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Let Me Die the Death of the Righteous

(Numbers 23:10)

From the ages past an echo

In my happy spirit is:

"Let me die the death of the righteous,
Let my last end be like His!"

Vain the world about me lying,

Fleeting are its 'luring charms;

I am longing to be sheltered

In His everlasting arms.

When my earthly days are ended,

May I enter Heaven's bliss:

"Let me die the death of the righteous,
Let my last end be like His!"

Life cannot go on forever

In this crumbling age of time;

I'm a pilgrim and a stranger

Seeking for a better clime.

Gentle spirits in fond mem'ry

How so often I recall

Whose departure from my comp'ny

Caused the bitter tears to fall.

What a hope our Jesus brightens;

Oh, what wealth His kingdom is!

"Let me die the death of the righteous,
Let my last end be like His!"

All I suffer as a Christian,

All He lets my life befall,

If I die the death of the righteous,

It will surely be worth it all.

Let me run the race with patience,

Bear the cross, whate'er it is:

"Let me die the death of the righteous,
Let my last end be like His!"

—Leslie C. Busbee

Light From Heaven

By E. E. Byrum

It was while I was yet away from home at school that an evangelist and a company of gospel workers and singers came to our home community with what seemed to the people strange doctrines. A series of meetings were held at Prospect Chapel, a United Brethren house of worship in the country two and one-half miles north of our home. This was the congregation with which we held membership. [The Byrum homestead was seven miles northwest of Union City, Indiana.]

Among the things taught by this company of gospel workers was that when sinners are converted they are saved from all the sins they have ever committed, and that those sins are then blotted out never to be remembered against them any more; also that they can live free from sin by obeying the Word of God, and the Lord will no longer hold them as sinners unless they afterward commit willful transgressions.

In their preaching they laid considerable stress upon the words of John the Revelator in chapter 18, verse 4: "Come out of her, my people," meaning that all Christians should come out or separate themselves from all these so-called churches and places of confusion and remain in the Church of God, not "yoked together with unbelievers." Much Scripture was given to support their teaching.

The result of this series of meetings was that the people of that part of the country for miles around were stirred. But the greatest stir was in that congregation. Many of them were awakened to the fact that they had only an empty profession of religion and they sought and obtained a real experience of salvation. A number obtained the experience of sanctification and were filled with the Holy Spirit. Several persons were healed in answer to prayer.

At the close of the series of meetings there was a decided change in the congregation. The majority of

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the members had accepted the teachings of the Word of God as presented and were rejoicing in their deeper Christian experience and heartfelt religion and had requested that their names be dropped from the United Brethren classbook. All the other members became holiness fighters. This caused no little stir, and the opposition and persecution became so great that the remaining few locked the door against the others and made an effort to get a preacher who would join them in fighting holiness.

This house of worship was built at the cross-roads on the corner of my uncle's farm, and at least nine-tenths of the money for its erection was donated by those who were now locked out, who during the summer held their meetings in my uncle's barnyard a short distance to the east. A new wagon shed had been erected, which now on Sundays was used by the minister while he preached to a large audience sitting on benches and standing on the outside. There were many shouts and praises to God during the services. Individually they called themselves "saints," collectively, or as a church, the "Church of God." Among this number were my mother and my brother Fletcher.

My brother wrote to me about the meetings held at Prospect and told of his glorious experience, stating that he was "saved and sanctified," and that he and Mother had left the United Brethren Church, which he denominated "Babylon, confusion."

The news came to me like a thunderbolt. The idea of their leaving the church was a shock to me. I wrote him a letter, warning him not to be led astray by deivers. He informed me that he had not left the Church but was still in the one which Christ built, and that he had been delivered from sectarianism.

Not having heard the Scriptures expounded as he had heard them I was unable fully to comprehend his position but felt that he surely was being deceived.

On the first Sunday after my arrival home, I attended services at Prospect Chapel while the rest of the family went to the Church of God services at the wagon shed in my uncle's barn lot.

The attendance was very small at the Chapel and at the close of the service I was surrounded by those who tried to show themselves unusually friendly. One of the first to grasp my hand and pat me on the back, and bestow upon me all the flattery possible, was a man whom I knew to be a habitual drunkard, whose life and conversation were vile, breath foul with tobacco, and who was both a Mason and a church member, and who had joined the ranks at the Chapel to help fight holiness. Then came those whom I had always known as being spiritually dead members; others were hypocrites. I soon found the entire crowd of them were holiness fighters. Their actions awakened my suspicions that perhaps I was with the wrong crowd after all.

That day I took dinner with one of the remaining members. During the conversation I said that I intended to attend the afternoon service at the

wagon shed. My hostess immediately warned me not to go and said, "They will get you sure."

My reply was that "if they have more salvation than I have, I want such an experience."

Upon my arrival, I found the afternoon services were so near to a close that but little information was received. The people seemed to be very earnest in their worship, and many shouts of victory and praises to God were heard from various parts of the audience. It was quite evident that a great spiritual awakening had taken place. However, I was not yet convinced that they were correct in their teaching in regard to the Church.

Soon after my arrival home that night I retired, and fell asleep and dreamed. In my dream it seemed that I was along the road about a mile east of where I had attended worship that day, when suddenly over the hill before me I saw a flash of light, and a messenger came running and informed me that Prospect Chapel was on fire.

While I hastened forward, the burning flames loomed up before me in the distance, and it was evident that it was doomed to destruction. I tried to pray as I ran to the rescue but could not find words to form a prayer. Upon my arrival I found the fire so completely extinguished that there was not even a particle of flame or smoke to be seen. The roof and everything inside were destroyed. The walls of that wooden frame-building were partly standing but burned from top to foundation in several places, resembling pyramids, two at each end and two on both sides.

While standing in the public highway viewing the ruins of that building it occurred to me that my recent return from school was opportune, as someone was needed to take the lead in making preparations for the rebuilding of the structure, thus saving Prospect church from utter ruin and disgrace. Upon investigation I found there was not one sound or whole piece of timber in the entire structure. With paper and pencil in my hand I stood there ready to make out a bill of lumber and material for immediate rebuilding when suddenly I awakened.

The dream left a deep impression upon me that was not easily removed. Later, while preparing to aid in the restoration of the church at that place, it became clear to me that it was not the building that had been burned but that the fire of the Holy Spirit had swept through the congregation and all the spiritual ones had obeyed Rev. 18:4, which says, "Come out of her, my people." The people of God had fled from her ruins, in a spiritual sense, and not a true child of God was left. Then I understood what was meant in the dream where not one sound piece of timber was left in the ruins. It was then for me to decide where I would cast my lot. I did not feel that I belonged with those who were left there. —From *Life Experiences* by E. E. Byrum

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Some Thoughts About Faith



Please read Luke 17:1-6. There is probably no better place to begin these remarks than to quote the fifth verse of this notable lesson taught by our Lord: "And the apostles said unto the Lord, increase our faith." Here was a practical and noteworthy request, for it is always proper to pray for an increase in faith. The apostles were most certainly wise in recognizing their insufficiency in this precious commodity and in asking for an increase, and no one need ever feel embarrassment because he must admit his own personal need for an increase in this vitally spiritual qualification.

The apostles had faith as every child of God has faith. Faith is, by necessity, a present, personal possession of every child of God—a measure of which faith all of God's children must have. The apostles are not praying for faith; they are praying for an increase in the measure of that faith which they already have. No matter how small our faith may be, we should cherish it as one of our very choicest possessions, because it is always worth its full face value in the bank of heaven—in the realm of grace. Faith is that inner quality of the soul's being that links us, not only to God, but to eternity. We just never can have too much faith, and we need never apologize for seeking more. Our daily prayer should be, "Lord, increase my faith."

