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"PEACE COMES AT THE PRICE OF WAR"

By Sis. Vonda Cole

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:" 1 Peter 4:12.

"Peace comes at the price of war." I hope that statement arrests your attention as much as it did mine when I read it in a chapter talking about "Blessed are the Peacemakers." Our flesh would depict a peaceful life as a life without conflicts, but is that really true peace? We would envision it as resting on the azure blue ocean without even the slightest wind to ruffle us. To this setting add a golden sunset and a palm tree lined quiet beach. Ahh...what a life!!!

But is that the reality of life? Life, as most people know it, is full of turmoil and unrest. Just take a quick look around your community. There are a lot of hurting people that know nothing of true peace; peace that is not contin-

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Christ our Savior paid the ultimate price for your peace and for mine when He said. "Not my will, but thine be done." By His submission to God the Father and the ultimate price of death to self and life, He paved the way for each one of us to enter into a life of true peace. All power of Heaven broke forth when He gave up the ghost (His spirit). That power rent the veil to the Holiest of Holies. That ultimate sacrifice made peace—true peace, pure peace, peace of the soul in the midst of the storm—accessible to each one of us. We no longer have to go through an earthly High Priest, but now we have Jesus sitting at the right hand of God interceding for us.

If peace is so readily available to each one of us, why is it so few actually enjoy it? I would venture to say that the reason is because none of us like war, and PEACE is the spoils of doing battle with the flesh—our flesh, the nature of our being that is carnal and not Christ-like.

Christ showed us the way. Christ made peace accessible. However, wishful thinking will never attain it. Religion alone will never give peace. The only true peace that equates to the peace while the storm still rages is the peace that comes from daily dying to the flesh (I Corinthians 15:31) and that mixed with faith

(Hebrews 4:2). It is the peace that comes when we give over our strugglings to see and know and understand all situations. It is the peace that comes from letting go and letting God. Oh. the rest that is ours when we put the unfair, unjust, out-of-control situations that we face into God's hands! Did God not tell the Israelites that He would fight their battles for them if they would but "trust and obey?" How did He do it? He did not do it by common means that any human could think up or plan out, but he did it by very uncommon ways—hornets, thunderstorms, singing, etc. The Old Testament is full of examples, and He wants to do the same for every child of God today who will but trust and obey.

"Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest,..." Hebrews 4:11. Labor here implies to apply every exertion of body and mind to the effort. Did not Christ sweat as great drops of blood? It has always seemed like an oxymoron to say labor for rest. As God reached down and grabbed my attention that day when I was reading about the Beatitude of Peacemaking, I realized that it will only be a fierce battle with self that will bring me to the place God can bless me with His peace. The devil will hotly contend my rest. Today, I may yield and say, "not my will," but tomorrow if the same battle hits me full blast in the face like a fire hose at close range, will I still choose the good will of my God? Will I continue to lay my life down on the figurative cross and allow others to see the spirit of Christ shine through? I may choose today and tomorrow to yield and submit to God to work out all situations, but what about next month, next year, or even seven years from now? In situations like this, we must "...fear,

lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest [that] any of [us] should seem to come short of it." Hebrews 4:1.

If someone has blessed your life, and challenged you in your walk with God, follow them only as they continue to follow Christ, only as they continue to die to self and be Christ-like. However, when you see them picking up their consecration, backing up on the sacrificial life that Christ has led them to, "...be not soon shaken...." II Thessalonians 2:2. Each of us must labor and fight for the rest that God gives us, "lest any man [we] fall after the same example of unbelief" and disobedience. Hebrews 4:11.

"...But will...make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." I Corinthians 10:13. Until the final victory is won, that way of escape is the peace that God pours into the heart of the fully consecrated soul. So, toil on weary soldier; toil on. May the peace in your soul from Heaven above, give you the added strength and vigor to continue this war with the flesh. May we always be victors in this war that would want us to focus on ourselves and our insufficiencies rather than rest in the knowledge that God has everything in control. May we never turn in our armor and yield to the flesh. It is worth it. It is worth it! Still fight on, my brother, and God will make a way of escape with "peace that passeth understanding." (Philippians 4:7.)

Now, accept the commission of Christ and with the peace of God which reigns in your heart and life, go be a peacemaker to the world. They need to know of the same peace that God has so bountifully given you.

God's Creative Powers

By Sis. Charlotte Huskey

"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:3.

