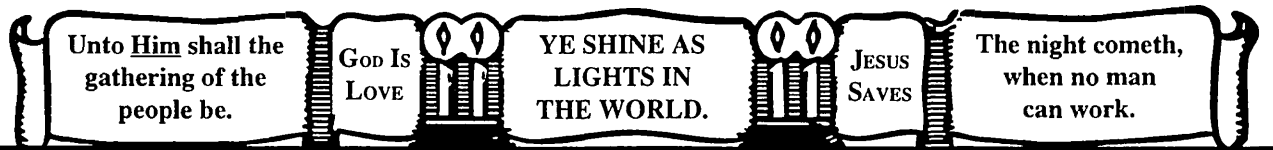


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MOMENTOUS THOUGHTS

Somewhere in the realms eternal
 Dwells the great recording angel;
 Though his pen be e'er so golden,
 And his ink of sparkling luster,
 Yet the record he is keeping,
 Of our lives is ever simple.
 On each glistening page he traces
 Words we speak to one another,
 Thoughts we entertain, and every
 Deed we do, though good or evil.
 We ourselves thus make the record
 For each day; to us this power
 Has been given by God, our Father.

When the shades of nightfall lower
 And the day's account is ended,
 'Tis with sigh, or smile of pleasure
 That the angel views the page o'er,
 Makes a balance of the record.

Have we steadfast been, and loyal,
 When the fiery darts assailed us?
 Have we striven to be patient
 When the cares of life beset us?
 Have we mindful been of him who
 Trod this earthly way before us?
 Did we help our struggling neighbor
 When he stumbled 'neath his burden?
 Did we try to smooth the pathway
 For a way-worn fellow toiler?
 Did we prove that love will conquer
 When the force of might is vanquished?
 Eloquent may be the message
 Of that silent prayer, white glistening,
 Or the tale it tells may haunt us
 Like some phantom, pale and gruesome.

When the last page has been written,
 And the golden pen drops gently
 From the fingers of the writer,
 Then will come the final reading;
 Then that book of God's remembrance
 Will speak for us, or against us;
 Speak the words that we have uttered,
 Flinging back each distant echo,
 Losing never one faint accent.
 And the deeds which no eye witnessed
 But our own, each noble action
 Seemingly passed o'er in silence,
 No one mindful of the doer?
 These will be proclaimed in order;
 E'en the thoughts of lofty bearing
 Unexpressed save in the lifting
 Of our souls to higher levels,
 None of them will fail in mention.

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Could we feel today the import
Of this lesson we might labor
With more vigilance to render
Service pleasing to our maker;
We might view the scenes around us
As but fleeting in their nature,
We would more earnest heed to

Things of true, eternal value.
Then for us the final reading
From the book of God's remembrance
Would be fraught with blest emotions,
And our portion through the ages
Never ending would be glorious.

—Selected by Sis. Eva Probst

THE LATEST IMPROVED

Taken from the book *How to Live a Holy Life* by C. E. Orr.

As we walk along the streets of villages and cities, we see machines of different kinds exposed to view and bearing a card with these words: "The Latest Improved." For our life to be perfect every day, it must be our latest improved. The world is getting worse, we say, but you and I as Christians can daily grow better. Our life today can be an improvement over our life of yesterday. The Christian life is a real life, and is capable of development as any life. The same law that develops us physically is necessary to our development spiritually. Day after day we can be built up into stronger spiritual beings. We can become more like God, possessing a firmer Christian character and having an integrity that will not swerve for a life nor a world from the path of virtue. Constant progress is constant peace and happiness. It is the triumphant life.

Dear reader, I am going to ask you to lay aside for a few minutes the busy cares of life and come and have a talk with me about spiritual and heavenly things. Now, if you feel that you scarcely have time, and cannot fully dismiss the temporal concern of life from your mind, then I will excuse you. I do not care to speak with you unless you can give me your undivided attention. I desire to help you if you need help. I want to talk to you about your everyday life, and I do want your calm, serious attention. Surely by God's help we can spend a few minutes to some profit.

Some people hesitate to look closely into their life lest they find such a delinquency as will disquiet them. Some fear to give a close examination lest it give Satan an opportunity to accuse them. This need not be. We can look closely into our daily life and not allow Satan to whisper one word to us. We cannot make improvement upon our life without close examination in order to discover weakness and imper-

fection. When we discover them, we must set earnestly to work to correct them. The discovery alone is not sufficient. If we do not correct a fault that we have discovered, we soon lose consciousness of the fault. There are times with everyone, no doubt, when it seems that they are making no progress, but these may be the times when we are making most progress.

If we have just one fault, we ought to desire to get rid of it. Our desire should be so great that we shall set about at once to correct that fault. Now if we say, "Oh, it is such a little thing," then we shall not get free from it, and that little thing may become a greater thing. To be too quick to speak is a fault. The Bible says, "Be slow to speak." If we have the fault of speaking too quickly, we should correct that. We can if we will.

The Bible tells Christians to watch and pray. Christians do not need to watch and pray lest they rob a bank. They would not rob a bank if they never prayed. But we do need to watch and pray lest we do some little thing that we should not do. I will relate to you the experience of a dear brother who desired to live for God, but who neglected to watch and pray as he should. An evil thought was presented to his mind. Not seeing the evil of it, he indulged the thought and found pleasure in the indulgence. After a few minutes he felt the reproof of the Spirit of God and so dismissed the thought. Later it came again. It was so pleasing that he indulged it a little longer than before. Again the Spirit reproofed him. In a few evenings the thought came again. It was only a little sensual thought, a little imaginary indulgence of the flesh. But it came again and again. It was indulged a little longer and a little longer. Eventually it worked a fleshly lust into his heart, and after two or three years he was led into actual commission of a sinful deed. It was an apparently innocent thought in

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the beginning, but it ended in sin committed.

There are little yieldings to lightness, impatience, air-castle building, exaggerations, frettings, murmurings, idleness, etc., that prey upon the soul and rob it of peace and the sweet consciousness of God's presence. But there is progress in the divine life for every one of us if we will only give attention to our life as we pass along. The first thing is to have a deep interest in making spiritual gain, and then to be full of faith and encouragement.

