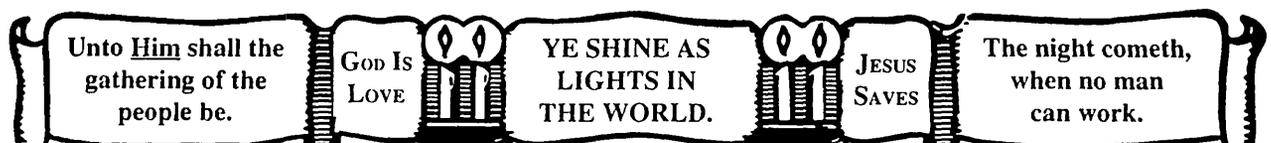


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THE PROPER FILM

By Sis. Connie Sorrell

"Mom, may I borrow your camera for tonight?"

"Why don't you borrow your brother's," Mom replied. "I don't think he will mind and his camera takes better pictures than mine."

"Okay. Here Mom, can you show me how to work it? I don't know anything about cameras."

"Okay honey, just focus your picture in this little window and push this button here. It has automatic flash and film winding. It's really rather simple."

"Well, I want to take some good pictures because I doubt we will ever do something like this again. Good-bye, Mom."

"Good-bye, honey!" Mom replied, as she returned to the kitchen where she was making supper.

A couple of hours later the rest of the family was still sitting around the table when the picture taker came home all excited about the nice evening.

"So, did you take lots of pictures for us to see?" Mom asked.

"Oh, yes, I did! And I can't wait to get them developed! But I want you to look at the top of the camera here. The entire evening it kept flashing this E in this little box. What does that mean?"

"Let me look at it," said the camera owner. "Oh, that means the camera is empty. I didn't have any film in here—did you put any in?"

"Oh, NO! Don't tell me I went all evening taking pictures with an empty camera! This is terrible! I'll never be able to go back and get the same settings again. What a waste!"

"Well who else took pictures," said Mom, "Maybe they will make doubles from theirs and you can buy a set from them."

Indeed this did work out but the particular pictures anticipated so much were lost forever because the camera was empty. A camera without film has no lasting value. So is a life spent gathering personal gain without meaning or purpose.

In Ecclesiastes, King Solomon wrote about this. He looked out over the mighty kingdom that he ruled, he estimated his wealth, and gloried in his wisdom. He wrote: "So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had

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wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun." Eccl. 2:9-11.

In all his greatness and business of life, King Solomon realized there was not satisfaction in accumulated possessions of this earth. The responsibility of its care just made him weary in body and soul. Throughout the book of Ecclesiastes he continued to call everything under the sun *vanity and vexation of spirit*.

In other words, life can be like an empty camera with no meaning or purpose. Each day of life is like a picture. *FLASH!* Another day is gone! *What was done today?* Work? What kind of work? Was all the work to accumulate money, power, possessions, or was something done for the Lord? What profit is in the work you have done today?

At the end of Ecclesiastes, King Solomon said: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12:13-14. Our duty or purpose in life is to serve the Lord and obey Him. The daily work of life needs to have eternal value. Every evening when we lie down on our beds and review our past day, we should remember snapshots of time spent serving our Master.

Do the Lord's work with singleness of heart for His glory and for the purpose of encouraging others to serve Him. An empty camera could also be compared to clouds without rain or a boaster of good deeds. "Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain." Prov. 25:14; Jude 12. The Lord knows the intentions of the heart, whether good deeds are done for recognition and favor among others, or to magnify the Lord's name.

The Pharisees were really big on doing "good deeds." They sounded trumpets to announce their gift-giving, they stood and prayed long prayers in the synagogues and gained the sympathy of onlookers when they fasted. Jesus said they received what they wanted—favor of men—but we should do our good works in secret, or for no recognition, so that the Father above would be pleased and bless our labor. (Matt. 6:1-18.) If our heart is not right with God when we do good works, it is like an empty camera flashing to be noticed by people, but without lasting value. None of it may even be noticed by God.

So what is the *film* that records in the camera of life?

That is what the rich young ruler wanted to know when he came to Jesus one day. He had obeyed all the commandments from his youth up, probably doing many good works, but he lacked one thing. Jesus knew that, so He told him to "Go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me." Mark 10:21. Oh, but he thought that was asking too much of him! Why? Because he did not love the Lord and others more than he loved his wealth and position in life. He was not obeying the commandments with a pure heart of love, but he was obeying them to keep a good image among men. He was neglecting the two greatest commandments: Love the Lord...and love others. (Mark 12:30-31.) His camera was working and he was going through the motions of taking pictures, but there wasn't any film to impress the Developer on the Great Judgment Day.

The Apostle Paul talked about the film we need in I Corinthians 13:3. He wrote: "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." Then he proceeds to describe how unselfish and divine pure love really is. At the end he summarized: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." (Divine love.) I Cor. 13:13. If our work is done in love to the Lord and for the love of souls, there won't be any pride or desire for self-recognition. The film of divine love makes imprints in the Kingdom of God.

As we flash through the daily work of life, let us check to see if our camera has this film in it. Let's not simply assume divine love is rolling through our works, but let us seek earnestly this good gift from our heavenly Father. Life is too short to waste it on empty works that are vanity and vexation of spirit. They will burn as stubble before the throne of God.

The greatest picture ever taken on the film of divine love was when Jesus Christ stretched out His arms to generations of sinful people and recorded with His blood these words: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."—John 15:13.

The Family That Prays

By Bro. Toney and Sis. Jeanie Samons

VI. Child Training: Control

Control is providing right conditions for right actions. The environment where a child is trained has a great influence on the direction in which he will follow after he is grown. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

In our dealings with children we observe that the atmosphere will often make or break a child. This is not to discount the fact that God can take a child who has not been privileged and save him and use him, but we are here emphasizing the fact that it is very hard to override a negative influence no matter what kind of positive influences are exerted in other settings for training.

