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A CHILDLIKE TRUST

By Sis. Steffani Williamson

Two-year old Whit sniffed and pouted out his lip, holding up the little hand with an invisible "boo-boo." His teary, hazel eyes compelled me to kiss away the pain in his tiny, pinched finger. As soon as I supposedly kissed the hurt away, Whit immediately stopped sniffing and resumed his previous task—helping me carry luggage to our Suburban. He seemed to have totally forgotten the pain he had been enduring a mere moment ago.

Later, as I recalled this event, I wondered what made Whit forget his pain so quickly. I knew that my kiss certainly did not hold physical healing powers. It was more than just that. Whit's total trust in me made his pain disappear. I was the closest authority figure, so he turned to me, fully believing I had the power to take away his hurt.

But that's not all! He trusted me enough that he didn't worry about his "boo-boo" after I kissed it. His faith in me was so complete, so pure, he felt there was no need to be concerned about the existence of any lingering pain. Whit had turned over his hurt to someone big enough to remove it. With my kiss, his pain was banished.

This is the type of faith our heavenly Father wants us to have in Him. No wonder God said, in Matthew 18:3, for us to "...become as little children..." for where could a better example of such complete, pure trust be found, except in a child? When you and I are hurting, whether in body or in spirit, our Father longs for us to turn to Him with our hurts. He yearns to draw you and me to His chest, banishing our troubles with a single kiss.

No doubt you, too, have experienced the deep, searing kind of hurt that drives you to curl up in a little corner and sob yourself into oblivion. When you are collapsing beneath the pressures of life, cry "Abba! I need You!" He is always there to lift you out. David also experienced such overwhelming feelings, for he says in Psalm 61:2, "...when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Abba, like a rock, is our shelter, foundation and the only permanence in our lives. Take your "boo-boos" to Jesus—you will never find a more soothing balm than the tender kiss of the One Who was nailed to the cross for you.

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Song in the Night

By Sis. Connie Sorrell

When the heart is numb with sadness, the night is dark and long,
 Comfort seems a world away hiding somewhere with The Son.
 Take courage, my dear friend, please be of good cheer!
 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear each heavenly song
 God daily sends so faithfully 'til the final victory's won.

Nighttime in the battle is not always when the natural light is gone, but it can be during broad daylight when everything is supposed to be normal, but your life is not. Sorrow, sickness, disappointment, shock—a number of human emotions can eclipse the soul, causing pain that can not be explained with words, but only with groanings that can not be uttered. (Romans 8:26.)

Sudden adversities may spring upon us at anytime, and we may not always be equipped to handle the crisis, or be prepared to face the battle. The suddenness and intensity of the force against us is one of the hitting factors in the battle. We don't wake up in the morning and plan problems for ourselves. We plan how to avoid or tackle a problem, but we do not know what the next twelve plus hours will open to us. We don't know all the battles for that day, nor do we know if our plans will work in the immediate battle that we know about.

However, we know a God Who knows the future, and He has plans for us, and our loved ones. "...I *am* poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God." Psalm 40:17. He is faithful and just to give us the comfort and grace we need for the next battle ahead, no matter how ignorant we are about it. Every morning let us take time to look to Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith, for help in the new challenges of the day. "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up." Psalm 5:3.

One way to attain power for the unknown daily battle is to look to the Lord for a song or scripture before arising from the bed. Several years ago, when my children were babies, I asked the Lord to awaken me with a song for each day's needs. Since then I have been arising with the song alarm. Sometimes He gives me a scripture, but most of the time, I get a song.

Some days I seek for the song, and feel His approval on it, but many times He has given a song that was not of my personal choosing; however, it met the needs, the battle or the glory of that day. Praise His Holy Name!

Recently, song number 144 in the *Evening Light Songs* book was ringing in my ears. "Oh, be still, thou soul of mine, Thou art not forsaken; Tho' the powers of sin may rage, Thou shalt be unshaken. He who gave his life for thee, Thus permits that thou shouldst be—For thy good, as thou shalt see—Tempted for a season." What a comfort! Right when the enemy was isolating me and trying to suffocate my spiritual life, the Lord was telling me I was not forsaken and this trial was for "my good" and just for "a season." I clung to that song as it was a life line from heaven!

The next morning He gave me the song, *The Old Rugged Cross* and the next, *On the Rock*, #266 in the *Evening Light Songs*.

