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Feed My Sheep

"Lift your eyes," I hear Him pleading,
"See these starving sheep of mine?
They are lost without a shepherd,
Wand'ring on the hills of time.

"Is there no one who will feed them?
Please don't send them all away!
They will die from cold and hunger,
They need Living Bread—today."

"But, my Lord, I am unable,
My supply is very small;
What is it among so many?
But please take it—take my ALL."

So, He takes and He breaks it,
And He grinds it very small;
But in breaking, there is blessing,
There is food enough for all.

And, through suffering and sorrow,
He can share His Living Bread
To the hungry and the needy,
And by this they can be fed.

"Do you really, really love Me?"
This He asks to one and all.
"Then go feed my sheep—be willing
To be broken very small."

—Angela Gellenbeck



Invite Him In

(Excerpts from Adam Clarke)

Luke 24:28. "He made as though he would have gone further." That is, he was going on, as though he intended to go farther; and so he doubtless would had they not earnestly pressed him to lodge with them. His preaching had made a deep impression upon their hearts, (verse 32), and now they felt it their greatest privilege to entertain the preacher.

This is a constant effect of the doctrine of Christ: wherever it is felt, the Author of it, the ever-blessed Jesus, is earnestly entreated to dwell in the heart; and he who preaches it is amply provided with the necessities of life by those who have received His testimony.

Verse 29. "For it is toward evening..." and consequently both inconvenient and unsafe to proceed to another village. Reader! it is probably the eve of thy life whether thou be old or young: thy day may have already declined, and there is, possibly, but a step between thee and the eternal world! Hath the Lord Jesus taught thee by His Word and Spirit to believe in Him, that thou mightest be saved? Is He come into thy heart? Hast thou the witness of His Spirit that thy sin is blotted out through His blood? (Romans 8:16; Galatians 4:6; I John 5:10-12.) If thou hast not, get thee to God right humbly. Jesus is about to pass by, perhaps forever! O, constrain Him, by earnest faith and prayer, to enter into thy soul, and lodge with thee! May God open thine eyes! May He stir up and inflame thy heart!

"And he went in." And so He will to thee, thou penitent soul! Therefore take courage, and be not faithless but believing.

HOME LIFE

The Bible and Youth's Problems

Taken from *Building a Christian Home*,
by Martha Leavell.

The distinction made here between childhood and youth is only a general classification. Some of the problems here discussed as youth problems run far back into childhood while some of the questions of children are in the hearts and upon the lips of older youth.

The Problem Of His Own Salvation

The greatest of a youth's problems is the problem of his own personal salvation. On the genuine conversion and changed heart of a youth depend the immediate decisions for his social life, also the matter of getting along with other people, the growth of character and spiritual discernment and the stability of his ripened life when positive home control has been released.

The Reality Of The Problem

In a Christian home or under any strong degree of Christian influence, this question of one's personal relation to Christ arises early and recurs frequently to the normal young mind. It may not always be expressed and oftentimes isn't, but it is pretty sure to be there; a conscious issue with more or less insistence within the heart itself.

Three Attitudes Toward Conversion

The problem of conversion is one with many phases. Each individual presents his unique attitude toward the Lord. But in general we will discuss three types of conversion to learn something of how to meet them in the home.

Easy Response To Christ

To some boys and girls, conversion is the easy response to the appeal made by Christ. Conscience has often given them a sense of sin. They realize the need of Jesus and are drawn by the Holy Spirit to love and desire Him. Response is apt to come very young. But when the Spirit of God moves upon them we should hesitate to hold them back. Jesus, in the flesh, pleaded with parents to allow this early acceptance of Himself. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein." Luke 18:16,17. Deeper appreciation and more com-

plex understanding will follow in the developing life.

Fear And Procrastination

Other youth fear and put off this personal issue. They dread the submission of themselves to Christ, fearing the sacrifices they would have to make. Because of this fear the heart continues in rebellion. Real fear has its only place when one is found outside the will of God. "Fear him," warns Jesus, "which...hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him." Luke 12:5. Teach that within the will of Christ is joy. Of course there will be hardships and deprivations and if we are to be worthwhile Christians there will always be the challenge of the difficult, but the mistake is to think that we can ever reach the true goal of life outside the fellowship with Christ. He has promised joy, peace, victory, and the testimony from two thousand years of Christian history is that these elements are abundantly supplied.

Bring out the instances of joy connected with the life of Christ as recorded in the Bible. Wise men hailed His birth with "exceeding great joy" (Matt. 2:10). Angels announced the infant's arrival as "tidings of great joy" (Luke 2:10). The shepherds, after seeing the promised Christ could hardly contain themselves for joy (Luke 2:20). Beholding the risen Christ the disciples "disbelieved for joy" (Luke 24:41) and from the Mount of Ascension they re-entered Jerusalem with "great joy" (Luke 24:52).

Joy was an inseparable part of the Saviour and to choose Christ is to choose joy of the highest nature. "My joy," He called it and made that joy a definite legacy for all His disciples: "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." John 15:11.

Youth was meant for joy but so was the Christian religion. The choice of Christ's joy has an everlasting guarantee. Men's ways and circumstances may try and test this joy but it is made to stand the test and to draw its strength from the depths of God beyond the reach of human harm. "No man taketh it from you." The choice of this joy gives purpose to a life and life to that purpose. Hear the purpose that is voiced in connection with this psalmist's prayer for joy: "Make me to hear joy and gladness...blot out all mine iniquities....then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." Psalm 51:8-9, 13.

Convicted But Perplexed

Still other youth search for God with anxiety and much perplexity. Such a case was the boy Charles Spurgeon. He suffered intensely from conviction of sin but lacked clearness on the approach to Christ. His own autobiography is voluminous with the description of his suffering of soul and the years of self-condemnation and searching for God before the simplicity of faith dawned upon him. This conversion was complete, instantaneous, and inexpressibly joyous when it at last occurred. The verse which opened his heart, uttered by an ignorant layman in a small church house in the midst of a heavy snow-storm, was "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." Isaiah 45:22.