Before getting into specifics, the issue of the "tone" of the home needs to be addressed. "Tone" would have to do with how a child feels as he enters the door of the home. It also implies "soft fences" in place to provide structure and restraints, yet not handling them with austerity or threats. Parents would do well to make this issue of "tone" a matter of prayer. It is of utmost importance as you want your children to have fond memories and warm feelings of nostalgic traditions of their years at home.

Let's first discuss the establishment of structure in the home. It is very important to keep children busy. We have already discussed teaching small children chores and manners. All girls need to learn how to sew, cook and run a home. It is still the calling of women to be homemakers. Boys should be taught how to work with their hands doing repair work, vehicle maintenance, etc. A word of caution: Some children take more naturally to this type of training; be careful not to belittle those who learn slowly, but exhibit patience in your training and never compare one child to another.

Secondly, remember that youth have an abundance of energy. Our responsibility as parents is to know how to channel that energy to be constructive. If this is not done, children often will become destructive. Healthy, active recreation with the family, such as ball, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, bike riding or walking are all positive energy burning activities. It is good for children to be tired at night. In present days we have what is considered to be "hyperactivity" in children. Much of this can be

contributed to the failure of adults to give opportunity for some of these children to vent their energy.

Children need to know that they matter to us. This can only be evidenced by the amount of time and attention we give them. All successful parents know that true parenting requires time. They need to be rewarded openly for their successes and encouraged when they fail. Be aware that parents get so busy, this fact is often unintentionally overlooked, causing a great deal of insecurity in children. Some children will disobey just to get the attention of their parents.

Another area of control is supervision of your children's activities. Supervision implies that you can see what is happening and are controlling it. Children are not always in your vision, but it is your responsibility to make sure that they are in the care of a trustworthy person. "A child left to himself will bring his mother to shame." (Prov. 29:15.) Be careful about trusting children to take care of themselves at too young an age. They must prove that they are trustworthy and always remember that peer pressure affects all children. There have been many regrettable behaviours acquired in a child because of this fact, affecting a child for the rest of his life. In many cases this happens at so-called innocent "bunk parties," camp outs, etc. where there is not enough supervision. When young children are simply playing, they should be within open vision of an adult at all times, or such that no hidden "closet" activities can occur.

Be careful that the adults do not become overly involved in socializing and leave children and young people to their own devices. This often happens at bigger gatherings such as camp meeting. Know where your offspring are and that they are secure in their places of rest for the night before you relax. That place most often should be with the parents.

Remember that all children are human with a sin nature. Therefore they will misbehave at times. If you have been applying yourself to training them, they will have guilt feelings when they do misbehave. Guilt feelings are not an indication of a lack of training, but God's way of

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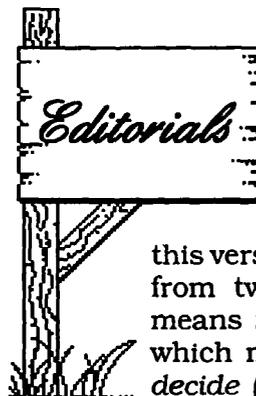
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"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:" II Peter 3:1. Recently the word which was translated as *pure* in this verse came to my attention. It is from two root words, one which means *the sun's ray* and the other which means *to distinguish, i.e. to decide (mentally or judicially)*. The combination of these two root words means to *judge by sunlight*.

It is contrary to the nature of man to allow all of his deeds, especially when they are evil, to be brought out openly. The tendency is to hide and cover up their wickedness. From the beginning Adam and Eve hid themselves from the voice of the Lord after they sinned. This same principle can be seen working in children when they have done wrong. They want to hide it from God, their parents and others.

There are various reasons people would want to hide their sin. One is in an attempt to escape the penalty for their sin. Another reason is to escape the shame and embarrassment associated with it. Yet another reason is so the sin can be repeated. The judgments of God place great consequences on sin and all attempts to hide it are vain. Ezekial 18:20 says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die...." In Proverbs 15:3 it says, "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." It is foolish for one to think they can cover their sins and be justified, because they cannot escape the eyes of the Lord nor His judgments.

Since all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), man finds himself in a terrible predicament. He can't hide his sin from God, and he can't blame it on someone else, because God knows, and the penalty for his sin is too great to pay, and the load of guilt and condemnation is unbearable. All of us have been in this condition and we needed help.

The wonderful solution to our great need is found in the person of Jesus Christ. He came to this earth and by giving His life suffered the penalty for our sins. God approved His sacrifice and raised Him from the dead. Now we have been given a way to be washed completely free from guilt and the consequences of our sin. By having godly sorrow for our sins, repenting and forsaking them and believing that Jesus' blood purchased our redemption, we can be made heavenly pure. Our conscience can be purged

and the heavy load of condemnation can be lifted from our heart.

By opening the door of our heart to Jesus, we allow the gospel light to shine in and illuminate the things that are hidden there. It can be painful to admit to the evils that the searchlight of heaven reveals, but when we properly dispose of those things and make them right with God and man, it brings great peace and unspeakable joy.

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. Our relationship with the Lord is a dynamic one. We do not obtain a sweet experience of salvation and then sit quietly on a shelf until the Lord calls for us, but we are in a daily battle and we must continually draw strength from the Lord. By presenting our bodies a living sacrifice unto the Lord we will be given the Holy Spirit. As we continue to follow Him and His spirit dwells in us, our experience will be kept vibrant and fresh and we will be given the ability to judge good and evil and right from wrong.

Since Jesus came and made a way to be free from sin, there is now a very serious offense being committed against God and His Son. John 3:19 says, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." By turning away from the plan of salvation that is so graciously extended, it is a slap in the face of Jesus and His offered mercy and will bring greater condemnation on that soul.

The Lord blessed us with a safe trip to Pennsylvania and Delaware for additional machinery. My wife, Neta, and I left on May 11th, driving the Print Shop van and pulling a 16 ft. flatbed trailer. The Lord helped us to safely return on May 16th. In Pennsylvania we picked up some parts and a machine that was not included in an earlier shipment of machinery. In Delaware we obtained a Rosback collator, a four head automatic stitcher and a small three-knife trimmer. These three machines couple together and will assemble the folded book sections, automatically staple them and then trim them on three sides. This will greatly speed up and reduce the hours of manual labor involved in producing our stapled books and the *Bible Lessons Quarterly*. We thank the Lord for helping us to locate these expensive pieces of machinery and obtain them for a very reason-

able price. They have been set up and appear to be in good working order. We should have opportunity to use them in a couple of weeks.