We often speak of love being the greatest thing in all the world, but faith is fundamental to love. It undergirds it; because, faith is that element of our nature that demands certainties. It cannot thrive on probabilities. It must have certainties or it is nothing at all. It is only because that faith has fully convinced us that God is worthy that we can, and do, love Him. It is because we have been brought to "believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" that we can serve and love the Lord our God with all our hearts, and with all our soul, and with all our strength and our mind.

Faith is not only just a matter of fact; it is also a matter of degrees. It is subject to increase. Paul said concerning the Thessalonians, "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the love of every one of you toward each other aboundeth" (2 Thess. 1:3). It is ours to be greatly thankful for that measure of faith we now possess and to press on into its ever increasing endowment. What we presently have is in the nature of an earnest, for the measure of faith we now enjoy is subject only to our own limitations. As to the measure possible to us, there are no limitations on the Divine side. Let's think about this potential and take courage.

Let us note, also, that life is progressive, and with its progress will come ever increasing demands for enlargement of our faith. Also, we will meet situations and circumstances that will stagger the measure of faith that we possess as we go on in the conflicts of life. At this point, and no matter how long we have been in the way, we should never consider it any disgrace to acknowledge our lack and our urgent need, and appeal to the One who "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Eph. 3:20. There are conditions for having faith—conditions for having our faith increased. These con-

ditions for faith now must be met as certainly as were the conditions for faith in the beginning. Faith not only has to do with our initial salvation but also with the whole course of our Christian life and service. The terms are ever the same, e.g., "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. Paul also states a further prerequisite: "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men." Acts 24:16. This is absolute. No man can exercise faith with a teasing, nagging conscience. God has amply provided to have all sins put under the blood; forgiven and forgotten. Well, how long shall we have to seek—how long shall we persist in this endeavor for increased faith? Just as long as life shall last. So, let us not be discouraged, but let us so live our lives day by day that we shall put ourselves in the way of more faith—faith that will carry us to new heights to which we are now strangers.

In conclusion, let me say that each one of us stands in desperate need of a continuing all-sufficient faith. The conditions and circumstances in which we find ourselves today demand it. These conditions, as possibly never before, challenge us to develop under God a faith that will make us overcomers. John writes, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." It was through meeting staggering conditions that the faith of the apostles was developed, and they were, manifestly and well known, victors in the fight; and it will be through just such staggering conditions that our own faith will be developed. In fact, these conditions are now upon us and our need for a steadfast faith is immense.

The world is in a crisis today. Men are steeped in all forms of sin. Everywhere men are confused and overwhelmed with the perverse, antagonistic conditions they are called upon to face. Extreme injustices prevail in our world today. There is severe starvation in some areas, disease and poverty. There is violence of many degrees and colors. Communism and Paganism are doing their utmost to destroy Christianity. Prophecy points unerringly to the fact that this is the day that the great Red Dragon of Revelation twelve is loosed from his abyss prison and is stalking the paths of the world to destroy the souls of men and every civilized form of decency. He has emerged in his modern form wearing the cloak of Communism and garbed in other Pagan attire, and he is at his old game of persecuting the Church, and is destroying by death many followers of the Christian faith. Spiritual darkness pervades the world and sin abounds.

As born-again disciples of Christ, we are called upon to put on the full armour of God and to stand against these powers of evil. Long ago men overcame these powers by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of their testimony. We must, as faithful servants, do the same. Please never forget, the victory that overcomes the world is our FAITH. "Lord, increase my faith!"

—Earl Langley

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—Sis. Opal Bradley

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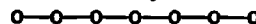
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My most joyous thoughts are with Jesus in mind,
O, loving Saviour, my Christ and my Friend,
With mercy forever and grace without end.

—Edward M. Brandt

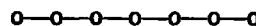
EDITORIALS



GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS on the arrival of this campmeeting season: We hope that many of you will be privileged to attend at least some of the Church of God campmeetings and evangelistic tent meetings that will be held at various locations across the country.

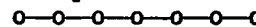


According to our stated policy and usual practice, this "Faith and Victory" paper will not be published for the month of August. This omission of one issue will relieve the workload somewhat in the month of July, and allow our faithful co-workers some time off, if they so desire, during July to attend a campmeeting or two, or do whatever the Lord may direct. Since the demand for gospel literature has increased so much, it seems very necessary to keep the presses running all through the summer if possible. Lord willing, some of us will be working here at the office through the summer to take care of the literature orders and correspondence.



The 45th annual Oklahoma State campmeeting, held here at Guthrie from May 25 to June 3, 1979, was another very profitable meeting which was well attended from a number of states. The Word was preached with holy anointing, clear and definite. Some souls were saved, believers sanctified, and also bodies healed in answer to the prayer of faith.

Our co-workers in this gospel publishing ministry were off work during the campmeeting in order to attend those services, so this writer and his wife were not permitted to attend the day services as we had the responsibility, as usual, to keep the office open during office hours, take care of the mail and fill the orders. We enjoyed the fellowship of the saints who came to the meeting and the preached Word that we were permitted to hear.



Our co-worker nephew, Wayne Murphey, with his wife Mary and their son Jason, and Linda (another co-worker) and Bunnie Craddock left Guthrie during the campmeeting and drove to Jefferson, Oregon, where they attended the campmeeting there, and also visited Wayne's sister Patsy Smith and family of that congregation. Wayne and company returned to Guthrie on June 18 with a report of a good meeting in Oregon and a safe and pleasant round trip by the blessings of the Lord.

Other co-workers here at the Lord's Print Shop have recently been away to visit their parents and relatives at home in other states. All have now returned to the office work.

Sister Sandra Whitson, who works in the correspondence and typing department, visited her mother and other relatives who live near Birmingham, Alabama. Sister La Vonda Sharp, who works in the department filling and mailing orders, returned to her home at Myrtle, Mo., to visit her parents, Bro. and

Sister Donald Sharp, who are the pastors of that congregation. May the Lord ever bless and reward these co-workers, as well as all the other faithful helpers who are sacrificing their time and talents in His service for the salvation of souls and the edification of the Church.

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Correction, Please . . .

This writer wishes to correct and clarify some statements made in the first paragraph of his editorials in the March, 1979, issue. They should have read as follows: "The perfect sacrifice on Calvary's cross atoned for the sins of the whole world except the sin against the Holy Ghost. (Mark 3:28, 29). Also, the sin of unbelief is so terrible that when one refuses or neglects to repent and believe the gospel, he has abandoned his only avenue to salvation. See Mark 16:16. He is guilty of the sin of unbelief, for which there is no forgiveness until he repents and believes the gospel. All sins (except the sin against the Holy Ghost) were atoned for on the cross. For the sin of unbelief, as well as all other sins, there is no remedy until the sinner comes to the point of repentance."

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A Century of "Evening Light" Reformation . . .

The centennial anniversary (1880--1980) of the beginning of the Church of God reformation in this "evening time" of the gospel day is very near, and it reminds us of the rich Bible heritage that is ours, for which we should be very grateful. This unique truth was brought to us through strong opposition and severe persecution, the depths of which we may never know.

It was by a divine revelation in direct fulfillment of the prophetic text in Zech. 14:7, "... at evening time it shall be light," that Bro. D. S. Warner and his associates declared their freedom from sectism, announced the fall of "Babylon," and issued the call by the "voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people." Rev. 18:4. With emphasis on the Bible doctrine of holiness and the one church, they began this God-ordained movement to restore to the Church the theocratic government and pristine glory of the Church of the first century. A multitude of honest souls heard the call and came out to abide only in the one church that Jesus built and governs.