Spurgeon gives much credit to his father and mother for their spiritual anxiety about him and their earnestness in pleading with him and the other children to be saved. "Fathers and mothers are the most natural agent for God to use in the salvation of their children," he declares. "I am sure that in my early youth no teaching ever made such an impression upon my mind as the instruction of my mother; neither can I conceive that to any child there can be one who will have such influence over the young heart as the mother who has so tenderly cared for her offspring." He describes how his own mother would stay at home on Sunday evenings with the little children, and gathered around the



table, explain the Scripture to them verse by verse. Her prayers for them were definite and earnest. The incident is related of how his father turned back from a preaching engagement at one time, thinking he might be neglecting the welfare of his own children while looking after the souls of others. Upon reaching home he discovered Mrs. Spurgeon in a closed room upstairs, praying for the salvation of her children and especially for her strong-willed son Charles. Without disturbing her, the father turned and went on to his appointment confident of the care they were receiving from such a mother in the home.

The Parents' Work

With any of these types of mind the question of salvation should be a matter of profound consideration to the parents in the home. A concern for the salvation of others is a matter for every Christian but doubly so for parents. With dedicated mind and resources they attended the child into his physical birth to see that he was well and strong in every way. How much more responsible are they now to see their own children enter the kingdom of heaven with a genuine second birth. In this, parents need wisdom from God and an abiding in His presence. A warm spiritual atmosphere where character and self-control combine with love and understanding is the reasonable contribution to be expected from the Christian home.

The Power of the Spirit

This is the age of spiritual power. A Christian or a Church destitute of this is behind the age. When Christ ascended to perpetuate His work in Heaven, the Holy Ghost descended to perpetuate His work on earth. And He did not come as a helpless infant. No. The atoning work was done. And so He came at once in all His glorious majesty "as a rushing mighty wind;" the symbol of power to any degree. And it is the will of God that the Church should live and abide in this Pentecostal, spiritual storm. But, alas! how she has spread her snow-white

sails to catch the wind of man's favor more than God's, and so she has been bereft of her propelling power. Does it not seem as if the time were at hand when Christianity and Christians will be tested, not by their professions, however great or eloquent, but by their spiritual power alone? The ministerial market may be overstocked with men, but there is no possibility of overstocking the market with this. Holy Ghost power is in great demand everywhere, and every Christian should possess it.

—Selected

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Editorials

I recently received a call from a man who described his lineage, and which made him a great-uncle to me. It seems that for some years he and others of his close kin knew that there were additional relatives, but no contact had been made for many years. Perhaps one contributing factor to this lack of communication was that the caller's father had changed the spelling of the name Murphey.

Searching about among one's roots can be an interesting occupation, as long as the exposed lineage is of good character. I read about one man who fancied that he was a descendant of the Pilgrim fathers, so he employed an attorney for the sum of two hundred dollars to look into the matter. The attorney delved deeply into the client's pedigree, and in the process unearthed so many unsavory characters, that the client ended up paying the attorney two thousand dollars to say nothing about it.

The Jews in Christ's time took great pride in their lineage. It was quite prestigious to be able to say, "Abraham is our father." (John 8:39.) Not all of us have the ability to claim the earthly kinship of Abraham, or of other outstanding characters, but we also have roots on the spiritual side of life. And this is of far greater consequence than our physical roots. The Pharisees highly resented it when Christ told them, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44. There is a saying that, "If, when you dig up your family tree, you don't particularly like certain of your roots, never forget that it all started with someone or other remarkably like yourself!" I don't necessarily agree with that, but it does seem to be very much so in the spiritual realm. We bear the fruits of our roots, whether God or the devil is our father.

If you haven't given much thought lately, or purposely ignored your spiritual ancestry, I would advise prompt investigation. It will determine your eternal destination. There is much change in the world today, and with accidents, new diseases and crime increasing, life is very uncertain. We need stability and assurance of direction. Proverbs 12:3 says, "The root of the righteous shall not be moved." We know that

Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Heb. 13:8.) Through the adoption of salvation, by asking God to forgive our sins, Christ can be the Rock from which our roots spring. Then we can pray, "Our Father which art in heaven..." Luke 11:2.

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Not much space in this issue has been relegated to Easter, which falls on April 11 this year. However, we do trust that this will be a very special time for all our readers. The resurrection of Jesus Christ should be a living reality within our hearts year round, yet we find special blessings in a particular time to observe its meaning.

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Due to the death of Bro. Ostis Wilson, a change will need to be made in the "Question and Answer Column" which he had been writing for this paper since February of 1977. Until something definite can be established, we are planning to substitute with a similar column formerly published in the "Lamp of Youth." You will find it in this issue under the heading of "Where's the Balance?" —Wayne Murphey

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MONARK SPRINGS, MO CAMP MEETING UPDATE

We have appreciated having Sis. Gertrude Lounds as head cook for the noon meal for the last few years. She feels that her burden for this job has been lifted. We need someone to replace her for the noon meal from Monday through Friday. Bro. Earl and Bro. Cecil Benson will be cooking the noon meal both weekends. We also need a cook for the evening meal for all ten days. If anyone is interested please contact Ed Johnston, Rt. 2 Box 2180, Seymour, MO 65746. (417) 935-2520.

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TAPES AVAILABLE

The complete Evening Light Song Book, songs 1-512, played on the piano, are now available on 19 cassette tapes. Please direct all correspondence to: Sis. Kimberly Francisco, 44452 Stillwater Drive, Lancaster, CA 93536. (805) 945-3676.

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HELP REQUESTED

"God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7). Bro. Charles Chandler has been building for more than a year on a house for his family. He

is building a large house to accommodate the saints when they come in for meetings, etc. It still needs quite a bit of work done on it and I feel a very heavy burden to ask help for Him. Bro. Charles is a young minister and pastor of the Green Pastures, OK congregation.

If anyone desires to help him finish the home, you may mail your donation to Bro. Charles Chandler, 12309 N.E. 57th St., Spencer, OK 73084. Your help will be appreciated.

Yours in His great name,

—Sis. Katherine Williams

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HELP WANTED

Bro. Earl and Sis. Avis Tinsley are looking for a dedicated Christian to live with them and help with the household duties. If you are interested and would like more information, write to Sis. Tinsley at: HC 63, Box 5C, Arbovale, WV 24915. Please include your telephone number in your letter and Sis. Tinsley will contact you by return call.

