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### The House of God



The house of God, built by His hands,  
Triumphant through the ages stands  
Upon the rock forever fast,  
Defying Satan's fiery blast.

Salvation forms its massive wall,  
'Twill stand while creeds and schisms fall;  
And all within its portals bright  
Are robed in heaven's golden light.

The Lamb of God, Himself the door,  
Excludes all sin forevermore;  
His life to build this house He gave,  
And every soul He wills to save.

In heaven's golden book of life,  
Inscribed above all sin and strife,  
There human hands can ne'er erase  
The names of those redeemed by grace.

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Are one with all the ransomed host,  
Who dwell in touch with heav'n above,  
In Father's house, where all is love.

O house of God, thou spotless place,  
Where beams the light of heaven's grace;  
Within thy courts, oh, let me stay,  
Where all is bright eternal day.

O House of God, Home of my soul,  
Blessed shelter while the ages roll;  
Let me here forever hide,  
Till safe beyond the surging tide.

—D. O. Teasley

### The Blood of the Lamb



"There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's veins." This fountain of blood never ceases to flow. We can come daily, continuously, and dip in its healthful and purifying stream. It is inexhaustible. God honors the blood that was drawn from the body of His dear Son, as every drop was spilled for us. (Luke 24:31.) See Him in Gethsemane, where in great agony, His sweat was as drops of blood! Luke 22:44.

See the blood as it flowed, while infuriated Roman soldiers laid many cruel lashes on His bare body. See Him as the blood streams down His face, as the crown of thorns is unmercifully beaten into His temples. See Him as they beat His sorrowful face with a reed until it bleeds, and it is so marred that one could hardly recognize Him. (Isaiah 52:14.)

See the blood as it flows from His hands torn by the piercing nails; those hands that had ministered to every need. See the blood as the nails are driven into His feet, often weary from walking over the rocky hills of Judea, as He healed the sick and fed the multitude, comforted the sorrowful, taught the people, raised the dead. See the blood as it flowed from His pierced side.

"See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Mingled sorrow and love flow down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?"

We need to magnify the blood of the Lamb, for the devil and his army of demons and men are arrayed against it, seeking to hinder faith for its efficiency in the pardon of sin, in the cleansing of sin, the healing of sickness, the removal of infirmities, and the sanctification of the Spirit. Satan, in these last days, is seeking to destroy the bodies of the saints.

Beloved, let us be true to the shed blood of the Lamb. Let us apply it to every part of our being and

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keep under its shelter, in the secret place, so that no evil dart from the enemy can touch us. Psalms 91:1-10.

If pain or fever touches us, let us declare in a mighty faith, that the blood is our cure NOW. God's remedy cannot fail. Jesus' blood does now destroy the works of the devil. As we hold steadily to this testimony of faith the pain will go.

"Behold the Saviour of mankind  
Nailed to the shameful tree,  
How vast the love that He inclined  
To bleed and die for me!"

—Helen D. Bagby

### A Trial of Faith

We were married March 3, 1891, and on March 10 we moved to ourselves where I had hired out to run or help run another man's farm for that year. Up to this time I had all my time to read, study, pray, visit and attend meetings, which kept the spirit of inspiration running high in my soul, but now conditions must change. If I did my duty I must get to work early and by the time all my work was done it was late, so about all the time I had for those things was our morning and evening worship. As a result my feelings began to subside. The ecstasy seemed gone, and I finally became troubled over the situation. Satan saw this opportunity and accused me vehemently, saying I was backslidden. I feared to say I was not and I was afraid to say I was. My prayer was something like this: "Oh, Lord, if I am backslidden, show me." The more I prayed thus, the worse I felt. I then thought I had better take my place as a sinner and go to the public altar and repent anew. At this a great fear came over me. If I should say I was backslidden when I was not, I might sin against the Holy Ghost, but if I said I was not when I was, then I would just be a backslidden professor, and be lost in the end. The suffering of my soul and mind became something indescribable. Then Satan whispered, "You know all sin can be forgiven except the sin against the Holy Ghost, so you had better commit one known sin, then you can repent intelligently and get saved."

It seems strange that one can be so tempted, but I was and got the consent of my mind to do so. The next thing was to decide what sin to commit. I stopped my team to decide. Satan whispered, "Swear." My whole being revolted, and I said, "I cannot do that, for the Lord saved me from that. I shall die and be lost rather than use that sacred name in vain again." He then suggested I force myself to anger, and abuse the team to the extent of sin. And again the same feelings of revolt, with the same decided answer. Again the suggestion came, to purloin from the man I was working for, but I was under obligation to be faithful, and the salvation of my soul covered that, also.

At this point Satan whispered, "You are too sensitive, you can't find anything you were not saved from," and then presented the fact that I was not

married at the time I was saved, and that I might do something against my wife that might be sin, such as be cross and complain at her cooking, etc. Again my soul revolted. It really seemed that the Spirit of God and angels cried: "NO! The Lord saved you from such!" Besides, I had promised both God and my wife I would be true and kind to her, and I again said in my soul, "I will remain as I am and be lost rather than allow these things in my life again and thus sin against the goodness of God."

At this point the Lord began to talk to me, saying, "Child, do you not see that I have saved you from all these things, and the desire for sin? What more do you want? Why do you seek for feelings? They are deceitful, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." A flood of joy and glory came into my soul, and I grasped a new revelation of living by faith and obedience, irrespective of feelings.

This experience helped me in after years to comfort other souls who were passing through like trials, and I relate the same here, hoping it may yet help others.

—Bro. J. L. Green

### "The Abomination of Desolation"

(Matt. 24:15)

The above epithet well describes the condition of ancient Jerusalem to which it succumbed after God had abandoned it. For Jesus had said in despair, "Behold, [Jerusalem] your house is left unto you desolate." (Matt. 23:38) And Jesus said to the Jews, "Ye have made it [my house of prayer] a den of thieves." In Mal. 1:4 we read that they became a "people against whom the Lord hath indignation forever. They shall build but I will throw down." Mal. 2:2, "I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings." Mal. 2:9, "Therefore have I made you contemptible and base before all the people." Thus, when the Jews became desolate of God's protection, great abominations came upon them and there was no refuge in God, for when Jesus came bringing the Gospel of God's salvation to them they rejected Him and His message and He told them, "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you . . ." See Matthew 21:43.

This desolation came to pass when they crucified the Son of God and chose a criminal in place of the Messiah. For He was, although ignored, the only sacrifice God could give as an atonement for sin; that, if accepted, would have brought them into fellowship with their God. And just as Jesus died on the cross the veil of the temple was rent in twain from top to bottom, revealing that the temple was no more the special sacred place of God's presence.

God abandoned the temple in Jerusalem to build a temple in the hearts of His redeemed children whereby they became the habitation of God. (Eph. 2:12-22) For He said, "I will dwell in them." Paul said to Christians, "Ye are the temple of God." (1 Cor. 3:16) "And this is the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man." (Heb. 8:2) In Isa. 60:14 it is called "The city of the Lord . . ." For the taber-

nacle of God is with man under the new covenant and it is the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. (Isa. 60:14) The Apostle Paul wrote in Heb. 12:22, 23 to the brethren: "But ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem . . ." When God abandoned the Mount Zion of the literal city of Jerusalem, He built His altar in the hearts of those redeemed through Christ and they thus became a spiritual city of born-again souls "whose builder and maker is God."

The heavenly Jerusalem that John saw coming down from God out of heaven (Rev. 21:2) is the abiding place of the "bride of Christ." It is the spiritual building of God. (1 Cor. 3:9) "And except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that [try to] build it." It is the exclusive work of the Spirit of God brought about through the resurrecting "life" with which Christ came to bring a new birth of righteousness to each surrendering soul. For God had promised a new covenant to the house of Israel, but not all of the nation of Israel submitted to the guidance of the Spirit of God who sent Christ to bring the covenant of grace into power. (Jer. 31:31-33) Through Christ's salvation, the law of God is written in the heart and man becomes a new creature in Christ. This covenant will continue forever to those that keep themselves in the love of God. Nothing but yielding to sin can separate the born-again soul from the love of God which is in Christ.