Sad to say, however, that today few congregations as a whole bear much resemblance to the life and teachings of those dedicated pioneer preachers who left all to proclaim that unique, divine revelation. But God does have a people who still believe, teach, and practice the same Bible truth that brought forth this precious "evening light" restoration, and they are open for more light on the Bible, but not this "new light" which discards the true light that has already been revealed.

In future issues of this paper, we will, Lord willing, publish sketches of the highlights and insights of the life and teachings of some of the pioneer

ministers, a sample of which appears on the front page of this issue.

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It was the privilege of this writer, his wife Maybelle, and his sister Marie Miles to accompany Bro. and Sister Willie Murphey (our sister and brother-in-law) to the first Sunday services of the Tulsa, Okla., campmeeting. The attendance was good, and the fellowship of the saints and the preaching of the Word were inspiring.

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In stock at this office are more than 400 different titles of gospel tracts in English and Spanish to be sent free in limited quantities for careful and prayerful distribution. Where prices are quoted, they are at cost or below. Write for a FREE 4-ounce sample to read and pass on, or enclose in your letters. One tract may result in the salvation of many souls.

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Church Guest Home Project Extended . . .

It appears that the Lord is working in answer to prayer to extend the life of the Church Guest Home here at Guthrie. This writer's sister-in-law, Sister Maude Hornbeck, desires to see this worthy project succeed and the Home kept open for the benefit of our able-bodied, elderly saints. She has offered to help meet the expense of keeping it in operation, and to move into the Home as a resident caretaker for one year. This offer has been accepted by the Board. Presently living in Moore, Okla., she plans to be moved into the Home by July 1st. Nice rooms will be available for occupancy, and she will be ready to prepare the meals for those who come. All elderly, able-bodied members anywhere who desire more information should contact the secretary-treasurer, Bro. Bob Saltee, 916 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. 73044. Contributions are needed and would be thankfully received to help meet the operating expense and to retire the indebtedness.

Let us continue to pray that residents will be provided to fill this Church Home, and that it will prove a real spiritual and temporal blessing to our elderly saints.

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The next book scheduled for printing is a reprint of "Church of God Doctrines" by C. C. Carver, which has been out of print for several years. Containing approximately 200 pages in a heavy paper cover, the book is priced at \$2.00 each, plus 65c for postage. Hopefully, the publication date will be July 15th.

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At the coming National campmeeting (July 20 to 29) at Neosho, Mo., we expect to have, as usual, the Bible Book Store open, where Bibles, song books, and other gospel literature will be available. Come in and browse around. We hope to see you there.

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Sister Opal Kelly, whose primary concern is the Spanish mission and literature ministry, and her granddaughter Kathy took the plane on June 15 at Oklahoma City for San Diego, Calif. From there,

they went to the mission station at Ojos Negros, Baja Cfa., Mexico, to help prepare for the camp-meeting to be held on July 2 to 8. Pray the Lord to bless that meeting in a special way and give them a safe return trip.

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In the month of June, 5000 pounds (2½ tons) of printing paper were delivered from the paper mill to the Lord's Print Shop. Another 5000 pounds have been promised for delivery by July 15th. The gospel literature must keep going out to this lost world in order to carry out Christ's directive that "the gospel must be published among all nations." Mark 13:10. The cost statements on these paper shipments have not been received, but we believe the Lord whom we serve will have the funds ready to pay the bills when they come due. All praise to Him.

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Again, on July 6, 1979, the Post Office will increase the cost of second class postage on our three publications, along with a 20% increase on the cost of mailing books. Whatever the cost, we believe the Lord of the harvest will provide for His soul-saving gospel to go forth. Your continued prayers and co-operation are certainly appreciated in these crucial times. Only the Lord knows the future, for He alone holds the future in His hand.

May God's presence abide with all our readers as you hold to His unchanging hand on your journey to that Celestial City, and, Lord willing, we will greet you again in the September issue of this paper.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

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From the greatest to the least.

To visit Him is heaven,
To miss His smile is woe
Like one who ends existence
To void a wily foe.

To sit with Him is riches
And Mary's choice, good thing
Of everlasting gladness
Earth has no power to bring.

All who love Lord Jesus
And follow Him alone,
See angels hold a rainbow
Around the Spirit's throne.
—William Walter De Bolt

In Memorial

Theodore R. (Ted) Souder was born at McComb, Okla., on Dec. 29, 1906, and passed away on May 7, 1979, at the age of 72 years, four months and eight days.

On Nov. 26, 1926, at Chandler, Okla., he was married to Bell Zula McAlister who preceded him in death.

A retired farmer and Civil Service employee, Ted lived in Pottawatomie county all his life.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Herron; three sons, Fred, Bob, and Merle; three brothers, Archie Souder, Earnest P. Souder, and Frank D. Souder; three sisters, Mrs. Tennie Bailey, Mrs. Edith Thompson, and Mrs. Agnes Houston; 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and other relatives.

The funeral services were conducted by Elders Richard Madden and W. W. Yoder.

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Rube Allen Anschultz was born at Bradford, Ark., on April 25, 1907, and departed this life on May 20, 1979, at the age of 72 years. His home was in Grubbs, Ark.

He is survived by three sons, three daughters, two brothers, 14 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Bros. Roy Harmon and Donald Sharp.

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Gladys Corine (Andrews) Doolittle, the daughter of Irene and Ellis Andrews, was born at Boley, Okla., on Feb. 21, 1926, and departed this life on May 11, 1979, in Pacoima, Calif., at the age of 53 years, three months and ten days.

In 1941, she was united in marriage to Terry Williams in Oklahoma. To this union three children were born, one dying in infancy. Her husband preceded her in death in 1971.

In August, 1950, at Pacoima, Calif., she sought the Lord and was wonderfully saved at the age of 24. The Lord endowed her with many talents. Her leadership ability was outstanding. Her devotion, care, and labors in the Sunset Guest Home at Pacoima made her a blessing never to be forgotten by those who were there. She exercised in the office of deaconess until her death.

On June 11, 1972, she was united in holy matrimony to Bro. Francis Doolittle.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Francis Doolittle; a son, Duane Williams, and a daughter, Mrs. Deloris Allen, both of Wichita, Kan.; four step-children; her mother, Mrs. Lula Mae Andrews; her brothers, Ellis of Bakersfield, Calif., Brownie, Luvel, Alvin Andrews and Cornelius Weldon of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mack Weldon of Norsetown, Pa.; her sisters, Mrs. Juanita Johnson of Wichita, Kan., Mrs. Velma Garcia of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. Mildred Sherman of Pacoima, Calif.,

and Mrs. Barbara Beachem of Los Angeles, Calif.; 26 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and other relatives, saints, and friends.

The funeral was conducted by Brother Lewis Williams, assisted by others, at the Church of God chapel in Pacoima, Calif. Interment was in the Eternal Valley Memorial Park, Newhall, Calif.

OUR THANKS

Our sincere thanks are expressed for all the prayers, flowers, food, telegrams, phone calls, and all expressions of love shown to us during this time. May God bless each one. —Sis. Mildred Sherman

Remaining Campmeeting Dates For 1979

Hammond, Louisiana—June 30 to July 8.
Ojos Negros, Baja Cfa., Mexico—July 2 to 8.
Akron, Ohio—July 6 to 15.
Fresno, California—July 6 to 15.
National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs),
Missouri—July 20 to 29.
Myrtle, Missouri—August 1 to 8.
Bakersfield, California—August 3 to 12.
Boley, Oklahoma—August 17 to 26.
California State at Pacoima—August 24 to Sept. 2.

FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

A hearty invitation and welcome are extended to everyone to attend the 42nd National Campmeeting of the Church of God which will convene, Lord willing, on July 20th, and continue through July 29, 1979, at Neosho, (Monark Springs) Missouri.

Another time of warm, Christian fellowship is expected among those who have a love for the truth and are willing to walk in the old paths of the Church of God reformation. Ministers from across the nation will preach the Word under the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit who is the Executive Officer and Pulpit Committee in all the meetings of the saints in light.

The campgrounds are located approximately five miles east of Neosho, Missouri, on Highway 86, the exact location being one mile east and $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of the intersection of Highway 86 and Alternate 71 Highway. Those coming by public transportation, such as bus or train, will need to come to Neosho and take a taxi to the grounds, or call Granby, Missouri, phone number 472-6427 to arrange for someone to meet you and bring you to the grounds.

Meals will be served in the dining hall on a free-will offering basis as well as the lodging in dormitories and tents. We do trust that no one will stay away because of a lack of finances, as we are confident that God will supply for the needs as they arise. Dormitory space and tents will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are several

comfortable motel accommodations within a short driving distance which are available at reasonable rates for those who desire such, but reservations should be made ahead of the meeting. In addition, there will be parking areas on the grounds for trailers, campers, and motor homes. Electrical and sewer hook-ups are available at the trailer spaces.

Bro. and Sis. Austin McMillian will be working to assist in finding accommodations for sleeping. All correspondence regarding tent orders, dormitory space, etc., should be addressed to them at Rt. 7, Box 351, Neosho, Mo. 64850.

Since the price of food is much higher this year, the managers of the dining hall encourage all the saints to send or bring in groceries and food of all kinds — fresh, canned, or frozen fruits or vegetables.

The response for the need of cooks is appreciated, but there is still a need for volunteer helpers to assist the cooks. Ask the Lord what He would have you to do.

The address of the campground caretakers, Bro. and Sis. Dale Doolittle, is Rt. 7 Box 368, Neosho, Mo., 64850, phone 472-6427. Please send your contributions directly to Bro. Dale Doolittle, or to the secretary-treasurer, Bro. Bob Stover, 6304 S. 97 West Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74131.

For further information, contact the campground business manager, Bro. Jim Wall, 5825 E. 64th St., Tulsa, Okla., 74136, phone (918)494-9564.

The work days to prepare for this meeting are scheduled for Saturday, June 30, July 4, and each Saturday thereafter. Come and help prepare for this National meeting, and the Lord will reward you.

Come praying for the salvation of sinners, sanctification of believers, divine physical healing for the sick and suffering, and a drawing together of God's family in these last days.

MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING

The Missouri State Campmeeting held at Myrtle, Mo., will begin on Wed. Aug. 1st, and continue through the following Wed., Aug. 8, 1979, Lord willing. This meeting begins on the third day after the Monark Springs National Campmeeting ends. This will make it convenient for those leaving Monark Springs to come right on to Myrtle, which is only about 200 miles distant.

This is the 29th annual campmeeting to be held at Myrtle, and we extend a hearty invitation to all to attend. Come to be a blessing and to get a blessing, and with a burden for the welfare of the meeting. We want this meeting to bring forth fruit unto eternal life.

The expense of the meeting will be met by free-will offerings. Provisions will be made to care for all who come; however, those who have campers or trailers are asked to bring them as that will help in accommodating everyone. Bring bedding if convenient, as there is a limited supply on the grounds. Come prepared for some possibly cool nights.

Anyone coming by bus to Thayer, Mo. (the nearest station), may call the Church of God campgrounds at Myrtle, Mo., 417-938-4682, and arrangements will be made to bring you to the grounds.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Donald Sharp, Myrtle, Mo., 65778, phone (417)938-4410.

—Harlan Sorrell

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., CAMPMEETING

The Bakersfield, Calif., campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, Aug. 3 through 12, 1979.

The location of the chapel is 1802 Virginia Ave., on the corner of Virginia Avenue and Brown St. Everyone is invited to attend these services, and accommodations will be furnished for all who can attend. We request your prayers, and hope the Lord will impress many of you to come and help in this meeting. We do not anticipate a gasoline problem.

For further information, contact Bro. Robert Mayes at 524 S. Haley, Bakersfield, Calif., 93307, phone 805-325-2730, or Bro. Z. E. Francisco at 305 S. Owens, phone 805-323-0747. The new phone number at the chapel is 805-395-9314.

—Sis. Robena Montgomery

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING

The annual California State campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, August 24 to Sept. 2, 1979, at the campground in Pacoima. Everyone is welcomed to these services.

We extend a sincere invitation to the saints of God everywhere. As we are fighting against Satan and sin, we feel we should send the same cry that came to Paul: "Come over into Macedonia and help us." This cry is going up to God and to every Holy Ghost-filled minister that God burdens for this meeting. If you are unable to come, please pray earnestly with us for these services.

For further information, contact Bro. Robert Sherman, phone number 896-7593, or Bro. James Pierro, phone 896-5331, or the church phone 899-9021.

—Sis. Wynema Clay

BOLEY, OKLAHOMA, CAMPMEETING

The wheel of time has brought us again into the midst of another campmeeting season. We thank God for a blessed opportunity to be in the battle fighting against sin in these last, evil days.

Lord willing, the Boley, Okla., campmeeting of the Church of God will be held Aug. 17 through 26, 1979.

We extend a warm welcome to all to attend this campmeeting. We invite all nations to come. "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord." Isa. 1:18. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25.

We are praying and looking to God to send Holy Ghost-filled ministers and workers to help in the campmeeting.

The men's and women's dormitories will be available to accommodate all who desire to camp on the ground. Also, there is ample space for parking campers, motor homes, and trailers.

We urge all to come and worship God with us. Come praying that the Lord will send a Holy Ghost-filled meeting, and that souls will weep their way to the cross and be saved.

For further information, contact Sis. Ora Spears, Rt. 1, Boley, Okla., 74829, phone 918-667-3376, or Sis. Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Okla. City, Okla., 73104, phone 405-235-2270.

—Katherine Williams

REVIVAL AT BLACKFORD, KY.

Lord willing, a revival meeting will be held at Blackford, Ky., from Aug. 10 to 15, on the old campground where saints of yester-years have trod. This is not a campmeeting, and services will be held only at night at 7:30.

The Lord will send ministers of His choosing. Come praying and expect God's Word to go forth unto victory.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. W. R. Fox, phone number 965-3320, or call 965-4035, 965-9226, or 965-3070.

—The Charles Knights

REPORT OF HOLLY HILL, S. C., CAMPMEETING

The Lord was in the campmeeting at Holly Hill, S. C., which closed on June 10th. He owned and blessed His children as they assembled together. The Holy Spirit dealt forcefully with the people. Some came to the altar and got saved. Thank God! The attendance was fair, and there were eight preachers from different places. We thank God for the help that He sent.

Please keep us on your prayer list.

—Bro. Hudson Crummie

TULSA, OKLA., CAMPMEETING REPORT

Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings in the name of Jesus. We trust that you are still holding to God's unchanging hand.

