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The Kingdom of God

There is a pow'r on earth today:
A sceptre wielded strong,
A force, a rule, a mighty sway
Against all sin and wrong.

It has come near to mortal men
Deliv'rance to afford,
To save them from the yoke of sin
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord.

For Satan's host has been cast down,
And broken is his rod;
Arisen is salvation's crown:
The Kingdom of our God!

While many struggle with life's toil
To scrape its measley gain,
There are resources without spoil
In Heaven's golden reign.

Were men but turned from outward show
To riches of the heart,
What great potential they would know,
And find a better part!

Some speculate on future bliss:
A thousand years of reign,
While present benefits they miss
Of Jesus' vast domain.

For seated now on David's throne
He wields a sceptre right;
He rules His loved and cherished own
Through love and freedom's might.

The glorious kingdom of our God
Is not of earthly mold,
But through the grace of Jesus' blood
Has wealth above untold.

Unfolding to the human soul
Its treasures ever bright,
The Kingdom of the Lord's control
Displays salvation's might.

—Leslie C. Busbee

The Church of "Evening Time"

The early morning Church had received the truth from Christ and the Apostles. They received the truth about the Church of the New Testament and how man should live if he was to please God. If we know anything about history, we know that through the Dark Ages of several hundreds of years many of these fundamental truths were lost to the multitudes.

Later the Spirit of God began to move upon the hearts of men, light began to shine, and truth began to come forth once again. Martin Luther, a priest, saw that the just shall live by faith, and then he tried to clean out the corruption of the Roman Catholic church. This he did not succeed in doing, but he did bring forth the doctrine of justification by faith, that is, being born again as Jesus said.

In time others began to receive light, and truths began to come forth. Among these was Charles Wesley, who was convicted and found that justification was not enough. He sought for and obtained the second definite work of grace, which was called by the Methodists, the second blessing. It was actually the infilling of the Holy Spirit upon the eradication of the carnal nature inherited from Adam after his fall from grace.

We then come to the late 1870's and early 1880's and find the Holy Spirit moving upon the hearts of a number of God's children. Among them was D. S. Warner, who became the leader of the Evening Time Movement, whose goal was to restore all of the truths of the Morning Time Church: justification by faith, sanctification by faith, divine healing by faith, the inspiration of the Scriptures, holiness of life in this present world, and the one God of the Bible with three persons in the God-head. They were also to stand with open minds and hearts for any truth that they did not have. This should still be the stand of Christians today and will be if they are to remain Christian.

This "Evening Time" Church has a definite message for the sinner world: turn to God repenting of sin with godly sorrow or you will be eternally lost. This message is still true today. The message

is also definite that in order to live a victorious and godly life in this world, one needs the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the eradication of the carnal nature. They also believe in divine physical healing through faith and obedience to God's Word.

The Church also has a definite message for the denominational church world: it is wrong and even sin to join a church, for it divides God's people, and division is sin. The Evening Light Movement suffered persecution. One time D. S. Warner had to hide under a house to get away from a denominational mob. Christ said in one place, "They hated me and they will hate you." If we are not being persecuted today, it may be we have left truth and are not standing for anything to be persecuted for. All who live close to God will be persecuted. Where are the people today that have open minds and hearts for any truth which they do not have and sincerely desire to have? Where are the people today that actually have a God-given vision of the New Testament Church? To many it is just a church among churches. The Church of God still preaches for God's people to come out of the divisions and be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for any church you can join has sinners in it. The people of God must walk in the light of God's Word or backslide. We as individuals, or as a movement can refuse the light (truth) of God's Word and go into darkness and still think all is well, spiritually speaking.

You may disagree with these truths, but please think about them, and above all, pray about them, if you sincerely want to get to heaven. There is but one way, and that is God's way. —Carl P. Burton

The Burden of Souls

When Jesus Christ left His home in heaven to come and die for men, nothing could swerve Him from His purpose. Even during His earlier life there seems to have been a burden on His heart—a special purpose for His life, that shut out everything else.

When He was taken to Jerusalem by His parents and, forgotten by them, He went about His heaven-appointed work; and when His parents found Him talking to the scribes, and expressed their surprise, He replied, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Even at this tender age He had on His heart the burden of the souls of lost men. He did not hold the home ties to be stronger than duty.

After the Savior had received the heavenly anointing at His baptism, He was tempted of the devil. So far was He removed from anything but the salvation of men that He steadfastly resisted the devil and started on His mission of love. Every moment of His life was lived with this one object in view—to save lost souls.

Since this was the attitude of our Savior, how should we feel about the matter? If Christ could forget the world and what comfort it might bring to Him, in His desire to "go about doing good," how

much of the comfort of life are we willing to forget to do like service?

Now that does not mean laying aside worldly ways and worldly ambitions, for we whom Christ has saved, have given up all these things gladly for Christ. It means, rather, how much time, money, and talents are we willing to consecrate to help tell the glad news to the poor, unsaved men and women? It means also, "How many of my lost friends will I pray for, until I prevail with God and He saves them?" Here is a quotation from the life of one whose time was wholly given to soul-saving—"We are dead and sleeping if the salvation of souls is not pressing day and night on our souls." Dear saint of God, what a solemn statement of truth! Let us ask ourselves, "Is the salvation of souls the great all-absorbing purpose of my life?" May God help us all to say, "Yes" and from henceforth make it more and more true.

In the days of the apostles there was much sacrificing of the comforts of life by the saints, and what a Spirit-filled Church resulted! Men and women were saved then because the Church was willing to sacrifice everything for God and because of the nearness such hearty service brought them to the Master.

Let us pray that the burden of lost souls may rest more and more on us as it did on Jesus and the apostles, so that more souls may be saved from eternal ruin and that our lives may be given more completely to a service of loving devotion to Christ.

—Carl J. Worden

He Lives! He Lives!

I see the earth with its repose,
The budding of the scarlet rose,
The greening of the rolling hills,
The blooming of the daffodils.
Nature brings her best to give—
Reechoes still, "He lives! He lives!"

With thunderous voice storms will arise,
While clouds entomb the sunlit skies;
Like the breaking of the dawn,
Bringing hope to cheer us on.
The sun shines through, its light to give,
Proclaims with awe, "He lives! He lives!"

Oh, what wondrous thought divine,
That Christ has won this heart of mine!
His love enshrines within my breast,
He gives me peace and perfect rest.
My soul will witness all He gives,
Proclaim within, "He lives! He lives!"

The sacred seat of Holiness,
Where incense rises, His name to bless;
The mercy seat, the golden throne,
Where only God above is known.
Deep in my heart my all I give,
While I confess, "He lives! He lives!"

—Donald W. Sharp

What's In a Minute?

Did you ever stop to think how much time there is in a minute? You might say, "Sixty seconds." This is true, but how much can be accomplished in a minute? Souls have been saved and lost in a minute.

I was in Los Angeles at the time of the last big earthquake there. It was said to have only lasted a minute, but, oh, the destruction it wrought! The Veteran's hospital was completely wrecked and many lives were lost. Bridges collapsed, big transformers fell, and a new highway that had taken two years to build buckled up like waves on the ocean. Many homes were destroyed. I was not in the worst part, and all I had time to say was, "Oh, Lord, have mercy," and suddenly it stopped just like it came.

The Bible says the Lord will come "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." How many times does your eye twinkle in a minute? Many times, if you were to take time to count them. There will not even be time to cry out as I did to God. If you are not prepared, it will be too late to do so then. People have been known to find God on their death bed, maybe in a moment, but there is no promise you will have even that long. Now is the time, now is the day of salvation.

My daddy used to quote these short lines to me, "There is a time we know not when, a place we know not where, that seals the destiny of man for glory or despair." You may have only a few precious moments to make your decision. We have this moment right now, but we are not certain we will have another. I pray that you will make the right choice without delay.

