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### Precious Camp Meeting Time

Once more it is the season  
For campmeeting time again,  
When the Lord in truth will reason,  
Striving for the lost to win.

Saints from far and near will gather  
For a feast divinely spread,  
And we'll camp, come wind or weather,  
Feasting on the Living Bread.

Let us welcome one another,  
Flow in love and unity,  
Honor now our Lord and Brother  
Who has set our spirits free.

Pray for Heaven's special favor  
On each service to abide,  
That the Holy Spirit savour  
May in no wise be denied.

Come not with a pitchfork casting  
Counsel t'ward your fellow man;  
Bring a rake with pray'r and fasting:  
Scoop in all the truth you can.

You will need it in the battle  
That is waiting just ahead,  
Lest old Satan make you rattle,  
Under pressure lose your head.

Use not all your time to visit,  
Steal away to God in pray'r;  
Talk is not that needful, is it?  
And the work we all must share.

Listen to each message, weighing  
All its counsel carefully;  
It will keep your feet from straying  
From the path of victory.

—Leslie C. Busbee

### Helps to a Life of Faith

The promises of God do cover the divine healing of the body the same as they cover all other needs in this life. If we are definitely Christ's through salvation from sin, through the atonement of Calvary, we are then His in a two-fold sense. 1. Through creation we are God's; we belong to Him in a definite way, for He made us. 2. After the fall of man in the garden of Eden, God put into action His great plan for the eternal redemption of mankind, and thus purchased us back through the great sacrifice of His Only Son. So according to 1 Cor. 6:19 and 20, we belong to God both soul and body. Here Paul said, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Yes, we are bought with a great price—bought with the precious blood of Christ. "For as much as ye know that ye are not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold—but with the precious blood of Christ." 1 Peter 18, 19.

Although our physical redemption is not yet complete, and will not be until "the last enemy [death] is destroyed," and "this mortal shall have put on immortality," still God has not forgotten our physical needs and He has planned to care for these mortal bodies (which have, through His plan, become the temple of the Holy Spirit) UNTIL the glorious triumph of the final resurrection. Yes, He has planned to care for the bodies of His children by stretching forth His hand of power to heal their bodily afflictions. His holy Word is full of definite promises for His children. He first made known this part of His plan when He declared to the Israelites, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15:26. Thank the Lord, from that day to this He has healed those who live for Him, and trust in His Word of promise. Divine healing for the body is a sort of forerunner of

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immortality. The "will" of God in this respect is well expressed in the desire of the beloved Apostle John when he said, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2. I am aware that the blessed doctrine of divine healing for the body has been ignored by many, but, "What if some do not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?" (for those who do believe). What people believe or do not believe does not settle the great facts of TRUTH, but it is what the Word says on the subject.

God was the healer of His children, the Israelites; and the Prophets of old predicted a special manifestation of His healing power when Christ should come. The Prophet Isaiah speaking of the coming of the Lord said He would be a "light for the Gentiles" and that he should "open the blind eyes." Isa. 42:6, 7. Christ, preaching in the synagogue of Nazareth said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" Luke 4:18-21. Again in Isa. 35:4-6 we read, "Say to them that are of a fearful heart—be strong, fear not; behold your God will come and save you. THEN the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. THEN shall the lame man leap as an hart and the tongue of the dumb shall sing. . . ." Isa. 35:4-6. The Prophet Malachi also predicted the healing work of Christ, "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings. . . ." Mal. 4:2. Thank God, all these were fulfilled in the coming of Christ, and He is just the same today. Hebrews 13:8. It is only for us to refuse to give any place to doubts and unbelief, and to stand firmly on His Word of Promise, remembering always that these bodies of ours (if we are redeemed) **are the temples of the Holy Ghost**, and He surely will care for His own.

What is needed today is men and women who are decided in their hearts to lift up God's standard of divine Truth for His own glory. Paul said in Heb. 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." What a message of Truth these few words bring to our hearts! Yes, we cannot get anything from God, in answer to prayer, **UNLESS** we definitely believe—**FIRST**—that He is—that He exists, and then more than that, we must believe that if we diligently seek **ANYTHING** from Him, (in faith) He will give it to us. Without this faith, it is impossible to **PLEASE GOD**—so knowing this, how diligently we should seek an increase of faith, so our lives may please Him. Let us be strong in the faith that was once delivered to the saints. If you are a minister of the gospel of Christ, one very definite part of your commission is to be able to pray the prayer of faith for the healing of the sick. If you are just a believer—just a little member in the Body of Christ (which IS His church) still Jesus has said to you, "These signs shall follow them that believe—," and also He said, "they [believers] shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:18.

In this day of communism, of atheism, and of unbelief, God's children everywhere need to arise and shake themselves, and step forward as never before, determined that the world shall see the Church shining forth in all her beauty and glory just as in the morning time, with mighty signs and wonders following the preaching of the Word, and the labors of His present day disciples. Then and then only will the world around us look on and believe, and be brought to the cross for salvation. The conversion of thousands followed the healings and other demonstrations of God's power working among His people in the morning time church, and the same results would follow today, if we were a clear demonstration of the same mighty working power. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up [through godly lives, and through signs following] . . . will draw all men unto me." Then why so much unbelief in the world today? Because the signs are not following in many places as they should be in a normal Church of God. Let us awaken and live it, preach it, and see the results.

#### *How Can We Have the Faith?*

Paul said, after a long life of rich experiences with the Lord, ". . . faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" Rom. 10:17. Yes, hearing the preaching of the Word on these lines will edify and build up our faith. A personal study of God's promises on the subject of faith or of His dealings with His faithful children in ages past, coupled with a careful study of His promises for the present and the future, will build up our faith and bring it to a point of activity. Passive faith brings but little to the life of man, but a definite, active, living faith moving out on the promises of God and taking from Him by **FAITH** just what He has promised to us—brings the needed help on any line, and also builds us up for greater ventures of faith in the future.

If one desires to "live a life of faith," desires to be used of God as a channel of blessing to others, it is absolutely necessary to have a humble heart, free from all pride—for God knoweth the proud afar off. It is necessary to have a daily walk with God in obedience to His Word and Will for us. The **written Word** of God is a clear expression of His divine **WILL** or **PLAN** for the life of **ALL** His children. A careful study of His Word with a sincere desire to know His full will for us, so that plan may be lived right out in our daily lives, brings us on "praying ground" where our faith can then take hold of the promises of God and make them real in our lives. Praying the effectual prayer of the righteous—brings the answer.

