

# FAITH<sup>AND</sup>VICTORY

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## Church of God Servant

Unto Him shall the  
gathering of the  
people be.

GOD IS  
LOVE

YE SHINE AS  
LIGHTS IN  
THE WORLD.

JESUS  
SAVES

The night cometh,  
when no man  
can work.

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### Abide With Me

Henry Francis Lyte

Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide,  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away:  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me.

Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,  
But as thou dwell'st with the disciples, Lord—  
Familiar, condescending, patient, free;  
Come, not to sojourn, but abide, with me.

Thou on my head in early youth did'st smile,  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left thee;  
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Thro' cloud and sunshine, oh abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness:  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy  
victory?

I triumph still if thou abide with me.

### Sympathy and Selfishness

Each season of life has its own peculiar tendencies and temptations. But selfishness is at all times and under all circumstances the common sin which doth so easily beset us. In early youth we are prone to imagine that everybody and everything about us ought in some way to minister to our gratification, and we therefore strive to employ them in the furtherance of the plans which we have arranged for our own happiness. In old age, when the infirmities of life compel us to withdraw from its activities and its pleasures, we are in danger of supposing that since we can derive but little enjoyment now from those sources which once yielded to us a rich supply, it is a matter of little importance to us whether others find any satisfaction in them or not. It often happens that old age narrows the channel of our benevolence and our sympathy; we have less to receive, and we think we cannot have so much to give. Our thoughts, allowed to take their natural course, become concentrated on "self;" all that personally concerns us is so magnified as very much to hide from our view the interests of our neighbors; we look so steadily and so exclusively on our own good that we almost lose sight of the good of others.

Now, will you guard against the influence of these selfish feelings? Will you bear in mind how opposed, how thoroughly opposed, are selfishness and Christianity? Will you reflect upon the injury which you may do to religion by allowing an undue regard for self to be manifested in the little occurrences of your every day life? A young man, who was urged by a pious friend to devote himself to the service of God, made this reply: "It

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is of no use to talk to me in this way; I have seen too much of religious people to desire to be like them. They prefer to be a great deal better than everybody else, but they are just the same underneath. Why, there's my uncle S—, an old man with one foot already in the grave; he calls himself a Christian, and yet he is as covetous and as selfish as possible. See him at home; *his* comfort, *his* ease, *his* wishes, must be first consulted; everybody must give way to him; and he is constantly taking offense because he thinks he has not sufficient attention and respect paid to him. What's the use of religion? It is all show—mere show."

It was not difficult to answer such an objection as this, but it was difficult to remove the prejudice and the misconception which had gathered around that young man's mind. The selfish behavior of his aged relative, in conjunction with that of others, had so set him against religion that he would not listen to its claims; and, although moral and amiable in his conduct, he still remains estranged from God and from His people. It is true that the faults and inconsistencies of professed Christians will furnish no valid

excuse for his refusal to love and serve his God and Saviour; but ought they not to excite the deepest grief and shame in those who have thus thrown additional stumbling-blocks in the way of a sinner's return? Ought we not earnestly to watch and pray that we do not bring reproach upon that holy name by which we are called, through our self-love and self-indulgence? It is not so much by flagrant departures from the ways of godliness that we exert a baneful influence over the undecided and the unconverted, as by our apparently careless disregard of whatsoever things are lovely and of good report. The warm and generous-hearted spirit of youth will shrink with distaste, if not with disgust, from a religion which our actions have led him to ally with meanness and selfishness. Our prayers, our zeal, our alms-giving, our profession, will have but little weight with him if they are associated day after day with the unhallowed and unamiable endeavor to secure our personal ease, in preference to the comfort of others;—he will regard them but as sounding brass or a

tinkling cymbal. And will he not rightly regard them? "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

Let not, then, the infirmities of age be a plea for your lessened sympathy with others. Should the graces of the Christian decline with his fading strength? Should the shadow of the tomb dim the light of his heaven-born love? Surely the nearer that he approaches to the pure and peaceful fellowship of the saints above, the more should his spirit be conformed to theirs.

And is theirs a spirit of selfishness? Are they absorbed in their own interests, their own occupations, their own joys? Are they indifferent to the feelings and the pleasures of their bright companions? No; they joyfully and

fully sympathize with each other; self is forgotten there; and if we hope, through a Saviour's merits, to reach the home where they dwell, let us endeavor to cherish corresponding emotions to theirs. Let us strive to follow them as they, when on earth, followed Christ. Ah, let us rather look at once at Jesus, our perfect model, our brightest example; let us ask to have the mind that was in Him, and to be imbued with His Spirit. For then we cannot live day after day—as some who profess and call themselves Christians do live—cold and careless about the welfare of others, and at the same time intensely solicitous to promote our own. "But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus." Eph. 4:20-21. His doctrine which we have received into our hearts, and his example which we have chosen as the guide of our conduct, lead us to deny ourselves that we may benefit others, and to take the liveliest interest in all that relates to their happiness.

And we are not to retrace our steps as years

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increase. We are not to be peevish, discontented, or unreasonable because we are old or getting old. This is certainly not our creed, and, God helping us, it shall never be our practice. As we advance in life we should be more considerate, more kind, more like Christ, not less so; and if we abide in Him, and His words abide in us, there can be no doubt that we shall thus grow in grace. The stream of Christian affection will become deeper, not shallower; the flame of unselfish love will burn more brightly, instead of almost going out.

Oh how delightful is the sight of an aged believer richly imbued with the loving and unselfish spirit of his Master! How refreshing is it in this dreary world to rest awhile beneath some venerable palm tree, which spreads out its cooling branches as if the only object of its existence were to bless the passerby! How cheering is it, amidst the selfish and dissatisfied throng around us, to meet with those who can smile through their own tears!