—Sister Grace Jones

"Ask in My Name"

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do." John 14:13. Ask! I trust we are asking and not taking for granted. Our heavenly Father wants us to ask. He knows our every need and could simply supply them, but He delights in our coming before Him in humility and asking.

Sometimes our sufferings might be great, so as to make us humble and lowly at His feet, beseeching and begging for His mercy. We need to be as the woman before the unjust judge—never stop or give up. He will deliver, though He bear long with us.

Recently I had been suffering a considerable amount of discomfort and pain from a bad cold and fever. My husband had wanted to take the boys fishing and wanted me to go with him. I did go, but with much suffering. I stayed in the car and was thinking, "Oh, how I didn't want to come along." I was feeling quite bad. My eyes were burning, and I had a fever. "If only I were back home so I could lie down and sleep!" Why wasn't the Lord lifting this discomfort? At that very moment the Lord whispered, "You haven't even asked Me." I had not taken time to ask Him, but had taken for granted that He would

relieve me. I immediately began to ask in secret prayer. In a very short time I was able to get out of the car and walk around. I watched the boys fish a while. I later returned to thank God for being a present help in my trouble, and for the lesson He so tenderly brought to me. He is so good to His children! John 15:16, "Whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."—Virginia Myers

An Example of Our Sin-sick Society

Once upon a time there lived a little girl called Red Riding Hood. One day her mother asked her to take a basket of fruit to her grandmother, who lived alone in a cottage in the forest. It happened that a wolf was lurking in the bushes and overheard the conversation. He decided to take a short-cut to Grandmother's house and get the goodies for himself. The wolf killed and ate the grandmother, then dressed in her nightgown and jumped into bed to await the little girl. When she arrived, he tried to grab her, but this frightened the child and she ran screaming from the cottage. A woodcutter heard her cries and rushed to the rescue. He killed the wolf with his ax, saving Red Riding Hood's life. All the towns-people hurried to the scene and proclaimed the woodcutter a hero. But at the inquest several facts emerged:

1. The wolf had not be advised of his rights.
2. The woodcutter had made no warning swings before striking the fatal blow that killed the wolf.
3. The Civil Liberties Union stressed the point that, although the act of eating Grandma may have been in bad taste, the wolf was only "doing his thing."
4. The Students for a Democratic Society contended that the killing of Grandma should be considered self-defence since she was over 30, and therefore, couldn't be taken seriously because the wolf was trying to make love, not war.

On the basis of these considerations, the woodcutter was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Several nights later, the woodcutter's cottage was burned to the ground. One year from the date of "the incident at Grandma's," her cottage was made a shrine for the wolf who had bled and died there. All the village officials spoke at the dedication, but it was Red Riding Hood who gave the most touching tribute. She said that, while she had been selfishly grateful for the woodcutter's intervention, she realized in retrospect that he had over-reacted. As she knelt and placed a wreath in honor of the brave wolf, there wasn't a dry eye in the whole forest.

This reverse theology is in full swing today, and because of one reason—when men forget God, corruption takes over.

—Selected by Earl Bliss

One word seasoned with grace is worth far more than a thousand graceless ones. Make your words palatable by putting in much seasoning.

—C. E. Orr

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EDITORIALS



A TRUTH often stated is that "time and tide wait for no man." They move on and on, but our heavenly Father who holds all these in His omnipotent hand has extended time to this **CAMPMEETING SEASON** again, when the Church as a whole makes a special outreach to the unsaved in various areas of the United States, Mexico, and this year, in Canada. The summer is the most suitable time of the year to hold these tent and campmeetings.

Let us pray without ceasing that God's Word presented from the pulpit and press will find an entrance into many honest, hungry hearts over the world and that there will be a great ingathering of precious souls into the Kingdom of God.

Good reports have come from the campmeetings already held at Ejido Patzcuaro, Baja Cfa., Mexico, where Sister Edith Lara is the resident missionary, and at Goulds, Florida, where Bro. H. H. Hargrave is the pastor.

Next on the schedule this year is the Oklahoma State campmeeting here in Guthrie, Okla., which will be held, Lord willing, from May 23 to June 1. (See further announcement on another page.) A large attendance is expected from several states, especially over the first week-end, as the Memorial holiday comes on Monday, May 26. The saints are urged to come praying for a soul-saving session. Showers of blessings are anticipated. The Guthrie congregation extends a hearty welcome to everyone to come and worship the Lord together in the beauty of holiness at this 46th annual campmeeting on these holy grounds where the people of God have maintained the "evening light" Bible truth of the Church of God since the year of 1905.

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Not One of Jesus' Bones Was Broken . . .

"But when they [the soldiers] came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs." John 19:33. "For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken." John 19:36. In surveying the crucifixion scene, it is noted that the legs were broken of two thieves who were crucified with Jesus, but in the plan of salvation for mankind the divine decree stated that "a bone of him shall not be broken." The reference is to the prophecy in Exodus 12:46 which reads, "In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof." This instruction was given to the ancient Israelites with reference to their annual observance of the Passover feast which they were commanded to keep in memory of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. They selected and killed a perfect lamb in observance of the Passover—the time when the death angel passed over the houses of the Israelites who had the lamb's blood sprinkled on their doorposts. The flesh of the lamb was to be eaten in one house and not

carried abroad with the specific instruction, "Neither shall ye brake a bone of it." That lamb of the ancient Passover feast is a type and shadow of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the perfect Lamb of God, who became our Passover by the sacrifice of Himself on Calvary's cross. Read 1 Cor. 5:7. As it was in the type likewise it was in the antitype—not a bone was broken. This was in the divine decree for a specific reason and purpose. In turn, Christ's sacrificial body is in some points a type and symbol of His spiritual Body—the Church of the living God which was purchased by His own blood. In His physical body there were no broken bones, neither are there any broken bones in His spiritual Body, the Bride of Christ. Broken bones in a body would make it like a jelly fish with no stability, subject to every slight pressure from any angle. Unbroken bones in a body would make it stable, stalwart, and steadfast, and not easily moved by opposing forces. Therefore we note that Jesus Himself boldly declared, "And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18. Thank God for the Church triumphant over every foe. The divine decree is that not a bone in the Church of God, Jesus' spiritual Body, shall ever be broken, for She is solid and secure on the Rock of Ages. Praise the Lord!

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Woman Needed in This Literature Ministry . . .

The position is still open for an unencumbered Christian woman who can operate a typewriter to work in the correspondence and mailing departments here at the Lord's Print Shop. It is an opportunity to become directly involved in the work of the Lord. Anyone with a burden for God's work should contact this office by letter or phone for further information.

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The first part of April, this writer, his wife Maybelle, and her sister, Maude Hornbeck, were granted the privilege to visit our son Byron and his wife Clarice, and our grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom live near Loranger, La. It was a joyous visit with a welcome relaxation from the long hours at the office. The Lord permits us to visit our children there at least once a year. It was also our pleasure to be in several services with the Church at Loranger and to find them still steadfast in God and His truth.

Enroute to southern Louisiana, we visited Bro. Lee Whitley at Marshall, Texas, whose daughter, Sis. Anecia Dutton, just recently departed this life. Also, we had a nice visit in Sheveport with Bro. Clifford and Sister Dorothy Wilson, former workers here at the Lord's Print Shop. Bro. Wilson is the pastor of the Shreveport congregation.

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Guest Home Is on the Realtor's List . . .

The four-bedroom Church Guest Home here at Guthrie is now for sale by the realtor, Barbara Silvers, phone (405) 282-5500. Their price is listed at \$72,500.00. Anyone interested should contact her.

Congratulations to Bro. Steven and Sister Margie Gellenbeck, who are members of the Guthrie congregation, on the birth of their firstborn, a daughter named Laura Michelle, on April 4th.