Jesus will help you to make some gains each day if you will press your way through the crowd and touch Him. It is the earnest prayer of faith that gets us through to God and makes us feel like giants in His strength. If you would be strengthened in your soul, you must exercise. This is the law of development in the spiritual as well as in the animal life. "Exercise thyself unto godliness." This is a motto we should hang upon the walls of our memory. Its meaning is that increase in godliness is attained only by exercise.

I shall have much now to say about your doing, but bear in mind that the doing is to be not in your strength, but in God's strength. Here are two mottoes to keep in remembrance: "Without Him I can do nothing;" "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me." By the help of the Lord we are going to tell you how to be strong in Him. God wants you to be a David. Go out in His strength and meet the Goliaths. They must fall before you. I shall not tell you so much you do not know as I shall endeavor to get you to practice what you know. How many times have you resolved to do and have failed to keep your resolution? Your failure was not because you could not, but because you did not. To make a success in any business enterprise, one must give it constant and daily attention. Likewise, if you make a success in the Christian life, you must give it constant and daily attention. You must make it not only a business, but also **the first** business of your life.

But some make this complaint: "It takes so much time." It will take some time, that is true, and if you do not think you have time, then you

had better not begin. What would you think of a man who contemplated engaging in some business, but said he did not have much time to devote to it? You would advise him not to engage in the business at all. It takes time to make advancement in the Christian life. One brother said, "But we must attend to our temporal duties." My reply was, "Shall we not attend to our spiritual duties?" When people talk of having to attend to temporal duties, it appears that they are going to do this if they have to neglect spiritual duties. Unless we have a better enlightenment than this, we shall never make progress in the Christian life.

We have no excuse for not being strong in the Lord. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." Of course, you need the help of God, but God helps those who help themselves. He will not by some irresistible power convey you to your closet and put you on your knees, but He will give you strength to go if you will use what He gives you.

I will now give you, not learned theology, but plain, simple instruction how to make daily advancement in the divine life and to be strong in God. "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." I Peter 2:11. Any indulgence of the flesh weakens the spiritual powers. The question might arise, "What are fleshly lusts?" We are here in the flesh. The flesh has not only its desires but its needs. To indulge the flesh in its needs is not fleshly lust, but to indulge it in anything beyond its actual needs is "fleshly lusts." In other words, any intemperance is lust of the flesh. Temperance is a fruit of the Spirit. We are to add temperance to our knowledge. The more knowledge we get of the divine character, the more clearly we can discriminate between fleshly lusts and temperance.

"I keep my body under, and bring it into subjection," says Paul. He spoke these words when talking about running to obtain an incorruptible crown. He calls our attention to how people run to obtain a corruptible crown, and

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A while back I was on a trip with Bro. Joe Fine. We stopped in a restaurant for an evening meal. Seated several tables from us were some men who continually used God's name in vain. After a time, Bro. Joe went over to their table and kindly asked them not to speak in that manner.

They graciously complied. Back in the car, Bro. Joe stated that before God saved him and his wife, Sis. Judy, they had used God's name in vain. But after being cleansed from their sins by the precious blood of Christ, they had quit doing so, and now it hurt them deeply to hear others use God's name in such a way.

Today, we live in a society where it is not uncommon to hear people carelessly use the name of our Lord. Perhaps some do it with little thought, but I would like to impress upon us how careful God would have us be when using His name.

In teaching His disciples to pray, Jesus made this statement about His Father: "Hallowed be thy name."

In the fourth chapter of Revelation, we read that John was taken up into heaven. One of the sights he saw was the four beasts (rendered by many translations as "living creatures") which are signified in Revelation 5:9 as being those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. They were crying, "Holy, holy, holy."

Just how holy is God, and how sacred is His name? The greatest depth of this question must come from God Himself.

After God told Moses to go down into Egypt to lead out the children of Israel, Moses posed this question to God: "Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." Exodus 3:13-14.

There was no name understood by the Israelites by which they could conceive the fullness of God. Therefore, God could not give Moses a name to offer the Israelites. They had to experience God through such miraculous happenings

as the plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, etc.

God is so mighty that the English language, or even the Greek, which is known as the most expressive of all languages, cannot justly depict Him. When we call Him "God" we are speaking of His position and not of His name. His name is felt and experienced in the soul, not described by an intellectual description.

In giving the Mosaic law, God put restraints on the people in forming images and representations of Him. His name was written on the priest's miter so that His name would be before the people, but it was only to be spoken by the high priest at the solemnities when he entered the sanctuary. God was very particular that His name not be associated with something which misrepresented Him or did Him injustice.

He did give His name to His Son. Jesus prayed, "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world." John 17:6. Yet in doing so, God did not give us something of outward beauty to relate to Him, (Isaiah 53:2) but something to experience and feel in our hearts.

Should we not also hold His name in high esteem? Should we not through our actions, demeanor and language teach others how holy the name of God is? How weak and unjust it is for people to carelessly use His name in their language. I wonder what they will do when they stand before Him and feel the greatness of His presence? I don't believe they will have the courage to look Him in the eye on that day. May we behave ourselves with the understanding that we, in this world, are living in His presence, and that He is very mindful of how we use His name.

A number of camp meetings have been held across the country during the summer months, and we are thankful for the good which has been reported as a result of these services. We live in a time when every saint needs an opportunity for encouragement and every sinner needs to be challenged with the story of redemption.

As announced on page 9 of this issue, we have opened a new web site with our own domain. The internet is quickly becoming an integral part of society. It is used to conduct business and transfer information. We see this as a prime opportunity to expose many people to the Word of God.

The internet is also a medium through which the devil works to corrupt the minds of the masses, including children. God has given us the responsibility to keep our minds pure, and He has also given all parents the responsibility to protect the innocency of their children.

In investigating the services which are offered through internet providers, we have found those who render options which filter out all objectionable material. We encourage each internet user to become aware of these options and take seriously the injunction in Philipians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

With this in mind, on our new web site we will be using Integrity Online, which is a filtered service. We hope you will derive much good from the efforts we are making in the use of this technology.

During the month of August I was privileged to attend the camp meeting in Tecate, Mexico. Quite a number were there to enjoy the preaching, testimonies, special singing, etc. It was a time of enjoyable fellowship.