Also, aside from God's universal or general plan for all His children, as set forth in His Word (as a lamp to our feet, and a guide to our pathway) He has also His own plan for each individual life in our service to Him, and this will all be clearly made known to us, if we commit all our ways unto Him, and give Him the privilege of directing our lives. Prov. 3:5 and 6. The wonderful promises of God are for those who love and obey Him, and let Him have His own way in their lives. In St. John 15:7, we read,

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Praise God for such a mighty promise. Ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. This promise covers not only the healing of the body, but also the supply of all our material needs, and all our spiritual needs. But this promise is conditional—"If ye abide in me [a settled, steadfast Christian life], and if my Words abide in you [a life lived in harmony to the whole Word of God]" THEN—THEN—ask, and receive. Praise the Lord! This Scripture lays down the full condition, and the promise covers our every need in life. Then let us see to it that our lives are up to the full standard of Truth and then let us exercise ourselves in a deep prayer life, and the joy of answered prayer may be our daily portion. To live a life of faith we must have a heart free from all pride, and be clothed with humility; to live a life of faith, we must be definitely separated from the world and separated unto the LORD; to see the results of faith in our lives, we must so live that it is easy to touch the throne of God, and bring the answer down. There is a price to pay if we want to be able to bless the world by the effectual prayer of the righteous being fruitful in our own lives. Let us not "play" Christian—but let us settle down in Him, take Him at His Word, and then, and then only, can the world around us be blessed by Christ in His Power having been lifted up—and sinners will be drawn to the cross. When Jesus was on earth, and following His ministry, while the early morning church was shining out in her beauty and glory, multitudes of men and women were added to the Church, through the powerful demonstrations of God's power working among them. It should and would be the same today, if only the redeemed of the Lord would so live that the "signs and wonders" would follow the ministry of the Word. This brings a great responsibility on each child of God. Let us arise, and go forth in His name, proving to the non-Christian world around us that Jesus still lives today—in His people, and that He is the same—yesterday, today and forever.

—E. Faith Stewart

## The Church's "Good Dowry"

Dowry: "The property a bride brings to her husband in marriage; a hope chest, or that part which a husband wills in property for her inheritance; a gift or talent."

"And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons . . ." Gen. 30:20.

"Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife." Gen. 34:12.

In this case of Leah, she considered it a "good dowry" to have born Jacob sons. In Israel, the honor of a wife was to have borne sons to her husband. The man that had his quiver full of them was blessed.

This quiver was a wife able to bear. Read Psa. 127:3-5. Likewise, in endowment, it is "good dowry" when spiritual children are born to Christ. This is the dowry the bride of Christ may give to her husband in marriage.

"Good dowry" that Jesus endues the bride with, is in spiritual property and gifts of the Spirit. In property she receives "a kingdom which cannot be moved." The saints of the Most High possess this kingdom and all its fabulous wealth. It is a settlement of dowry written in His Will and Testament that His bride should be the beneficiary of the eternal inheritance. It is a mutual agreement that binds the right of a legal will to possess a husband's estate, furnishings, gifts, and savings—proof of his love in obligating himself for the support of his bride: that she be not left comfortless, nor beg for penury.

In the bestowal of gifts and property, wisdom is given to the bride of Christ as a defense against loss. No inheritance is secure to a child of immature mind; seeing a lesser and mean proprietor may steal every profit. So the Wise Man knowing this, says: "Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the sun." Eccl. 7:11. Through spiritual wisdom, it is resolved to give His Bride a right of inheritance which empowers her to every divine privilege and gift she may use with pleasure because of the abundant store.

This spiritual store of "good dowry" is in force after the death of the Testator, as Heb. 9:17 says: "For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." For this cause Jesus both died and ascended up on high to give gifts unto men. Eph. 4:8. This he did "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Eph. 4:12. This is the willed property and "good dowry" of all graceful furnishings and support of the bride—that she may bring forth many sons unto glory. God has executed this business through His Officer and chief Administrator, the Holy Spirit: that the profiting of the saints may be in children being born into the family of God.

Jesus has left us this will: "I, Jesus, having assigned this New Will and Testament in my blood; being of a sound mind, do hereby publish and invoke all testamentary blessings in dowry and gifts. I bequeath all my furnishings and profit of my estate to my Beloved Bride, to be given in her possession; and nothing to be sold, or placed into the hands of a lesser and mean proprietor. Compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, I have hereunto set my hand and sealed it this day of grace, A.D. 33."

Let us as "Evening Light" saints use every means of our blessings of dowry in bringing many sons unto glory; that Christ may be pleased to dwell with us, even as Leah said, ". . . now my husband will dwell with me, because I have born him six sons. . . ." In relation to property and spiritual gifts which are entrusted to us, let us use the funds as a means of heart service to God, our fellowmen, and for the salvation of souls. —Bro. Salvatore DiDio

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## EDITORIALS



**GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS** just as we have crossed the threshold of the current 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 continent. Very good reports have come from those meetings already held this season.



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.



As Father's Day on June 21 came around, this writer was reminded afresh of his dear father, Fred Pruitt, who finished his course for the Lord eighteen years ago, on June 6, 1963, after having proclaimed the gospel of Christ by the pulpit and press for more than 45 years. He left us a rich spiritual heritage—the pattern of holy living and faith in God—which is worth more than all the wealth of this world.



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Another reprint edition of the excellent volume, "What the Bible Teaches" by F. G. Smith, has gone to the bindery for the edition to be bound in hard cloth covers. That book should be studied in the home by every member of the family.

Very soon we will start reprinting the 512-page song book, "Evening Light Songs," in order to keep it in stock and available to the Church.



### The Ministry of Reconciliation . . .

When Jesus Christ ascended to the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit and imparted to His Church the word and ministry of reconciliation toward all mankind. When Jesus was in the world, He was (and is) the Mediator and Minister of reconciliation between God and man. When He went away, He committed to His Church the ministry of reconciliation. The Apostle Paul beautifully describes this very important

ministry in 2nd Cor. 5:18-21 as follows: "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

How well is the Church today fulfilling this God-given ministry of reconciliation to a sin-sick world? Are we competent ambassadors for Christ? Do we truly represent Christ to the world as He is portrayed in the New Testament? Are we proclaiming to the world in Christ's stead, "Be ye reconciled to God?" Let the Church arise in the spirit and power of Pentecost to fulfill the ministry of reconciliation to a perishing world!

#### Missionary Returned From the Philippines . . .

Bro. George Hammond returned to Kenosha, Wisconsin, on June 11 after working about two months in the mission field of the Philippines. He had contacted many people with the gospel in several of those islands in the Pacific Ocean. On another page of this issue you will read his observations and exhortation on how to support and advance the foreign mission work on a Scriptural basis.

At the coming National campmeeting (July 24 to Aug. 2) 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 while you are on the grounds. We hope to see you there!

The 47th annual Oklahoma State campmeeting, held here at Guthrie from May 22 to 31, 1981, was another very successful meeting which was well attended from several states. The Word went forth with the power and authority of the Holy Spirit. A number of souls were saved, believers sanctified, and also bodies healed in answer to the prayer of faith. The Church was edified and fortified to meet the increasing attacks of Satan and his hosts in this "battle of Armageddon." Thank God for the Church triumphant which is on the winning side with Jesus, our Captain who is leading the "white-horse cavalry" to certain, final victory.

Bro. Curtis Williams, an evangelist of Kentucky, received a special healing touch in this campmeeting, and he preached again with the vigor and strength that he had in former years. He is still going strong in the tent meetings held since that time. All praise be unto God for this mighty deliverance!

