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The Royal Servant

Come within that upper chamber,
See the King of love and peace,
Rising from the paschal supper,
Lo, He takes a servant's place.
Now He lays aside His mantle,
And to show His love complete,
Humbly bowing there before them,
Washes His disciples' feet.

Will we keep our Lord's example
And His pure command obey?
Must we not be meek and humble,
Follow in His holy way?
If we call Him Lord and Master,
And profess to love Him here,
We must His commandments honor
If we'd prove our love sincere.

Jesus says, "Ye shall be happy
If these things ye know and do,"
But if ye are found rebelling,
He will turn away from you.
Lord, we love Thee as our Leader,
And we know Thy law is good,
So in meekness we obey Thee,
As Thy Word declares we should.

—D. S. Warner

A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST

The Christian is a creation in Christ. The virtue of Christ enters into and becomes a part of body, soul and spirit, sanctifying the whole. His nature is such as binds him to the Infinite. He is given a vision of the beauty of the Lord from its reflection in his own being. He has a sense of Divine realities which loose him from the things of time and woo him to heavenly life. He moves in an infinite halo of joy and gladness. Every thought, word and deed of his new-born life fashions him more into the likeness of God.

—C. E. Orr

Acceptable Unto God

It means much for our worship and service rendered unto God to be acceptable unto Him. Just recently I was sent to help in an art museum where some noted judges were to judge entries of water-color paintings from all over the country. Each painting was held before the judges for their verdict as to whether it was to be accepted or rejected. As we held up painting after painting before their careful and observing eyes and watched the rejected pile grow and grow while the accepted ones were a very, very small minority, the Lord began to talk to my heart in a very impressive manner, bringing to my mind several Scriptures concerning our being accepted of Him. It made it even more striking when we would hold up a painting that to us seemed one surely worthy of acceptance, and then see the judges shake their heads and reject it. They knew what they were judging, even as the great Judge of the earth knows what is accepted of Him. When we did bring a painting before the judges that won their approval, the decision was made with very little hesitancy. Oh, how it did strike my heart with fervent desire to be acceptable with God!

"Then Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him." Acts 10:34, 35. "Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways." Isa. 64:5. Those that fear God and pursue His righteousness, sensing that our own righteousness will not avail, are accepted of God. "And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." Phil. 3:9. There must be righteousness in our hearts before we can be accepted of God, but the only true way we can have this righteousness is to confess that we have none of ourself, and ask God to grant us righteousness through Jesus Christ, and His grace. When we are thus clothed with His righteousness,

and walk therein with all sincerity and honesty, we can be assured of His acceptance.

When Cain and Abel brought unto the Lord each an offering, Abel was accepted, and Cain was rejected. When Cain's countenance fell at this, God said: "Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." It was no one's fault but his own that he was not accepted. If he had made the sacrifice according to God's way and plan as Abel did, God would have accepted him just as well. It is evident that God witnessed Abel's acceptance; even so it is true today that there is a witness of God's acceptance to all who serve Him aright. Oh, how blessed it is to be as faithful Abel! There he was bringing as an offering to God the first increase of his flock, a blood offering, to the Lord with a perfect heart of faith and discovering God's favor! "By it he being dead yet speaketh." Heb. 11:4. Death cannot blot from God's loving heart the remembrance of those who are accepted of Him. How we need to apply this to ourselves and be diligent that we, too, be accepted of the Lord.

Then I thought of the statement of the writer in Psalm 49:15. In this Psalm he speaks of the frailty of men and their useless endeavors of this present life that are soon consumed in the grave by the hand of death. "But God," he said, "will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for He shall receive me." Those who are accepted of God have hope and assurance of literal triumph over the grave. To them are given through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ hope of the resurrection of this mortal body. What greater blessing could be desired? Of all that we could have or acquire in this present life, there is nothing that can equal the reality of this! Regardless of what we might be now or what we might attain to, it is all in vain if we have not the hope of triumph over death. Let us seek to be accepted of God!

We have on record the account and doctrine of one Man who was accepted of God. This was Jesus of Nazareth, a "Man approved of God . . . by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him." Acts 2:22. "This is my beloved Son," God said, "in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him." Matt. 17:5. Jesus Christ was set forth of God and preached to men as the standard of acceptance with God. Our only hope of being accepted of God is through being in fellowship with Jesus Christ. It means much to be in fellowship with this One, even as He rebuked those of His day by saying: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46. To claim favor and fellowship with Christ and at the same time disregard His manner, Spirit, and Word is quite inconsistent indeed! Jesus was acceptable to God because He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. He humbled Himself and lived a life of lowliness and meekness before God and man. If we therefore would be acceptable with God we must be a like partaker of these things. We as lively stones are to be built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood,

to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 1 Pet. 2:5.

I was especially impressed in this subject with Romans 12:1, 2: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Oh, how vital for everyone of us to present himself as a living sacrifice to God, a sacrifice that God will accept and respond to by the infilling and sealing of the Spirit of Truth! It is only then that we can prove (that is, discover and find out) what is the acceptable will of God. As long as we are not thus resigned to God we cannot know what is acceptable to God. The will and mind of God is not something that we just know naturally. What is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God, and what is disallowed indeed of men usually is chosen of God and precious. God does not accept everything that has His name attached to it. Man may accept it and acclaim it ever so high, but that does not make it acceptable with God. "Be not conformed to this world." Why? Because the fashion of this world is not acceptable to the heavenly Father. It is easy to conform, but it takes power and true decision to transform. Let us "walk as children of light, proving what is acceptable unto the Lord." Eph. 5:8, 10. Oh, the darkness of this world that blinds the heart from perceiving what God is pleased with! How Satan has pulled the veil over the eyes causing so many ungodly things to seem harmless, such as: The immodest styles, especially of the women, that bare the limbs to the public; placement of the television in the home where such stark scenes far from being acceptable to God are viewed and admired; the strife of debates, strikes, and quarrels; the love of money that draws the housewife from her God-given place as keeper at home out to rake in a little unrighteous mammon; the great era of discontent that plagues this generation, that makes all that they have seem less desirable than what someone else has—these and many more things. Also we might mention that God is not accepting all the religion that is promoted and moved. Heartless, cold, and formal worship void of the inspiring and anointing presence of the Holy Spirit carried on in costly extravagant buildings not only are not accepted of God, but are a stench in His nostrils. "Awake thou that sleepest, arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Awake to things that are good and acceptable with God, and behold those things that are despised.

"Wherefore we labor, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of Him." 2 Cor. 5:9. It should be the purpose and daily occupation of every Christian to strive earnestly to be accepted of God. Do not play the fool and just suppose that you are accepted. This is one thing that you and I should be sure of. "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." Peter in the first chapter of his second epistle listed some

things that I feel we should take inventory of very often: Faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity (love). It does not matter who we are and where we attend church when it comes to possessing or not possessing these things. You can be among the most spiritual people in the world, but if you lack these things you cannot and will not be accepted of God. "If these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off [is near-sighted], and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The possessing of these things will cause the everlasting gates to swing wide open for us. Oh, may God pierce these words to every heart that reads this and may this message of acceptance with God be a living reality with you. —Leslie Busbee

The Accuser of the Brethren

Child of God, this little message is for you if the evil one, the devil, has been accusing you, making life miserable for you, along the Christian pathway. First of all, we have a dreadful enemy who is next in power to God, and if he can in any way deceive you, and make you his prey in telling you lies, and accusing you of mistakes you have made along the way, making a mountain out of a mole-hill, this is the role he wants to play to get you back in his kingdom. The Bible says he is an evil spirit, and the accuser of the brethren, so believe the Bible. It is the Word of God.

The devil comes to us as an angel of light and tries to make us believe he is God talking to us, and if we listen to him, generally he tells us we are not saved, or that we have sinned along the way, and God has left us, trying to darken our pathway, desiring to take all hope from our hearts, that we have built up by God's help. But, dear one, we have to learn the difference between God speaking to us, and the devil. So here is where we win the battle, and overcome the devil's power. By looking in the Bible for help, God speaks to us. Paul said, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:1. So unless our heart condemns us, we are still saved in Christ. Praise God! If we have really sinned, the Spirit of God will point it out in our hearts with condemnation, and then we can ask God's forgiveness right away, and go on serving the Lord. Read 1 John 2:1. Don't give up.

God loves His people, and will forgive them. God never accuses His children or depresses them. This is the work of the devil. So when you feel accused, or depressed, or discouraged, Satan, the old devil, is upsetting you, and trying to deceive you. The

remedy for this trouble is earnest prayer to God who has promised His children deliverance. Psalm 50:15, "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Also, rebuke the devil in the name of Jesus and he will flee from you. After all, it is God who delivers, and gives us the victory. So give God the praise and bless His name forever. Amen. —Bertha Reynolds

The Power of the Word

Christ did not summon angels, nor display that power which was His right as God the Son. He just did what we all need to do—He used the Word. To Him it was final and sufficient, the very breath of God. He was handling the weapon of omnipotence and divine authority. He knew the Word. He counted it sufficient. He used it. But He used it AGAINST THE DEVIL.