Bro. Adelfo Gonzales, along with some of his family and congregation from Culiacan, were in attendance. Quite a few young people from California and Oklahoma were there also. On Saturday night and Sunday morning the chapel was full.

During the meeting a special outreach was made to the Mixtech Indians who live in the Tecate area. A number of them came to several of the evening services and sought the Lord at an altar of prayer.

Pray for those who are laboring in Mexico, that their efforts will be fruitful. Much energy is being expended on this mission field, and those working there are worthy of our support.

Late word has been received of the death of Bro. P. D. Mathunni, a native missionary in India whom many of the saints knew personally. According to the information we have, he passed from this life on August 23.

We offer heartfelt condolences to his wife and family, and pray for God's grace to be abundant toward each of them during this difficult time.

Bro. Darrell Johnson, a pastor from Dallas, TX, has gone to be with the saints and family.

Pray for his safety on this venture of mercy.



In July we sold out our supply of the hymnal *Evening Light Songs*. Due to our work schedule and the expense of publishing the songbook, it may be a while before we are able to get it reprinted. We apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause.



Bro. Michael and Sis. René Smith have returned safely from their trip to Ghana, West Africa. We hope to have a report of their trip in a later issue.



We wish to thank all who have supported the gospel work here at the Print Shop. There are always obstacles to overcome, but we are encouraged at what God is doing. Please don't forget to mention us in your prayers.

With love in Christ, —Bro. Wayne Murphey



FL—"Hold my family in your prayers."

—Sis. Marilyn Evans

OH—"Would you all please pray for a man who has lung cancer. He is not a Christian. Pray for his mother also. She is torn up over this, and she is not well either."

—Sis. Tressie Atkins

OK—"I am 87 years old and very weak. I am trusting God to help me and I need your prayers."

—Sis. Bessie Patton

LA—"I would like to request prayer for a physical condition which causes me much pain and discomfort."

—Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

CO—"I really need your prayers. I am 82 years old and have sugar diabetes, high blood pressure and arthritis."

—Sis. Leona Carey

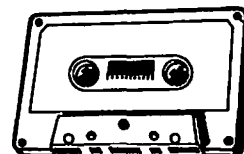
FL—"Again, we are in need of prayer. My mother, Sis. Helen Underdown, is very ill. We humbly ask each of you to please remember her in earnest prayer."

—Bro. Kevin and Sis. Cheryl Smith

Honduras—"Dear saints: We greet you in the lovely name of Jesus. We desire much prayer for our congregation here in Honduras. Satan is fighting daily to rob salvation from precious souls. Please pray much for us. We have a baby that is troubled much with colds. Pray for his healing." —Sis. Lila and Bro. Dennis



**HEALING
TAPE**



Sis. Mary Hughes has made a cassette tape recording the events of a recent healing in her life.

The tape is offered on a free-will offering basis. All proceeds realized from the sale will go toward the church building fund of the Vanceburg, KY, congregation.

The tape can be ordered from: Sis. Mary Hughes, HC 74, Box 642, Vanceburg, KY 41179.



**MONARK SPRINGS CAMP MEETING
TAPES AVAILABLE**

Two tapes of congregational singing are available from the Monark Springs camp meeting, titled, "Blessed Be the Name of The Lord" and "Our God Is Love." These tapes contain some of the highlights of the refreshing times of rejoicing and heavenly singing during the glorious camp meeting at Monark this year. I would recommend these tapes for the whole world to hear!

Also available is one tape of special singing and one of congregational songs followed by testimonies. All the messages, from the first Friday morning to the last Sunday morning, are also taped and available. (Write to request a list.) All tapes are priced at \$3.00, postpaid. Order from: Harlan Sorrell, Rt. 1 Box 118A, Myrtle, MO 65778. Phone: (417) 938-4336.



OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING TAPES

We now have available a tape entitled "The Power of Praise and Prayer" by the late Sis. Katherine Williams, recorded at the Oklahoma State camp meeting in Guthrie, OK, on June 6th. This was one of her last messages before her passing.

Also available are two tapes of singing which

include both congregational and special songs from the same camp meeting.

If you wish to order any of these tapes, please contact Janie Woodruff, 916 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, OK 73044.

The cost is \$2.00 per tape, which includes postage.



Meeting Reports and Notices

CHURCH OF GOD MISSIONARY/TENT EVANGELISM REPORT

The Tuscaloosa-Northport, AL, tent meeting, which took place June 16-20, ended with great rejoicing and seemingly all too soon. The Lord so abundantly answered prayers—saving, sanctifying, healing and edifying the saints in the Alabama congregation, as well as the local community and those who came from other states. Handbills and tracts were passed out in the neighborhood by saints and children, inviting people to the services and witnessing to them. Many listened to the services over the loud speakers, reporting their enjoyment.

In the daytime the Lord blessed the gatherings for the saints, children, young people and ministers. In the evenings the Lord blessed with evangelistic outreach and altar work response. Satan's efforts to hinder were evident when the generator ran out of gas twice in one day after running for three days without problems. This put part of one night service in the dark, but the service continued on anyway until the lights were restored. Satan also sent someone to spy out our liberty, but his evil works were rebuked in Jesus' name. We can know we're on target when Satan tries to overthrow the efforts of God's people. The Lord, His people and the truth prevailed over all evil workings. Praise God!

During the Saturday day service the Spirit led for prayers with anointing and laying on of hands, for healing of bodies, deliverance from demon spirits, seeking of salvation, for counseling and prayer for whole families, and for ministers. This continued until suppertime. The Spirit's visitation and edification was so rich.

The last Sunday morning was spent in singing, testimony and exhortation. The glory of God came down, filling those under the tent with such gladness, rejoicing, shouting, tears and hugs, until conviction and Holy Ghost dealings were so strong that everyone knelt spontaneously in prayer, calling on God for their various

needs, including salvation and healing. Everyone arose fired up for God and blessed. The momentum was so high, the community so blessed, that it was decided to have the tent in that area longer next year (or before) if the Lord permits.

Pray for this tent effort, for souls newly saved and for those God dealt with, that the fruit will remain. You may send donations for the tent effort to The Church of God Missionary/Tent Fund, c/o Bro. Keith Butler, 8242 S. Harvard, Suite B, Tulsa, OK 74137, if God so leads you. Praise be to Him for His marvelous works.

