of Christ's resurrection enough to set aside a day of national observance. It is also commendable that there have been those who have seen a need for a national day of prayer and fasting for our country, and thus May 4th has been designated for such a purpose. This is certainly a Biblical directive and an opportunity for all Christians to petition the Lord in unison to bless our nation and its citizens. (Joel 1:14).

We send our sincere condolences to the family of Sis. Phyllis Chandler, who recently passed away. If you would like to correspond with her mother, Sis. Frances Chandler, or her brother, Bro. Charles Chandler, you may use the following address to do so: 12309 N. E. 57th St., Spencer, OK 73084.

Spring revivals are in progress in various congregations. Bro. Mart Samons was here in Guthrie, March 5-12, to hold a meeting, before traveling on to Loranger, LA, for revival services there. We appreciate the good that was accomplished and those who responded to the Spirit of the Lord.

You will notice a more complete listing of Camp Meeting dates in this issue than in last month's paper. There are still others that we have yet to receive. If you wish to have a meeting notice printed in the May issue of the *Faith and Victory*, please send us the information by April 20th. —Wayne Murphey



SPECIAL OFFER!

We have been working on putting the entire series of *Question and Answer* columns, written by Bro. Ostis Wilson, and dating from February, 1977 through February, 1993, into book form. It will still be quite some time before we have this book ready for sale. However, since we have it on computer, we have decided to make a special offer to our readership. For \$20.00 we will send you this extensive computer file on two 3.5" diskettes. This includes postage and handling.

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Prayer Requests

CA—"I still have some heavy burdens. Pray for my family, also for my cousin who has been very sick." —Doris Pihaylic

IN—"Pray for my tooth. It has been bothering me. Also pray for Ruth Denton. She has cancer." —Jimmy Wilson

OK—Sis. Lottie Porter had a fall in which she broke her hip. She has had much pain with it.

OR—"Please hold me up in prayer. I have a serious bodily affliction." —Neula Davisson

PA—Pray for Sis. Ruth Godshall's husband who has pneumonia.

OH—"I have been very sick, but the Lord has come to my rescue in giving me a healing touch. I still desire continued prayer for a complete healing. I thank the saints from all over for their prayers on my behalf." —Bro. Waymon Parmer

CA—"I have a very urgent unspoken request." —Ruby Fern Johnson



CAMP MEETING DATES



Myrtle, MO—May 10-14
 Oklahoma State (Guthrie)—May 26-June 4
 Holly Hill, SC—June 4-11
 Jefferson, OR—June 9-18
 Tulsa, OK—June 9-18
 Oakland, CA—June 12-18
 Green Bank, WV—June 16-26
 Loranger, LA—July 2-9
 Fresno, CA—July 9-16
 National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 21-30

Meeting Reports and Notices

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK REVIVAL

Bro. Leslie Busbee plans to begin a revival meeting at the Church of God Chapel, 5900 N.

E. 23rd St., Oklahoma City, OK, on April 2, through April 9.

On Sunday, April 9, Lord willing there will be both a morning and afternoon service, with dinner being served in the dining area. During the week there will be nightly services at 7:30.

For additional information you may contact the pastor, Bro. John Williams, (405) 682-1241.

DAVENPORT, FL MEETING

There will be a Tent Revival Meeting in Davenport, Florida, from April 2nd through the 9th. There will be two services daily and all are invited. Come praying earnestly that the Lord will grant a special outreach and bless for the street meetings. Camping space is available on the grounds, with hotel accommodations in the area, along with provisions in the house and chapel. All will be provided for. There will be a free-will offering taken for the expenses of the meeting. For further information contact Bro. Rodney Edwards, (305) 258-4925, or Bro. Lewis Kimble, (504) 467-8842.

WICHITA, KS SPRING MEETING

The Wichita, KS Spring Meeting has been set for April 14-23, 1995. There will be services nightly at 7:30 p.m. On both Sundays we will have three services, and on Monday through Saturday there will be 11:00 a.m. day services.

In these last days we each need to be strong and filled with the power of God. We are seeking God to bless and supply greater strength and power to His saints during the meeting. All who feel compelled to come, we welcome you. We pray that God will put conviction in the meeting that will constrain sinners to come and be saved. Please pray that God will bless and anoint every phase of the meeting.

For further information you may contact Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 721-9557. The chapel is located at 1701 North Ash. The phone number is (316) 267-9582. —Shirley Knight

SHREVEPORT, LA SINGING

Lord willing, the Shreveport, LA, congregation plans to have a singing Saturday night at 7:00 p.m., April 22, 1995. We want to invite all to come and glorify God through song. With the spread of evil in the world, we believe it is profitable to follow the admonition in Ephesians 5:19, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and

hymns and spiritual songs...." We fully expect God to bless this effort, and hope you can come and be blessed with us. For further information, call Bro. Jerry Melot, (318) 938-7233.

