

# FAITH<sup>AND</sup>VICTORY

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Unto Him shall the  
gathering of the  
people be.

God Is  
LOVE

YE SHINE AS  
LIGHTS IN  
THE WORLD.

JESUS  
SAVES

The night cometh,  
when no man  
can work.

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### Praying For Our Country

By  
Patricia Bell



I would like to share some weapons of warfare that have been helpful in praying for our country and useful against the wickedness of our world and those who are enemies of truth and right.

We can pray, "Lord, scatter the thoughts of the wicked that they leave off their purpose." (Genesis 11:8.)

"Let not the wicked cause any righteous man to go astray." (Proverbs 28:10.)

"May their wicked ideas not cause Your people to commit trespass. (Numbers 31:16.)

"May Your people retain their integrity." (Job 2:9.)

"Disappoint the devices of the wicked that they cannot perform their agenda." (Job 5:12.)

"Lead the wicked away spoiled and make their judges appear as fools." (Job 12:17.)

"Frustrate the tokens of the liars." (Isaiah 44:25.)

"May these persecutors stumble and not prevail." (Jeremiah 20:11.)

"Bring the counsel of the heathen to nought and make their devices of none effect." (Psalm 33:10.)

I trust these phrases of prayer will encourage others to pray effectually, specifically and fervently.

P.S.—Pray for the U.N. Women's Conference that is to shortly take place in Beijing, China.

### Sowing Seed

By James McMurrin

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6.

Many people today might be puzzled by this weeping. Why would you weep when you are sowing seed? Wouldn't you be glad to be spreading blessings? Isn't spreading the Word of God something to rejoice over? Why would it be an occasion for weeping?

The answer lies in a fact that isn't experienced by many people today. Those who live in a farming community have a first-hand experience of what that seed means. When a crop is harvested, some seed is saved for sowing the next year. That is part of their effort and time, saving for the next year. The rest is consumed during the winter. In spring, there may not be much left. The seed that was saved looks (and is) delicious. It is food, something to sustain the body. And yet, that seed must be thrown away by putting it in the ground.

No, it isn't just "thrown away," it is sown. The sower has two options. The seed can be consumed to immediately nourish the



body—but in the end, there would be no harvest, and perhaps starvation the following winter. Or he can deny himself that nourishment, sow the seed in the ground, and then “come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” The resulting harvest will be many times greater than the original seed, and will bring forth enough to sustain him through the next winter.

So it is in our lives. Our “seed” is not just the Word of God. Our seed is the time and the effort we have in us. We have only so much time and only so many reserves of physical and mental strength. We have a physical body which demands that certain needs must be met in order to continue. We must spend some of our limited time and effort on it to keep going. But how much? That is like consuming our seed now. A person who spends all his time and effort focusing on HERE will not have any seed (or time) left to sow and will meet with utter ruin on the Judgment Day.

Our other option is to sow some of our seed—our time and effort—into God’s will for our lives. We may weep at times for the things that we are sacrificing, as it is not normal for human nature to willingly give up things that nourish the flesh, but we know that those sacrifices now are going to create a harvest—an abundant harvest which will come to fruition on that Last Day and which will give us life eternal.



## Witnessing for Christ

By Marvin Moles

During the time of Isaiah, God asked, “Who shall we send?” (Isa. 6:8-9.) There weren’t many to choose from and it was a dry time for hearing God’s Word. But Isaiah asked the Lord to send him. Praise God, Isaiah knew the importance of publishing the Word of God.

Throughout the Bible, God was continually sending people out. He told them to speak His words. When Christ came it was to save, and He went out Himself to spread the good news. He didn’t tuck himself away until they came to Him, but He went out preaching the gospel. (Mark 1:14.) When He went to one place He stayed for a little while and then went to the next place. In order to publish the Word of God we must go out and bid those in the highways and hedges to come to the Master’s feast. (Luke 14:23.)

When Christ was here He told the disciples to go out into the world. (John 17:18.) On two different occasions He sent them Himself. Never did they fail to publish the Word. They published it continually. When they were beaten and told not to speak, they prayed for the boldness to speak the Word of God. (Acts 4:29.) When told not to speak they said, “Would it be right to listen to men more than God?” They had instructions to speak and they could not but speak what they had seen and heard. (Acts 4:19-20.) Never were they commanded to stop publishing the Word.

On through the ages, until now, the Lord has not told us to stop. He has not told us to give up on souls. He didn’t say that they would listen every time, but He did say to tell them. (Ezek. 2:4-5.) If you don’t go, God is going to send someone else who will. If we do not warn the wicked of his wicked way and he dies in his iniquity, he shall perish, but his blood will be required of us. (Ezek. 3:18.)

God has not given up on souls. When God gives up on the world, then the end is here.

God says that the harvest is great, but the labourers are few. (Luke 10:2.) It need not be so. We must go out. We must publish the Word of God. The work is not done. It is time to labour, and it is time for the children of God to say, “Send me.”



## Resisting the Holy Ghost

By Ernest Moles

Do you believe that in these last days there are many souls who have a profession, yet resist the Holy Ghost? Resist means “to oppose.” In Acts 7:51 it says, “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost....” This lets me know there are people like this. Otherwise, if there weren’t people just *professing* to know God, we would all be in one accord as they were on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:1.) *One accord* means “All in tune together.” God’s chosen people, the elect, are Holy Ghost filled and in one accord. But people like the ones who stoned Stephen to death were filled with a carnal spirit which is enmity against God.

In Matthew 23:25-26, Jesus exhorts the Scribes and Pharisees to cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter that the outside may be clean also. Let us learn what the Holy Ghost will do and what it will not do.

## A Simple Life

By Lana Gilbert

Every ship that plunges its bow into open waters has a specific purpose for its voyage. From the smallest to the largest, each one has a set course to follow. All vessels are designed and equipped to serve a particular function. A carrier is an armed vessel built to carry aircraft. A cargo ship hauls freight of goods or merchandise from one place to another. A liner transports people to a new destination.

The Titanic was such a ship. It was a luxury liner, a British steamer owned by the White Star line. It was not only the largest ship in the world, but also the most glamorous. It was 882.5 feet long. It had a gross tonnage of 46,328 tons. It was 11 stories tall and 4 city blocks long.