He did not quote it to His Father nor recall it merely to refresh His own soul. The devil had said, "It is written," but the Lord said more than that: "Get thee hence, Satan, for it is written . . ." Note that. He spoke to the devil and told him to go. And you may need to do the same some day. Do not speak lightly about these things. The Holy Spirit has anticipated the tendency to lightness on this subject with a warning, "Be sober."

All frivolous talk on the subject is just so much fuel to the devil's fire. It is not too much to add that while some people are mechanically saying, "Alleluia!" the devil is planning to steal a march on them. So be deliberate, reverent, and solemn in your use of the Word. It will do all it says.

Down through the ages Satan has striven to rob the man of God of his Sword. You can never use with assurance what you doubt. If you doubt the divine inspiration of Scripture, or if you put the inspiration of the Scriptures on the same level as the inspiration of a poem or a piece of music, you will fail when you meet the devil. The Scriptures are the oracles of the Most High, subject to none of the imperfections and limitations of humanity. Therefore, THEY WILL DO ALL THEY SAY, and to believe less is to doubt the veracity of the Almighty. Myriads have staked their lives upon God's Word and proved it to be true. Theological views and brain-spinning are of no use in this battle. You must come to the Book, to "it is written." Unless you are there, or get there, the forces of evil will surely hem you in and take their toll. Watch, then, that you do not lose your Sword. Immerse yourself in the Word.

Sometimes people say, "But I am saved; therefore, I must be secure." That is only one aspect of salvation. Upon many of the Lord's people a storm from the pit has been allowed to break. Why? No tree is proved to be deeply rooted unless it encounters the gale. No ship is shown to be seaworthy that has never been through turbulent waters. Peter's faith was tested in the devil's sieve, and yours may be, too. —F. J. Perryman

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EDITORIALS

Happy Christian greetings to all our readers:— As you are well aware, this paper was not published for the month of August. This has been our policy over the years in order to give our faithful co-workers a few weeks off from their regular duties here at the Office to return home or attend campmeetings. Of course, some of us have remained at the office most of the time to take care of the mail, fill the orders for gospel literature, and maintain necessary operations here.

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A large amount of gospel tracts, papers, and booklets were sent or taken to various campmeetings for free distribution. Your free-will offerings have made this possible. We pray and trust that God's Word will not return to Him void, but will accomplish that whereunto He has sent it.

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At present all our co-workers are back and busy again in their respective departments. The office and shop are now resounding with activity in getting out more gospel literature which the perishing multitudes so urgently need to read and believe. The "good news" is the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Sister Joan McIntosh spent most of her time with her parents at Conway, Mo., though she did attend some of the campmeetings at Neosho and Myrtle, Mo. Now she is again busily engaged in the mailing department, doing service as unto the Lord. The Master surely needs more young people who will consecrate and dedicate their lives to His service. The calls are so urgent in home and foreign fields. As always, the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Let us remember Jesus' request that we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more workers into His harvest of souls.

Bro. Clifford and Sister Dorothy Wilson and two daughters attended the Jefferson, Oregon, campmeeting, and returned home in time to be at the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo., and the other campmeetings in Oklahoma. They have resumed work in the printshop, and type is now being set for this September paper.

Bro. Gene and Sister Dora Lela Beisly and their two daughters attended the National campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo., and the Myrtle, Mo., campmeeting. Sister Dora Lela's parents are in the Myrtle congregation and she took a very active part in the kitchen work, as well as others, at the meeting. They are now back home and helping again in the office and shop work.

The sacrificial service of all these consecrated co-workers are certainly appreciated, and we are confident that our great Paymaster will not forget their work of faith and labor of love for His great cause.

My sister, Marie Miles, spent most of the summer here in the office work and writing lessons for "The Beautiful Way" paper and the "Bible Lessons" book-

let for Sunday schools. She was privileged to attend the National campmeeting in Missouri where she met many of our readers.

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This writer and his wife were again privileged to attend the Hammond, La., campmeeting which was the 63rd annual meeting on the General Southern campground. It was another feast at Father's table. The fellowship of the saints was precious. The attendance was good, and quite a number of out-of-state ministers were present to preach the Word. Several souls responded to the gospel invitation, were saved and baptized.

While attending the meeting we enjoyed our stay in the home of our son, Byron, and family who live near Hammond and worship with that congregation. His wife, Clarice, daughter of Bro. and Sister Gatha Nichols of Loranger, La., was single when she worked here at the Lord's Printshop in the early 1950's.

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The 33rd National Campmeeting of the Church of God at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo., held July 24 to Aug. 2, 1970, was the largest ever in attendance. In several services the large tabernacle was filled to capacity and overflowed to benches on the outside. This gathering of God's people from far and near was very precious and profitable. A large number came for their first time, and many seemed to enjoy what they saw and heard. Some had been scattered sheep who were inquiring for the way to Zion. The Word of God was preached with power and authority. It was the spiritual bread of life to hungry souls. Waves of conviction rolled over the audience and the long altars were filled time and again. More than a hundred seekers found joy and peace to their souls. Twenty or more converts followed the example of our Lord in water baptism, and 154 happy saints observed the ordinances of the Lord's House—foot-washing and the Lord's Supper—as instituted by our Lord and Savior just prior to His betrayal and crucifixion.

With the Lord's blessings, Wife and I have been able to attend all 33 annual National campmeetings since its beginning in 1938, and at this one we were certainly pleased to meet all our old and new friends. Their visits at the Bible Book Store were welcome. We were also very pleased to have our two sons and their families attend at least part of the National campmeeting this year.

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Bro. Tomas Mendoza, zealous and effective native missionary in Baja Cal., Mex., and his family, as well as Sister Edith Cole and Sister Opal Kelly, missionaries from the same area, were present at the National campmeeting. Their reports of activities, experiences, problems and obstacles on the mission field presented a challenge to the church to enlarge its vision for a greater burden and sacrifice to help get the gospel to the "regions beyond."

Sister Carrie Sheppard had a call from the Lord to return to the Baja Cal., Mex., mission field. After

attending the National campmeeting she drove to California for the state campmeeting at Pacoima. From there, she intends to go to one of the mission stations in Mexico. She desires the earnest prayers of the saints that her labors will be effectual.

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This campmeeting season has certainly been a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Reports coming from all directions—east, west, north, and south—indicate that very profitable meetings were held. No doubt many souls heard the gospel message who did not yield to the Spirit's call, and one of the saddest texts in the Bible is recorded by the Wise Man: "And I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done." Eccl. 8:10.

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"Go on to perfection . . ."—Heb. 6:1.

The saints and angels are rejoicing because of the many souls that were saved in the campmeetings. Most of them were young people who chose the right way to heaven at the crossroads of life. Now the sure cure to backsliding is given by the Apostle Paul in the command to "go on to perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works." Keep moving forward and walking in the light of truth as fast as the Lord reveals it to you, then you will not be drifting backward. Set your face toward heaven and don't look back. Consecrate and surrender your entire being—soul and body—to the Lord to be "sanctified wholly." The application of the blood of Christ by faith will cleanse out the carnal nature, and the Holy Spirit will move into your heart to empower you to live a victorious life. The Apostle Paul writes: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1. Again he says: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." 1 Thes. 4:3. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." 1 Thes. 5:23, 24. Seek the Lord diligently until you receive that work of grace whereby your heart is cleansed from the Adamic nature and your affections have been exalted to a supreme love for God. Jesus said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you . . .," —power to live a victorious holy life in the midst of this crooked and perverse nation. Prevailing prayer is the key to this storehouse of Holy Ghost power.

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On the authority of God's Word we boldly declare that carnal divisions do not exist in a sanctified church. Sanctified brethren can settle their misunderstandings peaceably if they remain sanctified—filled with the same Holy Spirit. "Is Christ divided?" Is Christ's spiritual Body divided? No, never!

In the list of the fruits of wickedness in the first chapter of Romans is the word, "implacable," which is an adjective describing one who "cannot be appeased or pacified." (From dictionary). He rejects all efforts of reconciliation—implacable. He is unmerciful and unforgiving. Pride is the taproot of this carnal action to rule or ruin. On the other hand, divine love and that wisdom from above is "peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits . . ." kind, tenderhearted and forgiving. Love thinketh no evil and worketh no ill to his neighbor.

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As this issue goes to press, the campmeetings at Dover, Okla., and Pacoima, Calif., will be ending, and the final campmeeting of the season will be held at Fresno, Calif., on Sept. 11 to 20. Very soon the campmeeting season will be history, and no doubt to many this will be their lamentation: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. How dreadful for a soul to risk his eternal welfare through procrastination!

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It has been kindly requested that other campmeetings in the future not be scheduled to conflict with or overlap on the dates of the National campmeeting. That meeting next year will be held July 23 to Aug. 1, 1971, Lord willing. Thank you for co-operating so all the saints can attend these services.

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In July, Bro. T. H. Coffey resigned as pastor at Hammond, La., and moved from that city. Fervent prayer is requested for him. At present Bro. Bob Forbes and Bro. Max Williamson are ministering to the congregation at Hammond.

