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### Follow Me!

"Child, follow me," the Master said,  
As He knocked full loud at my chamber door;  
But the morn was fair, and my heart was gay,  
"I'll dally a while on the primrose way,  
And I'll come" said I, "when the morning's o'er."

"Child, follow me," the Master said,  
As he lingered patiently at the gate;  
Gray shadows were falling, the night was near;  
"Life's joys are so sweet, and my friends so dear,  
"I will come," said I, "when the night is late."

"Child follow me," the Master cried,  
As He walked away through the darkness deep;  
And the night had fallen, and the birds were still;  
"Linger," said I, "at the foot of the hill,  
And I'll come when the world is hushed in sleep."

"Master, I come," I cried at length,  
"Heart weary to serve at thine own dear side,  
Thou hast called me long, but I come at last."  
(But his eyes were dim and his strength was past,  
And not long could he follow the Crucified.)

—Author Unknown



### A Tailored Call

By Vesta-Nadine Severs

Christ called His disciples one by one. Each received a personal call which was tailored to that particular person's needs. So He calls each of us today on an individual, personal basis, as it were, adapting Himself to our need. St. John spoke of this manner of Christ's calling in the first chapter of St. John.

John the Baptist was preaching by the Jordan River when some Pharisees inquired about

John's credentials. John knew he had all the credentials he needed to be qualified to preach, yet he also knew people are curious about others and he needed to pacify them. He told the Pharisees that he was not Elias, nor the prophet, nor the Messiah. John took the attitude of complete humility and plainly said he was not the one for which they were looking. In fact, he said that Christ was probably standing among them and they didn't even know Him nor had they recognized Him.

Often when the Scriptures refer to "seeing," it does not necessarily mean "seeing with the natural eye," but also seeing beyond the natural to the spiritual; dual vision. In the 34th verse, John the Baptist said, "I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God." He saw the "Spirit of God descending," as God told him what to look for, and he saw, or knew spiritually, that Christ was the Son of God because of what he saw visually.

Because John saw with a dual vision, it cost him something. Two of his disciples, one being Andrew, followed Christ from that time. I envision John the Baptist yearning to follow Christ himself. He knew he had to complete his primary mission of getting people to repent and be baptized so they could also have the dual vision and be ready to follow Christ.

Later John and his disciples saw Christ walking. Have you ever beheld someone's mannerism of walking that struck you as being humble and holy? I think that John recognized this quality in Christ by His walk. John's manner of speech was one of awe and reverence when he said: "Behold the Lamb of God!"

After these incidents, Christ began calling people to Him. Simon's calling by Christ was

quite special, for he received the surname of Peter which meant stone. To me a stone or rock represents steadfastness; which we notice repeatedly about Simon Peter at different times, particularly when he said, "To whom would we go, you have the words of eternal life." And his steadfastness was demonstrated with holy boldness after the day of Pentecost when he preached to the people who had witnessed Christ's crucifixion.

Only two other apostles will be mentioned. Philip, who resided in Bethsaida, as did Peter and Andrew, and may have known them, received a personal call from Christ to follow Him. After spending a short time with Christ, maybe a day or two, he was eager to evangelize by inviting Nathanael to come see the Christ he had found. Now Nathanael probably had certain qualities which Philip realized would undoubtedly cause him to listen to Christ. Because Philip and Nathanael were such good friends, Nathanael dared to ask, "Has any good thing ever come out of Nazareth?" Philip, in essence, told him to be his own judge on the matter, once he heard Christ.

The next incident has always intrigued me, for we find Nathanael only coming toward Christ when Christ greets him by stating, "Behold an Israelite in whom is no guile!" Nathanael wonders how Christ knows this about him and Christ replies, "I saw thee under the fig tree before Philip called thee." Then Nathanael replied with deep heartfelt response: "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel." Although Christ was not attired as a king, yet Nathanael saw with a dual vision the role which Christ would fulfill. Then Christ stated: "Believest thou? ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

We do not have any sure record of Nathanael seeing those angels ascending and descending upon Christ. We know angels ministered to Christ in the garden prior to His crucifixion. When Christ ascended to the Father, the crowd on the hill watching the ascension numbered over 500, and there's a sure possibility that Nathanael was in that crowd.

To each of these men, Christ's call was definite and fit the needs of each individual. So it is with us today. Christ's calling to us fulfills our needs and "fits" us to follow Him. For us to be totally satisfied, let our answer to Him be an unqualified, "Yes!"

## Vitamins

By Connie Sorrell

"What you eat is what you are." Have you ever heard this saying before? In other words, chemicals existing in the eaten food bond with the chemicals in the body to continue that person's life. We live in such a fast-paced society that most of our meals are sandwiched between duties and obligations. Therefore, if we aren't careful, we can be tempted to pop anything in our mouth just so we don't feel hungry for a while. Before we eat a bite of food, we need to consider: "Is this healthy?" Nourishing food is vital for the body just as spiritual meditation is essential for the soul. What are the spiritual vitamins and minerals we need for a holy life?

Every person must have minerals in their diet. When a person begins to feel tired and run-down, he or she may be anemic and need more iron. Iron is needed to build red blood cells which circulate throughout the entire body, giving it life. Spiritually speaking, when a person becomes tired and rundown with sin, he or she needs to drink from the Rock of salvation, which is Christ Jesus. (I Cor. 10:4.) His cleansing blood will wash away sin and give new life to the soul. Every Christian must have Christ in the heart in order to live for Him and have strength to do what is right. Jesus will put faith and courage in the heart which will circulate through the soul and fight against the attacks of the devil.

As a newborn baby must have milk first, so it is the sincere milk of the Word which will strengthen the growth of a newborn Christian. (I Pet. 2:2.) Natural milk has calcium which builds strong bones. Steady BIBLE reading will give a Christian the skeletal structure needed to stand upon the Rock. Study the scriptures. Memorize them. Remember Jesus used the Word of God to resist the devil when He was tempted to change a stone into bread. It is important to build on the Word of God.

However, no one can exist as a mere skeleton, but there must be flesh upon the bones. When Jesus died and then arose unto heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to talk to mankind. (John 14:26.) The Holy Spirit always agrees with the Word of God and gives meaning to the passages which otherwise may not be understandable. The indwelling Holy Spirit will also apply the scriptures to the personal needs of each individual. A Christian with the Holy Spirit, dining

daily on Heavenly Manna will eat the good of the land. He will enjoy the good fruits of love, peace, joy, contentment, and all other sweet blessings.