The Oklahoma State Camp Meeting is in progress at this time. The Lord is blessing with inspiring messages and wonderful singing in the Spirit. The ministers of God are being used at His choosing. The services are not programmed ahead of time by man but conducted as the Holy Spirit leads and inspires. In one of the evening services the song service started with several songs that had a lively tempo and the Spirit of the Lord was blessing when song number 143 was called, *I Am the Lord's*. This song has a slower tempo but the harmony is simply wonderful. The presence of the Holy Spirit was moving over the congregation of saints and brought such comfort and assurance. It was like a taste of heaven had descended upon us. It would have been worth the trip here for that one song service. But God hasn't stopped with one song service. The messages are bringing hope and courage to His people and conviction on the hearts of the sinners. Thank the Lord for meeting with His children! It is wonderful to be a part of the Church of God.

It is with great appreciation that several have sent in testimonies and have related experiences of how God has worked in their life. We are all human and we face similar trials, temptations and difficulties in life. When the Lord blesses one of His saints with victory, sharing that victory can strengthen others who are facing similar circumstances. Romans 5:3-4 says, "...But we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope." By relating your experience you can pass the hope you have gained to others who have not suffered the same tribulation you have endured. The hope that is passed on will cause others to be further established in their life and prepare them for the trials they meet, giving them added leverage against the common foe of the Christian.

Since next month many will be going to the Monark camp meeting, maybe you have had an experience going to and from or about camp meeting you would like to relate to the glory of the Lord. Pray about it. May the Lord bless each reader of the *Faith and Victory*.

—Bro. Willie E. Murphey
wemurphey@yahoo.com



A prayer request was published in the last issue of the *Faith and Victory* for Bro. Ivan Forbes. It mentioned that he had muscular degeneration. It should have read macular degeneration, which is an affliction of the eye. Continue to remember him in prayer for this need.

—Editor

CA—Remember Bro. Charles Taylor in prayer. He has a serious affliction.

MO—Do pray for my loved ones and one son needs physical help plus soul help.

—Sis. Nelva Stanley

NC—Pray for a man that we know who has cancer. His name is Joey Ward.

—Sis. Elaine Dunn

OK—Continue to remember Bro. Dale Doolittle in prayer.

Standing Prayer Requests

Carlos Arriago
 Sis. Mamie Butcher
 Sis. Helen Carson
 Bro. Hubert Corteway
 Sis. Waneta Creel
 Sis. Elaine Dunn
 Sis. Evelyn Fredrickson
 Bro. Troy Gentry
 Bro. Jeff Gutwein
 Bro. Robert Hetland
 Bro. Lee Hilton
 Bro. Doyle LaCroix
 The Lounds Sisters
 Sis. Ruth McMakin
 Sis. Marie Mitchell
 Sis. Melba Powell
 Sis. Anna Severs
 Sis. Catherine Shaffer
 The Mitch Taylor family

MEETING DATES

Green Bank, WV—June 11-17
 Jefferson, OR—June 11-20
 Tulsa, OK—June 13-20
 Alcoa, TN (Sister's Retreat)—June 18-20
 General Southern
 (Loranger, LA)—June 27-July 4
 Fresno, CA—July 2-11
 National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 16-25
 Myrtle, MO—July 30-August 4
 Bakersfield, CA—August 4-8
 Boley, OK—August 13-15
 California State (Pacoima)—August 20-29
 Spooner, WI (Tent Meeting)—August 25-29

MEETING NOTICES

GREEN BANK, WV, CAMP MEETING

The annual Green Bank Camp Meeting is scheduled to begin on Friday evening, June 11 and conclude Thursday evening, the 17th, Lord willing. Services will be held daily at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Two meals will be served daily: breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and the noon meal immediately following the morning service. Young people's meeting is at 6:00 p.m. There are no afternoon services scheduled. Special minister's meetings as well as sister's and brother's meetings are sometimes scheduled during the week.

All are welcome to attend this meeting. If young people attend without parents, please make sure they are accountable to an adult in attendance who will see that they are attending scheduled services and that they are behaving properly. Dorm space for girls and boys is provided as well as rooms and private homes for others. Please bring your own bedding and towels, and come prepared for cool weather with a jacket, and if you have room you may want to bring a heater and a fan! The weather is very unpredictable in June in West Virginia.

It would be nice if you could call with notification of your plans to come to help us be better organized with sleeping accommodations. However, if you decide to suddenly drop by, please do so. We welcome you.

We are praying for the Holy Spirit to meet us here in this meeting. In preparation for this we are asking you to help us pray for special anointing in our services. We have isolated saints and new contacts that frequently attend our meeting seeking special guidance or blessings. In addition to this, we feel that all those in attendance need a special blessing and souls need to be saved.

The campground is located just off Route 28 and 92 in Arbovale. Signs will be posted to direct you to the grounds. Camper hookups are also available. For information, please call Bro. Toney Samons at (304) 456-3017, or 456 5421. E-mail at toneysamons@yahoo.com.

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JEFFERSON, OR, CAMP MEETING

Once again we look forward with anticipation for what the Lord has in store for the Jefferson, OR, meeting which convenes June 11th at 7:30 p.m. and will continue through the 20th. A 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. service will be held during the week. Afternoon services are added on weekends. Lodging, meals and I/V hookups are available. For more information contact Bro. Cliff Smith at (503) 581-4575 or Bro. Bob Wilson at (541) 327-3621.

Special thanks to the saints and ministers who have supported and have carried a burden for the people here. The Lord taught us that we could do nothing without Him; therefore, we are leaning heavily upon Him to meet the challenges of our day.

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TULSA, OK CAMP MEETING

The Tulsa, OK 2004 Camp Meeting will begin on Sunday, June 13th and end on Sunday, June 20th.