Memorized scriptures are valuable and sometimes the Lord will give a passage for a wake up call. Remember the verses in Jeremiah 29:11-13, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." What an anchor this passage has been in the midst of the spiritual storms and howling winds of discouragement right now! To know the Lord is thinking of me—you and me—and He has good intentions for us! Oh, let us diligently continue to seek Him with all our hearts! We don't want to hinder the thoughts and plans that He has, "For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9. He is put-

ting the pieces of our life in place better than we can and we must trust Him to do so.

In the dark of the battle's night, often we feel the oppression of the enemy more, then let us stand upon the Word of God and sing praises because "Jesus fought the battle through and gives to us the victory." We have victory because Jesus conquered death and now sits at the right hand of God interceding for our needs. (Hebrews 4:14.) Our cries for mercy, our songs of praise and our humble requests for guidance are heard and answered. Like King David of old, we can say: "I waited patiently for the LORD;

and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD." Psalm 40:103. Praise the Lord Jehovah and His Faithful Son Who gives the victory!

When the battle is a winding maze
And my eyes search the foggy haze
To find Your path my feet should go;
In my heart, oh Lord, hear my praise
And Your higher way let me know.



Sowing to the Flesh or to the Spirit

By Bro. Leslie Busbee

The apostle Paul gives some solemn counsel of righteousness in Galatians 6:7-9. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

It is made very plain here that what you will receive as harvest and recompense depends solely on what you sow. It is true with literal seed such as grain, plants and flowers. There are good seeds and there are bad seeds. Things in nature produce seeds for reproduction. Carried by the wind and other means of being spread, seeds land in the soil and with the right conditions they will germinate, sprout and grow. It is also true in one's life and conversation. By our conduct and relationship with our fellow man and also with God, our Creator, we are sowing things that will bring a harvest. Things we say and do, how we treat our fellow man, and the kind of lifestyle we follow will come back to us as a harvest of seeds that are sown.

By our ways, attitudes, thoughts, decisions and dispositions, we are sowing things that will come back to us. Paul speaks here about sowing to two different things. One is the sowing to the flesh. The other is sowing to the Spirit of God. To sow to the flesh means that we cater to and fulfill desires that originate from our own human, material, earthly and physical senses and

thoughts. This epistle that Paul wrote to the church at Galatia was concerning their error of being influenced by false teachers to draw back to the old Mosaic law system instead of the spiritual life and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In this 6th chapter and verses 12 and 13 Paul said to them: "As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh." Here he is saying that to resort to physical circumcision as a means of pleasing God and gaining favor with Him is a sowing to the flesh. The real circumcision that one needs to have is spiritual, as he said in Romans 2:29, "But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not of the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." To resort to physical circumcision as a means of pleasing God is a sowing to the flesh.

In the 5th chapter of this epistle to the Galatians we find further admonishments on this subject. Let us notice verses 16-25. "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are

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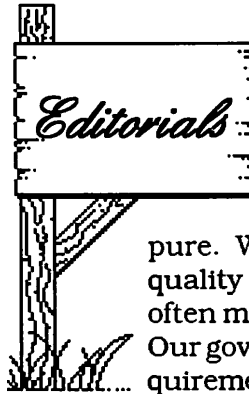
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"Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" James 3:11.

It does not take very much evil to spoil something that is pleasant and pure. When one looks at a water quality report the contaminants are often measured in parts per million. Our government places stringent requirements on certain elements that sometimes show up in the water supply because they know those elements have a detrimental effect on our bodies. Therefore the water treatment plants for our municipalities carefully test, treat and monitor the water that passes through their facility to be sure it meets specific standards of purity. The value of a pure heart in preserving the life of our soul surpasses the importance of quality drinking water for these mortal bodies.

The enemy often tempts man with what may seem like a very small evil. Perhaps the evil takes the form of a small seed that seems insignificant at the time it is planted in the heart. It could even be that the seed would lay dormant for an extended period of time before it begins to grow. But after the seed is planted the enemy will then attempt to foster conditions that are favorable for its growth, and while it is growing it will taint everything that proceeds from that person's life. When a planting of the evil one comes to maturity it will bring certain death. The wisdom of our heavenly Father teaches us to, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23. This charge, of keeping our heart, is a full time responsibility that no one should take lightly.