The first class a' la carte French restaurant boasted crystal chandeliers, fine china, and silver dinnerware. The cabins were also exquisitely furnished. There were five grand pianos on board. Walls were paneled with the finest of woods, including oak, mahogany and french walnut. A Turkish bath comprised of a mosaic floor, blue-green tiled wall, gilded beams, and stanchions encased in carved teak, could be enjoyed on F Deck. A gym provided recreation, complete with squash court, stationery bicycles, mechanical horses, among other activities.

The Titanic certainly outshined any ship that had ever been built before her. The passengers alone that were aboard her had a collective worth of \$250,000,000.00, not including the riches, jewelry, collectibles and priceless objects they took aboard with them. Never before had there been a ship that catered to such wealth. The Titanic was at the head of its class!

Experts considered the ship to be "unsinkable." An article published in 1911 in the *Ship-builder* magazine, stated that, "The ship was practically unsinkable." One crew member, when asked if the ship was really non-sinkable, boasted she was "The ship that God Himself couldn't sink."

Her fame spread worldwide. People were drawn to her glamour and gleam. She glittered and sparkled like a floating palace. The ship was glorious to look at, oozing with luxury. To sail the open seas upon her brightly lit decks was to be the experience of a lifetime.

The Titanic set sail from South Hampton on April 10, 1912. Her destination was New York City. There were 2,207 people on board for her maiden voyage. They were the first to experience the ship's splendor. They were also the last.

For days the vessel pushed onward. Approximately 1,600 miles northeast of New York City the ship ran into icy waters. On Sunday, April 14th, the iceberg was sighted. It stretched skyward about 100 feet above the water. Running at 22.5 knots, the Titanic collided with the iceberg. At this point in time, no one dreamed that in a few short hours the "unsinkable" ship would lay to rest in a watery grave.

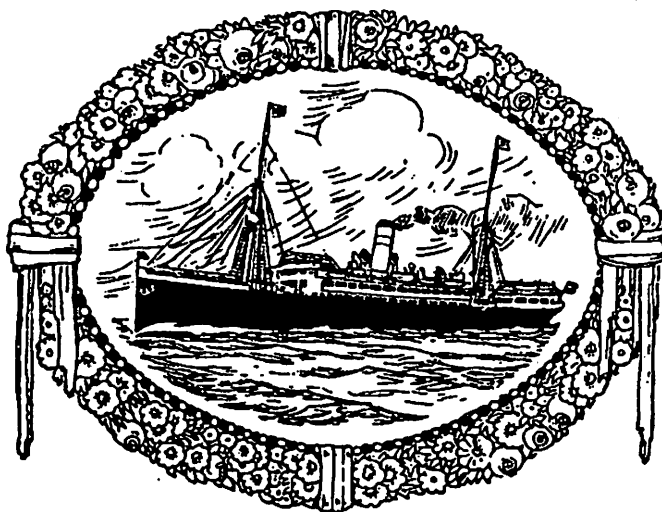
No sirens were sounded. No bells rang out. Word was spread by word of mouth. Passengers and crew members were assembled on the decks. Sixteen wooden lifeboats were unveiled, along with four collapsible life crafts.

Passengers were appalled at the idea of boarding these plain, little wooden boats. The general consensus among the people was, "Why trade the bright decks of the Titanic for a few dark hours in a row boat?" One man stated, "We are safer here than in that little boat." One lady flatly refused to enter a lifeboat. They were unwilling to leave

the glamour the ship possessed and their riches stowed on board.

Time passed quickly, and with each minute the Titanic took on more water. The "unsinkable" ship was going down. All the luxuries the steamer possessed could not save it. The untold riches stowed on board could not ensure safety for its passengers.

The only hope for those aboard was the  
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## Editorials

Greetings to all our readers. In accordance with our usual custom, we omitted the August issue of the *Faith and Victory* so that our workers would have the opportunity to attend the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, MO. Therefore it seems a long time since we have addressed you through this paper. We do thank those who were faithful to keep in contact with us by way of mail during this time.

Though I was able to attend the camp meeting for only the two weekends, it was gratifying to see the many saints who were there, and to hear of the good attendance and altar work during the meeting.

By the time this issue reaches you, most of the camp meetings across the country will have ended. But that does not mean the doors of opportunity are closed. Now is the time for your zeal, which was renewed by the fellowship of other Christians, to be put to use. In Rev. 3:8, we read that God said, "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."

God has set open doors of opportunity before us, the greatest of which is the door of salvation. "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:9. This is the door that no man can afford to pass by. It is the way of escape from the wrath of God and the tyranny of self. It is where you must enter in order to have the load of guilt lifted from your soul.

Christ set another open door of opportunity before us when He said, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." John 14:13. This is the avenue that opened up wondrous things for the Patriarchs, the first Christians, and many reformers who came after them. Job once said, "What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?" Job 21:15. That is something that can only truly be answered by the experience of each individual believer. This door of prayer is easily neglected and its subsequent blessings forfeited. Prayer should be as natural to the Christian as breathing is to the body. In fact, in I Thess. 5:17, we are admonished to pray

without ceasing. It was said of one man of God that all his thoughts of people gradually turned to prayers.

There is another very important door that Christ set before us when He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19. The door of service is wide open. Christ does not compel us to serve or follow Him, but He commands and invites. It seems that there have always been young people in the Church of God who are convicted of this need, and are willing to commit themselves to service. However, there is not always an established way for this service to be rendered. Young people cannot be sent out on their own. Christ knew the power in unity when He sent the seventy, two by two. (Luke 10:1.) It is the Church's responsibility to make the way for young people who feel a calling to be able to serve. This is done by those who are established filling the place of service and founding missions or works through which others can operate. It also necessitates those who are able, to financially contribute so this can be made possible.

It is the design of the enemy to make the Church so ingrown that it destroys the atmosphere which spawns service. One way in which this is done is by becoming so involved in technical matters of church policy that a vision for souls is either lost or ignored. One writer has offered this observation. "I am not an expert in prophecy, but I am not looking for the Kingdom without the King. Some make a hobby of prophecy and are so occupied with Christ's coming they are not occupying till He comes. Some are studying the meaning of the fourth toe of the right foot of some beast in prophecy and are failing to use either foot to go and bring perishing ones to Christ. I could lecture on 'The Rise and Fall of Hitler's Mustache' and get a crowd. But if I spoke on 'Obedience,' I couldn't get some people to church with a rope and tackle."

There is a sense of inner fulfillment when we are willing to enter all the doors that Christ opens for us. We can flourish with victory in our own soul as well as see others blessed by our willing service.

