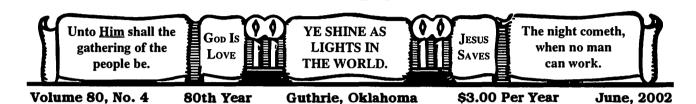
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This Is My Father's World

Reverencing God

This is my Father's world.
And to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.

The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world,
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world.

O let me ne'er forget

That tho' the wrong seems oft' so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world,
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King—Let the heavens ring:
God reigns: let the earth be glad.

-Maltbie D. Babcock

"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him." Psa. 89:7. I would like for the reader to think down beneath the surface of this Scripture; and ponder for awhile; and then to think again above the foundation upon which this text is laid. Because, by observation, I am thoroughly convinced that far too many people read this verse; or hear it read or quoted, and pass on like a leaf blown by the wind without receiving any weight, food, or essence therefrom. Yes, this is true.

We shall consider the first word, God. Who is God? What is God? We might say, "God is light." Yes without Him we would all be in darkness. Someone said, "God is the strength of my life," and we would be obliged to accept that as a necessary fact, because Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing," and David said on one occasion, "God is our refuge and strength." If He is not our refuge, we have no shelter in which to hide from the stormy blasts of life. Somebody said, "God is good." It is true that God is good, and the source of all goodness.

No doubt, we could continue on and on and never fully explain what and who God is, but there is one thing that we must own and confess; and that is, that the world by wisdom does not know God. The only way one can know God is through personal experience and contact. It was experience that caused Moses and the children of Israel to sing, "The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God,... my father's God, and I will exalt him." Ex. 15:2.

"Obedience is the greatest evidence

"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to

dwell in. To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power, not one faileth." Isa. 40:12, 15, 22, 25-26.

God proclaimed Himself and said, "I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me." By the use of these paradigms, terms, and phrases, we are able to comprehend, in a very faint measure, something of the power, greatness, and ability of God, and to get a faint understanding of what and who God is. Job says, "Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him?" And Paul goes on further and says, "Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire."

No wonder then that He is to be greatly feared in the assembly of the saints. Do not lightly pass over the word "greatly." God, being a great personage is greatly to be feared, which means, considerably above the average; and not only to be feared, but also to be had in reverence in the assembly of the saints, according to the statement made by the apostle Paul. It takes grace to have this reverence and godly fear in our hearts to the degree that would cause us to be accepted of God, for indifference is nauseating to God. He cannot and will not stand it.

How did Moses reverence God at the burning bush? By taking off his shoes and listening to God's voice, with a mind to obey the same. How did Paul reverence God when he met Him on the road to Damascus? By saying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" with a heart ready to obey. How did the children of Israel reverence God when Moses read to them His

commands and statutes? By saying, "All that the Lord has said will we do, and be obedient." Obedience is the greatest evidence of reverence and respect. The tipping of the hat, the bowing of the head, and the lifting of the hands, the bowing of the knees, and so on, are all right each in its time and place.

One definition of reverence is, "A feeling of profound respect, often mingled with awe and affection." Or we might say, "with love and regards."

Jesus said, "If a man love me he will keep my

words." So we conclude that to reverence God as He would have us

of reverence and respect."

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said in one place: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Many manifested her reverence to the Savior

Mary manifested her reverence to the Savior by sitting at His feet and drinking in the gracious words that fell from His blessed lips.

As we have been taught to fear and reverence God by our parents, God's ministers, workers, and ambassadors—many of whom have been called from their field of labor and have gone on to be with the Lord—we, too, should be as some of them were, and say to our children, "Come ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord." Bring them to the house of God, teach them to reverence the services of the Lord, to give heed to the messages, prayers, and exhortations from time to time, to be quiet and attentive and not to be making unnecessary passes in and out while service is in session, nor standing around outside the building or around the corner somewhere, but to listen with reverence and respect to the Word of the Lord which is able to make them wise unto salvation. I realize that for them to know God they must contact Him personally themselves, but there is something the Lord would have us to do: "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" by precept and example.

Dear ones, reverence for God, for His Word, for His people, and for His ways is fast decreasing in the world today. Let us who know God by personal experience and contact, do what we can to keep the fear and reverence of God great, both in the assemblies and in our homes, by His help and grace.

—Ulysses Phillips

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Awake

Please Look and Live

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Down through the first chapter of Genesis, there are 21 verses that begin with, "And God."

Today we know there is God. Not a god, but **God**, Almighty, Everlasting. Isaiah 9:6-7 says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,..."

Yet people do not get the good message. God's will and purpose is and always has been for our eternal good. Think of how He first made provision for us before He ever made man. He wills us happiness and comfort while we live here and eternal rest and security evermore, if we will give heed to what He has to offer.

Jesus says in Matthew 11:28-29, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy

laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

We are living in a restless age, because people are not willing to leave the world and follow Jesus. False security only takes them farther from the real rest that Jesus came to bring. God's way is being crowded out with so called pleasures, things which have no real value. People are so carried away with sports of all kinds, there is no room in their hearts to think about God or where they will go from here. The TV and movie business is picking up momentum. The song says, "You always have room in your sin-loving heart for pleasures that stain and decay. But still in your life Christ is taking no part, no room for the giver of grace."

Please make room. It could be later than you think. We have no promise of tomorrow.

With a burden for precious souls,

Love and prayers, —Gladys S. Cashio

My Father—My Friend

By Neta Murphey

I am thankful for the love of an earthly father who loved and cared for me. Through his love I can better understand the love of my heavenly Father.