MINISTERS' MEETING NOTICE

There will be a Ministers' Meeting of the saints of the Church of God to convene Wednesday, May 3 and continue through Friday, May 5, 1995. This meeting will be an open meeting for pastors, teachers, evangelists and gospel workers. It will be held in the Church of God Chapel, 624 West Warner, Guthrie, Oklahoma. The first session will begin at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 3. Please come praying that the Holy Spirit will make this meeting a real blessing. For further information, or to send offerings to help with the expenses of this Ministers' Meeting, you may contact the Faith Publishing House, Box 518, Guthrie, OK, 73044, or the treasurer, Sister Brenda Wilkins, Rt. 6, Box 797, Guthrie, OK 73044. If you wish to make contact by telephone you may call these brethren: Mart Samons, (304) 456-4469, Ed Wilson, (504) 878-4559, or Leslie Busbee (405) 233-6011.

MISSOURI STATE CAMP MEETING

The Missouri State Camp Meeting, held at Myrtle, MO, will begin, Lord willing, on Wednesday, May 10 and continue through Sunday, May 14, 1995. Everyone is invited and urged to attend. We are expecting and praying for a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, for the encouragement and edification of the people of God, and for the conviction and salvation of the lost. Please be agreed with us in prayer to that end, and come, if at all possible. Your presence in the meeting will be a great help, and would be greatly appreciated by our small congregation here at Myrtle. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. To make cabin reservations, please contact Sis. Carol Sorrell at (417) 938-4493. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682. —Bro. Harlan Sorrell

HOLLY HILL, SC CAMP MEETING

The Church of God, Holly Hill, SC, Camp Meeting will be June 4-11, 1995. We hope everyone will come out and join us in worshipping the Lord.

For further information contact Bro. Alvord Pratt, (803) 492-3366.

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 9-18.

All are invited to attend these services. Please come praying that souls will hear and take heed to the Word of God and be saved, baptized and sanctified—also that bodies will be healed.

There will be morning and night services, Monday through Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. There will be afternoon services on both Sundays.

For further information contact Bro. Charles Lowe, (918) 584-6838 or Bro. Charles Rhodes, (918) 272-9682. The chapel number is (918) 584-8438.

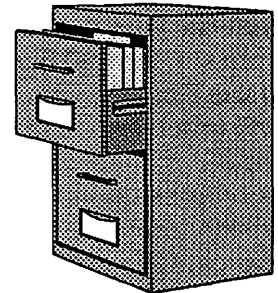
—Sis. Maple Littlejohn

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From
Our
Letter
Files



MO—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings of Christian love. I hope all is going well with you and the Christian workers there at the Lord's Print Shop. I have just recently been leafing through the book, *God's Gracious Dealings*, and observing the pictures and faces of different saints that are shown in it. Since I knew most of them, and knew of their pure and devoted lives, it was very encouraging, inspiring and challenging to my heart. I had to go out to my secret place of prayer and ask God to help me to be faithful. As I thought of the battles they fought and the victories they won, it caused me to want to follow in their steps. It was encouraging to have the Lord give me the assurance in my heart that

God's grace is sufficient for us if we meet the same conditions and make the consecrations that they made. I read one article in the *Faith and Victory* paper by Sis. Marie Miles about being yoked up with Christ. She told about taking a wagon ride that was pulled with two horses. One of them was an older horse and well trained. When he came to a hill he would take the heaviest part of the load. She likened that to Jesus. He takes the heavy end of our load. Then she said it was needful for us not to get ahead of Him, or to get behind, or to turn to one side or the other, for if we did we would lose the benefit of Him helping us to bear our load....

Your saved Brother in Christ,

—T. V. McMillian

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KY—Dear Saints: I want to thank everyone for their prayers. Every time I have called at the Print Shop for prayer everyone that has answered has been so pleasant. We enjoyed having Bro. Mart Samons for a visit. Continue to pray for me and my family. May God bless you dear saints.

Christian love, —Sis. Mary Hughes

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SC—Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus' holy name: We here in Orangeburg, SC, are in need of prayer for Dennis Russell. The devil has gotten him hooked on drugs. We want you to pray that the Lord will set him free and save his soul from sin. I would like for you to pray for Sis. Lillie Jane Russell, who is his mother, that the Lord will touch and heal her. She has a nervous problem....

There are some sick folks in Holly Hill, SC, that I desire prayer for also. And please remember our camp meeting that is coming up in June, that the Lord will save souls and strengthen the saints.

Remember me in prayer, that the Lord will have His way with my life.

—Sis. Mamie Knotts

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AL—Dear Bro. Wayne and all: I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I trust everyone out there is well and happy. I am a lot better in body and I am happy in my soul. All praise be to my dear Lord. Do continue to remember me in prayer when you think of me. I still have a little hurting in my back but God is able to heal it!

We do need to pray hard for this world. It seems to be getting more wicked each day. Pray

that everyone who will, will come to God before it is too late.

Let us also pray for the Church, that every one of God's children will draw close to Him and be ready for His call or coming.