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In this Faith and Victory you will find an article by Bro. Leslie Busbee, under the heading of "An Exhortation," conveying some of the thoughts of the ministry concerning the use of

the video cassette recorder. While it is not the Biblical place of the ministry to pass a creed or official legislation which a person must subscribe to in order to be in fellowship with God, it is the place of the pastorship as a whole to teach holiness to all people, especially those who have a desire to prosper in the Kingdom of God.

Any time something new is introduced into our society it can be expected that the Church will make a close, and sometimes skeptical examination of it.

To illustrate, let me share with you a letter expressing the feelings of one brother in the Lord who wrote to my grandfather, Fred Pruitt, in the year of 1952, not long after the tape recorder came into common use.

*"I have given this matter much thought and prayer, and ever since I first heard about the saints bringing these into the worship, I felt bad about it. And I believe I have some sound doctrine and thought that will prove them to be more harm than good to the saints.... I am still praying much about them and looking to God to direct me. There are so many ways I feel that they will be to hurt more than good. So I believe we ought to be slow in this matter. Surely the Devil has lots of inventions these days and if he can slip some of them upon the saints he will surely do it... Surely we must watch on all sides. We are God's watchmen and we will be responsible for so much as His watchman...."*

In 1965, a sister also sent in an article which condemned the use of the radio, and asked that it be printed in the Faith and Victory. It was not printed, and when the sister wrote a letter inquiring why, Uncle Lawrence Pruitt responded thus. *"The saints have always taught and still teach against the uncontrolled radio which brings into the home many worldly and harmful things outlined in the article. Children should not be turned loose with a radio, and a saint should not have one he can not control. News and weather reports are helpful. When we were children at home my father would not have a radio in the home because he could not be there to control it. That is still our practice and teaching, but to bar the radio completely has not been taught by the Church any more than barring one from reading a newspaper or magazine which is just as bad when it comes to worldly pictures... We appreciate your concern for a clean, holy way of life, for 'without holiness no man shall see the Lord' in peace, and we agree*

*that there are dangers to the soul connected with the use of the radio. May the Lord help us all to keep unspotted from the world."*

It is not wrong to give a close scrutiny to the use of modern inventions. If that isn't done the Church of God would fall prey to apostasy. However, we must weigh the value of something and not judge a matter while blinded by a prejudicial view because it is new to our life-style. We cannot take a stand, that with the evolving of time and events, we or those who follow us will look back upon and say was a position without foresight.

It will always be appropriate to take a position, in a spirit of meekness, against the evils that are present in our society, and to exhort all Christians to abstain from such. (Rom 1:32.) The evils we are to oppose are those listed in Galatians 5:19-21, which are called the works of the flesh. We are to give no room to the devil (Eph.4:27), whether it be in our heart or in our home.

This would lead us to the truth that the things of this life which we can properly use and which are not evil, are not to be condemned. If you find yourself in a situation where a particular device cannot be controlled, or if you personally feel convicted about the item in question, then in order for you to face God with a clear conscience, it would be advisable for you to abstain from it, without applying your situation to all others.

We are to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. (Jude 1:3.) This is referring to the teachings of Christ, and He put it in this simple and positive way, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8.

On June 28, Devon Blaine Smith was born to the home of our co-worker, Bro. Michael Smith, and his wife, René. This is their first child and the Print Shop family is enjoying Devon's arrival.

We have finished another reprinting of the book, *The Revelation Explained*, which has been out of stock for several years. We still must take it to the bookbinder before it will be ready for sale.

Printing it has made it necessary for us to resupply our paper stock. We were informed that the cost of paper has drastically risen since our last purchase. In order to continue the

printing work, however, we have ordered an additional 5,000 pounds.

Plans for the new Print Shop building are going forward. We have contracted with Bro. John Madden of Bristow, OK, to do the dirt work that will be required to prepare a pad for the Print Shop to be built on. He will also level a parking area and prepare the roadway from Highway 77 to where the building will be erected. This work will commence soon.

We thank each of you who have shared this burden of relocation with us. The offerings received for this purpose are certainly appreciated.

**P** MO—"Pray for my wife." —Wiley Burnett  
**R** MO—"Pray for me." —Jane Briscoe  
**A** CO—Bro. Thomas Davis desires prayer.  
**Y** OR—"Please pray for my friend, Helen, who has cancer. Also pray for three people who need deliverance from drugs."  
**E** —Betty Culp  
**R** CO—Leona Carey is not well and desires prayer.  
**R** KY—"Please pray for my brother and sister-in-law in Marietta, OH, and for my sister in Mentor, OH. They aren't well in body."  
**E** —Wilma Horsley  
**Q** IN—"I have a prayer request. I became too hot the other day while I was outside, and for a while I couldn't even speak. It might have just been the heat or it could also have been my heart."  
**U** —Jimmy Wilson  
**E** MS—"Please remember me in your prayers. I am a new convert in the Lord and I desire to be all that God would have me to be."  
**S** —Sis. Jennifer Pomerlee

## Meeting Reports and Notices

### HOLLY HILL, SC CAMP MEETING REPORT

Our camp meeting at Holly Hill was a blessing sent from God. We gave the meeting over to the Lord at the beginning and His Spirit was manifested. Many souls sought help from the Lord. A couple were saved. Praise the Lord.

We are thankful for the fellowship we have among the children of God. There were saints here from out of town and God sent His ministers here with the very food we needed for our souls' benefit.

We want to express our thanks to everyone who helped in making the meeting possible. Thank you for your prayers that were sent up.

We would like to announce the date for the revival that is planned for October. Lord willing, it will be October 8-15, 1995. We welcome all who will come to come.

For further information you may call Bro. Utson Platt, (803) 496-5759, or Bro. Alvold Pratt, (803) 492-3366.

Your sister in Christ,

—Judie Crummie Hughes

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### **GREEN BANK, WV CAMP MEETING REPORT**

The camp meeting at Green Bank was especially blessed this year with the Lord's presence. From the first to the last, the Lord came down to feed and challenge our souls.

This year, we were permitted to use an old holiness campground nearby for our meeting. It proved to be a real asset. There was plenty of room for everyone to stay on the grounds. Recently, the campground board met and approved our use of the facility for next year, so make your plans to attend.

There was a very nice group of young people this year and they proved to be a blessing to the meeting.