Then we also know that too much food with a lot of sugar content tends to weaken parts of the body and spoil the taste buds for healthier food. Besides other things, sugar attacks the tooth enamel and can bring about cavities and decay. That's why wise parents tell their children, "You can only have one piece of candy," or "No dessert until you finish the good food on your plate." God is also a wise parent. He knows that His children must have strong meat to survive spiritually. He does not want them to be unskillful in the Word, but "by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." (Heb. 5:12-14.) Troubles and trials are sent as strong meat to mature Christians. When in trouble, we pray more, read more of God's Word, and depend more on Him because we need His help. This is how we grow fatter in faith and learn when the Lord whispers or the devil tempts.

When Jesus was talking to His disciples before He was to leave them, He ate with them. He gave them of the cup and unleavened bread and tried to explain to them that He would die for their sins and the sins of the world. He knew they would be offended at Him (Mark 14:27) so He fed them the Truth and Reason before His crucifixion. At one time, Jesus told them: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." He was speaking in part about His crucifixion and also in part about the "death of self" they would have to die. This was "strong meat" that belonged only to those of full age in the Lord.

We read how the disciples struggled emotionally and spiritually during and briefly after the crucifixion. They had been with Him when He changed water into wine, ate with repentant publicans, and fed the hungry five thousand with five barley loaves and two small fish. They had feasted too many times with the Lord to turn away from His teachings, yet they could not understand the death of the corn of wheat. Their "self-nature" hindered them from absorbing the full blessing of the crucifixion. Some of them were so discouraged, they returned to their fishing.

Their faith was renewed again when Jesus, after His resurrection, called them to come and dine on the seashore where He had fish laid

upon hot coals. (John 21:9.) As Jesus fed them, He questioned their love. He told them: "Feed my sheep." They had feasted with Him and now He wanted the disciples to feed others. They were spiritually healthy and had the power to do so.

What are the spiritual vitamins and minerals we need to live a holy life? We need Jesus, His blood, and His Word. We need the Holy Spirit; the correcting and guiding power. Then we must die to self so we can absorb all the blessings in every situation. After we are fat and flourishing, we need to feed others.



## Directions for Singing

(Taken from John Wesley's preface to Sacred Melody, 1761)

Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.

Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.

Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half-dead, or half-asleep, but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.

Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony, but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear sound.

Sing in time. Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it, but attend closely to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can, and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy, and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.

Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when He cometh in the clouds of heaven.

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## Editorials

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre." I Tim. 3:1-8.

The apostle Paul spells out in crystal-clear language, the qualifications for church leaders. Certainly it is a list that we should take seriously. As we look at the list, we need to remember that every Christian is a leader in his own area of activity, however small it may be, so the admonition here should be of interest to everyone.

Before we can be used of God we must have the supreme desire to do so. "If a man desire the office of a bishop,..." It must be a deeper desire than the one to get a new dress or different tires for the car. To be used of God should rank right up there with being ready to meet Him. The apostle Paul said, "...woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" I Cor. 9:16.

Have you ever noticed that others are able to, and many times will, evaluate your effectiveness and spirit with uncanny accuracy? Of course there will be times when anyone can be misunderstood and motives misinterpreted, but generally a person, by the life he lives, gives an indication to others of his calling. It is as one person said of another in the gospel work, "They are not sent. They just went." If you are fair and compassionate, that shows up. Likewise, if you are quick-tempered and mean-spirited, that is noticed. If you are careless or immoral, the consequences of those traits will follow you.

The qualifications the apostle Paul listed are down-to-earth, right living. They aren't complicated or hard to attain. It is possible to miss the mark in our emphasis of the Gospel. A recent clear-cut example is the tragedy created in

Waco, TX by David Koresh. His behavior may seem remote to us, yet there is something in it to be learned. It is like the mother of little Johnny who was talking with his school teacher. She told the teacher, "If Johnny misbehaves, just hit the pupil next to him and Johnny will straighten up." Although we don't wish God's judgment or sad consequences on anyone, we would do well to take heed when we see it happen. If the reports are true, David Koresh clearly stepped out of the bounds of Bible morality and the qualifications that are listed, yet he had a strong drawing power because of his interpretations of Revelation. There is a blessing pronounced upon those who read and apply themselves to this often abused writing, (Rev. 1:3) but there is also a curse pronounced upon those who mishandle its prophecies. (Rev. 22:18.) Unless we first stress the truths of the four Gospels, we are not qualified to try interpreting Revelation. We will be deceived and misled if we do so, for it takes the spirit of God dwelling in a pure heart to gain proper insight into its complex meanings.

The apostle Paul was wise in the qualifications he wrote. If we will measure to them, our testimony will not be muted, and our understanding will be sharpened.

The last week of May is an eventful time for the staff of the Print Shop. We have the *Faith and Victory* to put together and print, which is being done just prior to the Oklahoma State Camp meeting here in Guthrie. We also have begun work on the 3rd quarter "Beautiful Way" and "Bible Lessons," which are due to be in the mail by June 15. Also, the last day of May is the end of our fiscal year, so we must take inventory and prepare our financial books for year-end posting. Each of these activities, by God's help, will be diligently accomplished, and we will trust God that all the effort will not be in vain.

It was a pleasure to have Sis. Margaret Dunn and her daughter, Sis. Elaine, from North Carolina, pay us a week-long visit the last of April and first of May. As many of our readers may remember, Sis. Dunn recently lost her husband after a lengthy illness. God has graciously upheld her and Sis. Elaine in this loss. Sis. Elaine took an active part in caring for her father, which has been a drain on her health. I know they both would appreciate you remembering them in prayer.

In last month's editorials, we brought to our reader's attention the need we had for archiving computer data. We felt blessed to be able to obtain what is called a "floptical drive" which will meet our needs. We thank everyone who helped us in this need with your prayers and offerings.

On May 10, Michael Smith, the son of my sister, Patsy Smith, became a part of the Print Shop family. Plans are for him to learn to operate the press which is used to print books. His burden to work for the Lord has certainly made a place for him here, and we heartily welcome his positive zeal to this Gospel endeavor.