I thank everyone who has prayed for me, but most of all I want to thank God and give praise to Him.

Christian love, —Sis. Pearlene Gerald

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FL—Bro. Wayne Murphey and all at the Print Shop: I am very thankful for the *Bible Lessons* and the *Faith and Victory* papers each time I receive them. They are a blessing to me. I hope and trust all is well, and I am so much better in health, and I am very thankful.

I am praying for the work and the saints everywhere.

Yours in His service,

—Sis. Kathleen Williams

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NC—Dear Bro. Wayne and Co-workers: Greetings in Jesus' name, the sweetest name above all names. It is so good to trust in Jesus. We are all well and pressing on for the Lord. The *Faith and Victory* paper is such a blessing to us each month, that we are always looking for it to arrive in the mail. We are praying for the Print Shop work and workers continually, trusting God to bless your labors of love to a lost and dying world.

We have some requests before the Lord concerning our business, and desire your prayers at the Print Shop. We also desire your prayers for wisdom in knowing how to answer those in confusion.

Well, spring is almost here and we are looking forward to being in some meetings.

Hope to see everyone at Monark,

—Bro. Frankie and Sis. Lynne Millis

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OK—Dear Ones: Greetings of Christian love to everyone. I have much for which to thank our Lord. He saved me over 50 years ago and has spared me these 90 years.

The Word of God tells us that the older saints should teach the younger saints, and for all of us to be subject one to another. (1 Pet. 5:5). The scriptures bear out that the end of time may be near, so I must warn the young, as well as the old, to be ready.

Satan is working hard in getting young girls to dress immodestly, making them think they will be more attractive.... This is a "strait" way

(Matt. 7:14), a holy way, and God's people are pure, holy, peaceable and easy to be entreated.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:1. This walk on earth is so short. Let us die to selfish desires. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." I John 2:15. There is such peace and joy in knowing our sins are under the blood. Thank God for His Spirit dwelling in us here on earth.

May the good Lord bless every one of you and give you understanding is my prayer. Let us meet in heaven. Praise God for Salvation!

Much love and prayers, —Sis. Edith Wall
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MI—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in Jesus' sweet and dear name. I praise God for all His many blessings from day to day. We have so much to be thankful for. I thank Him for all the times He has healed and taken care of me. What a great God we serve! I know my Lord will take care of me the rest of my days.

I am praying for all of you dear ones and for the great work you're doing for the Lord.

Yours in Christ, —Sis. Olive Getterson
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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at the Print Shop: Greetings in the name of Jesus, our blessed Saviour, Physician and Redeemer. I thank Him for salvation, life, breath, strength and all of my abilities. I am convinced that without Jesus we can do nothing, but through Him we can do all things, with the strength He gives. I thank Him for all the promises which we can claim by faith if we are obedient to all His commands and commit our all unto His service with the love that Jesus said we must have.

I am still thankful and rejoicing for the healing of my afflictions. How wonderful to be under the care of the great Physician! I wish that all mankind could come to know the love and mercy that is available for all who will accept Jesus as their Saviour.

I trust that this will find all there in good health and doing well. I pray daily for you all and desire your prayers that I may always be in the center of God's will as long as He gives me life on this earth.

With Christian love, —Bro. Bill Busch
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OK—I have been thinking a lot of late about the effectiveness of spreading the gospel by the

printed page. I would like to relate to you an incident that I am personally acquainted with.

Sis. Katie Marler moved into a house north of Poplar Bluff, MO, when she was raising her family. We do not know of any saints living anywhere in that vicinity at that time, but in this house Sis. Marler found a *Faith and Victory* paper. She was greatly impressed with the contents of the publication.

At this same time, Sis. Effie Miller was hungering and thirsting for more truth than what she had been able to find. Sis. Marler moved to the area where this dear one lived. They became good friends and Sis. Marler acquainted Sis. Miller with the *Faith and Victory* paper. Sis. Cassie (Irvin) Sell also accepted the teachings of this publication. These three started services in their home. This was the beginning of the congregation at Senath, MO—all because of a *Faith and Victory* paper. Many descendants of these dear ones have accepted the truth and are now living in various congregations. Thank the Lord for His many ways of working in behalf of honest souls. —Sybilla (Miller) Humphrey
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WV—Dear friends at the *Faith and Victory*. I come to you in the name of Jesus. I never thought I would live to see 1995. It is so good to look outside when the sun is shining after a heavy frost. Last Thursday as I was helping to take lunches out into the country, we passed one field where it looked like there were a hundred robins of all sizes looking for food.

I have been praying for a closer walk with God, and asking Jesus to send me more of His sweet spirit, so that I can be a better witness for Him. I really miss going to church and being with God's people....

I do hope you all are in good health, and I want to thank you for sending out food for our souls. —Melba Powell
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GA—To whom it may concern: My name is Sister Mary Johnson. I have been a faithful reader of the *Faith and Victory* publication. The Lord has been good to my brother who is not well, and who stays with me. We depend on the Lord. We are isolated from the saints....