The Lord sent several ministers in to serve some precious food to the saints and visitors who attended. We appreciate everyone who sacrificed to come and help make this year's meeting a success. —Bro. Toney Samons

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### **WICHITA, KS MEETING NOTICE**

Praises to our God who is still on His throne and still has control. We are looking to this great God of ours to work, help, anoint and bless us with a successful meeting September 15-24, 1995. We know all good gifts come from above and we are seeking God's manifold blessings.

Saints, please pray with us for a victorious meeting where souls will be saved, blessed and strengthened. Also, ask the Lord if He has need of you at the meeting, and if He says yes, please make haste to attend.

The chapel is located at 1701 N. Ash, Wichita, KS. The phone number is (316) 267-9582. If you need to contact someone, you may contact Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848.

—Shirley Knight

### **DUNCANNON, PA REVIVAL**

With God's help, the Church of God congregation in Duncannon will hold a Fall Revival, September 13-17. Services will be held at the chapel located on Route 849, west of Duncannon approximately 5 1/2 miles. We welcome all who wish to attend. Accommodations and camper sites are limited so we would appreciate prior notification of your arrival if possible. Please call Sis. Virginia Myers, (717) 834-4595, or Bro. and Sis. Stanley Huss, (717) 567-6988. Morning and evening services are planned. We solicit your prayers, whether or not you can come.

—Barbara Campbell

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### **MYRTLE, MO ASSEMBLY MEETING**

The Myrtle, MO Assembly Meeting will begin, Lord willing, on Wednesday night, October 4, 1995, and continue through Sunday, October 8th. There will be nightly services at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and day services when announced. Three services are planned for Saturday with a special service of singing Saturday night. Please pray for this meeting and come be with us, if possible. We are trusting the Lord to send ministers of His choosing and saints to help make the meeting a success. For further information contact Sis. Carol Sorrell at (417) 938-4493, or Bro. Harlan Sorrell, (417) 938-4336. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682.

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### **MONARK SPRINGS, MO CAMP MEETING TAPES AVAILABLE**

The best of the congregational singing from the Monark Springs Camp Meeting, 1995, is now edited and available on a 100 minute, high-bias, TDK cassette for the price of \$3.00. This tape contains the highlights of the congregational singing, except Tuesday night during the storm, and I regret that that beautiful singing could not be recorded due to no electricity.

A 90 minute, normal-bias tape of special singing is also available for \$2.00. All tape prices include postage.

Message tapes of the whole meeting are also available. If interested, write for a list of the messages.

Mail your orders to: Harlan Sorrell, Rt. 1 Box 118A, Myrtle, MO 65778.

Yours for the sweet songs of Zion,

—Harlan Sorrell



**NOTE OF THANKS**

Dear saints, friends and loved ones:  
With thanksgiving to each of you, I wish to express our appreciation for your loving kindness to us during our bereavement of the passing of my son, Ernest. Your love and kindness was an encouragement and strength to us in our time of sorrow.

Thank you for your calls, cards and flowers, and especially for your prayers. Most of all I thank God for the assurance God gave me that Ernest's soul is with Him at rest—praise God!

With Christian love,

—Sis. Katherine Williams and family

**MINI VAN NEEDED**

Dear saints of God: We feel burdened to let the saints know of a need among God's people, and ask you to pray about it and see what the Lord would have you to do.

In talking to Sis. Bonnie Riley about her mini van, we discovered that the engine needs to be rebuilt and the transmission needs repair. Parts alone for the engine could run as much as \$1,000.00, and she did not feel the van was worth putting that much money into. So we feel burdened to start an account to buy her another mini van. She goes and gets children for services and is in real need of a vehicle.

If the Lord burdens you in this direction, please make your checks payable to Church of God, c/o Daniel Adams, 27535 S. Hwy. 69, Route 3, Box 483, Vinita, OK 74301.

We will do our best to acknowledge each contribution and let you know the progress. We desire prayer that the Lord will give divine guidance that a van can be purchased reasonably and in good condition.

Yours in Christ, —Daniel and Anita Adams

**BUILDING PROJECT**

Dear saints: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We are thankful to report victory in our soul and courage to fight the good fight of faith that we may lay hold on eternal life.

I am addressing this letter to you to inform you that we are in progress with the new chapel buildings in Coffeerville, MS and Kenner, LA. We

need your help to complete these projects. Many have asked us to inform them of the time when we would begin the building projects. Therefore, I am writing to inform you that we have begun, and we need your prayers and support.

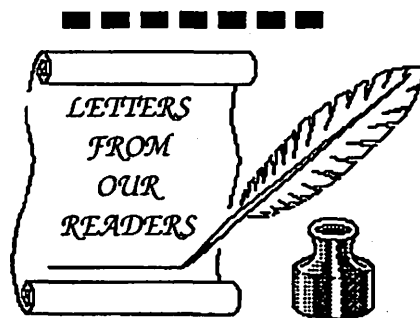
The estimated cost of the building at Coffeerville is \$40,000.00. The estimated cost of the building at Kenner, LA is also \$40,000.00. Would you please ask the Lord what He would have you do to help in this cause?

Those of you who would like to help in the Coffeerville project, may send your contributions to: The Church of God, Evening Light, P. O. Box 84, Coffeerville, MS 38922. The contacts are Bro. Lessie Brown, (601) 675-2718 and Sis. Sandra Polk, (601) 675-2989.

Those of you wanting to help with the Kenner, LA church building may send your contributions to The Church of God Missionary, P. O. Box 73835, Metairie, LA 70033. The contacts are Bro. Louis Kimble, (504) 467-8842 and Bro. John Clement, (504) 486-3125. Please note which building project you are helping with. We are trying to complete these projects as soon as possible.

May God bless you is our prayer,

—Bro. Louis Kimble



MI—Dear Bro. and Sis.: Just a short note to let you know we are still encouraged in trusting the Lord for all things. He is all He said He would be to us....

—Bro. Milford and Sis. Dorothy Parsons

MI—Dear Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary and all you dear workers: Greetings in the love of Jesus. I pray all is going well in the Lord's work. It was sad about the flood you had to go through. May God help you to get back in order again.

This summer has surely been hot. We are now having a break, which seems so good. I had breathing spells and felt like maybe I wouldn't make it. But, praise the dear Lord, He helped me through and I do thank Him. I can't take a lot of heat. When I was 21 years old I had a light sun



stroke. I thought surely I would die, but Jesus healed me and He has healed me many times since.

Please remember Bro. Norman Simpson and his family. He doesn't have a job. I pray they can make it with the help of God. They are trusting in the Lord to find Bro. Norman a job soon.