People who try to hide evil in their heart should realize that they are probably only deceiving themselves. Of course, God knows and sees what is in a person's heart and quite often His people, who know the fruits of a pure heart, are also able to detect when something is amiss. There have been times when we have visited a restaurant and the question was asked about a particular food that was served, "I wonder what is in this?" Various members of the party would taste the food and offer their suggestions. The ingredient or seasoning in question may or may not be properly identified, but it was detected.

When one finds that a seed of evil has been sown in their heart, they should immediately

reject it. If it has started to grow, they should go to the Lord in prayer, repent and enlist the help of our loving Savior to uproot the evil and purge the heart of its harmful stain. By taking this course of action they will not only be restored to a place of purity with the Lord, but they will also keep themselves from being dishonest with their own soul. For such dishonesty will surely lead one into spiritual deception.

The tongue is often the vehicle that reveals the conditions that exist in the heart. Luke 6:45 presents this insightful verse, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." If we will listen to the words of our own mouth they will often reveal to us what we are thinking on and warn us of thoughts and passions we need to be more diligent about keeping out of our heart. Where we go, how we act, what we do and what we wear can all be expressions of the heart. We all generally know what we enjoy thinking about and it is important that we govern our thought patterns to bring them into conformity with God's plan of holiness, for the mind is the vestibule of the heart.

While it is important to keep evil from our heart, God has designed a plan whereby we can have our heart filled with good things. When our heart is filled with the glorious blessings of God it is much harder for the enemy to slip in something evil—it just doesn't fit well. After we have been washed free from the stains of our past sins, we should invite the precious Holy Spirit into our heart to dwell and fill us with the wonderful fruits of His righteousness. When His seal is on our heart it gives us an extra measure of protection from evil.

"The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide." Psalms 37:30-31. To have the law of God in our heart is a special blessing that will keep one from evil. It will be a light that shines on the path of the righteous and will reveal God's view of right and wrong, truth and error and show us that which is just and unjust. The daily decisions we make will be influenced by those divine principles and the smile of God's approval will rest on that soul. With His approval, life in general will be much more joyful.

When our heart is filled with love for our Savior then we can join in chorus with the

psalmist who said, "My heart is inditing a good matter:..." Psalms 45:1. Adam Clarke makes this comment about the word, *inditing*: "boileth or bubbleth up....It is a metaphor taken from a fountain that sends up its waters from the earth in this way." Our love for Christ can joyfully bubble forth in our conversation and be a beautiful witness of cheer to those we meet. The mercy Jesus showed to us in breaking the shackles of sin is greater than we can fathom and all of our appreciation is unable to repay His sacrifice. Many happy thoughts can fill our mind and heart when we think about Him. David said, "...my cup runneth over..." and this occurred right in the presence of his enemies. Those who oppose us are not able to stop the blessings of the Lord that flood our soul.

Have you ever wondered why Eve paid any attention to the fruit of the forbidden tree when there were so many other trees in the Garden? In like manner, we have a world full of good things to occupy our mind and satan wants to cause us to think of things that will make us blue and steal our joy. In the name of Jesus, rebuke him and draw nigh to the One Who is worthy of our love.

Jesus said, "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. The enemy would like to make people think that they are entering a cooped-up corral when they open their heart to Jesus Christ, but that is not true. They will go "in," through the door, and "out" into a universe of verdant pasture. God would have us to explore this universe of wonder that He places His children in, launch out into the deep things of God and fill yourself with His goodness. May God help us all to feast on those things that will bring health to our soul.

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Due to the heavy workload here at the Print Shop, financial considerations and a multitude of other factors that have occurred in the recent days, we feel it is expedient to combine the June and July issues of the *Faith and Victory*. We are encouraged in the Lord and are confident in a bright future because of His presence. As is our usual policy, we will omit the August edition of the paper to attend the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs MO. My sister, Patsy Smith, plans to stay here with my mother during the meeting to allow us a few days away. I trust many of our readers will also be able to attend.

May God richly bless and keep you.

—Bro. Willie E. Murphey



"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."

LA—Please pray for me, Joann. I have bouts of depression, anxiety and panic attacks. I don't know why, I get shaky on the inside and all of this scares me. Pray that God will heal me of all this so I can live a normal life to serve Him. Your sister in Christ,

—Joann L. Long

OH—Please pray for the physical and spiritual needs of my sons. Another young man is in a very bad situation, pray that the Lord will help him out of it.

—Sis. Tressie Adkins

LA—Remember Sis. Patsy Doolittle in prayer, she has some serious physical needs.