As an infant, small and helpless, we find security in the strong arms of a parent. Then as a toddler we are encouraged to make those first steps toward the open arms of the ones who love us. When we stumble and fall, we are encouraged to get up and try again.

Many times we find ourselves running to our Father and saying, "Daddy, do this" or "Daddy fix it, please." His loving heart is full of compassion and will take time for our needs and desires.

When sickness or trouble has darkened our pathway he will be there to hold our hand and intercede to our heavenly Father in our behalf.

He will be our example, a worthy pattern to follow, and will guide us in the paths of righteousness. When we are caught in an act of disobedience, a loving father will correct and admonish us. He also stands ready to forgive.

In like manner our heavenly Father has made a way whereby we can come to Him through His son, Jesus. He stands with open arms to anyone who will hearken to His voice. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

In times of trouble we can cry out as David did, "Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast." Psalm 57:1.

He wants to be your Father, your Friend.

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We greet you in the name of our dear Redeemer,
Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for His blessings to us.
The words of the Psalmist say: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his

benefits.; Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies."

We don't want to forget the blessings that the Father so richly pours out upon His trusting children. Every day our life is enriched by His lovingkindness, the air we breathe, the sun which brings light to the world, the plants and the animals which enhance the earth and supply mankind with so many wonderful things. The minerals and the metals bless us with many useful things. We could not begin to list the things the Lord gives for our daily existence.

The spiritual blessings likewise are very important, the weight of sin that He lifted from our hearts when He forgave us, the hope He gives and the peace and comfort brings assurance to our souls. The Word gives us direction and understanding of His will for our lives. All that we need to have a successful life has been provided by His dear Son.

One time I was greatly troubled about many problems that had been allowed to touch my life. As I was praying, it came to me to write them all down. So I began to list them out on paper. After I wrote my problems down, I was impressed to list the things I was thankful for. As time went by, the Lord answered prayer and my problems all worked out. I wrote on my list how the Lord resolved the situations. Now the complete list is of things I am thankful for. "What a Mighty God We Serve." All too often I'm afraid we pray for the Lord to help us in needs which we have and He answers and works out our difficulties so subtly that we don't even give Him the proper credit. Let's train ourselves to be more aware of how the Lord really does work in our lives. As a result, we will have more to praise the Lord about and our faith will be strengthened.

I am thankful for how the Lord has helped us here at the Print Shop this last month. We have learned many lessons and we have felt the result of your prayers. Please continue to lift us up in your prayers. We ask that the Lord will give us wisdom to efficiently and effectively manage this work for His sake.

We have been out of stock on many of our tracts and books. This last month we printed quite a number of tracts, but there are still many more that need to be printed. Many of the tracts we are out of are on the subject of Salvation. We are looking to the Lord to help us restock. It requires a lot of paper and supplies to keep the presses running, but we feel it is the Lord's will for this work to continue. By His help and your support, I believe many of these books and tracts should be, and can be reprinted.

-Bro. Willie E. Murphey



IL- "We need special, urgent prayer."

—Johnnie Terrill

OK- "I am writing to ask you to pray for my sister, Essie Abbott. She is in a nursing home and is getting very sick. She isn't eating and her mind isn't very good. Please pray the Lord will have mercy on her and be with her.

"Also remember a mother who lost her son this week. He was in his late 30's."

Love and prayers, —Sis. Tressie Adkins KY—Sis. Mary Hughes has requested prayer. She has had the flu and is having difficulty recovering from its effect.

Standing Prayer Requests

Sis. Ruby Bell
Sis. Lydia Bennett
Sis. Alscene Breckenridge
Sis. Nellie Brown
Bro. Jon Busbee
Sis. Mamie Butcher
Bro. Nathan Carver
Sis. Estelene Cramer

Sis. Waneta Creel Sis. Frances Deforth Bro. Dale Doolittle Sis. Elaine Dunn Sis. Eleanor Fingerle Sis. Pearlene Gerald Sis. Esther Gordon Bro. Huev Gordon, Jr. Bro. Lee Hilton Bro. Shawn Howard Sis. Mary Hughes Sis. Daisy Johnson Sis. Janice Johnston Sis. Earnestine Jordan The Lounds sisters Sis. Mattie McIntvre Sis. Bertha Miles Bro. Allan Miller Sis. Virginia Myers Sis. Dollie O'Neall Bro. O. C. Porter Sis. Melba Powell Sis. Myrtle Savoie Bro. M. Agenemoh Sidi Sis. Kay Stover The Mitch Taylor family Sis. Anna Mae Thompson Bro. Preston Vulgamore Bro. Curtis Williams. Sr. Bro. Max Williamson Sis. Esther Wilson

CAMP MEETING DATES

Tulsa, OK—June 9-16
Green Bank, WV—June 14-20
Jefferson, OR—June 14-23
Loranger, LA—June 30-July 7
Fresno, CA—July 5-14
National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 19-28
Myrtle, MO—July 31-Aug. 4
Bakersfield, CA—Aug. 7-11
Spooner, WI (Tent Meeting)—Aug. 29-Sept. 1

SPECIAL NOTICE CHURCH OF GOD (CLACKAMAS, OR)

The saints that were known as the Gladstone congregation had met in John and Carolyn Shirrell's home for a few years and then rented a hall for some time. I am pleased to inform you that the congregation has now established a more permanent location. Church of God (Clackamas), 8939 SE Tolbert Rd., Clackamas,

OR 97015. Services: Sunday school-10:00 a.m., Sunday morning—11:00 a.m., Sunday evening—6:00 p.m. and Wednesday prayer meeting—7:30 p.m.