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Our appreciation is expressed to Bro. George A. Hammond who recently made two trips from Wisconsin to help build two rooms on the residence occupied by Bro. and Sister Bob Saltee and family who are co-workers here at the Lord's Print Shop.

Bro. Hammond is praying about making his fourth trip to the Philippine Islands to do missionary work and to help the native gospel workers. If the Lord opens the way, he may go this summer. It would be good if the Lord would call and open the way for a minister or helper to go with him. Pray that God's will be done in advancing the home and foreign mission work.

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Fund Needed for Evangelistic Bus Remodeling . . .

The former Greyhound Bus, purchased and donated to the Church by Bro. Jim Reynolds of California, was driven by Bro. Reynolds to Guthrie several weeks ago where it is now being completely remodeled inside to provide passenger, dining, and sleeping quarters, as well as space to haul the evangelistic tent and equipment, in preparation for travel to the Jefferson, Oregon, campmeeting and the tent meetings scheduled in British Columbia, Canada, this summer. Saints in the Guthrie area are donating their labor for the bus remodeling, but the material going into it is costing quite a sum. Equipment of folding chairs, electric lights, and a public address system is also needed for the new evangelistic tent. As the Lord directs, you may send your free-will offerings to this office for these purposes, and specify the offerings for the **Evangelistic Fund**. Your prompt response will be appreciated, and God will add His special blessing.

May the Lord richly bless all those who have contributed to the purchase of the new evangelistic tent. It will be picked up at Joplin, Mo., next week. Anyone desiring a tent meeting in this midwest area this summer should contact Bro. Tom Melot, R. 6, Box 510, Guthrie, Okla. 73044, phone (405) 282-3611.

AT PRESS TIME: Bro. Sid Rabel of Prince George, B. C., Canada, departed this life to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 27, after a short, severe illness. May the Lord comfort in a special way his wife Betty, their daughter, his father, mother, and other relatives. Bro. Tom Melot left by plane on April 28, to be a help and comfort to the family in their time of sorrow. This couple was here at Guthrie from March 23 to 30. Pray fervently for the family.

Bro. and Sister Ostis Wilson arrived in Guthrie from Oregon on April 4th with Bro. Willie Murphey and company who were returning home from a trip to the Northwest. Beginning on Easter Sunday, Bro. Wilson held a week's meeting at Anthony, Kansas,

where Bro. Murphey is the pastor. Bro. Wilson then held a few nights' meeting at Sapulpa, Okla., followed by a few nights of services at Loranger, La. They were scheduled to take the train at New Orleans on April 25th to return to their home at Albany, Ore.

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Bro. Tom Melot held a week's revival meeting at Enid, Okla., from April 20 to 27 with good results.

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The tragic political, economic, moral, and spiritual conditions over the world are evidently heading for a climax. What the future holds we know not, but our faith is firm in God who holds the future in His hand. The question is, how long will God withhold and restrain His wrath from this sin-sick world? Let us pray for the world leaders and men everywhere, and keep looking up for the return of our Lord who said He was coming again to receive us unto Himself forever in the realms of heaven. What a blessed hope of the righteous! —L. D. Pruitt

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Kenneth Jack Cook, son of Kenneth Lee and Lois Cook, was born in Toledo, Ohio, on October 10, 1929, and departed this life on March 25, 1980, at the age of 50 years, 5 months and 15 days.

He was married to Alberta Abbott on October 8, 1949, a union blessed by God with two daughters and one son. He was a loving husband and faithful father, opening his heart and home to many young people who thought of him as a father.

His last months were precious indeed, as Ken renewed his vows to God, and consecrated himself to the service of the Lord, showing a tenderhearted spirit, and the peace of God within, which passeth understanding.

In departing he leaves behind: his wife, Alberta; two daughters, Mrs. Julia Mercy of Pomona, Calif. and Mrs. Brenda Hunter of Bakersfield, Calif.; and one son, Kelly Cook, of their home in Ontario, Calif.; two grandsons, Nathan and Michael Mercy; and one sister, Mrs. Joy Burch of Sepulveda, Calif.

"... to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." "To live is Christ, to die is gain." We, his family, believe these truths. God, in His great mercy and lovingkindness, prepared us somehow for this event. Every shock has been cushioned—death's sting removed. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Funeral services were held in Pomona, Calif., by Brother Wayne Douglas and others of the Pomona congregation, and another service was held in Science

Hill, Kentucky, with Brother Mart Samons officiating. Burial was at Woodstock, Kentucky.

—Mrs. Alberta Cook

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Anecia (Whitley) Dutton, the daughter of Lee and Jewel Whitley, was born on Jan. 1, 1922, at Ardmore, Okla., and departed this life to be with the Lord on March 28, 1980, at Marshall, Texas, at the age of 58 years.

On August 21, 1938, she was united in marriage to Joe Dutton at Wirt, Okla., to which union five children were born.

Early in life Anecia sought the Lord and found the joy of salvation. She loved and trusted her Saviour until He called her Home after a brief, severe illness.

Survivors include: her husband, Joe Dutton, of the home in Breckenridge, Texas; one son, Tommy, Marshall, Texas; three daughters, Melinda Couch, Odessa, Texas, Anna Hall, San Angelo, Texas, and Alecia Songer, Lubbock, Texas; father, Lee Whitley, Marshall, Texas; two brothers, Harry Whitley, Sacramento, Calif., and Bennie Whitley, Alice, Texas; one sister, Twyla Gayle McMillian, Bossier City, La.; 14 grandchildren, many other relatives, friends, and saints.

The funeral services were conducted at the Colonial Chapel of the Sullivan Funeral Home, Marshall, Texas, by Bros. C. C. Carver and Clifford Wilson. Interment was in the Colonial Gardens, Marshall, Texas.

Campmeeting Dates for 1980

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1980, and a more complete announcement of each meeting will be printed in later issues:—

Oklahoma State Campmeeting at Guthrie, Okla. —
May 23 to June 1.

Holly Hill, South Carolina—June 6 to 15.

Tulsa, Oklahoma—June 6 to 15.

Green Bank, W. Va.—June 13 to 22.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 13 to 22.

Oakland, California—June 20 to 29.

Hammond, Louisiana—June 28 to July 6.

Ojos Negros, Baja Cfa., Mexico—June 30 to July 6.

Fresno, California—July 4 to 13.

Prince George, B. C., Canada—July 5 to 13.

Akron, Ohio—July 5 to 13.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri—July 18 to 27.

Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Missouri —
July 28 to August 4.

Bakersfield, California—August 1 to 10.

Orland, California—August 13 to 17.

Boley, Oklahoma—August 15 to 24.

OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING AT GUTHRIE, OK.

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, May 23 to June 1, 1980, at the chapel located on the corner of Sixth and West Warner Streets, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this 46th annual campmeeting on these grounds. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Dining hall and dormitories are on the grounds. Expenses will be met by freewill offerings. Come praying for a profitable meeting, the salvation of souls, sanctification of believers, and the divine healing of bodies.

Contributions should be sent directly to the treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, Rt. 5, Guthrie, Okla. 73044. For further information, contact the pastor, Brother Leslie Busbee, 1014 West Mansur, Guthrie, Okla., 73044, phone (405) 282-2421. The phone number at the chapel is 282-5499. Come and hear the old-time reformation truth. Let us worship the Lord together in the unity of the Spirit and be brought to the unity of the faith of the New Testament.

—L. D. Pruitt

CAMPMEETING AT HOLLY HILL, S.C.

The annual Church of God campmeeting at Holly Hill, South Carolina, will be held, Lord willing, from June 6 to 15, 1980. Everyone is welcome to come. Food and sleeping quarters will be provided on the grounds. The meeting will be supported on the freewill offering basis. We are praying the Lord to send the ministers of His choosing and burden the saints to help in every way for the success of the meeting. May the Lord save and sanctify many souls.