—Sis. Mary Johnson
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LA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings of Christian love to your family and the *Faith and Victory* family there at the Print Shop....

You may know that Bro. Mart Samons is

here with us in a meeting. It started Tuesday, March 14. Bro. Toney Samons and family came Tuesday and were here until today. They went to New Orleans, LA, this afternoon and are to fly to Honduras tomorrow.

We are having a good meeting. Bro. Samons was anointed much Tuesday night and tonight. There was altar work last night and tonight, March 17. We are praying for, and expecting a good meeting.

We are in such serious and shaking times. But we know our God is still on His throne and still in the saving business. He always will be as long as time lasts. He said He came to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:10.) Oh, if souls would only seek after Him! A seeking soul will always find a seeking Saviour. Some have strayed and gone so deep into sin that they may feel like they have gone too far. But I tell folks that a seeking soul with true repentance will always find true forgiveness. Thank the Lord for His great love and mercy to poor, lost man.

I trust all of you are being blessed there as you labor for the Lord in putting out the *Faith and Victory* paper. Surely it contains wonderful soul food. It is a real blessing to my hungry soul. I feel that it is a special blessing to the isolated and shut-ins. We appreciate all the workers there and pray for you.

In Christian love,

—Alta Flynn

CA—Greetings to God's faithful workers: Praise God for His gracious and patient dealings with me. His uttermost desire is to make us fit for heaven. I appreciate all the construction God has allowed to take place in my life. After I acknowledge Him, accept His management and approve of His arrangement of my life, I live daily with the assurance that my name is enrolled in heaven. Be encouraged, saints, to fight the good fight of faith, ever laying hold on eternal life. (I Tim. 6:12.)

Christian love and fellowship,

—Loyce Davenport

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We mutter and sputter
We fume and we spurt
We mumble and grumble
Our feelings get hurt,
We can't understand things
Our vision grows dim
When all that we need is
A moment with Him.

—Selected

India Missionary Report

March 16, 1995—Dear Bro. Murphey and dear brothers and sisters in America: Greetings to you all in the most holy name of Jesus Christ.

Our conventions in the southern region of India were pretty well over by the second week in March. God helped us to conduct blessed conventions at Thrikkanuamengel, Vilayanthur, Nadukkunnu, Kothamangalam and Koottervila.

God has opened a new field for our work at Enathu. Six families there have joined with us. We plan to start services there in a rented building. May God open the way for the growth and expansion of this station to be a nice congregation.

Our prayers are for the increase of the Church of God in America.

Yours in Him,

—John Varghese

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IN MEMORIAM



Odever Eliza Ligons was born in McIntosh County near the township of Hoffman, Oklahoma, January 1, 1927 to Andrew J. and Eliza Murdock Ligons and passed from this life February 23, 1995. She was the tenth child of eleven children. Her husband, eldest son, Charles Gilbert, and one granddaughter all preceded her in death.

Odever attended school in Hoffman and Grayson, Oklahoma. On January 2, 1943, she married Herman Dean Kelley in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Spiritually born again at age nineteen, she honorably and successfully managed a God-fearing home, raising six children born to this union (three boys and three girls).

In 1950, the family moved from Hoffman, Oklahoma to Wichita, Kansas where she and her husband were active and faithful workers in the Church of God. She became an ordained minister while in Wichita. In 1961 the family moved to Oklahoma City where she and her husband began pastoring the Church of God at Third and Phillips. In 1969 their pastoral incumbency was extended to the Church of God at 57th and Denver in Spencer, Oklahoma, which they founded.

With younger children still in the home, Odever attended nursing school while working

as a nurse's aid at Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City, all the while working with her husband in the ministry. Having a God-given love and compassion for people, Odever would serve in the homes of the critically ill, providing Home Hospice care, long before it was a recognized and socially accepted practice. She served as president of Kelco Petroleum, a family owned business.

Odever had a passion for hospitality, opening her home to ministers, acquaintances and family alike. She especially enjoyed preparing and serving elegant dinners to her family and friends.

After the passing of her husband, Herman Dean Kelley in November of 1986, she continued as pastor of the Third Street Church of God in Oklahoma City.

She leaves to cherish her memory, three daughters, Mary Edna and husband, John H. Eddens, Herma Lean Campbell, Evelyn Marie Kelley Williams; two sons, Sherman Van and wife Kathy, James Lewis and wife Dava; daughter-in-law, Marva Crisp Kelley; one sister, Gustavia Anderson; two brothers, Andrew Ligons, Jr. and wife Frankie, John Ligons and wife Ruthie; sister-in-law, Amegia Ligons; brother-in-law, Theodore Payne, Sr.; sixteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Fairview Baptist Church with ministers John Eddens and Frances Chandler officiating. Burial was in the Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Robert V. Benson was born August 11, 1930, to Robert and Mildred Benson in Guthrie, OK. He passed from this life February 24, 1995 at his home in Guthrie, OK at the age of 64 years.