May God bless all of you richly in soul and body.

My love and prayers, —Sis. Olive Getterson  
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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at the Print Shop: Greetings in the name of Jesus, who made an atonement for all mankind. Praise His holy name.

I trust this finds all there well and the work of the Lord doing fine. The way evil is increasing as the days pass surely means the end of time must be near. I pray for the return of Jesus to come quickly to prevent so many souls being lost for all eternity. The salvation of the last soul that can be saved will be the final event before the last Judgment.

I am so thankful each day for life, breath and all the abilities God gives me. I am thankful for salvation, and I pray and desire your prayers that I may have a constant awareness of my dependence on Jesus as I go through life each day. He is my all and in all....

With Christian love, —Bro. Bill Busch  
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OK—Dear Bro. Wayne: I have moved to the Shawnee Golden Rule Home to live.... This is an adjustment, but it got to where I could no longer keep my home. I have arthritis in my left hip and other afflictions.

So pray for us as we do you. I will be 84 in September. My strength is really failing and I have to use a cane to get around.

May God bless and keep you is my prayer,  
—Sis. Grace Jones  
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Mexico—Dear Bro. Wayne and family: We greet you with all affection in the love of our Lord, to whom we owe all that we are and have. I give thanks to our Lord because to this day the Lord has us in His hands, and great and faithful is He to complete all His promises to us even though it appears at times that all we have done and worked for has gone down. We always pray that God will help us to stay faithful to His Word. There is so much confusion around us. We know that the scriptures are being fulfilled where it says that in the last days no one will

have peace, only those who truly trust in the Lord....

We are sorry for all the water did to the Print Shop and the chapel. We are praying that soon you will have the new building so you will not have so many problems with the water.

Keep praying much for us, especially that the Lord will show us what we need to do, and that we will be obedient. Greet all the saints there.

Your sister in Christ, —Panchita Escobar  
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FL—Dear saints: We realize it has been only a short time since we last wrote but feel we must share what God has recently done for us. We were traveling out of state and were approximately 600 miles from home. We were on a somewhat mountainous road and came around a curve in the road. We looked ahead and saw the traffic was coming to a rapid stop. Though we tried very hard, we were unable to stop and caused a three-car accident. We had just purchased a pickup truck and were seated higher than we would have been in a regular vehicle, which was a real blessing. We were blessed in that we only received minor injuries. God was surely protecting us, as we could have been seriously hurt or even killed. The impact was very severe and quite traumatic. After the crash, the thought kept going through our minds, "Why did this have to happen?" Each time the question would arise, the answer would come in the form of Romans 8:28. What a comfort that scripture was at that time!

Well, there we were, stranded far from home and without knowing anyone in that area. But God took over the situation and led us each step of the way to the right individuals. We met some very kind and merciful people who were gracious enough to help us secure a rental car, make arrangements to repair our truck, etc.... The truck was undriveable, so we had to wait until they repaired it to drive home. The Lord worked it all out so smoothly, and we only ended up missing four additional days from work.

We were so sad to see the lady who was a passenger in the vehicle in front of us taken to the hospital. We felt badly and sought the Lord to have mercy upon her. Later that evening we called the hospital and were told that she had been released. Praise the Lord for His abundant mercy. Even though He lets these trials come, He makes them bearable by sending such tender mercies along with them.

We know and realize the seriousness of this crash and know it is only God's mercy that we are alive, and we want to uplift His dear name for being so good to us. We love Him and want to do His will. —Kevin and Cheryl Smith  
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MO—Dear friends: Greetings from Missouri. Mother reached her 91st birthday May 11, 1995. However, she has been very ill and let her subscription to the *Faith and Victory* expire. Praise to our Father, He still has earthly plans for her. She loves to read and enjoys the *Faith and Victory* so much. Keep her and Dad (Wilson) in your prayers as they will celebrate their seventieth anniversary December 24, 1995.

Love and blessings,

—Wilson, Ada and Glenda Plaster  
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WV—...You dear ones are being a real blessing to all who love the truth. We are praying for you.

My wife is much better. We know it was because of the prayers of God's people that she has made her recovery so quickly.

—Bro. James White  
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LA—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I thank you for your publications! They are a real blessing!...

Please pray for me and my five children. I am a single parent through divorce. Pray that God will give me wisdom and strength to handle everything, and that God will touch my children's hearts. They have the desire but the abuses of the past are causing problems with anger, tempers, bitterness, etc. Please pray for them to be able to concentrate and apply themselves better to their school work.

May God bless you all!

Sincerely,

—Lianna Firmin  
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CA—Dear Bro. Murphey and saints: Greetings in the precious name of our blessed Savior and Healer, Jesus Christ. I am praising the Lord and thanking Him always for grace to keep me free from all evil and power to overcome many trials.

I have been afflicted with an illness for the past two months and have been anointed and prayed for. The Lord is blessing me with some relief. I am determined to be faithful and follow Him. He has promised to be with me and I know He will not fail me. I will be 88 next week and I want to win souls for Him as long as I live.

Please remember my unsaved loved ones. I am always praying for the Lord to bless His work there.

Sincerely in Christian love,

—Sister Ruth Donnelly  
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CA—Dear Bro. Wayne and all: I hope this finds everyone well and encouraged. My family and myself are well at this time.

We are surely living in wicked times and it seems to be getting worse. If we didn't believe in the Lord, we surely wouldn't have anything worthwhile to look forward to....

I have some special requests for my family and myself. Also my cousin needs prayer.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the work you are doing there. It surely is appreciated.

Love and prayers,

—Doris Pihaylic  
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Canada—Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and all the dear workers in the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior.

We are isolated and desire much to fellowship with the people of God. So in June we left home for almost four weeks to be in meetings with the saints in Holly Hill, SC and Green Bank, WV. The Lord was right in our midst and gave His blessings in a rich measure. Praise the Lord. Wife and I are ready to make the 1,100 mile drive to Monark Springs, MO to praise the Lord again and be in fellowship with the people of God.

I faithfully read the *Bible Lesson* for every week. What a blessing! We pray for you always. Please pray also for us. We need prayer. Keep working for the Lord and the Lord will bless every one of you!

Love, —Bro. and Sis. George Schroeder  
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CA—Dear Wayne Murphey and saints: Greetings in Jesus' name.

On December 2, 1994, I had a stroke on my right side, and the Lord has been with me and blessed me, and I am getting along fine. I am using the walker to get around and the wheelchair when needed.