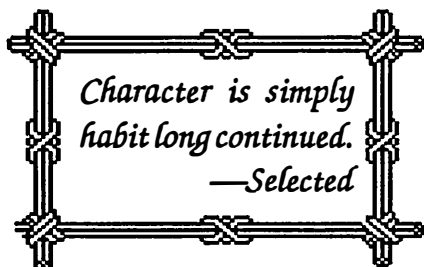
An aged servant of the Lord had survived all her near relatives; the last beloved object of her

tender affections was laid in the grave. Her life had been the scene of many sorrows, and there was but little sunshine to cheer the evening of her life. One day, as, lonely and blind she sat by the fireside in her little parlor, a friend who called to see her found her—doing what? Murmuring over her desolate condition, and complaining that she was uncared-for and forgotten? No, but rejoicing in the happiness of others. A family whom she had known and loved in early life was to be gladdened on that day by the return of a long-absent member; and, through its dull and silent hours, her lips were often unclosed to express her delight at the thoughts of their meeting, her prayers that they might be blessed. "Were this my case," thought the listener, "I should have been repining that others had the comfort of tender relatives and loving friends, while I was left alone in the world, looking for none whose approach could console and gladden my solitary existence." The latter feeling is the emotion of the natural heart—the former of the Christian spirit. Reader, which would have been *yours*? —Author Unknown

## CHARACTER

*Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently and imperceptibly, as we wake or sleep, we grow strong or weak, and at last some crisis shows us what we have become.*

—Brooke Foss Westcott



A broken character  
doesn't knit easily.  
—Selected

Promises must be kept, deadlines met, commitments honored; not just for the sake of old-fashioned morality, but because we become what we do (or fail to do), and character is simply the sum of our performances.  
—Howard Sparks

A man's character, like rich topsoil, can erode so gradually you don't notice till it's gone.  
—Selected

Character is what you  
are in the dark.  
—D. L. Moody

The way to find out about one man, I have often found, is to ask him about another.  
—Gerard Fay

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## Editorials

In the midst of summer we send this *Faith and Victory* paper to our readers. Time continues to pass and we can see changes on many fronts; in our lives, in the printing work, in the church, in our nation and on the world scene. The Oklahoma State Camp Meeting here at Guthrie has come and gone, and we rejoice in the blessings of the preached gospel and the response to it.

We have also experienced the blessings of the Jefferson, OR, Camp Meeting. My wife, Mary, and I, along with others from this area, made the journey to Jefferson by van and car. We would have been glad if more of the saints could have gone with us so we could have taken a bus load, yet the saints at Jefferson were certainly hospitable to all who attended, and the fellowship of the services was indelibly impressed upon our souls.

After preparing this July issue for the press and the mail, we will turn our attention to getting together material to be sold in the book store at the Monark Springs, MO, National Camp Meeting. We invite everyone to stop by the book store and pick up some of the literature for yourself and those who might enjoy the gospel.

There are still other camp meetings scheduled for this summer, but soon they will all be passed and another summer ended. It is our prayer that those in a position of needing help will get it before time and opportunity has slipped away.

We view the passing days as windows of opportunity that God has so thoughtfully and kindly blessed us with in order to be of service to others in the situation where He has placed us.

In II Chronicles 2:11 it says, "Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the Lord hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them." God has put each of us in a position in our home, in the church, on our job or in our community, to be a person of blessing to others. It should be our place in life to bless others no matter what station of servitude God gives us. This is a responsibility of great rewards.

Our duties are better understood when we view this verse in the context of our Lord Jesus. It is the love of God that has placed Christ as our King. It is the wisdom of God that has done this. Christ did not need us as subjects, as much as

we needed Him for our headship. It is for our guidance, comfort, honor, growth, success, peace and safety. The personal character of Christ is such that it brings great benefits to his subjects. He is wise in judging and directing His people. He is powerful and enabled to defend and expand the spiritual ground of His followers. He is gracious to the point of giving His very life's blessings to those who desire Him. He is holy and able to elevate and purify the honest-hearted.

It is the love of God that has made us the subjects of Christ. We see this in that God even deigned to choose us. We, like Israel in Solomon's day, were weak, helpless and of little consequence to be of help to Him or His great design. Yet He rains grace and honor upon us by making us to be kings and priests with Him.

Our love to God makes the reign of Jesus blessed to us. What He enjoys, we enjoy. His glory is given to us as our honor. His cross is our crown, and it makes His presence our heaven.

We truly thank God for exalting Christ to be our head, and the example Christ has set forth in the administration of it is how we want to be in what God has intrusted to our care. We want to be faithful stewards in His kingdom.

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As is our custom, we will not be printing an August Faith and Victory. This will allow some free time for our workers to attend the National Camp Meeting. We will keep the office staffed during this time, so any orders that come in will continue to be filled and mailed. We would like to remind our readers that we do stock over 300 different tracts, and approximately 120 titles of books. A partial list of books is printed in this issue.

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We are still working on the reprint of the *Evening Light Songs* hymnal. It is a sizable undertaking, and we will do our best to get this project finished so that we can get back-orders filled as quickly as possible.

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We do want to make an expression of gratitude to all who underwrite this non-profit work by your interest and offerings. Sometimes in the summer months, the capital to work with in printing the gospel is limited, but it causes us to be very grateful to those who are able to help out. May God bless and reward each one.

—Wayne Murphey

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**Heart Talks** by C. W. Naylor. Consists of 59 chapters with a different subject treated in each chapter. It contains 280 pages in a heavy paper cover. Price, \$3.00.

**Man, His Present and Future** by H. M. Riggle. It deals with man in his present state, between death and the judgment, and beyond the resurrection in the eternal world. It would be invaluable as a research book or for use in group studies. It contains 206 pages with a heavy paper cover and sells for \$2.50.