The Israelites were chosen of God to be His special people, but He said, "Keep my commandments to do them," and that He would give them the land promised to their fathers, but if they served other gods, they would surely perish. (Deut. 8:19). And when Jesus came, they claimed to be Abraham's children, but they did not do the works of Abraham and rejected the teachings of Christ and demanded His crucifixion.

When He was on the cross and cried, "It is finished," God's plan of salvation from sin was completed, and because they rejected the salvation Christ offered and the sacrifice He gave, God abandoned them, and the veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom. Their house was desolate of the Spirit of God (Matt. 23:28), and the Lord built His altar in the hearts that turned to Christ and they became the temple of God. (1 Cor. 3:16). "... he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him." (1 John 4:16) Thus by salvation they become the habitation of God through the Spirit.

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world," but the "kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:21) Thus, the "new heaven and earth" (Isa. 65:17) that God creates is that spiritual heavenly country that Abraham looked for (Heb. 11:10-16) wherein dwelleth righteousness. (2 Pet. 3:10-13) For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Thus, Paul wrote to the Christians, "Ye are come [present tense] to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. . . ." John saw it coming down from heaven already prepared as the bride of Christ adorned with

His garment of salvation. Although God's throne is in heaven (Isa. 60:1, 2), He also looks unto men of a contrite spirit, and God's tabernacle is within such men, for they have become one with Christ in God.

Through man's disobedience, Jerusalem, with its temple built by man, was abandoned by the Spirit of God, and God took up His abode in individual hearts that responded to the gospel of salvation sent to redeem mankind. When Jesus came, He realized that God's chosen people had become rebellious and hateful. And He said, "It cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem." (Luke 13:33) Thus, they brought this "abomination" upon themselves when they rejected the gift of eternal life offered to them. God left them desolate to reap their fate. Thus Jesus said, weeping, "The days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, . . . and lay thee even with the ground." (Luke 19:41-44) Thus Josephus, the Jewish historian, said, "The Roman army [A.D. 70] built a wall around the city thirty-nine furlongs in circumference that completely enclosed the Jews. No one could enter or escape. Thus, they were completely at the mercy of the Romans who so completely destroyed the temple grounds that it was plowed as a field." (Micah 3:12) Thus, the Romans treated the sacred spot. It had been foretold in the Scriptures, "The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them anymore." (Amos 8:2) For God had said, "All my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me and they are not." (Jer. 10:20) "Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles [not separate] as a vessel wherein is no pleasure." (Hosea 8:8).

This "abomination of desolation" was the climax of the punishment meted out to the Jews. When the Romans set up their heathen ensigns on the altar of the temple all the Christians realized it was the time that Jesus told them to depart from the city. (Matt. 24:16). Josephus says, "There was not a disciple of Christ destroyed within the city." Jesus had told them, "Flee to the mountains." He also had said, "Those days shall be shortened." (Matt. 24:22) This came to pass because the Jews did not stand together, but fought among themselves; thus their enemy overcame them more easily. Josephus says that many nations arose as enemies of the Jews before the total destruction in A.D. 70, and thousands were killed or made slaves. Thus, came the climax to a nation intended by their Creator to become the participants of the oath God had promised to their fathers.

—Ethel Redmon

It is said that a man complained to the Lord, "Lord, my cross in life is too heavy for me to bear." To which the Lord replied, "I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll put all of mans' crosses in one container, and you may choose the one you want. The man agreed and proceeded to lift one cross after another. Finally, he came upon one cross that was lighter than the rest, so he said, "Lord, this is the one I'll take." The Lord replied, "You may have it. It is your very own cross."

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**EDITORIALS**

In God's providence the stream of time has brought us now to the summer season—the time of campmeetings and evangelistic tent meetings at various locations across the country. As usual, this "Faith and Victory" paper will not be published for the month of August. It is fitting that our faithful volunteer co-workers would have a few weeks off from their regular duties here at the Print Shop to attend the various campmeetings or do whatever the Lord may direct. Their services as unto the Lord are certainly appreciated, and we are confident that the Lord of the harvest will not forget their work of faith and labor of love.

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The work-load and demand for gospel literature has been heavy this past year, and much more is waiting to be done, but we feel the time is well spent for all of us to assemble in worship and fellowship with the saints and feed on the Word of God at these summer meetings. However, some of us will be here at the Office most of the time to fill orders for literature, take care of the correspondence, etc.

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The Guthrie campmeeting, which closed on June 7, was well attended from near and far. Present to preach the Word were about twenty ministers, among whom was Bro. E. J. Trotter of Fresno, Calif. Some precious messages went forth which proved a real blessing. The dates for the next campmeeting were set for May 28 to June 6, 1971, Lord willing.

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Beginning on May 22, Bro. T. H. Coffey of Hammond, La., held a 10-day meeting at Pacoima, Calif., where Bro. O. B. Wilson is pastor. Favorable reports of the meeting have come from several sources. Bro. Coffey also attended part of the Guthrie campmeeting.

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Good reports have come from the annual campmeeting at Holly Hill, S. Car., which closed on June 14. Several out-of-state ministers were present to preach the Word.

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An indoor campmeeting was held on June 12, 13, and 14 at Stanley, Wisconsin, where Sister Frank Dietrich is pastor. Several out-of-state ministers were present to preach the Word, including Bros. Ira Stover and Kenneth Probst.

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The scheduled evangelistic tent meeting began on June 14 at Clearfield, Ky., near the home of Bro. Curtis Williams and family. Bro. Williams reported on June 17 that saints and ministers had come in from all directions, even beyond his expectations, and they were having a wonderful campmeeting. Local interest and attendance was increasing, and they expected souls to be saved.

After this meeting Bro. Williams intends to take the evangelistic tent equipment out to other fields

for meetings as the Lord directs. Pray for the success of these evangelistic meetings as Bro. Williams and other gospel workers labor together for the salvation of precious souls. He may be contacted through this address: P. O. Box 60, Clearfield, Ky. 40313. Phone 606-784-7769.

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Prospects were good for the salvation of souls at Cass, W. Va., where Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons were in the midst of a revival meeting on June 9.

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#### New Car For Evangelist . . .

Bro. Mart Samons of Kentucky, who travels many thousands of miles each year in the work of the Lord, was recently in need of another car. Arrangements were made and a new Chevrolet was secured for him, but at this time there is over \$2000.00 yet due on this car. If the Lord would direct you to help lift this indebtedness, you may send your free-will offering to this office or to Bro. Mart Samons, 222 N. First St., Danville, Ky. 40422. The Lord will bless you for every sacrifice you make for His great cause. Investments in the salvation of precious souls will pay eternal dividends.

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Sister Ruby Marken, who formerly worked here at the office for several years in the subscription department, left a year ago on June 19 to care for her aged parents at Twin Falls, Idaho. She is still there and desires an interest in your prayers for all of them.

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Bro. Sam Barton, veteran minister of the gospel, finished his course on June 6 and won the crown of eternal life. His passing seems a personal loss, as this writer first met Bro. Barton and heard him preach at the Dover, Okla., campmeeting in the early 1930's, and through the years we have been closely associated, especially the 20 years we served together on the National Campmeeting Board and the many years together on the Oklahoma State Board. The large attendance of saints and friends at his memorial services in Tulsa, Okla., on June 9 was evidence of the high esteem in which he was held. His life of devotion to the cause of Christ will live on in our hearts and the church at large.