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Irvin and Celena (Lacue) Whitehouse visited us in Guthrie on Sunday, August 9. Almost 50 years ago, in the early 1920's, they were single young people who came to work here at Faith Pub. House. Later they married and reared their family in Louisville, Ky., which is still their home. We were very pleased to see them again and talk about old times. Of course, many changes have taken place over the years. We invite them to come again.

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Bro. Curtis Williams held a profitable evangelistic tent meeting at West Union, Ohio, just prior to the National campmeeting. He is expecting to help hold another tent meeting on the West Cabin school ground near Vinita, Okla., starting August 29. Pray that much lasting good will be accomplished. Further information is elsewhere in this issue.

Some serious problems confront the publishing work, for which we request your continued earnest prayers.

We certainly appreciate all our faithful readers and correspondents who have been standing by the Lord's publishing work here through the summer months with your prayers, offerings, additional subscriptions and orders for gospel literature. May the Lord bless and reward each one abundantly. Our aim is to get out much more "good news" literature to the world while the Lord delays His coming. We do solicit your continued prayers and co-operation as we endeavor to extend the light and truth of God's Word.

—Lawrence Pruitt

OBITUARIES



Bro. Earl Roethler was born Feb. 28, 1908, at Santa Rosa, N. Mex., and departed this life to be with the Lord at his home in Guthrie, Okla., on July 25, 1970, at the age of 62 years.

Sister Mary Roethler, member of the Guthrie congregation and mother of Bro. Earl, had prayed many years for the salvation of her son and his wife before she went Home in 1953. God answered those prayers. Some time afterward, Earl was brought down with an affliction, at which time the Lord dealt with their souls. They surrendered to God and found the joy and peace of salvation. Though Earl was bedfast for ten years or more, he kept his faith and trust in God for soul and body. His wife, Pansy, faithfully cared for him all those years. In all his times of suffering, when prayer was offered, God was present to relieve the pain and comfort him. This writer and his wife visited him often, and several times shortly before he passed we asked him if he was clear with the Lord, and he affirmed definitely that he was. He passed away very quietly the next day after we had gone to the National campmeeting in Mo. We returned to Guthrie on Monday, July 27, for the funeral. Bro. Earl will certainly be missed, and may the Lord especially bless and comfort his wife, Sister Pansy, as she continues to love and serve the Lord. Some day there will be a great reunion.

Survivors include his wife, Pansy, of the home; a stepson, C. E. Mallett of Alaska, and four sisters, Mrs. Martha Blank, Mrs. Pearl Morrow and Mrs. Carrie Switzer, all of Enid, and Mrs. Victoria Cochran of Texas.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Ira Stover, assisted by Bro. Leslie Busbee, at the Smith Funeral Home with interment in the Lawrie Cemetery near Guthrie to await the general resurrection.

—Lawrence Pruitt

Card of Thanks

I want to express my thanks to all who have prayed for my husband, Earl, during his long illness, also for remembering me. The Lord gave me strength to take care of him until he departed this life, Saturday, July 25, 1970. The many words of comfort, the visits, telephone calls, floral offerings, offerings of money, prayers, cards and letters are greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless you each one.

—Sister Pansy Roethler

Allen L. Walker, son of Sophia and John Walker, was born December 3, 1885, at Conway, Ark., and departed this

life June 5, 1970, at the age of 84 years, six months, and two days, in Kansas City, Mo.

In 1905 he was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Hawkrum. To this union were born three daughters, two of whom preceded him in death.

Bro. Walker and his family moved to Oklahoma in 1910 and settled in the Boley community where they lived for several years. In 1939 he moved to Kansas City, Missouri, and remained there until the time of his death.

He renewed his hope in Christ in 1968 and attended the Church of God with Bro. Roy Harmon as pastor, at Overland Park, Kansas, until his death. His expressions in writing were always how he thanked the Lord for what He had done for him and exhorting others to keep praying and looking to God.

He leaves to mourn his passing one daughter, Mrs. Minerva White, San Pedro, Calif.; two grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

There's an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which each must go alone,
And there in a light we cannot see
Our Father claims His own.
Beyond the gates our loved ones
Find happiness and rest,
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren, assisted by Sister Katherine Williams and others, at the Church of God chapel, Boley, Okla. Interment was in the Boley Cemetery. Text used was 2 Cor. 5:9, 10.

Dale Lynn Allen, son of Elmer and Lucille Allen, passed away at his home in Poway, Calif., on May 19, 1970, at the age of 32 years.

A native of Fallbrook, Calif., Dale was employed by the R. E. Hazzard Co. as a driver and paving machine operator.

Survivors include his widow, Susan L. Allen; a son, Norman Dale, and a daughter, Charlene Fay, all of the home; a sister, Betty M. Goodin of Biggs, Calif., and his parents, Elmer and Lucille Allen of Fallbrook, Calif.

Funeral services were held at Berry-Bell Chapel of the Hills with John R. Wise officiating, and interment in Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

We thought our son, Dale, was getting well, and I had accepted his healing last fall when the saints were asked to pray for him. On Tuesday morning, May 19, we were called to his home. He had a bad night and Jesus called him Home shortly after we arrived. His wife said he was ready to go. They had been praying together for two days. Dale told his wife, "This is my last day. I have been praying to my Lord. I won't keep you awake tonight. I have made my peace with God." Praise the Lord for this! God waited, and in His great love and wisdom knew when to take him.

I am holding God's hand and know He will see us through this—our great sorrow. With His love and strength I have emerged a more mature person.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, and kindness. Everyone has been precious to us, and we will need your prayers in the days to follow.

—Sister Lucille Allen

Clarissa Irene Clayton, oldest daughter of Samuel Edward Clayton and Minnie Alice Sink, was born May

21, 1885, and departed this life June 26, 1970, at Columbia, Mo., at the age of 85 years, 1 month, and 5 days.

She was united in marriage on Dec. 21, 1904, to George Francis Johnston. To this union were born ten children.

This couple gave their hearts to God in early life, and began to see the truth as taught by the Church of God in 1932.

Her husband and two daughters preceded her in death. On October 21, 1955, she was united in marriage to Bro. Martin Gram Olson, who preceded her in death on April 18, 1962. She then made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Thelma Lea, at Kentwood, La. Later her son, Arthur Johnston, took her to his home at Ashland, Mo., and cared for her.

She leaves to mourn her passing four sons, Alvia C. Johnston, Haddam, Kans., Walter V. Johnston, Lenoir City, Tenn., Arthur E. Johnston, Ashland, Mo., and Riley W. Johnston, Castle Rock, Wash.; four daughters, Mrs. Thelma Lea, Kentwood, La., Mrs. Virgie Berg, Coolidge, Ariz., Mrs. Ruby Coatney, Elk Creek, Mo., and Mrs. Ruth Faith, Shafter, Calif.; five stepsons, Raymond Olson, Roseberg, Ore., Elmer Olson, Sutherland, Ore., Hensel C. Olson, Jefferson, Ore., Russell Olson, and Merle Olson, Portland, Ore.; one step-daughter, Mrs. Murle Marcum, Nyssa, Ore.; one sister, Mrs. Minnie A. Brockhaus, Portland, Ore., 32 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in Ashland, Mo., at the Bennett Funeral Home by Bro. Leslie Busbee, and graveside services in Washington by Bro. Ira D. Stover and Clyde Lea. Burial was in the Fern Hill Cemetery at Chehalis, Washington.

George W. Dilliner, born Aug. 26, 1921, at Wheaton, Mo., to George W. and Carrie Ruth Dilliner, departed this life July 11, 1970, at Mannford, Okla., at the age of 48 years, 10 months, and 15 days.

Bro. George was united in marriage to Charlotte McMakin, on Aug. 11, 1945. To this union four children were born.

Bro. George became a member of the Church of God by the new birth and remained true to God until the end, leaving a good strong testimony that he was ready to meet his God.

Those surviving his departure are his wife, Charlotte, of the home; three daughters, Donna Reece, and Cheri Ann Varnell, both of Mannford, Okla., and Christi of the home, one son, Tracy Scott, also of the home; one sister, Christine Meyer, Phoenix, Ariz., two grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

A memorial service was conducted by Bro. Richard Madden at Sand Springs, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Charles R. Smith in Shawnee, Okla., and interment was in Resthaven Cemetery, Shawnee.

Daniel Slaven was born Oct. 25, 1909, at Kingston, Ark., to William R. and Nannie Slaven. He departed this life June 19, 1970, at the age of 60 years, 8 months, and 6 days.

He was a member of the Church of God by the new birth. He loved the truth of the Word and held a firm hold on it until death. He was much loved by all who knew him. He lived true to his convictions.

He is survived by one brother, Ted Slaven, Springdale, Ark.; eight sisters, Pearl Garton, Ruth Heath, Rhoda Whorton, Bessie Cline, Stella Whorton, Sister Margie Wall, Edith Perryman, and Dephia Lawson, a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in Kingston, Ark., by Charles R. Smith and interment was in Upper Camp-ground Cemetery.

Bro. Willie Bryan Belcher was born in Potoka, Ill., January 2, 1897, and departed this life August 4, 1970, at the age of 73 years, 7 months, and 20 days.