**Our Darlings' Bible ABC Book** by Isabel Byrum. Any child who is just learning the letters of the alphabet will enjoy this book. There is a Bible story to go with each letter. It is bound in a heavy paper cover and contains 64 pages. The price is 50¢.

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This is just another friendly reminder that I am STILL collecting brief anecdotes for the *Daily Devotional* we are compiling. Please, ministers and established church leaders, write a short exhortation or testimony on a scripture that has been a great blessing to you at some time in your life. Perhaps there is a scripture that turned you from evil, or encouraged your grieving heart, or gave you faith to claim healing. Whatever the circumstance may have been, the Lord surely has used a scripture to help you stay faithful. Please share your testimony so that others may be blessed by it. I have really enjoyed working



with the many devotionals that I do have, and I know that this book will be an encouragement to God's children. Send your scripture and exhortation to Sis. Connie Sorrell, 320 North Second, Guthrie, OK 73044. Thank you each one who has contributed and to those who have already ordered a book.



## Prayer Requests

AL—"Emmett still needs prayer for his back and yes, I still need prayer for my knees, and also my eyes." —Pearlene Gerald

KY—"Please pray that my family will attend church real soon. Also that my grandson will not have to have surgery." —Name Withheld

OK—"Pray for my brother, Carlos Alberto Fernandez, who lives in Brazil and is dying of AIDS." —George Fernandez

LA—"Please pray for me, that God would clear some confusion out of my mind."

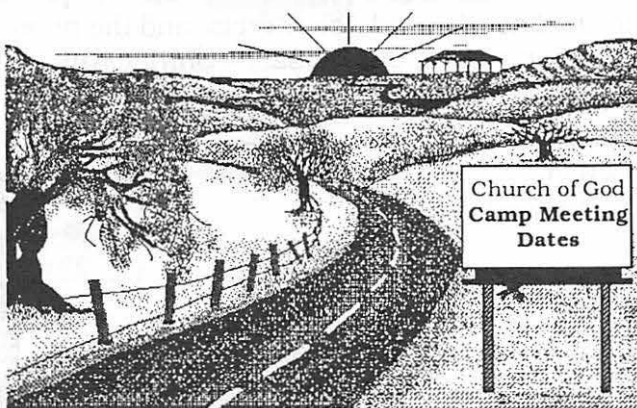
—Chuck Stewart

TX—"Please pray for Margie Sue Burkehalter, and her husband. She has cancer, and her husband is sick, too. I also need prayer."

—Louise Strickland

OK—"I need your prayers. I have something wrong with my back." —Inez Wilkins

CA—"Please remember my husband, Elmer, in prayer. He has a problem with hearing in one ear. Also remember me in prayer as I have arthritis in one knee." —Eleanor Fingerle



### National (Monark Springs, MO)

July 15-24

Ensenada, Mexico

July 31-August 7

Bakersfield, CA

August 5-14

Pacoima, CA

August 26-September 4

## 57TH 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 15-24, 1994. All are cordially invited to come and bring others to enjoy the blessings that we are expecting.

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 spots are available on a first come, first served basis. Trailer spots 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 2 and July 9. We will be looking forward to working together.

—Business managers: Randel Bradley (above address), or Ed Johnston, 1019 Old Mitchellsburg Rd., Parksville, KY 40464. Phone (606) 332-4244.



## BAKERSFIELD, CA CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the Bakersfield, CA camp meeting will be held August 5-14. We are praying and expecting a great outpouring of God's spirit upon men, women, boys and girls; for them to be saved, sanctified and inspired for a more personal walk with God, or any other need they may have.

We are also expecting God to especially anoint gospel workers to join us in the battle against sin, and in helping people to see the need of living a more Christ-centered life until God calls them home.

The meeting will begin with the 7:30 p.m. service on Friday, August 5. On each of the

following Friday, Saturdays and Sundays, there will be three services, at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. There will be prayer meeting every day, except the first Friday, at 6:30 a.m.

If you can't come and be with us, please pray, for the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few.

For more information you may call Bro. Archie or Sis. Norma Sherman at: (805) 871-1636. The church phone number is: (805) 395-9314.

### BOLEY, OK CAMP MEETING

The annual camp meeting of the Church of God at Boley, OK, will be held August 24-28, Lord willing. There will be services daily; 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to come. Pray for a Spirit-filled meeting.

There is a dormitory for the women and one for the men. Meals will be served.

For further information call Dorlene Adams, (918) 667-3765, or Anna Mae Thompson, (918) 667-3648. —Sis. Anna Mae Thompson

### CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the California State Camp Meeting at Pacoima, CA, will be held August 26—September 4.

Come, do come, please come! Come praying to be a blessing and to receive a blessing. We are confident that all who come expecting a blessing will not be disappointed. Make a special effort to attend this meeting. Everyone is invited. Accommodations will be provided for all who attend. The expenses of the meeting will be met by freewill offering.

For further information contact the Sunset Guest Home, (818) 899-2022, or Bro. Robert Sherman, (818) 896-7593. The chapel number is: (818) 899-9021.

### DUNCANNON, PA REVIVAL

Revival services are planned, if the Lord wills, for September 7-11, at the Duncannon Church of God chapel. It is located on Route 849, approximately 5 1/2 miles from Duncannon, PA. At present there is construction at Duncannon on Route 849, which requires going downtown, 1/2 mile beyond the usual 849 road, and turning up Clark Street to

the Butchershop Road, (which is the continuation of Clark Street) and proceeding 2 1/2 miles to a stop sign which then connects to 849 beyond the construction site.