—Submitted by Sis. Bonnie Riley



WICHITA, KS, FALL MEETING

The Wichita, KS, fall meeting has been set for September 10-19. Day services will start on Monday and will be at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will end with the last Sunday afternoon service.

We welcome all who can to come and help as well as receive. Please pray for God to bless in every way.

You may contact Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848 or Bro. Paul Phillips at (316) 721-9557 for further information.

—Sis. Shirley Knight



DUNCANNON, PA, REVIVAL

The Duncannon, PA, congregation has scheduled revival services at the Church of God chapel on September 15-19. Morning and evening services are planned, with the first service being held on Wednesday evening.

Accommodations and camper sites are limited, but there are motels within a half-hour's drive in the Harrisburg area, and some smaller ones even closer. For further details and/or to acquire overnight accommodations, contact Sis. Virginia Myers, (717) 834-4541, or Bro. Stanley or Sis. Nancy Huss, (717) 834-4490.

The chapel location is 5 1/2 miles from Duncannon on Route 489, on the right side of the road. The phone number there is (717) 567-6988.

The Lord has been faithful to give us good meetings in the past, and we are seeking even greater advances for His kingdom during this assembling, with the help of the ministers of His choosing. Please pray for God's work in this area whether or not you can come.

—Sis. Barbara J. Campbell

WISCONSIN GOSPEL MEETING

Lord willing, there will be a meeting September 17-19, 1999. We here in Wisconsin would like to give a hearty invitation for all those who love the Lord and want to be in God's service to come and be an encouragement and support. For more information please contact Bro. Ron and Sis. Martha Zacharias at (715) 635-2994.

KANSAS CITY/HARRISONVILLE, MO, WEEKEND SERVICES

Lord willing, there will be services held at the North Park Activity Center in Harrisonville, MO, September 25-26. The times of the services are 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

For further information call Gertrude Lounds, (913) 722-3488 or Glen Inman, (816) 779-5526.

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS STUDY

Lord willing, there will be a "Pilgrim's Progress" study taught by Bro. Leslie Busbee at the 23rd Street Church of God, 5900 NE 23rd St., Oklahoma City, OK. It will start Sunday night, September 26, and continue through Wednesday night, September 29, at 7:00 each evening. For more information please call Bro. Loren Busbee at (405) 341-7291.

MYRTLE, MO, SINGSPIRATION AND SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICE

The congregation at Myrtle, MO, would like to invite everyone to join us on Saturday night, October 2, for a special time of singing the praises of our God, and also to be with us for Sunday morning service, October 3.

Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Cabins and dormitories are available. For more information, contact Sis. Carol Sorrell, (417) 938-4493 or Bro. Harlan Sorrell, (417) 938-4336.

GUTHRIE, OK, SINGING

Plans are being made for a singing to be held in the saints' chapel at Guthrie, OK, on the evening of October 9. A special invitation is extended to everyone to attend, especially those who have a song on their hearts.

Your presence would also be appreciated in the next day's Sunday morning service. After service a lunch will be served in the dining hall.

Sleeping accommodations will be made for all those in need of them.

Further details about this special weekend can be obtained from the pastor, Bro. Stanley Dickson, (405) 260-8822.

HOLLY HILL, SC, FALL MEETING

Lord willing, for our fall meeting, Bro. Louis Kimble and workers will be holding a tent meeting revival here at Holly Hill, SC, beginning Sunday morning, October 17, 1999, and continuing through the next Sunday morning, October 24, 1999. A hearty invitation is extended to all.

Please help us pray the Lord will pour out His anointing, conviction and blessings as we labor together for souls in this tent meeting.

There are cabins and dormitory space to care for all who come. There are also motels approximately 10 miles from the camp ground: Super 8 Motel (803) 854-3456, Ramada Inn (803) 854-2191, Santee Economy Inn (803) 854-2107 and the Days Inn, (803) 854-2175.

For more information you may contact Bro. Carl Shaffer, (803) 492-3256 or Bro. Floyd Crummie, (803) 496-5768 or Bro. Alvold Pratt (803) 492-3366.

QUOTES FROM MONARK SPRINGS, MO, NATIONAL CAMP MEETING



"The more you get the more you want, and the more you want the more miserable you are."
"Prayer and fellowship with God is life's greatest joy. It's the richest thing." —L. Busbee

"You have access to the entire Bible, but it's up to you to study it and use it." "You need to memorize the Word of God. It's a powerful weapon." —T. Cox

"This is the only time you can commit murder and get away with it. Put self to death! We need to have a good old funeral night. You need to pass by your casket and say 'Whew, glory! Thank God I'm dead!'" —L. Kimble

"God is not a polygamist. He has one church."
"Every individual that's saved and living a holy life the world over is in the Church of God." —M. Smith

"I brought the Lord a bunch of rubble, a bunch of trash and God gave me freedom." —L. Abbott

"Jesus selected the feet (to wash) because

that's the lowest part of the human body."
 "There's something about an ordinance service
 that you'll never get in any other service."

—D. Sharp

"Wear this world as a loose garment. In other
 words, don't let it stick too closely to you."

—A. Bowman

"Everything that I do He sees, and He knows
 and He remembers. He looks at my motives,
 why I did those things, and He weighs them."

—G. McMillan

"You know, sometimes God wants to hide us
 in the rocks, and we want to peek out to see
 what's going on."

—J. Huskey

New Web Page

During the past 3 1/2 years we have experienced considerable success with our web page. Initially it was conceived as a way for us to make our products available online. Since that time, the page has grown and served as an interactive tool which has allowed the readers access to the *Faith and Victory*, *Bible Lessons* and the *Lamp of Youth*.

This system has been beneficial as a means of spreading the Gospel inexpensively around the globe. With great appreciation we have watched the online resources used more frequently.

We have decided to take advantage of the continual improvements in the internet by offering several new features over the next three months via our newest web site, which will be online September 1—conveniently addressed:

<<http://www.faithpublishing.com>>

This new site functions from an Integrity Online filtered access server. It will continue to offer all of our products and our publications online.

Some of the new features we are excited about are as follows:

1. New interactive church pages will be provided so that the various Church of God congregations may maintain their own pages at our expense on our filtered server.