### SPECIAL OFFER

Included in this issue mailed to subscribers in the U. S., is an envelope with a special subscription offer. If you will fill out the blanks provided with the names and addresses of ten people who you would like to receive the *Faith and Victory* for one year, and mail it back in with a remittance of \$10.00, we will mail to you, free of charge, the newly-printed book, *Only a Servant*. This is a moving account of the glorious conversion of an aged Jew. We hope that many will take advantage of this offer. If you would like more than just the one envelope that is included in this edition, you may write to us for additional ones.

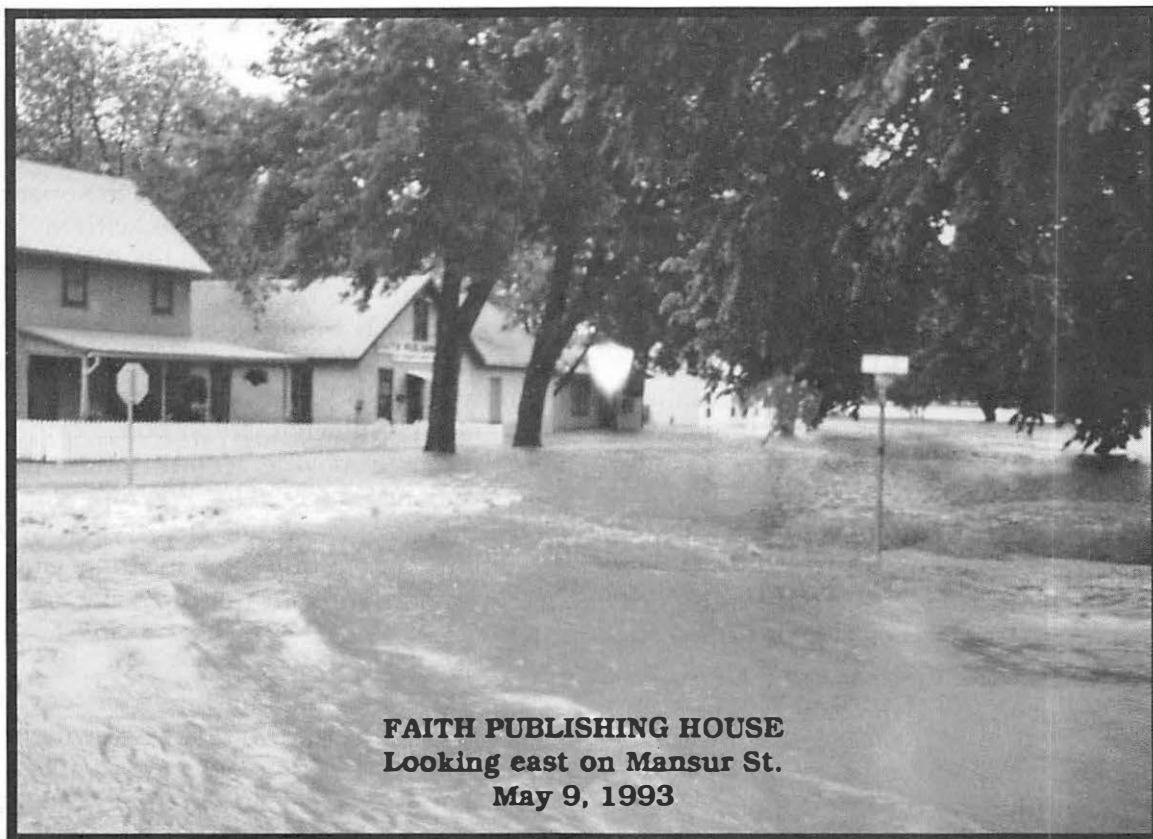
In the early morning hours of May 9, the water of the Cottonwood Creek which runs through Guthrie, came out of its banks due to heavy rains experienced on May 8. At 7:40 on that Sunday morning, the waters crested at 29.60 feet, making it officially the worst flood that Guthrie has experienced. Much damage was done to buildings in the path of the fast-moving currents. One person's house was completely swept away, leaving a clean foundation. Several businesses on Noble Street have yet to recover enough to be operational. Of course the saint's chapel and dining hall are close to the river and in the worst part of the flooding. The dining hall had 57 1/2 inches of water in it, while the water in the chapel reached a depth of 44 1/2 inches. The heavy pews floated around in the chapel, causing damage which has taken a lot of work to repair. Although the songbooks were put in a place where they were thought to be safe, the water moved things around so that

approximately 50 of them received damage. The silt, smell and dampness that are left behind after a flood, even though things are immediately cleaned, damage a building and its contents and have long-lasting effects.

In the rain and rising water, about 1:30 Sunday morning, several of the Print Shop workers helped in sandbagging the Print Shop doors and the doors of Sis. Janie Woodruff's residence. When the water finally crested, it was 9 1/2 inches above the inside floor level on the front door. We felt it was a definite act of God

that only spots of the floor were covered with water. If the water had risen to 9 1/2 inches on the inside of the building, immeasurable damage to machinery and materials would have occurred, rendering us inoperable for a lengthy amount of time. There were two houses and two garages which required extensive cleaning after the water receded.

We want to give special thanks to those who were aware of our peril and prayed for us during the hours of that night. The petitions were not in vain.  
—Wayne Murphey



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Looking east on Mansur St.  
May 9, 1993

## Prayer Requests

Quite a few prayer requests have been coming into the office. We welcome all those who desire us to enter into a burden with them for the problems and concerns they have. We feel that bearing one another's burden (Galatians 6:2) is an important part of the work of God. On regular work weeks, the staff here at the Print Shop gather together on Monday mornings to bring these requests before the Lord. If you would like for us to include your needs in these sessions, feel free to call or write.

Some of the requests which we would like to pass on to the church, which are not printed in the letters, include Sis. Coquette Elwell and

Bro. Edward Joe Cramer of the Guthrie congregation. These two have been enduring lingering illnesses, and are worthy of our prayers and God's blessings.

Sis. Oma Jean Fairchild, of Oklahoma, and Sis. Thelma Halbrook, of Missouri, have called and asked for prayer for bodily afflictions. Sis. Halbrook also wanted her daughter, Nancy, remembered.

Sis. Doris Pihaylic, from California, called with a heavy burden on her heart for a loved one. An answer is urgently needed from God for this problem.

Sis. Lou Bray would appreciate the support



of the saint's prayers for needs in her area of Arkansas.