The chapel building is designated, White Oak Church of God. From downtown Holly Hill, take Highway 176 west to Highway 310. Turn right approximately 1 1/2 miles to Church of God sign, then turn right two miles. If needed, phone Bro. Hudson Crummie, (803) 496-5231.

—Bro. Hudson Crummie
Rt. 1, Box 42, Holly Hill, S.C. 29059

JEFFERSON, ORE., CAMPMEETING

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Oregon, is scheduled to be held on their new campground near Jefferson from June 13 to 22, 1980. There will be three regular services daily. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services. The meeting will be supported on the freewill offering basis, and the meals will be served in the dining hall on the grounds.

Due to the extra attendance expected at the wedding of Wanda Sharp and Irwin Wattenbarger at the first of the meeting, those coming are urged to bring sleeping bags and folding canvas cots, as well as bedding. Please let Bro. Wilson know in advance of your coming so arrangements can be made for your lodging.

Directions to campground: Go to the Texaco service station at the north edge of Jefferson, turn

right on Marion Road for about 3/4 mile, then turn left on Sheldon Road 1/2 mile to the chapel.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Ostis B. Wilson, 6505 N.E. Sunset Dr., Albany, Ore. 97321, phone (503) 928-7223. The chapel phone is (503) 327-9916.

TULSA, OKLA., CAMPMEETING

The Church of God campmeeting on the corner of Norfolk and Pine Place in Tulsa, Okla., will be held June 6 to 15, 1980, Lord willing. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services, and all who come will be cared for. We are praying for God to send the ministers of His choosing.

For further information, call or contact Bro. Norman Simpson, 1333 East 8th St., Tulsa, Okla. 74120, phone 583-2096, or Bro. Raymond Hardman, 8724 N. 121 East Ave., Tulsa, 74117, phone 272-6091.

—Maple Littlejohn, Sec.

GREEN BANK, W. VA., CAMPMEETING

The campmeeting at Green Bank, W. Va., will be held, Lord willing, from June 13 to 22, 1980. Two services each day will be held in the tent. Every one is welcome to come and partake of the Bible truth that will be presented.

Green Bank is located fifty miles south of Elkins, W. Va., or 57 miles north of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., on Route 92.

We desire everyone to pray for this evangelistic effort. For more information, you may contact Bro. Mart Samons, P.O. Box 127, Green Bank, W. Va. 24944, phone number (304) 456-4469.

ADVANCE MOTEL RESERVATIONS URGED

Word has been received that another convention will be in progress in Neosho, Mo., during the same time of the National Campmeeting of the Church of God at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri. Those who desire to have motel accommodations while attending the National Campmeeting are urged to make reservations well in advance of that date—July 18 to 27. For your convenience the motels in the area are herewith listed, including phone numbers:

Plymouth Rock Motel, Neosho, Mo., phone (417) 451-1428.
Elwood Motel, Neosho, Mo., phone (417) 451-2271.
Flower Box Motel, Neosho, Mo., phone (417) 451-9902.
Stewart's Motel, Diamond, Mo., (417) 325-4287.
Copeland's Texaco and Motel, Seneca, Mo., (417) 776-2647.

Notice About Bibles

Anyone interested in purchasing the Thompson Chain Reference Bible can contact the undersigned. I plan to have a supply on hand at the Guthrie, Okla., and Neosho, Mo. (Monark Springs) National Campmeetings.

—Ruby E. Stover,

6304 S. 97th West Ave., Tulsa, Ok. 74131
Phone number (918) 446-5985.

WICHITA, KAN., MEETING REPORT

The Lord was faithful to once again permit us to have a spring meeting in Wichita. However, we can only report that two pressed their way into the Kingdom. We sincerely hope that they will keep pressing on and endure to the end.

In the messages, we were warned about the spirit of deep sleep that has settled on many people and the need to be awakened. We were also told of the necessity of being sanctified, and the danger of not slaying the many facets of the foe that we encounter in Canaan land. We were told of the importance of "a name," the importance of time, and using it wisely, and also how important it is to lay aside every weight. We were encouraged to keep pressing, to have faith, and to enjoy our salvation.

We are thankful that God is still with us and has not left us, nor forsaken us, in such evil times, but is doing all He can to get us to heaven.

—Submitted by Shirley Knight

Prayer Requests

Fla.—"I have had pains in my back for many years. I would like for the saints to pray that God will heal me. I know He can do it."—Sis. Lydia Bennett

Ala.—"Keep on praying for my husband, Charles Miskelley. He drinks daily and won't let anyone talk to him about God. He doesn't stay at home very much anymore. Pray that God will give me the exact words to say to him. I have placed him in God's hands. Please don't stop praying for him. I know that God is the only one that can help him."—Mrs. C. E. Miskelley

La.—"I am very much in need of prayer for rheumatoid arthritis, and also something is wrong with my stomach. I still believe God will heal me. He has healed me many times. Pray for me."—Mrs. (Alex) Beulah Johnson

Ky.—Saints, do continue to remember Bro. Curtis Williams in prayer. He gets better, and then has another attack and gets worse. He is truly in the furnace of affliction. When a person is in a long, drawn-out affliction he has to fight the enemy who brings all kinds of dark pictures. He is trying to cause the shield of faith to drop a little. When one is already in a weakened condition, the battle is harder. (I have been there and I know, but God brought me through, which was a miracle.) So let us send Bro. Curtis a card, as he does need all the words of encouragement that he can get in the midst of this great battle. God is going to bring him through. Before dawn it is the darkest. Before victory, the battle is the hardest. (Rt. 1, Box 656, Morehead, Ky. 40351)

Okla.—Remember Bro. Harry White of Guthrie in prayer. He has a serious affliction. He is looking to the Lord for much needed help.

Ala.—"Please pray for my healing. I believe I have a bad sinus condition. It has affected my eye-

sight, hearing, and my swallowing. I am trusting God for my healing and have been praying. I feel I need an agreement of prayer."—Sis. Frances Everhart

Let us pray that the Lord will bless richly in the campmeetings this summer. Let us do all we can to make them a success for God. The one who picks up trash, helps in the kitchen, or speaks a word of encouragement is working for the Lord. We trust that everyone will be careful with their words. Making strangers feel at home, or just shaking their hands will be a work for the Lord. We want God to be honored and lifted up from the pulpit to the pew, as well as all over the grounds. The young people need to be encouraged to work for God also. Their meetings are important as well as their conduct. Many are looking on, and they are wanting to see Christ lifted up. Even in the towns where the campmeetings are held, the conduct of every out-of-town person is being watched. People will judge the whole campmeeting many times by what they see out of a few. So we all need to pray much and live in the Spirit of Christ.

It was wonderful to meet a number of the saints of God on my recent trip with Willie and Frances to Oregon via Calif. We were glad to visit my dear sister and her husband in Calif., my brother in Phoenix, Ariz., and my oldest brother and his wife in Oregon, also all of their families. We were glad for the services we were able to be in, and also had a short visit in the Sunset Home in Pacoima, Calif., where we met some of the dear ones there.

Pray that the Lord will continue to give me strength to carry on the work of God that He lays upon my heart. I am not expecting God to make a young person out of me at the age of 66 years, but I know He can give me strength to do a few little things for Him. I feel it's a miracle that I am alive after nearly leaving this world in 1973, and having gone through a long battle of affliction at that time. I still require a lot of rest and I am careful not to stay under too much stress as it causes weakness in my body. Oh, I can never thank the Lord enough for the many times He has healed me down through my 66 years. Even as a child I was very weak, and many were the times I went to my father to pray for me or he came to my bed to pray. Again and again, God touched me. Praise His name!