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Due to the rush of other scheduled gospel printing, we must advise our readers that we will not be able to get the excellent book, "The Holy Spirit and Other Spirits" by D. O. Teasley, completed in June as expected. It now appears that it will not be ready until July 10, but we will accept your order and fill it as soon as the books are available. Containing 192 pages of sound Biblical instructions in a heavy paper cover, the volume is reasonably priced at \$1.00 each, postpaid. Order today for mailing on July 10.

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Over forty pounds of gospel literature—papers, tracts and books—are being sent for free distribution at the Akron, Ohio, campmeeting which begins July 10. All in the East who love the old-time truth are urged to attend that meeting.

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This writer repeats what he wrote a year ago that the greatest threat to the church to hinder its witness and influence is not from the outside world, but from the insidious spirits "among" God's people. These "smokescreens" are certainly detrimental and damaging to the cause of Christ—a trick of the enemy of souls to stop salvation work. Even the Apostle Paul in his day forewarned the elders of the church assembled at Ephesus that "of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things . . ." Acts 20:30. You may be certain that wherever the Lord works the devil will endeavor to work also, but God will give victory over all the power of the evil one as God's people keep filled with divine love and heed the Apostle Paul's exhortation: ". . . that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." 1 Cor. 1:10. Again he writes to the church: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions, . . . and avoid them." Romans 16:17.

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"Because of God's boundless love, He became what we are that He might make us to be what He is."

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Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sister Grace (Myers) Jones of Klamath Falls, Ore. who lost her husband and only brother by death within two and a half months. May the Lord comfort her and all the relatives and friends. Sister Jones and her parents were saints and our old acquaintances here in Oklahoma about 40 years ago before they moved to the state of Oregon. May the Lord direct her life.

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We hope to meet many of our readers at the National campmeeting to be held at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri on July 24 to August 2. A supply of gospel literature—tracts, papers, books and Bibles — will be available at the book store on the grounds. Come in and browse around on good reading matter.

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Your continued earnest prayers are requested for this writer's complete healing of persistent sores on his head. My decision is fixed to trust the Lord and hold firmly to His precious promises.

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Our sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to all those who have prayed for and co-operated with us in printing and mailing the "white-winged" silent gospel messengers around the world. It is a

pleasure to be "workers together" with you and the Lord in obeying our Saviour's last Great Commission to His church.

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## OBITUARY



Samuel J. Barton was born June 7, 1888, in Stone County, Missouri, to Andrew J. and Nancy Ann Barton, and departed this life at Tulsa, Okla., on June 6, 1970, lacking one day reaching the age of 82 years.

On March 25, 1908, he was united in marriage to Hettie J. Bradford. They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary last March. To this union were born two sons, one preceding him in death. In the year 1917 their daughter, Dorothy G. Barton, joined the family. She also preceded him in death in 1966.

In his early youth Sam Barton met the saints of the Church of God, embraced the truth and heeded the call to the ministry. He served in this capacity 45 years, not only in declaring the Word from the pulpit, but also in ministering to the many calls for the needs of others, never a night too cold, nor a distance too far. Many of his labors will be remembered as the business manager at Monark Springs Church campgrounds at Neosho, Mo. He was a real example in holding a solid standard of truth, a real pillar in the church. He was faithful to live what he had preached even unto death, trusting God and proving Him faithful that He would not allow him to suffer more than he was able to bear.

For fifty years he followed the trade of brick-laying, always providing well for his family and giving freely of his time and money to the work of the gospel.

Bro. Barton leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Hettie, of the home; one son, Charles Eugene of Tulsa, Okla.; four grandchildren; two brothers, Bryan of Turley, Okla., and Aaron of McCune, Kansas; many nieces, nephews, and a host of friends and saints.

The funeral services were conducted on June 9 at the Whisenhunt Funeral Home in Tulsa, Okla., by Bros. Ira Stover, Richard Madden, and Lewis Williams. Interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, to await the general resurrection.

## Remaining Campmeeting Dates for 1970

Following are the dates of the remaining Church of God campmeetings for this year of 1970:

**La Mision, Mexico**—June 26 to July 5, 1970.

**Jefferson, Oregon**—June 26 to July 5, 1970.

**General Southern at Hammond, Louisiana**—June 26 to July 5, 1970.

**Akron, Ohio**—July 10 to 19, 1970.

**National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri**—July 24 to Aug. 2, 1970.

**Bakersfield, Calif.**—July 31 to Aug. 9, 1970.

**Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.**—Aug. 7 to 16, 1970.

**Boley, Oklahoma**—Aug. 7 to 16, 1970.

**California State at Pacoima, Cal.**—Aug. 14 to 23, 1970.

**Dover, Okla.**—Aug. 18 to 23, 1970, held only six days.

**Fresno, Calif.**—Sept. 11 to 20, 1970.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. E. J. Trotter, 4871 E. Fillmore, Fresno; phone 255-9957. The chapel phone is No. 255-9868.

Men are able to polish men but only God can cleanse them.

## Campmeeting Notices

### AKRON, OHIO, CAMPMEETING

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God at Akron, Ohio, will be held July 10 to 19 at 419—21 West Thornton St., in Akron. All nations are welcome.

Holy Spirit-filled ministers will be present to preach the Word in each service—daily at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Morning prayer meeting at 6:30 a.m., breakfast at 8 a.m., dinner at 12:30, lunch at 5 p.m., and young people's meeting at 6 p.m. Sleeping quarters and meals are provided by free-will offerings.

All are cordially invited to come for edification, salvation, sanctification, and healing of the body.

For further information, contact Bro. Adolph Robinson at phone 836-6948 in Akron, or Sister Hazel Clark, pastor, at phone 762-4432 at parsonage or phone 762-2286 at chapel in Akron. —Hazel Clark

### 33rd NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, on the saints' campgrounds at Monark Springs (Neosho), Missouri, July 24 through August 2, 1970, inclusive.

We extend a very sincere and cordial invitation to all who read or hear about this campmeeting to attend, if at all possible. We need the Lord and each other more now than we ever have before.

The campground is located five miles east of Neosho, just off Highway No. 86 about three-fourths mile south.

As in previous years, meals and lodging will be furnished on the grounds. The usual fee of \$5.00 for camp tents and \$1.00 for cot and mattress will be charged. Also, space in dormitories will be \$2.50 per person. With the Lord's help we will try to provide for all who come. All who can, please bring bedding. It would be advisable to bring wraps, as the weather turns very cool at times. Meals will be served on free-will offering plan.

We know God will send His Spirit-filled ministers to bring us His Word. Let us pray earnestly for the ministers and the meeting, that the power of the Holy Spirit will give fresh anointing for every service, convincing sinners of their need to turn to God, that believers will be sanctified, bodies healed, and an overall upbuilding of the Church of God.

Four services will be held daily, in addition to children's meeting in the morning and young peoples' meeting in the early evening.

There will be an 11 P. M. curfew. All are expected to be in their tent, cabin, or dormitory at this time. Allowance is being given to ministers or those working at the altar or praying for the sick. We appreciate the co-operation given and want to commend our precious young people for their consideration.

It will be necessary for those coming by bus or train to come to Neosho, and either take a taxi to the grounds, or call GR 2-6427, which is out of Granby, Mo., and some one will come after you.

We would appreciate receiving your orders for tent and dormitory space as soon as possible. Please send orders and offerings to Bro. H. A. McMillian, Rt. 5, Box 50, Neosho, Mo. 64850. Bro. H. A. McMillian is the business manager, being assisted by Bro. Kenneth Probst.

There will be a special work day on Monark Springs Campground on Saturday, July 4. All assistance will be



appreciated. Please remember this date and come to help, if possible.

—H. A. McMillian

Route 5, Box 50, Neosho, Mo. 64850.

### BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

The Bakersfield, Calif., campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, July 31 through August 9. The chapel address is 1802 Virginia Ave. (formerly 1502). It is at the same location on the corner of Virginia Ave. and Brown Street.

Those coming north or south, get off the freeway on Brundage Lane and go east three miles to Lakeview Ave. Go north or left to the first stop sign to Virginia. Then east or right two blocks to Brown St. Those coming from the east on Highway 58, take left fork on Brundage about eight miles out of town. Go four miles to Lakeview, then right to Virginia and then right two blocks to Brown Street.

Lodging and meals will be provided for all who come. For further information, contact Bro. I. C. Chandler, phone 325-6752; A. W. Sherman, phone 327-0411; Robert Mayes, phone 325-2730; Robena Montgomery, phone 324-9509. The chapel phone is 805-322-9314.

### MISSOURI STATE AT MYRTLE, MO.

The Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo., will be held August 7 through 16. We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His choosing. All nationalities are welcome. We extend an invitation to all. Bring bedding, if convenient. The meeting is supported on the free-will offering plan.

Anyone coming by bus, come to Thayer, Mo., or Pochontas, Ark., and call 938-2483 or 938-2482, and some one will come and get you. Remember these dates: Aug. 7-16. For further information, write Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Route 1, Myrtle, Mo. 65778, phone 938-2483.

### BOLEY, OKLA.

The Church of God campmeeting at Boley, Okla., will be held, Lord willing, on August 7 to 16. We welcome you to come. Saints, pray much for the meeting. The harvest is ripe, and the laborers are few. For further information, contact the pastor, Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73104, or Ora Spears, Route 1, Box 108, Boley, Okla.

### CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING

The California State Campmeeting of the Church of God will convene on the saints' campground located at 12312 Osborne Place in Pacoima Calif., on August 14 to 23, 1970, Lord willing.

Pacoima is a suburb of Los Angeles in the northwest part of the city near the town of San Fernando. If you come by car from the east or south, take the Golden State Freeway (it will be marked "Bakersfield" where you leave either of the freeways coming from those directions) and follow it to Osborne Street which is about 20 miles out from where you hit this freeway. When you come to Osborne Street, turn right and follow it straight ahead across the railroad tracks and about a half-mile farther to a "Y." At this "Y" go straight ahead instead of taking the left curve and soon you will come to our sign over the entrance to the campground on your right. If you come from the north by car, follow the freeway which will be marked "Los Angeles" to Osborne Street, turn left and proceed as outlined above.

The phone number on the campground is A. C. 213-899-2022. If you arrive by bus or train, give us a call and someone will come to get you.

We hope that all of the saints throughout the West will be able to attend this meeting, as well as all others who may need help in soul or body. Pray earnestly for a victorious meeting and for a precious visitation from God.

We will be looking to see you at the campmeeting. Remember the date—August 14 to 23—and plan for it.

Yours and His in the Master's service, —O. B. Wilson

### DOVER, OKLA.

Lord willing, the Dover, Okla., campmeeting will be held August 18 through 23, 1970, held only six days. We cordially invite all to attend this meeting.

We are praying and looking to the Lord to send ministers and workers of His own choosing. We realize in these last days that perilous times have already begun, and there is a dire need of the old-time truth being preached in its fulness. Let us pray earnestly for the campmeeting season that there will be a harvesting of souls this summer in all the meetings. We will be expecting you at Dover.

For further information, write Bro. Henry Caldwell, Route 1, Dover, Okla., or Sister Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73104. Phone CE 5-2270.

### Prayer Requests

Calif.—Sister Monteen Graham requests special prayer for her son who had a serious operation on his spine. Now he can't walk or use his hands. He falls to the floor and she can't lift him up. Only God knows what she is going through, and if it were not for Him, she would not know what to do. Also, he needs prayer for salvation and she is not well in body.

Ill.—"Please pray for my husband, Joseph Mikal, aged 71, who is oppressed by Satan." —Helen Mikal.

Ind.—Bro. Earl Bliss is having a battle with afflictions—ulcers and bowel trouble. Pray for his complete healing to the glory of God.

Calif.—"Bro. Isaac Chandler is still very weak, but was out to the chapel Sunday (June 14). He gave us a message, then had to go home. He also visited someone who was ill. We are thankful for all the Lord has done for him." —Sister Robena Montgomery.

Calif.—"Sister Georgia Zinn is much better, but water still drains out of her body. For a long time she wanted to die, but now is willing to live and glorify God." —Sister Vera Forbes.

La. — Bro. Merrill Williamson recently had several heart attacks and seemingly a nervous breakdown. He has lost 17 pounds, very weak and in bed. His wife also needs extra strength at this time. Pray earnestly for them.

W. Va.—"My husband has lip cancer and I have a nervous condition, also pray for unsaved loved ones." —Sister Betty Lawrence.

Ore.—"My mother, Sister O. K. Myers, has had another nervous breakdown and is very bad. Only prayer can help her now. It is so hard on all of us. . . . I lost my only brother May 27. It was very hard to stand over another casket just two and a half months after I lost my husband. Pray I may know God's will concerning me." (other burdens) —Sister Grace Jones.

Va.—Sister Nannie Connell is burdened for a person who needs God desperately.

Ill.—“My husband’s eyes were burned with disinfectant, which blew up when he took off the container lid. He is suffering very much with burns on face and hand. Other urgent requests, some for souls.” —N. Champion.

Ind.—“I have pinched nerves . . . very dizzy. I know God is able to heal and I believe He will.” —Nathan Mobley.

Tenn.—“I’m not very well. I had a very bad case of flu in May and I have not fully recovered from it.” —Daisy Gossett.

Ohio.—“I have been with my two daughters . . . and I want to go home to Washington State. My knees are not very good. I need prayer.” —Sis. Carrie Westrope.

Calif.—“The good Lord has touched my body and I thank Him for it, but I need complete healing. My eyes are better but not good, neither my nerves.” —Ada Leach.

Ill.—“My grandson, 15 months old, has a very serious (if not critical) heart condition that he was born with . . . my oldest brother had an acute heart attack. I feel very sorry for him. . . . Pray for him, both soul and body . . .” She has other requests. —Thelma Sprague.

Mo.—“I’m still praising God for answering prayer for me and that I have been feeling as well as I have. So thankful for all who prayed for me. . . . Pray God will continue to give me more strength.” —Sis. Edith Torrance.

Tenn.—“I need help from the One who has power to do all things. I have been reading a copy of “Faith and Victory,” which a friend handed to me. I enjoy it and it has meant much to me. I have that feeling that you all have faith for my affliction. My nerves are in such a condition that I can’t sleep very much. It has affected my hearing very much. . . . I have been prayed for and healed of other afflictions, but why not this ear trouble?” —O. M. R.

Okla.—“Please pray for my eyes to be healed . . . I need to read so I can understand the way.” —Mrs. F. J. Warner.

Okla.—Remember our dear Sister Minnie White in prayer for an affliction.

Remember many other requests which are not listed. Many have loved ones who desperately need God. Oh, how our souls long for them to be saved! How terrible it would be for them to be lost eternally! God does answer prayer and deals with them, but they must be willing. God never saves anyone against his will. Dear saints, pray on and plead before the throne of God for mercy for them. So many in this world are lost. All souls are precious in God’s sight, and in our sight. We love that one who has gone far from God and is deep in sin. We long for them to know that God has power to “rescue the perishing.” The love of God can reach down and lift them up from the depths of sin if they will only look to Jesus and let Him save them.

Be encouraged, dear suffering one. God does love you and He does care. It came to me this morning that we are only saved, healed, and kept by faith in God. Faith is the key. Faith has five letters in it. Those letters spell this to me: I am “F—ully A—nchored I—n T—hy H—and.” Oh, dear ones, let us stay in His great big Hand and have faith in Him to take care of all our needs. “Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power.” (Exodus 15:6) Rest in the power of God.