Word has been received that Sis. DeLoris Bradley, Sis. Colleen Probst and Sis. Mabel Melot are some improved from their illnesses, but surely they would appreciate your continued interest.

—Wayne Murphey

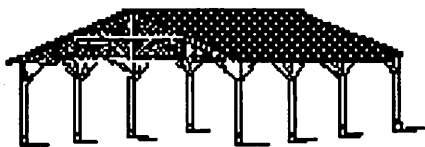
### YET ANOTHER NOTICE

We are still waiting for those who need to send in their devotionals. We have asked ministers, leaders and elders of the church to please write down a scripture that has been a help to them in life, and then to explain how or why this particular scripture is special. The explanation may be a testimony or an expounding of the scripture. Either one is good. Please keep the commentary to 100 words or less. We have been blessed while compiling these devotionals, so we know others will be blessed when the book is completed. **Please send you contribution promptly to:** Sis. Connie Sorrell, 320 North Second, Guthrie, OK, 73044. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this effort. Thank you!

### BIBLE QUESTION BOOKLETS

Several months ago we advertised our *Bible Questions for Juniors—Booklet I, The Gospel of Matthew. Booklet II, The Gospel of Mark*, is now available. Both Booklet I and Booklet II are available for \$2.50 each. Booklet II is also a 40 page booklet with questions, articles, puzzles, etc. Although for youth, a number of adults seem to be enjoying them. They are a good refresher on the Bible. **The books may be ordered from:** Sis. Olive A. Davenport, 1406 W. Trenton St., San Bernardino, CA, 92411.

### Camp Meetings '93



Jefferson, OR—June 11-20

Green Bank, WV—June 11-20

Tulsa, OK—June 11-20

Fresno, CA—July 2-11

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

Ensenada, Mexico—Aug. 1-8

Bakersfield, CA—Aug. 6-15

Boley, OK—Aug. 22-29

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

## Meeting Reports and Notices

### WICHITA, KS, MEETING REPORT

We are thankful the Lord permitted us to have another meeting. During these troublesome times, it is refreshing to be in meeting and let the Lord give us daily spiritual blessings for these days. We received inspiration from the songs and the preached Word, which gave us a greater determination to keep walking on the King's highway.

We rejoiced for a precious young man; one of the saint's sons who got saved the first Sunday morning. We pray that he will go all the way with God and never turn back. May we all be sure that our anchor holds and grips the solid rock, Christ Jesus. We are thankful for all who attended the meeting and trust they were blessed and helped in some way.

—Submitted by Shirley Knight

### MISSOURI STATE MEETING REPORT

We give thanks and praise to our gracious heavenly Father for showering us once again with rich spiritual blessings as the saints sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus during the Missouri State Camp Meeting held at Myrtle, MO, May 12-16, 1993. Our souls were stirred, challenged and drawn closer to the Lord as the Word went forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. We were challenged along the lines of diligence in spiritual duties, fighting the good fight of faith, enduring to the end, guarding against coldness, deadness and formality, whole-hearted service, spiritual perfection, going all the way with God, trusting God, reaching out to a lost world around us, etc. Several souls sought help at the altar. The spiritual food we received from the table which our heavenly Father spread was certainly strengthening and life-sustaining. All who came hungering and thirsting for righteousness were blessed and filled. Praise the Lord!

—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 will be held again 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

#### **JEFFERSON, OR CAMP MEETING**

The annual camp meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Oregon, will be held June 11-20. Lord willing, the first service will be Friday evening at 7:30. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

R. V. hook-ups and sleeping accommodations are available on the grounds. Those needing further information may contact Bro. Donald Sharp, (503) 327-3621, or Bro. Clifford Smith, (503) 581-4575.

#### **GREEN BANK, WV CAMP MEETING**

The annual camp meeting at Green Bank, WV, will begin June 11, on Friday night, and run through June 20. We want to welcome everyone to attend. This meeting is located in the eastern part of the U. S. A., and we want to extend a special invitation to all the isolated

saints located in the east to come and worship with us.

There will be facilities available for people to stay; dormitories for men and women, parking places for R. V.s and trailers, and places will be located for families.

The camp ground is located on Highway 28, approximately 55 miles north of White Sulphur Springs, WV. There are motels located near the camp ground. Reservations are recommended. The phone for Boyer Motel is: (304) 456-4667; the Hermitage Motel, (304) 456-4808.

Due to altitude at Green Bank, the nights can be cool, so bring sweaters or jackets for the evening services.

If you need more information, please call Bro. Toney or Bro. Mart Samons, (304) 456-4469, or Bro. Mancil Doolittle, (304) 456-4884.

#### **LORANGER, LA CANCELLATION**

The saints of the Loranger, LA, congregation have decided, due to prevailing circumstances, not to have the annual Louisiana State Camp Meeting which was previously scheduled for June 25-July 4.

#### **FRESNO, CA, CAMP MEETING**

The Fresno camp meeting will convene July 2-11. The schedule of the meeting is as follows: 7:30 p.m. service Friday and Saturday nights; three services Sunday; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services throughout the week and three services the last Saturday and Sunday, if the Lord wills.

We are praying that God's manifest presence will work in a mighty way throughout the entire meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all to come expecting to receive a rich blessing. We pray that we all be so receptive to the Holy Spirit that God will work out His plan and purpose for this meeting. There are souls that need to be saved, believers to be sanctified and bodies to be healed. Provisions will be made to care for all who come.

Directions to the church are as follows: For those coming from the north on Highway 99, take the Belmont exit, go east three miles to First St., turn right and go two blocks to Grant. The church is on the corner of First and Grant. For those coming from the south, take the Venture exit, go east to First St., turn left and follow to Grant. For further information contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Taylor, 4776 N. Chest-



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or Bro. Charles Parrish, phone (209) 485-3465.  
Christian love, —Sis. Gladys Foster

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**DUNCANNON, PA REVIVAL**

The Church of God congregation at Duncannon, PA, will be holding revival services September 8-12, instead of a tent meeting in August, Lord willing. More details will be forthcoming as the time draws closer. Anyone wishing to get further details in the meantime may call Bro. or Sis. Stanley Huss at (717) 834-4490, or Sis. Virginia Myers at (717) 834-4595.  
—Sis. Barbara Campbell

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**56TH NATIONAL CAMP MEETING  
MONARK SPRINGS, MO**

The National Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO, July 16-25, 1993. All are cordially invited to come and bring others to enjoy the blessings that we are expecting from the Lord.