He was united in holy matrimony to Sister Goldie Mae Freeman in Oakland, Calif., on May 18, 1943, and to this union four children were born.

Bro. Belcher loved and embraced this "Evening Light" truth several years ago. He was a man of much quality and manifested a real quiet and meek spirit. He was a very tenderhearted man, and a good husband and father to his family. He and his family were very close to each other. They have suffered a heavy loss.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Sister Mae Belcher; one son, Richard Belcher; three daughters, Ruby Smith, Eula Edwards, Rada Belcher; three grandchildren; one brother, Robert Belcher; one sister, Rada Watkins; a host of other relatives, friends and saints.

As his pastor, I want to say a personal word for our departed brother. I had the privilege of pastoring him for over ten years. It was an experience of joy. He was a brother who wanted to draw closer to God. This is just what he did. He had one of the most precious deaths I have ever witnessed. Praise our God!

Funeral services were conducted in our chapel here in Shawnee, Okla., by Bro. Charles R. Smith. Interment was made in Johnson Community Cemetery.

—Charles R. Smith

In Sincere Appreciation

Okla.—Dear Ones scattered abroad: Today I greet you with a heart full of gratitude. Surely God has been my staff during these days of grief. Truly, He has made me to know His love and power was holding me up. He dried my tears and gave me strength to meet the turning of my life. I'm real glad I won't have to be here long until I can take my flight, also.

I want to thank you one and all from the depth of my heart for all your prayer support, also offerings, letters of comfort and beautiful cards, and the many beautiful flowers. I felt so unworthy of so much attention, but my Father will pay you each one in blessings.

I was thankful Sam's face could be fixed up and he looked so nice. Poor Husband suffered so much, but I was so thankful he was able to go all the way. He passed peacefully, not a struggle, just went to sleep.

I was really sorry that his body had to be sent to the hospital to get a doctor to pronounce him dead, but that is the law so we could get a death certificate, and doctors will not come to the home anymore. But I want all to know he died at home. In all his sickness he didn't have an examination. He lived his testimony. He had to have prayer many times when pain would get unbearable, but God always eased the pain and comforted his heart. Many times he would ask the Lord, "How much longer, Lord?"

A week ago today I looked on his body for my last time. I have made no plans for my life, as I feel I shall soon go on my flight to my reward. I expect to do all I can to help others and to make a safe landing. I want to thank all again for your comforting words.

Do remember my son to the Lord. I desire him to land safely in Heaven, also my dear son's wife and children. God, save them all, is my prayer, also our dear grandson God gave us. We are so thankful for him.

His name is Don Lawrence. I'm also counting on him meeting me over there.

To dear Frances Perkins, who has been so faithful to us during our sickness and bereavement, also Bro. Leron West who was so faithful to help care for our dear loved one, and to all others of the congregation who were so faithful to us, let me say, I surely do appreciate what you have done.

Christian love and prayers, —Sister Sam Barton
2262 N. Columbia Place, Tulsa, Okla. 74110

In Memory of Bro. Sam Barton

Gone, But Not Forgotten

I knew a brother friend indeed
That loved to serve the Lord
By helping those who were in need,
By deeds as well as words.

His eyes were always keen to see
A Sister or a Brother;
Also a trudging child
Along beside its mother;

To whom he could reach a helping hand,
To make their pathway brighter;
And rejoiced his heart to feel
He had made their burden lighter.

I knew him, I walked beside him,
And sweet was our communion.
I am sure that God did bless
His faithful contribution.

The widow's heart did throb with joy,
The lame went smiling onward;
And some that seemingly faced defeat
Praised God that they had conquered.

His place on earth is vacant now,
But he is in our memory still;
His gentle spirit now has flown
Beyond the verdant hill.

In his last days he suffered much,
But kept his trust in God,
And meekly in submission bowed
Beneath the chastening rod.

His testimony did inspire
Many that came to cheer,
And comfort in the trying hour—
To find the Lord so near.

For God is faithful to His Word,
And will not those forsake
Who put their trust alone in Him,
And of His mercies take.

With pains severe, and hours long,
How soon, Lord, can it be
Ere I may cross the swelling tide,
And rest in peace with Thee?

Yes, Lord, he has gone,
But will not soon be forgotten,
Our faithful brother and friend—
Brother Sammy Barton.

—Ulysses Phillips

NOTICE OF FRESNO, CALIF., CAMPMEETING

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God at Fresno, Calif., will be held Sept. 11 to 20, 1970. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

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

PROFITABLE WISCONSIN MEETING

Dear Brethren: Sunday, June 15, we closed a short but very profitable meeting here in Stanley, Wisconsin. Different ones have mentioned they thought it was the best meeting we have had here. Someone from away said sometimes the small meetings are better than the larger ones.

We were happy to have Bro. and Sister Kenneth Probst and family with us. LaVerna endeared herself with the children by having meetings for them. Bro. Ira Stover was also here, and someone mentioned that together they made a good team. All appreciated their good singing. Sister Roman Deforth also contributed to the singing.

A few saints came from Sarona and Racine, Wis., and Zion, Ill. Some were hindered from coming because of affliction. There were forty at the Saturday night service and it seemed heaven came down during the singing of the last songs. I feel sure the strangers who came will never forget that service.

Sixteen took part in the ordinances on Saturday. Some had already gone home by that time. The meeting was a real uplift to the congregation here as well as to those who came in for the meeting. We do appreciate the brethren who are willing to come to a small congregation.

We covet the prayers of the saints that we might build for eternity.

—Sister Frank Dietrich

Rt. 1, Box 24, Stanley, Wis. 54768

MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING REPORT

The Myrtle, Mo., campmeeting is now history. Our souls doth magnify the Lord in the blessings of God upon the campground at Myrtle. The Lord blessed in this meeting, giving sweet unity, power and liberty from the very first message. God's ministers preached the Word with fear and trembling, feeding the souls of the saints and awakening sinners to their needs with the judgments of God. There was much salvation work. Many were sanctified, the sick were healed, and the body of Christ was edified.

Being present to behold the sweet fellowship and love manifested upon these grounds is sacred and will not soon be forgotten. It seemed each one worked for the interest of others. Our souls have been fed upon the Bread of Life.

Almost a hundred happy saints took part in the ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's Supper. It was touching to see so many of our dear young people taking part in this. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." John 13:17.

The chapel was filled to overflowing the first week end. This has been the largest and best campmeeting we have had here at Myrtle. The Lord blessed the young people and made them joyful in His service. We trust that everyone who got saved this year will come back next year still saved and sanctified, ready to win others to Jesus.

The meeting was well supplied, and we desire to thank all who had a part in prayer, labor, and giving to help make this meeting a great success for God.

—By those in attendance

MEXICO CAMPMEETING REPORT

La Mision, Mexico (July 25)—Dear Ones in Christ: "Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me." Psalm 101:6. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Luke 16:10. We trust that you, being "faithful in that which is least" have also been made partakers of those "true riches" from the Lord.

I know that all of you are interested to know about our ten-day campmeeting that was held in La Mision this summer. The gospel tent was put up down by the river in front of our house and we set up an outdoor kitchen under the trees and in a little camper. Beans and tortillas were cooked on a campfire. We had very mild weather. Sisters Edith Cole and Opal Kelly came from Mexicali before the meeting started and brought eight young people who were very helpful in setting up the camp, and also they were active in prayer, singing, testifying, and doing whatever was necessary in the camp and kitchen. Two of the young men got saved during the meeting. Local attendance was small, but those who came felt the presence of the Lord, and several yielded their lives to the Lord.

We had prayed much that the Lord would send us helpers for this meeting. The Lord did send Bro. and Sister Dan Kroker from Bend, Oregon. They were such a blessing to all. Bro. Dan brought several good messages and had carpentry class for the boys. They had been carrying a burden for this meeting for some time. Thank the Lord for His people, our people, all working together for the cause of the Lord.

Another one that the Lord sent with a burden for the meeting was an aged widow, Sister Castro, from Ensenada. We helped bury the dear old Brother Castro last November in Ensenada. They came to Baja from Sonora where they had served the Lord for over 25 years. She is poor in this world's goods, but very rich in works for the Lord. We hope that the Lord will make it possible for her to stay here in La Mision.

Then there was Bro. Tomas Mendoza and family who were with us most of the ten days. The Lord is continuing to bless Bro. Tomas with wisdom and boldness in preaching the Word. We are happy that he is going to the National campmeeting. He has expressed that he doesn't like to make trips, as such, because of time lost in preaching to those that have never heard and feeding the lambs that God has given him. Pray for Bro. David and Maria and their labors with Tomas' congregation while he is away.

Then our little Brother Irineo Rama came from Michoacan by the will of the Lord. He stayed right with us and carried a burden for the meeting and conducted prayer meetings with the young people, although his main desire was to be better equipped spiritually for his work in the state of Michoacan. In many places there, the older people in times past have killed or run off any missionaries. Now the young people are wanting to know of the way of salvation. Bro. Rama was anxious to return home as he knew that there would be many coming to his home wanting to hear of the gospel and the new way of life. Also they have received four little

children into their home who were left on the street. The authorities took them and turned them over to Bro. Rama. So they, by faith, are trusting the Lord to be able to give these children what they need, mainly a knowledge of the Lord, whereas before their little minds were being warped by awful sins of their parents who deserted them. This could very well be the start of a home for children in this needy place.