—Sister Marie Miles

## SUPPORT THE EVANGELISTIC AND HOME MISSIONS WORK

Dear Saints: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus who has done so much for us when He saved our souls from sin and gives us grace to live victorious over the powers of the devil. When we see sin taking its toll on the lives of those who yield themselves to the enemy, it makes us desire to know Him better for He is our refuge and strength. We pray the Lord will help us to know how to reach the lost.

I was musing on a Scripture in Rev. 2:1-6. The thought that stayed with me was the Lord’s words, “Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.” Our first love was to see others saved and brought into the kingdom of God. It caused us to examine ourselves. We might be ever so good as those people were, yet the Lord saw they had lost that first love.

We have surely enjoyed the editorials of the “Faith and Victory” paper. May the Lord bless you in holding up a good standard of truth.

We felt it good to inform the saints that Bro. Curtis Williams and other ministers are laboring with the tent this summer. Let us not forget to carry a burden that the Lord will bless in this effort. Many souls are dying spiritually for lack of hearing the gospel message of deliverance from sin. Sect preachers are denying the power of God by telling folks they can’t live free from sin. Sin is to blame; it is causing all our troubles today. The Lord seemed to give me a vision yesterday of dead bodies lying all around us and others so sick they were almost dead. Can we go on without having a concern for them? Let us rush to the rescue.

In talking to Bro. Curtis by phone, we learned his plans are, Lord willing, after the meeting in Kentucky to go on to West Union, Ohio, where Bro. and Sis. Stamm live. Let us pray that the Lord will direct them in all their undertaking this summer. There is manual labor as well as spiritual labor, besides expenses to carry on. I’m sure we all desire to do what we can. We are expecting to have a new-found joy in the arrival of new babies born into the family of God. Our souls are longing for an increase. When we were children and a new brother or sister came into our home, what a thrill it was to us.

If you desire to support this labor of love, you may send your offerings to the Church of God National Missionary Fund in care of the undersigned. If you desire to specify to whom you desire it sent, feel free to do so.

Yours for lost souls,  
—Ralph and Inez Beisly  
407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kansas 67337

## OHIO MEETING REPORT

A very profitable meeting was held in Massillon—Dalton, Ohio, area on May 10 through 16 each evening, and on Sunday, the 17th, in Akron.

The Lord was present in each service, anointing the singing, the prayer service, and the preached Word by Bro. Mart Samons. The gospel was received with much appreciation. This is a new area where some had not heard the full truth preached, yet the Lord blessed with good attendance, interest, and cooperation.

May our Lord bless those who graciously helped in securing the buildings, furnishings, paper advertisements, hand bills, and then distribution. We wish to thank all,

and pray the Lord will reward you with blessings spiritual and temporal.

Those from out of the city who shared the burden of this meeting were Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons, Bro. and Sis. Ray Key, Bro. Wm. McCoy, Bro. James White of West Virginia, our dear saints from Pittsburgh, Pa., also our young people attending college at Denison and Ashton, Ohio.

May the Lord bless you all. All are welcome to be here in Akron on July 10 through 19 for the same Spirit-filled services of a non-worldly non-denominational campmeeting.

—Sister Hazel Clark, Pastor

555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320 Ph. 762-4432

### LETTER FROM NIGERIAN PASTOR

Midwest Nigeria (June 4)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the precious name of Jesus whose love for us brought Him down to earth as our Saviour and He died on the tree to bring us salvation.

We received your letter dated May 13 and are sincerely thankful to the Lord for its contents and enclosures.

Despite the economic depression, your great nation is seen to pour billions of dollars on mad adventures to the moon. Thank God that His children who trust in Him are like Mount Zion which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. (Psa. 125:1.) He will surely take care of His own regardless of conditions. So let us believe in all our hopes and with all our hearts, and out of that faith shall spring the fact that David and not Goliath is to win the day.

We are toiling on for the Master as expected and are on the march to the glory land. But, of course, we do not serve to be seen of man, to please man, nor to gain from man. Every day we live and work in the light of the Saviour's coming again. In Proverbs 8:34 we read the words, "Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors." Here is the whole idea of vigilance, of being on the watch. We look upward to the Lord Himself to say, "Well done" to His children who are faithful at their post of duty. We offer ourselves to the Lord daily. The Psalmist says, "I cry unto thee daily." The great evangelist, D. L. Moody, made the vow that he would speak about the Lord Jesus to at least one soul every day.

We are praying for the success of the scheduled campmeetings, that the gospel seed will germinate and grow in many hearts. Amen.

Yours to make Him known, —Titus U. E. Enu

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (June 3)—Dear Brother Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings again in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Thank you very much for your good letter dated May 13, the valuable tracts, and other contents. "For this God is our God forever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death." (Psa. 48:1)

The three-day meeting at Karikkom was highly profitable and the good Shepherd blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places. Many praises to His holy name! As usual, we had open air meetings in different streets, night meetings in our chapel and Bible classes in the day time. One clergyman in a denomination here happened to know the truth and so recently he came out of its boundary, rejecting his good position and leaving the priestly dress. His touching testimonies are really profitable.

This is the rainy season here and so only indoor meetings are going on. Last week I had a time to visit the congregation at Niranam and all the believers there.

We trust your campmeeting at Guthrie is in progress now, and I hope you are getting a very good attendance. May His presence and showers of blessings enlighten you during this period is our prayer.

In our nation conditions have become much worse already. Much prayer is needed if we are to survive all these fierce adversities "in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation." "Some trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." Psa. 20:7. We shall dwell in the secret place of the Most High and under the shadow of the Almighty.

I have translated the article, "The Governor's Pardon," in the May edition of "Faith and Victory" into our mother tongue. It has been printed, published, and is being distributed. If God helps, I wish to translate and publish some more touching articles and tracts. It is indeed good to note that all problems can be solved through prayer.

I do convey my thanks for your faithfulness in upholding us and the ministry here before the Throne of Grace. May the dear Lord bless the work there, as well as here, more and more, so that many may be raised up for the ministry of the Lord.

Your younger brother in Christ, —John Varghese

### FROM NATIVE MISSIONARY IN MEXICO

Valle de La Trinidad (June 4)—Appreciated Brethren, Lawrence and Marie: May the peace of God dwell in your hearts and direct your lives each day.

We are well and encouraged in the Lord Jesus. He has been very good to us in the time that we have known Him—nine years. We have passed through many trials, and He has been faithful to His promises. Today I have peace in my soul and victory in all things. Glory to God who keeps us in peace!

Brethren, I greatly appreciate the interest that all the saints have had in the work here in Mexico. I trust that the God that I serve will take notice of the sacrifice of all the saints that are behind us with their prayers. I want to tell you that God's favor has been on the work. Of those who have been saved, there are two who have fallen away. My heart is sad for this. I beg you to pray for them that God might give them new life. On the other hand, there are others wanting to be born again. Please pray for them that they may recognize the need of their hearts. They are Jesus Chamaco and his wife, Petra. Please carry them in your prayers to God. There are others at the point of being saved, only need the prayers of the saints, the mother church.

Bro. David and his wife are in Mexicali for the birth of their baby. Pray for them. All the brethren are encouraged in the living God. My wife is well now, all thanks be to God who watches over us.

Greetings from all the saints in Mexico. How it would please me for you to come to the campmeeting in La Mision beginning on June 26.

Greetings to all the brethren in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Your smallest brother in the Lord, —Tomas Mendoza  
P. O. Box 3979, San Ysidro, Cal. 92073

The greatest undeveloped resource of our country is faith. The greatest unused power is prayer.

—Roger Babson

## EXCERPTS FROM MEXICO LETTERS

From Patzcuaro, Mexico on June 3:— Dear Sister Marie: Thank you for the offerings you sent. Truly, they are appreciated from the depth of my heart and I have prayed earnestly that all who had a part in them will be rewarded by the Lord of love and mercy in just that way they desire and need.