Be encouraged, saints! God will see you through. Sometimes the Lord has healed me instantly, and at other times it was a battle, but I held firmly to the promises of God and He brought me through. Praises be to my God and Saviour! —Sis. Marie Miles

When a citizen enlists to become a soldier, he is provided with a uniform, furnished by the government. If he will be a soldier, he must expect to wear a soldier's uniform. God provides His soldiers, not with any particular shaped or colored literal garment, but with the garment of humility; that is the very best adapted to our needs. Nothing else can possibly cover the nakedness of the self, or soul life, and render us fully acceptable before Him. —J. W. Byers

REPORT ON TRIP TO NIGERIA

Calif.—Greetings to all the saints: My parents and I recently returned from a wonderful trip to Nigeria, West Africa. We enjoyed very gracious hospitality there.

In Bendel State, many saints proved that they had great love and consideration for us. The congregations which we visited in Bendel State are located at Kwale, Auchu, Obetim, and Abbi. Many thanks to all of them for their hospitality. Kwale was our home base. We are witnesses that Kwale saints are spiritually alive and possess fervent charity. Bro. Titus Enu is the pastor at Kwale.

Other Nigerian saints deserve thanks also: In River State, the congregations of Port Harcourt and Tombia expressed much Christian love to us. Bro. Ben Taylor is the pastor of the Tombia congregation. In Imo State, we received a warm welcome from the saints at Aba. We were blessed to have an extended visit at Tombia.

As a result of our association and worship with the Nigerian saints, we received many spiritual blessings. May the Lord bless each of His saints in Nigeria as well as throughout the entire world! He is indeed the Heavenly Father of us all.

—Submitted by Jefferlene Pierro

SPANISH LITERATURE PROGRESS

Several more tracts have been prepared for printing, and we surely appreciate the cooperation of the Lord's Print Shop in the printing of about 190 pounds of Spanish tracts, which amounts to about 24,000 tracts, 3,000 of them being "La Iglesia de Dios" ("The Church of God" by the late Bro. Fred Pruitt). We are desirous to get as many copies of this tract as we can into Mexico for distribution, as it truly portrays the one pure and holy Bride of Christ. All new tracts have been coded, filed and recorded so distribution can be under way promptly. Some samples have already been sent with orders to Mexico and Guatemala, Central America.

Pray for us that we will be faithful in our service to the Lord in this field.

Yours for lost souls in Mexico.

Sister Opal Kelly, 919 W. Mansur
Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Bendel State, Nigeria (March 31)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of the holy Lamb of God, who took away our sins and washed us in His blood. His name is Jesus, the Bread of Life, Who came down from heaven. Souls in famine should eat of this Bread and live. Praise the Lord!

I have only received a postcard, not the normal monthly communication, to inform me of the books mailed to us on March 6, 1980. Thank you for honoring my request for these books of inspired writers which we desire to read along with the Holy Bible for spiritual uplift in things of the divine realm.

The will of God on evangelism is being steadily complied with. At His command, we launched out into the deep at Okpai, a riverine town on the bank of River Niger for a draught. In a hired bus, the evangelistic team of 25 brethren led by this writer left Kwale to camp at Okpai for six days. The town was shelled with the Word of God from different locations for liberation of souls from the kingdom of darkness. The enemies' attempt to halt our advancement failed because they mistook our weapon in use to be of human origin. Up with Jesus and down with Satan! It was a miraculous catch of men at Okpai eventually which should be likened to that of Peter which humbled him to realize that the One who had commanded him to cast his net was no mere man, but the Master of ocean, and earth, and sky. Brethren from Kwale are detailed in turns to Okpai on Saturday through Sunday to feed the new converts with the Word of God. Good report of addition of souls to the fold is being received weekly. It costs quite an amount to send feeders to Okpai every week. Pray for the Okpai fund.

Bro. Egbert Allen, my elder brother in the Lord, had a leading to invite me over to the U. S. this summer to participate in the campmeetings of this year with the precious saints of the Most High. However, this invitation could not be accepted due mainly to the great volume of work of the Lord in hand awaiting completion. I am praying the Lord to bring up the invitation at a more convenient time. His prayer request has been receiving attention of the Prayer Group.

The National Campmeeting of Nigeria has been fixed to take place this year on the Island of Tombia, in Kalabari Division of the Rivers State, on the dates from Nov. 14th to 23rd. It will be sustained by free-will offerings. All offerings for the campmeeting from outside Nigeria should be addressed to Bro. B. Ben Taylor, Church of God, Tombia via Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria, W. Africa.

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

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

South India (March 17)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and dear saints everywhere: We send our loving greetings to all of you again in the sweetest name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Thank you very much for your kind letter dated March 4, and the enclosures were noted with much gratitude. Sister Dorothy Keiser left for the U. S. on March 6, and I got a telegram from her stating that she reached home safely. Her stay with us for nine weeks was a real blessing for us and the whole church. Several were healed through her prayer ministry.

Koottarvila is a new center where we plan to start a meeting on March 28th. Chapel buildings are under construction at Chayppamkuzhi and Kodali. There are more opportunities for us to expand our gospel work into new places in south India in 1980.

Lord willing, we will arrive in the U. S. on May 21, and Bro. Richard Madden wrote me that the tickets will be ready by April. We will return to India soon after the National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri.

May the Lord bless the Church of God activities everywhere in the world. What we intend to do for the Lord and souls must be done very soon. The time is short.

Let us see through the eyes of prayer until we see face to face. Our prayers continue for your complete healing.

Yours in His service, —John Varghese

From the Mail Box . . .

W. Va.—We are glad to be serving a God that knows all things. I was reading a Scripture last night in Eph. 3:20, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." I was thinking that many times when our little girl is sick, or when we need something, I pray, "Lord, You wrote in Your Word, 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.'" I don't believe that it ever entered my mind until last night that we only receive according to the power that worketh in us. I desire to have more power working in me that I can move mountains through faith.

Bro. Lawrence is always in our prayers. We trust that the Lord will soon answer prayer in his behalf.

—John, Rose and Julie Samons

Miss.—Dear workers: I enjoy your *Faith and Victory* paper to the fullest. I am thankful God still has people who are willing to stand up for His truth in this world regardless of opposition. . . .

I pray for your healing, and for God to bless each of you and help you to carry on His message until He sees fit to call you to come up higher.

—Mrs. Olen Williamson

Mo.—Dear ones in Christ: I am so thankful for all the Lord's blessings to us.

I always enjoy the *Bible Lessons* and the good words of truth in the *Faith and Victory* paper. They are rich food for our souls, and how I do appreciate them! I am so thankful for each one of you at the Print Shop and every one of the family of God that is out in the Lord's work. I remember you each one in prayer. I pray for God's people everywhere, for I love them. . . .

Our dear Lord and Savior blesses our hearts each Sunday in the little worship service at the Centumin Boarding Home. I have so much to thank Him for, and, oh, how we long to see others come to Him and know Him, too! I trust that each of you got a real blessing from our "day of prayer." I truly hope that

many of you dear ones who are afflicted felt a healing touch that day. May God bless you each one. Truly our hearts rejoiced as we studied again the precious Word of our resurrected Christ and His resurrection power. We know He lives, and we know that someday we will be resurrected from the dead to live again. Praise His name!

Your Sister in Christ, —Lena Bowman

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Pa.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings in the dear name of Jesus, the One who sticketh closer than a brother! He is near through joy or sorrow. I could not live without Him. He is so precious to me at this time.

My husband (Clifford) left me on March 11. There was no warning that he was failing. It was such a shock. The heart gives out very quickly. I am very lonely and can't believe he is gone. Everything in the house reminds me of him. . . . My children came in to help, and my sisters and neighbors were so kind, too.

My inner ear infection is better, for which I praise God. I have been going out to eat, so it helps pass the time away. . . . God is helping me. I am holding onto His hand, for I know He will never leave nor forsake me.

May God bless all who work at Faith Pub. House and give each one strength for each day, and may they help to win souls to Christ, the only One who has peace for mankind. Time is running short, so we must do what we can now.