We were pleased to have in our meeting some of the dear saints from San Diego, Pomona, and some young people and sisters from Bakersfield on the weekend. Their help and fellowship were received with much gratefulness to the Lord.

We were made to submit to the fact that Sister Edith Cole and Sister Opal Kelly had to leave us during the meeting as Sister Edith suffered what we thought to be a severe heart and nervous attack. We prayed much for her and then felt peace in encouraging Sister Opal to take Edith to the States where she might get some rest. Pray much for Sister Edith and her mission station. There are many saved young people there and we believe that the work is stable and growing.

The Lord did bless Charlotte and me during this meeting. The work was taxing on the body, but the Lord has given us health.

Also we do thank the Lord for Sister Shirley Watkins who is with us this summer. She is getting some practice as a missionary nurse and is learning Spanish quickly. Our boy Bobby is with the Watkins family in Oregon. He is working to save money so he can go to high school. We must pray that the Lord will direct our young people.

Your missionaries in Mexico, —James and Charlotte Huskey and family, Box 2262, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073.

Prayer Requests

Mo.—“Pray for my two unsaved sons who drink. One has eight children, and it is a dark world to bring children up without Christian parents.” —A Mother.

Okla.—Remember Sister Elizabeth Wahl. She has been sick for some time.

La.—Bro. Pinkerton still needs prayer. He has been a faithful minister of the Lord and was used to help many in the prisons as well as other places. Now in his older days he needs a healing touch.

N. Car.—“I am not well. I have a heart condition. I haven't been in the Church of God very long. . . . Please pray for me.” —Ellen Mitchell.

La.—Bro. Merrill Williamson is improving, but still needs prayer for complete recovery.

La.—Sister Gladys Cashio is improving, but is still in much pain from the fall she had.

Calif.—“Pray for me and my family. . . . My husband hasn't walked for seven years.” —Katie Gaines.

Wash.—Every week or so we receive a letter from a man who signs his name, “Bro. Thomas.” He is begging for prayer for his body. He does not give a return address. Please remember him as he says he suffers much.

Okla.—“Pray that God will heal me of deafness.” —Arthur A. Brown.

Neb.—“Agree with me in prayer for my grandson. He is not well; also pray for my daughter.” —M. M. Sultzbaugh.

Many requests were given at the campmeetings this summer. I am sure that those who attended will take the many requests that were given in home with them to pray about. We thank God for those who were prayed for at an altar of prayer and received healing. We also

thank God for those who gave their hearts to the Lord, and now we must pray for them that they will become settled and established in Christ. We know that the enemy will try to discourage each one, but if they desire to stay with Christ they can have that keeping power, for God has it for everyone. God will never make anyone serve Him, but He helps those who desire to.

My daughter-in-law, Berniece Miles, came home from the Monark Springs campmeeting sick and we had a battle. She was very sick, but the saints just held on with us for her healing. We thank the Lord for the victory, although she is still very weak. She fully trusted the Lord and we thank God for bringing her through. We appreciate all who prayed for her. It seemed she had some kind of pneumonia virus and the fever persisted.

My granddaughter was very sick. One evening around 7:30 her temperature was 104. This caused me to have great concern as she was with me. We went to earnest prayer and asked others to pray. We thank the Lord for how He undertook. At about ten o'clock it had gone down to 102½. Oh, how we did thank the good Lord! He is truly our Healer and our all.

Dear suffering one, keep your faith steady in the Lord. He has promised to heal and His promises are true and He will come to your rescue. —Sis. Marie Miles

SOUTHEASTERN NIGERIAN MISSION REPORTS

Southeast Nigeria (July 22)—Dear Brother L. D. Pruitt: I send my sincere greetings in our dear Saviour's name, the only gate to heaven, Jesus Christ. Thank you for the timely assistance rendered to the needy souls in the Nigerian fields. The civil war, as an enemy of progress, had come and gone but the gospel message will ever remain to be carried to the extreme parts of the continents. Let us praise His name!

Recently I was on a visit to Abak District meeting made up of elders and workers at Ukpom where the Church of God Infirmary is located.

On July 5, Pastor Ekpo and Elder Titus Nkanang's report stated, “The Lord needs an urgent resident worker here. There is need for timely open air services with fervent prayers. To all the churches therefore, we need your prayers.” On that day, said Brother M. U. Ekpo, an elderly man over 60 years of age who had never gone to any church was kneeling at the altar for forgiveness. He accepted the new Christian name Sam Udokang. He was saved and his house was visited by Pastor Ekpo where articles of idols were condemned and burned to ashes.

Now the Lord is adding souls day by day, and on Sunday, June 7, while Pastor M. U. Ekpo in charge of Abak District and Bro. B. U. Udeme with selected Elders were opening the first service of the Church of God there, it is reported that the attendance was over 48 souls. An Evangelist, Brother F. J. Akpan, was sent to lead the congregation. A letter asking for financial aid to build a new chapel, since services and prayer meetings are conducted under palm sheds, was recently received.

One room of the Infirmary is set out for Brother B. U. Udeme, the local translator. He showed me samples of tracts that will be translated to Efik for wide distribution. Pastor Ekpo expresses the need for Efik Bibles.

Yours in the Lord,

—B. U. Etuk

Southeast State, Nigeria (Aug. 3)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all: Sincere Christian greetings to you in our Saviour's name. It is believed that before this letter arrives you must have ended your National campmeeting which we faithfully prayed for, and for the need for one to

come from there and join with us in the successful labor in this nation-wide gospel work. We hope to hear from you. We will remember other places where this season's campmeetings will be held.

In June we held Communion services throughout the Mission on different dates in each section of the field. Good numbers participated in the ordinances. The Superintendent, Pastor B. U. Etuk, is making a visit to most of the stations in Sections One, Two, and Four, and he is very satisfied at each group's worship.

I felt very happy during my one-week fasting at Ikot Akpan Eda on 13th to 19th of last month. It is the place where Pastor M. U. Ekpo and Bro. Sunday Akpakpan come from. None of the days of my staying there did I stay alone, but along with four to seven members remaining with me for the same occasion in the chapel.

I think I acquainted you with the information that we will hold this year's convention from Friday to Sunday (December 11 through 13,) at the Main Station's ground. Pray for the occasion, and our desire that a missionary from there be present cannot be measured.

We pray for you. —Nse B. Umanah, Field Secretary

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

South India (Aug. 6)—Dear Brother Pruitt and co-workers, greetings again in the holy name of Jesus Christ, the Arm of the Lord, and the heir of all things: Many thanks for your good letter dated July 13, 1970, and its contents were noted with much gratitude.

We are very glad to hear that your campmeetings at different stations are in progress. . . . We exalt Christ's name to know that many are added to the Church of God through the campmeetings.

Here the rain is continuing at intervals, yet the believers are "not slothful in business and they serve the Lord with fervency of spirit." Yesterday I was at Niranam. As usual in previous years, on Aug. 15 and the following two days there is a special meeting at Calicut this year also. Lord willing, I wish to reach Calicut during that time. In the middle of next month it is decided to have corner meetings at different stations.

Now again I bring to your memory the need of a gospel van. If you please transfer this subject to the knowledge of other saints there, and all pray together, the all-knowing God surely will supply our needs in a miraculous way. Prayer has divided seas, rolled up flowing rivers, made flinty rocks gush into fountains, quenched flames of fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers, repelled frauds, burst open iron gates and recalled souls from the dead. Praise the Lord!

In India, communism and Marxist doctrines are growing day by day, even among the Christian youths. Cruel murders and thefts are going on here and there. I fear the future will be much worse for Christians and they will be subjected to suffer a lot from communism. The advice of Paul to the Ephesians is of great value in this age, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." We solicit your prayers for victory over Satan.

More articles from "Faith and Victory" are being translated and are waiting for means to print and publish. Some are out of press already. We are remembering you, your wife and all of the saints in prayer.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

EVANGELISTIC TENT MEETING NORTHWEST OF VINITA, OKLA.

A tent meeting will be held at 7:45 P. M. nightly from August 29 through September 6 at the West Cabin school grounds which is located approximately 15 miles northwest of Vinita, Okla.

This is a rural community in which the truth has been sown by several ministers through recent years. Two years ago there was good interest in the tent meeting held at this same location, with several saved. These have been meeting together regularly along with others, and some have expressed an interest in another tent meeting.

We want to give a special invitation to all who can come to be with us in this meeting. Special singers, as well as those who can help with congregational singing, would be a real blessing. Bro. Curtis Williams, evangelist from Kentucky, is expected to be there, with others, to preach the gospel of Christ. Lodgings and meals will be provided for all who come.