If you desire more information or directions, please contact the pastor, Steve Elwell (503) 702-6503 or Don and Laura Elwell (503) 723-0589. We appreciate your prayers in supporting our work here.

Please e-mail me if you have any questions.

Love and peace, —Don Elwell

WICHITA MEETING REPORT

We are so thankful for the Spirit of God and how He does lead. We were blessed in our meeting with some very stirring messages. A number responded to the Word and leading of the Spirit and sought for different needs at an altar of prayer. We are glad that someone did seek for salvation and trust that soul will settle down in God and really get rooted in Him. We wish more unsaved had attended the meeting to realize they don't have much time left and should hurry up and seek for salvation.

The singing was blessed also and encouraging to souls. We do appreciate the ones who were able to come and help in the meeting. We truly "Thank God for every little blessing."

-Sis. Shirley Knight

HOLLY HILL, SC, CAMP MEETING

The Holly Hill, SC, Camp Meeting will be held, Lord willing, June 2-9, 2002. The first service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, June 2nd and the last service is scheduled for Sunday morning, June 9th.

We are looking for the Lord to bless us with His precious presence again this year. We are looking for the Lord to send the ministers and workers of His choosing, and we extend a hearty welcome to each one to come be with us. If you can't come in person, we still need your prayers. We are looking to the Lord to save sinners, heal the sick and uplift Believers.

Weekdays will begin with prayer service at 8:00 a.m., followed by breakfast at 9:00 a.m. The regular morning service will begin at 11:00 a.m., with lunch following afterwards. Any afternoon services will be as announced. Evening services are to be at 7:30. There will be food in the kitchen after the night service for any who are interested.

Lodging and meals are by free-will offerings.

There are limited accommodations on the campground, but the Lord has ways of making provision for those who come! We also have a few camper hook-ups on the grounds for water, electric and sewer on a first-come, first-served basis. Just let us know and we will try to arrange a place for you to stay. We don't want anyone to feel that they "have" to get a motel, but sometimes there are those who prefer one. Here are some names and numbers of motels in Santee, about 10 miles away. Ramada Inn (803) 854-2191; Super 8 Motel (803) 854-3456; Santee Economy Inn (803) 854-2107 and Comfort Inn (803) 854-3221.

The campground is located on Bayview Street between Camden Road and Eutaw Road, Holly Hill, SC. For more information, contact the pastor, Bro. Carl Shaffer, (803) 492-3256, Bro. Floyd Crummie (803) 496-5768 or Bro. Alvoid Pratt (803) 492-3366.

TULSA, OK, CAMP MEETING

The Tulsa, OK Camp Meeting will begin on Sunday, June 9, 2002 and end on Sunday, June 16.

There will be morning and evening services Monday through Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Sundays; Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., morning service at 10:30 a.m. with afternoon services on both Sundays.

All are invited to attend. Come praying and expecting great things from the Lord.

The church address is: 1102 E. Pine Pl. (The nearest main intersection is Pine and Peoria).

For more information contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Lowe. (918) 584-6838 or Bro. Charles Rhodes (918) 272-9682. The chapel telephone number is (918) 585-2442

GREEN BANK, WV, CAMP MEETING

The Green Bank, WV, Camp Meeting will be held this summer beginning Friday evening, June 14, and ending Thursday night, June 20. We anticipate a Spirit-filled meeting because the Lord has been so faithful to us in times past. Yet, we covet your prayers for this meeting. We know it will be blessed only from our burden for it

Prayer services will be held at 8:00 every morning, with breakfast served at 9:00. The regular morning service will be at 11:00. A midday meal will be eaten after the morning service ends. Young people's meeting is at 6:00 p.m.

and evening services are at 7:00. Snacks are served in the dining hall after the evening services.

We have rooms available to those who would like to stay on the grounds. There are also some homes which prepare for our camp meeting guests. It would be convenient for us here for you to let us know if you need accommodations so we can be sure they are ready for you. There are camper hookups available on the grounds, and the buildings are handicap accessible.

The weather is sometimes very cool. Please bring your own bedding and a jacket. The services are held under a tabernacle. A fan may be needed during some of the warmer days.

We welcome all who have an interest in the work of the Lord in this part of the country. Or if you would simply like a blessing, please come and be with us.

The White Pines Campground is located in Arbovale, WV, just off Rts. 28 and 92. There will be signs directing you to the campground. If you have any questions, call Bro. Toney Samons (304) 456-3017 or Bro. Marty Clevenger (304) 456-3242.

JEFFERSON, OR, CAMP MEETING

Plans have been made for the annual Jefferson, OR, Camp Meeting. The dates are: June 14-23. The first service will begin on Friday night, with services through the week at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Additional services are planned for the first Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and the last Saturday at 2:30. The Camp Meeting will close with a 2:30 afternoon service on Sunday, June 23.

We are expecting out-of-state ministers present to preach the Word and we welcome everyone to attend.

After arriving in Jefferson, you can reach the campgrounds by going east on Marion Road approximately 1 mile, then left on Skelton Road 1/2 mile. The chapel will be on the right.

For more information, contact the pastor, Bro. Bob Wilson (541) 327-3621.

ALCOA, TN, TENT MEETING

The tent meeting in Alcoa, TN, will convene Wednesday night, June 19 through Sunday morning, June 23, 2002.

The meeting will be conducted by Bro. Charles Taylor and Bro. Larry Abbott. We extend a heartfelt welcome to all who would like to attend.

Accommodations will be provided; however there are nearby hotels. There will be street work during the meeting. Come praying that the Lord will have His way in this meeting and send laborers of His choosing.