There will be morning and evening services Monday through Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m. with afternoon services on both Sundays.

All are invited to attend. Come praying and expecting great blessings from the Lord and also to be a blessing in the services.

The church address is 1102 E. Pine Pl. (The nearest main intersection is Pine and Peoria.)

For more information contact the Pastor, Bro. Charles Lowe, (918) 584-6838 or Bro. Charles Rhodes (918) 272-9682. The chapel telephone number is (918) 585-2442.

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ALCOA, TN, SISTER'S RETREAT

The 2nd Annual Weekend Sister's Retreat will be held June 18-20, 2004 for sisters beginning at the age of 21 years-old. The topic selected for this retreat is *Fulfilling Those Godly Principles and Roles*. There will be two full days of sessions. On Friday, we will have a session in

the morning and a session in the afternoon for all individuals attending. On Saturday, there will be a total of eight sessions—four (2 sessions for the married and 2 sessions for the single) in the morning and four (2 sessions for the married and 2 sessions for the single) in the afternoon. We need eight willing individuals to step forward and volunteer to run a session on Saturday. Please call Sis. Mary McDonald or Sis. Carrie Porter to let them know if you would like to volunteer.

This retreat will be supported by freewill offerings. Please pray that the Lord will have His way and bless this retreat. Accommodations will be provided. However, if you would like to stay in a motel, we can provide you with information regarding surrounding motels in the area. If you have comments or would like additional information, please contact either Sis. Mary McDonald at (865) 977-6997 or Sis. Carrie Porter at (865) 984-2348 or send an e-mail to insistersretreat@yahoo.com.

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GENERAL SOUTHERN, LORANGER, LA

Lord willing, this meeting will begin Sunday June 27th, with services daily through July 4th. Come for a blessing and please support this meeting in your prayers.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Please bring sheets and linens if possible.

Power and water hookups are provided for those with campers. Meals will be served and expenses met by freewill offerings.

From Loranger, go two miles south and about three and one-half miles east on Hwy 40.

For those traveling I-55, the grounds are about 10 miles east of the Tickfaw exit (take Hwy. 442 east which runs into Hwy 40).

For more information write Nelson Doolittle: 5136⁷/ Narretto Road., Loranger, LA 70446. Phone (985) 878-6111. The chapel phone is (985) 878-2788.

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FRESNO, CA, CAMP MEETING

The Church of God at Fresno, CA schedule of camp meeting is from July 2-11, 2004. We pray that the Lord will awaken and stir souls more than ever throughout this camp meeting season.
 —Sis. Gladys Foster

**NATIONAL CAMP MEETING
MONARK SPRINGS, MO**

The National Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO, July 16-25, 2003. All are cordially invited to come and bring others to enjoy the blessings we are expecting from the Lord.

The Monark Springs campground is located approximately five miles east of Neosho, MO. It is one mile east and 3/4 mile south of the intersection of Highways 86 and 59.

If you travel to Neosho by bus, you may telephone the campground, (417) 472-6427, or Bro. Mike Hightower, (417) 451-3636, for transportation.

The camp meeting is conducted on a freewill offering basis. There is no charge for meals or lodging on the campgrounds. You are welcome to come and enjoy the meeting. We are confident God will supply every need. Meals will be served in the dining hall. Dormitory space and trailer spots are available on a first-come basis. Family units are also available.

The business managers are Randel Bradley (see address and telephone number below), and Mike Hightower, 13974 Newt Dr., Neosho, MO 64850. Phone, (417) 451-3636.

**Instructions For Making
Dormitory Reservations**

Call DeLoris Bradley (620-226-3390). If not at home, please leave a message on the answering machine, or e-mail <rdbradley@ckt.net> I will call or e-mail to confirm.

Please provide the following information so I can accommodate each one better:

- Name and phone number
- Date of arrival
- Date of departure
- Number of adults and children in party

Things to keep in mind:

Bring your own bedding if possible.

If you leave after the weekend be sure to let me know even if you are returning the next weekend.

No young people or children are to stay alone in cabins or family units.

After Wednesday the rooms start clearing out, so you might want to keep that in mind.

We have a boys' and a girls' dorm—if your child is staying in one of these we ask that you feel the responsibility of staying also for at least one night.

There is a mens' dorm, ladies' dorm and a ladies' dorm for the handicapped.

We want everyone to come and enjoy the fellowship of kindred hearts while we worship the Lord together.

Come praying that the Holy Spirit will have full reign in all that we as a group do, from the dorms to the kitchen, and in cleaning and keeping our grounds orderly. Parents or guardians, please keep your children in services with you. I believe God would be pleased if we observe these things and will meet with us under the tabernacle in a greater way.

Love and prayers.

—DeLoris and Randel Bradley
1540 2000 Rd
Bartlett, KS 67332

MYRTLE, MO, CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the Myrtle, MO camp meeting will begin on Friday, July 30th, and continue through Wednesday, August 4th. We are praying and trusting the Lord to give us another blessed outpouring of His Holy Spirit again this year and to send the ministers of His choosing to labor in the meeting. A hearty invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

We are thankful how the Lord blessed the workday held on the campground April 17th, and for all the improvements made to the buildings, electrical system and general appearance of the campground.

Electrical hookups are available for campers and trailers, and dormitories are also available. A limited number of cabins are available. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682. For further information contact Sis. Carol Sorrell at (417) 938-4493 or Bro. Harlan Sorrell at (417) 938-4336.

BAKERSFIELD, CA, CAMP MEETING

Dear saints and friends, Lord willing, the date for our annual camp meeting is August 4-8, 2004. We covet your prayers for a special outpouring of His Spirit, that many souls will be blessed.

Wednesday through Saturday there will be two services: 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Sunday schedule is: Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship service 10:30 a.m., afternoon service 2:30 p.m.

A hearty welcome is extended to all. Our new church address is 100 Oswell St. Phone (661) 324-4945. For more information contact Bro. Hayward Cox at (661) 836-3877.