Jesus has drawn me closer to Him and I am getting well slowly. I would like you to remember me in your prayers, that I will draw even closer to the Lord.

I had my 91st birthday in October. I feel I have more witnessing to do for the Lord.

Over the years I have enjoyed your *Faith and Victory* paper and also the *Bible Lessons*.

You're in my prayers always,

—Sis. Lucille Allen

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IL—Dear saints: Thank you for the monthly publication I receive each month. I truly enjoy the articles that are published. They have really been a spiritual blessing to me. May God continue to bless all of you there in the Print Shop.

Yours in Christ, —Sis. Lillian Beed

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AR—Dear Faith Publishing House: I have a precious neighbor by the name of Maree Morris. She is 87 years old. I thank the Lord for blessing me with a neighbor like her. She brings me Christian literature to read. If it wasn't for her, I would have never read the *Faith and Victory*.

I thank the Lord for people like those at the Print Shop and Maree Morris who spread the gospel. I am 24 years old and pray to be able to do the same for many years.

God bless you all, —Jennifer Williams

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## FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

### From the Philippines...

July 12, 1995—Dearest Brother and Sister Murphey: Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord. I hope you are all fine, pressing on for the Crown of Life. Please give my regards to all the faithful and patient workers at the Lord's Print Shop.

May I ask your forgiveness for not writing you for so long. I am here in Pulang Lupa and it was hard for me to find time to write. I have gone to my Bible study appointments and also visited the congregations. Last Sunday I conducted a marriage ceremony in Sibut.

There are several people in the village around coming to my house to hear the Word of God. This morning a woman came asking me to go to pray for her baby who is seriously sick. We are planning to build a small church building to gather the people here for worship. This is a good place for a worship gathering like camp meetings, prayer meetings and fellowship meetings. I am sure this is God's answer to our earnest prayers for a place to put up these projects.

Some of our preachers are now being supported partly by their congregations. Some able brothers and sisters are giving donations to preachers. These are signs of maturity, but the

preaching of the gospel is very slow. I am desiring and praying for a greater and wider evangelistic campaign.

I am happy to report that the construction of the church building in Caridad is going on. There were donations from different congregations but most of the expenses were carried on by the saints in Caridad.

I can only visit my family in Sibut once in a while because of the projects here, and I also want to concentrate my preaching in this new area for some time. I live alone here but many of the people in the village around are coming to visit me. I gave them some seeds that I got from the Bureau of Agriculture. They were very happy because their plants are now growing. I have talked with an expert from the Central Luzon State University to come and teach the people here what is adaptable for the soil to plant, and to teach them how to plant and care for their plants. He said there is a demand for vegetables to export to other countries. He said he will come. I am trying my best to help the people here to raise their food. I am so happy and thankful for my new neighbors. They are so good to me. They take care of everything around my house when I go away.

We received both the English and Tagalog Bibles recently. It takes long on the way. The recipients were so happy and thankful because they can read and study the Bible and learn God's Word. One said, "The Bible is more precious than gold because it shows us the way to eternal life." They have asked me to express their many heartfelt thanks to the donors in the U.S.A. May the Lord bless all the concerned saints in a very special way.

Please continue to pray for the gospel work in the Philippines. I am sure your sacrifices for these souls will remain forever and you will realize this when you see them someday in heaven.

Again we say thank you so much for your unending love to us.

Your brother in the gospel field,

—Matias S. Tangunan

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### From Nigeria...

July 13, 1995—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and all of the Holy City: Greetings in the most glorious name of the Lord Jesus, the Savior of the world. His name speaks the drooping heart to cheer. Praise Him forever!

May His name be forever praised for our

soundness in the Spirit. By faith in Him we continue to live within His spiritual Kingdom and walk on the waters smilingly without sinking. We are in haste to do the little we can today, not waiting until tomorrow, as the future is not ours to know, but we have surrendered unto Him who holds the future unreservedly. He knows what to do with each lump of human clay in His hand.

Three quarters in the town of Utagba-Ogbe, were recently evangelized. The seeds sown are germinating encouragingly. Young people of both the Kwale and Obetim-Uno congregations are contributing willingly in preparation for outstation evangelism within the year....

The economic problems of this nation are falling beyond the point of redemption. Hardships are alarmingly unbearable. However, no trials or tribulations are beyond what we can bear if we share them with our Father as we talk to Him in prayer. He will bring us out if we trust and never doubt.

The ongoing camp meetings in the U.S.A. are sure to close with victory of souls saved. We have prayed earnestly in the faith, believing, not wavering, for the resurrection of those dead in trespasses and sins.

By the aid of the Holy Spirit, heaven is behind our effort to reach souls. With such backing the Church is safe from the damaging encroachments of Satan's empire. All things are possible through faith when energized by the Holy Spirit. We are marching on.

Faithfully yours in Him, —Titus U.E. Enu

June 12, 1995—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings in the ever reliable name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ....

Pray for us as we always do for you. Prayer is the mainspring and genius of lives. Prayer and a holy life are one. One is indispensable to the other at all times. We are praying for the success of all the camp meetings scheduled to be held in the U.S. this year. My dream to attend them will come true soon by the grace of God, because with Him all things are possible.

Our revival program for the 2nd quarter of this year will begin, Lord willing, next week, and be concluded before this month ends. We hopefully anticipate God's rich blessings for soul and body during the revival program.

Please continue to remember Nigeria in your prayers.

Yours for Christ, —Bro. Onimite B. Alalibo

### From India...

July 18, 1995—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints in America: Greetings to you again in the gracious name of Jesus. We were sorry to know of the flood in Guthrie and the damages in the Print Shop and the chapel. May God open the way to move to the new chapel for services.

Monsoon rain has already started here, but there hasn't been much damage yet. Church meetings and other activities are going on fine.

We are facing some urgent needs. We need your prayers. I am reluctant to always write about our needs. God knows all about them and is able to open some unknown ways in time.

May God bless the camp meetings going on there. Our prayers are for you every day. With love and prayers, —John Varghese

Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints in the U.S.A: My heart overflows with genuine praise and gratitude to God to think of His wonderful way of guidance and blessings in our work in which we are engaged. The work is progressing well with many new ones being reached. It is proved true again in these days that, "They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed." Psa. 34:5. The enemy is exceeding angry at the progress of the work of God, but God is always bringing triumphant victory. We continually obey to do the commandment to "...go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in..." As I write this a group of young people are working in the field with the gospel among Hindus. We are spending several hours for preaching, singing, passing out tracts and gospel portions and witnessing to individuals and families in different localities. Meetings are held in a number of places with good spiritual success....