It was a real shock to me to find out about Daddy's auto accident in Missouri, but thankful how God marvelously spared him to us a little while longer. . . .

We have a problem here among the young people who gave their hearts to the Lord during the campmeeting. They asked to have young people's meeting here and we began them, and now the priest (who only visits here once in a while and has mass for them) has asked that they have dances every week to be able to collect enough for the expenditures of the church and to be able to pay him when he comes. This is hard on these dear ones, because they begin the dance as we are in services and their so-called music drowns us out here as it is real close. These girls, at least two of them, have really been dancers even though very young and have told me it is a real temptation to them. One night after the young people's meeting I invited them to stay here and make a cake and eat it, which they did. I had a most precious time with them, as they all just opened up their hearts and told me how they felt and what others said to them. I guess they have been in the fire of persecution, but the Lord just blessed my soul, and I know the Holy Spirit directed the talk that night. I took them home after the dance was over. It seemed that they were all encouraged and happy. Several have gone back on the Lord from over-persuasion, I believe, more than anything and they have been thoroughly mocked because of their move. Lord willing, I plan to take them with me over to La Mision tomorrow to the Huskeys when I take the tent, benches, and pulpit over there for the campmeeting that is to begin the 26th of June. The young people over there still love the Lord and maybe this will prove a blessing to both sets of young people.

We pray for you and the work there, and can truly say we appreciate your love and concern for souls and your sacrifice of love for their behalf. May God bless you all the workers there.

Christian love,

—Edith Cole

P. O. Box 1425, Calexico, Calif. 92231

From Ojos Negros on June 4:— Dear Sister Marie and all: Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. I do thank Him for saving my soul. I'm thankful to be able to say from a true heart that I am saved, sanctified, and doing, as God leads, that which He has given me to do here in Ojos Negros. . . .

At every opportunity we try to have services in La Huerta, the Indian village, and God is blessing His work there. Quite a number were at services last time with good attention. They always ask as we leave, when will it be possible to have another service.

Personal visitation has been hampered of late by six or seven flats on the same tire, and the spare is also flat. Mr. Gomez, of the store, is supposed to buy a new tube today in Ensenada, so perhaps visitation will again be possible. Other than the houses in the village itself, the ranches are scattered over a wide area. Pray with us for the work here.

Usually many times a day, opportunity is made to testify to God's goodness, and His faithfulness to His children, and I thank Him for every opportunity. Most

of the work here has been personal work, and manifesting the Spirit of Christ in every day circumstances. We make rounds to invite people to services, and if everyone came who promised, there would be a huge congregation here. Pray for these people.

The Lord has laid a burden on my heart to write out and put on the mimeograph some of the messages He gives, enabling them to reach much further than the pews of the chapel. Last week He also impressed me to translate, "The Governor's Pardon," from the last issue of the "Faith and Victory." The Lord blessed us yesterday to finish two other tracts, and now three are ready to take to the campmeeting in La Mision, Lord willing. With each personal contact, effort is made to leave a tract with a prayer that it will touch hearts and they will come to the Lord and be saved.

As you have read this, I hope it has put a burden on your heart to pray for all. They and I need your prayers. Remember all the workers in Mexico.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Opal Kelly

Ap. Postal No. 525, Ensenada, B. C., Mexico

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## From The Mail Box . . .

Anderson, Ind.—Dear Friend: I wish more of our so-called Christians would become ashamed of their ungodly appearance, as we see so many mini-skirts and dresses to the knee and above worn by those claiming to be saved and sanctified. Is it any wonder that we are not having revivals? The mini-skirts on our women and girls, plus the filth and lewdness on television, are causing more sin and crime than any other thing today. Can we expect anything but divine judgment upon such a wicked nation as we have in this year of 1970? . . .

Your friend,

—H. M. Rash

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La.—Dear friends at the Lord's Print Shop: I really enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory." I have been getting it for six or eight years, and I don't want to miss an issue as long as I am able to read and write. I am 73 years old and like to read and get subscribers for the paper. . . .

—Rosa Lewis

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Texas—Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I want all the saints to know I enjoy this wonderful paper. I like to read the testimonies of the saints. I am a member of the Church of God, so I want to let you know I love the Lord, also. I want you to remember me in your prayers. . . . May God bless all of you. —Fannie B. Lawson

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To all my friends in Christ, grace, peace, mercy and love through Jesus, our Lord and Savior: For quite some time now I have read "Faith and Victory" and enjoyed it thoroughly. I have been in the service for five years and overseas for two years. Soon (September) I will return to the States. I have known about Jesus for 14 years, but I have only known Him personally for about seven months.

More than anything, I want to tell you that I enjoy your paper. I hope that you continue with such fine work. If you would, please let other young folks (I am only 23 years old) read the next few lines.

Jesus can "turn on" anyone. He has no "after effects" that may harm you. Really, He can make the dull world come alive with color, joy, and most of all, love. If you want a great experience, try Jesus. And He's legal.

May God bless you,

—Steven Foster

Mo.—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: Greetings of Christian love. I've been intending to send you an offering for some time, so will write this note and send it.

I am so thankful for all the Lord has done and is doing for us. I'm thankful for the strength He has given me for each day's work.

May God bless you each one in the service of the Lord's work there and everywhere. I surely have enjoyed the Bible Lessons each quarter as well as the word in the "Faith and Victory" paper.

With Christian love,

—Lena Bowman

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Pa.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in the dear name of Jesus, the name above every name: Praise the Lord for all His true saints who are standing for the whole truth. I am so glad to be a sister to all of His true saints.

Today is Monday and is raining. Lots of people say it is blue Monday, but I am glad to have the love of God in my heart and it isn't blue Monday. How we do praise Him for all His goodness and mercy to us each hour of every day! His promises are so good to all of us, and all we need to do is put our little hand in His great big hand and let Him lead. Praise His name! The enemy of our souls is ever on hand to make us discouraged, but that is his best tool—discouragement. . . .

Mother is getting feeble, but has been crocheting some. She works awhile and then has to lie down and rest. She has lots of courage to still walk, but has been very dizzy, so sometimes we take her meals into the room so she doesn't have to walk. . . .

An offering is enclosed. May God bless all you do for Him and give you the very verse or article that will do the most good for the most people to help them to turn to God before it is too late, is our earnest prayer.

Your Sisters in His service,

—D. Campbell and Eva Cox

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Kansas—Dear Sister Marie: May God bless you dear ones as you labor for God.

Sharon's letter in the May "Faith and Victory" was touching to me. The children of the world dress so worldly and live and talk as bad. The devil has so many alluring things in the world to attract the young people of today. But God has all power and He will protect them if they only lean heavy upon Him.

We hear people who are living in sin talking about the condition of the world, and say, "Oh, I don't know what it is coming to!"

When I sat down to write this letter, I felt bad in my body, but now I feel much better. Sometimes the devil puts up a real battle to keep me from writing. I'm so glad for a heavenly Father who looks down upon us with His great love and guides our paths. Remember us in prayer.

We pray God to keep you dear ones walking closely in His path each day.

With love,

—Mamie Norcutt

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W. Va.—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear saints, greetings in Jesus' precious name: I am sending another little offering. . . . I love the precious truth and I want to help what I can to get souls saved.

I thank you for all your good letters and the good "Faith and Victory" paper. I have just read my June paper through the second time. . . . I first heard the truth here in 1921. Husband and I were both saved but hadn't joined any church yet. Husband said he was waiting for God to show him what church to join. One

Sunday morning we were going down to the Baptist church and we saw a tent down in the valley and heard someone preaching. That night we went to the tent meeting and heard the truth for the first time. We surely took it all in, but sorry to say, we don't get all the truth like we did then. It makes my heart ache when I go and see so many short skirts.