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

Maybelle had the responsibility, as usual, to keep the office open during office hours. We certainly enjoyed the fellowship of the saints who came to the meeting and the preached Word that we were permitted to hear at the night services.

The Oklahoma State campmeeting at Guthrie for next year will be held, Lord willing, on May 28 to June 6, 1982.

#### Profitable Tent Meeting at Hot Springs, Ark. . . .

A very profitable tent meeting was reported at Hot Springs, Arkansas, held from May 31 to June 7. Bros. Tom Melot, Curtis Williams, and Cecil Carver were used in preaching the Word in this new field. Many souls sought for and received spiritual help. Especially on the last Sunday of the meeting, the "showers of blessings" came down in a great measure.

Bro. Curtis Williams made arrangements for the evangelistic tent and equipment to be moved to a location near Duncannon, Penn., where he had been burdened for several years to hold a tent meeting. Other ministers, gospel workers, and saints joined in the effort, and the meeting began on Wednesday, the 17th of June. Good reports are expected from the diligent efforts and preaching the gospel in that new field. We pray and trust that the tent meetings will be kept going all across the country. God is making His last call to planet earth. The door of mercy will soon be closed.

#### Answering the Call of God to a New Field . . .

Bro. Paul Sorrell of the Guthrie congregation felt a burden from the Lord to move to Chilliwack, B. C., Canada, and help build up that small congregation. Accordingly, he, with his wife and three children, have answered that call, and they left this area on June 11, 1981, with a heavily-loaded truck. Other vehicles traveled along with them. With the blessings of the Lord, they arrived in Jefferson, Ore., near the close of that campmeeting on their way to Chilliwack which is 17 miles in Canada from the Washington State line. Bros. Tom Melot, Merrill Williamson, Cecil Carver, and other ministers and saints from the midwest and south have also gone to the Chilliwack campmeeting (June 22 to 28) which, we pray, will be a great boost to the local congregation. Pray the Lord to help Bro. and Sister Paul Sorrell and family to get settled in this new field, and that He will make them a real blessing in up-building the kingdom of God in that area. One plants, another waters, but God must give the increase.

You may send your mail to Bro. and Sister Paul Sorrell in care of Ron Walter, 576 Wellington Ave., Chilliwack, B. C., Canada V2P-2E9.

#### Divine Healing—A Bible Doctrine and Practice . . .

Statistics indicate that one out of every four people has or will have cancer. This writer has been in the furnace of affliction with cancer for 15 years, ever since 1966, but Christ, the great Physician, is still the Master of all diseases, and divine physical

healing is definitely a Bible doctrine and practice. The Lord has healed me many times in answer to prayer in my nearly 70 years, as I have never resorted to medical aid. It is truly God's will that we trust Him for soul and body, and my faith remains steadfast in God's promises whether or not it is His will to heal in my particular case at this time. (The time comes in every life when the Lord will not heal). I praise the Lord for answered prayer in giving me daily strength to labor long hours in His cause over these years, and I thank all the saints for their unceasing prayers, letters, and words of encouragement. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2nd Cor. 5:1. Praise the Lord for victory in Jesus! My decision is fixed to do as the inspired song says as follows:

"Oh, yes, we'll trust Him while we live!  
We'll trust Him when we die;  
And then when all our work is done,  
We'll reign with Him on high."

Your continued prayers and co-operation are certainly appreciated for this gospel publishing ministry in these crucial times of economic inflation, moral decline, and spiritual deception. May God's hand be over you as you travel this highway to heaven, and, Lord willing, we will greet you again in the September issue of this paper. —Lawrence D. Pruitt

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## In Memorial

**Victoria (Goudeau) Chaney**, the daughter of Julian and Louvenia Goudeau, was born in Rapides Parish, Louisiana, on March 5, 1894, and departed this life on May 21, 1981, at the age of 87 years and three months.

At a very young age, she moved with her family to Hoffman, Okla., where she met and married Henry Chaney in 1914. To this union twelve children were born: nine daughters and three sons. Her husband, two daughters, and one son preceded her in death.

As a young married woman, she embraced the "evening light" truth of the Church of God, and received salvation in 1915. She was faithful in assisting her husband in the ministry and in the pastorate at Sandusky, Ohio, for many years. She left a testimony that her life was clear, and she was ready to meet the Lord.

Deeply saddened by her passing are her children: seven daughters, Thelma L. Grant, Blanche Porter, LaVern G. Shaw, LaDolia Fuller, Viola Sanders, Marie Hubbard, all of Akron, Ohio, and Mary L. Lakin of Dayton, Ohio; two sons, Henry S. and Richard, both of Akron Ohio; one brother, five sisters, 27 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Keith Fuller, assisted by Bros. James Bruner and Mart Samons, at the Stewart and Calhoun Funeral Chapel, Akron, Ohio. Interment was in Mount Peace Cemetery.

### Note of Appreciation

The Chaney family deeply appreciates your kind expressions of sympathy.

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**Audrey (Buttram) Baumgartner**, the daughter of John M. and Mary Jane Buttram, was born on June 25, 1902, in Dayton, Tenn., and passed from this life on May 27, 1981, at Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 78 years, eleven months and two days.

Sister Audrey was born into the family of God at an early adult age and lived faithful to her Lord, serving Him in simplicity and godly sincerity until her death.

She had been a resident of Hammond, La., from about 1940 until approximately three years ago when she moved to the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Baumgartner. Survivors are: one sister, Mrs. Pauline Edgeman of Bakersfield, Calif.; two step-daughters, Mrs. Majesta Locke and Mrs. Lela Dague, other relatives, and many saints who will miss her greatly but who rejoice in the victory she has gained.

A memorial service was held in the Gaskill Funeral Home in Shawnee, Okla., then her body was transferred to the Harry McKneely and Son Funeral Home in Hammond, La., for the funeral service. The

funeral services were conducted by Bro. Charles Smith and Bro. Bob Forbes. Interment was in the Oak Grove Church of God Cemetery near Loranger, La., awaiting the coming of the Lord and the general resurrection.

—Bob Forbes

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**Emma Leona (Mitchell) Green** was born on Oct. 7, 1907, at Rogers, La., and departed this life on June 18, 1981, at her home near Jena, La., at the age of 73 years, ten months, and eleven days.

She was married to John S. Green, and to this union three children were born—one son and two daughters. One daughter, Priscilla, passed away at the age of 15 years.

Sister Green loved the Lord and labored in His service with willing hands. [Editor: Sister Green was a faithful member of the congregation at Guthrie, Okla., for a number of years, and we believe she is at rest with the Lord.]

Survivors include: one son, John Green of Jonesville, La.; one daughter, Aquila Benson of Harrison, Ark.; one brother, six sisters, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, other relatives, and many saints and friends.

The funeral services were held at the Midway Church of God chapel, Jena, Louisiana, and conducted by Bro. Leslie Busbee and Sister Ruth Murphey. Burial was in the Belah Cemetery.