Accommodations and camper sites are limited, but we welcome all who wish to attend. Please call Sis. Virginia Myers, (717) 834-4595, or Bro. Stanley and Sis. Nancy Huss, (717) 834-4490, for further details.

The Lord's blessings and your prayers are much desired for the meeting.

The chapel telephone number is: (717) 567-6988.

Both morning and evening services are planned.

We pray God's blessing on all the camp meetings for this year.

In Christ, —Barbara Campbell

### WICHITA, KS FALL MEETING

The Wichita congregation has set the date of their meeting for September 16-25. We will be looking to God to supply all of our needs and to send workers and ministers with the burden to help fill these needs. All are welcome to come and get whatever God has for them.

Both Sundays we will have three services, and during the week, Monday through Friday, we will have 11:00 day services and 7:30 night services.

For further information contact Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848, or Bro. Paul Phillips at (316) 721-9557. The chapel is located at 16th and Ash Streets, and the phone number is (316) 267-9582. —Shirley Knight

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I thank God for my many blessings and His



great love to me. He is such a wonderful God. He helps us through all our trials and troubles. I am so glad I know my Lord....

God bless all of you richly,  
—Sis. Olive Getterson

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and all the faithful workers of the Faith Publishing House: I am happy to report victory in my soul today over the sins of this world and the vice and the temptations of Satan himself. I am encouraged to work on for the Lord until He comes for me to be with Him. I am not looking for an earthly reward. Just to be with the saints is the greatest reward I can ever desire or expect while here. I thank the Lord for all of His goodness to us all, and I trust I will always have the desire to try to please Him in every way. Please pray for me and my family.

—Sis. Hattie Singleton

NC—Dear Brother Wayne Murphey and all the good folks there at the Print Shop and everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' name.

I am still in a rest home, but I thank God it is as well with me as it is. I am still on the battlefield for the Lord, even in my weakness. My determination is to be faithful to seek His wisdom, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ and try to encourage others to be ready when He comes or calls. Either way may be soon.

I still appreciate the *Faith and Victory* and pray for every one of the wonderful people there at the Faith Publishing House.

A sister in Christ,  
—Leila Lewis

CA—Dear saints: We greet all of you dear ones there and everywhere. Our love remains the same to all of you everywhere.

We praise the dear Lord for all of the wonderful privileges we have, and the freedom He has given us, but for how long only God knows. We are praying for all the saints everywhere.

All our love and pray for us,  
—Bro. and Sis. Underwood

KY—Dear workers at the Print Shop: Thank God for people like you. You are the ones we can trust to publish the truth and live up to your teaching.

The other day I had a person tell me that if I believed abortion was sin that I would believe anything. Well, I am old fashioned enough to not believe sin is okay. I truly know that abortion is

murder, and I will stand for God's Word anywhere I go, live or die. I live for God and not man.

God is real good to me and my family.  
God bless you all,  
—Wilma Horsley

OR—Dear ones at the Print Shop: "What a mighty God we serve." God's precious Word is food for my soul in these days when my earthly body seems to be failing. He provides many avenues of worship, and the desire to pray for the needs of others (the saints) and especially for unsaved souls.

May the Lord bless all of you there as you fill your places in His great work.

Prayerfully,  
—Neula Davisson

Russia—(The following letter was received by Bro. James Bell.) We received the precious letter that you wrote on March 29, 1994. We are very thankful for it.

People from Kasanstan have settled in Germany in the last few years. They are saints of God with whom we have fellowship. We want these children of God to have fellowship with you.

You said that you are having problems coming to Russia. I am very willing to agree with you dear children of God in bringing this matter to the Lord. We thank Him for this one truth and for being a part of His body. We will ask Him about us coming together: when, how and where. I am willing to go to Germany to be with you if that is the will of God. It is not clear to me right now as to when this can be....

May the dear Son of God and all of our forefathers be examples to us that we may follow in their footsteps here in Russia. The Holy Spirit stresses to us the importance of learning and living a life of faith. Satan does not pass the people of God by and leave us alone. We are his arch enemies. He sends his fiery arrows and his dark, hellish powers and his spirits to bring lies against us with all of his tricks. This we know very well and understand. We can only have the victory if Christ is in us all, and when we have learned through grace to live a life of faith in our time right now.

I need to learn this, too. Should it not be a lesson to us that from 600,000 men, only two learned this lesson? (Caleb and Joshua.) Satan has given peace to those who were once really saved and maybe sanctified, but are not now. They still rest upon the things of the past, but they don't listen today. What God expects of His

people is that they keep the holy faith which was once delivered to the saints. (Jude 3.)

Dear Brother James, send greetings from me to the brothers and sisters in Oklahoma. I received their letters. I have not written them yet, but I will. Greet all the children of God. Greet your wife and children.

Love, ————— —Bro. Karl Reiberg

LA—Dear ones in Christ: "A friend loveth at all times," we are told in Proverbs 17:17. I would like to thank my Christian friends and loved ones for their cards, calls, food and most especially their prayers during my recent illness of over a month. For sixteen days and nights my dear husband, Lynn, and I "walked the floors." I could not go to bed. Thank the dear Lord, prayer was answered, and I feel as if I have been resurrected!

Our pastor and brother, Bob Forbes, and his wife, Dorall, were diligent in coming over to Baton Rouge from Amite to anoint and pray for me. For the first time in my fifty-plus years in the Christian way, I could not "find" my Lord and was quite concerned. Then I remembered our recent Sunday School lessons about Job. He couldn't find God either. (Job 23:8-9.) I told God as Job did, "But You know the way that I take."

Just as I was able to sleep in bed some, and be up part-time, two ulcers appeared on Lynn's diabetic right foot as a result of his being on his feet so much nursing me. My heart ached. God gave me the song, "I'll Not Be Afraid." Thanks to prayers for him, his foot is improving. What a mighty God we serve!