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Camp Meetings '93



Myrtle, MO—May 12-16

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, OK—May 28-June 6

Jefferson, OR—June 11-20

Green Bank, WV—June 11-20

Tulsa, OK—June 11-20

Loranger, LA—June 25-July 4

Fresno, CA—July 2-11

National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 16-25

Boley, OK—August 22-29

California State at Pacoima, CA—Aug. 27-Sept. 5

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Meeting Reports and Notices

HOLLY HILL, SC SPRING MEETING

If God wills, we will have our Spring Meeting from April 4 through the 11th. Everyone is welcome to come. We would like to especially invite all ministers who might have a burden to help us in this meeting. —Bro. Utson Platt
Rt. 1 Box 194, Holly Hill, SC 29059.

SAPULPA, OK REVIVAL

Lord willing, Bro. James Bell will be holding several nights of revival at the Sapulpa Road, Church of God. The dates are April 7-11. On Easter Sunday both a morning and afternoon service are planned, with dinner being served on the grounds. The afternoon service will be an ordinance service.

You may call Bro. Don McIntosh for more details. (918) 252-5862.

SHREVEPORT, LA REVIVAL

Arrangements have been made for Bro. Charles Elwell to be in Shreveport, LA for a few nights of revival on April 14-18. Everyone is welcome to come and share in the blessings that are expected. You may obtain further information by calling Bro. Jerry Melot, (318) 938-7233.

SHELL LAKE, WI SPRING MEETING

Arrangements have been made for Bro. Toney Samons to hold services in Shell Lake, WI, April 14-18. Your attendance would be appreciated.

For more information contact Bro. Duane LaVeau, (715) 468-2798 or Bro. Ron Zacharias, (715) 635-2994.

MISSOURI STATE CAMP MEETING

The Missouri State Camp Meeting, held at Myrtle, MO, will begin, Lord willing, on Wednesday, May 12, and continue through Sunday, May 16, 1993. Everyone is invited and urged to attend. Come praying for a special outpouring of God's Spirit upon this meeting and the salvation of souls. Three services are scheduled daily.

Please come prepared for possibly cool and rainy weather, and bring bedding, if convenient. Accommodations will be made to care for all who come. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682. For further information, contact Sis. Carol Sorrell at (417) 938-4493, or Bro. Harlan Sorrell at (417) 938-4336.

—Bro. Harlan Sorrell

NORTHPORT, AL REVIVAL

The saints here in Northport, Alabama wish to announce a revival meeting to be held June 20-27, 1993, if it's the Lord's will. We are extending a hearty welcome to all who are led to come and be with us. We are also praying for a

real moving of God during this meeting. God sees and knows what is needed for His people. We ask Him to lead, guide, direct and send ministers of His choice.

There will be some home accommodations, and there are motels in walking distance of the chapel. Meals will be served daily in the dining hall. For more information you may contact: Bro. Henry Effinger, (205) 345-7854, Sister Jessie Shelton, (205) 339-3026 or Bernice Petty (205) 553-4450.

TULSA, OK CAMP MEETING

The time is drawing near when the camp meeting, Lord willing, will be held at Tulsa, OK, 1102 E. Pine Pl. The dates are June 11-20.

All are invited to attend these services. Please come praying that souls will be saved, baptized and sanctified. Also that bodies will be healed.

If you are not saved, pray that God will save you. The time is coming when we will all appear before the judgment bar of God.

There will be morning and night services, Monday through Saturday. There will be afternoon services on both Sundays. The last Sunday will close with the afternoon service.

For further information contact Sis. Eva Hardman, (918) 583-2929 or Bro. Charles Lowe at (918) 584-6838. The Church number is (918) 584-8438.

—Sis. Eva Hardman

Lest we Forget

In that last hour, with anguish riven,
Praying for a world that was unforgiven,
While unconcerned the world slept on,
Not knowing His life would soon be gone.

'Twas a bitter cup He drank that night,
While His own disciples fled in fright.
On the cross He hung, where all could see,
And there He died for you and me.

Oh! let me ne'er forget, Dear Lord,
Thy consecration there,
Beside that rock, that cold dark rock,
That last long anguished prayer.

And as that stone rolled from the tomb,
Dispelling death and darkest gloom,
We know your prayer was not in vain,
And that we too, will live again.

—Grace Jones

Prayer Requests

WV—Remember Bro. James White's wife who has suffered a light stroke.

OH—Sis. Essie Abbott has requested prayer for a daughter who is having difficult problems.

IL—"I have an urgent unspoken request."

—Lavena Cole

OK—Pray that Sis. Edith Wall will have a speedy and complete recovery from a fall in which her wrist and ankle were injured.

NC—"We need the prayers of the saints."

—Bunice Hope

KY—Wilma Horsely desires prayer for high blood pressure, and also would like her grandson, Taylor Hampton, remembered for croup.

MO—Sis. Thelma Halbrook is very concerned about a nervous condition her daughter, Nancy, has.

KY—"I am writing for a very urgent prayer request. My son is in treatment for drugs and alcohol. I just heard he plans to kill himself."

—Leonor Elan

AR—Sis. Ethel Worrall is in much pain as a result of a fall.

CA—Sis. Doris Pihaylic has several unspoken requests.

OK—"Pray for my sister and me; also that we keep a firm stand against the devil."

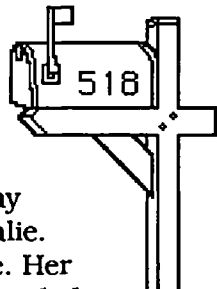
—Juliette Lounds



FROM THE READERS. . .

OH—Dear Bro. Murphey: I am writing to ask you all to pray for Sis. Essie's daughter, Rosalie. She is having a real hard time. Her husband left her and she is afraid she will lose her house. She has back trouble and can't work at a regular job. She has to take care of her grandson who is 14. Everything she is going through is really getting on her nerves. Please pray.

Sis. Essie is still in need of much prayer. She takes nervous spells and it seems she can hardly stand them. She wants to go home but doesn't want to be by herself. She is still in need of someone to come and stay with her. She also has a physical ailment for which she needs prayer. Also remember my son and his children. He is a single parent with two girls and a boy. He



drinks and they don't have a very good life, although he hasn't been drinking as much lately. I think prayer has helped that. I know the saints at Dayton, OH have been praying for them, and other saints too. I am thankful for that. I also have another son. Please pray for him and his family.