Instructions for Locating West Cabin Tent Revival:—Follow State Highway No. 2 south from Welch, Okla., approximately four to five miles, or north from Vinita, Okla., approximately ten to eleven miles to Pyramid Corners. Turn west at Horton's Grocery and go four miles where you will see a transformer station at the intersection. At this point turn south and go two miles, then turn west one mile and north one-fourth mile to our house. Or go three miles south from the transformer station to an intersection where you will notice a small feed plant behind two residential dwellings. Turn west at this intersection for two miles, then turn south one and a half miles to the West Cabin schoolhouse. Phone 256-5992 out of Vinita, Okla., if you need assistance.

—Bro. Kenneth Probst, R. R. 1, Box 187-A, Vinita, Oklahoma 74301. Phone A. C. 918-256-5992.

From The Mail Box . . .

Calif.—Dear Friends in Jesus: Just a few lines to let you know how I enjoy your paper. Some friend of mine sent my name in for the paper and I am so glad he did. I really do enjoy reading it and when the subscription expires I surely do want to renew it.

Pray for me and all of my unsaved children. I have a retarded son, aged 22, with me. All of my other children are married. I am 60 years young, and I love Jesus with all of my heart. He has done so much for me. He has answered prayer for me in so many ways.

A Friend in Jesus,

—Ola Vance

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Pa.—Dear Sir: Inclosed find \$1.00 for the book by H. M. Riggle, "The Kingdom of God and the One Thousand Years Reign." H. M. Riggle was a cousin of my mother.

I get your paper, "Faith and Victory" and like it very much. I would like to subscribe for a friend. Her address is . . . for which \$1.00 is enclosed.

—Mrs. John A. Fulton

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Pa.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Enclosed is our offering for the work there. God has been so good to us and we want to praise Him each day for all of the blessings. We cannot count them all. When we see our loved ones struggling and trying to find some happiness from the pleasures of the world, it makes our hearts ache to want to give them our deep settled peace that comes only from our faith in God.

Mother seems to be recuperating very nicely from her fall of three weeks ago. She can move around much better, and God is so good to her. She finds it hard to get used to someone waiting on her, for she was always so independent, but she has to have help now and it is hard for her to take it. . . .

May God be with all of you there and make you a blessing each day to someone, as we need each other. We need your prayers and love, for if we didn't have brothers and sisters in the Lord, what an empty life it would be.

Your Sisters in His service,

—Eva Cox and Mother Campbell

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Kentucky—Please send me 200 tracts on "Water Baptism" and samples of other tracts you have in stock. I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper. Keep crying out and sparing not, for the night is at hand.

Yours in Christ,

—Dave Middleton

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Calif.—Dear Sister Miles: I am moving back to the Senior Citizens Guest Home at Pacoima where I spent three years, lacking two days. "No place like home" is true. It looks like I am to spend my last sunset days there. Plans are being made for me to move back home on the first of August and celebrate my 99th birthday with them on September 4, 1970. I am praying God's rich blessings on you.

With love,

—Mrs. N. R. Stone

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New Mexico—Dear Christian Friends, greetings in Jesus' precious name: I ran across a copy of your paper, "Faith and Victory" while visiting the other day and it reads like the Church of God folks I met away back when I first saw the Reformation movement. Here is my dollar for a three-year subscription.

My heart has been grieved with the cooling off of the Anderson headquarters and I would like to hear more about your work. Would you please send me some of your literature?

Presently, I am the Secretary-Treasurer of the New Mexico Church of God Ministerial Assembly.

Yours in His service,

—Burton E. Stevens

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Arkansas—Dear Sirs: I would like to have a sample of your tracts. These little tracts are wonderful. They help so much in trying to tell others about God. One of them helped me just a couple of months ago, so I know how important they can be.

Thank you,

—Mrs. Marlin Clark

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: The Lord is so good to us we will never be able to repay Him. I am glad we have learned to trust Him for all things. I think it is a wonderful privilege. We received the "Faith and Victory" paper today and we surely are enjoying reading it. We thank God for the few who are standing for the old time truth. Many are falling away. May the Lord bless all who are laboring so faithfully for God.

Yours in Christ,

—Ellen Wilson

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Wash.—Dear Sister Marie and all at the Lord's Printshop: Greetings of love in our dear Saviour's name, that Name that is above every name. I am truly thankful to the Lord for all He does for me. I am so glad He forgave me all my sins. I fully trust Him for soul and body. I thank Him for His healing power. Praise His name!

I was privileged to go once again to the Jefferson, Ore., campmeeting. It was the best ever. It was a

feast at Father's table. We had good attendance all the way through. Souls were saved and some came to the altar for spiritual help. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalms 133:1. Amen. There were precious saints from out of state as well as from Oregon. It was a precious meeting and the Lord blessed.

I am sending . . . I would like for you to send me the book, "The Holy Spirit and Other Spirits" and 20 of the tract, "Eternal Security of the Believer." Use the remainder of the money where needed most. May God richly bless your labors of love.

Yours in Christ,

—Sister D. T. Thomas

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Kansas—Dear Sir: I found a tract by the bus stop, read it and laid it back down. I liked it and I also distribute tracts and have a tract-rack in our Lutheran Church here. The title of the tract was, "Am I Really Saved?" Please send me a dollar's worth.

—Laura K. Rogers

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Anderson, Ind.—Dear Sir: I was at a friend's house the other day and I saw your paper, "Faith and Victory," and fell in love with it. I want to subscribe for three years. I also want to order some of your books as follows: . . . and keep the change.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Audene Shultz

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La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings in Jesus' name, the One who is able to do exceeding abundantly above what we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

When I first met the saints of God about twenty-five years ago, the older ones taught me that in trusting God we should only use insurance for the protection of other people. I never hear any teachings on this subject anymore, though I feel it should be done. It seems to me that too many professed saints are depending on insurance to cover their homes, cars, burial, and other things. I feel that most of us are poor enough that liability insurance on our cars would not displease God, and it is necessary to have insurance when we are in debt on such things as cars and homes.

I would like to tell a little of my experience in trusting God. As some of you know, we have had two serious fires where there was no insurance for our protection. God worked in both cases wonderfully, and we have no reason to complain. We have received many precious lessons through this, as well as having many temporal things restored.

In the last year I have been involved in two car wrecks. On August 17, 1969, we were in a four-car accident which almost ruined our car. Everyone told me that because I had no liability that I would lose my license to drive. I still am driving and have my license. Though the boy who caused it had no insurance, his father has made an agreement to pay half the estimate of fixing my car. I trusted God and waited a year, but God has worked.

On the 20th of July, 1970, my truck struck a car which ran a red light. The woman swore the light was green and a friend in a gas station provided her a witness, which caused me to get a ticket. I went to court Aug. 12 and God showed the Judge that the witness was lying and he threw the case out. How I praised God for this! I knew the witness had lied, and I believe the officer who investigated the accident knew it, too.

I still have the woman's insurance company to deal with as I still did not have any liability. I have no

objections to liability insurance, but I felt I could further trust God without it. I probably will be forced now to carry it. Please pray for us as we deal with the insurance company on this line, as we want to do what is right. We desire to be led by the Spirit of God in all our life. I am not discouraged, because I know God can work on people's hearts and make ways where there seems to be none. We had no lawyer nor any witness at our trial, but it only lasted fifteen minutes.

I would like to hear some of the older saints again teach on this subject.

Pray for us as we pray for you. Wife needs help in her body. Your Brother in Christ, —Ben Goldsberry
107 Oliece Dr., W. Monroe, La. 71291

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Texas—Dear Ones: May the Lord bless each of you workers at the Printshop. What a great and important work you have a part in! . . .

Four and one-half years ago when we moved here there were no services here, nor anyone to attend. Sister Wall in Dallas has worked faithfully many years, seeing little results. There are still not many, but generally between one and two dozen. No doubt this is a small reward for her efforts. One young couple with two young children live 20 miles beyond Dallas, and they have been faithful to attend almost a year. We appreciate the few concerned and hungry for the truth. Each of us have a part and the Lord blesses our gatherings.

Perhaps there are other young couples interested in a place where a few saints are. Living rates here are reasonable and employment is plentiful. We pray the Lord to direct so they may feel as satisfied as we are.

At present services are held in our home, but we feel the Lord can open a centrally-located place for worship, so put this on your prayer list. The enemy opposes every step forward in a new field. Our desire is to keep trusting and not be afraid. We hold several requests before the Lord. What a pleasure to serve our Creator!

Christian love and prayers, —Wilma L. Meek
2924 Field, Ft. Worth, Texas 76117

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La.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love in Jesus' name. We had a good campmeeting at Hammond, and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Monark Springs, Mo., meeting. . . .

Marie, the Lord has given me a call back to Mexico and I surely want to do His will. I do not feel that I can do much anywhere, but I know the Lord never makes a mistake. . . . I know the Lord will make a way.

Lord willing, I will be leaving for Baja Cal., Mexico, after the Monark Springs meeting. As far as I know now, my address will be P. O. Box 2262, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073. I would like a single copy of "Faith and Victory" sent to me there, please.