Remember me in your prayers. The last report I had from my great grandchild she was improving. Thank the Lord!

May the Lord bless you all and give you many, many precious souls.

—Dora Willis

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Ark.—Greetings of love to all the workers at the Print Shop and to all the saints everywhere: May the Lord bless everyone of you. I am sending you . . . to help wherever it is needed. Please pray for me. I am having trouble with my stomach and arthritic pains.

—Cherry R. Alba

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Miss.—Dear Sister Marie: I want to tell you how much I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper. I really didn't know too much about it until I started reading it to my mother, but since I read it from cover to cover, I understand and enjoy it more each month.

Mother is sending a small offering to use for the Lord's work.

—Grace Gill and mother, Nettie Perkins

## Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



(The following testimony was written by Sister Sam Barton on June 3, just three days before Bro. Sam Barton passed to the glory world after a long illness.)

Okla.—Dear Ones scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name: Today finds us in deep trials of life. Surely, surely God knows our anxiety. Today the skies are dark and rainy, and our life sky is also dark, but we know that God is not afar off. Husband has been so low these past days that it seems death is hovering so near, yet we know there is a sun shining behind the cloud. We feel so helpless, as it seems there is nothing we can do to make Husband comfortable. Yet we must wait, wait. I am so glad God gives us grace to wait on His will to perform. I'm so glad God does answer when we pray. If we could always keep in mind that God's way is best, is best for me. But so often we forget.

I have learned many lessons in our trial of life. I am glad I have my life record clear, for it makes it so much easier to travel such a road of disappointment. God can turn them into blessings for us.

We think of the dear folks who have such trials and have no one to help like our God. They don't know the worth of prayer. Oh, it's so comforting to lean on a prayer-answering God!

Let me encourage you to press on, for you will never regret serving the Lord, and in later life you can realize God's blessings have followed you all the way.

Dear ones, there is a penalty to careless living, and as you carelessly serve God you are losing precious time. One day your careless life will take on something you least expect and you find your love for God had long ago taken flight, and you have fooled your life away by careless living. God expects us to be grown up in the Lord.

Too many times we let others take care of the duties of the Church. The first thing we know we are ready

to criticize those who try to make the congregation prosper. Yet there are those who have dragged along and God is displeased with you, for He wants growing children. How can you grow if you sit back and let others try to do your job which can't be done like you could do it? If you are a real worker, then God gives you a different view on life. Someone is watching you, and will they be a busy bee or a drone? . . . Let us all do our best the rest of this year to help our congregation grow and shine. Gather up children and get them into Sunday School. It will pay you to be interested in getting people out to hear the truth, as time is growing short to spread this Bible gospel. Sooner than you think you will have to meet your record, for every day God's machine is recording. I wonder if our record will stand the test? May God bless each one.

Today my heart is heavy, but God knows the way I take. God bless one and all. —Sister Sam Barton

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Ohio—To the Saints everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This leaves me saved, sanctified, and satisfied with Jesus' dealings with me. I realize Jesus has our way planned for us to get to heaven. Whatever my lot may be, my prayer and cry is to stay submissive to His will and be the vessel that God wants me to be. Regardless of what comes or goes, or what may be said or done, I am determined by God's help to see His face in peace. My mother said many years ago that she was willing to take any kind of fare in order to get to heaven. That's my decision, also.

My son, William, served in Vietnam for thirteen months, and God spared his life many times. He wanted to get saved, but the devil hindered. Last year in March the Lord told me to fast and pray, for trouble was coming. William was arrested March 27, 1969, and was accused of murder. The night he was picked up I was very burdened, and could not sleep. I got on my knees and began to pray for God to have mercy. When I got up from prayer the telephone rang. It was my son calling to tell me he was in jail accused of murder, and that he knew nothing about it. My burden left me and I prayed again for God to undertake.

The first time we visited William, I told him to pray and read his Bible and to ask God to have mercy on him. Later he told us he had given his heart to God. Oh, how happy we were that God had answered our prayers! He stayed in jail thirteen months before his trial came up. He was thankful for his stay in jail because God dealt wonderfully with him. There God taught him to surrender his all unto Him. William met many men who knew nothing about God's saving power and God allowed him to tell many about Jesus. William's trial was in April and many false accusations were brought against him. He said he wasn't surprised with the verdict, for God had shown it to him three days before the trial was over. The verdict was guilty. My son still says he knows nothing about it. He is still encouraged to press on, for he feels God has a purpose in it all. He realized this was the way God had to save his soul. He didn't have time to be still for God to talk to him, but God made a way. We are not discouraged about this matter, nor are we perplexed, because we know without a shadow of a doubt, we are serving a God who has never lost a battle.

One morning God gave me these Scriptures to read: II Chron. 20:12, Isa. 54:17, and many more.

I recall a miracle that happened in our family when we were growing up. One of my brothers was accused of a crime he didn't do and my mother fasted and prayed

and God delivered him. I also remember Sister Wiley of Hennessey, Okla., testifying how God delivered her son from the penitentiary when he was sent there for a crime he didn't do.

We are looking up to our God to deliver William. We don't know how or when, but by faith we know God's promises are sure. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away, Jesus said.

I am very thankful how God helped me to rear my family. He gave me knowledge and wisdom and taught me how to teach and instruct them. I have no regrets how God helped to rear the family, nor am I ashamed how I lived before them. Pray also for my husband's salvation, please.

We desire all of you to pray with us for my son's deliverance.

Your Sister in one body, —Sister Zenola Knight

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Kansas—Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am praying that this letter finds all of you in the best of health, still living for and loving our precious Saviour.

The Lord has been so good to me that I cannot tell it all. But I must say I love Him and mean by His grace to go all the way with Him. Pray for me and my husband.

The Lord has blessed us with a new house. And we are also thanking Him for a little girl born May 25. She and I are both doing well. Thank the Lord!

Love to all in Jesus' name. —Sister Isabella Williams

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La.—Dear Saints: I would like to give our testimony of the goodness of the Lord to us. Our two boys were in their bunk beds and the older boy, Darrell, fell off the top bunk. His nose appeared to be broken and was bleeding badly. He was also swallowing blood. We had prayer for him, then called the saints here for prayer. The Lord heard and answered prayer, and in about an hour all the pain stopped and it hasn't hurt him since. Praise the Lord!

As his nose appeared to be broken, we took him to the doctor to have the nose set back in place. After X-rays, he said the nose was not broken, but the bone it rests on was. He said nature would straighten it in three to six months. What is "Nature" except God having His own way? Praise God! It all happened about three weeks ago and his nose has started to straighten some already. It took over two hours before we got to see the doctor and the Lord had stopped the pain in one hour. Isn't God wonderful!

Pray for us that we stay in the center of God's will.

—Don and Mary Gentry and family

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Okla.—Dear Saints scattered abroad: Greetings of Christian love in the precious name of Jesus, the One who has taken all our sins and cast them as far as the east is from the west, and put them in the sea of forgetfulness.

I thank the Lord today for His love and power He has shown to me in these past five months that I have been here at the Lord's Print Shop. To me it means much to be a part of this work. The Lord has been so precious and has taught me many lessons I might not have learned had I not listened and obeyed the will of God. It pays to do just what the Lord bids us do. He won't give us something to do unless He helps us do it. He knows just how much we can take and knows when it is enough. Thank the Lord!

I have been reminded many times the past few weeks how little we are. I remember one day last November I was privileged to fly home from my brother's home

in Kentucky. As I was flying I could look below and see houses and cars, and even sometimes I could see people walking about. But the thought that seemed to go deep into my mind was, "Here I am up above all those people, and yet I can see them. I can see their homes, their cars, and other things, but I can't see inside their hearts." God is even higher than I was, and He can look right down into every heart and see and know just what is going on and what your plans, hopes, and desires are. My thoughts turned to the song, "How Great Thou Art." Truly, God is a great God. I don't know of anyone here on earth who can make a tree, or who can speak a word and calm the waters. He is a God worth serving.