We want to show our appreciation for all He has done for us by living close to our heavenly Father.

Christian love, ————— —Audrey Carver

OK—Dear saints: We thank the Lord for the *Faith and Victory* paper. We enjoy the articles and testimonies. How precious and faithful are the family of God. I am so glad I can say I am one of them. We have been thinking about how good the Lord is to us. The Lord has brought us through some serious trials in the last few years.

A little over two years ago a cow kicked me in the head. I had a concussion, but never suffered much with a headache. I am so thankful for my family and the saints that prayed for me. Also for my husband, daughters and others

that came and helped me the first few weeks. The last of November, 1993, our hay barn burned. In it was our winter supply of hay for our dairy cows, and also, two wagons. We are so thankful that our house, garage with our car in it, tool shed with tractor, truck and many tools, were spared.

How good the Lord is to us. Several neighbors have given us hay. One brought hay for our cows that very night. Another came the next day wanting us to come and get hay he had in his barn. When my husband and son-in-law went to get the hay, the man said, "I have more hay than I thought so we will just fill your truck up." Praise God! Also, we have received checks from some of the saints and neighbors.

The Lord has surely stood by us. Our prayer is that we will stand true to the Lord all of our days, and meet Him in heaven in the end.

May the Lord bless you each one.

Christian love and prayers,

————— —Karen and Richard Belcher

LA—Greeting saints in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior: On this Friday morning, June 6, 1994, we are getting ready to leave for Honduras, CA, and desire prayer. But we have a burden to address to the saints, and desire your attention of help in whatever way the Lord will lead you.

Bro. Keith Fuller of Akron, OH is under a great stress at this time and needs the saint's prayers and support. The Internal Revenue Service has audited him for 1991, 1993 and 1994 taxes, and says that he owes \$8,660.00 in penalties and interests. In 1984, the church secretary at Akron assumed that Bro. Fuller had filed a religious tax exempt form when he was called full-time in the ministry, and Bro. Fuller assumed that the church had filed this form at the time. The government allows two years to file these papers, which weren't filed, so the government proceeded to audit him.

Bro. Fuller, with the counsel of the brethren and a tax expert, felt that it wouldn't be good to appeal this issue, seeing that there was no proof of him filing this exempt form. They also said that it is too late to file this form now, and he cannot file this form in the future. I spoke with some of the brethren concerning this matter, and we thought it would be good to bring it before the saints. Bro. Fuller also went to the I. R. S. and a payment plan of \$300.00 per month was worked out.

Let us rise to the need of the Fuller family. I am sure they would appreciate our support. For more information please contact Bro. Keith Fuller at (216) 864-1128. You may address correspondence to 244 Storer Ave., Akron, OH 44302.

Yours sincerely, —Bro. Louis Kimble  
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CA—Dear Brother Wayne and all at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' name. I trust you are all well and happy in the Lord.

I am saved and living for my Saviour, and He is keeping me in good health and very happy. I had my 90th birthday last October. I keep busy taking care of myself and the home place.

Jesus is so wonderful. I can't praise Him enough. I have given my life to Him because He gave His life for me, and I leave all my cares and worries in His hands.

God bless you all. Thanks for all your prayers for me. You are in my prayers.  
—Sister Lucille S. Allen  
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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings of Christian love to you and all those who labor so faithfully there to send out the gospel light to a dark and sin-stained world; also, to lift and encourage the children of God. There are so many who are afflicted and going through heavy trials. I am sure their hearts rejoice to read the blessed truth in that wonderful paper. It sure has given me a lift many times, and I always share it with someone else. No paper is thrown away.

My left hand is slowly improving from arthritis and I have better use of it now. Thanks for all your prayers....

We need your prayers.  
—Sister Grace Jones  
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OK—I was going through some papers and noticed that I had written a little article in the *Faith and Victory*, dated Sept. 1986. That set me to thinking of some of the happenings and blessings I have witnessed since then. It is real easy for us to be like the children of Israel—when we are faced with real trouble then we really send up the prayers and make promises, etc. After we receive the Lord's blessings it is easy to forget. David said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:..." *Psa. 103:2.*

As most of you know, I have muscular dystrophy. I have had it for about 50 years.

According to the way this disease works I should have been gone many years ago. I think I have outlived some of the doctors that studied this all out. I know God is fully able to completely heal me and give me normal health, but for some reason He hasn't, but He has always made a way.

Several years ago my stomach muscles stopped working and the food just would not digest. This went on for a few days and I got bad real fast; but through the prayers of the saints, and mercy of the Lord, He healed that. As a matter of fact, I was witnessing about this to someone and telling them how completely the Lord healed this. I could tell he was real impressed the way he looked me over. Then he said, "I don't think it would hurt if He would cause it to stop again for a few days." (I weigh over 200 lbs!)

I have a real weakness in my legs and can't get out of a chair that is of normal height. If I fall I can't get up by myself, but God has always made a way for me. For awhile I tried to see to it that I had a good friend or member of the family sitting behind me at church. That way, at dismissal time he could grab my belt and heave as I tried to stand up. There are times that I get rather embarrassed, like the time one of my husky boys, in church, grabbed my belt and tried to help me and pulled my belt in two; or the time I fell in town on the sidewalk and bloodied my nose good. A store manager saw my predicament and brought a chair, helped me up and gave me his own handkerchief. Lately I haven't had to pray for the Lord to send something my way to make me feel humble!