Bro. Robert attended schools in Guthrie, graduating from Guthrie High School.

While still in high school, Bro. Robert was introduced to the Church of God, gave his life to the Lord, and attended church services until his death.

On June 13, 1954 he was united in marriage to Aquilla Green, to which union three sons were born.

In his lifetime, Bro. Robert worked at the local OTASCO store, owned Benson's Feed and Seed for 13 years and worked as a custodian for Guthrie High School before his retirement. He

enjoyed volunteering as a sign language teacher, cooking, music and livestock.

A newspaper clipping which Bro. Robert carried in his wallet said, "To show a child something you once enjoyed is to experience it again when you look into their eyes." This was something he loved to experience.

He enjoyed family dinners, especially on holidays; when he would invite his three sons, their wives, all of his grandchildren, his sister, his nephew, and anyone else who was hungry, to eat in his humble home.

Music was another love. He loved to play his spoons on the front porch with his grandchildren or anyone else who wanted to join him.

Bro. Robert is survived by three sons, Robert Earl Benson and wife, Marie, Arlon Ray Benson and wife, Linda, Cecil Ernest Benson and wife, Jeannie, all of Guthrie, OK; seven grandchildren, Julie, Sherrie, Robbie, Adam, Stephanie, Gene and Daniel, all of Guthrie, OK; one sister, Delores Stokes and husband Delbert, and one nephew, Dennis Stokes, all of Guthrie, OK and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the Church of God Chapel, Guthrie, OK on Feb. 28, 1995, with Bros. Charles Elwell and Wayne Murphey officiating. Burial was in the Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, OK.

Phyllis CeCelia Chandler was born to Joseph and Frances Adams Chandler on March 28, 1952 in Oklahoma City. She was the oldest of two children.

She was a beautiful, loving, devoted child; one who made her family proud. Her educational background, scholastic accomplishments and committee affiliations were as follows: Creston Hills Elementary, Oklahoma City, OK, 1957-1962, Kennedy Junior High, Chickasha, OK, 1962-1963, Chickasha Junior High, Chickasha, OK, 1963-1966, Duncan Junior High, Duncan, OK, 1966-1967, Wichita East High School, Wichita, KS, 1967-1969. She received an Associate Degree from Rose State College in 1970 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1989, graduating from Central State University. Phyllis held teaching certificates in elementary education. She held honors in the Dean's Honor Roll 1987-1989, and Outstanding College Students of America in 1989-1990. She taught at Parmalee, Wilson and Parker Schools. Phyllis also was on

several committees such as the Advisory Board Gifted Program, Team Coordinator Parker Elementary Public School Foundation Inc., and was a member of the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Alliance of Black School Educators.

At an early age, Phyllis accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and Friend. She loved the Lord and His people. For a short time after becoming a young adult, Phyllis was away from the Lord, but soon came back to her God to whom she remained faithful until the end.

Phyllis married Henry Peeples in 1978, but after several years the marriage was dissolved and Phyllis remained true to God. There were no children born to this union. Not having children of her own, Phyllis reached out to her family and friend's children.

She returned to school at Central State University and completed her education with honors.

Thus she inherited children (her students) whom she loved dearly. Her theme was to build up self-esteem and inspire them to be great people and love the Lord. Phyllis was helpful in the Church when she could be.

At the time of her homegoing, she was a member of the Church of God congregation at 5721 North Denver under the pastorate of her brother, Charles L. Chandler.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory, her devoted parents, Joseph and Frances Chandler of Spencer, Oklahoma; two brothers, Charles L. Chandler and his wife, Diann, of Spencer, Oklahoma, and Joseph Chandler and his wife, Frances, of Guthrie, Oklahoma; one sister, Gloria Glover and her husband, Olliver, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one paternal aunt, Mary Warren of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, one maternal aunt, Lillie Mae Bramlett of Bakersfield, California; one maternal uncle, William Adams, Jr. of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two great maternal aunts, Lucille Francisco of Rialto, California and Juanita Johnson of Wichita, Kansas; she also leaves the following maternal great uncles, A. C. Johnson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Menser Johnson and wife, Gladys, Boley, Oklahoma, Willie Johnson, Boley, Oklahoma, Leo Johnson and wife, Lucille, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Jewel Johnson and wife, Odessa, of Oakland, California and Mansfield Johnson of Oakland, California; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Rolfe Memorial Funeral Chapel on March 14, 1995. Bro. Charles Lowe officiated. Burial was in the Trice Hill Cemetery, Oklahoma City, OK.

Thank You

Dear saints and friends scattered abroad: Thank God for every one of you. The Charles Chandler family and the Joseph Chandler family want to express our deep appreciation to all for the love and care that has been given to us during these past trying days and times. Our family is large, so I am speaking on behalf of all the families connected with ours. The loss of our dear Phyllis Chandler has been great, but we know she is happy and at rest.