Thanks,

—Tressie Adkins



CA—Dear ones everywhere: I just feel like writing my testimony this morning, to say I am saved and much encouraged. I want to share an experience I recently had that has meant so much to me. I have not been able for several years to read with my left eye, but quite often I try. Recently I picked up a piece of scrap paper off of the floor, closed my right eye and really tried with my left eye to read something. I saw only one word that I could read. That word was "God". What a word! I started crying and praising God. I said what a great God that made Heaven and earth and now let me read that one great word. It seemed so very wonderful to me.

A few days later I went to have my eyes tested for glasses. I had been using a magnifying glass, but decided I would try glasses again. The eye specialist told me I was losing my sight and would not be able to read or write, or to tell who anyone is. Oh, that would hurt so bad as I enjoy my mail and I read my Bible so much.

I am out here in a retirement home so that I can be close to my daughter and her husband, but I went back home to Guthrie, OK, last May, and attended part of the camp meeting. I got saved and baptized a few days after I was 75 years old.

I am sure a lot of you remember my dad, Bro. John W. Wilson. He was an old time minister. I remember Bro. Ira Stover as a young preacher, starting out, before he and Sis. Ruby were married. Bro. Ira and my dad would sometimes walk several miles to get to where they were to have meeting. I remember several of the older ministers being in our home from time to time: Bro. Robert Porter, Bro. Sam Barton, and many others. I think of so many times God answered prayer through the years. I am sure some of the first words my parents taught to me were how to pray. They would read the Bible and teach us, and have family prayer at least twice a day. I have been thinking of what a rich heritage I have. A lot of the Wilson relatives were ministers and I also married into a preaching family. My husband's parents, Bro. and Sis. Robert John-

son, both were ministers. My husband's sister, Margaret Eck, and other family members, also are ministers.

I want to thank each one for the letters, cards, tapes and papers sent for my encouragement. I really appreciate all.

I desire your earnest prayers for my unsaved children and grandchildren. Please ask God if He could be pleased to let me keep my sight. Especially pray that I will be true to Him. God bless you all,
—Ruby Fern Johnson

OK—Dear saints: I appreciate the love and concern that was shown to me and my family in our time of bereavement. It is a blessing to know that the people of God are standing by you in such a time as this.

I want to sincerely thank those of you that have supported us by way of prayers and encouragement. We need the Lord continually. We have much thanksgiving to Him for how He has sustained us and we are encouraged to continue to trust Him. God has proven to be a very present help in the time of need.

We desire that you would keep us in your daily prayers. —Linda and Janille Montgomery

OK—Dear saints: We are so thankful to our precious Saviour for what He has done in our lives. He looked down and saw our need, and blessed us with a darling son, Anthony Darryl, on October 8, 1992.

Lonnie and I had been married almost ten years, and we had never known the joy of having children in our home. We decided to fast and seek the Lord.

In our hearts, we wanted the Lord's will. He knew us, and if He saw best for us not to have any children, we would have accepted it. We agreed to fast our breakfast meal every Tuesday.

On the second Tuesday, when lunch time came, I still felt a need to pray. So kneeling down in my schoolroom, I begged God for help. My mind started going to the Word of God. This scripture came to me, "He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children." Psalm 113:9.

I accepted that as from the Lord. We never fasted anymore about it, and we felt that God had answered prayer. And He did. Praise His name!

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall

your Father which is in Heaven give good things to them that ask him?" Matthew 7:11.

Please pray for us that we will raise our child to live for the Lord.

Sincerely, —Lonnie and Jeannine Miles

OK—Dear Bro. Wayne, saints and friends: With love and thanksgiving to God we greet you in the name of Jesus, thanking Him for His great love to all of us. Praise the Lord!

First, I want to thank God for the wonderful Assembly Meeting He blessed us with in Guthrie, OK, and for the strength He gave me to attend. My soul was blessed.

It was January 1, 1993, that I fell in my home. I injured my left leg. It broke the skin and made a very severe sore. It was very painful.... The devil suggested many things to me; I would have to have the limb removed, etc. I resisted the devil and let him know my trust was in the Lord, and right in the midst of his accusations, the Lord spoke to my heart and said, "This is my leg and I'll take care of it." And He did. Praise the Lord!

I was shut in for five weeks, not able to go to meeting or anywhere. At times the suffering was great. It was on February 6th that one of God's servants called me on the phone. He said he wanted to ask God to do some instant healing on my leg. He began to pray on the phone, and praise God, it seemed like a healing balm went down from my head to my feet. On February 8th I was able to go out and I have been going ever since. Yes, God is a Healer, and He still does instant healing.

I wish to thank all the saints and friends for your love, prayers and concern during my illness; also the cards, love offerings, food and other kind deeds that were expressed to me. We give God praise for it all. May He reward all that helped in the battle. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8.

Yours in His great name,

—Katherine Williams

MO—Dear Bro. Wayne and faithful workers: Greetings in the precious name of our dear Saviour. Our hearts are full of praise and thanksgiving for what the Lord has done for us. I want to thank Him for victory in my life. It is such a blessing for the Lord to help us to see our weaknesses and then give us a desire to be strong in those areas. The scripture says, "De-

light thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psalm 37:4. "The desire of the righteous is only good." Proverbs 11:23. "The desire of the righteous shall be granted." Proverbs 10:24. "The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul." Proverbs 13:19.

I thank the dear Lord for victory in an area of my life which was once a weakness. It is now one of my strongest points. Praise God, the desire accomplished is surely sweet to the soul. I am trusting and seeking the Lord for help in all my weak areas that they may become my strongest areas. We desire your prayers that the Lord would help us all to be purged fully and shine bright as a burning, shining light in the place God has for us to witness for Him.

Truly the end is very near. Let us be up and doing for the Master as the apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." Romans 13:13-14.

We enjoyed the January and February papers so much. It was such a blessing to our souls. We thank the Lord for your labors of love to spread the gospel through the printed page. May the Lord's blessings be showered upon all there.

Your brother, ————— —Frankie Millis

OR—Dear Bro. Wayne: Well here is another month and I am still missing Bro. Ostis Wilson. But I would not wish him back to this wicked world. I only wish I was over in that beautiful land where he is. I heard many precious messages from him and had some precious healings while he was our pastor. He didn't live far from me and I often drove up there and had him and Sis. Evelyn pray for me. We were broken-hearted when he moved so far away....