Yours Sister in Him, —Eva Cox

[May the Lord comfort and sustain Sister Eva Cox in her bereavement and in these days of readjustment. She has been a faithful supporter of the Lord's Print Shop many years, as was her late mother, Dona Campbell, who was one of the old-time saints of the Church of God in the state of Pennsylvania. —L. D. Pruitt, Editor.]

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Kansas—Dear saints: . . . We are glad to report victory in our souls. We can't praise the Lord enough. To God be the glory for all He has done for us!

We want to report a good gospel singing here at Coffeyville on April 12th. The Lord sent in saints from near and far. There were fifteen congregations represented, and the glory of the Lord filled the house. We feel we had a heaven-sent, Holy Ghost-led singing. The friends and neighbors who attended expressed that they were glad to have been with us.

The Scripture in II Cor. 7:6 expresses our feelings: "Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus." In like manner, we were comforted by the coming of the saints and friends. We pray the Lord will bless everyone who came to be with us. We desire your prayers that we will be faithful to lift up the Savior in this community. —The Coffeyville congregation

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If we would bring happiness to others we must be happy ourselves. —C. E. Orr

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



W. Va.—Dear saints: We would like to take this opportunity to testify of the goodness of the Lord to His children at Green Bank, W. Va.

The Lord gave us a wonderful meeting in March of this year. We had all been praying for a revival meeting, and that the Lord would send us an outside minister to hold the meeting. There seems to be such a shortage of ministers to go out in the field to hold revival meetings, and it is needed so much.

Mart felt impressed to call Bro. Tommy Melot to see if he had a burden to hold a meeting for us. Thank the Lord, he already had written a letter to see when he should come. It made us all rejoice to know that God was working on both ends.

The Lord blessed His servant to bring some really stirring messages. Several put in for help at the altar of prayer. The meeting was well attended by the community. They heard what the true Church is. Several acknowledged it was the truth, but sad to say, they all went back to their false ways. We trust they will have another opportunity to accept the truth some day.

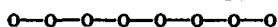
The Lord dealt with several unsaved companions, but only one gave his heart to the Lord. He is very happy and doing good in the Lord. We believe others will soon give their hearts to the Lord, also.

It is less than two months until our campmeeting starts (June 13th). We would like to invite all that can, to come. We will try to care for each one. The Lord has blessed in times past that we could care for all, and I'm sure He will continue to do so. Everyone should bring a coat because it does get quite cool at night.

I desire to be remembered in my body. I had an affliction to come upon my body while we were down South in some meetings in February. It is very painful. It seems our lot is to travel a great deal, and that is when I suffer the most. I would appreciate each of your prayers. We are so thankful we can trust the Lord for our bodies. I feel it's a great privilege. He has been so good to heal our every affliction in times past since we were saved, and I believe He's going to heal this one, also.

May the Lord bless each one is our earnest prayer.

—Sis. Verna Samons



Mo.—Dear saints: I'm so thankful for Jesus! Thirty-seven years ago I repented of my sins and became acquainted with the dearest Friend anyone can have. Since that time, He has grown sweeter as the years have gone by. He has never failed me! If there was any failing, it was always on my part. I have so much to be thankful for. Many, many have been His blessings to us. I've gone too far to turn back now! I don't even consider turning back.

I want to give glory to God and tell how He helped us with a problem recently. We are now living one-half mile from the Monark Springs campground (still caretakers of it). We had stored our lawnmowers

and other things over there, and they were stolen over Easter weekend. We reported it to the sheriff and prayed. We asked others to pray also. We knew that only God could work in this case. Our son, Larry, and our pastor work as custodians at the Granby School. They mentioned to another custodian that the mowers had been stolen, and told him that one was a Snapper riding mower. He said, "You know, there was a mower sold at the auction at . . . last Saturday night." He said that he and his wife worked the auction every Saturday night and she kept a record of who brought things in to sell and who bought them. . . . The sheriff checked it out, and called us to come and identify our mowers and also the wheelbarrow that was also missing. Praise God! The man who stole them failed to realize that he was stepping on God's territory. The campground is God's holy ground. It is dedicated to the service of God, and the Lord knows how to care for His own. The man confessed to selling the three push mowers at another auction, and the sheriff is looking for them. We are praying for their return. We surely need them. We were not asked to press charges, which we wouldn't, but the sheriff told us that it was a criminal offense and the prosecuting attorney pressed the charges. When the trial comes up, we'll have to identify the things taken from the campground. Let us pray for this man's soul—that he will change his ways and live for God.

We do appreciate the saints' burden and prayers concerning the afflictions that Dale and I are suffering. We have felt the strength of those prayers and marvel at the way the Lord sustains us. We are both still in the furnace of affliction, but thank God for the other Being "that is in it with us," like unto the Son of God. We are confident these things didn't *just happen*. They had to meet with the Lord's approval first. We know we are living for the Lord and are consecrated to His will. When the suffering gets so great and seems more than we can bear, we are reminded of the Scripture that He will not put on us more than we can bear! I can truly say this promise is true. Many times He has healed in our home. I believe in Divine healing. The Lord has been my Healer the past 37 years, and I'm determined to trust Him until He calls me Home.

I'm thinking of the three Hebrew children when facing the fiery furnace. The king told them they could be free if they would bow down to the image, but thank God for their answer: "We are not careful to answer you in this matter. Our God is able to deliver us from the fiery furnace, but if not, be it known, O King, we will not bow down," (Adapted from Dan. 3). They would not give up their faith in God. Praise God! They stood true and God did deliver, but He allowed them to be put into the furnace. That's where we are today, and we know God will deliver in His own time and way.

Thank God for the beautiful Church of God and all the dear saints. Everyone is dear to our hearts. Hope to see all of you at Monark campmeeting this year.

—Dale and Dora Doolittle

Okla.—Dear saints everywhere: . . . For a long time we had wanted to be in a congregation, and after much prayer we strongly felt the Lord would have us move to Oklahoma City. We had been living in Michigan, but the Lord showed us that if we would "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" that all needs would be added unto us. . . . We found a house for a good price and we thanked God for working. He had prepared a job and a house, and we had everything taken care of in one week. Praise God! We went back to Michigan and packed our belongings and came back here to Oklahoma. After a few more days we were able to move into our new house. The builder let us stay in the house about a month before we signed the closing papers, as it took so long to get everything done. The Lord just worked exceedingly above that we could even ask or think. Praise the Lord!

After the Lord took care of our material needs, oh, how He has blessed our souls here! My soul is just rejoicing every day that we obeyed God. We are so happy here, and we both absolutely know that we are in God's will. Amen.

I just wanted all the saints to know how happy we are in our souls. We have been here a little over two months now, and we have never been so happy as we are now. The Lord is using His ministers to feed us, and the saints here in the congregation are so precious. Surely we have to lift our voices and praise our God!

Continue to pray for Jerry and me that we will grow more and more in the Lord, and that we will be true and faithful unto the end.

—Bro. Jerry and Sis. Marsha Corteway

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W. Va.—Dear Sis. Marie: . . . Recently I had been so hungry in my soul, being isolated from the saints. Also, I was being drawn to the TV again. It seems that when I was the most discouraged the Lord prepared a feast for me. Sis. Samons called in March from Green Bank to tell me they were having a revival. My husband was willing to take me, but did not want to stay. As some of you know, I'm confined to a wheelchair, so I was a little hesitant to go without him to help me. Sis. Samons said to come on, that she would help me. She and all the saints there were so kind and helpful to me. I thank the dear Lord always for the wonderful family of saints into which I was born through His mercy.

The Lord richly blessed my soul, and I was fed so much through the anointed messages that came forth each night. Praise His holy name! He not only fed my soul, but on the last night of the meeting He healed me of a painful bursitis condition that I had had in my shoulder for years, which was steadily getting worse. I could hardly put weight on my right arm, but now, praise God, the pain is gone and I am able to do a lot more for myself. Also, my husband has agreed to move the TV, and I thank the Lord for that. It will be put upstairs where I can neither see nor hear it. It's so sad to know that many dear souls will miss heaven because of the TV.