With love and prayers, your Sister in Christ,
—Carrie Sheppard

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AN OPEN LETTER

July 14, 1970

Dear Brother Pruitt:

You and the other saints with publishing activities at Guthrie are to be highly commended for your continued efforts to hold high the Bible standard against worldliness, etc.

In the April 19, 1970, issue of "Vital Christianity" (formerly "The Gospel Trumpet") is an article by Dean Newberry of the Anderson College in which he writes:

"Thankfully, we have gotten past the ascetic hangups, when bobbed hair, jewelry, cosmetics, neckties, were determinative of spirituality."

Most churches have gone the way of other modern movements when such expressions as "Amen," and "Praise the Lord," have entirely vanished. And as to shouting, that's about as dead as the dodo bird. The Bible not only commends shouting, it commands it, but there are young people, some in their twenties or older, who have never seen or heard a real shout. Why? The churches are loaded down with worldly adornment—rings, beads, earbobs, bracelets, necklaces, and what have you, together with miniskirts that are ridiculous.

To me Dean Newberry is saying:

"Thankfully, we have gotten past 1 Cor. 11:15, 'If a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her.'"

"Thankfully, we have gotten past 1 Peter 3:3, 'Let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel.'"

"Thankfully, we have gotten past 1 Tim. 2:7, 'Women adorn themselves in modest apparel, . . . not with . . . gold, or pearls, or costly array.'"

In Rev. 17:4 we read about a woman arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls. If I've understood our pioneer ministers correctly, this woman represents the false church. Verse 1 of that same chapter calls her the great whore. Does this sound like it is all right for the true bride of Christ to be decked with gold and precious stones and pearls? Would our humble Lord be caught walking the streets of Jerusalem or the shores of Galilee with a woman like that?

Jezebel had a painted face and the Bible calls her "this cursed woman." Why all this worldly adornment, anyway? Only one thing—PRIDE. Mark 8:22 mentions thefts, wickedness, blasphemy, PRIDE. 1 John 2:15-18, "Love not the world . . . if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Is that plain?

In mentioning short skirts, Dean Newberry seems to think they are not so bad, asking, "What do they tell us about the great issues of freedom, faith, etc.?" Well, sir, about the time that issue of Vital Christianity was printed, a well-known radio newscaster, so I was told, said on a broadcast that rape has doubled since the advent of the miniskirt. Does that tell the Dean anything?

But the word that troubles me most in his article is "Thankfully." He is glad and rejoicing about something of which those guilty should repent and hang their heads in shame. After checking with Webster I have come to the conclusion that a part of the article was blasphemous and sacrilegious. May God have mercy!

With brotherly love,
—Alvin B. Mizell
2205 Coors Drive, North Little Rock, Ark. 72118

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



Mo.—Dear Sister Marie and all, greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour: For the glory of God I want to tell how the dear Lord healed me at the campmeeting in June at Guthrie, Okla. I had been sick for a long time with low blood pressure and my heart would beat hard at times. Some days my blood pressure would go so low that I would get dizzy and have to lie down most of the day. Other days I could stay up several hours. I always had to lie down several hours each day. The evening before I went to Guthrie I called my sister and told her I was going to a campmeeting at Guthrie, Okla. She said she thought I was too sick to make the trip. She wanted to know what I would do if I got sick when I got there. I told her I thought it would be a good place to be sick [that I might get healed]. I felt fine when we got to Guthrie. We went to meeting. After meeting I told Sister Marie Miles I had come for a blessing and the dear Lord was going to bless me. On Wednesday evening I told Sister Marie I wanted to be anointed and prayed for, as the dear Lord was going to heal me. Three ministers anointed me and prayed for my healing. After meeting, Sister Anno and I had gone upstairs for bed when the dear Lord witnessed to me that I was healed. I said, "Praise the Lord, Sister Anno, I am healed. The dear Lord has witnessed to me. Praise the Lord!" I was real happy. I knew I was healed. I have never had a sick spell since the day before we went to Guthrie.

The meetings were wonderful. The messages went forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It was a feast for my hungry soul. It was good to sit at Father's table and enjoy the good things of God. I do thank the dear Lord for healing me. Praise His blessed name!

—Sister Blanche Noland

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Anderson, Ind.—Dear Sister Miles: I phoned out to your National campmeeting and they prayed for my healing, and God wonderfully healed me. Praise His name!

—Effie Hughes

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N. Carolina—Dear Saints: You don't know me. This is the first time I have written, but I want to send my testimony of how the Lord has blessed me. I was very ill in the hospital and one of the saints of the church sent me the "Faith and Victory." It meant so much to me and I have gained faith by reading it. May God bless Mr. Stacy Biddix and his son for sending the paper to me. Pray for me.

Yours in Christian love,

—Anna Spears

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: The Lord does so much for me, I know I can never thank Him enough, but I can give my life to Him. And that is what I am endeavoring to do. I have come to know what a true experience of salvation is. I thank God I know it is real. It took me quite awhile to get what I wanted, but I'm so thankful I have it now. I felt I was saved before, but I knew I had something lacking in a true experience. I had received help many times, but it seemed I'd always slip back into the same position I had been in before. I knew I just had to be willing to consecrate fully into God's hands. And He has helped me to do just that. It is so much more worthwhile and life is so much easier with God's guidance.

I only wish that somehow I could reach all the other young people and get them to know what this experience

will do for them. It is easy to drift along, but we must keep close to God. I was real happy to see and hear about so many of the young people getting help at the campmeetings. I can see some of them really trying hard to settle down in the things of God. It isn't easy sometimes, but God's grace is sufficient.

I would like to encourage each young person to dig deep in this wonderful experience. I have been reading the book, "Steps Heavenward," published by Faith Publishing House, and have found it a real help. I would like to encourage all new converts to read it. It stresses the fact that we must live by faith. If we know we are saved and have done nothing wrong, but perhaps we don't feel like it at all, we must hold on by faith.

I have also been thinking of late on sowing and reaping. I had so often heard the older ministers tell how the young person would have a much better life if he gave his life to the Lord while young. If he waited until later, he had a lot of reaping to do. I had never really given this much thought until lately. This summer I heard about or saw or talked to some of the young people who had gone on in sin and had just recently given their lives over again to the Lord. Many of them are now reaping what they have sown with broken homes, bad health, and a lot of unhappiness. It gives me more of a desire to consecrate to God so that He can make my life worthwhile for Him and a happy one for me.

I'm thankful for the privilege of living for God. There are many people who don't avail themselves of this privilege. I want to do my part in God's plan for my life. Please pray that I will have the grace to meet the challenge.

Christian love,

—Jeanie Allen

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Okla.—Greetings to the dear Saints of God everywhere: This morning finds me still saved and living for the Lord. He is always good and merciful to His children, if only we will put our trust in Him and obey His Word. I surely thank God for calling after my heart and giving me a greater desire to serve Him. I love Him and mean to serve Him the rest of my life by the help and grace of God. He has been good to me.

I have taken Him for my Savior and Healer and He has healed me of severe illnesses. The greatest was a growth on my nose. At first I thought it was a mole, but one evening late I was watering my lawn and got the soaker turned the wrong way and the water struck me in the face. I ran my hand over my face to brush off the water and cut the mole with my fingernail, making it bleed. I could smell an odor and I thought—That is a cancer. I told our pastor, Bro. Souder, "This is a cancer," and he said, "The Lord can take care of it." It continued to get worse and would bleed if I would accidentally touch it, and sometimes when I would awaken in the morning there would be blood on my pillow. My children insisted that I see a doctor, but I never did. Some of my family told me the Lord wouldn't heal things like that, but I still refused a doctor and continued to pray. Sometimes I would think of others who had cancer and my faith would weaken. Each time I spoke to our pastor about it he would say that the Lord could take care of it.

One day a visiting minister came by and said the Lord had sent him to our congregation. I immediately thought, This is the answer to my prayer—the Lord will heal my nose. I was anointed and prayed for at the end of the meeting, and I expected it to be well by morning. I was disappointed, and it continued to grow. I said to a sister in Christ, "Whose faith failed? It wasn't mine." She said, "How do you know anyone's faith

failed?" It grew until it took two one-inch bandaids to cover the place which was full of pus. I said to our pastor, "The Bible says as your faith is, so be it unto you, and I just knew the Lord would heal me when I was prayed for. Whose faith failed? It wasn't mine." He said, "Some things we have to leave in the hands of the Lord." I consented for the Lord's will to be done and I quit worrying about it. Soon after, one morning I took hold of it and the pus was leaving and it soon began to flake off and was gone, leaving just a small place. How I do thank and praise God's holy name for each and everything He has done for me—most of all for salvation! I only wish I had learned to trust Him in my younger life.

I still have a nervous condition and desire the prayers of all the saints everywhere that the Lord will heal me of it.

A Sister in the Lord, —Tennie Bailey

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Pa.—Dear Saints at the Printshop: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. At this writing I am well for my age and hope this finds all of you in good health.

I am sending my testimony for the Lord for the salvation of my soul. Thank God, He has made me a living witness for Him and oh! how I love the Lord because He first loved me. "He leads me each day in the heavenly way, so onward and upward I'll climb. In the strait narrow way I'm determined to stay 'til I leave this old dark world behind."