I still have painful times with my arthritis, but I can drive my car and visit shut-ins. I do not sleep well all the time. Bro. Clifford Wilson is not well at times and Sis. Violet Benson has a bad back and seldom gets to church.

We pray for you over there and enjoy the paper. May God bless and strengthen you.

Christian love to you and all,
————— —Sister Grace Jones

MI—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to all you dear ones in the sweet name of Jesus. I pray

you're all well and happy in the dear Lord's work. I'm fine. God richly blesses me each day in body and soul. He is the lover of my soul. What a wonderful God we serve.

Thank you for the paper. It is such a wonderful paper to read, with all its rich blessings. It is so nice to hear about the great things God does for His dear children....

May God bless each and every one of you in body and soul in His work. All my love and prayers,
————— —Sis. Olive Getterson

SC—Dear Bro. Murphey and workers at the Publishing House: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We hope that all is well with you dear saints there. We are praying for you. I do enjoy my paper and look for it each month.

We have a large number of sick people here at Holly Hill, SC. We desire the prayers from all the saints. May God bless each reader of this testimony.

Yours in Christ, ————— —Utson Platt

GA—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings in the name of the Lord. I thank the Lord for a reasonable portion of health and strength. I passed my ninetieth birthday and I am going all the way with the Lord. There is no other way. We desire your prayers for my brother and me. He is not well. Pray for my strength that I can look after him. I am praying for all at the Print Shop. I really enjoy the *Faith and Victory* publication. I am not able to get out, so your publication is a blessing to me.

Yours in Christ, ————— —Sister Mary Johnson

OK—"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good." Psalm 106:1. "Praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us." (Evening Light Songs, page 68.) I want to give thanksgiving unto the Lord for his manifold blessings, and especially for a recent kindness of my Lord. Our daughter, Alison, took a fever the last week in December. At the beginning we prayed and asked God to help us. It was the natural thing to do. We thought the fever would be over in two or three days. However, the fever lasted nine days. Her temperature would climb as high as 105.7 then taper back. During the prolonged time we asked for prayer, and prayed for the Lord to see us through the storm, and He did. Alison came through with no side effects. The scripture that was my comforter was about the storm that the disciples experienced when

Jesus came to them walking on the water. What a comfort it is to see Christ in any storm of life, and to see Him always on top of it. Peter was bid to come unto Jesus in Matthew 14:29. He bids us to not only ride, but to walk above the tempest in its fury. What a Master! As long as our eyes are on the great Creator, the storm seems to be in abatement. But if we, like Peter, begin to be faithless and look away, down we'll go.

In our storm, assurance and peace of mind was secured as long as we kept our mind in subjection and our eyes on the Saviour. I thank the Lord for being with our family and walking us through the storm.

Learning the Creator's discipline,

—Galen R. Kelly

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MO—Dear ones all: We are writing to let you know we are making the change to live at the caretaker's house at Monark Springs, MO. This is a change we have desired for some time. I have retired from a regular job so I hope to be able to care for things on the camp grounds and worship with the saints in the Neosho congregation. This we have craved for some time.

We express thanks and appreciation for all the work that each one did to clean, paint and make the house pleasant to live in. Also to those who have helped with the expenses, we thank you!

We expect to live and grow in the Lord because of this opportunity to be of service.

—Bro. Leslie and Sis. Eula Adams

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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' name. We trust this finds all there in good health and spiritually strong. The Lord has seen fit to give us some sunshine and warmer weather, for which we are very thankful. I am glad that God has control over the weather and not man. More and more, as we hear and see the conduct and attitudes of what seems to be the majority of the people of the world, the truth of God's Word is evident that says that it is not in man to direct his steps. With this comes the thought that a man cannot serve two masters, and if he is not serving God, he is serving the devil. The works of his father is what he does in his life, and this is true whichever master he is serving. Because of ignorance and arrogance the unsaved will not admit that they are servants to a spiritual power that is greater than they are of themselves.

Well, praise the Lord, there is a way that, by willing service and obedience, we can have peace and joy in serving the Master of our choice all the days of our life. I pray that the peace and joy that comes with following Jesus will be such a shining light in the lives of all His children, that all the unsaved around us may see the blessed Saviour and be drawn to Him. Humble submission and a realization of our own inabilities and unworthiness are required to bring us to the repentance and confession necessary to attain to the "born again" state of the "first resurrection."

We are very thankful for all of you there at the Print Shop and the work that you are doing. The articles and testimonies in the *Faith and Victory* each month are a blessing for which we are appreciative and thankful. We are still trusting God for all of our needs and He is supplying bountifully.

With Christian love,

—Bro. Bill and Sis. Doris Busch

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OH—Dear Brother Wayne and all at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' name. I thank the Lord for being saved today, and walking in the beautiful way.

I still need prayer for my body. My family is unsaved and they need prayer. We have a very sick brother in our congregation. Pray for him....

Yours in Christ,

—Thelma Philon

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AL—Dear Bro. Wayne and staff: I hope this finds you all well and doing fine. We are, but we have had a great big snow. I have been in since Friday, (3-12-93). I have read a lot and studied God's Word. We have had power the whole time and water. We have not lacked for anything, praise God.

Please remember Mike, my son. He still needs help. God bless all in Jesus' name,

—Jeanette Mooney

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KS—Dear Bro. Wayne and Faith partners: May the dear Lord bless each of you in your own daily lives, and your families, and in all work that is undertaken to further the gospel message.

Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to remember my request in prayer. The one person who has had such a battle with alcohol and cigarettes, and even foul language, is doing a lot better, but just recently is having many trials and temptations with these habits. He so

much needs the Lord to completely deliver him from all desire for the taste of these things which he has said he would like to stop doing. The habit is so strong! May God give him strength and deliver him from the bad habits and fill those empty spaces with His Spirit and His love.

Christian love, —Name withheld



LETTERS FROM THE MISSION FIELDS



From Mexico...

Dear saints: Through this letter I greet you in the love of our dear Saviour, Jesus Christ, hoping that His rich blessings may be upon you and all those that love the King of kings.