BOLEY, OK, CAMP MEETING

The Boley, OK, camp meeting will convene August 13-15, 2004, Lord willing. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Saturday services will be at 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School will be at 9:45 a.m. and morning and afternoon services will begin at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

We extend a hearty invitation for everyone to come be with us and are looking to the Lord to send the ministers of His choosing. Pray that God will pour out His Spirit upon this meeting.

For further information contact Sis. Savannah King at (918) 667-3654. Sis. Anna Mae Thompson, Pastor.



LETTERS
FROM
OUR
READERS

LA—Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Neta: Greetings of love in Jesus' name. We are very thankful today for all of His love and mercy to us. It is a very great honor to be called of God, to know His plan of salvation and to be saved from sin.

We thank the Lord for His mercy to Doyle. About six weeks ago he was putting a very heavy battery, approximately 80 lbs., into his boat when the crate he was standing on tipped over and he fell with the battery landing on the calf of his left leg. It was bruised and very sore, but thank the Lord, no bones were broken. He missed two weeks of work from it but is about back to normal now. God has been very good to us and we thank Him for it.

We need your prayers and the prayers of the saints that we will be faithful to God until the end of this life.

Christian love,

—Bro. Doyle and Sis. Cynthia LaCroix
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MO—Dear ones: Greetings of love in Jesus' sweet, powerful and precious name. His name is above all others. We so appreciate His love and mercy to us and we desire to live in a way to please Him.

We feel a need to put in writing just how much we appreciate your work at the Publishing House. I appreciate good, clean literature

being printed and available to all. I want to stress to our young parents to keep a copy of all the books for our families to enjoy. We need to read and keep our minds refreshed and instill in our youth the truths and experiences of those who have gone on.

On one of our trips this spring we read Bro. Ostis' book *The Ten Virgins*. I want to read it again soon and refresh my mind. Bro. Murphy Allen, Bro. Mart Samons, Sis. Margaret Eck and Sis. Ruby Stover are some that have written books that come to mind. The book *God's Gracious Dealings* is another one that is refreshing. I wish every home received the *Faith and Victory* and also copies of the *Bible Lessons* and that the children got copies of the *Beautiful Way* papers.

May God help us realize what is available to us and not be too busy to read to our children. Help them develop an appreciation for good, clean reading material. Recently I was told about some books by a "Christian" author. Some of the books are so deeply intertwined with love stories that they can lead to an element in marriages that can cause friction. Young married people need to be careful about anything that can erode the strength of a home. A book that will cause you to question if you married the right person or maybe think that your companion is not as "romantic" as what you read about in the story—you had better be careful about reading. If a book troubles your mind in a wrong way—don't keep it around for your children to feed upon.

Good books are important. Some years ago I visited Sis. Jeanie Samons and she had a book lying on the table in the cabin and I would like to re-read it. This was a cabin they rented to others and I thought, "how thoughtful of her to have that book here." Those who were there might never pick up a Bible, but this was an opportunity for wholesome reading. Lord, help us to seize every opportunity we have to help someone.

Young people and children have such a golden opportunity to remember. As we get older our memory is not as keen. The Scriptures I memorized as a child are still in memory while I struggle to remember what I read yesterday. Value this golden opportunity and let your leisure reading be on quality material. The Scripture tells us about how detrimental the "little foxes" are to us. Let us all make wise

choices in life, even down to our reading material. —Sis. Leta Inman
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LA—I sure thank the Lord I am still able to be at home and take care of myself. He helps me to be encouraged. We need each other's prayers.

—Sis. Velma Mancil
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CA—Christian Laborers: Greetings in the Lord. Praise the Lord for being our Keeper! He has been so faithful to us and we want to be faithful to Him. —Sis. Olive Davenport
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SC—Dear Bro. Willie and workers at the Faith Publishing House: Greetings in the precious name of the Lord Jesus. I trust this finds you all encouraged and pressing on! I do appreciate all of your labor of love to get the Gospel out to the world.

Enclosed you will find an offering to help you carry on the Lord's work. God has been (and is) so faithful and good to us through the time my husband has been out of work. We wanted to send this as a "Thank You" to the Lord for supplying our needs and for laying us on the saint's hearts to give to us and support us in our time of need.

May God bless you all and His work there.

—Sis. Marie Weatherford and family
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OK—Dear Bro. Willie: Greetings in the name of Jesus, the One that loved us and gave Himself for us that we might be able to live with Him in "that happy world above." I think of a song that expresses this very well. Number 154 in the *Evening Light Songs* book. He is with us here and has "prepared a home above" for us.

The Lord has been and is good to us here at Shawnee by sending us an able pastor and his family to be with us. We appreciate them very much. I am sure they will be a great blessing to the congregation here and to the community. We are blessed and are happy to have them with us. Bro. Carl's preaching is very edifying and profitable for us.

Bro. Willie, I am glad that the Lord is helping you with the needed machinery to print the Gospel in a more efficient way. We trust that God will bless abundantly in every way. I am thankful for God's blessings.

Your brother in Christ, —T. V. McMillian
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OK—Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Neta: The Lord has blessed me recently with some songs.

The first song the Lord gave me was:

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our lives thro';
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

Chorus:

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, Light for the way,
Grace for the trials, Help from above,
Unfailing kindness, Undying love.

As I was looking for that song I came across other songs that gave me strength and courage in my battle.

Do you ever feel downhearted or discouraged?

Do you ever think your work is all in vain?

Do the burdens thrust upon you make you tremble,
And you fear that you shall ne'er the vict'ry gain?

Chorus:

Have faith in God the sun will shine

Tho' dark the cloud may be today.

His heart hath planned your path and mine

Have faith in God, have faith always.

Sometimes when we are in a battle we feel there is no use. What hope is there? But if we can look to Jesus and have faith in God we know the sun is shining just behind the cloud. The part of the chorus about God's heart planning your path and mine tied in with another song.

In shady green pastures, so rich and so sweet,...

Where water's cool flow bathes the weary ones' feet,

God leads His dear children along.

Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright,...

Sometimes in the valley in the darkest of night,

God leads His dear children along.

Some thru the waters, some thru the flood,

Some thru the fire, but all thru the blood;

Some thru great sorrow, but God gives a song,

In the night season and all the day long.