Standing Prayer Requests

Bro. Carlos Arriaga
 Sis. Gladys Cashio
 Sis. Helen Carson
 Sis. Waneta Creel
 Sis. Patsy Doolittle
 Sis. Dorall Forbes
 Bro. Troy Gentry
 Bro. Lee Hilton
 Bro. Jaden Howard
 Sis. Karoline Kessler
 Bro. Mark and Sis. Darlene Knight
 Sis. Melba Powell
 Bro. Jerry Quave
 Sis. Marilyn Rendall
 Sis. Ruth Shehee
 Sis. Cheryl Smith
 Bro. Michael Smith
 Bro. Edward and Sis. Gloria Taylor
 The Mitch Taylor family
 Sis. Norma Tiller
 Sis. Anneta Williamson

LA—With love we send greetings to all. I'm sure about everyone has heard of the automobile accident we had on the way to the Christian Educators Assembly/Graduation in Myrtle, MO on May 1st between 7:00 & 8:00 p.m. Well, we made it within ten miles of our destination when another driver pulled out in front of us. We all can say that it was a miracle no one, other than me, was seriously injured or killed. I came out with a few scrapes besides the broken neck. From the accident scene they ended up taking me to a hospital in West Plains, and then on to Springfield when they found out the extent of my injuries. They did surgery the next afternoon. The Lord has helped me so much. They all even marveled that I did not ask for any pain medication. When I moved around I had some discomfort in the back where the brace was, but when I was sitting still or in bed I had no pain! Thank the Lord! They did surgery front and back to put in the rods and plate. The 7th vertebra was broken, plus chipped a little, and dislocated about a half of an inch. It was against my spinal cord but didn't do any real damage—a real miracle. The Lord stopped it just in time. I do have a little numbness in two fingers on my right hand—kind of like they feel when they're a little "asleep." My arm tires very easily but they said since the repair was made so quickly after the accident, it should go away. I believe the Lord can take care of it. Regardless, I'm so very blessed. They were surprised that I could move my legs, feet, etc. with the type of injury I had. The Lord blessed me that I wasn't paralyzed in any way—it was THAT close.

We have a road to recovery yet. Please do keep praying for me. I appreciate the prayers and love of the saints so much. I feel that I have just been carried in His arms thus far. My husband was off from work for a couple of weeks and is now back to working off and on. He hurt his right arm and wrist. It's still bothering him if he uses it very much. Ranita hit her head on the window or something but she's not having headaches anymore. She hurt her right shoulder and arm—we're all right handed—and sustained a cut on the bottom of each of her feet. But, all in all, we're GREAT compared to what the outcome could have been. I'm so thankful it

"We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions." Psalm 20:5.

was just us and not the rest of the family. (Jaimie and Lisa stayed behind with some friends.) We were in John's big pickup, a 2007 Chevy Silverado, and not the van. After hitting the vehicle we went off the highway, through a two to three foot deep ditch and hit the bank—so we had two hits instead of one! I believe God's angels were there with us! Sad to say, John's truck was totaled, however, the Lord has since blessed him to get a 2006 Toyota Tacoma four door pickup. It has plenty of room, rides nice, and gets good gas mileage—and our payments are lower!

We want to thank all the saints for their love, prayers, concern, cards, offerings, phone calls, visits, etc. Through this experience I have to say that I feel like that man on the beach in the poem "Footprints in the Sand"—I feel like that I've just been carried through this whole thing. God has answered so many prayers throughout all this. He has answered some of the prayers instantly. God has been so good to us. I don't understand why all this happened, and probably never will, but the Lord's ways are not our ways. He has a reason for everything. I know that we came in contact with several people that we would not have made contact with had it not been for the accident.

Please do continue to remember us much in prayer. We want to be faithful to the Lord—Heaven is our goal. We're glad to be a part of the family of God and love each one!

Christian love,

—Bro. John & Sis. Diane Clement

MEETING REPORTS

HOLLY HILL, SC, MEETING REPORT

We thank the Lord for blessing Holly Hill, SC with another good meeting. His presence was so real and precious, and we are so thankful He met with us in every service. We appreciate all the ministers who made the sacrifice to come and be with us and all the Saints who came. The fellowship of God's people is so precious. I was thinking of the scripture in Matthew 10:11 where Jesus was sending His disciples forth and He told them that when they came into a city to inquire as to who within it was worthy and that was where they were to abide. May we always be found worthy here in Holly Hill for the Lord to grace us with His presence. Pray for us that we will live lives that are pure and holy before Him. In the love of Jesus.