A page for the Guthrie church is already online and all users are encouraged to view it and learn the history of the Guthrie church. All other Church of God pastors and members are encouraged to send in information and pictures regarding the history of their local

congregations so that the information can be added under their listing.

2. On October 1 we will be adding a real audio feature. This will be an audio recording of the Sunday morning worship service at Guthrie which we intend to have online by each Sunday afternoon. This will be a big help to those who are isolated from a Church of God congregation. Anywhere in the world computer users can access the page to receive encouragement from the worship services.

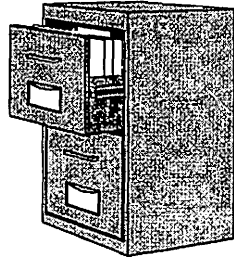
3. On November 1 we hope to add a feature that will allow interactive discussion. This will have controlled access and will permit interchange between those interested in the Bible from all around the world. This can be used for Bible discussion groups, conversation about the Guthrie church services, or even for foreign missionaries who wish to promote interaction between saints back home and those to whom they are ministering.

4. As we at Faith Publishing House prepare to move to our new facility, we have captured the current building as it is and put it online in a virtual tour. We have also added "meet the staff" sections and other features that will allow you to get to know the people who prepare the materials we send out.

Your online support has helped make these improvements possible. It is with joy that we take advantage of the means technology has offered us to spread the gospel more efficiently to all lands. Thank you for your interest in this advancement.

—Jason Murphey

*From
Our
Letter
Files*



KY—Dear Bro. Wayne and staff: I want to report that I am still on the winning side and pressing forward. The precious Lord has and is helping me. I don't know what I would do without Him. He is so good to us all. I want to encourage all the saints that we can trust Him for everything. We had a death here in our congregation, and I have often wondered, since my nerves have been so bad, how I would ever handle a funeral. Well, Bro. Bruner and I were asked to take care of it. I called different saints for prayer, and I tell you, the precious Lord brought such a calmness that I was amazed. What a mighty God we serve! He will never fail us if we put our trust in Him.

I am requesting the saints to remember my children in prayer. They need God. My precious grandchildren need to be in church services. Oh, how tender their little hearts are when they are young. The devil is bidding for their souls.

The Lord is blessing His work here. We have a church building fund started. So far, we have \$8,900.00. I believe we can get an acre of ground for \$10,000. We are trusting the Lord to supply finances. The building we are in now is really old and hard to heat. When it is real cold we are unable to have services. Also, we don't have any inside facilities. We just want a common building. Please help us pray that God will supply this need.

—Sis. Mary Hughes

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SC—Greetings to all at the Print Shop: I hope all are well. Things are not very well with me. I have fallen many times and have lost hearing in one ear. Now my eyesight is damaged. The Lord is with me and He will not fail me. Please pray that I will not fail Him. I love the Lord and have been saved for more than forty years....

Pray for me as I pray for you,

—Sis. Nettie Harbeson

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OK—Greetings of Christian love: I wish to thank each dear one who prayed for me when I went through an affliction. Twice I was at death's door. I am willing to go or stay. It seems that it would have been so wonderful to go to be with

God. I know there are more lessons to learn, but with His love and the strength He gives, we can do what He left us here to do.

May God's blessings be with each one of His children.

Love and prayers to all, —Sis. Doris Bowers

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MO—Dear ones in the Lord: I feel the Lord is impressing me to write my testimony of how He helped me during my stroke while in Oklahoma visiting my daughter and her family. She and her husband took me to the hospital the next morning, after calling my son who cares for me. He told her to take me to the emergency room before starting home, as I wanted them to take me home. I couldn't stand on my left leg, so they put me in the hospital, and the doctor said I would never be able to go home and live alone.

I was determined to do so, and I prayed the Lord to work. The next day, after a lot of tests, the doctor said my stroke wasn't as bad as he thought. I knew God was working. I kept giving the Lord the praise and calling the saints for prayer. I was in therapy a little over a week. They couldn't believe I had no pain or a headache, and how fast I was progressing. I told them I gave the Lord the praise.

I can get around in the house without a walker or cane. I do use a cane outside and when I go to town.

I surely want to thank all the saints for their prayers. I know it was through God hearing those prayers that He brought me out so fast.

I still need prayer for my body. My left side still isn't normal, but I thank the Lord I can stay alone and care for my house and myself.

I am thankful for my five wonderful children and their families for caring and being with me a lot. Pray for them.

—Sis. Norma Allen

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OH—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I trust everyone there is doing fine.

I thank the Lord for salvation. Truly the Lord has been good to me. I thank all the saints for their prayers for me. The Lord has touched my body, and I can say, "To God be the glory for all He has done." "I'll serve Him all my years of time and dwell with Him above."

Continue to pray for my complete healing and for my lost loved ones.

—Sis. Alberta Bruner

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LA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Maybe you and the

readers of the *Faith and Victory* paper will enjoy the following from "Frontline in China."

"At a Chinese House Church one Sunday morning the teacher of the Sunday School class asked the children if they had any difficulty they could not overcome by themselves. A little eight-year-old girl named Ling Ling stood up to share her prayer request. Tearfully she told her story. She had difficulty in swallowing food and even breathing because of a serious tumor in her throat. The doctor had told her and her parents she needed an immediate operation which would cause her to be dumb the rest of her life. It hurt her to think of losing her voice, because then she could not sing praise to the Lord. The whole class was touched and began to pray earnestly for her.

"A few days later Ling Ling was taken to the hospital for the surgery. But the doctor could not find anything wrong with her throat. Confused, he sought an explanation from her mother, who was hesitant to say anything. Not Ling Ling! She answered boldly that the Sunday School class had prayed for her and that was why she was completely healed!"

Rejoice with me over this present-day miracle!

—Sis. Audrey Carver

MO—Dear saints scattered abroad: God's blessings have been manifold throughout my life, and I thank Him for each and every one of them. Naturally, some blessings stand out more than others.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1998, I fell at work. A new carpet had been installed and at times my toe would catch on it. Others mentioned the same thing happening to them.

On this particular day I took a message to an employee's office down the hall. I hurried; in fact, it was more like jogging. Sure enough, my toe went into the carpet and down I went.

There was a blessing in the way I fell, because I could have hit the wall on one side or a large copier on the other. Instead, I fell right in the middle of the hall, with my left cheekbone getting a carpet burn, and bending my glasses so much I could not wear them. Some way, my knee jammed into my elbow, dislocating it.