Please remember Phyllis' 4th grade class and the staff at Parker Elementary School. They are deeply touched by her home going. My son, Bro. Charles Chandler, and his family would like to thank all the saints for their prayers and assistance in helping them return home after the accident on the Florida turnpike. Continue to pray for our family. We love you every one.

Lovingly,

—Sis. Frances Chandler and Family



Depression Was Not His Choice

(Continued from page 3.)

David was a man after God's own heart, already anointed to be the next king, yet he suffered rejection and persecution. What had David done to deserve this? He had even spared King Saul's life twice when he could have taken revenge on this enemy. His divine wisdom had prevented him from killing the Lord's anointed. Not only was David a mighty man of war but more importantly, he was strong of character and self-control. Circumstances were grim but David kept his integrity with God. Read Psalm 7 and notice how the first part of the psalm speaks of distress but the latter part praises the Lord. Should not such faithfulness be rewarded by God?

Then David suffered more tragedy. When the Philistine armies gathered to prepare themselves for war, David and his men joined them as a courtesy to the king of Gath. However, the Philistine princes did not want David to join their troops and they commanded him to return to Ziklag. David obeyed. When he reached Ziklag, he discovered the Amalekites had destroyed

Ziklag with fire and had taken every person with them. This was almost more than the men could bear and they lifted up their voices and wept over the loss of their families. David was particularly distressed, for the men spoke of stoning him—they were blaming him for the loss he could not have prevented.

What a difficult position to be in! David had no one to comfort him. No family member was there to weep with him. No old prophet was there to give counsel. He was in enemy territory, rejected by his own nation, and now angrily accused by his last handful of friends. David stood alone, despised and shamefully treated. He could have felt hatred, bitterness, self-pity, resentment, and a longing to die.

Then we read in I Samuel 30:6 that “...David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.” He began to arise above the emotional valley of depression that circumstances had brought his way. Perhaps he remembered all the past times when God had spared his life and brought him through with victory. No doubt he thought about the wonderful blessings that God had graciously given him and the sweet happiness that always warmed his soul when he did right before the Lord. He could not control what had happened, but he could choose whether to give up and stay depressed or to seek help from the Lord. David chose to seek guidance from the Lord. Praise the Lord!

David chose to turn to the Lord his God who had allowed all these grievances to come his way. This choice pleased the Lord and He said, “...Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.” I Samuel 30:8. So it came to pass that David and four hundred of his men overtook the enemy and in verse nineteen we read, “...David recovered all.” Praise the Lord!

David rejoiced in this victory because he chose to rise above depression. If he would have let resentment and bitterness consume his mind, he could not have heard the voice of the Lord guiding him to victory. He chose to remember the past blessings of the Lord instead of all the evil things that unjustly had come his way. He passed this trial with victory and with the Lord's approval. Praise the Lord!

It wasn't long after this that King Saul died in battle with the Philistines, and David was able to return back home to Israel. Time passed and David became the king over Israel. No doubt many times through the following years when

he faced new, difficult trials, he remembered how the Lord had given him the victory at Ziklag. The strength and courage gained from that victory inspired his faith to trust the Lord in each new succeeding trial. God chose David and David chose to honor God.



Home Life

“Carry Him to His Mother”



By Ulysses Phillips

Many are no doubt familiar with the words which I have chosen for the subject of this article. They were spoken by a man of long ago when his son complained to him of pains in his head. He needed someone to comfort and care for him in this hour of pain and misery. There was one to whom he could turn to find such help and comfort as earth could afford; that was his mother. If anyone had a love and care for him, it was she. Her love was enduring; her patience was untiring; and her care was tender. Her heart beat in sympathy for her son.

It was said that when he was brought to his mother, he sat on her knee till noon. No doubt there was a prayer in her heart as she sat with anxious waiting and watching to know how the case would be with the treasure God had entrusted to her care.

There have been many mothers, and there are yet today many who are very desirous to perform their God-enjoined duty toward their children. There was the mother of Moses, a God-fearing woman. I believe she offered up many prayers in behalf of her son, and instructed him in the fear of God while she had the blessed opportunity. When he had come to manhood, he willingly chose the way of the Lord.

We read in Judges, chapter 13, verse 12, “...How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?” This question was asked by the parents of Samson, whose father was a praying man, and he wanted divine guidance concerning his son.

We remember Hannah, how she prayed for a son, and how interested she was in him in desiring that he should be in the service of God all his days; how in his childhood, she made him

a little coat from year to year, and carried it along when she went to the yearly sacrifice.

The mother of Zebedee's children desired that her two sons should be as close to Jesus as possible in His kingdom, although she may not have known for what she was asking. It was the interest she had in them that caused her to make this prayer for her sons.

Many, many others have been rewarded for their faithfulness to their sons.