Services will be held daily at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

For further information, you may contact Sis. Mary McDonald at (865) 977-6997 or Bro. Dwight and Sis. Carrie Porter at (865) 984-2348. The number to the chapel is (865) 681-6838.

LORANGER, LA, CAMPMEETING

Lord willing, this summer's meeting in Loranger will begin on Sunday, June 30, with services twice daily through Sunday, July 7. Please come expecting a blessing! Please support this meeting in your prayers.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Please bring sheets and linens, if possible.

Power and water hookups are provided for those with campers. Meals will be served and expenses met by freewill offerings.

From Loranger, go two miles south and about three and one-half miles east on Hwy. 40.

For those traveling I-55, the grounds are about 10 miles east of the Tickfaw exit (take Hwy 442 East which runs into Hwy. 40).

For more information, contact Nelson Doolittle: 51367 Narretto Road, Loranger, LA 70446. Phone: (985) 878-6111. The chapel phone is (985) 878-2788. (Please note the new area code.)

Sincerely and in love,

-Carlos Doolittle (985) 878-8122

FRESNO, CA, CAMP MEETING

The Fresno Camp Meeting will begin July 5, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel located at 388 North First St., if God tarries His coming. We invite you to join us in worship, praise and food for the soul and body.

The schedule of services is as follows: Daily—10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday there will also be a 2:00 p.m. service.

Come get a blessing, and be a blessing to us!! From Hwy. 99, take the Ventura exit east to First St., and left three blocks. For information and lodging contact Pastor Charles Taylor, (559) 348-9029 or Bro. Charles Parrish, (559) 221-6808.

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 19-28, 2002. All are cordially invited to come and bring others to enjoy the blessings we are expecting from the Lord.

The Monark Springs campground is located approximately five miles east of Neosho, MO. It is one mile east and 3/4 mile south of the intersection of Highways 86 and 59.

If you travel to Neosho by bus, you may telephone the campground, (417) 472-6427, or Bro. Mike Hightower, (417) 451-3636, for transportation.

The camp meeting is conducted on a free will offering basis. There is no charge for meals or lodging on the campgrounds. You are welcome to come and enjoy the meeting. We are confident God will supply every need. Meals will be served in the dining hall. Dormitory space and trailer spots are available on a first-come basis. Family units are also available.

The business managers are Randel Bradley (see address and telephone number below), and Mike Hightower, 13974 Newt Dr., Neosho, MO 64850. Phone, (417) 451-3636.

Instructions For Making Dormitory Reservations

Call DeLoris Bradley (620-226-3390). If not at home, please leave a message on the answering machine, or e-mail <rdbradley@ckt.net> I will call or e-mail to confirm.

Please Provide the following information so I can accommodate each one better:

Name and phone number

Date of arrival

Date of departure

Number of adults and children in party Things to keep in mind:

Bring your own bedding if possible.

If you leave after the weekend be sure to let me know even if you are returning the next weekend.

No young people or children are to stay alone in cabins or family units.

After Wednesday the rooms start clearing out, so you might want to keep that in mind.

We have a boys' and a girls' dorm—if your child is staying in one of these we ask that you feel the responsibility of staying also for at least one night.

There is a mens' dorm, ladies' dorm and a ladies' dorm for the handicapped.

We want everyone to come and enjoy the fellowship of kindred hearts, while we worship the Lord together.

Come praying that the Holy Spirit will have full reign in all that we as a group do, from the dorms to the kitchen, and in cleaning and keeping our grounds orderly. Parents or guardians, please keep your children in services with you. I believe God would be pleased if we observe these things and will meet with us under the tabernacle in a greater way.

Love and prayers,

—DeLoris and Randel Bradley 1540 2000 Rd Bartlett, KS 67332

Monark Kitchen Schedule

It's that time again to think about Monark. Each state is responsible to help on their designated day. You may help on a different day if the list does not fit your schedule. Three positions are open for dinner cooks and all supper meals. Dining Hall positions are: Breaking down serving lines, taking out trash, washing tables, sweeping and mopping floors. The pay is out of this world.

A job a day, While you stay, Relieves others to pray.

FRIDAY: AGES 30-40 SATURDAY: AGES 41-55

SUNDAY: Young People and Young Married

MONDAY: AL, OR, WA, TX, NC TUESDAY: CA, SC, WI, FL, PA WEDNESDAY: LA, IN, KY, KS

THURSDAY: WV, AR, WI, OH, CANADA

FRIDAY: OK (Muskogee, Nowata, Four Corners,

Boley, Enid)

SATURDAY: OK (OKC, Guthrie, Shawnee, Green

Pastures, Sapulpa) SUNDAY: OK, MO

So that I may maximize everyone's help and minimize the impact to your personal schedule, it is needful that you contact me by July 1 as to when you will be available to help in the kitchen.

You may reach me at: —Sis. Kim Bock 6485 S. 97th W. Ave Sapulpa, OK 74066

E-mail address: kimberlykbock@aol.com.

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING

The annual California State Camp Meeting at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA, will begin, Lord willing, Friday night, August 16, at 7:30 p.m., and last through August 25. There will be three general worship services daily: 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

We extend a hearty invitation to all to come and worship with us. For directions, accommodations or assistance, call Bro. Herbert Clay, (818) 897-1396 or the Sunset Guest Home, (818) 899-2022.

Please note: This date is one week earlier than previous years.



LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

OR—Dear Bro. Willie: Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. We pray that with "...simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God,..." (II Corinthians 1:12) the labors of all the workers at the Lord's Print Shop will be rewarded with souls brought to Jesus for salvation. Praise and honor and glory to that Name that is above all names.

We are very thankful for the blessings bestowed on us each day. All of our needs are supplied and even though we have afflictions we know that whatever is permitted to affect our lives is what is needful and best for us. We desire to be submissive and obedient, living our lives so that nothing we say or do will bring any reproach on His name.

With Christian love,

-Bill and Ruby Fern Busch

KS—Dear Bro. Murphey: We are praising the Lord for His healing touch. A nephew had been diagnosed as having cancer of the lymph nodes, in and around the throat area. The lumps, even the largest one, have disappeared. God is good and we thank Him daily for His salvation and His wonderful works to all who will believe and receive Him.

I am hoping to sell my house here and move to be near my daughter. I am praying for the Lord's direction. I want to be always in the center of His will.

Again we thank you for all of the good literature that is published at the Faith Publishing House. We send prayers, love and thanks to all of God's helpers there.

In His love, —Naomi Hiebert

WV—Dear Ones: I received the May Issue of Faith and Victory. Thanks for your faithfulness through the years. I am now 77 years old and I found this precious truth when I was in my twenties. I was born into the Kingdom of God, and I want to say, He has been so faithful to me.

Be encouraged, —Lloyd Cassell

LA—Dear Bro. Wayne and workers for Jesus: Thank the Lord for His mercy and compassion.

August 6, 2000, a message on "compassion" was preached in Guthrie. This evening the message blessed my soul, as I heard the tape. GOD IS SO GOOD to use different avenues to reach His children.

The last few months, trials have been coming like flery clarts, and the scripture that came to encourage me yesterday was from Isaiah 59:19 "...When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

God has been so faithful to me. Twenty-five years ago, I felt so alone, sad, confused and unsaved. The Lord showed compassion to me and His goodness helped me come to repentance.

April 14, 2002, a message on "commitment" was delivered and my heart hammered in my chest. I hearkened to the call and glorious peace flowed into my life. Confusion has cleared, PRAISE GOD!

I want the world and all the saints to know the girls and I have been so blessed to have known and felt the Carver's love. We adopted them for our own and we were privileged to see Jesus in action in their life and in death. We will all miss Bro. Arnett. He showed compassion to us like Jesus.

"Jesus has been so good to me, No other friend so kind could be."

Love, —Catherine DiDio Bhramayana

LA—Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and to the saints everywhere: Greetings! Praise our Lord again for another victory! The Lord and the precious children of God have been and still are,

very precious to me. For many years the Lord has been my healer, for soul, mind and body. HE IS REAL TO ME!!

In January 2001, I pulled the upper muscle in my right arm, which took a long time to heal. Then, this past January 2002, it happened again with even more suffering than before. I needed much help from the Lord as well as my family and the church.

On top of this, March 10th, I came down with the flu, and from all appearance, double pneumonia. I was ill four weeks. We were lookingto the Lord; many were praying with me. Our three ministers came, anointed and prayed with me. I had plenty of tender loving care for which I wish to say again, "Thank you."

There was a blessing through it all. The time in bed gave the pulled muscle time to rest and heal. I am thankful, now that I'm up and doing some of my daily work, that my arm doesn't hurt.

While ill, I developed a very deep cough.

Sometimes I would almost lose my breath and the suffering in my upper back and chest was so bad I thought of heaven and longed sometimes to go. But they were holding on for my healing. I told the Lord I was "willing to go or to stay, just have Your way with me." He has healed me again!

I am thankful to be able to go back to church also. During my illness my burden for souls increased.

As sure as we are here, dear people, we are on our way out, sooner or later. Let us daily study to show ourselves approved unto our God and be ready to hear Him say "well done."

I do so much appreciate the paper and the work you are doing for the good of souls.

I would encourage people to read Sis. Ruby Stover's book, "Life's Golden Gleanings" so that they would be more able to count their blessings today.

With thanksgiving, love and prayers,

-Gladys S. Cashio



From the Philippines...

April 16, 2002—Dearest Bro. and Sis. Murphey: Greetings of good day to you and your family and to all the saints of God in the precious name of our dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for the Faith and Victory. It gives encouragement and information about our brothers and sisters in different places. This binds our hearts together in love and prayer. Thank you so much for the nice messages, although short, but full of lessons for our spiritual growth.

I praise and thank the Lord for your prayers for me. Because of your prayers in my behalf, I feel a healing touch from the great physician, not only for our bodies, but especially for our souls. Praise the Lord, I am wonderfully healed. Sometimes He permits us to suffer in order to

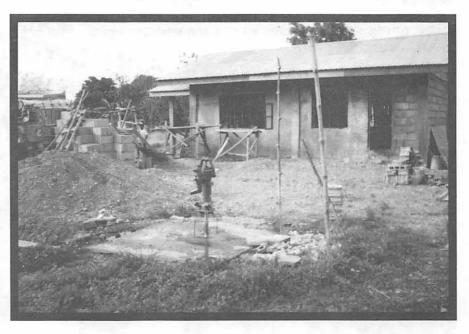
learn something He wants to teach us. He is our healer today just as He was in His earthly ministry during the times of the Apostles. He is our personal Savior and loving helper in times of trials and hardships in life. He has proven that in life or in death, I will trust in Him. When I was sick, I became closer to Him and I said to Him, "Lord, Thy will be done in my life, but please take care of the little flock that we have started in the Philippines." The brothers and sisters in the Philippines prayed much for me and they are very happy, because they said it seems I am more healthy today than I was before I got sick.