Now that school is ending, parents will have more time with their children. It will be a good opportunity to influence them in right attitudes and thoughts. Parents can now have a more active role in educating them. Some will be looking for summer activities to keep their youngsters busy. Instead of hooking up with the world for activities, why not use the opportunity to learn more about God? Parents can counter

some erroneous teachings their children may have accepted, or teach them how to study the Bible, to memorize Scripture, or be a blessing to others.

Many will be going on vacation and will perhaps visit state and national parks where children are exposed to "so called" scientific information related to the age of the earth and many other evolution theories. Personally, I believe it is not fair to the younger generation to have such information presented as truth, when in fact it is only a theory.

The following article that appeared in *The Beautiful Way* Sunday School leaflet in 1990 might help your children know there is other information about the earth's existence.

How long does it take to make an island, a canyon or a mountain? According to evolutionary theory ,the Grand Canyon took 3 to 6 million years to form. Let's see how long it took God's nature to form an island, some canyons and mountains.

As the anglers were throwing their net into the icy North Atlantic waters, 33 km south of the main island of Iceland, one shouted to the other, "Look, a ship is on fire!" The cold November wind lashed their faces as they raced toward the flames. From a safe distance, they saw gigantic flames leaping 100 feet high! However, there was no ship in sight. They quickly radioed headquarters. "We are four miles from Geirfuglasker. It looks like a volcano is erupting! Flames are shooting out of the water!"

Dr. Thorarinsson, a geologist, arrived in a helicopter two hours later. Soon, other scientists from around the world came to study what was happening. Yes, a volcano was erupting! Several leading evolutionary geologists watched as God's natural forces within the earth formed a new island with a landscape that appeared to be thousands of years old. "The varied and mature landscape was almost beyond belief." Dr. Thorarinsson said. "What elsewhere may take thousands of years...the same development took only weeks or even a few days here." Geologists watched as small amounts of lava flowed gently down to the edge of the sea. The cold seawater splashed upon the hot lava. It shattered into a billion small bits, making sand!

Shortly after Surtsey Island's first birthday, it had a mountain with an active volcano named Surtur, wide sandy beaches and impressive cliffs that were grayish-white, and resembled the cliffs on the English Channel. There were hollows, secluded valleys, soft waving surfaces and boulders worn almost round by the surf.

Within two years, an island nearly three miles square had formed. That same year, 1965, Dr. Thorarinsson built a house on the new island. It was headquarters for scientists studying the new plants and animals as they invaded the island. (By 2003, sixty different plants and ten different nesting birds were reported found on Surtsey Island.) Yes, two-year-old Surtsey Island looked like it could be 10,000 years old!

Gales and sandstorms dealt blows on this island within that year. What scientists learned at Surtsey is good evidence that our earth may be much younger than the information displayed in our parks, and many other kinds of educational material.

Evolutionists use a uniformitarian time scale for estimating the age of the earth, rocks, fossils, etc. According to this time scale, changes in the earth's surface have come primarily through gradual processes rather than sudden upheavals. This new island taught us that this time scale could be very misleading.

The violent eruption of Mount St. Helens on May 18, 1980, gave some more geologic surprises. In six minutes, the eruption destroyed enough trees to build 640,000 houses. This beautiful mountain paradise turned into a badland.

Mud and rock avalanched into Spirit Lake causing waves up to 850 feet high on the north shore of the lake. The water scoured slopes of trees, plants, soil and volcanic debris, and dumped a 320-foot-thick deposit on the bettom of the lake. This wood, bark and plant life formed peat within a few years. Peat is the first material in the formation of coal. This peat is already much like certain coal beds of the eastern United States, which scientist believe are thousands of years old. Until now, scientists have believed that coal formed slowly over thousands of years.

An average depth of 150 feet of rockslides and volcanic debris covered twenty-three square miles of a valley on the north side of Mount St. Helens. In this valley, rills and gullies formed within five days, which geologists would have thought to have taken hundreds of years. Some of these gullies are 50 feet deep. A miniature "Grand Canyon" over 100 feet deep formed in one day. The erosional features of Mount St. Helens are not unique, but are similar to those seen elsewhere.

At Lituya Bay, Alaska, an enormous wave, as high as 1720 feet above the ocean, destroyed the forest along the shore. It stripped the hills of vegetation and changed the mountain into a wasteland. Such stripping would have taken thousands of years, under evolutionary patterns.

On November 20, 1980, a Texaco oil well driller accidentally penetrated an underground (Continued on page 12.)