I don't want to write this just for the humor, but to show how that in everyday life God is so real, especially as we have to lean on Him more and more. A few days ago, I was working on a riding mower and I came to a situation that I just couldn't handle. I was sitting there looking at it and talking to the Lord about how I just didn't have the muscles to do the task. I was feeling kind of down and even while I was talking to God I looked up and here came a brother driving by. He stopped and in a matter of minutes he had it fixed. I got such a blessing out of that as he went on his way. The embarrassing part is that after I continued putting the mower together I realized I had done it wrong and had to take it all apart. But you know, I fixed my mistake and got back to this place again that I had to have help, and the Lord again sent

someone by just at that time. And can you believe the Lord did this three times? Needless to say, I have about decided to stop working on mowers.

So you see, I feel like I have the authority and experience to say that the Lord will always make a way for us.

I don't understand why the Lord doesn't completely heal me, but just a few weeks ago my back just seemed to come apart. I was down for several days and there isn't a lot that can be done when you are flat on your back looking at the ceiling. I know that somewhere and sometime in our lives there will come a last time. It will be the Lord's will to take us home. The Lord has raised me up and I am on my feet again. It is such a blessing to be able to arise from bed each morning and enjoy the blessings of the Lord through the day. I want to encourage anyone that is going through the valley of affliction or trial, to "Lean hard on Him, oh tested soul. On Him your cares and burdens roll. Our God still lives and has control. He will not fail you now."

—Bro. Dale Doolittle



### From the Philippines...

June 14, 1994—Dear Brother and Sister Murphey: Happy greetings to everyone of you in the precious name of Jesus. I hope this letter will find you all happy in the service of the Lord....

When I received your letter last Friday, I wanted to write you immediately; but I did not find time because of preparing for our weekend services. Yesterday (Monday) I conducted a marriage ceremony in our chapel in Sibut. The children's classes being held in the chapel were

temporarily suspended because of the occasion. The school year has started and our enrollment for kindergarten school has increased. We have more than 70 children enrolled, so the teacher divided her class into two sessions. Every Saturday we need to take the pupil's desks out and bring in the benches for church services. On Monday morning we must take out the benches and bring in the children's desks. The rainy days have started and we need a small building or shed to shelter the benches so that they will not get wet and easily decay. If possible we would like to put up a church school in the Philippines also. Our government cannot provide enough school buildings and teachers for our fast increasing school children. The public school buildings are over-packed this year from primary to high school grades. There are 60 to 70 pupils in one class. The public schools cannot accommodate preparatory grades, such as nursery and kindergarten. If possible we would like to put up a school for nursery, kindergarten and primary. What we need most for this plan is ground and a building. Teacher's salary and other things can be provided from tuition fees. We are praying earnestly with the hope that what is impossible for men is possible for God. Our heavenly Father is rich because He owns everything. He can produce something out of nothing and He is an expert at doing the impossible things. I hope, if it is His will, He will provide these things. Please help us to pray for this worthy need. This will be a great help for the growth of the church and will open the opportunity for us to teach the way of Christ to the young hearts who are at a receptive age....

Let us work together for Christ's cause while we are still breathing, and while our time on earth has not yet closed. Everything that we have on earth will be lost. The only thing that will remain forever are the things that we have done for Christ.

May God multiply His blessings to everyone of you. We are all praying for you.

With much Christian love,

—Matias S. Tangunan

### From Mexico...

June 10, 1994—Dear brothers: Greetings in the name of our Lord and precious Savior, Jesus Christ. It gives me joy to be able to write to you, telling you of all the great things our Lord is doing in our lives and jobs. He has been so

precious. Our work is stable and our brethren are excited to live for our Lord, even though the devil never rests. He does not want the light of the Truth to shine and grow here; but since our Lord is with us, who can be against us? The battle is the Lord's and He has never lost a battle. All He wants is for us to be faithful and to know that we can trust Him completely.

The youth are working very happily for our Lord. They want to give to others what the Lord has given to them: salvation and sanctification to obtain eternal life. The children have created a special service on the first Saturday of each month. It is very inspiring.

Normally we have daily activities, and every 15 days we are having services in a new Mission that we are setting up at another location. We feel it is His will since there is a small and appropriate place to pray.

We would like to invite you to our camp meeting from July 31 to August 7, 1994. Last year we had a lot of people from different states in the U. S., and we would like to see them again. We were very blessed by your presence. All are welcome back. This year there are improvements; better facilities, hot showers and other commodities. We will accommodate all who come....

Thank you very much for your prayers. We need them very much since that is the only way to go forward. A man on his knees is bigger than a man on his feet. We want to express our most sincere gratitude for your support that we receive month after month. For this support we want to inform you that you are a blessing to us, since our Lord has worked in everything.

Yours in the name of the Lord,  
—Mayarino Escobar

From Nigeria...

May 12, 1994—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and all of the holy family: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus—the One who is almighty in power, yet tender in love and plentiful in mercy. Praise Him forever! Our thanks will continue to flow heavenward to God for our evacuation from the ruins of Babylon. We don't have night anymore, the Lord Jesus being the Light of the Holy City in which we live.

Heaven holds the record of our progress in the field of evangelism. On April 18th to 20th, we moved in a chartered bus to Umuachi-Afor for a public meeting of three days duration. From May 6 to 8th we were in Ubah for the same

supreme task. We give God the glory for our wonderful achievements especially in Ubah where souls crossed the billows' foam to the Kingdom of God's dear Son, in a great number that none of us expected. Going to Ubah from Kwale will now be of increased frequency to feed and visit all the converted brethren.

We are indebted to God for an answer to our prayers in a way we cannot adequately express. We are sheltered in Him and dwell therefore in divine security. He has put our foes to flight in His might....

We have started to pray for the Lord's presence in all the camp meetings being held this year in the U. S. A.