We are very grateful for the box of salvation tracts you sent. They were prayerfully distributed during the series of street meetings held here during the Tulsa campmeeting. We praise God for all the good that was accomplished in this campmeeting. The Lord pitched the battle and His Word was directed to every soul. The devils were rebuked and several souls were converted on the terms of the gospel. God is giving an allotted space and time, whether it be to congregations or to individuals, to comply. We had better take it seriously. "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as

yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." Heb. 11:7. The writer of Proverbs says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Many times God is faithful to send that very portion of His Word that is designed to correct the situation that He might not have to mete out a judgment on the thing. "Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9. Therefore, God is doing everything He can to keep from "lowering the boom." Some folks say that God is slack, that God isn't going to do anything. They say it by their behavior, by the way they keep living and talking, and some even literally say it. Many souls go right over the Spirit of God as He deals with their hearts. It's time to move with fear, saying, "What must I do?" It is grievous to see and hear about souls going out to meet God unprepared. "He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." Prov. 29:1. Failing to take heed to the counsel of God causes a soul to be hardened. We exhort every one to move with fear to the saving of his household. Some may have less time than they think. Now is the time to take care of the unfinished business of one's soul. We have a divine appointment to keep. (Heb. 9:27).

Ministers who attended this meeting were from Goulds, Fla., Tuscaloosa, Ala., Wichita, Kans., Okla. City and Okmulgee, Okla., and other areas. May each one be able to say as the Apostle Paul, "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you." Acts 20:20.

May each child of God be encouraged to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." —Bro. Norman Simpson

TENT EVANGELISM

When we last wrote we were especially burdened concerning the evangelistic tents going out this summer. We received word that the saints in Akron, Ohio, desire to use the tent in that area in different meetings, also in Pennsylvania. Bro. Mart Samons hopes to have a tent meeting at Greenville, Ohio, near the Indiana state line. Bro. Bobby Forbes in Louisiana expressed his burden for the tent meetings in the Hammond-Loranger area. Those desiring a tent meeting or helping out in the South, please contact Bro. R. W. Forbes, Rt. 2, Box 6, Amite, La. 70422. Also, those in the northern and eastern area, contact Bro. Keith A. Fuller, 869 N. Jenkins Blvd., Akron, Ohio 44306, or Bro. Mart Samons, P.O. Box 127, Green Bank, W. Va. 24944.

Surely there is a great field of lost souls, and we must labor on, keep a vision before us, and do all we can to reach them. The Scripture says, "Where there is no vision the people perish." The Lord had a vision of lost souls, and He left all the glories of Heaven, suffered and died to redeem the world. The Banner of Salvation must go forth. The old hymn says, "To the work, to the work; there is labor for

all, for the kingdom of darkness and error shall fall; and the name of Jehovah exalted shall be, in the loud swelling chorus, 'Salvation is free!'"

Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth more laborers and much good will be accomplished.

We are thankful for each one who has had a concern in regard to the indebtedness on the Trans Van for Bro. Curtis Williams. Bro. Williams is an evangelist, and we desire the Lord to use him in ministering in the many places to which he is called. He, no doubt, will be laboring also in the tent meetings as much as he can. We are glad to report that the indebtedness on the van is down to \$2598.96. May the Lord bless you as you share in these fields of labor. Pray for us that we may always be led by His Spirit.

Yours for lost souls,

—Bro. Ralph and Sis. Inez Beisly,
407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Ks. 67337

(Editor's note: Bro. Ralph Beisly is the secretary-treasurer of the Church of God National Missionary Fund which is used to help support the evangelistic tent meetings and other home mission work, as well as to pay the indebtedness on the Trans-Van. Please send your free-will contributions for these purposes directly to Bro. Beisly, and the Lord will bless and reward you for your sacrifice and concern to help spread the gospel light to precious souls.)

Prayer Requests

Miss.—"Pray for 12-year-old Clint Smith. He was in a wreck. He had three vertebrae broken in his back. The doctor said that he would never walk again, but we are praying and trusting the Lord that he will walk soon. [He is the son of Crawford Smith]. . . I need prayer for my feet and ankles. They are swollen. I am nervous and dizzy when I get up to walk. I have arthritis. Thank you for your prayers.

—Mattie Smith

Ohio—"Please pray for my eyes. I also have sugar diabetes. I am trusting God to heal me."

—Anna McCoy

N. Carolina—Pray earnestly for Bro. James McLester who is under terrific pressure from the powers of darkness.

Ariz.—Remember in prayer Sis. Hinson who desires complete healing to her body.

Penn.—Pray fervently for Bro. Jerome Park that his faith will not waver for his healing of blackout spells. He has laid aside the aid of man and stepped out on God's promises.

Calif.—Brother Francis Doolittle has had some strokes and is not able to be out of bed very much. He needs your prayers.

Mo.—Bro. Dale and Sis. Dora Doolittle need your prayers for the healing of their bodies. Bro. Dale is not able to get up steps and do many other things that he desires to do because of the affliction on his body.

Miss.—Still remember Sis. Lowery for the healing of her nerves; also her husband needs healing.

Okla.—Sis. Della Perry is much in need of prayer.

Continue to remember the different ones who are holding on by faith for their healing. We thank God for their faith and for how God does help them. Remember my brother, Lawrence Pruitt, Sis. Evelyn McCoy, Bro. Murphey Allen, Sis. Cecil Carver, and others.

Sis. Vera Forbes is still with us. Her daughter Sylvia (Busbee), with the help of her family, is caring for her in their home. It is wonderful for the sweet care she is receiving with kisses. She is unable to turn over or feed herself. It seems that she is at the end of her journey, so pray for her. It's precious how the Lord touches her when she does have any pain. Most of the time she lies there without any pain, only she says she is so weary. It pays to trust the Lord to the end. One is not filled up with medicine or shots.

IN APPRECIATION FOR OFFERINGS FOR FIRE LOSS

Okla.—To the saints of God: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. We find Him so sweet to our souls.

We want to express our appreciation and thanks to God and His saints for their prayers on our behalf and for the offering that was taken during the Guthrie campmeeting, plus the offerings by mail, which were applied on the purchase of a home to replace our house that was recently lost by fire.

We are all saved and mean to go all the way with God. Pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

—Bro. Edward Joe Cramer and family
Guthrie, Oklahoma

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

South India (May 15)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, dear ones in the Print Shop, and the dear saints everywhere: Our loving greetings to all of you in the most holy name of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, the Liberator, and the Lord of Glory.

Thank you very much for your kind letter dated May 2nd, and the enclosures were noted with much appreciation. May God bless each dear one who contributed to the fund for us.

By the grace of God we are still marching on, keeping victory over Satan, the flesh, and the world. God helped us to start a new work at Kodali in Trichur District which also is a Catholic center. We pray God to open more new stations for us, far and near. We continue to appeal for a van for transportation to far places.

We arranged to hold a three-day campmeeting at the new station at Kodali on May 17 to 20. The rainy season started here and we planted rice in the fields. At Nadukkunu, God helped us to buy a plot of land on which to build a chapel for the congregation there. We pray God also to help us build the chapel.

I remember often those wonderful days last summer at your Guthrie campmeeting as well as at other meetings over the U. S. A. May God bless the Church there again this summer. I am waiting for the next chance to visit all of you again with my wife, if the Lord wills. Though the political situation in India is not favorable for Christians, we are working with much effort to win souls while it is day.

May God give you more strength and courage to carry on the publishing work for the glory of God.