May God bless you. —Sister Olive Harris

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Okla.—To the Saints scattered abroad, greetings of love to all: Today finds me saved, sanctified, and satisfied, and much encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. I am so thankful and happy that I am one of God's children. He means much to me. When I am depressed, burdened, or in need of anything, I call upon God from the depth of my heart. He hears and answers prayer. Thank God, He is my refuge.

My dear mother lives with us in our home. She has been with us for some time. On June 14, 1970, she was 99 years old and was able to eat at the dinner table with the family and visit for a while. She stays in bed most of the time, but is able to get up and around with help. Six years ago she fell and broke her hip. The Lord wonderfully brought her out and she was able to walk well, which was a surprise to most people. Now at her age her hearing and memory are bad, but when anything gets wrong with her we can hear her praying, asking God to help her. God is so good to us and we love Him with all our hearts.

I remember one night we were having cottage prayer meeting in our home for her benefit, and how the devil began working on her to keep her from enjoying the meeting. She became ill and wanted to go to bed, but we kept praying and rebuked the devil until the Lord came to our rescue. We brought her back into the room, and began singing the songs of Zion. The words and tone came to her, and we had a time in the Lord. Then when we went to prayer, she led in prayer and prayed a wonderful prayer, which seemed like old times. We are serving a great God. Thank the Lord for His many blessings.

My daily prayer is, God, help me to be what You would have me to be. Pray for us.

Yours in Christ, —Ophelia Campbell

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W. Va.—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear saints, greetings in the precious name of Jesus: Please find enclosed another offering—wish I could do more to help save precious souls.

I just passed my 95th birthday the 13th of July. I am not able to get out much now, and I surely need all your prayers. Please pray for my son and his wife in Ohio.

My great grand-daughter has been healed. Praise the dear Lord! The doctor was greatly surprised when he saw the wonderful change in her. She jabbered some for the doctor and he said she would be talking when he saw her again. She will be a year old in September.

Now, may the Lord bless all of you and may your labors be the means of saving many precious souls all over the world. I thank the Lord that I am still able to pray for precious lost souls and can still see to read His Holy Word.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Dora Willis

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Calif.—Dear "Faith and Victory" workers: Greetings in the name of our dear Lord and Savior. The many testimonies of saints far and near are a real source of encouragement in my daily trials. Your work is appreciated by me.

The Lord wonderfully healed my son, Victor, of leg ulcers which were spreading fast. In praying for him I made a promise to the Lord to send a testimony of this work to the "Faith and Victory" paper. The Lord did not instantly heal him, but in approximately a month they were drying up and healthy new skin was developing. Truly, He did the work!

I need healing for an abdominal tumor and a hereditary narcolepsy-type seizures for which I'm fully trusting the Lord. Since my unsaved husband is disabled and has not worked in over two years, I work. These physical handicaps are a hardship upon my body, yet my soul is renewed day by day.

The Lord is blessing here with a meeting house on 94th Ave. and Walnut St., Oakland, Calif., which is being built by Bro. F. E. Doolittle and this congregation with mostly volunteer labor. Our fund is very low at this time and we would appreciate any donations that are sent our way. Sister Velma Smith is pastor here. The stopping in of saints from different congregations is very uplifting. Today saints from Ohio and Los Angeles were here. We are very thankful for the many blessings the Lord causes us to enjoy.

Please pray for my unsaved loved ones and other souls I come in contact with from time to time.

Your Sister in the Lord, —Sister Grace Dillard

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Okla.—Dear Saints: It has been a long time since I have written my testimony to the paper. But during that time I have read and been inspired by some wonderful testimonies of others. We do appreciate receiving the "Faith and Victory" paper as we have every month for many years. The articles have been good reading all the time.

The Lord has surely been good to me in the twenty years I have been saved. He has healed me and my husband and our seven children of many things in these years. He has been our Great Physician, our Rock, our High Tower, our Refuge, and oh! so many more things that God has been to us.

Just in the last four days I have been real sick again with what, I suppose, is a kidney infection. But God has been good to hear prayer and come to our rescue again. I feel much better today and I'm able to be up and do part of my duties again. I'm looking to God for complete healing of this trouble that keeps recurring.

My husband and I want to live and serve God according to His will. Sincerely, —Oleta Madden

Missouri—Dear Anna Marie, greetings in Jesus' name: I thank the Lord for the strength and courage He gives me. I want to thank the Lord for helping me in my body and desire the saints to pray for me. I was pretty sick the last day of the Monark campmeeting and on Monday I worked just with the strength the Lord gave me. I told the Lord if He would touch my body I would testify to it. He has been helping me and I do thank Him.

Here is an offering and to pay for my "Faith and Victory" paper. I enjoy reading the good articles in it. Keep the good Word going out.

Pray for me and also the saints here at Webb City. We love the truth and God's people.

Christian love,

—Betty Cash

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and all: I want to tell you what Jesus did for me recently. He healed me of cancer. It started last year and kept getting worse. I did not tell anyone but Jesus. It was just Him and me. I prayed almost continually and was very miserable. I have read the Bible since I was a teenager, and saw in the four gospels how Jesus healed all who came to Him and asked for help. He says He is just the same yesterday, today, and forever. I grasped those promises and have always had faith. I believed it then and He has healed me many times. I knew I was in for a test. The devil would say, "You won't live long, now. But I knew if it was His will, He could heal me and I never gave up or listened to the devil and his lies. He is just the reverse of Jesus."

A few months ago I was suffering so that my daughter noticed something was wrong. She asked if I was sick. I told her what it was, but that Jesus would heal me. She went to the phone and called the doctor. I told her I did not want to go to the doctor. As it happened, I could not see the doctor for four or five days. In the meantime I prayed and fasted and Jesus came near and blessed me. I know now that He touched and healed me every whit. I am well. I have not had any more symptoms of that dread disease. It is such a wonderful experience! I want all to know Jesus heals everything—nothing is too hard for Him. Look up, all who may be discouraged. Don't listen to the devil. I praise my blessed Jesus and Lord of all.

Pray that I ever have grace and courage to stand true and do what I can to help lost souls.

Your Sister in Christ in her 91st year, —Mary Worley

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Okla.—Dearly beloved Brethren everywhere, greetings of love in Jesus' name: The campmeeting season and vacation days are almost over. The great harvest time for souls in 1970 is swiftly coming to a close.

Now, it seems to me that our next step forward is to earnestly pray that all who availed themselves of the golden opportunity of fleeing from a life of sin will put forth even a greater effort to keep victory over sin, self, the flesh, and the devil. Whoever you are, wherever you may be, and whatever your circumstances, I pray you won't give up. Don't be afraid of trials, tests, and temptations. It is true, there are unpleasant conditions that must be overcome if we are to be victorious Christians in this life.

Note the Apostle Paul's words to the Corinthian brethren in 1 Cor. 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." The Goodspeed translation reads thus, "It is no superhuman temptation

that you have had, and God can be depended on, not to let you be tried beyond your strength, but when temptation comes, to give you a way out of it, so you can withstand it." And right in the midst of the trial may we all be able to sing, "Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin; each victory will help you some other to win."

—Sister Ethel K. Miles

TENT MEETING AT NORMAN, OKLA.

An evangelistic tent meeting will be held at 902 E. Eufaula Street in Norman Okla. on Sept. 19 to 27, 1970. A hearty invitation is extended to all to attend these services. Bro. Curtis Williams of Kentucky plans to labor in this meeting, and the attendance and co-operation of the saints in the area will be appreciated. All-day services will be held on the first Sunday, Sept. 20.

For further information, contact Bro. Tom Melot at phone 321-0049, Norman Okla.

Immodest Dress

(1 Peter 3:3)

Our papers are filled with mystery murders. Women and girls are being forced into automobiles and later found in a field or ditch, raped, beaten, and murdered. Immediately the cry goes out, "Get the sex killer!" "Give him the chair!" Let us stop a minute and consider. Who is to blame? Who is guilty of arousing the beast nature in the murderer? Why did he do it? The majority of womanhood has by their semi-nude appearance in public aroused this beast nature and invited this lust demon to demand its passion satisfied.

Womanhood is inviting this thing upon themselves by their indecent and immoral dress. No woman or girl can parade about exposing their bodies to the opposite sex without inviting an insult. When a man is brought before a court in this day for insulting a woman it would be well to investigate as to just how decently dressed the woman was at the time of the crime; and if she were dressed in these so-called sun-suits, or some other immoral garb, let her be charged by the court for solicitation as a prostitute, or for indecent exposure, and sent to jail with the man, for she is as guilty, if not more so, for dressing to invite such a crime.

If a woman is not selling her body on the altar of lust, let her take it off the display counter. People who have something to sell usually show it and advertise it to the public.

If women do not want the insults and attacks of lust-filled libertines, let them cover up. If mothers do not want their daughters attacked, let them see to it that they dress modestly.

Read Eph. 6:6; Col. 3:23.

—Sel.

"The man who kneels to God can stand up to anything."

Sorry that space ran out for other articles and testimonies which we intended to publish in this issue.

—Editor