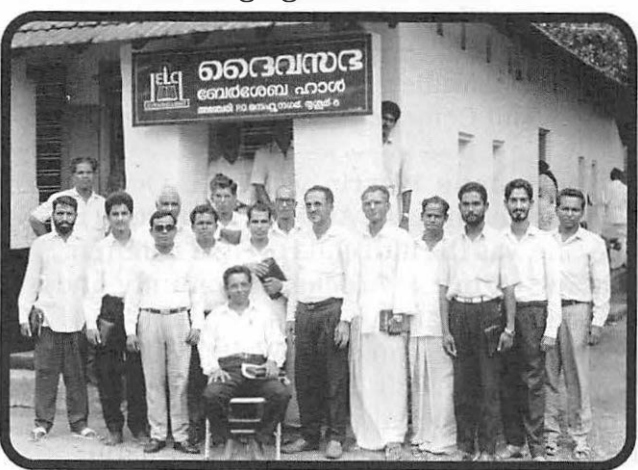
Yours in His service, —Titus U. E. Enu

From India...

May 17, 1994—Dearly beloved Bro. Wayne Murphey, and dear brothers and sisters in America: Greetings to all you dear ones again in the glorious name of Jesus Christ.

Our conventions at Koottarvila, Kothamangalam, Kodaly, Chalakudy, etc., were real blessed meetings with good results. Many got saved, sanctified and baptized. At Kothamangalam one revenue officer got saved and baptized. The whole village was moved and revived because of his spiritual awakening. Praise the Lord!

The newly purchased chapel at Trichur was opened for services on May 30th. A good crowd, including many outsiders, attended the opening and dedication service. This has been our long time desire and prayer, and we thank God with thousands of praises as He fulfilled our desire for the congregation at Trichur.



Ministers in front of new chapel at Trichur, India  
May, 1994

Our next desire is to find a place at Cochin for the assembling of the saints there. Cochin is a big city and we have a congregation there.

Please continue to remember our efforts for the glory of God. Our prayers are for you saints in America every day.

Yours in Him,

—John Varghese



## IN MEMORIAM

**Richard Leroy Guliford** was born on November 5, 1952, to the loving home of Lewis and Mary Guliford in Denver, CO.

He was the eldest of two children. "Ricky" as he was affectionately called, attended school at Green Pastures, OK Elementary School and graduated from Star Spencer, OK High School in 1971.

He was united in marriage to Janice Moten. To this union two children, Patrick and Amanda, were born. Ricky was employed in the food service area until his retirement.

Several months ago Ricky was saved into the Church of God where he remained faithful until his illness prevented his attendance. Ricky was a loving person who always had a smile.

He departed this life on May 25, 1994. Cherishing the fond memories of him are his two children, Patrick and Amanda of Oklahoma City, OK; his parents, Bro. and Sis. Lewis Guliford, of Spencer, OK; his sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Kenneth Kane, of Midwest City, OK; one nephew, two nieces, two uncles and many other relatives, saints and friends.

The funeral service eulogy was given by Bro. Charles Chandler, with burial being in the Chapel Hill Cemetery, Oklahoma City, OK.



**Mary Jane Mustin** was born October 10, 1910 to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bennett in Boley, OK. She was the fifth child of eight children. She was raised in the Arbeka Community and attended school at St. James.

Mary met and married Walter W. Mustin on November 15, 1933. To this union four children were born, Helen J. Mustin, John A. Mustin, Rosco D. Mustin and William W. Mustin.

Mary united with the Church of God in Boley, OK at an early age.

Her husband, one son, mother, father, one

sister and two brothers preceded her in death.

She departed this life May 22, 1994.

She leaves one daughter, Helen of the home; two sons, John of Los Angeles, CA, and William of Los Angeles, CA; three sisters, Nicie Regan of Okemah, OK, Gustavis Burris of Richmond, CA and Della Mustin of Okemah, OK; one brother, James Q. Bennett of Oklahoma City, OK; nine grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Charles Chandler.



**Gene Porter** was born March 25, 1929, in Oklahoma City, OK, to Bro. O. C. and Sis. Bonnie Porter.

Bro. Gene passed away May 21, 1994, at his home in Guthrie, OK. He expressed his confidence in God, and in all his sufferings, as in his death, his faith held true.

A few days before his passing he asked this writer to tell the saints that he loved them. How great is God's love.

Bro. Gene is survived by his wife, Dorothy Porter of the home; two daughters, Sharon Lanier of Austin, TX and Debbie Loftis of Everson, WA; one son, Kenny Porter; his father, O. C. Porter; one sister, Anecia Wall; and one brother, Carrol Porter, all of Guthrie, OK, and eight grandchildren.

Services were held in the Church of God chapel at Guthrie, with interment being in the Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, OK.

—Bro. Charles Elwell



**Norman L. Allen**, 53, of Neosho, MO, passed away at his home on May 7, after an extended illness.

He was born November 13, 1940, at Norwood, MO. He moved to Neosho in 1980 from the state of Arkansas. He had been a truck driver for many years. He attended the Church of God.

He married Rhenda Bray on May 15, 1965, at Webb City. She survives.

Additional survivors include two sons, Marshall Allen and Kent Allen, both of Neosho; two daughters, Marcy Abbott and Krystal Purvis, both of Loranger, LA; two sisters, Hazelle N. Halladay, Overland Park, KS, and Velma Barclay, Goodman, MO; and five grandchildren.

Interment was in the Howard Cemetery, Goodman, MO.



These are some of the comments that followed the reading of the obituary at Bro. Norman Allen's funeral, by Bro. Bob Huskey.