The brothers and sisters are so happy and thankful, because with your kind help, they now have a house of worship. They said it will be a good memory of your loving concern for them, which they will never forget. Please tell our dear brothers and sisters who contributed to this fund that the money they sent us, with sacrifice, is not lost. It will continue to be a help, not only to the brothers and sisters today, but to their children and grandchildren, and if our Lord will come back to take us to heaven earlier, it will remain in their hearts forever. They will never forget your love for their souls' salvation and for theirspiritual growthand service to God. Thank you so much for your loving concern for us!

Thank you so much for helping us build

"They will never forget your love for their souls' salvation and for their spiritual growth...."

Construction is progressing nicely on the Church Of God chapel at Mogtanggol, Philippines. Two other chapel buildings are also under construction.



three church buildings. I am sending a photo of the two church buildings that are almost finished. The other one in Llanera is half finished but I was not able to take a picture of it yet. We still need to fill up the ground, because the places are low and are flooded during the rainy season. We also need a fence, toilet and a little room behind the church building where pastors can sleep at night.

Our April camp meeting was so wonderful. We felt the glory of heaven. Thank the Lord, He is working in His church. We had several baptisms in the past and some are requesting again for water baptism.

We are also opening new places for the gospel work. We have three full-time evangelists who are going to different places doing home Bible studies, group Bible studies and open air evangelism or gospel meetings. They are Pastor Daniel Vedania, Pastor Louie Tangunan and Pastor Rogie Dela Cruz.

They plan to go to the town of Bongabong to stay for one month to present the gospel and establish a worship service. This place is a one hour ride to the south. The people show much interest in hearing the truth.

The living conditions in the Philippines are so hard today. When I go to the barios, I can see many brothers and sisters who do not have anything to eat. There is much poverty and my heart is moved to see the little children who are hungry. Sometimes I give them a little money and rice, but I can only help very little. They need help, both spiritual and material.

Again, thank you so much for your kind-

ness, love and concern for us in the Philippines. You are written in our hearts and we are all praying for you dear saints. May the good Lord bless you in return for your kindness to us.

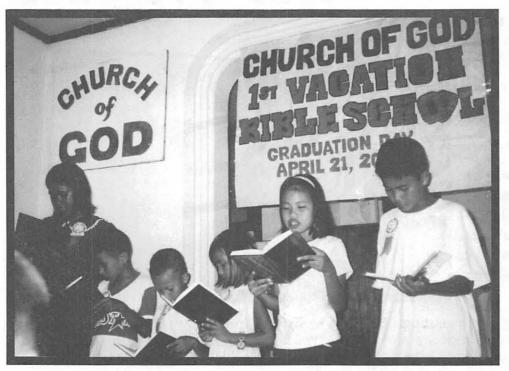
Your brother in the Lord,

-Matias S. Tangunan and family

April 17, 2002—Dear Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary: Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May God bless each dear one who prays and supports the Lord's work.

We have been to a three-day camp meeting at the campground held last April 12-14, 2002. Our activities, which included sharing our personal experiences with the Lord, singing spiritual songs, challenges through God's messages and the Bible studies, filled the emptiness of our souls and hearts. The meetings rekindled our spirits and revived our spirituality. We went home very strong in His mighty power.

A week before the camp meeting, April 6, 2002, two souls came forward for water baptism. They are Bro. Harlito and Sis. Nancy Tangunan. Since that time the couple has been in support of our mission work here. They have helped us reach the unreached souls, especially their friends and relatives, lending their vehicle to transport us to another village for Bible studies, sharing with us what they have for the spreading of the gospel. Prayer was answered for their complete surrender to the Lord. Overwhelming joywas experienced by the family and relatives and most of all, a great joy in heaven for the two souls that were added to His kingdom.



Junior class singing, Joy Unspeakable, at a Vacation Bible School held at an outlying village near Manila, Philippines.

April 24, 2002—Dear Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary: Greetings in Jesus' name, our Lord and great Redeemer. I am sharing with you the joy we had in our Vacation Bible School closing program. Thank you very much for being there to help us in our times of need.

Please continue to pray for us as we grow in Him. You are always in our prayers.

Your Sister In Christ,

-Nellie Tibayan

Thank you so much for the copies of the Bible study materials and Bible story book. It was delivered last April 10, 2002. My dream to have copies of these came into reality. It's really a blessing.

In Christ's service,

-Bro. Paterno C. Tangunan

CENTRAL AFRICA MISSIONARY REPORT

May 23, 2002—Dear saints: Greetings to each one in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. I can say as men of old, surely God "hath done all things well." God's ways are not always understood but I am thankful to have the assurance that His ways are best. I had planned to be gone to Malawi and Mozambique for three weeks. Unforeseen circumstances at home precipitated my returning much earlier than I had planned. The few days that I spent in Msikita Village were very profitable and beneficial.

I had a burden to set in order the building of a much needed chapel. While I was gone, I was able to purchase land, contract a builder, order supplies, and transport concrete to the village. The Lord enabled us to accomplish much in just a few days. Construction was to begin the day after I left and it will take approxi-

mately four months to complete the chapel. On behalf of the saints in Malawi, I want to thank each one who sacrificed and helped financially to support this endeavor. At this time, the African Missionary (Building) Fund has a deficit of over \$3,000.