Truly God has given me a song in the night.

If I can just rest and trust in His leadings everything will work out according to His plan. Whether it is on the mountain or in the valley, whether through the waters or the fire, as long as God is leading what have we to fear? Another song says:

I know whom I have believed,

And am persuaded that He is able

To keep that which I've committed

Unto Him against that day.

How good God is to encourage us in those times that the devil wants to push us down and bring doubts and fears. I desire your prayers that my faith will be fixed in the God of heaven.

—Sis. Anita Adams

AR—Dear Brothers and Sisters and those that are still seeking Him: Our Lord Jesus is not only a friend, but He is the tenderest of friends. I have found this to be so. The experience of this, His tender dealings with us, cannot be fully expressed. Our Lord Jesus sometimes allows “new” or unexpected trials, but at the same time He gently whispers, “this is to teach you to trust Me more.” Sometimes in the midst of a battle we might cry out, “...Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night.” Job 35:10.

In the devotional book, *Streams in the Desert* Vol. I, June 7th says, “If God would make manifest the fact that *He giveth songs in the night*, He must first make it night.”

Matthew 11:29-30 tells us if we submit to the Lord’s will in our life that His yoke will be easy and His burden light. In the *Evening Light Songs* book, song number 207 relates to this scripture. In the past I’ve always felt this was a song to be sung “in the daytime.” But the Lord has tenderly given it to me in a new way as a song in the night. Satan, our deadly foe, flees when we sing this song marching forward straight into a fierce battle.

My husband’s grandmother, Sis. Mertie Loftis, has a “song in the night.” Her family, who has so tenderly cared for her for several years now, sing this song to her often. The chorus says: “Jesus is the One, yes, He’s the only One. Let Him have His way until the day is done; when He speaks you know, the clouds will have to go. Just because He loves you so.” Grandma will be 96 years-old May 27. About two years ago, after her granddaughter finished singing this to her, she softly said, “If He doesn’t make them go, He’ll make them bearable.” The Lord has surely honored her faith.

Let us look up! Remember her words, “He’ll make them bearable.” Praise the Lord! Please pray for us. Yours in the Lord,

—Sis. Charissa Bennings

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OK—The Lord has done many miraculous things on my behalf. I just want to relate some of those that proved a blessing. While I was stationed at Colorado Springs, CO during the war, about 1945, it was very cold. Clark Porter, Jr. and I was home for a weekend. We brought a young man and his wife and 4 month-old baby home with us. We went to church on Sunday morning and left to return to camp in early afternoon. We were in my car. The Lord had blessed me to be able to get a car. I had worked

some evenings and was able to build the car from parts. I found an old body sitting beside the road and it seems that I paid about five or ten dollars for it. I found an engine, transmission and all of the other parts that I needed at the salvage yard. But I could not buy tires for the car. I had one tire with a sound carcass that had lost its recap for a spare. The other four on the car were used.

As we travelled back to camp that night we were in sight of the lights of a little town ahead of us when a tire blew out. We changed the tire and had to put the bald spare tire on the ground. We then drove far enough so that we could see the lights of this same town behind us when another tire blew. By this time it was about 2:00 a.m. and we were a good 200 miles from camp, sitting beside the road praying. It was so cold we could have frozen to death. If we were in town it was doubtful that we could buy even a used tire. We were at the mercy of the Lord.

After awhile a car passed and I blinked my lights but nothing happened. The boy driving the other car said to the others in his car, “that looked like Hyrum Ray’s car.” They were a load of boys from camp and the owner of the car was in the back seat asleep but he aroused and asked what the discussion was about. He told the driver to “turn around and go back.” They did and another miracle. The car was a Ford almost like mine. They let me use their mounted spare and we drove into camp that morning in time to go to work at 7:00 a.m. with the bald tire running on my car still holding air.

I have had many trials and hardships since then, many times having to go to someone and ask forgiveness. The Lord was always merciful and set me free and clear again. Earlier in my life the devil worked on me through my pride. He has had to change his methods. Now I find my patience a thing I especially have to watch out for. I want things done now and have had to apologize for my impatience.

When Sis. Geneva (my wife) was sick on her deathbed we cared for her and tried to keep her comfortable. She was full of fluid and the flesh was very tender. A wrinkle in the sheet was a trial to her. I tried hard to help her and she could find no one else to fix her pillow. Now, even to this day, I have visits in the night of someone fixing my pillow.

I am now in a nursing home and one nurse, it seemed, would go out of her way to come into my room and move things to inconvenience me.

She would put things out of my reach. I developed an attitude about her and had to go to her and apologize. She even shed a few tears.

I find the Lord is a match of every circumstance. The Lord told Peter, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not." John 21:18. It will not matter to us what others have done in that final day. He will see us as we are. The other fellow will not be able to ease our guilt.

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Psalm 90:10. I find the way of the Lord is the most precious way with peace and happiness in the soul. I found the saints many years ago and the thought came to me then, "I love them and I want to be one of them."

With love, —Bro. Hyrum Ray

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WV—Dear Saints: I want to thank the Lord for deliverance today and felt impressed to give my testimony. I want the devil to stay defeated and I praise the Lord for taking control of my life once more.

For years now I have been oppressed by the enemy and have struggled with depression almost daily. It can ruin your life and it almost ruined mine. I couldn't stand myself and no one else could either. I allowed all the hurts and disappointments in life to embitter my soul and I found myself with anger, resentments, bitterness, self-pity and on and on. It was taking over my mind. I was at the end of my rope when the Lord had mercy and pulled me back to safety. Praise His name!

On April 18th at our revival meeting the Lord came down and delivered my soul out of the enemy's hands. The ministers prayed for me and the spirits had to flee. I can't thank the Lord enough for what He's done for me.

I know I will still have battles and trials here but I also know Who's in control and I can look back to April 18th, 2004 and claim victory. The Lord has given us all feelings and emotions—it is when we let them rule us that we fall into trouble.