The Monark Springs Campground is located approximately five miles east of Neosho, MO. It is one mile east and 3/4 mile south of the intersection of Highways 86 and 71 Alternate.

If you travel to Neosho by bus, you may telephone the campground (472-6427, Granby, MO) for transportation.

The camp meeting is conducted on a freewill offering basis. There is no charge for meals or lodging on the campground. You are welcome to come and enjoy the meeting. We are confident that God will supply every need. Meals will be served in the dining hall. Dormitory space, tents, and trailer spaces are available on the campground on a first come, first served basis. Trailer spaces include electricity, water, and sewer hook-ups. Motels are available nearby, but reservations should be made in advance.

All correspondence about tents and dormitory spaces should be addressed to Sis. DeLoris Bradley, Rt. 1, Bartlett, KS 67332, phone (316) 226-3390. She will be coordinating requests for sleeping quarters on the campground.

Our scheduled work days are July 3 and July 10. We will be looking forward to working together.

—Business managers: Randel Bradley, (above address), or Ed Johnston, Rt. 2, Box 2180, Seymour, MO 65746, phone (417) 935-2520.

**Correction**

The dates for work days at Monark Springs, MO, which were printed in last month's *Faith & Victory*, are incorrect. As reflected in the preceding announcement, the correct dates are July 3 and 10.

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**SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT**

We would like to extend a cordial invitation to all young people, ages 13 and up, saved and unsaved, to attend a summer youth retreat.

Lord willing, this retreat is scheduled to be held in Pelham, GA, August 5th through 8th. There will be adult supervision at all times.

There will be morning devotions and night worship services. We are asking all participants to pay a fee of \$25.00 to cover room/board and other activities.

Please come praying with an open mind and heart to receive a blessing.

For motel reservations call (912) 336-0731.

For more information and registration forms, contact Bro. Jimmie McDonald at: 3012 Bivins Rd., Durham, NC, 27712; phone: (919) 471-4745.

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**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING  
(Acts 8:26, 40.)**

After reading the above scriptures two years ago, the Lord began impressing me to have a meeting of the young saints at Hoffman. We planned it for 1992, but I took ill and did not have a garden. (Food is the biggest cost of any meeting.) The Lord is now leading us to have the meeting in Okmulgee, as it is a more convenient place, November 19-28, 1993. We have many students in our colleges from all over the world, so we can ask college students to bring some home for the Thanksgiving holidays, be in the meeting, and take the message back to their various countries; Asia, Europe, Middle East, Africa and South America. In our High Schools we have exchange students whom we can invite to the meetings. In these times, our young people should be strengthened, so they can resist the worldly ways and be soul winners for Christ.

About thirty years ago I reconsecrated my life to God and asked Him what I should do. Believe it or not, He told me to cook. I have been doing it ever since, using food for outreach; inviting friends to have dinner with me at church. I have gotten many to go with me to church and

meeting. I have never asked for a donation and I have never run out of food. I am planting a big garden to help with the food, but having a hard time getting help. Still God is blessing me to do a lot myself. I turned 91 years of age on April 9, 1993, and feel better and stronger than I did at age 89.

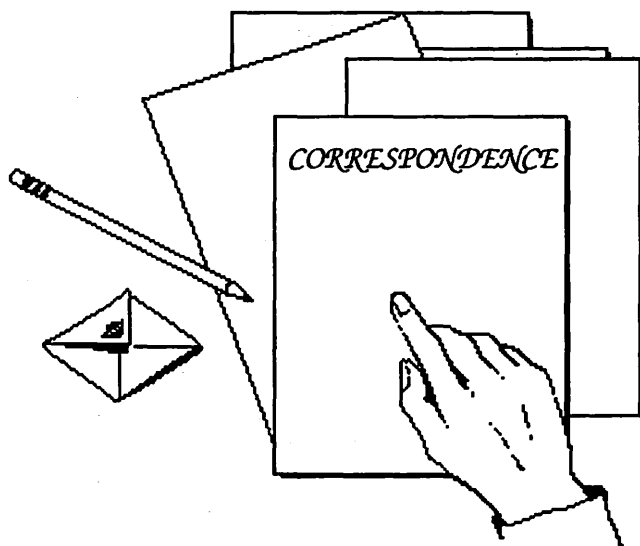
About 80 years ago, in Hoffman, I was visiting my uncle's home. They got saved when the saints from Hichita and Grayson had a meeting in their home. I have been in a lot of meetings since, but that was the best saint's meeting I have ever been in. There was so much joy in that meeting. They sang, "I Am A Child of God," "I'm Free God Saved Me," "I'm Glad I Counted The Cost," and other songs. How happy they were.

I returned home to Okmulgee and told my mom about those happy people. She went to visit and got saved. The next summer after crops were laid by, the saints came to Okmulgee and had a camp meeting. There the church was started, and I was a part of it.

Pray for us that everything will work out for the saving of young people and the glory of God. Pray for me that I can keep working.

Love to all,

—Vera Chapel



TX—Bro. Murphey: I would like to subscribe to your *Faith & Victory* paper for two years, and would like to know if you could send me a few tracts to read. I enjoy reading the *Faith & Victory* but have never subscribed to it. I just read it from family that have the paper.

The Lord is so good to us. I have been saved now two years this June, and wish that I had done it years ago. Pray for me that I will stay true

to the Lord. It is my heart's desire to serve and worship Him.

I have two children. Pray the Lord will help and guide me to teach them the right way in this evil time. I have lots of loved ones that are not saved.

I pray that the Lord will continue to bless you all in the work there. —Sis. Shirley Davis



FL—Greetings dear saints: This is a follow-up of our first letter concerning the status of rebuilding the chapel. We thank the Lord again for the support of the brethren who sacrificed their time and means in the restructuring of our homes after hurricane Andrew. Eighty-five percent of the homes are back to normal. The other fifteen percent are under construction.

We are still meeting at the Baxter's home. We have started preparations on the chapel grounds. The site has been cleared of debris and plans are in the process of being drawn. We have applied for variances with the zoning building department of Dade County, and paid fees. We are also needing to get a survey engineer to measure the property.