I enjoyed the time I was able to spend with the saints. I found the saints and ministers encouraged in the Lord. I solicit your prayers for the work of God in Africa. My purpose has been as Bro. Ostis Wilson said before he went to Nigeria many years ago, "I am not going to Westernize the Africans but to take the gospel of Christ to them." After every trip to Africa I am made aware afresh of the power of the simple gospel of Jesus Christ. There is no doctrine or creed of man that can bring about the transforming change in mankind like the pure, simple gospel of our Lord. It is the unadulterated preaching of the Word of God that ministers to bring about true deliverance and righteousness in the heart of man.

Although I was disappointed that my trip was shortened, I rest in the knowledge that God had a purpose. Thank you for all of your prayers and support. May God continue to lead and bless us each one in Jesus' name,

-Bro. Michael Smith

From India...

May 12, 2002—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints abroad: Greetings to you dear ones again in the marvelous name of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your letter dated April 30, 2002....

New areas are being selected for our outreach work to spread the gospel. The outreach work last week was at Athani and this week it was at Kalayapuram. All of our ministers and their wives assembled in that area. We visited many houses and contacted many people with the gospel tracts. If we cast the bread upon the water, we will get the results in the future. If we sow in tears, we shall reap in joy.

Please continue to remember the needs for our efforts in your prayers. May God bless each one who has supported our work in India. Our prayers are for you.

Yours in Him, -Bro. John Varghese



Carolyn Mae Shirrell was born November 22, 1935 at Highland Park, CA. She passed away April 15, 2002 at Portland, OR.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Shirrell, and brother, Charles Elwell. Her survivors include her husband of 46 years, Johnny Shirrell, Sr.; three sons, John, Don and Ron; one daughter, Tereasa Sorenson; six brothers, Bill (Elwell), David, Stephen, Wesley, Don and Clifford (Smith); three sisters, Jeanie Culpepper, Mildred McMorrin and Marlene Zinzer; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, twenty-six nieces and nephews.

Carolyn was a member of the Clackamas Church of God. Her service to the Lord was highlighted by her dedication to teaching the children the Word of God. The care and love with which she used to teach children was recognized by each child as they referred to her as "Grandma."

The following poem was written in her honor by one of her nephews. It is entitled "I Am."

I Am

I am Carolyn

A reflector of God's light, Sent to share the love of Christ, Encouraging us heavenward.

I am Sis

Anything I ever did was in your best interests, I thank God for our special family, You taught me much and gave me joy, Keep the family close; don't let them get away.

I am Honey

John, I loved you till death and love you still, Thanks for the years you have given me, Be strong, Be faithful, Heaven, it's worth the wait.

I am Mom

The one who prayed with you so many times. The one who prayed for you at all hours of the day,

Remember what I've taught you, When you need someone to lean on Get alone in your closet and ask for Jesus. All the support I was to you, I got from Him.

I am Grandma

A soft word, a big warm hug, Roast dinners, good stories, a memory verse of song,

A road-trip or just a little baby-sit, Times together made life special.

I am Gabby

The one who knows all the stories present and past,

Daily family occurrences are my business, I share what I know, not to gossip, But to keep my family close.

I am Giving

Silver and gold had I none, But those are soon spent, I gave treasures that last long after, I gave myself, my time, my help, my love.

I am Junior Church

Oh, how blessed to do the work of the Lord, Children; Give me the best or most undesirable, God has given me a love for all of them, Just one day and I'll plant the Word, Please don't forsake the work; remember the children.

I am Anything

Anything anyone needed was I, Sister, Wife, Mother, Aunt and Grandma, Nurse, Babysitter, Bus driver, and Teacher, Most important I am a Christian, I am Jesus to all.

Now, I am Waiting

Waiting for you, and you, and you, Jesus bought my ticket; paid in full, Comforted in His arms, I whispered in His ear, Dear Lord, they know the way, Please don't let them stray.

Ethel Carter Lounds departed this life Tuesday, April 9, 2002. A memorial service was held April 13, 2002 in Oklahoma City, OK with Bro. Paul Phillips officiating. Assistance was given by Sis. Frances Chandler, Sis. Maxine Busbee and Bro. James Bell. Interment was at Trice Hill Cemetery.

Ethel was born January 9, 1914, to Henry and Louella Carter in Seminole County, OK. Although she was the sixth of eleven children born to her parents, she was one of eighteen that her parents raised. Her parents, two sisters, and all six brothers preceded her in death.

Ethel was reared and educated in the Boley, OK area. It was during this time, at a very young age, that Ethel gave her heart to the Lord. Through the years she would often sing the hymn "Hold Fast," which she sang until the end.

In 1938, Ethel married Stanley Robert Lounds of Oklahoma City. To this union, five children were born. She was a faithful and supportive wife and a caring mother. Her husband and son, Alford, also preceded her in death.

Living near the Church of God chapel in Oklahoma City, Ethel's home was always open for meals and lodging and was frequently used by visitors. During the summer months, she often traveled from camp meeting to camp meeting, preparing breakfasts, lunches and dinners. She also had the burden to travel and take care of individuals and families who were in need of help.

Ethel is survived by two sons and three daughters-in-law: George and Gloria Ann Lounds of Belton, MO, Stanley and Annette Lounds of Powder Springs, GA, and Lula Lounds

of Oklahoma City, OK. She is also survived by two daughters and one son-in-law: Dorcas and Bobby Borders of Victorsville, CA, and Gertrude Lounds of Merriam, KS; and by nine grandchildren: Elizabeth, Alford, Kimberly, Virginia, Damon, David, Michael, Robert and Rosemary, as well as by one great-grandchild, Joshua; also by two sisters: Darcus Sharp of Shawnee, OK, and Johnnye Lee Johnson of Jones, OK; and saints, other relatives and friends.