With love and prayers, I am yours in His service,

—John Varghese

PHILIPPINE MISSION REPORT

Under the date of June 13, 1979, Bro. Policarpo Encabo, native missionary at Cebu, Philippines, reports that he and a company of gospel workers made an evangelistic tour, beginning on May 15, to several islands in that area, holding open air services and passing out gospel tracts and Cebuano Gospels of St. John, which we had mailed to them for free distribution. People in the various islands were eager to hear and read the gospel, and some accepted the message of the Church of God. In some places the attendance was very large, and they used an amplifier to reach them. Their next evangelistic tour is planned for the second largest island in the Philippines, which is Mindanao. They are requesting more tracts for distribution. —Editor

REPORT ON A TRIP TO W. GERMANY

Bro. Cecil Carver felt impressed to make another trip to visit and have services with the saints in West Germany, and he desired me to accompany him as his interpreter. We asked the Lord to lead our way and arranged to be in Hamburg on May 11th, where we stayed overnight in the home of an elderly couple, Bro. and Sis. Jakubowski. On Saturday, we continued our journey to Isenbuettel and then for the space of a full week we had a series of blessed meetings with the saints living in the Gifhorn-Isenbuettel area. The Bible standard for Christian living was preached with authority and the congregation was exhorted to forbear one another with love and patience. We believe the Word was well accepted, and the bond of love and fellowship between saved ones at home and abroad was strengthened, irrespective of language and background. With gratitude to God we now realize that the Lord has established a link between the church in America and the church in Germany and Russia. Hence, we see that the unity of the believers according to Jesus' prayer in John 17 can still be achieved today, provided there is individual obedience to the call for separation from sin and sectism.

While in Isenbuettel we learned of another group of saints from Russia which has settled in the town of Pforzheim, W. Germany. The Lord burdened our hearts to go and meet them in person, and so we

went on Sunday afternoon not knowing how we would be received. When we got there in the evening, the saints had already gathered themselves together in anticipation of our arrival, and we were granted the opportunity to minister to them in two meetings. Here in Pforzheim the Lord had opened another door to the hearts of precious souls, who for some time had looked to God for someone to encourage them in their trials. Thank the Lord! The Word was well received and much literature was left behind for distribution. In closing, we urge the church in America to especially pray for the church in Pforzheim, because the saints there are passing through a time of conflict with man-rule and false doctrine. The Lord will answer our earnest petition in their behalf and grant them complete victory.

Your Brother in Christ, —Reinhard Mueller

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT DELAYED

For some unknown reason, Bro. Enu's planned report did not arrive for this issue, but he wrote under date of May 23rd that the report would come in due course. Up to that date, he had not received a letter from me in the month of May, although I had sent him a letter and check by registered air-mail on May 2nd. Evidently their mail service is poor and getting worse.

In the above mentioned letter, Bro. Enu reported that he and his wife had just returned from an extensive and tiresome tour of three States in Nigeria to visit the brethren. They were at Umuguana-Owerri in Imo State, Port Harcourt and Tombia in River State, and Ikot Eken in Cross River State.

Let us continue to pray for Bro. Titus Enu and all the gospel workers at the various mission stations in Nigeria.

—Editor

REPORT FROM OJOS NEGROS, BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO

Although it seemed a settled fact that I would not return to Ojos Negros, Mexico, my health being poor, I opened my heart to the Lord as I had asked others to do. He told me He had not given me the talent of speaking Spanish to lay on the shelf, but to use, and, yes, He wanted me to go. He encouraged me with numbers 257 and 198 in *Evening Light Songs*.

Saints, this is a pressing way. Zaccheus, the woman with the issue of blood, and the importunate widow had to press to obtain their desire of the Lord and He showed me I would have to do the same. It surely has been a pressing time, but Lord willing, by His grace and strength, my granddaughter, Kathy, and I will fly to San Diego on June 15, then go via three buses to Ojos Negros to help prepare and be in the campmeeting. Pray for the meeting in general, the workers and laity, that souls will be won to God and more established in Him. We desire Holy Spirit leadership in all. The meeting will convene from July

2 through 8. The best possible accommodations will be freely given. Come praying.

The Escobars have a new baby girl, born May 13. Pray for them.

Yours for lost souls in Mexico.

The Mayarino Escobar family, Ap, Postal No. 284, Ensenada, B. Cfa., Mexico, and Sis. Opal Kelly, 919 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

From the Mail Box . . .

Canada— . . . We enjoy your *Faith and Victory* paper and want to renew our subscription. We enjoy the wonderful testimonies and editorials; in fact, we enjoy the whole paper. We do not know any of you dear folks, but in spirit we are one. We thank God for all who are preaching the true Word of God. We do not believe in these modern versions.

Now, dear friends, we ask our God to continue to use you in His service. . . .

Christian love and prayers, —Mrs. W. Cox

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Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie: Thanks for your nice letter and tracts. They comfort me. . . . Pray that God will have His way in my life. My affliction has spread over my body and I suffer very much. God may see fit to take me out of my misery. Live or die, I am the Lord's. Pray for me. . . . I had a vision of heaven and the angels singing. It was so beautiful! It was like Paul said in 2 Cor. 12:4. I heard unspeakable words which no other can utter. Praise the Lord! That is what Bro. George Harmon said about heaven when the Lord let him come back after he had died.

So sorry Sis. Vera Forbes is so weak. So glad her daughter can care for her. She lived a wonderful life and is a wonderful sister in Christ. I want to please my Lord every day so I will be ready to go when He calls me. Pray that I will be faithful to the end.

In Christ Jesus, —Opal Williams

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N. C.—Dear saints: . . . On June 26th, my husband and I will be observing our son Jason's first birthday. I want to thank the Lord dearly for giving us such a healthy little boy. He makes our home so warm and enjoyable. Praise the Lord for little children. I am 20 years old, and it seems like no time ago that I was a little girl at home. The time flies so quickly. Saints, let us take time for our children, for one day soon, they'll be grown up, too.

—Sis. Cheryl Yocum

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Mich.—Dear ones: . . . The Lord has blessed me continually with so many things, that I don't know where to begin listing them. He has helped me with school and given me the power to continue studying. During the second half of school, I had the opportunity to teach. By the end of the school year, I found a job doing drafting for the summer months. Jobs are hard to come by, but the Lord has seen to it that I might not be one of the many unemployed people. I

have also been teaching the ten and eleven year-olds in Sunday school. My students are very bright and attentive.

I wish to add that even though I have an active life, I have a number of unspoken requests for myself. I hope the Lord will not cease giving me energy to carry on all that I have set out to do. . . .

I sincerely hope you are all well at the Print Shop. There is an abundant need for the spreading of God's Word.

In Christ,

—Renate Hess

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Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: . . . I am praying that you are much improved in body, and happy, rejoicing in the glory of our dear loving Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, also all the dear saints at the Print Shop and everywhere. . . .

I am certainly pleased with my dear loving Master Jesus, and I believe He is pleased with me, because I feel it down in my heart. My Bible tells me to be perfect. (Matt. 5:48). There is not one word in the Bible to be rejected. Praise God forever! I love the truth — every word of it.

Bro. Pruitt, I never was more determined to go through with my dear Lord than I am today, and stand for all the blessed truth. Many people will sing, "O, how I love Jesus," and yet dress ungodly and be entertained by the devil on their ungodly TV's. I believe we have to clean house as well as body and life. The Holy Ghost will not come into a temple, which is our body, that is not clean. . . .

Remember Wife and me when you pray, as we do you.

—Nathan Mobley

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings of Christian love. Wife is still suffering with her arm some, but we are encouraged to look to God. We know that He is true, and all His promises are "in him yea and in him amen to the glory of God." Another encouraging scripture is in Job 8:20, "Behold God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers." This is a wonderful promise. . . .

We are thankful to God for the good meeting in May with which He blessed us here at Neosho, Mo. We appreciated very much the burden that Sister Margie Sallee had for the congregation, as well as all who helped by way of prayer and other means. I feel that much good was done. Several were at the altar for special help. Some were saved and sanctified, and we were all encouraged to a closer walk with God.