—The Holly Hill, SC Congregation

MEETING DATES

Fresno, CA (Camp Meeting)—June 29-July 6

General Southern (Loranger, LA)—

June 29-July 6

National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 18-27

Myrtle, MO (Camp Meeting)—August 1-6

Boley, OK (Camp Meeting)—August 15-17

California State (Pacoima)—August 15-24

Spooner, WI (Tent Meeting)—August 20-24

Wichita, KS (Fall Meeting)—September 14-21

MEETING NOTICES

FRESNO, CA, CAMP MEETING

The Fresno Camp Meeting will be held June 29-July 6. On Sunday, Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m., with services following at 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday services will be at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The last Sunday, Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m., morning service 10:30 a.m., and we will end the meeting with the 2:00 p.m. service.

DIRECTIONS: From 99 north, exit Belmont and turn left. Then go to First St. and turn right. Go to the second block and turn left on Grant. From 99 south, exit Ventura east. Then go to First St. and make a left. Go to Grant then turn right. The chapel sits on First and Grant.

If there are any questions, call Sis. Gwen Robinson at (559) 233-2492.

GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the General Southern Camp Meeting at Loranger, LA will begin Sunday, June 29, with morning and evening services daily through Sunday, July 6. If you can join us, come praying for a blessing.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Electrical and water hookups are available for those with campers. Meals are provided 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. (At the exit, take Hwy. 442 which runs into Hwy. 40.)

For more information, contact Carlos Doolittle at (985) 878-8122. The chapel phone is (985) 878-2788. Please do support this meeting with your prayers.

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 18-27. 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 men's 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
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Bartlett, KS 67332

MYRTLE, MO, CAMP MEETING

The Myrtle, MO Camp Meeting will begin, Lord willing, on Friday morning, August 1 and continue through Wednesday morning, August 6. There will be morning services at 10:30 and evening services at 7:00 each day, with the 10:30 service on Wednesday being the last service. We plan to have afternoon services, as announced, on Saturday and Sunday. We extend a hearty invitation to everyone to come. Accommodations will be made to care for all. Sleeping quarters are available in the men's and women's dormitories as well as cabins on a limited basis. We ask that cabin owners please contact Sis. Carol Sorrell as soon as possible at (417) 938-4493 and let her know whether or not you plan to attend the meeting this year. If you do not plan to attend, but have a relative who plans to attend and would like to stay in your cabin, please inform Sis. Carol. This will help her with arrangements for everyone. Electrical hookups are also available on a limited basis for those who bring campers or motor homes.

We are praying the Lord to bless us with another wonderful camp meeting this year. We look forward to the gathering in of the saints. Please pray with us for a special visitation of the Holy Spirit and that much will be accomplished for the kingdom of God.

The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682. For further information contact Bro. Harlan Sorrell at (417) 938-4336.

BOLEY, OK, CAMP MEETING

The Boley, OK Camp Meeting will be held, Lord willing, August 15-17. The first service will

be Friday evening at 7:30. On Saturday there will be services at 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Sunday there will be Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with the worship service at 11:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday afternoon or evening services.

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

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING

The California State Camp Meeting will be held this year from August 15-24 at the campgrounds located at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA 91331.

The first service will begin 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 15, with three services daily thereafter. For more information, contact either the Sunset Guest Home at (818) 899-2022, Bro. Paul Phillips at (661) 251-6956, or Bro. Herbert Clay at (818) 897-1396.

SPOONER, WI, TENT MEETING

Lord willing, this meeting will begin Wednesday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m., with services daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 24.

Come for a blessing and to be a blessing, and please support the tent meeting with your prayers.

There will be some accommodations but please call for arrangements. Bring your own bedding and linens if possible. Be prepared for cold nights. We give everyone a special invitation to come and be with us to enjoy God's many blessings of love. For more information contact Bro. Ron and Sis. Martha Zacharias at (715) 635-2994.

WICHITA, KS, FALL MEETING

The Wichita Fall Meeting date has been set for September 14-21. There will be three services on Sunday (10:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.) Monday through Saturday there will be two services (11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

We trust there will be some Saints that are not too weary from attending summer meetings and can come help us out in the battle. We are looking for the Holy Spirit to lead, direct and have complete control of the meeting.