Note from the Family

We, the family, wish to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the many prayers, comforting messages, floral tributes, food and other expressions of kindness during our time of bereavement. —The family of Ethel C. Lounds

Philimine Mahnke Flynn was born, August 3, 1917 in Guthrie, OK, to Arthur and Grace Taylor Mahnke. She departed this life, May 11, 2002, at the age of 84 yrs. and 9 months at the Golden Rule Home in Shawnee, OK. She was married to Melvin C. Flynn, August 31, 1936. To this union were born two children: Gerald Curtis and Sharon Eileen.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband of 65 years, Melvin C. Flynn of Shawnee, OK; one son; Gerald Curtis Flynn of Loranger, LA; one daughter: Sharon Eileen Quave of Shawnee, OK; one granddaughter: Deborah Quave Shaffer of Guthrie, OK; three grandsons: Duane, Bert and Darin Flynn, all of Loranger, La; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers: Arthur Mahnke, Jr. of Houston, TX, Leroy Mahnke of Ponca City, OK; two sisters: Louise Moody of McAlester, OK, Virginia Bowen of Ponca City, OK. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister: Geraldine McAlester of Austin, Tx.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Ed Wilson and Bro. Michael Williamson at the Oak Grove Church of God Chapel in Loranger, LA. The burial was in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

She had a sweet smile and a kind spirit. She was saved at an early age and endeavored to live a good Chistian life until God called her home. The last few years found her drawing closer to the Lord and she had a great longing to go and "be with Jesus."

We, the family, thank all of you who prayed for her and for us during this time of her sickness and passing. The Lord was very close to us all. QUESTION AND ANSWER BY BRO. OSTIS B. WILSON Reprint

QUESTION: Are there "methods" of working for or earning our salvation and healing? I know a preacher who preaches this way strongly.

ANSWER: No, there are no "methods" of working for or earning our salvation or healing. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Again, Titus 3:4-7 says, "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

These texts and many more make it clear that salvation is by grace through faith and not of works. I remember a day when God told me straight out that I would be worthy of His blessings only as long as I put my faith in the merits of the shed blood of His Son, and that only, for every favor I ever got from Him. And that as soon as I began to think that He was obligated to me or owed me anything or that I had earned or merited any blessing from Him because of any good thing I had done or any sacrifice I had made or any service I had rendered, that very moment I became unworthy of the least of His favors.

However, we must recognize that the promises of God for salvation or healing or any other favors are conditional promises; and the fulfillment of them is

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contingent upon our doing certain things and meeting certain conditions set forth in connection with the promises. To the sinner seeking salvation the requirements are: Confess and forsake his sins (I John 1:9, Psalm 32:5 and Proverbs 28:13), Repent (Acts 17:30, Luke 24:47, II Corinthians 7:10-11, Mark 1:14-15 and Acts 3:19), Forgiveness of those who have wronged him (Matthew 6:12, 14-15, Mark 11:25-26 and more), Restitution—making his wrongs right (Ezekiel 33:15 and Luke 19:8) and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as God's Son and his Saviour (John 3:16, John 5:24, John 8:24, John 20:31 and Mark 16:16). If a sinner does not do all of these things and meet Bible conditions, he can never be saved. It is the same with promises for healing or any other favor from God. Possibly the minister you refer to in the question may have been dealing with this angle. To teach a doctrine of salvation by works constitutes a corruption of the pure gospel of Christ and is contrary to the doctrine which we have learned and those who teach such things are in error and should not be accepted. (Romans 16:17.)

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pany. His great heart, throbbing as the fountain of our thought and action gives us power to see and feel as He sees and feels.

The Spirit of the Lord illuminates our minds so that we see opportunity for service. Sin blinds; disobedience beclouds. The Holy Spirit reveals to our minds and hearts God's purposes. He gives us, like a flash, visions of the possibilities of souls we meet. We feel their worth as Jesus did, for we are so close to Him in unbroken fellowship that we are sensitive to His heart throbs of interest and purpose.

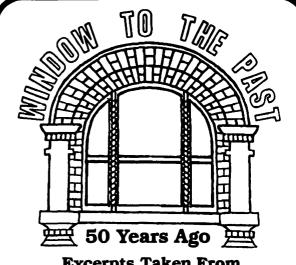
This attuneness is holy living. It is Oh, so possible through the keeping power of the Holy Spirit.

As we keep in close touch with Him we may expect some very wonderful things to happen. Lives are all about us to be awakened, to be encouraged, to be inspired. The Savior is eager for action in saving, unfolding, developing and using men.

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When Zacchaeus came down from the tree, he received the Lord joyfully and was so full of love for the Lord that he said, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." His heart was bubbling overwith joy and gladness. What a contrast between him and the rich young ruler who went away sorrowfully because he loved the world and his riches. Souls should receive the Lord with an open heart and full of joy and gladness and continue in that state, for Paul says, "As ye have received Christ Jesus, so walk ye in Him" (Col. 2:6.)

In this connection I think of the young man who wrote a letter to his lady friend and proposed to her, asking her to marry him. When she received the proposal, she wired back to him: "Yes, Yes, YES!" If folks would receive the Lord in this manner and keep loving and honoring Him as head, doing all they know to please Him, denying and sacrificing for His pleasure, they would have an abundant entrance into that glorious abode with Him through all eternity.

Brothers and sisters, let us look to Him for grace to follow in His steps, giving Him the sacrifice of praises from our overjoyed hearts continually, learning to rejoice in the sufferings and trials of life that He may have pleasure in us. —Bro. Fred Pruitt