Saints, this is a great undertaking for us here, and we need your support and prayers. Anyone with a burden to help in any way is most needed with thanksgiving and praises. We are working here for the same common cause; souls being saved and saints being edified.

The Lord blessed us with a good camp meeting under a tent. We hope to be able to use a tent until the chapel is rebuilt. Some in the community are looking forward to our return.

All communications should be addressed to Bro. Norman Simpson or Sis. Mary Hargrave, P. O. Box 700365 Goulds, FL, 33170. The saints will be notified as this project progresses.

In Christian love, —Bro. Norm Simpson



WA—Dear friends at the Lord's Print Shop: We send greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Saviour. We surely thank and praise Him for His blessings to us. We are quite well at present, and give God all the glory. He is worthy of our thanks.

We surely thank all you good folks there for your faithfulness to keep the *Faith & Victory* paper going out to all who appreciate the truth.

I plan, Lord willing, to go to the Jefferson, OR, camp meeting. I am expecting a good attendance and a Holy Spirit-led meeting.

Love in Jesus, —Sister Violet Thomas

FL—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: Greetings of love to you in the name of Jesus. We are pressing onward and upward, though over great obstacles and against all odds, by the living grace of God. I am determined to let "nothing here hinder me." I need much prayer for myself, husband, children and home.

I trust God is blessing you dear ones in His service. I would like to see some of you this summer, Lord willing....

Yours in Him, —Sis. Bonnie Riley

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OH—Dear saints: I truly do enjoy the paper. It is good food for the soul. God's people are greatly favored to be able to receive such wonderful truths through the printed page. Please keep up the good work.

As I look around and see so much, more and more it seems that men and women have left the place for them to work. The enemy has fooled people into leaving their post, and therefore much is being left undone.

One day the thought came to me real clearly; let the man be the man and let the woman be the woman. The positions and duties are fixed. Yes, I know that oftentimes in the course of life, death or separation causes the man to have to fill a woman's role and the woman to fill a man's role. But the role of a mother or father doesn't change. She is still a woman; the man is still a man. It isn't so in the confused, mixed-up world we presently are living in. Some women are determined that they can do everything the man can do; maybe better. That is not God's intention for harmony between the sexes. Because of this type of thinking, children become confused and disoriented.

I remember once, years ago, when my husband (who was unsaved,) left the home for a period of time. It was a time of turmoil and pain for my children and me, but God was faithful. In this circumstance that I found myself in, I began to try to act in many ways like the absent father. The Lord began to deal with me in a very clear and encouraging way. I was going to have to retain my place as the woman, or else my sons would become confused.

I pray you understand what I am trying to say. As the mother I could still work in that capacity as a woman and a mother, to lead my sons to manhood. By letting my sons see me as manlike, blurred the distinction between man and woman. Yes, a certain amount of firmness is required by the woman in a one-parent home,

but she remains a woman. Later, when my husband returned to the home, my children and I were very happy for him to regain his empty spot. No one can take a father's place in the home.

The Lord laid it upon my husband's heart during his absence to take care of all the financial needs in the home, which was a blessing, because I firmly believe a mother should be in the home....

Children need to be taught to love and help the mother in the home with honor. They also must give respect and love to the head of the home, the father.

I see too many children who treat parents like they are there so they may please them. The philosophy that children have a lot to teach adults is not true. Children cannot set rules, nor follow them without adult supervision.

Sisters, let the husband work in his place in the home, even if he is unsaved. He still is the head, and with our prayers holding him up, his position can be a blessing.

Love and prayers, —Sis. Elaine D. Carter

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CA—Dear Bro. Wayne: The sun is shining, and birds are singing. It is such a beautiful day, but there is so much unrest in the world. We are surely in the last days.

Here in southern CA, there is much crime; carjackings, gang activities, etc.

I pray you and all the saints there are blessed by our Lord....

With love in Christ, —Sis. Carson

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MO—I want to let you know I still enjoy reading the *Faith and Victory* paper you send me. I have been reading the magazine for a long time. Thank you for your labors. God will bless you for your work.

I love the Lord and all His people. Pray for me and my loved ones.

Your Sister in Christ, —Jane Briscoe

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AR—Greetings of love to one and all, in the name of Jesus, the One whom I love and want to serve the rest of my life. I'm not very well in my body. I enjoy the good testimonies and readings in the *Faith and Victory*.

I enjoyed Bro. and Sis. Gordon Humphrey's visit with me—the prayers and songs. They were uplifting to me. I want to say that my door is always open to God's people.

Remember dad and me in prayer, and remember our children.

Love and prayers, —Nellie West  
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MO—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, the One that loved us and gave Himself for us. I trust the Lord is blessing you and helping you to overcome all the disorder you suffered from the recent flood in Guthrie. We were touched very deeply for you and all the dear ones there. But we were glad that the waters had begun to go down before it did much damage to the Print Shop. There was a lot of earnest prayer offered in its behalf. Thanks be to God for His protection. I know it will be a big job to go ahead with the camp meeting since there will be so much to clean up....

I just recently heard a message on tape about the family of God. I surely want to do all I can to be a help to this family and spread the good news to others. Will close for now.

Your Brother in Christ, —T. V. McMillian  
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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' name. May the peace of God which passes all understanding rest upon all there. Please pray for us that we may enjoy a much greater measure of that peace as we live from day to day.

We need prayer for Doris in a special way. A couple of days ago she fell and sustained some cuts and bruises on one knee, left hand and face. Yesterday and today she has been having severe pains under her ribs on the right side, which make it very difficult for her to lie down and get up when she has lain down.

With Christian love,

—Bro. and Sis. Bill and Doris Busch  
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AL—Dear Bro. Wayne: I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. I trust everything is going well with you all. The dear Lord healed Emmett's leg and my gums. I want to give God all the praise.

I am still having other problems and am looking to God to heal them also. Please remember my legs and eyes when you pray.

We pray God will help you all to continue the good work until the end. I surely don't believe it will be long. We love you all and pray for you daily.

Much love and prayers,

—Bro. Emmett and Sis. Pearlene Gerald

MO—Dear Bro. Murphey: "This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psa. 118:24. I believe Jesus is coming soon to take His children home. I want to be in that number. Please pray for my loved ones to be ready to meet the Lord.

My daughter needs prayer for her neck. She had a wreck some time ago and her neck still hurts her.

God is still my healer. He is all we need. All we have to do is ask with faith, and the work is done.