Just recently my dad, my sister, and I went to Kentucky to get my mother who had been there for several days. I'm a person fond of horses, and naturally my family knows this. My brother Don took me and some of the family out to a place where they hold horse-cart races. These people were out there warming up their horses and getting ready for the races that night. We stayed and watched them for awhile. The owner of the horse would jog him around a mile track going the opposite way of the actual race. These horses would have to have about 300 miles of jogging before they are fit to run an actual race or to compete with other horses. Then they have to have several miles of training, also. They need all this in order to be fit for the race. Again I had several thoughts about this how the Lord wants us to be "fit subjects for His race." In order to be fit for the race, we must be kept in shape; we must have the trials, the hard places in life. "God has not promised skies always blue, flower-strewn pathway all our life through." No, in order for us to be pure gold we must be put through the fire to make us shine. If we jump out of the fire, we may miss the blessing which God has for us, or possibly an important lesson.

Saints, let us all be "fit subjects for the Christian race," let us all press on for the one faith and one hope which is in God. My desire is to be in that race, and not only run it for the hope which I have in it, but also to WIN at any cost. That is what will count. If we keep a determination in our hearts to go ALL the way with God, He will not let us down. He will take us right on through with VICTORY.

Pray for me to always be an "example to the believers" as the Bible teaches us to be.

Yours for the work of the Lord, —Joan McIntosh

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Okla.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus, God's only Son, whom He gave to redeem us from the sins and pollutions of this old world. I am so glad to be among that number who are saved and kept by the grace and power of an Almighty God.

Though miles apart, yet in one Spirit, we can rejoice together in the God of our salvation. He is high and holy, and worthy to be praised, and deep in our hearts we can think like Him who said, "My praise shall be in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him." Psalms 22:25.

Oh, it is wonderful to be in this great holy family where all barriers are broken down and all can be free to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Your Sister, —Little Mother Ethel Miles

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"There is none so blind as one who will not see."

## True Holiness Destroys Division Between God's People

As I glanced through the book, "Birth of a Reformation," which contains the diary of Bro. D. S. Warner, compiled by A. L. Byers, I noticed many good things. Here is a quotation, "Holiness is unifying. It makes Christians one, in accordance with our Savior's prayer: 'That they all may be one: as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.' (John 17:21). True holiness is destructive of divisional elements." (page 131) Then I turned over a few more leaves and read this account of a subject Bro. Warner used in a message which was just briefly mentioned: "I was very weak . . . I committed all to God and expected His aid. Text: 'They shall not hurt, nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord' (Isa. 65). The Lord helped me to show the dear people some of the Scripture and reasons for the second work of grace, and that as soon as we merged up into the holy mountain, love, union, and peace prevailed without alloy. May God bless the truth. . . . Oh, that God would lead dear people on to perfection." (page 138)

Division is contrary to God's Word. Is Christ's body divided? The Apostle Paul says, "No." "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Eph. 4:1; 4:6). When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, having true holiness and are living in God's "holy mountain" peace, unity, and love prevail.

But how can we have unity, some might ask, when some do not have as much knowledge on the Scriptures or understanding as to what the Lord requires of them to do as others? This is where love, bearing and forbearing, come in—with all humility in the hearts of those with more light and knowledge than others. This love of God and the Holy Spirit are the oil that causes these two persons to work together. The one is humble and teachable with submission, and the other with more knowledge has grace and humility to wait for the Lord to teach the teachable. They will do as Paul instructed, "speaking the truth in love" that all might "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Eph. 4:15, 16. God has planned it so that we are to receive instruction from others, as well as from the Holy Spirit. 2 Tim. 2:2.

Today I value the instructions of those who have taught me during the past fifty years. They were those whom I saw God work through and are precious in God's sight. Oh, yes, I have seen some of them make mistakes, but they had a tenderness and a willingness to correct those mistakes. I did not



let that hinder my fellowship. Paul instructed us to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Eph. 4:1, 2). Put forth an effort to keep unity. True holiness working in our hearts has all the elements that make for peace and unity. We need to seek for a fresh supply of lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, and forbearance.

Now Paul also warns us that "grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch . . ." (Acts 20:29, 31). True holiness gives a person a tender spirit which is a lamb-like spirit. It is very sensitive to wolves that want to crush and destroy. Their spirits just don't blend. They are different. When those "men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them," the lambs huddle together. Their Shepherd, Jesus Christ, will give them boldness to speak with love, yet with firmness that they just can't go with anything contrary to God's Word and Spirit, which agree. Christ's body is not divided. It is held together with love, peace, and the Holy Spirit. Those who are in the Body will stand for truth and right in the spirit of meekness and love, having the same desire which God expressed in His Word, "not willing that any perish, but that all should come to repentance."

The secret of unity is true holiness which is destructive to division. God's children will bear the fruit of the Spirit "in all goodness and righteousness and truth." (Eph. 5:9; Gal. 5:22, 23). "By their fruits ye shall know them," Jesus tells us. (Matt. 7:16.) Jesus died that He might have a clean, pure church, which is His people. They are separate from all uncleanness.

God's people cannot have unity with sectarian systems because they teach doctrines contrary to God's Word. The call to His people is: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, . . . and ye shall be my sons and daughters." (2 Cor. 6:17, 18). God has a clean church. "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:25-27.) If you are without spot, you are in God's family—the church—which is spotless, without sin.

—Sister A. Marie Miles

### Ever Keep Heaven In View

"Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men." All glory is due our Lord and Savior who has done so much for us. "Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek

the Lord. Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn: and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged." Isaiah 51:1. When we remember where we came from, how God in mercy reached down into a horrible pit of sin and with His love drew us up and out, setting our feet on solid ground, made us clean through the precious blood of the Lamb, then we can praise God that we are free again! Do you remember when the gospel came your way? Do you remember how conviction came over you like a flood and how exceedingly sinful and guilty you felt before God? Do you remember how small you felt? How unworthy? How willing you were to die out to all, that Christ might come in and bless your soul with sweet peace? Do you remember how it seemed like nothing could ever be as important to you as just to know your sins were under the blood?

Friend, this is still the most important thing in your life. 1 Pet. 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." God saved your soul and brought sweet peace to you. You have enjoyed salvation. But remember the Scripture above. The devil is on our trail, doing all in his power to destroy us. Does he come against you now with any of these statements: "Poor thing, you have gained so little in life. There is so much to be enjoyed and you are entitled to it. You could enjoy a few things and still be saved. Don't you really think the Church of God requires you to give up too much? Or after all, we are just human, or you can't help what you feel or think"? Or he may say, "The road ahead is long and hard. Why not slack off a little here and not be under such strain for awhile? Enjoy life a bit. There is plenty of time ahead, etc., etc."

Precious souls, surely we are living in the last days and there is not plenty of time ahead. Time is running out, and with time hearts are growing harder. Don't let Satan slow you down, but keep running for your life. If you get on a sidetrack, Jesus may come in that same moment. Keep in mind that we are nothing, nothing at all except through the blood of Jesus. In reality we are less than nothing. It is better by far to be nothing than to be lost in hell without hope and without God. Let us not be weary in well doing, for we shall reap if we faint not.

Let us remember that there is a difference between suffering for Christ and suffering for our own mistakes. Let us not feel self pity, but with courage go forth in full assurance of faith that God loves us. If we make heaven, we will have all eternity to enjoy and praise God for saving us, and if we miss it, we will forget all earthly pleasures and know nothing but disappointment and torment in all eternity.

In Christian love,

—Sister Gladys Cashio

"We need to be willing to be 'put on the spot' for the Lord."