Pray for me that I will draw even closer to my Lord and Savior. —Sis. Wanda Wattenbarger

OK—Hi folks: It's been quite awhile since I've written and during this time we have asked the saints for their prayers many times, so I guess it's about time to report. The Lord has been so real to us. The scripture that says something about when ye are weak then are ye made strong—this has happened to us many times. As each year rolls around we think "well, this will surely be the year the Lord will call us home" but here we are! I don't know how many times we have decided to go to the Pacoima meeting just one more time. And usually we come home feeling stronger than when we left.

I have congestive heart failure {supposedly} and they put me in Hospice care a few years back and they monitored me and kept tabs on things and sure 'nuff I was going down hill, just as they had planned, the regular way it goes. But it came close to time for Monark and I wanted to go so bad as I hadn't missed it in years but they wisely shook their heads and let me know that I just might die on the way or after getting there. I thought, "so-o-o-o what's so bad about that?" So reluctantly, after getting me fixed up with extra oxygen etc., I was able to go and really enjoy the meeting and came back feeling so much better. The next Hospice visit she noticed the improvement and asked what happened. I explained how the meeting was conducted and also how they have fasting and prayer for the sick and how those that feel the need for prayer can go up and be anointed with oil and they lay on hands and pray for you—and it worked for me! God gave me a special touch and I felt much better. From that point I improved till I didn't need the Hospice care. That has been about 3 or 4 years ago. The Lord has given me many good months of health and then at times the old problems seem to try to crowd back in. That's kinda where we are now. The breathing is very hard at times, but we know this too shall pass. We know the end is out there not too far in the future and it's easy to wonder how it will happen, but we know God is in this too. It is comforting to remember He said He would go through this with us, and if God is there, then all is well.

I want to be very sure that I am ready and there is nothing about me that the enemy could claim as his property. I thank each one for their prayers over the years. Let's all be true that we may hear Him say "well done thou faithful servant."

Have you ever just set back and thought about what Heaven will be like? I hear folks singing about "my mansion over there," but I tell you my imagination takes in the fact of sailing through the air and getting closer and closer

and all of a sudden there are those big beautiful gates as we go through and they close right behind us. Then I'd say "Hey fellows, you can just let me off right here." Just to be able to throw my head back and breath the pure ethereal air! This old body that has been bound to a wheelchair for many years will be changed to a glorified one. It's just more than the mind can take in, but saints, I know it will be worth anything we have to go through. Lets all be faithful like the song says "Whatever it takes," Lets not be looking for the shortcuts or easier way but for more grace and strength.

—Bro. Dale Doolittle

From India...

May 24, 2004—Dear Bro. Willie Murphey and dear saints abroad: Greetings to the saints in America and all over the world in the marvelous name of Jesus Christ.

It is with great regret I write to you that my dear mother, Chinnamma Varghese, died on May 18th at the age of 94. She was buried on May 21st at the Evening Light Church of God Cemetery, Karickom. She has been living with me, in our home, for the last 30 years. God blessed her with 8 children, 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Please continue to remember our family in your prayers.

By the grace of God our church activities are moving on fine. Monsoon rain has already started here. We need your support to meet the needs of our work here. Schools and colleges open in June and children need help to buy school bags, note books, school uniforms (dress), umbrellas and other school items. Please help for this project. Many children depend upon our help for their education.

Our prayers are for you. Yours in Him,

—John Varghese



Audrey Henry Carver was born November 28, 1919 in Hammond, Louisiana to Robert J. and Elma Forbes. Her coronation day was October 20, 2003.

The typical excitement surrounded the birth of Robert and Elma's fifth child whom they named Audrey Belle Forbes. She grew up, attended the local schools, worked, met and married the man of her dreams in Hammond, Louisiana. After marriage, because Steve was enlisted in the service, they traveled and then came to reside in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where they stayed for many years. God called Audrey to Himself and she and Steve served the Lord faithfully. In Baton Rouge they began hosting services in their home and were blessed by visiting ministers who would hold revival meetings. After many years the Lord would see fit for

the Baton Rouge congregation to purchase a building for services. Sis. Audrey taught Sunday School for many years and blessed untold numbers of children with her teachings. Caring for the church building and grounds was also one of her ministries. Outreach was accomplished by visiting on and off the beaten path and sending tracts and notes of encouragement. She loved working in her yard and fellowshiping with God in her garden. This was a blessing to her and to many who observed her joy of the out-of-doors and shared the fruits of her bounty. As her health began to fail some of the physical activity ceased but she read, quoted scripture and enjoyed the music of the Lord.

She is survived by her daughter, Jeannine and husband Claude Ogden; stepdaughters, Lenette and husband Jerry Melot and Sharon Carver; grandchildren Stephanie and husband Chris Davis, Erich Ogden, and Amy and husband Lucas Biggers; stepgrandchildren, Cheryl and husband Phillip, and Alan and wife Stephanie Melot; greatgrandchildren, William Stafford and Alexander Davis, step great-grandchildren, Jacqueline, Eli, Gabriel and Dylan Cole and Judah Melot; brother, Carroll Forbes; sisters, Gertrude and Clotilde; sisters-in-law, Dorall Forbes, Genevieve Carver, and Lucy Carver, and brother-in-law, Harlan Carver.

Preceding her in death was her son, Stephen James Henry; husbands, Stephen E. Henry and Cecil L. Carver; parents Robert J. and Elma

Forbes, brother, Robert W. Forbes; four brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law.

Funeral services were held in Hammond, Louisiana at Geisler Funeral Home with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Loranger, Louisiana. Bros. Melvin Doolittle, Jerry Melot and Steve Elston officiated.

Special Note of Thanks

The family of Sis. Audrey Carver desires to express our appreciation and thanks to all of our friends and faithful servants of the Lord for all the comfort and support you showed to us in this time of need. Your gifts and offerings of love, your cards and expressions of sympathy, and all your kind words and deeds to lift us up during these times were so greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless and richly reward all of you.

Acknowledgement

Obituary for Sis. Moslette Kern was published in the May issue of the Faith and Victory.

We, the family, wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many prayers, comforting messages, floral tributes, food and other expressions of kindness during our time of bereavement. A special thank you to the Golden Rule Nursing Home and staff in Shawnee, OK for the care and love given to our aunt, Moslette Kern.