Your saved Brother,

—T. V. McMillian

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Ohio—I send a lot of tracts in letters to others, as I am old and cannot get around much. I suffered a stroke two years ago, but I do love the Lord. My husband is also handicapped. He is 82 years old. I am 77. The 26th of this month we will be saved 49 years, and I am glad I can say, "God has kept us through trials, tests, sickness, and temptations." We have found His grace is sufficient and that Jesus never fails. Bless His holy name! . . .

Yours in Christ,

—Mrs. Harvey Studer

W. Va.—I have been receiving the *Faith and Victory* for quite awhile, and I thank God for the unknown person that put our name on your mailing list. I appreciate the good, clean reading you publish. It should be in every home. . . .

—Mr. & Mrs. Raymond McCallister

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Oregon—Dear Sis. Marie: . . . I have so much for which to be thankful. As some of you know, I fell and broke my hip last Aug. (1978). I was in bed for some time, but I am now using my walker. Some of the dear ones help me get to church on Sunday. I also have a housekeeper that cares for me. My nephew, Joe Smith, bought me a three-bedroom home. I have room for the saints when we have our meetings.

Our Jefferson campmeeting closed the 17th of June. . . . We thank the Lord for Bro. and Sis. O. B. Wilson, the pastors. They are very precious. We have some very wonderful saints here. . . .

I am happy in the Lord. I was 88 years old the 2nd of June. . . . Pray for me. —Beatrice Spaur

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings once again in the name of Jesus, our all in all.

I am happy in my soul this morning as I realize more and more the value of salvation. Things of this earth and its pleasures will matter little when we meet God face to face. What a happy day that will be for the child of God! Oh, praise God for His unspeakable gift to mankind! . . .

Remember my unsaved loved ones in prayer. God is working, and I am much encouraged. In answer to prayer, God removed a large wart from the index finger of my two and one-half year old grandson. This tendered my daughter's heart, and brought joy to me.

I am praying for your healing and for the work there at the Print Shop.

Christian love,

—James Kutra

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Kan.—Dear saints: Just a few lines to accompany my June offering. I am thanking the Lord for His continued blessings, and I am determined to press the battle on. I feel the key in these trying times is to press because the devil is certainly pressing hard against us and doing all he can to trip up and trick every saint of God. He does not want to see anyone go to heaven and he knows just what tricks will work on each individual, and he doesn't miss an opportunity to work his tricks either.

As well as pressing, we are going to have to be watching more carefully than ever before so we can detect the devil when he is near and be aware of some of his tricks. We must also resist him before we are already caught up in some snare of the enemy. May the Lord help us to be daily seeking to stand, and be faithful to our faithful God who wants so much for each of us to go to Heaven and

is doing all He can to get us there—even through the trials and hard things He is letting come our way.

I am very much determined to prove to the world that a holy life can be lived steadfastly, and to prove to the devil that he is a defeated foe and cannot have my soul again. I also want to prove to God that I do love Him completely and will be faithful like Paul was in the early morning dispensation. God is truly able to keep us, and by His grace I am determined to be kept and to make heaven my home. Praise God!

—Shirley Knight

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Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie: We surely thank the Lord for salvation and for His many blessings unto us and our family this year. First, we would like to thank the Lord for healing our little nine-month-old daughter from what seemed to be the intestinal flu. We also thank Him for His protecting mercies upon our son who could have had a severe electric shock. The Lord is so good to us and our children. Many times we ask the Lord to watch over them and keep them from danger that we cannot see.

I surely thank the Lord for touching my body. I could keep very little food on my stomach, and if I did, I would have severe pains in my lower chest. This went on for about five days. Often my husband and parents would encourage me. One night the pain was so very severe that my husband called our pastor, Bro. C. Hobbs, to come over and pray for me. Since that night I have continued to get better. Thank the Lord!

My grandmother told me that the devil would try to bring the affliction back, but to rebuke him and refuse to take it. Sure enough, one evening the pain came back. I began to succumb to it, but remembering what I had been told, I got out of the bed and began rebuking the devil in the name of Jesus. Within a matter of minutes, the pain was gone. It happened so fast that it was rather surprising. Oh, thank the Lord for His healing power!

We surely desire your prayers that we may ever prove faithful.

—Robert, Lois Johnson, Jr. and family

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La.—We are so thankful today to be included in God's great plan of salvation, although we feel so unworthy. He surely does great and mighty things for His children. I would like to report one of these things He did for us.

On February 27th, our 17-year-old son, Bert, received burns on both of his legs. His right leg was not severely burned, but the left leg received second and third degree burns over most of the area between the knee and ankle all the way around.

When I looked at it the first time, I knew it was a serious burn; and since I'd never had any experience with severe burns, I decided to ask a doctor how to keep it clean. I took Bert to the doctor and told him our trust was in God, but I knew it should

be kept clean, and I had not the slightest idea how to do this. Since we would not let him treat Bert, he refused to give any information whatsoever. He looked at the burn and said that we had better get him into a hospital and do so in no longer than four or five hours. He said he wouldn't do a thing without his being in the hospital, and that he would have to have antibiotics, for it was a very serious burn, and only through proper medical treatment could we expect to see it healed. But we were determined to trust God completely. Bert said he would rather trust God with it. Gerald and I felt completely assured that God wanted to show us what He could do, and He helped us to just place the whole thing completely in His hands.

After about three hours God took away all pain. Even though I didn't know really how to wash a burn of this type, I asked God to please help me to know how. He did just that. I washed it with water to which I added some antiseptic, and God took care of it all the way.

His leg did swell quite large, was very red and inflamed, and some infection began to set in on the eighth day. We are so blessed to have a congregation here that believes in really bearing one another's burdens; and some called other places and some wrote to others. By the time this real crisis came, we realized we had a real army of prayer warriors behind us.

At this point (the eighth day) Bert's temperature began to rise sharply and he was having some pain. He began to grow rather listless. How the devil did try to work to hinder our faith, but, praise our God, the devil is a conquered foe and he did not succeed. This time of crisis God allowed to be on Wednesday and how we counted on prayer meeting that night! We felt assured God would work that very night. God permitted some phone calls to come that evening from other states that were so timely. We grasped every word of encouragement each one gave, and by ten o'clock that night, God lifted all heaviness and anxiety from each of us. We had received word that the next day our congregation would be fasting and praying for Bert. We all went to bed and slept soundly that night (which we hadn't done the two previous nights). By the next morning Bert arose bright and cheerful with no fever whatsoever! God gave him an instant touch. How we thank Him!

In five weeks from the time the accident happened, Bert's leg was completely healed. Although the new skin is very tender, he doesn't have any pain.

As I write this, tears of thankfulness are falling, and we can only say, "Thank you, God, for counting us worthy of bearing this affliction." Though we felt so unworthy of God's rich blessings, He saw fit to bestow them upon us anyway.

We want to thank each of you who sent cards, called us, and prayed for us. Every encouraging word or deed aided in strengthening us in this time

of need. We thank our faithful congregation and ministers here again.

God's promises are true!

Christian love, —Gerald and Connie Flynn
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I want to thank the Lord for His many blessings to me. I, too, thank each and everyone for your prayers, phone calls and cards. They were all a real encouragement.
—Bert Flynn

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Tenn.—Dear Sis. Marie: I trust all is well at the Faith Publishing House. I think of all of you often. I realize all of you are very busy. I have enjoyed the May *Faith and Victory* paper. I always look forward to getting the paper.