There is another side to the picture. We find in this day and time, so many mothers who seem to have no sense of the responsibility that rests upon them in regard to their children. Eph. 6:4, "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." How many are failing along this line and yet claiming to be followers of the meek and lowly Lamb, having no time to pray with their children nor to instruct them in the ways of the Lord. Oh yes, they are interested in the precious little jewels. They want them to have a good place in society, or in the business or political world, and want them to be praised by their fellowmen, but have sadly neglected the most important part; that is to teach them the fear of God. What a blessed thing it would be today if there were more sons and daughters in the land that had a mother and grandmother or guardian like Timothy, of whom it was said that from a child he had known the holy scriptures that were able to make him wise unto salvation, because of the faith and interest of his loving watchers. Oh mothers of today, how much effort are you putting forth to bring your children up for God? What kind of an example are you setting before them? How is it in your case: parents obey your children, or children obey your parents? Who is to blame? This life is fleeting; you will some day be taken away. Will you be satisfied to leave the dear children behind with the chart you have mapped out for them? It could be otherwise. Many mothers have looked into the face of their dying child, and what a pain in their heart if there was no evidence that he or she would be with Jesus while the ages roll on. There are many mothers in this age who ought to be with their children, or their children ought to be with their mothers who have left them in the hands of less competent ones while they are out enjoying the gaieties of life. So many children are out in the night, exposed to the vile tempter's snares, who ought to be at home under a mother's care.

The curfew should be sounded. Someone ought to cry out with a mighty and strong voice, "Carry him to his mother," to whom he should be taken without delay.

The lad of our subject sat upon his mother's knees until noon and then died. The mother with confidence hastened to the Lord, to the man of God for comfort. She had gone as far as she could go, but trusting her dead son into His care, her faith was still active in his behalf. She received the desire of her heart because she had done her part. Mothers, if you have done your part and death should call you or your sons away, you can trust it all in God's hands and He will say unto thee at the last, "Well done." Well done because you have taught your sons the fear of God; you have taught them to respect and revere His Word; you have prayed with them and taught them to pray. In the still hours of night when no one else knew, you carried them to God in your supplications; when you went about the duties and toils of the day, you carried them in your heart; you weeded out the words of hate and spite from their conversation. God saw all your efforts, and when the end comes, He will say, "Well done."



Preaching to Nobody

Stephen Grellet believed that those who love God can count on His direction in all they do. One day as he went quietly about his work, a conviction grew in his mind that he should go and preach to the men in a certain lumber camp. The camp was a long way off and the ride would be difficult and Grellet could think of no good reason why he should set off on such an errand. But he was quite sure that God was making this plan for him, and so, for Stephen Grellet there was no question of good reasons. God pointed the way and he could only obey.

Folks said he was going on a wild goose chase, but nevertheless, he set off on his long journey. Nearing his destination, he thought to himself, "Soon I shall see the smoke curling from the cooking fires." But he saw no smoke. He rode nearer, "Soon I shall hear the sound of axes and the scream of saws through the timber," he thought. But he heard nothing. When he rode around the last bend of the trail, he saw the camp clearing was empty.

Grellet stood very still and thought, "Have I come to the wrong camp? No, God would not

misguide me! Then can it be I was mistaken and was the voice that sent me on my way a mockery? No, never has God let His servants be thus mocked! I will wait now and ask Him to show me what He would have me do."

So Stephen Grellet waited in the deserted clearing, waited for God to speak to him. Almost as clearly as if a voice spoke, he heard God's message—"Preach." He pushed open the door of the big shed where two hundred men had once gathered for their meals, and walked in. He faced its emptiness. "Friends," he said aloud, "I have come to you with a message from God." At first it was difficult to speak to the emptiness. He could not help feeling as if he were a fool. But as he spoke about God and God's love, he forgot himself and preached as he had never preached before. When he had finished preaching to nobody, Stephen Grellet started on the homeward trail, serene and happy that he had obeyed God.

Years passed by and business took Grellet to London. He was going over the London Bridge one day when a man spoke to him, "There you are! I've found you at last!" Grellet turned. He had never seen the speaker before. "I think there is a mistake, my friend." "No mistake," the stranger said, "I've looked for you half around the world and I would recognize you anywhere. I owe you everything, Sir." "How is that, my friend?" asked Grellet.

"I'll tell you," said the man. "I used to be a foreman of a lumber camp. Once, many years ago, I had to go back to a clearing we had abandoned to find something I had left behind. When I got there, I heard a voice and there was someone speaking in the empty dining hut. I listened and it was wonderful! And it just fitted me, somehow. I slunk away before the man came out and he had no idea I was there. But I couldn't forget what he had said and when I finally found a Bible, I read it and believed its teaching. Then I wanted the other men to believe, too. I talked to them and one day a whole lot of us got down on our knees and asked God to make us better men."

He went on, "You thought you were preaching to nobody, Sir, but it was the Word of God you spoke, and it found me. Three of those men I later talked to are missionaries now. We are all so glad that you did the Lord's work well and that you were brave enough to preach to nobody."