May God bless you and keep you in His care.  
With Christian love, —Sis. Eathel Hill  
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KY—Dear Bro. Wayne: We pray all is well with you folks at the Print Shop.

I am sorry I have taken so long to write. I have arthritis and sometimes it is difficult.

We do appreciate the encouraging words. We love the *Faith and Victory* paper and God's people.

We can't thank the Lord enough for all the blessings He has given us; for all the good brothers and sisters we have met over the years. Some have gone on to be with the Lord.

Pray for our little work here. We have had a battle, but are still encouraged. There is no place to quit.

God bless and keep you all,

—Bro. Victor Sanders



## LETTERS FROM THE MISSION FIELDS



### From India...

April 20, 1993—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints in America: Greetings to you all again in the most Holy name of Jesus Christ....

Our convention at Kodali for four days ended with many spiritual blessings. Four ladies from the Hindu religion were baptized. We conducted an all-day service at Trichur on April 10. The fellowship of the saints from the different congregations was good. At Pothukuzhy, the new station, four more people got saved and baptized on April 16. By faith we have already started to build a hall there for the assembly of the believers.

The summer will come soon, and I pray God to bless all the camp meetings in America. I have good memories of the camp meetings I attended last year. Our prayers are for you and all saints in America.

Yours in Him, —John Varghese



## HOME LIFE



### The Family—A School of Religion

Taken from, *Our Children*,  
By Atticus Hayood.

Transmission from parent to child is God's first and chosen plan for the perpetuation and extension of religion in the earth. We do not, in saying this, forget the institution of a public, Christian ministry, nor do we in any wise undervalue the office of a true preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Christian ministry is also a Divine institution—the true preacher is one "called of God." To those who hear he also is "one sent from God."

Let us reverence this holy office as it becomes us to do; and let preachers so walk as to deserve reverence. But the father was a priest before there was a priestly order, as he was a king before there was a nation. Richard Watson's observations on this subject are judicious: "In ancient times the heads of families were their priests; of Abraham the Almighty said, 'I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.' Nor did parents cease, in a very important sense, to be the priests in their families, after the establishment of the Levitical priesthood. 'David returned' religiously 'to bless his household.' In this respect, no change has taken place under the Christian dispensation. In the Christian Church there is the public ministry; but the head of every family is still its prophet and its priest, daily to offer spiritual sacrifices. And from this we come to a conclusion, which every wise and pious person will carefully remember, that, if he is at the head of a family, he is, in fact, a sacred person, and has a sacred office.

Yes, that is it; the parent is "a sacred person, and has a sacred office." The father is generally named first as the responsible head of the family, but the obligations of parenthood rest equally upon the mother. When God delivers a solemn charge to a father to bring up his children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," it is to the mother also and equally. As it seems to us, it is indispensable to recognize and accept as unalterable two things: 1. The father is the representative and responsible head of the house. 2. The mother is equally responsible for the duties of her place. Astronomers tell us of certain double stars that revolve about a common center, and in some way are necessary to each other. So, in the family life, there is a common center of interest and responsibility, affection and duty; they are two, yet one, and each is necessary to the other.

The inspired record says; "So God created man in his own image." This is the first statement, showing that the first man is the essential unit and representative of the race. But the historian of creation does not complete his sentence without adding this other word: "male and female created he them." In a sense the woman was created in the man, but the man himself was not perfect until woman—the wife-man, his complement—was formed. Perfection of humanity is found in the union of the two; the harmony of the family in the adjustment of their resemblances and their differences. And surely, if we are to study and understand aright the fatherhood of God, we must understand the true meaning of human parenthood—not mere fatherhood, or mere motherhood, but perfect and entire parenthood, for both motherhood and fatherhood are necessary to complete the image of the Divine fatherhood. Whatever is good and precious in our earthly parents—in our mothers as well as in our fathers—is but a reflection of the perfections of Him of whom it is said in one place, "As a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him;" and in another, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

Let it be insisted on with all possible emphasis that parenthood is fatherhood and motherhood. In this complicated, yet simple relation, the Bible and nature alike make the father the responsible head, and yet, in no sense, is he more essential to the perfection of the family life than the mother. Whatever duties, therefore, we

shall find enjoined in the word of God upon the father in the instruction and discipline of his children, these are the mother's duties also.

When Moses, the man of God, gave the second statement of the law as it is recorded in the book of Deuteronomy, he laid down very completely and unmistakably the duty of parents as to the religious instruction of their children. After stating the obligation to love the one God supremely, Moses, speaking under divine direction, says: "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

After further warnings and exhortations this additional injunction is recorded: "And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded you? Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand: and the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: and he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our fathers. And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us."

"The priest's lips should keep knowledge," and the people should "seek the law at his mouth," and yet it pleased God to lay upon parents the chief duty, and, at once, the most important and difficult work, in preserving a saving knowledge of divine Providence and statutes in the world. They were to "teach diligently" his commandments and ordinances; they were to recite in the hearing of their children the

marvelous providential history of Israel, and to impress upon their young hearts a solemn sense of their relation to God and of their obligations to love and to obey him.

The Seventy-eighth Psalm is a deeply interesting poetic description of the leading events in Jewish history. Its date and author are not definitely known, but the preface contains a very striking recognition and statement of the divine purpose in laying upon parents the responsibility of the religious education of their children. It sets forth also, in stirring language, the admirable wisdom of the divine method. The Psalmist thus introduces his recital of the history of his people:—

"Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth....I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from

their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: that the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: and might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God."

Words cannot be plainer. God's dealings with his people were to be known by all the generations of Israel. To secure this great result, God lays upon parents the duty of telling these things to their children, that they might tell it to their children, and so on and on to the last, that all "the generations to come might know them." The grand purpose of these parental instructions is that "the children which shall be born"—who, in turn, were to "arise and declare them to

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their children"—"may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God." It was not only designed to teach them God's ways, but, in teaching them the statutes and providences of God, to save them from the blunders and crimes of their fathers, and thus secure that noblest hope of our race—a course of improvement and development from age to age!

"And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation."