Someone asked if I was all right, and I said, "No, I'm not." Immediately a lieutenant colonel came to my rescue and helped me upright.

Dorothy, a co-worker, was very concerned with my face and eye. I was only concerned with my elbow, as I didn't feel the carpet burn was

enough to worry about. When the accident first happened, the pain was hard, but I never cried, although there were times the pain shot through my arm when I moved.

Another person drove me to the Guthrie, OK, hospital for x-rays.

The doctor in the emergency room was mostly concerned about my elbow and wanted me to see a specialist. The x-rays showed the bone had popped out in the back of my arm, which made it more difficult since it was dislocated on the front. When I got home, my daughter, Felicia, phoned the saints for prayer.

I had to sit propped with pillows under my arm and at my back to sleep. I woke frequently to adjust my position.

Once when I awoke that first night, I felt the Lord's presence, and He asked, "Nadine, what are you going to do?" Groggy, I replied, "I don't know, Lord, but I want to trust You." Soon I was asleep. Just before the next time I awoke, I dreamed of flames going up and down my arm. The pain was so great it woke me. Now was when I cried. I struggled to get Felicia and awaken her. I told her I couldn't stand the pain and gave her numbers to call for prayer.

Within 30 minutes, the pain subsided. I never had severe pain like that again at any time throughout the ordeal. There were times a flash of pain would make me catch my breath, but once the flash was over it never developed into anything more.

At work there appeared to be a misunderstanding about how to handle the paperwork, and I didn't get in to see a physician until the following Monday, a delay of five days. The specialist said since it was so long after the accident, he couldn't pull it into place without giving me a general anesthetic. If that didn't work, he would have to make a small incision to work the bone into place. He scheduled it for the next day. Everything went well and he didn't have to make an incision, for which I am very grateful. I was told that when the anesthetic wore off I would probably have a lot of pain, and to just expect it. They gave me a prescription for pain—which I never filled.

Three days later the nurse called to see how I was getting along. She brought up my pain. I said, "What pain?"

"Well, the pain you had after the surgery."

I told her, "I didn't have any pain."

"You didn't? You were lucky, lucky, lucky."

I replied, "No, I was blessed, blessed, blessed."

The bone specialist put a cast on my arm after setting my elbow, and scheduled me for physical therapy to start the next day. He even indicated the therapist he wanted and I was able to get her. She was very nice and caring.

The therapy was twice a week for about four weeks, and then three times a week for another two or three weeks. The therapist always seemed quite pleased with my progress.

Once I said, "I guess I'm doing well for someone my age."

"Some people half your age don't do this well," she replied.

Of course, I was quite pleased with the way the Lord had blessed me all along the way. As I said before, there were times when the arm ached and maybe there would be a flash of pain, but never once the hard pain like I had the first night. To Him be the praise, honor and glory.

In March of this year I moved to Missouri, and at times my arm hurt from all the activity of moving. After a good night's rest the aching would be gone.

I really feel blessed through this entire incident and am most thankful for the Lord's goodness, mercies and love.

Yours in Christ,

—Vesta-Nadine (Severs) Robertson

NE—Dear Bro. Wayne, co-workers and saints: Greetings of love in Jesus' precious name. It has been some time since I have written to you, but I still love the old-time Gospel and am determined to go all the way with Jesus.

I have had a lot of changes in my life since I last wrote to you. I had a major stroke last October and another one in February, but the Lord has blessed me over and over, and I can't thank Him enough.

I am now making my home with my oldest daughter in Nebraska. I have several grandchildren living close by, and they are very good to help with my care. My whole family has been very supportive of me.

I have several close relatives that are having major health problems and they need your prayers that the Lord will give them a healing touch.

One of my dear sisters Sis. Lois Sharp, passed away last May and we were sad to lose her, but it is good to know that she is in her heavenly home with her Master.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may

be completely healed so that I will be able to once again care for others who are in need.

Pray for my unsaved loved ones that they will seek salvation before it is too late. They are all so special.

Love in Jesus' name, —Sis. Violet Sinkhorn

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KY—Dear family in Christ: I desire to share again the precious mercies and wonderful blessings of God. In January of 1992, soon after I was saved, I started having some kind of severe headaches. The pain and a burning sensation began in my head, affecting also my left ear, and would remain there for hours, sometimes all night. I could get some relief by placing ice packs on my forehead and the back of my neck. When the pain left my head it would go down the spinal column, leaving me weak and sore for two or three days. I wanted with all my heart to trust the Lord for divine healing which comes only from God. So by God's grace I suffered this affliction as it occurred, usually once a month. In obedience to the Word of God, I was anointed and prayed for, not only for healing but for grace and patience. I knew that healing is not always given instantly and that God said He has a tried people. I don't question His way for He has proven His faithfulness to me many times. I do not know why He took longer this time to give complete healing. His word tells us that all things work for our good (Romans 8:28) and that His work is a perfect work. (Deuteronomy 32:4.) Oh, praise His holy name!

Sometime during the year of '99 the headaches began to occur less often and were not as severe. This increased my faith and I asked God to help me to start claiming the healing. I began to testify by saying I know God is healing me of this affliction. The enemy would try to make me doubt every time I would witness this way, and some light symptoms would come back. I prayed against this, kept trusting the Lord and gained the victory. All glory and honor to my blessed Redeemer who has healing for soul and body!

For several months now there have been no symptoms or side affects of those headaches. My Lord performed a perfect and complete work within my body in His own good time. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psalm 34:19. "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."

Romans 14:8. He alone is worthy to be served and praised.

In closing I want to prove how real our adversary is. Not long after I had claimed healing Satan tried to bring the affliction back. He even told me I had better not send out a testimony. In the name of Jesus I told him he had no claim on me, that I belong to God and I am standing firm on God's promises. I desire to stay worthy of His blessings.

Pray for me that I might fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life. (I Timothy 6:12.) He keeps us faithful only if we desire to stay faithful and yield ourselves completely to His will. At the judgment I intend, by the grace of God, to stand as one of those who have come out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 7:14.) Praise God! We can be more than conquerors through Christ. (Romans 8:37.)