The chapel address is 2509 N. Grove St. From I-35 take exit 42 (135, 81, 235) and travel

135 to the 21st St. exit. Go right (east) on 21st (about 7 blocks) to Grove and turn left (north) and proceed to 2509. If you need to contact someone, you may call Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 461-1267 or Bro. Theodore McCray at (316) 641-4170.



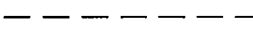
**LETTERS
 FROM
 OUR
 READERS**

IL—To those at Faith Publishing House: I just wanted to express how grateful and appreciative my family and I are that you have kept my great grandmother Lizzie Harper's tract—*God Does Answer Prayer*—in storage for so many years after her writing of it in 1943. I originally had doubted that your company was even in existence after so many years, let alone that you would still have the tract in possession. I was elated to discover otherwise.

Being able to order it in quantity is also a great blessing, as it is a wonderful account of many amazing and miraculous healings that took place as a result of her prayer for people. Of the several people I have distributed it to, those who have read it have agreed that it is truly an amazing account as well as a remarkable blessing of God; both to have found it, and to read it.

If it were not for this tract, I might never have known that my great grandmother was such an awesome woman of God. My mother had told me that her grandmother was a "faith healer" and an ordained minister, but the reading of this tract—the word of her testimony—bears ever so much more witness to her personality, the strength of her faith and to the wonder-working power of God that manifested as a result of her application of it.

As the Word of God continues to not return to Him void, but to bear much fruit, I remain,
 Sincerely, —Christy Volosin



KS—I constantly stand in awe at where the grace of God can reach and I worship the One Who understands us to the very core of our being. He loves us with such an everlasting love, and gently deals with our humanity in His loving-kindness and tender mercy!

Last year when I found out about the fresh face being put on the mural of timeless truths we read over and over as we sit under the tabernacle at the Monark Springs Campground, I was scared of what my reaction would be to the change! Silly, I know. As I looked for the first time on the new, the Lord put His hand on my shoulder and whispered in my ear. I want to share with you what He said—

But first, a little history. Back in 1961, a young man by the name of Mike Goodwin, then just 18 years of age, painted the mural above the pulpit. Thereafter, every time we would read the words of Truth, we also read his signature. As a child, I wondered who on earth had the audacity to write his name up there! Later, I learned the legitimate reason for it being there. But, where was Mike?

Mike was wandering—away from God, away from *home*. The enemy had succeeded in a capture that cost many years. I wonder how many prayers were prayed for him, just because we read his name? Until, one day, Jesus paid Mike a visit in his room. He revealed His great love and forgiveness and told Mike, "Now is the time. Come home." And Mike came.

Since then, Jesus has been changing Mike. Like the new mural, Mike received a new life from the One Who changes lives. We look at him now, and hear his voice break as he tells how he has changed. Freeing him from his worst enemy, the plan of salvation began a restorative work in Mike's life. A resurrection, he will confess, has taken place within his heart—a new life, a new man.

—And this is what I heard the Lord say to me, "So, the mural is changed. But, it's okay, because the *man* is changed. This is his testimony. This is the new creation!"

Oh, dear reader! There is not room on this paper to tell it all; indeed, if the ocean was filled with ink and "the skies of parchment made,...to write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry. Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky." Jesus changes lives! He can change yours! Though you may not see any hope, though your life may be wretched and torn by years under the enemy's wrathful slavery, Jesus can redeem you. Can't you hear Him calling, "Come home. It's time." Please hear His voice. He loves you so much!

—Sis. Jeanne Eck



Mamie J. Butcher, 100, of Richmond, MO died at 9:05 p.m., Friday, March 14, 2008, at Shirkey Nursing & Rabilitation Center in Richmond.

Sis. Mamie Butcher was born March 12, 1908, in Holt County, MO, the daughter of Richard and Cordelia (Whipple) Stroud. She married Ray Chelsey Butcher of Mountain Grove, MO in 1928; he preceded her in death on August 5, 1989. To this union was born two daughters, Joyce and Ramah.

Mrs. Butcher lived most of her life in Holt County; six years in Richmond, and the past ten years in Shawnee, OK. She was a housewife and homemaker. She was a member of the Church of God in Shawnee, OK, and past member of the Lake Shore Club and the Fortescue Garden Club.