Pray for me that I'll be faithful and stay in the center of God's will. Pray for my dear husband and unsaved family.

—Sis. Patty Edmonds

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Calif.—I would like to thank all the saints for their prayers and kindness during the illness and death of my mother, Sister Mary May, and also my Aunt, Sister Annie Bowen. . . .

I thank the Lord for enabling me to go to the Bakersfield, Calif., Assembly meeting. The Lord saved my soul, and has given me a great determination to live for Him. The Lord has answered prayer in my behalf ever since I got saved. Doors have begun to open for me that I never even dreamed possible, and only through the Lord could it happen. The Lord has helped me to burn bridges and keep going forward, with no desire to look back or even wonder about them.

God has been wonderful to me and I can't express it all in words, but all redeemed ones know the joy of serving the Lord. . . . I desire your prayers daily for strength and guidance.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Exzetta May

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Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister in the Lord and all that read the *Faith and Victory* paper: . . . When I was a schoolboy, I had Christian parents. There were six of us children—five boys and one girl. Once I got my leg hurt just below the knee on the shin bone. It became infected and would not heal, but kept getting worse for nearly a year. Father and Mother did not get a doctor, but were trusting the Lord for my healing. One day my grandparents came to see me. They saw how bad my leg was. Grandmother believed in prayer, and she asked me if I believed in prayer. She said, "Do you believe that if we pray for you, God will heal you?" I said, "Yes." I didn't know how to pray, but Grandma surely did. Praise the Lord, the work was done! My leg started healing and was soon well again. I would kneel by my bedside and pray, but no one had ever explained to me what it meant to be born again, and experience salvation.

As I grew older, I was a strong young man, but I had never asked God to forgive my sins. The Lord was dealing with me, but I kept putting it off. When I was 18 I met a nice Christian lady. She told me how to get saved. I knew I had not met another girl like her, so we got married and lived on the farm. I went about my farm work, but still had not gotten saved. One morning my brother and I were working in the hay field baling hay. I caught my foot in the press and couldn't get it out for a while. When I did get my foot out, I was ready to confess. I could hardly wait to get to a revival that was going on. I made my way on crutches to the altar. God forgave me and saved my soul. This was on a Saturday night and the next day I was baptized. God healed me again, praise the name of Jesus!

My wife and I read the *Faith and Victory* paper every month. It is food to our souls. We can't begin to tell all that God has done for us. He has blessed us

with two sons and two daughters. Our youngest son is a minister. Our children are now all married with families of their own. My wife and I have 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. I am now 77 years old, and Wife will soon be 75. God has been so good to us.

Prayer opens heaven's door. Psalms 55:22 says, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Psalms 46:1 says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." —Foy Sorrell

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Okla.—Dear Sis. Marie: I am encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. When I called Monday, March 31st, my left leg was so badly drawn that I could hardly walk, and my knees were swollen. I called around 11 a.m. By night I could hardly feel any pain. By the next morning my leg was straightening out better than it had been for some time. Thank God for hearing your prayers.

I also asked prayer for Sis. Harris, my mother. She said that every joint in her body was hurting. She was so miserable with pain that she could hardly do anything, even to think clearly. This morning she reports victory over her pains. She said she didn't have one pain. Thank the Lord! I thank all the staff at the Print Shop for your prayers. We are praising God for coming to our rescue.

—Sister Icylee Tillman

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Ark.—Dear ones: . . . Bro. Gordon Humphrey was here at Grubbs a week and we had a good meeting. Every message was good and uplifting to us. Although no one went to the altar for salvation, I feel that we all got help. I am encouraged to keep pressing on. I truly believe God sent Bro. Humphrey, and I feel it may have been the last call for some. My husband went to meeting every night, although he is not well. Bro. Gordon spent a lot of time with us and we were happy to have him in our home. Do pray that God will send some one to preach for us at least once a month. . . . Two of my children went to the meeting one night. One works almost every night, and it seemed they were all so busy. Do pray that God will stir their hearts and send them out to meeting.

Sis. Marie and Bro. Lawrence, I am praying for both of you. We are all in the battle together. Pray for all of us here.

—Sis. Johnnie West

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Minn.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: I thank the Lord Christ Jesus for all of His love and kindness to all His blood-bought people everywhere. I love to read His Word and to live by it to the best of my ability. I am happy in the Lord and want to do His good will.

I am in good health and still able to get around good. The Lord has been so good to me. From this world He has set me free. I am looking for His soon coming in power and great glory in the clouds of heaven. That will be glory for me to leave this sin-cursed world!

—Bro. Andrew Senti

Okla.—Dear readers: Greetings in Jesus' name. I've not written my testimony for a long time, but I am thankful to say I am still living for Jesus to all I know and understand. This is a beautiful way—a peaceful way. The more we measure to God's Word, the farther we get from the things of the world with its foolishness, pride, styles, fads, and fashions. Long ago these things lost their charm for me. Oh, to be a pure example on all lines is the greatest desire of my heart! I know that I am facing that Great Beyond, and I want each day to see that my record is clear. It only takes ONE sin to make us a sinner and bar us out of heaven. This is such a pure, clean, close life. I love the strait and narrow way. When one obeys the Lord and His precious Word, it gives such a calmness in the soul.

The dear Lord still blesses me day by day. Although I am not so well in body, I still attend the services almost every time. I can pretty well keep up my housework and drive my car. I do love the service of the Lord, and am glad that I can still work for Jesus, and feel His sweet approval upon my life. He has been such a comfort to me in the past year. The dear children of God and their many letters of love and encouragement have meant more than I know how to express. I am answering them as I can get to them.

I want to sound out the warning to all to live close to God, for sin, rebellion, and disobedience are terrible things. Please read these Scriptures: Prov. 11:21; 16:5; 17:5, and 19:5, and Hebrews 2:1-3. I am encouraged to live for the Lord. I just want to be more like Him in every way.

Please pray that my faith be increased, and for my unsaved loved ones. It would be terrible for one to be lost.

In the Master's service, —Sis. Evelyn McCoy

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Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

Questions: What kind of a body did Jesus have when He arose from the dead?

Answer: In regard to this question, I am reminded of what I heard a prominent Bible teacher, conference speaker, and preacher say a while back. He said that as a Bible teacher and conference speaker, he had many questions put to him and he always had an answer for every question. Then he went on to say that many times his answer was, "I don't know." That is my answer to this question: "I don't know." And I can add to that, "I don't know how or where to find out."

Since the question is presented and we are into it, I might notice a few points in regard to it which do not in any way answer the question as it is phrased. The text in 1 Tim. 3:16 is pertinent to the discussion. It reads thus, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh,

justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." The incarnation of Jesus Christ (God manifest in the flesh) is a great mystery. Likewise is the resurrected body of Christ a great mystery. It seems to me that just as it was necessary for Jesus to possess a dual nature (both divine and human) in carrying out the phase of His ministry and redemptive work down here upon the earth and introducing God to man; so it would still be necessary for Him to possess the same dual nature yonder in heaven where He has gone to engage in His intercessory ministry and represent man to God and make intercession for us. In order for His intercessory ministry to be effective in a full measure with the Father, it would be necessary for Him to have a body with the scars and marks on it (nail prints in His hands and feet, and the spear gash in His side) which He received at Calvary where His redemptive work was fully accomplished and fulfilled to show before the Father as He interceded and pled for mercy for sinful men.

Many times when praying for people who are critically ill and need special mercy from God, I say to God the Father in my prayer, "Father, please look upon your Son as He stands in Your presence right now to intercede for us and plead with you for mercy and look especially on those stripes on His back and remember that they were placed there for the healing of the people." (Isa. 53:5 and 1 Pet. 2:24). This thought has often added inspiration and faith to my prayer in urgent cases.