## The Remaining Campmeeting Dates for 1981

**Green Bank, West Virginia**—July 3 to 12.

**Akron, Ohio**—July 11 to 19.

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

**Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Missouri** — August 3 to 9.

**Bakersfield, California**—August 7 to 16.

**Durham, N. Carolina**—August 19 to 23.

**Boley, Oklahoma**—August 21 to 30.

**California State Campmeeting at Pacoima, Calif.** — August 28 to Sept. 6.

### AKRON, OHIO, CAMPMEETING

The gathering for the Akron, Ohio, campmeeting will convene, according to the Lord's will, on Saturday, July 11, and continue through Sunday, July 19.

We extend a hearty welcome to all, especially to lovers of the truth in the northeastern section of the country. Come praying that the Lord will bless in the campmeeting effort this year.

For additional information, contact Bro. Waymon Parmer, 553 Glendora Ave., Akron, Ohio, phone (216) 836-1907, Bro. Keith Fuller, 244 Storer Ave., Akron, Ohio, phone (216) 864-1128, or the Church of God, 421 W. Thornton St., Akron, Ohio, phone (216) 762-2286. In Christian love,

—Keith Fuller

### CAMPMEETING AT GREEN BANK, W. VA.

The Church of God campmeeting at Green Bank, W. Va., will be held in the tent from July 3 to 12, 1981. Two services daily—10:30 and 7:30. Everyone is welcome, especially the isolated saints and lovers of the truth. All will be cared for. Bring coats for cool weather.

Green Bank is 57 miles north of White Sulphur Springs, and 50 miles south of Elkins on Route 92.

For further information, contact Bro. and Sister Mart Samons, P.O. Box 127, Green Bank, W. Va. 24944, phone (304) 456-4469.

### FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the coming 44th National Campmeeting of the Church of God in this "evening time" of the gospel day. It will be held, Lord willing, on July 24 to Aug. 2, 1981, at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri.

This is the beginning of the second century of the Church of God Reformation which began about 1880 under the labors of D. S. Warner and other reformers, bringing the light on the one true Church that Jesus built. During this national gathering of God's people we should remember with grateful hearts the rich heritage of Bible truth that has been brought down to us by the faithfulness of those pioneer ministers of the first thirty years of this reformation, and all those ministers and saints who remained true to the faith during the past seventy years to the present. Come to this national campmeeting and observe a people who are still teaching and practicing the Bible truths that brought forth this glorious "evening light" reformation. Ministers from across the nation will preach the Word under the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit who is the Executive Officer. No instrumental music will be used in the services. Men and women of God will be dressed in modest apparel as becometh saints. (However, remember that everyone who comes on the grounds or attends the services is not a saint, but we want everyone to come so he can hear and believe the gospel.)

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 of 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-serve basis. Motels in the area are available, but it would be advisable to make advance reservations. In addition, there are parking areas on the grounds for trailers, campers, and motor homes.



Electricity, water, 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.

**The work days to prepare for this meeting are scheduled for Saturday, June 27, July 4, and each weekend thereafter until the meeting starts.** All that have a burden for this work are encouraged to come and help prepare the grounds and buildings for the meeting. If you are not able to come, please pray for the workers and that the Lord will bless us with a successful meeting this year.

Please send your contribution to the meeting or request for further information to the business manager, Bro. Jim Wall, 5825 E. 64th St., Tulsa, Okla. 74136.

The caretakers of the grounds are Bro. and Sister Dale Doolittle, R. 7, Box 415A, Neosho, Mo. 64850, phone 451-2542.

Come praying for the salvation of sinners, the sanctification of believers, and the divine physical healing of the sick and afflicted. —Editor

#### BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., CAMPMEETING

The Bakersfield, Calif., campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, August 7 to 16, 1981.

The location of the chapel is 1802 Virginia Ave., on the corner of Virginia Avenue and Brown Street. 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 *be* a blessing and *get* a blessing.

For further information, contact Bro. Robert Mays at 421 So. Brown St., Bakersfield, Calif. 93307, phone (805) 325-2730, Bro. Z. E. Francisco at 305 So. Owens, phone (805) 323-0747, or Bro. Archie Sherman, Jr. at 3400 Rayborn Way, Bakersfield, Calif. 93306, phone (805) 871-1636. The church phone number is (805) 395-9314. —Sis. Robena Montgomery, Sec.

#### MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING

The Missouri State campmeeting, held at Myrtle, Mo., will begin on Monday, Aug. 3, 1981, and continue through the following Sunday, Aug. 9, Lord willing. This will be the 31st annual campmeeting to be held on these sacred grounds. A large attendance is expected from many states across the nation. New Testament ministers will be present to preach the Word of God under the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit. A hearty invitation is extended to all to attend. We want this meeting to be not only for the edification of the Church, but also a fervent soul-saving effort. Come with a soul burden. There are many in the Myrtle community who need to be saved and brought to the truth. Personal workers are needed in this meeting.

Campground accommodations are limited, so all who can are urged to bring campers, tents, cots, bedding, etc. The ministers and elderly have priority on the cabins. However, provisions will be made to care for all who come.

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

For further information, contact Bro. Joe Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. 65778, phone (417) 938-4458, or Harlan Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. 65778, phone (417) 938-4336.

—Harlan Sorrell

#### DURHAM, N. CAROLINA, CAMPMEETING

Lord willing, there will be a five-day campmeeting held August 19 to 23, 1981, at the Church of God chapel in Durham, North Carolina. As of now, our accommodations are limited, but there are plenty of nearby motels.

Time of services will be at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Meals will be served on the grounds. Come praying that God will bless in every way, even in the choosing of His ministers.

For further information and direction, contact: Bro. and Sis. Melvin Lennon at 3203 Apex Highway, Durham, N. C. 27713, or phone (919) 544-2891.

—Jimmie McDonald

#### BOLEY, OKLA., CAMPMEETING

The Boley, Okla., campmeeting of the Church of God will convene, Lord willing, on August 21 and continue daily through August 30, 1981.

We extend a warm welcome to all nations. "Come now, and let us reason together saith the Lord." Isa. 1:18.

We are praying and looking to the Lord to send ministers, workers, and saints of His own choice to help fight in the battle against sin. In these last evil days, let us do all we can by the help of the dear Lord to win souls for Christ. "Time is running out!" We have no time to repose. "Look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Let us remember Jesus' request, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

There will be two services daily—10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All-day services will be held on both Sundays. The men's and women's dormitories will be available, as well as parking space for campers and trailers.

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

—Katherine Williams

We cannot be sunshine abroad and a cloud at home.  
—C. E. Orr

## MEETING REPORTS

### HOLLY HILL, S.C. MEETING REPORT

The campmeeting at Holly Hill, S. Carolina, just closed on June 14. The true Word of God was preached forcibly, but there was not much response to it that we could see. However, the saints were much encouraged in the Lord. Thank God, we know that He said His Word would not return to Him void.

Saints, keep encouraged in serving the Lord, and keep us on your prayer list that we will be all that God is calling us to be until He calls us Home.