I begin this letter with much love and thanksgiving to God for His great blessing upon the work here, and also upon our spiritual lives. He has given us much joy and strength. My family and I are encouraged to live for the Lord. My son, who is sixteen years old, is working with the young people every Saturday, visiting people and giving tracts out to people on the streets. The adults are having prayer every morning from 5:00 to 6:00. There are a lot of children who are seeking the Lord. The past Sundays there have been from fifty to seventy children. We thank God for this. There is much love and unity for which I thank the Lord.

Dear saints, we desire your prayers for the revival that we will be having from the 8th to the 11th of April. Pray that the Lord will manifest Himself and bless us. There are some adults and some of the young people who want to be baptized during that time.

The Lord is adding more members each day to His church. The Lord has plans for us. Please pray much for us.

I also want to thank each one of the saints for the love and prayers for the work in Mexico. I also want to thank you for the love we received while there in Guthrie. It gave us great joy to see all the ones that came from different places. We want to tell you that we appreciate all your love and burden for us. May God bless you richly. We praise the Lord for supplying our needs and for His love shown through the saints.

Love and prayers,

—Mayarino Escobar and family

From the Philippines...

Dear Brother and Sister Murphey: Greetings of Christian love in the name of the Saviour.

I am happy to report to you that the gospel work is moving forward in spite of many trials and hardships. I baptized a man the other Sunday who came to our home weeping for repentance. He has been coming to the church service regularly for maybe six months already. He said while he was alone in their home he got his song book and sang some songs. While he was singing he found himself crying, kneeling and raising his hands to God weeping bitterly for repentance. He felt so thirsty for God. To clean his life completely, he burned all his graven images and then came to our house, confessed all his sins and asked me to pray for him. He also requested me to baptize him in water, so we did. We feel the Holy Spirit is working wondrously to save people and to strengthen the Church. Although it is not much in number, there is true conversion and revival in their souls. Some are coming out from Babylon confusion and being added to the body of Christ. These brothers and sisters are so zealous to preach the pure Word of God and true salvation from sin, they are going from house to house testifying about their salvation. They even go to the streets, public places and even in the market, talking to people about the Word of God. Some people who have not cared about their souls are now coming to our worship service. An old man in Palestine, who has many graven images, is now attending our worship services there. When I first approached him about the Word of God, he promised not to leave his religion. But now, praise the name of the Lord, he said he wants to go to heaven so he will obey the Lord. The elders in the congregations also experienced wonderful healings of different kinds of sicknesses in prayers of faith which made them so happy and thankful to the Lord. These made them more grounded in the faith which was once delivered to the saints.

Again, we say thank you so much for your untiring love to us. We are all praying for you.

Your brother, —Matias S. Tanguan



From India...

Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: Greetings to you and the dear saints in America in the marvelous name of Jesus.

The Church activities in all the congregations in the north and south are progressing

without much hindrance. The local convention at Inchakundu, a new station, was a blessed one. A series of meetings are being arranged in different parts of Trichur until the month of April. A few new fields are being opened for our work. At Pothukuzhy, we started a work and about twenty people came out of sectarian churches. They have no place there to assemble for meetings. By faith we made an agreement with a landlord to buy a small plot of land to build a building for the saints there to assemble. One thousand dollars are needed before April or May to buy that land. I hope God shall open the way for it.

Our prayers are for the progress and edification of the congregations in America. May God bless you all abundantly.

Yours in His service, —John Varghese



IN MEMORIAM

Grady Dunn passed away at his home on Wednesday morning, February 24, 1993, at the age of 70.

Truly, he fought a good fight, and thank God, he kept the faith. The Lord called him to be with Him after a long hard bout with cancer.

He lived a life of faithfulness and service unto the Lord for more than 36 years, traveling over several states with his family, singing the gospel and testifying of the goodness of God and the oneness of His people.

The family had a nursing home ministry for several years prior to his illness. Also they had a radio broadcast, "Songs of Gospel Truth", for 19 years on a North Carolina station.

He leaves behind his wife of almost 47 years, the former Margaret Worrell, to whom he was married on March 5, 1946; a son and daughter-in-law, Johnny Wayne and Mary Sue Dunn of Lexington, SC; one daughter Margaret Elaine, of the home, one granddaughter and her husband, Lisa Darlene and Nathaniel Collins of Lexington, SC. Also surviving are two brothers, Loyd S. Dunn of Lewisville, NC and Charles B. Dunn, Jr. of Winston-Salem, NC; five sisters, Mrs. Nannie Grant of Winston-Salem, NC, Mrs. Ola Denson and Mrs. Ruth Harael of High Point, NC, Mrs. Mabel Nelson of Vichey, MO and Mrs. Frances Blume of Lexington, SC; also many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at Miller Funeral Chapel, February 27, 1993, with Bros. Mart Samons and Marvin Besheau officiating. Burial was at Westlawn Gardens of Memory, Clemmons, NC.

Note of Thanks

In behalf of our family, we wish to thank everyone who has stood by us and helped us through Dad's trial of affliction, his passing and funeral. Most of all, we thank the dear saints for their support to us by holding us up in their prayers. We just couldn't have made it without them.

For every card, letter, phone call and "gift of love," we truly thank you. For those of you who made such sacrifices to come and stay with us to help care for dad—Bro. and Sis. Austin McMillian, Bro. Vada McMillian, Sis. Carol Cole, Bro. Wymon Skaggs and Bro. Mart Samons, we say God bless you!

We know that we will be facing many adjustments in our lives, but we just trust God to show us each step to take in rebuilding our lives. For this we still need and desire your prayers and support.

With much love and deep appreciation,

—Margaret and Elaine Dunn



Hubert L. Tinsman was born on September 7, 1917, and departed this life on February 7, 1993, at the age of 75 years and five months. He was united in marriage June 6, 1936, to Julia (Judy) B. Walker, his wife of 56 years. To this union seven children were born: Mrs. Leon (Jo-Ann) Sorrell, of Pearidge, AR, Mrs. Lonnie (Beverly) Atnip, of Farmland, IN, Robert of Newberg, PA, Jerry, John and Joe, of Farmland, IN, and Hubert Jr. of Irvine, KY. He is also survived by one brother, Clifford Tinsman of Urbana, IL; two sisters, Eunice Huckalea, Decatur, IL and Vona Brock, Champaign, IL; 38 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

He was converted in 1945 and remained faithful to the work and cause of Christ. Funeral services were conducted at the Thornburg funeral home at Farmland, IN, and burial was at the Poplar Run Cemetery. Officiating the service were Bros. Hoyt Runion and Larry Dishman. Singing was furnished by grandchildren.