How is Bro. Lawrence getting along? I pray he will be completely healed. God knows best. I have been praying for all of you.

My eyes are better. Thanks for your prayers.

I have a friend who needs the Lord. Pray for her. She has great talents.

—Mary Williamson

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Ala.—Dear ones: Once again I contribute my small gift of love to help spread the good news of God's wonderful gift of eternal life to whosoever will call upon His name. May God bless the work and all who have a part.

Yours in Christ,

—Leora Frink

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Okla.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings of love in Jesus' precious name. I am so thankful for all of His goodness and mercy to us. He has helped us through some battles and brought us out with victory. He healed our girl of some serious afflictions. Thank the Lord!

—Gary and Judy Morgan

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Ohio—Dear Sis. Miles: . . . We came home from Florida the first of Dec., 1978. We had been home about a week when one morning, while I was washing dishes, all at once I had a strange feeling in my right arm. It went from my wrist to my shoulder in a second of time. I left the dishes and went out where Harley (my husband) was in his workshop, for it scared me. After a few minutes I calmed down and came back in to finish my work. Later, I wrote to you about it. . . . It continued to get worse. I knew if I could get to Guthrie and be anointed by the saints, God would heal me. . . . I called you for prayer about our coming to Guthrie on Monday before Christmas, as Wednesday was the day of fasting. On Wednesday afternoon God gave me the assurance we would get to go. . . . We left on Friday morning and got to Guthrie on Saturday night. What a mighty God we serve! I felt so bad on Wednesday after Christmas that I called you to come over to our apartment to pray for me. Then while at the services on Friday night, I felt God wanted me to be anointed, which was done.

In 1977, when I fell and broke my right hip, I must have done something to the left one, too, for it was the one that gave me trouble when I walked. So

when I was anointed, God healed my left hip, and I never had any more trouble with it. But He didn't heal my arm. The following Wednesday I felt he wanted me to be anointed and prayed for again. God healed my arm. Some people say God is dead, but the One I serve is not. He is still in the saving and healing business.

Last month I was having quite a problem with my back, so I wrote to you before the day of fasting. On Wednesday, I was lying in a chair in the living room and all at once the trouble in my back left. I just can't praise God enough for all He does for us.

I have poor circulation in my right hip and leg, but I'm expecting God to take care of that any time. The scripture, John 15:7, comes to my mind: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

—Sis. Mary Vice

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Oregon—Dear Sis. Marie: I am writing to tell you that I was anointed and prayed for twice at the campmeeting at Jefferson, Oregon. When I got up Monday morning, June 18th, my arthritis in both knees was all gone. Thank the Lord! My left knee, which was the worse, was a little sore inside, but that left me before the day was over. I surely give the Lord all the thanks for it.

We take the *Faith and Victory* paper and love to read it. . . .

Christian love,

—Sis. Helen Haven

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: . . . I am too near the end not to press on. The Lord has been really good to me. I use a walker and wheel chair part-time now. I know my time here is short. I am determined to press on for the Lord. I surely want to be ready when He calls me. . . .

Please pray for me that I will be able to attend the Hammond campmeeting. I am weak in body.

Yours in Christ,

—Mary Bush

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OUR MIGHTY GOD

The trees and flowers, grass and sky, the beautiful water fall,

Are the products of the handicraft God fashions for us all.

The birds that fly on gentle air, the fertile earthen sod,

Are but a few of all the wonders given us by God. The moon, the stars that light our way, and sunlight beaming bright,

Are miracles God made to show His power and His might.

When raindrops fall, remember, too, our Master let them go,

And who but our dear God on high could dress the world with snow?

No man-made masterpiece could take the place of things like these,

For they are made by God above who fashions them with ease.
—Sel. by Effie Miller

Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

Question: What is the meaning of Matthew 6:17, "But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." Matt. 6:17,18. Does the clause "anoint thine head" refer to a literal interpretation?

Answer: The whole major thrust of the first eighteen verses of the sixth chapter of Matthew is aimed at getting true Christian people away from the idea of seeking any praise, commendation or reward from men for what we do in service or worship to God and doing whatever we do in these areas "heartily as unto the Lord and not unto men" Col. 3:23. We see in these verses how that the serpentine influence of self interest and self promotion and aggrandizement can creep into and slither across our deepest acts of devotion and charity — giving alms, praying, and fasting.

Jesus presented these whole ideas as hypocritical acts. They were doing these things and announcing their doing and sounding their trumpets so that men would be sure to notice and give them credit and praise. This is all a very destructive thing to one's relationship with God and to Christian living. Jesus said these people had their reward — that men would see them and praise them — but they had no reward from God. This is an attitude to be religiously avoided by true Christian people.

Jesus said, "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?" John 5:44. We are certainly not to seek praise and commendation from men for what we do for God and for our acts of devotion and worship to God.

In the particular part of this over-all teaching on this subject — the matter of fasting and how to carry it out — we are instructed in general to do nothing special to let men know we are fasting. The anointing of the head (one translations says "pour perfume on your hair" and another translation says "brush your hair"), was a normal part of Jewish grooming but it was forbidden by their canon in times of fasting and humiliation. But what Jesus seems to be teaching us here is that when we fast we should groom ourselves as usual and dress ourselves as usual and not in any special garment of mourning as those people did, that we might not appear unto men to be fasting.

It is evident and clear that this is no part of the fasting itself because Jesus continues on to say "That thou appear not unto men to fast."

True Christians should always avoid any tendency to vaunt themselves in anything they do for God and not seek credit from their fellow men for those things. Let us be satisfied with the credit and reward that God gives unto those who serve Him in the right attitude of heart. This will help our "togetherness"

with God which is a very precious thing with the child of God. It is a very rewarding and enriching thing to one's life when God rewards Him for doing something as unto Him. We are taught by Jesus to "Let your light so shine before men; that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Truly, all glory belongs to God and let us be satisfied for Him to get it from our lives.

The Valedictory Address given by Debbie Dee Harmon, on May 21, at Loranger High School, Louisiana.



Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen, honored guests, and fellow classmates:

When I learned that it would be my privilege to speak for our class tonight, I asked myself, "Why can't I do something that comes easy to me, like working an algebraic equation?" I suppose, though, that wouldn't have been too practical for an occasion such as this. [Debbie Dee is an A student in math.] However, I do want to present a problem of sorts. It deals with a simple equation: Good qualities minus bad qualities plus any substitutions, all divided by a smile equal a happy and successful life.

Now let us begin to work our problem. First, we take some good qualities such as cheerfulness, kindness, and gentleness. We add these to our lives. To further enhance these virtues, we add patience, understanding, and the important factor of honesty. That gives us something with which to work. Let us proceed to eliminate the refuse. We subtract all selfishness and jealousy. These qualities are not desirable in anyone's life. They only subtract from the beauty of one's good traits.

We are now beginning to solve the problem. However, we must first make a few substitutions. Let us replace all hatred, bitterness, and any other unnecessary variable with love raised to the seventh power, for it is said that love never faileth.

Let's not give up now. We want to divide both sides by a permanent smile. Not only will this make us feel better, but it will also lift the spirits of others around us.

Let us pause a moment to consider our progress. Something seems to be missing though, for our equation does not completely balance. We have omitted the most important factor in our search for future happiness and success. It may not be so obvious at a glance, but we must not leave out Christ as our base. Surely we want to be as the wise man who built his house upon the rock. When the rain and floods came, his house stood firm. Deciding to build our life on Christ will certainly be the best decision we have ever made.

Our equation is now balanced and the problem solved. Thank you.

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