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Brother Norman had the greatest talent and ability given to any man, to any husband, to any father: the talent of being able to earn the deepest respect, love and admiration of his immediate family, who are his wife and children. When those who live closest to you love and admire you the most, let me tell you, you have **learned** the secret of true living. It is one thing to be rich and famous, a great politician, business man or movie star, and be liked and thought well of by the whole world; but it's quite another thing to be liked, loved and admired **your whole life through** by your closest family members, from your siblings and parents, to your own spouse and children. **This was the case in Brother Norman's life.**

Brother Norman, after his petition or request in his prayers to God, would always say: "Lord, if it is Your will, let it be so, **only**, if it is Your will." His desire was always to do **God's will first in his life**. He had a good understanding of what that will was, also, and that was to put his family first ahead of everything else, except God. His last advice to his children, and he told them this several times, was: "You children stick close together, put God out front, put Him first, and your families next. Take time with them, in the little things, the simple things, the everyday things; **if you wait until tomorrow, tomorrow will never come.**"

Brother Norman knew how to live. His greatest joy and ambition in life was to see his family enjoy one another, not with complicated or expensive toys, vacations or trips, but in the simple things of life, the everyday things. I don't know how many times I heard about the picnics, the simple little trips into the country, to sit by a stream, in a park, or just a pretty spot by the road. It didn't have to be anything complicated or expensive, but Norman knew how to make it enjoyable, how to **make it fun**. It has been said that he could take "nothing" and "make it fun." Brother Norman's grandchildren were already starting to have some of the same memories his children had. Little Aaron Abbott would get excited about going to Grandpa's and would ask **excitedly**, "Are we going to have a picnic in the garage?" The hours just sitting in the little red garage, talking and enjoying one another, was a source of excitement for him, and something to look forward to. They went to pick up Brenda

Allen (his other little six-year-old grandchild) at school not long ago, and as she got into the car she asked if Grandpa was going to be with them that day and she was told no, that he was sick and unable to be there. She was **so** disappointed and let down. She said: "**It is always so much more fun when Pappa is here.**" I think that tops it off about Brother Norman.

Brother Norman could laugh at anything. He had a wonderful sense of humor. He could use humor to get to the heart of a matter. If you took yourself a little too seriously, put on a few "airs," got a little too "starchy" or stiff, Brother Norman knew how to get rid of all that for you. He kind of brought you down to reality, and helped you walk flat-footed on the ground again! It has been said he knew how to make life "unboring." Brother Norman could laugh at calamity, at sickness, and at himself. He did that to the end. He had a wonderful sense of humor and **he knew how to live.**

He loved life, nature, and every day that he could get outside and do something. From a child, he loved nature and the outdoors. He loved to be outside. As children, his sister and he would stand at the window in the house and listen to the birds sing a chorus and they would watch them and the squirrels and point them out to one another. His daughter said that every morning during his last illness, up until the last two days of his life, he would be the **first** to hear the birds, even before it was light. He would say: "Listen to the birds." He heard them as praising God and being in perfect harmony with God's will. He saw God in all of nature.

Brother Norman, by God's grace, knew a lot about being a **man, a true man**, one that was capable of giving **true love**. True love is manifest only in the giving of ourselves to others, in sacrificial giving, giving when it hurts, not giving only when it is convenient, only when it feels good, only when it's easy, but giving our time or energy when it's inconvenient and when it hurts. Norman hurt physically most of his life, but he didn't let that stop him from giving to those he loved and had a responsibility for. He gave of himself when it hurt, therefore, he manifested true love.

Norman never complained! He has been laid up in bed with as many as seven broken bones at one time and **he never complained!** He never

sought self-pity. He never would let his family know when he was suffering; he would just keep on going, and going, and going until he just couldn't go anymore, literally. It is hard to believe he is really gone. It's hard to believe that the legacy of Brother Norman Allen's life has been lived, but I want everyone here to know that this man was a brave soldier of the cross of Jesus Christ. He was a **true Christian**, a true example of what Christianity is all about. Brother Norman **did it right**. Let us all try, by God's grace, to do the same.



### I Saw Jesus Today...

During the time of an extended trial, and experiencing a heavy heart, I was attending a camp meeting, wanting to find strength and courage. A sister entered the chapel and as she walked past me she placed her hand on my shoulder, hesitating only slightly. In that touch was the hand of God. That little act of caring imparted the needed courage to push forward in the Lord. I felt Jesus that day.

—Marilyn Eck



I saw Jesus today as little fourteen-month-old Will, at breakfast-time, reached out one little hand to clasp his great-grandfather's hand, and his other little hand to be held by his great-grandmother. He bowed his little head, then looked up to see if we were doing the same. Assured that our heads were bowed, and eyes closed, he waited for our little talk with Jesus before we ate.

I thought of the scripture in Isaiah 11:6—"...and a little child shall lead them." I prayed that we could teach Will something that might help him lead others to the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus said in Matthew 18:3, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

I pray that this little one, who so recently came into our loving family, might teach us lessons as we strive to help others "enter into the kingdom of heaven."

—Audrey Carver



### Excerpts Taken From July, 1969 Faith and Victory

"We just ended a Bible School at Boley, OK, last Friday. We had an enrollment of 215 children: 58, ages three to six; 37, ages seven and eight; 39, ages nine and ten; 29, ages eleven and twelve; 52, young people from 13 years up. We are burdened to plant something in their hearts while they are young."

—Annie Bell Allen

"Sister Katherine Williams, minister of Oklahoma City, just returned from the revival meeting at Northport, AL, held June 6 to 15. She reported a very good meeting with a number of souls seeking spiritual help at the altar of prayer. Also present for the meeting were Bro. Isaac Chandler of CA, Sister Savage, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Bro. Hargrave and family and another family of Goulds, FL.

"During the Alabama meeting, Sister Katherine Williams was injured accidentally when a car door was closed against her ankle. She suffered intensely for awhile. As the saints were praying for her she said she heard the bone snap back in place, and the misery began to leave. She was certainly rejoicing and praising the Lord for how He had miraculously healed her."

—L. D. Pruitt