We know for certain that the body of Jesus arose and came out of the sepulchre. It was the same body that was buried that arose. When certain of His followers came to the sepulchre on the morning of the resurrection with spices to anoint His body they found the stone rolled away and they went into the sepulchre and "found not the body of the Lord Jesus." His body had gotten up and walked away from there alive, and the tomb was empty. That resurrected body had the wounds and marks in it that caused His death, and He drew special attention to this when He appeared to His disciples and told them to, "Behold my hands and my feet" (Luke 24:39), and proceeded to say, "Handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have." He convinced Thomas of His identity in the same way (John 20:26-30). He ate fish and honeycomb in their presence (Luke 24:41-43).

This body was different from what it had been during the time of his ministry and work with His disciples. In this body He could appear, disappear and reappear. In Luke 24:31, He just vanished out of their sight. In John 20:26, He appeared to His disciples right through a closed door. This was a spiritual body, but it was not a spirit as Jesus Himself declared in Luke 24:39. His body was sown a natural body; it was raised a spiritual body (1 Cor. 15:44).

According to Acts 2:27, the body of Jesus never saw any corruption. God never allowed it to stay in the tomb long enough for decomposition to set in. But

in the process of resurrection, His body underwent a change. The glorious thing about all this for us is that the same change will happen to us in the morning of the resurrection on that last great day. "We shall rise and be like Him, when we see Him as He is." Phil. 3:21 says, "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body." 1 Cor. 15:51, 52, says, "Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

In that last great day every living saint upon the earth shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and put on that same kind of body Christ had when He arose from the dead. In that body we will rise right up from the earth just like He did, and straight upward we will fly to meet the Lord in the air to forever be with Him. Inspiring, glorious, and wonderful thought!

All of this, both His and ours, is a mystery and called so in the Scriptures. It is all in the hands of God, and both Christ's resurrection and ours are works of the power of God. The nature of the resurrection and the changes that are to take place are reserved with God, only to be revealed to us in that day. As far as I can see from here on, we will just have to leave it that way with the Lord and in that day we will understand it all. 1 John 3:2, tells us that it does not yet appear what we shall be, but that when He appears we shall see Him as He is and be like Him. Only if we could tell what we shall be, would we be able to tell how Christ was at His resurrection and how He is now, for we will be just like Him, but the Scripture states plainly that we do not know that. It is all reserved with the Lord Himself until then.

Our Consolation Through Christ

Sorrow has a way of twisting one's heart and then twisting it again. The ache is so deep that it seems a person can't live under the severity of it. As the child of God bows upon his knees before the Lord, the tears flow, which can't be controlled. The body trembles and shivers under the heaviness of it all. The mind is dulled, and the groanings and sighings are prayers unuttered. But finally, the child of God looks up and prays, "Oh, God, I love you. Take me Home to be with You and out of this terrible trouble. I can't bear any more. Have mercy upon me!" A fresh flood of tears gushes out and the person reels under the pressure of the deep sorrow. The unanswered question floods in upon the mind. Again the child of God cries, "Oh, Lord, what shall I do?"

Jesus, the One who is "touched by the feelings of our infirmities," is sitting on the right hand of God. He is looking down and sees His suffering child. He is waiting for him to deepen down a little more into humility. He is waiting for those words that speak from the heart that will bring His sweet, comforting

Spirit to that child's aid. Finally, the suffering child cries out, "Oh, Lord, not my will, but Thine be done!" Jesus hears those words. He sees the utter submission to the will of God and his desire for it more than any selfish desire. The Spirit of God comes and touches the soul of God's child. The sharpness of that deep sorrow is lifted. The tears begin to dry up. The mind takes in the fact that God does care and that He has every thing under His control. The soul begins to trust God's wisdom as well as His power. The problems are still there and the future is still unknown, but again the Spirit of Christ whispers, "Live one minute at a time." The soul cries out, "Help me, Lord, to do that! Help me to keep it all committed to Thee!" The Scripture then comes to the mind, brought by the Holy Spirit, "Be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5. Then there is a new flood of tears. This time they are tears of thanksgiving. The child of God prays, "It doesn't matter what happens to me in this world, just as long as I have Thee with me. Help me to face life with all its problems, and to be a worker for You. Thank You for Your comforting Spirit that is with me." As the child of God lingers on his knees, he feels the soothing Spirit of God comforting and touching Him through and through. He rises and washes his face. He turns to take care of the duties of life. Soon the sorrow and ache of the heart are so lightened that he goes out to face the world. He will go to meeting and is able to sing from his heart the songs of Zion and to lift up his voice in praise and honor to the One who is the Comforter of all in trouble. He remembers the Scriptures, "For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ." 2 Cor. 1:5.

I hear you say, "Yes, I have had help like that, but it hit me again." It may come again and again, but, dear child of God, don't forget from what source you drew your help. Go again to the Lord. Humble yourself again before Him. Cry out your heart again to the God of all comfort. Again receive help and rise and go forth. The second time you will be stronger. The heartache will be less, even though conditions have not changed, and maybe new problems have been added. They may stand like a mountain before you, but God has said that He would "make a way in the mountain." Look above the circumstances and see Christ. Jesus trod the way before you. Believe Him when He said that He "was tempted in all points . . . as we are, yet without sin." (Heb. 4:15) He was rejected and cast out by those He loved. He wept and knows all about our sorrows and heartaches in this life. He has said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) "Let not your heart be troubled." (John 14:1)

Dear child of God, who is facing a problem that has broken your heart, look up to God. Maybe life in all its complications has crowded in and the way looks dark. Look away from it all and look to Jesus. Remember that our "consolation . . . aboundeth in Christ." Jesus is the One who "comforteth us in all

our tribulation." (2 Cor. 1:5,4) He is the way out for you; otherwise, the devil might tempt you to take your own life. Problems get severe, but taking one's own life is the way to hell. Your way out is through Christ.

I know by experience that God can heal heartaches, even though it might take time for you to really submit all into His hands. He is patient, and knows how to help us. A person is never the same after going through some deep sorrow. It will make a better person of you if you exercise yourself in it in the right manner by keeping a humble attitude, which is the road to walk with Christ and receive help. But if you submit to self-pity, unforgiveness, despair, gloom, and bitterness, you will come out a worse person than before. It's your choice as to how you come through your sorrow and the effect it will leave upon your life. But, thank God, we can have help from Him and come out with victory.

—Sis. A. Marie Miles

The Sheaves I Bring

My life is so narrow, so narrow,
 Environed by four square walls,
 But ever across my threshold
 The shadow of my duty falls,
 My eyes often wander off to the hilltops
 But ever my heart stoops down
 In a passion of love to the babes
 That helplessly cling to my gown.
 In the light of a new day dawning
 I see an evangel stand
 And to fields that are white for the harvest
 I am lured by a beckoning hand.
 But I have no place with the reapers
 No part in the soul stirring strife,
 I must hover my babes on the threshold,
 I must teach them the lesson of life.
 I must answer their eager questions
 With God-given words of truth,
 I must guide them in the ways of wisdom,
 Through childhood and early youth.
 I must nourish their souls and their bodies
 With infinite watchful care,
 Take thought of the loaves and the fishes
 And the raiment that they must wear.
 And at night when their lessons are over
 And I cuddle each sleepy head,
 When the questions are asked and answered
 And each little prayer is said,
 When this fruitless unrest has vanished,
 That fretted my heart thru the day,
 Then I kneel in the midst of my children
 And humbly and thankfully pray.
 Dear Lord, when I stand with the reapers
 Before thee at set of the sun,
 When the sheaves of the harvest are garnered
 And life and its labor is done,
 I shall lay at thy feet, these, my children,
 To my heart and my garment they cling
 I may not go forth with the reapers,
 But these are the sheaves that I bring. —Sel.