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"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." Ephesians 2:8-9. I thank God for the grace that

brought salvation and for the truth that is witnessed to us through this verse. However, there are many professed "Christians" today who are promoting a vain form of religion

and they misapply this verse to excuse their fruitless lives and teachings of deception. Notice the very next verse, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10. God intends for the one who has truly been set free from the bondage of sin to abound with "good works." Works are a very important part of a Christian's life, and the profession of those without them is not genuine.

Now, let us look at Hebrews 4:10-11, "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." It is evident from this scripture that it is our "own works" that keep us from entering the rest that God has provided for His children. Our own works are motivated by the lusts and desires of the flesh, and are therefore defiled. It is these works that must be put aside. Even Jesus, Who was made in the likeness of man, did not do His own works. He said, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." John 6:38. Doing the will of His Father was foremost in His mind. This was so important to Him that when the ultimate hour of decision arrived, He was willing to give up His own life in a torturous death to fulfill the desire of His Father.

Doing the will of our Father is the "works" that we must be doing, and it begins by simply obeying the Word of God and giving heed to the voice of His Spirit." One of the great temptations that satan used on Jesus was to convince Him to turn the stones into bread to satisfy His personal hunger after He had fasted for forty days. Jesus did not yield to that temptation and later we read in John 4:34 that Jesus said,

"... My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." Then He went on to tell His disciples, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Yes, there is still work for you and I to do today. The fields still need to be harvested in our generation. Jesus said, "...It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." Matthew 18:14. Death is gobbling up many precious souls and sealing them to an eternal doom while many professing Christians stand idly by, unengaged in their heavenly Father's business. If we profess Christ to be our Lord and Savior, then we need to be proving that profession by doing His works

James made some very bold statements in the second chapter regarding our faith being coupled with works. He asked a question in verse 14, "What doth it profit, my brethren. though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?" He then gave an illustration of one telling a person who is hungry and deprived of the basic essentials of clothing to be "warmed and filled" without giving him anything, and asked, "what doth it profit?" Words alone obviously do not supply the need. In verse 17 he makes this straightforward statement, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." Real, living faith motivates works and these works are not done to please ourselves, but to please God.

Don't be deceived and fall prey to the apathetic mood prevailing in Christendom that has lulled many people into a deep state of slumber while those around them are being snatched away by the evil one. May each of us shake ourselves and be about our Father's business.

Some may say, I'm not asleep. I am so busy I barely have time to rest. Ah, but here is the real question, is all of this industry for ourselves or is it doing the will of the Lord? If it is for ourselves, then yes, we are in a state of slumber. The Lord has a nobler plan for your life. Great accomplishments for the Lord will never be done by those who are living for self. Self must be offered on the altar of consecration before God can be truly glorified in our life.

Here are a few statements the Scriptures give regarding those who were mightily used of

the Lord. "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he." "So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him;..." "Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he." "And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." (A widow at Zarephath) "And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days." "Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him:" (Isaiah) "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." "And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine." (Saul/Paul) "And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do." "And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word...." There are many others who were also willing and ready to do the Lord's bidding, and their willingness and actions were bountifully rewarded with success. Would you like your name recorded in the book of remembrance as having been useful in the Kingdom of God? Then start right now by opening your heart to do the will of God.

Some may say, "But there is not much that I can do." That may seem true, but God still has a plan for your life, and submitting to His plan and utilizing what you have for His service can be a great blessing when it is placed in His hands. Remember what Jesus said about the woman that anointed Him with a precious ointment before His death? "She hath done what she could:..." God is asking no more than that of anyone. He said of her action that "...Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her."

Time is swiftly passing and if we have an interest in pleasing the Lord with our life, then we have no time to lose. Place your time, talents, resources, hopes and dreams on the altar of consecration and allow God to fill you with His precious Holy Spirit. —Bro. Willie E. Murphey wemurphey@yahoo.com



CA—Please remember me in prayer. I have cancer and also congestive heart failure. My sons, Wayne and John, and grandchildren also need your prayers, physically and spiritually.

—Sis Helen Carson

OH—I am writing to ask you to please pray for my son who has a bad shoulder (he had an operation on it) and a bad back. He has to work and went back this week, and they put him on the same job that originally injured his shoul-

der. Please pray they will put him on an easier job.

Also, please pray for my younger son who is still going to church but needs much prayer. I thank you for all your prayers for us. They are appreciated.