Yours in the Lord, —Sis. Kay Griffith

OK—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Jesus means Savior and truly He is the Savior of all mankind, but especially to those who believe. I think of the words of Jesus where He said, "Follow Me." He will lead us all to heaven if we follow Him, but it is only those who believe with all their hearts that find courage and grace to follow Him all the way.

Jesus said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12.)

I am encouraged to follow the Lord all the way. I can say the way gets sweeter and brighter each day. "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:3.

I plan, if the Lord wills, to leave here the 27th of August to go to the Pacoima, CA, camp meeting.

I desire your prayers, —Bro. T. V. McMillian

KS—Dear saints: I truly thank the Lord for the way He blessed at the Monark Springs camp meeting. I truly enjoyed it and I received good to my soul. The reports I hear about the different meetings this year have been good, for which we praise God.

I plan to attend the meeting in Pacoima and

also the Youth Round-up in Ohio. We are praying for God to bless in a mighty way.

I thank the Lord that souls are still getting saved and we pray they will be faithful.

Christian love, —Sis. Shirley Knight

FL—Bro. Wayne Murphey: I am much better in health and I truly thank God. He is so good to me, and I love the Church of God, the one He purchased with His blood.

I am saved from sin and I love the Bible way. Love and prayers, —Sis. Kathleen Williams

OK—Dear Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary: I look forward to the *Faith and Victory* paper. I want to thank you for your prayers.

I have heard how good the camp meeting was at Monark Springs, MO. I would have liked to be there, but was afraid I could not stand the heat.

With Christian love, —Sis. Mamie Butcher

OK—Dear saints at the Faith Publishing House: May God bless you in His work. I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* magazine.

Pray that I will remain in God's will and obey His commands promptly. Heaven is my goal.

From the signs of the times we are living in the last days. Jesus may be coming back sooner than we expect.

May God continue to bless you in His work. Keep me in your prayers.

Yours in Christ, —Moslette Kern

CA—Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I really enjoyed the Monark Springs meeting. God is really blessing His people. There was a lot of altar work there as well as at the Fresno, CA, meeting. Pray for our young people that they will keep encouraged....

May God bless you in the work there. Christian love, —Sis. Naomi Jennings

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne and all others: I just realized my subscription to the *Faith and Victory* is expiring. I definitely do not want this to happen as I truly enjoy the paper.

I hope this finds all well. I am praying for all the camp meetings to be well attended, and for souls to be saved. I would truly like to attend at least one. At this time it doesn't look favorable.

Please continue to pray for my unsaved family. I have many unspoken requests.

Thank you so much, —Sis. Doris Pihaylic

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From Port Harcourt, Nigeria...

June 10, 1999—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to all of you dear ones of the Lord's Print Shop family. May this find you all in good condition, spiritually, physically and otherwise. Please remain encouraged.

Democracy has again been installed here in Nigeria. We believe that this was made possible with the concerted efforts in prayers of the saints here and there. Indeed, it is an act of God, our compassionate heavenly Father. And unto Him we ascribe all thanks, honor, praises and glory. Also, our hearty gratitude is herein expressed to all the saints who really prayed for the reinstatement of democracy in Nigeria. May the Author of good government, our peace-loving heavenly Father, reward you all accordingly in Jesus' name, Amen. Please pray that the high cost of living here be checked....

By God's grace, like the two faithful servants in Matthew 25:14-23, we are trying to gainfully trade with our talents despite the sufferings we are subjected to as a result of prevalent high cost of living in the rural areas, Tombia inclusive. Consequently, some of our brethren have recently migrated to the urban center of Port Harcourt, where the living condition is better off. None of us who are residents here in Tombia have a lucrative means of subsistence. This is the ultimate reason we are financially handicapped and not able to reach out to other places with the gospel as we should. Nevertheless, here in the entire community of Tombia we have so preached and taught the gospel that all who refuse to believe it will consequently have their soul's blood be upon their heads. We have delivered our souls according to God's Word in Ezekiel 33:9.

A somewhat profitable business has opened here in Tombia. It is the carrying of commuters on motorcycles from Tombia to Bukuma and beyond, and to carry other commuters from the other end back to Bukuma or Tombia. To begin with, a motorcycle with a single exhaust pipe is good for the business. This will certainly help to sustain the brother who is willing to drive it and also assist the church financially. The motorcycle could be bought at Port Harcourt for about \$530.00. We do prayerfully look up to God to make our starting this business possible through our U.S. brethren....

We need your prayers. We do pray for you

always, and with regard to the camp meetings currently holding there, so that many people should be saved and healed.

Yours in the body of Christ,

—Bro. Onimite Benaiah Alalibo

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From India...

July 19, 1999—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints abroad: Greetings to you all dear ones again in the glorious name of Jesus Christ. May God bless the efforts of the saints everywhere to win souls for the glory of God. I believe God blessed the Monark Springs camp meeting this year with a good harvest of souls through anointed messages. May God bless the remaining camp meetings also.

Monsoon rains are still going on here, but not as strong in our area now. All of the congregations here are going on fine. Please remember us in your prayers as we do for you.

Yours in Him, —Bro. John Varghese

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From Mexico...

July 22, 1999—Dear Bro. Wayne, Print Shop workers and saints: We greet you from sunny Ensenada, Mexico. We rejoice in the blessings of the Lord and His marvelous salvation. I often think how unworthy I was when He saved me. We are all unworthy servants, yet the more unworthy we are, the more His grace and strength abound to His glory.

First, we want to take the opportunity to thank you for the generous offering we received a few weeks ago. It came at just the right time to encourage us. Each time we receive such an encouraging sign from the Lord it strengthens our assurance that we are in the right place....

We miss being among the saints at Monark. We have been every year since we came among the saints, so we are really missing you all, since we only see some of you while there. But we are there in spirit, and we have spent every devotion time praying for the ministry. We expect to hear great things from those who were there.

Yesterday, Bro. Dennis Dille and I went to a local park and gave out tracts. It is thrilling to be able to minister to these precious people, even though we can't really speak Spanish. They seem thankful for the tracts, and none of them are tossed away. Please pray for the printed Word. One never knows how many people get to read them before they are discarded. In the evening we went visiting with Bro. Romolo and his wife, Sergia, inviting people to come to

church and the camp meeting. They are Bro. Mayarino Escobar's parents and came here to visit and urge the people to be true to God. Pray that his exhortations will bear fruit. Pray also for our neighbors: Antonio and Gloria, and Frank, Yvonne, and their daughter, Cielo. Antonio runs a thrift store and furniture shop, while Frank is a retired engineer. We are also looking for a teacher who can help us with learning Spanish.