Note of Thanks

Our sincere thanks to all who have shared in many ways at this time of bereavement.

Ostis Benton Wilson passed away February 18, 1993, at the age of 84. He was born December 23, 1908, in Beaver, OK, to Ostis B. Sr. and Mattie (Boles) Wilson.

At the age of ten, Bro. Ostis moved with his parents to Shawnee. In 1926 he graduated from Union High School and later attended Oklahoma Baptist University.

In March, 1929, in Shawnee, he was united in marriage to Opal Alexander. To this union two sons and one daughter were born.

Bro. Ostis preached his first message at age 21. He and his family moved in 1933 to Clovis, NM. From Clovis, they moved to Anthony, KS, where he pastored for nine years and also worked for the county engineer. His wife shared in his work, assisting in the office when he was away in meetings.

In 1943 Bro. and Sis. Wilson moved to California where they served as pastors of Perlita Avenue Church, Los Angeles. The congregation moved in 1949 to Pacoima where they continued to pastor.

In 1964 Bro. Ostis and Sis. Opal went on a missionary trip to Nigeria, Africa. It was on this trip that Sis. Opal passed away.

In 1967 Bro. Ostis married Sis. Evelyn Linch. Together they managed the Sunset Guest Home and continued to pastor the Pacoima congregation until 1971, when they moved to Jefferson, OR, where he was pastor for seven-teen years.

At the time of his death he was active in the oversight of the Shawnee Church of God congregation. His parents; three brothers; three sisters; his first wife, Opal; a son, George Wallace "Wally"; and a grandson, Richard Benton Cates, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Wilson of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Weldon and Carole Wilson of Sherman Oaks, CA; a daughter and son-in-law, Wilda and Carl Myers of Whittier, CA; a stepdaughter and her husband, Betty and Ray Garges of Alta Loma, CA; a stepson and his wife, Jim and Gerri Linch of Monroe, OR; a brother and sister-in-law, Clifford and Grace Wilson of Houston, TX; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, eleven step-grandchildren, seven step-great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in Shawnee on February 22 with Bros. Charles Elwell, Richard Madden and James Linch officiating.

A final service and burial was held February 25, at Forest Lawn Cemetery, North Hollywood, CA, with Bro. Charles Elwell officiating.

A Parting Tribute to Brother Ostis Wilson

By Grace Jones

He's gone from us ne'er to return
And left us grieving sore,
And, oh how we will miss him so
To see his face no more.

But all the wondrous truths he taught
Wherever that he went,
And many souls that heard his words
Were willing to repent.

For many years his gracious words
Were heard on land and sea,
He gave his heart and mind and soul
To set the sinners free.

And now he's gone to his reward
And we may go there too,
If we will follow in his steps
And to the Lord be true.

And there we'll meet him once again
Around that great white throne,
With all the saints gone on before
Where parting is unknown.

Tribute to Brother Ostis B. Wilson

By Vesta-Nadine Severs

The earth-bound branch of the Church of God, especially the Shawnee, OK, congregation, has sustained a great loss with the death of Brother Ostis B. Wilson.

Someone stated: "We have lost a library." I'd liken our loss as losing a "living treasure."

The Japanese designate their aged citizens, who have outstanding knowledge in their particular fields of expertise, as being "living treasures." Everything these individuals create or perform during their sunset years is highly prized and sought after. Our nation is also seeking out and designating prominent citizens as "living treasures."

The high calling in Christ Jesus, with anointing by the Holy Ghost, has bestowed upon the aged of the Church of God an esteemed position, both here and in heaven, which we treasure more than tongue can tell. Nothing that we know, combined or individually, of all the greatness on earth can be held in comparison with these men and women who walk with God.

The advice and words of encouragement, and even warning, which Brother Ostis gave this congregation, from his first sermon to his last, will live on in our hearts for years to come. From the beginning to the end, he ceased not to warn us that a little seed of improper attitude can bar us from heaven as quickly as a "little" sin. Often the theme of his sermons would be "Forgive, forgive and forgive again." He started having Bible study every other Wednesday night. One series was on the Old Testament Tabernacle. Shortly prior to his death, he finished a series on the "Conscience."

Brother Ostis' life and words were exemplary in every aspect of conduct: in meekness, humility and friendliness, to mention just a few. He was a spiritual giant, always beckoning us onward to our bright beautiful Home.



Correction

In the March issue of the *Faith and Victory* paper the obituary of Sis. Ophelia Bonton read that the funeral was conducted by Bro. Charles Taylor and Sis. Louise Pierro. The funeral was conducted by Bro. E. J. Trotter and assisted by Bro. Charles Taylor.

On Sis. Palestine Phillip's obituary it read, funeral services were officiated by Bro. Adriel Bowman and Bro. Ronnie Hattley. The funeral was conducted by Bro. Charles Taylor.

—Sis. Gladys Foster



Where's the Balance?



By Wayne Murphey

Question: What is gambling? I know it is when you bet with money. Is there anything in the Bible against it and is it gambling to buy chances for a turkey or gun when proceeds benefit an organization whether you win or not? Could you also comment on lotteries, horse

racing, bingo, etc. Is it wrong even if you have the money?

Answer: Gambling is when a person voluntarily takes a chance and in which the odds of receiving a fair value are relatively small. Many things could be termed gambling, even life itself. Therefore, this subject must be one that is viewed from a reasonable and rational perspective.

In considering an overall aspect of the question involved, we should realize that those things that tend toward instilling greed must be avoided. "And he said unto them, Take heed and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Luke 12:15.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church and said "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." I Corinthians 6:12. In this verse he was probably referring to certain cases of fornication and eating things offered to idols that were not explicitly referred to in the law. He then proceeded to express the conviction he had on matters of this kind. His thought was that anything which had the ability to rule his spirit and prevent him from rendering unto God what is rightfully His, should be abstained from. The context of the 6th chapter of I Corinthians says our bodies are God's and we will give an account for what we do with them. We must be a good steward over all that God has given us, which includes our life, breath and all things. (Acts 17:25).