Survivors include: one daughter, Ramah Gray of Richmond, MO; five grandchildren, Bobby Hall of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Dr. Gary Hall of Shawnee, KS, Lisa Clay and her husband, Chris, of Independence, MO, Rona Estenbaum of Richmond, MO and Darren Gray and his wife, Molly, of Overland Park, KS; seven great-grandchildren Caleb Clay, Brooke Estenbaum, Brennen Estenbaum, Lauren Hall, Sarah Hall, Joshua Gray and Adam Gray.

In addition to her parents and husband, one daughter, Joyce Ann Hall, six brothers, two sisters and son-in-law, Barry Gray, preceded her in death.

Visitation was held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 17 at the Thurman Funeral Home in Richmond and the funeral services followed immediately at 11:00 a.m. The services were conducted by Bro. Carl Shaffer, assisted by singers, Bro. Clifford and Sis. Vonda Cole and their daughter Ranelle.

Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery in Mound City, MO officiated by Bro. Jim Broker

John Jacob Gutwein, age 68, of Springfield, OH passed away Wednesday, June 4, 2008, in Kettering, OH. John was born on April 18, 1940 in Dayton, OH to Charles H. and Mildred W. (Hiller) Gutwein.

His parents, sister, June McFarland, and brother, Tom Gutwein, preceded him in death. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Della (Abbott) Gutwein; two sons, Jeffrey Gutwein, Michael Gutwein and his wife, Ami; precious grandbaby, Alison Gutwein; sister, Treva Chrysler; brother, Rodney Gutwein; and sister-in-law, Linda Gutwein.

John was a graduate of Fairborn High School in 1958 and served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Saratoga. He was a member of the Church of God on Race Street in Springfield, OH. He was a retired Millwright with Delco Moraine after 32 years.

John loved woodcarving, remodeling and traveling. He had a great desire to go to Alaska, but we feel he is in a place much more beautiful than Alaska.

The funeral service was Monday, June 9, 2008, at Tobias Funeral Home with Bro. Larry Abbott and Bro. Clint Doolittle officiating. Interment was at Miami Valley Memory Gardens.

A Note of Thanks

We could never express our heartfelt thanks to the saints for the love and kindness shown to us through John's illness. The prayers, get well cards, phone calls and support during John's illness will long be remembered. We feel unworthy of the great outpouring of calls, cards, food, offerings, flowers and prayers that we received after his passing. May God bless each one for your love and continued prayers.

—The Gutwein family



Sowing to the Flesh or to the Spirit

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manifest (plainly shown), which are these. Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-

suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

The works of the flesh are brought about by man yielding to the attractions that appeal to the appetites of the physical part in selfish gratification and the animal nature. But the fruit of the Spirit is brought about by the work of the Holy Spirit in a yielded and submissive heart and mind. It is wise for us to take heed to what we are living to in this short earthly life. These works of the flesh have to do with our relationship with our fellow earthly creatures and cover a wide range of activity and conduct. The relations of men and women, the turmoil of human conflict and controversy, the bitterness and destructive force of strife of man against man, the awful habits that fasten upon human behavior and the spiritual elements of deception and false religion—all of these are covered

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in this catalog of evil behavior. The word "witchcraft" is translated from the Greek word "pharmacia" from which comes the English term "pharmacy," which means drugs and medicines. This age we live in has been called "The golden age of medicine." It dominates the human scene tremendously. It is of the flesh. God made the human body and in Christ is found healing and deliverance from all manner of sickness and disease. To bypass this provision and seek the aid of the arm of flesh is to sow to the flesh. This is sadly overtaking the majority of human kind today.

The broken homes, double marriages, and the many phases of human strife and conflict are great proofs of the sad state of affairs brought about by sowing to the flesh and not to the Spirit.

May we all take heed to this truth. Let us pay strict attention to what we are sowing to in the decisions that we make from day to day. We are not fooling God. God places the responsibility of choosing our eternal destiny in our own hands. Whatever we hope to reap in the eternal world to come is determined by what we are sowing to in our every day mortal life.

The Fountain

*Men wondered why, in August heat,
The little brook with music sweet
Could glide along the dusty way,
When all else parched and silent lay.*

*Few stopped to think how, every morn,
The sparkling stream anew was born
In some moss-circled, mountain pool,
Forever sweet and clear and cool.*

*A life that, ever calm and glad,
One melody and message had.
"How keeps it so," men asked, "when I
Must change with every changing sky?"*

*Ah! if men knew the secret power
That gladdens every day and hour,
Would they not change to song life's care,
By drinking at the fount of prayer?*

—James Buckham

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