Your Bro. in Christ, —Hudson Crummie

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### FRESNO, CALIF., SPRING MEETING REPORT

The Fresno, Calif., Church of God spring meeting was held as scheduled, and the Lord blessed abundantly with the anointed Word. It seemed the Word fairly thundered warnings to all souls to be ready: to the saints to dig down deeper, and the sinner to yield. But we see such a hardness of heart, a dullness of hearing, and a blindness of eyes to the dangers around us. May it not be with some of us as with the five foolish virgins who failed to keep watchful and ready.

The Lord was able to arouse some to seek help, and a few got saved, for which we thank God. We do pray they will remain faithful.

We are encouraged to know that the Word did accomplish that for which it was sent. Pray that all the revivals and campmeetings this season will yield a rich harvest of souls. —Lavern Moles

## Prayer Requests

Among those who need fervent prayer for physical healing are: Bro. Gatha Nichols of Loranger, La., Bro. Lee Whitley of Bossier City, La., Bro. Murphy Allen of Springfield, Mo., Bro. Oscar Wall of Vinita, Okla., Sister Essie Moore of Tulsa, Okla., Sister Grace Roberts of Bristow, Okla., Brother Floyd Hines of Shawnee, Okla., Sister H. P. Huskey of Pacoima, Calif., Sister Addie McEndree of Lamar, Colo., Sister Robena Montgomery of Bakersfield, Calif., Bro. and Sister Earl Parsons of Freeland, Mich., Sister Ophelia Campbell of Oklahoma City, Sister Woodrow Warren of Okmulgee, Okla., Sister Beatrice Eck, Sister Evelyn McCoy, Sister Geneva Ray, Sister Maude Britt, Lawrence Pruitt, and the undersigned, all of Guthrie, Okla.

I deeply appreciate those who joined in the special fasting and prayer day for my healing. The dear Lord touched me on that day. Some young people and I talked of our spiritual experiences in the Lord, and I was greatly blessed. Afterward we had prayer, and the Lord blessed me in soul and strengthened my body. The devil wasn't satisfied, because the next night I ran a high fever (possibly from a virus), but the Lord touched me and brought me through

that trial. By faith and not on any merits of mine, I'm looking forward to walking out of this affliction on the prayers of the saints. I still covet your earnest prayers for my complete deliverance.

Every get-well card and word of encouragement has meant so much, although I'm not physically able to acknowledge each one as I would like. The love that has been shown through phone calls, flowers, and many other kindnesses has touched me deeply. Words can't express my appreciation. —Marie Miles

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## FOREIGN FIELD REPORTS

### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Bendel State, Nigeria (May 28)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and other saints of the Most High: Greetings in the precious name of the holy Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, whose death as a Lamb without blemish was needful and hailed with exceeding great joy, as He did through His shed blood lift the penalty of sin and thereby appease the wrath of God that was justly upon us. Praise Him forever!

No letter has been received from you in this month of May, but I am certain that it is piling up with others in transit in Lagos, occasioned by the general strike staged by the civil servants throughout the Federation of Nigeria and already lasting three weeks. Quite apart, our Postal system is poor and leaves much to be desired.

All is going well here as divinely planned for us. Strict adherence to the directives of God is being followed. Praise God for the encouraging stand on spiritual things as His children are all anxious to be indwelt by His Holy Spirit to obtain all that is appropriated for them from the Godhead. Candidly, the light of God is shining with great power, and I am glad to say that the Church that Jesus built, the Church of God, is as a "city set on a hill." It is a marvel to one to see a great many rushing now to the Lord for help and are joyously finding it to confirm our claim that Christ alone is the answer.

The chapel building at Kwale, commenced in February, is progressing very well. At this writing, the building is up to the decking level. This is a wonderful testimony of the providential acts of God, how a congregation of about two hundred brethren, who are largely peasant farmers, pooled their resources, not minding the sufferings of this present time, to put up a fairly large chapel to the glory of God. Since the brethren congregated about eight years ago, the meeting place has been an old classroom belonging to the Ministry of Education. However, we have a vision of great things to come, like the revival meetings, national and international campmeetings. This is why we appeal to you to invest your means in this great work of God. (Malachi 3:10-12) It is with joy of heart that we communicate this request to you as members of the Body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:25)

Yours in Christ's love, —Titus U. E. Enu



The new chapel of the Church of God at Koottarvila, Kerala, S. India, with those in attendance on the opening day. The chapel is 20 feet wide and 38 feet long. Picture received from Bro. John Varghese on June 24, 1981.

#### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

South India (May 20)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, the other dear ones in the Print Shop and Guthrie congregation, and the dear saints abroad: Greetings again in the glorious name of Jesus Christ, the Source of all power and knowledge.

Thank you very much for your kind letter dated May 2, 1981, and the enclosures were noted with much appreciation and gratitude.

We pray for the remaining campmeetings in this season. May God send a revival this year through these meetings. The Psalmist's prayer was, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psa. 85:6) This is also the heart cry of many of God's redeemed people today. But a revival never comes to an unprepared people. A sense of need is essential for revival. Hidden away in the Old Testament is a recipe for a revival. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chron. 7:14. John Bunyan once wrote: "In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words than to have words without a heart."

Our campmeetings have ended. The new chapel at Koottarvila was opened for services. When I get its picture from the photo studio, I shall send it to you. More Marthomite church families in that area now attend the Church of God services. The gospel activities are going on well here by the grace of God.

My wife was seriously ill of heart trouble last month, but as a result of your prayers and the prayers of the saints in India, she is getting better. We appreciate the prayers of the saints for her healing. At the same time, we are sorry to note that you and Sister Marie Miles are getting more ill and weak in body. We earnestly pray for both of you. The Apostle Paul wrote, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." Let us exchange our prayers.

Dear saints in America, please do not forget the gospel work in India. Continue to pray for and support the missionary efforts among India's millions.

Yours in Christ, —John Varghese  
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#### LETTER FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO

Dear Bro. Pruitt and Sister Miles: I greet you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ, hoping that this finds you in good health and with victory over sin. . . .

I was in Mexicali (Patzcuaro) a few days. I also went to Chiapas (southernmost Mexico) because of some emergencies and problems. I plead for prayer for my parents and all my brothers and sisters. God only knows how to solve these problems. But in all things I thank God because He is always with His children, and has never left us alone in His work. He has blessed us much.

The brethren here are very encouraged. We still have services, and God has manifested Himself to us. We went to the Valley of the Trinity to visit the elderly couple who were baptized at the campmeeting last year. They are much encouraged and consecrated. Let us pray for all in LaHuerta and Chapultepec. We lack workers in the service of God. May we always do what God would have us to do. . . .

Brother, we are now (June 3) preparing for the campmeeting here in Ojos Negros which will be held June 29 through July 5, 1981. . . .

Many thanks for your prayers and for your offering for the work of God. May the Lord bless you and all others richly for your love and burden for souls in Mexico. Let us exchange prayers.

With Christian love,  
—Mayarino Escobar and family  
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#### From the Mailbox . . .

Ala.—Dear ones: I am thanking God daily for the Print Shop and all the workers who so faithfully do their tasks in getting out the gospel material and sending it forth into all parts of the world so that many souls might be won to Christ. Keep up the good work, and may God supply every need.