By the time you read this, the camp meeting here in Ensenada will be over. Pray for the fruit that was gathered, and for the souls who were fed and encouraged. We are looking for God to do great things.

Don't forget to pray for us as a family. The devil will oppose us at every turn, but by the grace of God we will see him defeated. (Revelation 12:11.)

Yours in Christ,

—Bro. Joe and Sis. Judy Fine



IN MEMORIAM

Katherine Williams was born in Newalla, OK, July 1, 1905, the eleventh child of Isom and Arnetta Williams. Her parents, eight brothers and three sisters, one infant daughter, one son, one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter preceded her in death.

She accepted Christ as her Savior and Lord and served Him faithfully, giving herself to prayer and the studying of the Word. She was always mindful of the lost, caring for the sick and unsaved, and ministering wherever there was a need.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Nancy Evans, two grandsons, Col. Stanley Evans and wife, Sandra, Ernest Evans, Jr. and wife, Debra; two great-granddaughters, Amber and Shani Evans; one great-grandson, Stanley Evans, II; eight nieces and 1 nephew, Noris Williams, Jr. Also surviving is a dear cousin, Elversa Eddens, who helped very much in caring for her while she was a patient at the Golden Rule Nursing Home. Many friends and saints played a large role in her care during her illness.

Sis. Williams was a former member of the Church of the Living God where her brother, the late Bishop A. B. Williams, was the overseer. She was a faithful worker in this denomination and served as pastor and evangelistic worker, always concerned for the souls of men.

During the mid 40's, while residing in Oakland, CA, she became united with the Evening Light saints. There were many good memories that she relived for her former and later pastors, Bro. E. J. Trotter, Bro. I. C. Chandler and others. Her ordination to the ministry took place in CA.

In 1955, the Lord inspired her to move back to Oklahoma City where she began a fruitful work of ministering to saints and friends. Often she would go into the homes of the sick and dwell with them until the Lord healed them or took them home. Many miracles and healings were wrought through her prayers. Where there were congregations without pastors, she always assisted. The Dover, OK, and Hennessey, OK, congregations were consolidated where she pastored for many years. Later, she became the pastor for the Boley, OK, congregation. There she was pastor for over thirty years, until her health began to fail.

Bro. Charles Chandler became her pastor and was her pastor until the time of her homegoing. She moved to the Golden Rule Nursing Home in Shawnee, OK, in September 1998, where Bro. Michael Smith was a source of comfort and encouragement.

Sis. Katherine made her mark by assisting with the establishment of congregations across the nation including Dallas, TX, Northport, AL, Las Vegas, NV, Seattle, WA, Goulds, FL, and others.

Funeral services were held in the Rolfe Memorial Funeral Chapel of Oklahoma City, OK, on July 10, 1999. Bro. James Bruner gave the eulogy and Bros. Charles Chandler and Leslie Busbee assisted in the service. Interment was in the Friendship Cemetery, Newalla, OK.



Edith Ann Wall was born June 24, 1904, in Fayette County, IL, to David and Laura Smyth. On June 26, 1999, two days after her 95th birthday, she passed away at the Golden Rule Home in Shawnee, OK, where she had been for about two months.

Edith was reared by a godly mother who prayed earnestly for her three daughters. The Smyth family lived in rural Illinois and were seldom able to be in services with the saints.

Edith was married to Dr. J. C. Thurman, and they had one daughter, Evodna. They lived in the St. Louis, MO, area. In 1934, she married Perry Wall, and they had one son, Jim. Perry

had one daughter, Evelyn, when they married. Their home was in Dallas, TX.

Due to a physical problem Edith had, her mother suggested that she write to Bro. Fred Pruitt for prayer and an anointed handkerchief. The Lord healed her body and saved her soul. From that time on she was a faithful member of the Church of God, and kept busy trying to get the truth to as many people as she possibly could. During her years in Dallas there was no Church of God congregation in the area but she contacted many people from all walks of life to tell them about the Lord.

Her companion of over forty years passed in 1975, and she moved to Guthrie, OK. For the first time Edith was able to be in services regularly and she really enjoyed being in the Guthrie congregation. She enjoyed close friendships with several of the Guthrie saints who have already passed, including Sis. Green, Sis. Sprague, Maybelle and Lawrence Pruitt, Maude Hornbeck and Sis. Etta Brandt. About 1992 she moved to an apartment by the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee.

The surviving family includes her daughter, Evodna Marler; one son, Jim and his wife, Anecia; her stepdaughter, Evelyn Gunnels and her husband, Warren; nine grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Church of God chapel, officiated by Bros. Michael Smith and Stanley Dickson. Interment was in the Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, OK.

The family wishes to express deep gratitude for all of the love, concern, support and prayers so freely given by the saints.

Velma Marie Paschall passed away on June 30, 1999.

Survivors include her son, Jim Paschall; daughter, Lulani Warren; brother, Lloyd Daniels; sister, Beverly Cordoza; 8 grandchildren, 13 great-great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Editor's Note: We regret that, due to a lack of space in this month's *Faith and Victory*, we have had to hold several of the obituaries which have been submitted for publication until next month's edition.

A small girl one evening looked up wondering at the star-studded sky and exclaimed, "If the wrong side of heaven looks like this, what must the right side be like!"

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"every man," he says, "that striveth for the mastery **is temperate in all things.**" If men must be temperate in all things in order to obtain a corruptible crown, how much more temperate must we be in order to obtain an incorruptible crown? If the soul does not keep the body under, the body will keep the soul under.

But this keeping under does not consist in many prayers, in long vigils, and fasts, in severe chastening of the body, in dwelling in a cloister or being a hermit. Do not make this sad mistake. His yoke is easy and His burden is light, yet the Christian life is one of self-denial. But His love in our hearts makes it a delight. We are not to keep our bodies under by prolonged fasts and beatings, but to keep in control the self-seeking that is natural to the self-life of man.

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