—The family of Moslette Kern

A Note of Thanks

The congregation at Green Pastures, OK wish to thank all of the dear saints who came to help us out for Sis. Kern's services. Some of you had bereavement in your own family but you took time to come and help us. Some came from afar. May God bless all of you.

—Bro. Charles Chandler and congregation

Robert Lee McIntyre, Sr.

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." II Corinthians 5:1.

August 8, 1937, was a special day. A soldier of the Lord was born to the late James and Janie Lee Cowart McIntyre, and they named him Robert Lee, affectionately known as "R. L." He passed from his earthly labor February 24, 2004.

R. L. received his basic education at Mitchell County School in Camilla, GA. At the young age

of eighteen, on August 20, 1955, he married his lifelong sweetheart, Mattie Lois Cooper. They moved to Florida that same year. This was the beginning of his life as a devoted husband and father. He provided for his wife and children, insisting that his wife stay at home to care for them. The Lord richly blessed and multiplied this union with fourteen loving children. Four preceded him in death. They were married for over forty-eight years.

He worked for Naranja Rock Company for several years. He saw the need to better provide for his family and went into business for himself as a landscaper. He became a gifted entrepreneur. He was very successful in this and other business endeavors. Although his wife "Mattie Lois," as he called her, was a housewife, she was his "helpmeet" and supporter. He started various business projects and she was there to help him in making it a success. They complemented each other. He built houses and she used her skills to decorate them. He could take an old broken down house and create a home to be admired. As a result of his devotion to Him, God blessed his labors.

"Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field." Deuteronomy 28:3.

Bro. McIntyre was born into the kingdom of God in 1965 when he accepted the Lord as his personal Savior and from that day forward he was a new man in Christ. He served the Lord with his whole heart and endeavored to obey His Word. He made God first in his life and loved his natural family and his spiritual family. There was no sacrifice too great for him to make for God and others. He taught his children to love, respect and honor God and their elders. He also taught them the importance of working hard and providing for themselves. He taught them, by example, to love and honor their mother. He trained them in the ways of God and maintained this standard in his home. He followed the examples of the godly men in the Bible. "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him,..." Genesis 18:19.

He was called into the ministry in 1978 and worked under the ministry of the late Brother Hershel H. Hargrave. He later answered the call to minister as a pastor to the Church Of God congregation in Fort Lauderdale and in Miami, Florida. During his ministry he traveled to Missouri, Tennessee, North and South Caro-

lina, Georgia and Honduras peaching the Gospel. He had a burden for outreach services to the community. There he remained faithful to this call until death.

Bro. McIntyre was a good leader because when Christ told him to follow, he was a perfect follower. "Good followers make good leaders" was what he would always say. While "leading" he let us know through his experience that He has trod that road before us and it's safe to listen and follow Him.

Bro. McIntyre wasn't a novice but as a good shepherd he gave his life for the congregation. When he was called upon for service, he was ready. What he exhorted (preached) to us, he was first a partaker of. He gave of his money, time and service to the Lord without reserves. He taught the Bible and he lived it in self-denial, faith and love.

On Tuesday, February 24, 2004, the Lord called him home to share in his glory. He leaves to cherish his fond memories: a devoted and loving wife, Mattie Lois; eight sons, Robert, Jr. (Rhonda), Fabian, Bernard, James (Lydia), Stephen, Paul, Phillip and Jonathan; two daughters Helena and Sonya, and a special daughter, Shamiika; thirty-two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren: a devoted and loving stepmother, "Ma Sarah"; seven brothers, James (Debra), Eddie, Oberia, Thomas, Leon all from Macon, GA, William from Homestead, FL and Richard (Stephanie) from Gainesville, FL; eight sisters, Mattie Louise (Willie), Margaret (James), Cynthia (Eddie), Gwendolyn, all of Macon GA, Lee (Douglas), Doris, Evelyn, Laura, all of Miami, FL; sister-in-law, Charlene (Eddie); brother-in-law, Larry (Debra) from Jersey City, NJ; four aunts, Ethel Davis of Naranja, FL, Ida Grisson of Camilla, GA, Eva Durr of Palm Beach, FL, and Elma McIntyre of Camilla, GA; two uncles, Ira Caison from Leisure City, FL, Paul Cowart from Pelham, GA and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other sorrowing relatives, saints and friends.

Memorial services were officiated by Bro. Charles Clay. Interment was at Dade Memorial Park, South Miami, FL.

Chinnamma Varghese, mother of Bro. John Varghese, S.India, died on May 18, 2004 at the age of 94. She has been a faithful member of the Evening Light Church of God at Karickom till her death.

She united in marriage with C. M. Varghese, a pioneer minister of the Church of God in India.

He preceded her in death in 1968. After her husband departed, her fourth son, John Varghese, took care of her in his home till her death.

She was blessed with 8 children, 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services on May 21, 2004 were officiated by Bro. John Varghese, assisted by the ministers of the Church, and burial was at Evening Light Church of God Cemetery, Karickom.

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:2-3.

The Family That Prays

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helping them to learn about the merciful and forgiving power of God. When you become aware of a child's guilt feelings you can react in one of three ways: ignore it, blow up or deal with it rationally. Knowing how to deal rationally with these kinds of situations is a most important key to successful parenting. How your children view your response to their failures will teach them how God responds to our failures. It is not a time to overlook the problem but to bring the child to confession and repentance. Their willingness to do that will hinge on your response. If you overreact they will close up and learn deceit. If you give them opportunity to share their guilt and they feel your unconditional love, despite the correction and the circumstance, you will have opened a door of intimacy between your child and yourself that will never be forgotten. Do not use this type of situation to protect your child if open confession to others needs to be done. You must teach them that "we reap what we sow." If this is done correctly, this principle becomes one of your best training tools.

Often, we, as parents, fail in our response to our children. Hopefully this will not happen all the time. But when it does, children need to see us humble ourselves and take corrective measures for our own actions. Parenting is not an option but a responsibility. Lord help us to do our very best!