Please continue to pray for my lost loved ones, and for strength in my body.

Yours in Christ, —Leora Frink  
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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I love Him! He is a wonderful Savior to me. He has done so much for me that I can't thank and praise Him enough. I want my life to point others to Him. I feel so burdened for people all around me. Oh, how I long for them to come to Him for this wonderful gift of salvation before it is too late!

Dear sister, I am praying for you, too, and hoping to hear you have had the needed healing touch. May God bless and encourage your heart, giving you the

strength and help you need. How we do praise Him for the blessed privilege we have in Christ! We can pray for each other, knowing that God does all things well and for our good and His glory. Praise the Lord!

I've been remembering each of the dear afflicted saints by name in my prayers. May God encourage and bless each one everywhere.

I have enjoyed the precious messages in the *Faith and Victory* paper. I thank the Lord for each one that has a part in the little paper, for it is so uplifting and wonderful food for our souls.

Please pray for me and my dear companion.

Your Sister in Christ, —Lena Bowman

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the name of Jesus, through Whom we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. We are continuing to send prayers up for your healing, as well as for others, and we desire your prayers that we'll have grace on hand when our test of faith comes.

We are now preparing for the Hammond camp-meeting. We would like to request your prayers that the Lord will pour out spiritual blessings from on high, and that souls will be saved, sanctified, lifted up, and bodies healed to the glory of God. . . .

Your Bro. in Christ, —John Clement

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Mo.—Pray for my wife's health. We are getting up in years.

I do enjoy reading the *Faith and Victory* paper. I have been receiving this paper for twenty-eight years. It's food from God. I have had the paper sent to many homes here in the St. Louis area. . . .

If I understand the Bible right, sin is the only thing that will keep one out of heaven. Sin is what caused Adam and Eve to be put out of the Garden of Eden.

—Jesse Stark

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Calif.—Dear ones: Just a few lines to let you know that I am still living for the dear Lord. I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper. May God bless all of you.

Your Sister, —Sis. Esther Thornton

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Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' holy name. This leaves me well in soul and body. I thank the Lord Christ Jesus for His holy keeping power.

Times are bad over all the world, and God's Word tells us that this would come in the last days. We should be prepared for His soon coming. Glory to God in the highest! That will be glory for me and for all the saints who are walking in newness of life.

Much Christian love, —Bro. Andrew Senti

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Ky.—Please send me the following books. . . . I am sending a check. . . . Also, renew our *Faith and Victory* paper, as it is a blessing to us.

I pray that you will be able to print these good articles always. May God bless each and everyone at the Publishing House. Pray that God will keep me in the center of His will. I am 72 years old.

Yours Sister in Christ, —Mrs. Mary Orrender

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Ore.—Dear saints: Praise the Lord! It's so wonderful serving such a kind, dear, precious Master. I don't know where I would be, and I don't care to think where I would be, without such a gentle, loving, merciful Father, who always knows what is best for us. I'm constantly reminded of a song called *Thank God*. One verse in it reads, "In this world of grief and sorrow, filled with selfishness and greed, there remains a glory fountain to supply our every need. You can find it in the temple with the welcome on the door, but be sure to count your blessings before you ask for more." I always count my blessings before I ask for more. . . .

I desire your prayers that I will never go back on the Lord. God's children here in the Jefferson congregation have been praying for laborers in the gospel. We desire your prayers for us. I believe that not only do we need to pray for ourselves, but also we need to pray for each other.

—Dean Snyder

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Kan.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings once again from the state of Kansas. After three and one-half years in the state of California, and through much prayer for myself and others, the Lord has permitted me to come back to Kansas. It seems good to be back with old friends again and near my native home. On May 27, I was 86 years old. The dear Lord is so good to me, as I am still able to care for myself and attend some of the meetings, if there are no steps to climb. Words cannot express my love to my Lord, nor can I thank Him enough for His love and mercy to me.

I have some afflictions to endure, but also many blessings to enjoy. Praise His name! If people could only know the true worth of salvation, the safety and well-being it affords! It is so sad to see so many forsake this way and turn back. They may never have another chance. May the dear Lord have mercy on them. This world is fast becoming a jungle of sin, and no one is safe except under the Lord's protection.

Christian love, —Sis. Amy Hunter

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Louisiana—Dear saints: A miracle has come to pass! To God be the glory! "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together"! Psalm 34:3. And in Psalm 69:30, we read, "I will . . . magnify Him with thanksgiving"! It is easy for the Lord to heal us; there's nothing too hard for Him to do. The dear Lord has chosen me in a furnace of affliction. He tried me, and I committed my body into His hands. God has healed me of a serious diabetic foot and poison. People from all walks of life saw my foot. A rusty roof nail went through my shoe into the callous. For twelve weeks I couldn't walk. I held on in true faith. I didn't murmur or complain. God gave me grace to stand the suffering. I learned a lot of lessons as I went through this fiery furnace. It brought the dross out. Praise the Lord! I trusted Him all the way and He brought me out. Had I gone to the doctor, I would be minus a foot today. After the twelfth week, I walked

some, a little at a time, and was able to attend the Easter service at Loranger. How happy I was to be in service again!

God kept me humble; a perfect quietness of heart. We must be at rest when nobody praises us, or when we are blamed or despised.

I want to thank and praise God for the victory He gave me. Of myself I could do nothing, but trust Him! Every day and night was an unspeakable experience with my Savior. How precious His arms surrounded me! Three times in succession He gave me a beautiful vision of the crown. I just stand in awe of such a great Savior. I thank all the dear saints, ministers, friends, and family for your concern, help, and prayers. Someone was here to help me around the clock.

It takes faith to patiently wait and believe that God will not come too late! He gave me grace to stand this test. I prayed with faith in my God. It is not so much *how* well we pray, but what happens when we pray. Power with God and the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon us and within us makes things happen. God's divine current can flow through us. God has performed a miracle for all to see in my later years. Also, He healed me many times in my earlier years.

God has the glory for healing my diabetic foot. So many thought I wouldn't make it. As long as I live, I'll never cease to thank Him and praise Him for it. Just to be able to do my work and cook again is a blessed miracle.

Saints, let us all trust God for our bodies as we should. All who are afflicted, let your faith rise up today. He never fails a trusting one. I am earnestly praying for all of you that God will perform a miracle in your behalf, just as He has healed me. Let's love our Lord fervently. Let's rejoice in times of trouble, and prove true when the tests come. Let us reverence His holy name. Let's have the real cause of God at heart. Keep in touch with Him and exalt Him. God is looking at us, and when He sees our faith, He works in our behalf. God does things His way, and does not want us to fear. If we keep a willing heart, God will see us through these perilous times. We are going to be put on the witness stand for God in this world, and we must be faithful. God can give us His Holy Spirit to help us to stand.

I am thankful to be saved, sanctified, and healed by my Savior! He is leading me on and on in His love. I had power with Him to endure without yielding or breaking. I submitted myself to God and looked to Jesus who is man's perfect example of suffering. . . . Let's keep sweet in our soul and have more praises to God.