—Selected

Love in the Sunday School

John Wannamaker had a theory that he would never put a boy out of his Sunday school for bad conduct. He argued that if a boy misbehaved himself, it was through bad training at home, and that if he put him out of the school no one would take care of him. His theory was put to the test one day. A teacher came to him and said, "I have a boy in my class who must be taken out—he breaks the rules continually, he swears and uses obscene language, and I cannot do anything with him." Mr. Wannamaker did not want to dismiss the boy, so he sent the teacher back to his class. But he came again saying that if the boy were not dismissed, he would have to leave. He left, and a second teacher was appointed, who soon brought the same story. A third teacher was appointed. When he had the same experience, Mr. Wannamaker thought he would be compelled to turn the boy out at last. He said to a few of the teachers gathered about, "I will bring this boy up and read his name out in the school and publicly put him out."

A young lady came up to him and said, "I am not doing what I might for Christ; let me have the boy; I will try and save him."

But Mr. Wannamaker said, "If these young men cannot do it, you will not." But she begged to have him and Mr. Wannamaker consented.

She was a wealthy young lady, surrounded with all the luxuries of life. The boy went to her class and for several Sundays he behaved himself and broke no rule. But one Sunday he did and in reply to something she said, spit in her face. She calmly took out her handkerchief and wiped her face, but said nothing. Then she thought upon a plan. "John," she said to him, "come home with me." "No," he said, "I won't. I won't be seen on the streets with you."

She was fearful of losing him altogether if he went out of the school that day and she said to him, "Will you let me walk home with you?" "No, I won't," he said, "I won't be seen on the streets with you."

Then she thought upon another plan. "I won't be at home tomorrow or Tuesday, but if you will come around to the front door on Wednesday morning there will be a little bundle for you." "I don't want it, you can keep your old bundle."

She went home, but made the bundle up. She thought that curiosity might make him

come. Wednesday morning arrived and he had gotten over his mad fit, and thought he would just like to see what was in that bundle. The little fellow knocked at her front door and when the maid answered the door, was given the little bundle. When he opened it, he found a vest and a coat and other clothing, and a little note which read, "Dear Johnnie: Ever since you have been in my class I have prayed for you every morning and evening that you might be a good boy and I do want you to stay in my class. Do not leave me."

The next morning before she was up, the maid came to her and said there was a little boy downstairs who wished to see her. When she went down she found Johnnie on the sofa, weeping. She put her arms around his neck and he said to her, "My dear teacher, I have not had any peace since I got this note from you. I want you to forgive me."

"Won't you let me pray for you to come to Jesus?" replied the teacher and she went down on her knees and prayed for him.

Mr. Wannamaker said that he soon was the best boy in his Sunday school. It was LOVE that won that boy's heart! —Selected



Come Alive

By Sis. Lela Hobbs

Have you ever seen a beautiful bouquet of flowers? Oh, how beautiful it looks. Have you seen that same bouquet wilt and die? It is not a pretty sight. Have you ever seen something decaying? It is ugly and sometimes it stinks.

A soul in sin is dead and decaying. A soul in sin and transgressions is not a pretty sight. The Lord wants to make that soul alive. He wants to give that soul a new life. He wants to awaken that soul.

Picture a scene of a cold winter morning. Everything around is in a dormant condition. Things are idle. Things look dreary and dull. What happens when the sun of Spring starts to shine and work on that scene? Things come alive and vibrant. A soul in sin is asleep. You who are asleep and dead, let the Son of righteousness shine His rays down upon your soul. Let Him make you anew. Let Jesus make your soul as beautiful as a fresh blooming flower. Let your Spring of life begin. A redeemed soul sends out a sweet smelling aroma. Let the beauties within shine out through Jesus. Let Him quicken you now. Don't let your soul decay.



Excerpts Taken From

April, 1970 Faith and Victory

"The saints of the Enid, OK congregation have moved their worship services to their new chapel on the corner of Independence and Hemlock Streets.

"The new chapel at Anthony, KS is nearing completion. The building will not be finished in detail by March 29, but the saints there plan to have their Easter services in the new chapel located on the corner of N. Penn. and Garfield Streets.

"The congregation pastored by Bro. Archie Souder, and which formerly worshipped on N. E. 50th Street in Oklahoma City, have moved to their new chapel at 5900 N. E. 23rd Street, Oklahoma City.

"We appreciated having Bro. Murphy Allen and his daughter Janice of Senath, MO, with us in [Guthrie] services several nights from March 4 to 8.

"Here at the Lord's Print Shop are nine full-time Christian workers, besides several part-time helpers from the congregation, who have consecrated their services to the Lord to get the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ to the perishing millions by the printed page. Hearing and believing the gospel is the only hope for mankind, and it is encouraging to hear the machines running and see the presses turning out thousands of pages of gospel literature, and see the steady flow of packages of tracts, papers, and books going to the post office for delivery in all directions."

—Lawrence Pruitt