There is a Bible Study group in my house which is very encouraging. At present about 14 young people are attending the same. They are from different denominations, but my attempt is to bring them all to the truth. We plan to have two more camp meetings in the next month. One is in Thrissur and another one is in the Wayand area. We rejoice in the unity of the ministry and saints who have a mind to work and go forward with the wonderful work of the Lord. We appreciate your earnest prayers.

Your servant in the Lord,

—Bro. P. D. Mathunni

## IN MEMORIAM

**Dorothea Leah Sturns** came into this life on Tuesday, August 22, 1905, at Anthony, Kansas. She was the daughter of George Beard and his wife, Grace Reid. She grew to womanhood in the county seat of Harper County, graduating from Anthony High School in 1928.

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, she was united in wedlock with Robert A. Sturns. That fall she entered Southwestern College at Winfield, KS.

After her studies at Southwestern she returned to Anthony and went to work as a bookkeeper for William's Oil Company.

When her husband opened a Western Auto Store in Anthony, she left William's to become the bookkeeper for the new venture. Later he purchased the John Deere implement dealership and Dorothea became the bookkeeper and backbone of that operation.

Following retirement from business, she continued her bookkeeping talents with the Rural Water District and the Friendship Meals program.

She was a member of the Church of God and an instrumental supporter in building a worship center for the congregation.

In later years, while her faith remained strong, her health continued in a slow decline. Then, after 89 years, 11 months, and 22 days, late on Thursday, July 13, 1995, she left the church militant for the Church Triumphant.

She leaves to mourn her passing her daughter, Kathy Francis, and son-in-law, John, of Anthony, KS; a granddaughter, Holly Anne Francis, of Wichita, KS; a grandson, Michael Sturns Francis of Anthony, KS; a step-brother, Harold Barber and his wife, Maurine, of Anthony, KS; along with numerous friends.

Burial was in the Forest Park Cemetery, Anthony, KS.

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**Jonathan Scott Parmer** was born November 9, 1984 in Akron, Ohio. He departed his life Sunday, July 2, 1995, at the age of ten years and seven months.

"Johnny" lived his short life to the fullest. A very active child, Johnny knew no strangers. He attended the Path of Life Christian School in Akron, OH.

There was never any hesitation in Johnny's life. He lived life, touching one person and then another with his quick, warm, friendly spirit and then moving on, all the time moving; hardly stopping, hardly pausing, making friendships, sealing them and going on to the next. He was unforgettable and always our Johnny.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Mr. Wayma Parmer, Sr. and his maternal grandfather, Mr. Ralph J. Posey.

He leaves to mourn his passing his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Cora Lee Parmer and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lutherine Posey, both of Akron, OH; his loving parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon (Nancy) Parmer, Jr.; brothers, W. Michael of Akron, OH and Ralph of the home; sisters, Angela of Akron, OH, Alesa, Anita and Sarah of the home; a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many, many friends.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, July 8, 1995 at the Stewart Calhoun Funeral Home with Bro. Keith Fuller officiating, assisted by Bro. Adolph Robinson and Bro. James Bruner. Burial was at Lakewood Cemetery, Barberton, OH.

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## A Simple Life

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plain, little wooden life boats rejected by so many. They were not willing to leave the grandeur of the Titanic for a rowboat. Only 705 survivors were picked up out of the 2,207 passengers on board. Such a great tragedy!

Why is it that people seek glamour and glitter, wealth and luxury, recognition and glory? "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity." Ecc. 1:2. Vanity and pride are the destruction of mankind. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Prov. 16:18. "Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility." Prov. 18:12. "He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction." Prov. 17:19.

It is human nature to be vain. "For the creature (man) was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope." Rom. 8:20. Every person is born egocentric and vain, because we are all born and shaped in iniquity.

When people see the glitter, gold and glory that can be attained in this world, they set out

in search of it. Hence, they take the first step toward destruction. They chart a course that will ultimately meet with disaster. And for what? Is money everything? Does fame last forever? Can wealth buy immortality?

To answer in Jesus' own words, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36. Money and power buy many things on this earth, but they cannot buy eternal life. Where we spend eternity is up to us. We will give an account for ourselves. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27.

Oh, but that people would search for something better than riches and glory! If only they would strive for the real values in life. Life is not prosperity or how much wealth we can attain. It is not material things or how many possessions we can heap up. It is not fame or making a name for ourselves. "The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Luke. 12:23.

If mankind would only cast aside vanity and take on humility! But no, they are not willing to trade the pleasure of this world for obedience to God, just as those aboard the Titanic were not willing to trade its splendor for a rowboat.

It has been this way throughout the ages. We read in Genesis how God destroyed creation because of the wickedness of man. People's thoughts and imaginations were evil continually.

God commanded Noah to build an ark. It was not to be a luxury liner that would satiate man's ego. It did not possess exquisite cabins that contained expensive furniture. It was not equipped with servants to attend to their every need. It did not boast of any of the finer things of life.

The ark was made of gopher wood. It was pitched within and without. It contained one window and one door. It smelled from the mortar and the food stowed on board.

The ark did not gleam and glisten. It certainly was not glamorous. It was plain, wooden and smelly; common and undesirable.

Men and women laughed at it. They mocked and scorned at the thought of entering this boat. "Why trade the world for a few months aboard the ark?" They were not willing to enter this lifeboat. As the passengers on the Titanic, these rejected their only hope. Out of all the people in the world, only eight souls were saved, Noah and his family, along with the animals

they took on board. Another tragedy! This one, simply because people chose to serve sin instead of God.

We can go to another time in history, when Jesus walked on the earth. As the ark was rejected, so was Jesus rejected by humanity. They could not believe and would not accept Him as the promised Messiah.

Jesus did not live in luxury. He did not soothe the rich man's, the vain man's or the self-righteous man's ego. Instead He tried to teach them a better way of life. He was not glamorous. He was plain and common. Isaiah said He had no form nor comeliness and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. (Isaiah 53:2.)

People laughed, mocked and scorned Him, until they finally crucified Him. He was the very source and hope of all life, but they did away with Him. They would not trade their vanity and self-righteousness for meekness and humility in order to obtain life.