I love the saints, the Church of God, and like to be in services. I want to lift my Savior high for all He has done for me. I love the Word of God, and always want the courage to press on to see His dear face in peace! People looking on marvel at our not having doctors or using medicine. I want to deepen down, keep my first love, be submissive to the Lord, and have that "faith once delivered to the saints." Unless we live for God, the quicksand of life will swallow us up. Jesus walked

the dark hills, and He cares about our souls. He doesn't alter any of His Word for us. I want to keep faithful until He calls me Home.

Thanks for your prayers to God for Sis. Quave. Heaven has been bombarded with them, and God heard them. He brought me out of the fiery furnace, and I give all the glory to God! I was ill for twenty weeks.

Happy in Jesus,

—Sis. Ruby Quave

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Ohio—Dear saints: A few lines to tell you that I am some better. God surely answered prayer, as my limb is better. My heart has been bothering me more, as I did overtax it. I do thank God for answered prayer. . . . Also, I ask you to remember me in your prayers that I will do my best to keep in the center of God's will at all times.

—Carrie Ross

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Okla.—Dear saints and lovers of the truth, greetings: I thank God for salvation and for a knowledge of the truth of God's Word. I do thank Him that He gave me a deep desire to please Him on all lines.

We are living in a disobedient age. It means so much to be willing and obedient. Isaiah 1:19, 20.

I am so thankful for the strait and narrow way, and that it was revealed to me in the days of my youth. I am not out searching for anything else, for I am satisfied. If we go about searching for something else, or for an easier way, we will find ourselves on a by-road—a "seemeth right" way. The devil has plenty of these ways; but the end thereof is destruction. I can say with the song, "I have found it, Lord, in thee, an everlasting store of comfort, joy, and bliss to me: How can I wish for more?" My soul is satisfied.

I am truly thankful for how He cares for me each day, that I am still able to stay in my home, do my work and care for myself, attend church services usually three times a week, and go to the store and do my shopping.

I am looking forward to attending some of the campmeetings this summer. The service of the Lord is the joy of my heart. I do want to please Him in all I do or say. Oh, for more godly examples in the life lived every day in dress! Too many are following the styles and fashions of this world. These things long ago lost their charm for me. I am looking forward to hearing Him say, "Well done. Come, ye blessed of my Father." But to hear these words, I know I must live unspotted from the world.

My prayer is for the dear saints every where that we all may draw closer to God and to one another, that we may be able to win souls to Christ. Oh, to be lost would be terrible! Let us pray hard for our loved ones out there in sin.

In the Master's service,

—Evelyn (Gibson) McCoy

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If people do not accept salvation, it is not because the Lord is at fault. The call is universal; it is to all. The promise is to as many as will accept and obey; it is to "whosoever will."

—E. E. Byrum

## Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

**Question:** Please discuss the sin of division; or is it actually all that much sin?

**Answer:** The basic principle of sin is rebellion against God and His expressed will; disobedience to His Word—a transgression of His law. Hence, division is obviously a very grave sin because it is in total contradiction to the whole of the teachings of the New Testament regarding the relationship of the children of God with one another. We read in 1 John 3:4, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." Since division is a total transgression of the whole basic law governing the relationship of saints with one another (unity and oneness), it is unquestionably a sin.

Paul said to the Corinthian Church, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (1 Cor. 1:10) Division is a contradiction of this Scripture.

Rom. 15:5, 6 says, "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Division violates this Scripture; hence, it is sin.

In John 17 we have recorded Jesus' high priestly prayer for His disciples and their successors down through this age of time—the Church of God. In verses 21 through 23 we read, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." This was Christ's last prayer for His church before He suffered. He went from the place where He prayed this prayer directly to the Garden of Gethsemane; from there to judgment, and from there to Calvary.

Since this was the last prayer He would ever pray for His church while in His flesh, we can be assured He was praying for the things which lay the closest to His heart, and this matter of the unity of believers lay on His heart to the extent that He devoted three entire verses (90 words) to this matter. Therefore, division manifests a blatant, flagrant disregard for the burden and will of God for His church as expressed in His tenderest moments. Therefore, it is not just an ordinary sin among sins, but is a flagrant affront to God; hence a sin of great magnitude.

Also, we see in this prayer that the relationship of believers with one another is the same as the relationship of believers with God and Christ. Jesus said in

verse 21, "... as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us ..." 1 Cor. 6:17 says, "But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." Now if all believers who are joined unto the Lord are one spirit with the Lord, how could there possibly be anything other than one spirit among the true children of God? There couldn't. We read in 1 Cor. 12:13, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body ... and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." We see here that becoming members of the body of Christ is a spiritual process, and the maintaining of the unity, or oneness, in the body of Christ is by a continual drinking into the one Spirit. Hence, there could not possibly be any division in the body of Christ unless some cease to drink into that one Spirit and imbibe another spirit. There is a spirit of division, and it is a bad one. Division is in total violation of this whole scope of teaching, and hence is a transgression of God's law and is sin.

1 Cor. 12:27 says, "Now ye are the body of Christ, ..." The Church, composed of true believers, is the body of Christ. Therefore, any division within it would constitute a dismembering of Christ's body, which could not possibly be looked upon as a light thing by any one with a conscience. Any one would have to have his conscience seared to feel comfortable in a division.

We read in Romans 16:17, 18, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." We see here that those who engage in such practices are serving their own interests and have some personal ends to gain—"They serve their own belly." I have never seen one who gets off course and takes up with a doctrine contrary to what we have learned, but he has a proud, exalted spirit and feels he is out a jump ahead of all the others. I have had them tell me, "I got this light by earnestly praying and seeking God; you just pray some more and you will come to it, too." That is far from the humble, lowly Spirit of Christ.

Divisions usually come about over points of doctrine; but sometimes they develop through a party spirit—lining up behind different leaders, and affected by individuals and personalities. But there is a very strong indictment laid down in God's Word against all who would assay to preach another gospel (doctrine). In Gal. 1:8, 9 we read, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." The advocates of new and strange doctrines argue, "We have *new* light now and have discovered that the doctrine we once believed in was not correct, and we have the right doctrine now." My answer is that the doctrine I believe in and wherein I stand is the doctrine this Evening Light Reformation was built on, and God has



set His seal to it, confirmed it with signs following and mighty signs and wonders were wrought in the Name of His holy child Jesus, and I will just continue in it and advise all the other saints to do the same.

In 2 John 10 and 11 we read again, "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." Paul said in Acts 20:30 and 31 that right among themselves men would arise speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them, and urged them to watch, and reminded them that for three years he had not ceased to warn every one with tears. We see here that seducers and division-makers are to be warned against and avoided.

In 1 Cor. 3:1-9 we see that Paul's comments to them who divide over individuals and personalities are not very complimentary either. There is just no place given in the Scriptures for any schism in the body of Christ. In 1 Cor. 12:25 we read, "That there should be no schism [division] in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another."