The father, the mother, the parent, is a "sacred person." By no possibility can any other do the work of the parent. The duty inheres in the relation. The responsibility cannot be abridged, or laid down, or avoided. The work of the parent, in the religious education of his children, cannot be done by proxy. Even if another could do it better, it would not relieve the parent of his peculiar obligation. The voice that calls to this duty is imperative—it must be obeyed. But no other can do the parent's work as well as the parent himself. He has the true vantage ground; no other created being can get as close to the child's heart as he ought to be able to do. The parent holds a mystic key that no other hand can fit to the wards of its locks. If the parent does not do his work it is forever undone. So left undone, the parent is guilty and the child wronged. The child, in spite of parental delinquency, may, in the great mercy of God, be saved at last; but, if he has failed to receive proper parental instruction in the things of God, and to come under salutary parental influences during the formative period of his life, he has suffered a real loss that no blessings, advantages, culture, successes in other departments and through other instrumentalities can ever fully regain.

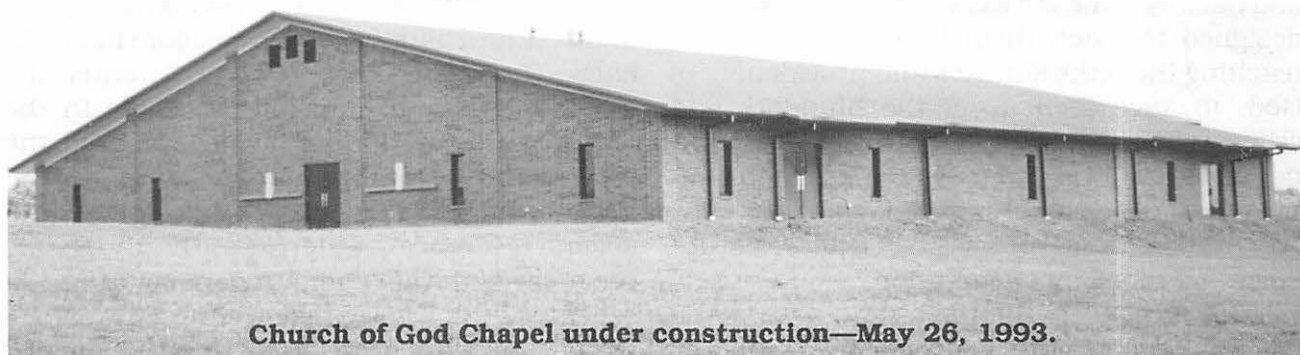
Truly and eloquently does Harris in his "Patriarchy" say: "Well might the mind be haunted age after age with a social ideal never yet realized! Life, a sacred thing. Every child a divine promise. Every family beginning the race anew from a higher point. Brothers and sisters ministering angels to each other's purity and benefice. Every addition a new element of happiness. Education the rearing of a living temple. The father the representative of God; feeding them, as a prophet, with more than angel's food; as a priest, standing at the portico of the temple to guard it from pollution, or ministering at its holy altar, and finding his spirit purified and refreshed by the service;

swaying like a king, a divine scepter, and tasting the Godlike blessedness of seeing his subjects find happiness and freedom in obedience. The mother, the earliest to enter the infant heart, and to take possession in the name of God; radiating on her children the light and life of her own intense affection, and invested in addition with the delegated and solemn reverence of paternal authority. Home, the home of the affections; where law is superseded by love; where the lowliest act is consecrated and ennobled by the highest motive; and where separate individual interests are forgotten in the aim of each for the good of all. The family, sending forth its youthful members—each with a heritage of happy recollections and holy habits, impressed with the sanctity and high responsibilities of the domestic constitution, studiously trained and qualified to enter on them, and determined to raise still higher, if possible, in his own circle, the standard of his early home. The aged patriarch, happy in the consciousness of having linked his mind for good with all his own immediate offspring, and cheered by the prospect of transmitting, through them, the happiest influence to others through an ever-enlarging circle.

The generation, conscious of rising, and aspiring to rise still higher; recognizing in its present blessedness the proof that God is its *paterfamilias*; and valuing the future chiefly as the means of perpetual approximation to the only perfect home in the bosom of God. Such are the capabilities of the family, and the sunny visions at which it hints."

Surely since the wreck of Eden there has appeared among the children of men no picture so fair, so noble, so inspiring and so full of hope for both worlds, as a well-ordered and truly Christian family. Here indeed are repeated, from day to day, the miracles of Providence and the wonders of grace. Here, in a most precious and peculiar sense, the Lord is "Emmanuel," "Which being interpreted is, God with us." Here is seen the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night. Around this habitation manna descends, "every morning new." Whatever else may be parched and arid, here there is dew "as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

## Guthrie Campground Relocation Progress Report



**Church of God Chapel under construction—May 26, 1993.**

It has been requested by some that a progress report be given to the saints concerning the new chapel and dining hall currently under construction. Due to the recent record flooding of our old facility, many are anxious to see the new facility completed and ready to occupy. Not the least of these is the building committee which meets monthly to chart the course for completion of this project.

How fast we progress is primarily determined by finances made available by free-will offerings. The trustees do not feel it would be wise to indebt the saints with a loan large enough to complete a project of this magnitude. To date everything has been done on a cash basis and we believe the Lord would have us to continue operating this way until the project is finished.

We estimate that the building is about seventy percent completed. At present all the ceiling grid in the building has been installed. Fluorescent lights have been purchased and set in place where required. Electricians are currently running overhead wiring to them.

A partial list of the jobs yet to be completed include the following: building the rostrum and

stairs to the baptistry, cabinet work for the kitchen, bathroom and nursery, installation of plumbing fixtures, passage doors and jambs, curtain wall and accordion door room dividers, ceiling tile and attic insulation, bathroom privacy partitions, floor covering, P.A. system and a number of other partially completed jobs.

Once the structure is finished there will be dining hall furniture and appliances to purchase as well as pews for the sanctuary. Work outside the building will include pouring sidewalks, building two retaining walls and a parking lot. Completing the building is our primary objective right now.

While it may appear that there is much left to do, we are so thankful to be as far along as we are. Our thanks go out to all those that have shared an interest in seeing this project through.

We urge all those who are able to attend the Guthrie Camp meeting to make a special effort to tour the new building while you are there.

If you have any questions concerning this project or wish to assist in any way with its progress you may address your correspondence to the Church Of God in care of Sis. Brenda Wilkins, Route #6, Box 797, Guthrie, OK 73044.

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### Cottonwood Flood—May 9, 1993



**Present chapel pictured in center.**



**Inside chapel after flood water receded.**