Jesus did not strive to live in the limelight. He had every right to. He had only to speak the word and the very angels of heaven would be at His disposal. But He chose to be a servant, setting an example for His followers.

Today, those that choose to serve Jesus do not seek after vain glory. They do not enrobe themselves with costly apparel. They dress modestly and decently. They do not flaunt themselves before mankind. They shine with the beauty of holiness.

God's people have found life and it isn't in glamour, riches or fame. They have traded the pleasures of this world for that plain lifeboat, Jesus Christ, knowing that it shall carry them safely over the tide to the eternal shore.



## **"Unto Him That Loved Us"**

By Fern Stubblefield

"...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." Rev. 1:5b-6.

These words fed my soul one morning as I was eating breakfast. The words of a song, "What a day that will be, when my Jesus I shall see...." had been an encouragement to me. Now His written Word continued to feed

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## An Exhortation

This article was prepared and submitted by Bro. Leslie Busbee, at the request of ministers attending the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, MO.

We are in a time when technology has advanced to produce means of motion pictures by a machine that is called a VCR, or video cassette recorder. Along with the VCR is a video camera which can be used to produce home movies.

There are various uses of this product. Movies can be taken of family and friends and special occasions which are enjoyable to view again with fond memories. There are educational possibilities, and the use of the video in classroom functions as teaching techniques have been realized. There are many enjoyable, informative and perhaps edifying things of life and nature that can be shown over the video.

But there is a great danger in the video, and a threatening influence that can affect the spiritual life of a child of God. There are available to the public many movies and films that are worldly and sinful and detrimental to the soul. Let us be aware of this threat to our spiritual well-being. There are ways that one may be able to use the video in an acceptable manner for educational

and family associations. But the influence of ungodly video tapes is something that we need to be on guard against.

The general counsel of the ministers of the Church of God is for each one to avoid any ungodly material in the home over which you are responsible. Unless the VCR can be used in a good, wholesome purpose for education or family remembrances, it would be for the best spiritual interest and welfare that its use be discontinued. The Lord God is going to hold us responsible for what we allow to come into our homes. The television has done damage untold to our society, and the ungodly influence of Hollywood and Broadway has helped to sink our country into a deep pit of immorality and corruption. Although there may be a greater possibility of control of the video, it poses a threat against spirituality in that there are so many things so readily available. Let us be warned and take heed to the evils that exist and not be drawn to indulge in viewing things which do not glorify God or edify the soul.

Excerpts from...

### **There is No Safe Way to Sin**

By Burbridge R. Copeland

We need more Christian schools, and our children need—our children deserve—the same protection from the harmful effects of bad environment and criminal, ungodly influences that their grandparents received in saner times.

The same evil influences in existence today have always been here since Adam sinned. But the men and women who—under God—turned a jungle-wilderness into the wonderful country America became, kept their children protected from the uncleanness that has so recently enveloped our land. The children were sheltered by the neighborhood entire. The old neighborhood is gone!

The new social system, urged on by greed for filthy lucre—has come out from under God, has thrown its doors wide open to the devil, and has allowed children to revel in every kind of grown-up indecency and crime.

Our children are being cheated out of childhood, and the beautiful purity and gleeful times of teenage years that Grandfather and Grandmother knew so well, are gone; they are no more.

Strong and valiant men and women of God, braved an unknown ocean to reach a wild, uncivilized shore, and there pay the sacrifice even of death in so many cases, that they might find a place suitable to train up the children—which were our fathers and grandfathers of this nation—"In the way they should go."

Are we going to love our children that much? Are we willing to love our heavenly Father and the truth, that much?

In every area we need to set sail from this degenerate society to find a "Goshen" under God somewhere in full reach and contact of this dying "Egypt," that our children and the neighbor's also, might be not only taught, but also trained up "in the way they should go."



"We truly thank God from the depths of our heart that He has stopped this awful war which has brought so much misery upon the innocent and such a great slaughter of God's creatures of different nations. God forbid that we as the saints of God, the bride, the Lamb's wife should rejoice as carnal men rejoice over the spoils of another nation even though they may be our enemies, for God has said in His sacred word, 'Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth, lest the Lord see it and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.' Prov. 24:17-18.

"For years and years the saints have had their State Assembly meeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma. It has been well attended and successfully governed by divine power and many souls can look back with pleasure that they sought and found the Lord during some of the Assembly Meetings at Guthrie.

"Several years ago the saints decided that Guthrie would be the proper place for the State Camp Meeting which had previously been held at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the oil industry had surrounded the campgrounds there and the noise of drilling and pumping made it hard to have meeting. They purchased a house and lots across the alley from the saint's meeting house at Guthrie and remodeled the house, making it into a dining hall, and since that time the State



**Excerpts Taken From  
Sept., 1945 Faith and Victory**

Camp Meeting has been held at Guthrie each August with much success in a spiritual sense. Also, since it is centrally located, it is convenient for all in the state.

"The camp meeting this year was one of the best which we have had and the Word was preached with power. Many went to the altar of prayer to obtain spiritual help and the saints were wonderfully built up in the faith and oneness of the Spirit.

When mention was made that the state tent was becoming old and worn and would soon be in such a dilapidated condition that it would not be suitable for meeting purposes and the proposition was put before the congregation of saints about building a pavilion here at Guthrie which would be used for the camp meeting here each summer, hands went up all over the assembly of saints until it seemed that it was unanimously their will that a pavilion should be built. An offering was taken, which was the beginning of the pavilion building fund.

"If other offerings are added to this offering (which amounted to \$85.44) throughout the year, there will be sufficient money in the treasury by next summer at camp meeting time for the trustees to get together and begin the building of the pavilion.... If all will lay it to heart and do what they can, it will be easy to have sufficient funds by next summer to erect a building which will be much cooler than the tent and better in every way for camp meeting purposes." —Fred Pruitt

my soul as I read and meditated. In the first chapter of Revelation, John described Jesus as He appeared before him in a vision. As I read part of the description, many precious thoughts were given by the Spirit, and also connecting scriptures. My soul was made to feast upon His Word.

John had been so close to Jesus in His earthly ministry, even reclining upon His breast at the last supper. Yet when John saw

Him that day in His majesty, he fell at Jesus' feet as dead. Then Jesus laid His right hand upon him saying, "...Fear not,... I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore,... and have the keys of hell and of death." Rev. 1:17-18.

I thank God for the precious blood of Jesus, that has not only cleansed us from all sin (1 John 1:9), but has made us kings and priests unto God.