### Choose Ye This Day!

Joshua's choice was that for him and his house they would serve the Lord. We cannot really divide our service for the one whom we really love, him will we serve. Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6:24.

Dear saints in the family of God, we have a great attack of Satan upon the truth today. We need to fast and pray much that God's way might be manifest and followed in the matter of foreign missions. We are working in the direct strongholds of Satan, and he has more ministers on the field than God has. Paul said in 2 Cor. 11:13-15, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." Jesus said in Matt. 24:24, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Satan is the greatest deceiver in this world and his ministers follow after him. Each of us needs to be conscious and aware of his workings today. The ministers and people who have been taught and trained in sectism have strongholds of Satan built into their lives that must be removed. But thank God, we have that power available for every blood-washed child of God. "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:4, 5.

It is not hard to tell whether one is a minister of Satan or a minister of light. If one is still teaching or believing the old teachings he knew in sectism and preaching *around* the truth to the same or another congregation who have "come out", or is carrying on the same practices under a name "church of God," he is building "empty cisterns" that hold no water. (Jer. 2:13) "... They have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

Just because we have a building with the name "Church of God" over the door does not make it the *body of Christ*. The *body of Christ* is what makes the name! "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel [preach their own doctrines]; only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach." Isa. 4:1. We must be careful that we are not building chapels for Satan. (The primitive church worshiped in homes or outdoors until the third or fourth century.) It is very easy to get "full time gospel workers" (for an expected support) in any of these underdeveloped countries, because there is such a physical need to supply food for their families that this temptation of Satan to be "hired for the gospel" is readily fallen into. Nowhere in the Bible is such a practice in the Church indicated. This is the practice of sectism, in order to gain followers of their teachings. "Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14. God distributed people throughout the world, and He is able to provide for one as well as of another if one will live by His Word. These countries are "underdeveloped" because they don't know Christ and they will never develop until they **find and follow the truth**. This does not take away our obligation to "go ye therefore and teach all nations . . ." either personally or through literature and Bibles. We need to be very careful how we help these countries that we may not assist the cause of Satan more than the cause of Christ.

When I first went to India I felt like so many saints do, that it would be so easy for us to supply many things for these dear souls. God has since that time shown me that the real help they need is to know and practice the truth. The early ministers of the Church of God in the U. S. had no outside support for themselves or their families, but their whole faith was in God and He supplied them with all their needs. Many in these countries have found they can make more money by writing to different people or churches in the U. S. for support for their "gospel" work than they can by working for their living or for local churches. Many denominational churches support a pastor highly, and he is to support "ministers" or "gospel workers," but too often it is aiding the ministers and workers of Satan, and often building up security for himself. One missionary in India told me when I was there that they had been there 25 years and built a school, but couldn't say that they had one true convert. These things may be hard to believe, and certainly won't find favor, but

God's work must be carried on according to His Word.

In Acts 13:2, Luke says, "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said . . ." As the Church, we need a greater burden for this missionary "ministry of reconciliation" and search out the better ways. For us to buy expensive cars that have to be further supported by outside help to buy gas at \$3.00 per gallon seems really generous of the saints, but the majority of the people ministered to don't have enough to eat. Our responsibility to feed the world is one thing, but our main commission is to send out the Bible truth.

It is very easy for us to be deceived by the ministry of Satan, as we cannot speak the language, so must rely upon God to reveal the truth to us in other ways. The ministers of Satan have more love for the support than they do for God, so they have little interest in reading or giving out the truth of the teachings of the "evening light." They teach, preach, and practice what they learned in sectism as to worship or standards. You can tell the ministers of truth by their love for the truth and their desire to get it into the hands of hungry souls. They don't leave the tracts, books, pamphlets, or the *Faith and Victory* laying on the shelves for roaches to eat, but try to get them into the hands of needy souls. They also study them so they can teach and preach the truth. Bibles still are a great need in the different dialects, but most of all there is the need for teachers who love and teach the truth. Satan's ministers know and use the Bible well, but they will teach around and leave the truth untaught and unpracticed.

"In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil . . ." 1 John 3:10. There is a sect in Cebu that call themselves, "The Children of the Devil" because they say they can't live without sin, so they consider themselves "children of the devil." There is much false teaching about holiness in the sects of Satan. They believe they can do anything that the Bible does not say definitely not to do and be living a holy life—such as smoking, gambling, cockfighting, etc.

The truth is very new in most of these countries, and we need much patience with those who want to learn and practice the truth, but also we need to be aware of the deception of Satan against the truth. It seems it would be good for some of the young people, or others, to get a burden to learn some of these foreign dialects, that the work of the truth might be carried on more fully.

May God truly bless all the saints with discernment that the truth of God's Word might be manifest throughout the world.

In Christian love and service,

—Bro. George Hammond

It is God who owns the mine of salvation, and He has sent out an invitation to everyone to come and search out the riches. "Whosoever will" may come, and "they that seek shall find." He will help each one to find the treasure.

—E. E. Byrum

## How To Be Happy



The true Christian is, of course, a happy man because his sins have been forgiven; but happiness can be increased by learning the principles from which true happiness springs. To the extent that we cease to please self and endeavor to make others comfortable and happy, we create a greater capacity to both labor and enjoy.

Love is an active principle and is always busy. Only when love ceases to exist does it cease to act, and it always acts the same, namely, seeking the happiness of others. When I hear people complaining of long days and nothing in particular to do, I quickly conclude that they are unhappy. Nothing will drive away gloom so quickly as to go on an errand of love and try to lighten the load of another. It is one of the laws of our being that by seeking the interests and happiness of others rather than by seeking pleasure for self, we can best encounter and combat the difficulties of life.

The apostle gave a charge to them that were rich, lest they fall into a snare; i.e., a wrong habit of trying to be happy. When we go in pursuit of pleasure we are almost always disappointed, but when we go on a mission of love, even if it be as small as giving a cup of cold water, we are not disappointed and will not lose our reward. Sometimes we wonder why people who have accumulated enough to keep them nicely the rest of their life, go on working hard from day to day. The reason is this: They formed the habit, and are working in harmony with that law which makes pursuit more pleasurable than possession. The same law reversed causes children oftentimes to quickly spend wealth given to them by inheritance. "Work out your own salvation," says Paul in applying the same principle in the spiritual life. Any system of morals that offers safety or happiness without labor or spirituality is a farce. Even Jesus pleased not Himself, but was busy all His life making others happy.

To be thoroughly selfish is to be most miserable, but "the liberal soul shall be made fat." To more fully have the "mind of Christ" is to develop the faculties of sympathy, care for others, activity in lightening burdens, etc.; by so doing we avoid self-pity, and, in turn, become more contented ourselves.

"He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he." Prov. 14:21. True happiness is to be found in giving, and not in receiving. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," said Christ, which lesson He taught by example more than by precept. "Happy is that people whose God is the Lord," and we can cultivate and enlarge our capacity to enjoy by seeking to make others happy rather than to please ourselves.

—Grant Anderson

Oh, Father, what can we do,

Or what can we say

To help souls to get ready

For the Judgment day? —Effie Miller