How does being a good steward relate to our finances? The very first priority of a wage earner, who is the head of a household, is the support of his family. "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." I Timothy 5:8. Our next responsibility is in supporting the work of God. (I Corinthians 16:1, 2). As we fulfill these duties, there will be little left for unwise spending.

Gambling provides a thrill to some that has the potential of developing into an addiction. It is fed when some winnings are realized. This addiction has a way of blinding reason. The large fortune is always tantalizingly near. One person paraphrased an old saying to read, "Gambling is a way of getting nothing for something." This is largely true. It is something which we should not allow our desires to become a

slave to. "A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent." Proverbs 28:20.

Perhaps you have heard stories of men who would go to the bar and lose all of their week's pay at the poker table. Some would arrive home late at night in an intoxicated state, to meet a wife and children who were hungry and in need. These stories are still replayed, but in our high-technological age of modern computers, betting is just as much a white-collar problem as a poor person's addiction. When paramutual betting, which legalized the placing of bets on horseracing, was first brought into Oklahoma, a man acquainted with the problem that this type of betting had caused in other states, spoke upon this subject. He was warning corporate officials to beware of their young ambitious employees who were making good money. He indicated that to this type of person, the race track has a special appeal. They are the ones who feel they have the money to risk. It becomes a feverish attraction and even if they do make some at the track, over the long run they do not win. Very few are going to admit their addiction and their losses, and in order to continue, and to cover their losses, embezzlement of company funds becomes an "out." The moral of it is, no one has enough money to gamble.

Race tracks will do most anything to get people inside the gates. They know that once there, the fever of the race will bring in the bets. In one instance, a race track gave out free wallets to the first 1500 people to arrive. Inside one of the wallets was \$5000. Other of the wallets contained smaller amounts. This is an attraction that would appeal to most anyone. Even the odds don't sound too bad. However, I am sure that the race track owners are cognizant that most all the money will come back to them in the form of bets. Bingo and other places have similar attractions.

Among angles from which gambling can be viewed is this. At what expense to others do we hope to win? Perhaps we feel we have the self-control to avoid intemperance in this area, but at what expense to others do we hope to win? How much responsibility or guilt does a person bear in such a situation?

There are many fund-raisers that are available for the taking of chance. Our giving to causes should be from a burden to support a good work. A behind the scenes study would reveal that there are many schemes that go

under "charitable" names, but are far from something that God instituted.

In closing, I would like to share the admonition that the Apostle Paul gave Timothy. "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." I Timothy 6:6-12.



Faith is Stronger than Sight

By J. W. Youngblood

I saw not the Lord in His infantile glory
As humble and sweet in the manger He lay,
And heard not the words of the heavenly chorus,
Of the angels who sang on that first Christmas
Day;

Yet I know it is true, for that song is still ringing,
Its heavenly music enraptures my soul,
And the bright morning star in my bosom is
shining
As onward I march to the heavenly goal.

I saw not the Lord in the waters of Jordan
As upward he rose from the bright flowing
stream,
And heard not the words from the mansions of
glory,

And saw not the Spirit abiding on Him.
But, glory to Jesus, to me He has given
The same Holy Spirit to comfort and guide
As onward I go on the highway to heaven
With Jesus, My Saviour, so close by my side.

I saw not His face on the high mountain summit
So radiant with glory and bright as the sun;
And saw not the glow of His beautiful raiment,
And heard not the voice of the High Holy One.
But my soul is aglow with the heavenly glory,
My garments are washed and made whiter than
snow.

I'll shout and will sing the old sweet gospel story,
And tell of my Saviour wherever I go.

I saw not the cross or the nails that were given;
I saw not the spear that they pierced in His side;
And saw not the wounds where the nails had
been driven;

And heard not His voice as in anguish He cried.
But stronger than sight is the truth that is
written,

And God's Holy Spirit bears witness to me;
I know that for sin Jesus made the atonement;
I know that Christ died, for His blood cleanseth
me.

I saw not the form of the bright shining angel
That rolled back the stone where the crucified
lay;

And heard not the words that were spoken to
Mary

By the Lord who arose on that bright Easter
Day.

But deep in my heart there's a heaven-born
witness

With joys springing up like the waves of the sea.
I know that my blessed Redeemer has risen,
I know that Christ lives, for He's living in me.

I saw not my Saviour ascending to glory;
I saw not the form of the angel so bright
That spake to His friends of His future returning
To gather them home to the mansions of light.
But I know He will come to receive His beloved
With heavenly angels all to His command;
Then all who are ready will rise up to meet Him,
Forever to dwell in that heavenly land.



Can You Help?

Information and photographs of any old-time saints of the Guthrie congregation, and those Brothers and Sisters who often attended the Oklahoma State summer and winter meetings here at Guthrie, are wanted. Please send the information and pictures to this office, P. O. Box 518, Guthrie, OK 73044, before May 1. These will be used by Sis. Charlotte Huskey and the *Path of Life School*, and possibly in other ways to chronicle the history of the gospel work here in Guthrie.



Excerpts Taken From April, 1943 *Faith and Victory*

(The following are letters received from men serving in the army during World War II.)

Camp Cook, Calif.—“Greetings to the dear saints of God.... I just received the March issue of *Faith and Victory* today. I was glad to get it.

“I desire to please God anywhere I have to go. It is true that the future lies unseen ahead, but we know that our Redeemer liveth and is a very present help in time of trouble. I have to put up with drinking and the taking of God's name in vain, but every time I get a chance I tell them about it.

“My wife at New Castle, Ind. is much better now. Thank God. It is through the prayers of the faithful that my dear wife is still here on earth. Continue to pray for her spiritually and physically. She is a good true girl and it surely is something to know that you have a true wife when you are 2,200 miles from her and home.”

—Pvt. Charles L. Pitts

Fort Huachuca, Ariz.—“Dear sir: I read a piece of your literature entitled, “48 Hours in Hell” and I think it was grand. It seems as though I could use this piece of literature for a pattern while I am in the Army.

“I am what you would call a ‘used to be Christian’ but on account of the environment that I am surrounded with, I have gotten weak but I am successfully growing stronger spiritually.”

—Sgt. Mark A. Roberson