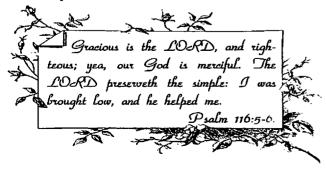
—Tressie Adkins

OK—Barbara Lindsey, a hospice nurse who has given care to several of the saints in this area, has pancreatic cancer and has requested that we pray for her. She said she did not know of any other people who "got their prayers through to God like you people." Pray that God will not only touch her body, but also witness Himself to her in a very real and meaningful way.

NC—Pray for my granddaughter, Myisha, who lives in California. She has some special needs in her life.

—Sis. Winnie Robinson

CA—Pray for the Lord to comfort Sis. Doris Pihaylic. She lost her last remaining son in an untimely death.



Standing Prayer Requests

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Sis. Gladys Cashio

Sis. Helen Carson

Sis. Waneta Creel

Sis. Dorall Forbes

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Bro. Mark and Sis. Darlene Knight

Sis. Juliette Lounds

Sis. Melba Powell

Bro. Jerry Quave

Sis. Olene Rector

Sis. Anna Severs

Sis. Cheryl Smith

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The Mitch Taylor family Sis. Anneta Williamson

Sis. Lula Williamson

SPECIAL NOTICES

MESSAGES BY BRO. OSTIS B. WILSON

Bro. Ostis Wilson spent his entire life preaching, teaching and ministering in many congregations throughout the United States. He was gifted of God and an esteemed minister, noted for his in-depth knowledge of the Scriptures and his ability to preach in a clear, straightforward and effective manner. His life was one of service to others, which he did with humility of spirit and magnanimity of heart. Whereas his messages covered a wide range of subjects, his overriding theme seemed to center around Christian conduct.

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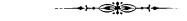
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MEETING REPORTS

WICHITA, KS, SPRING MEETING REPORT

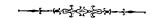
Praise the Lord, we can report another meeting that was blessed by Him. We had twelve ministers attend at some time throughout the meeting. Three of them were here for the entire meeting. The Lord sent us Word on different lines. We were told that our bodies are to be used to the glory of God. We were told how really important the Word of God is; we heard about perfect love, change in our lives, the immovable Kingdom, how each Saint supplies, Goliaths in our lives, the devil's kingdom is the world, and since faith comes by hearing then it is very important to attend church regularly.

There was rejoicing and praising God, and also some people sought for spiritual help at the altar. We thank the Lord for the souls that sought God for deliverance. Everyone who expected to be blessed received their portion. We appreciate and thank each one who was able to come and help in the meeting. All Glory to God.

—Submitted by Sis. Shirley Knight

MEETING DATES

Alcoa, TN (Sisters' Retreat)—June 22-23
Fresno, CA (Camp Meeting)—July 1-8
General Southern (Loranger, LA)—July 1-8
National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 20-29
Myrtle, MO (Camp Meeting)—August 3-8
Boley, OK (Camp Meeting)—August 15-19
California State (Pacoima)—August 17-26
Spooner, WI (Tent Meeting)—August 22-26



MEETING NOTICES

ALCOA, TN, SISTERS' RETREAT

The 2007 Sisters' Retreat will convene, Lord willing, June 22-23 at the Church of God Chapel located at 322 Lindsey Street, Alcoa, Tennessee 37701.

There will be two full days of sessions. The theme for this year is "Following Those Godly Recipes." The retreat will be supported by free-will offerings. All donations can be sent to the above address.

Accommodations will be provided; how ever, there are nearby hotels. Please pray that the Lord will have His way and bless this retreat.

For further information, please contact Sis. Mary McDonald (865) 977-6997 or Sis. Carrie Porter (865) 984-2348.

FRESNO, CA, CAMP MEETING

The Fresno Camp Meeting will be held July 1-8. On Sunday, Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m., with services following at 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday services will be at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The last Sunday, Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m., morning service 10:30 a.m., and we will end the meeting with the 2:00 p.m. service.

DIRECTIONS: From 99 north, exit Belmont and turn left. Then go to First St. and turn right. Go to the second block and turn left on Grant. From 99 south, exit Ventura east. Then go to First St. and make a left. Go to Grant then turn right. The chapel sits on First and Grant.

If there are any questions, call Bro. Eric Carter at (559) 593-9063.

GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMPMEETING

Lord willing, the General Southern Camp Meeting at Loranger, Louisiana will begin Sunday, July 1, with morning and evening services daily through Sunday, July 8. If you can join us, come praying for a blessing.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Power and water hook-ups are available for those with campers. Meals will be provided 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. (At the exit, take Hwy. 442 which runs into Hwy. 40.)

For more information, contact Carlos Doolittle at (985) 878-8122. The chapel phone is (985) 878-2788. Please do support this meeting with your prayers.

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 20-29, 2007. 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 freewill 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

MYRTLE, MO, CAMP MEETING

The Myrtle camp meeting will begin, Lord willing, on Friday morning, August 3 and continue through Wednesday morning, August 8, 2007. We would like to invite everyone to come and stay for the whole meeting. There will be two services daily, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and afternoon services during the weekend, as announced. The last service will be the Wednesday morning service. We are praying for a Holy Spirit led and anointed meeting and ask the prayers of all the saints for this meeting. All who can are urged to come and be a part. We have electrical hook-ups for campers and motor homes, a dormitory for the brothers and one for the

sisters, and a limited number of cabins. Please bring your own bedding, if convenient. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. The meeting expenses will be met by free-will offerings.

For more information contact Bro. Harlan Sorrell, (417) 938-4336, or Sis. Carol Sorrell, (417) 938-4493. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682.

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING

The California State Camp Meeting will be held this year from August 17-26 at the campgrounds located at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA 91331.

The first service will begin 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 17, with three services daily thereafter. For more information, contact either the Sunset Guest Home at (818) 899-2022, Bro. Paul Phillips at (661) 251-6956, or Bro. Herbert Clay at (818) 897-1396.

BOLEY, OK, CAMP MEETING

The camp meeting at Boley, OK, Lord willing, will held August 15-19. There will be services nightly, Wednesday through Saturday, at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday there will also be services at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. On Sunday, Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11:00 a.m. and afternoon service at 2:30 p.m. There will be no service Sunday night.

All are cordially invited. Come praying that the Lord will pour out a special blessing to each one. For further information contact Sis. Savannah King at (918) 667-3654. Sis. Anna Mae Thompson, Pastor.

SPOONER, WI, TENT MEETING

Lord willing, this meeting will begin Wednesday, August 22, at 7:00 p.m., with services daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 26.

Come for a blessing and to be a blessing, and please support the tent meeting with your prayers.

There will be some accommodations but please call for arrangements. Bring your own bedding and linens if possible. Be prepared for cold nights. We give everyone a special invitation to come and be with us to enjoy God's many blessings of love. For more information contact Bro. Ron and Sis. Martha Zacharias at (715) 635-2994.



LETTERS
FROM
OUR
READERS

OR—Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Neta: Trust you are both well. The Lord is being real good to me and I thank Him. Pray for us here in Oregon. We are small in number but God meets with us. Christian love. —Sis. Ruby Hutchinson

OK—Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Neta: Greetings to you in the name of Jesus, the One that loved us and gave His life's blood as a ransom for our sins. He washed us from our sins that we might have fellowship with Him in this present world, and then live with Him in Heaven in the place He has gone to prepare for all them that love Him.

Just recently my sister, Hallie Taylor, passed away to her reward. She lived near Fayette, AL. We trust the Lord to bless and comfort her children and grand children. Her husband, Ulysses Taylor, passed a few years ago. Hallie was the last living member of my family, except myself and I am getting near that time too. I will be eighty-four years old this month of May.

My dear mother prayed many earnest prayers for her children and grandchildren. I hope they will meet her in Heaven. It is wonderful to have a blessed Savior. Who is able to comfort us here and guide us in His steps so we gain Heaven in the end. The hope of eternal life is the greatest hope that we can possibly have in this present world. With Christ's love,

-Bro. T. V. McMillian

OH—Dear Saints at the Print Shop and abroad: We feel we owe the Lord a testimony of His recent blessings to us. We have a song in our hymnal that says, "Oh, tell what He's done for you, Of His love so strong and true." We couldn't begin to tell of all the love He has bestowed on us. We would like to tell a couple of things the Lord has done for us. About a year and a half ago I had a place come on my face just above my eyebrow. John looked up information about

warts on the Internet and found a picture of the one on my face. It was an ugly thing and I had to be very careful with it. Around November. 2005 I got a stick of something from a Health place I deal with and began using it. I thought since it was from a Health place it would be something natural, although I don't believe this was. Anyway, I used it and a couple of times it would come off but always grew back. I was very self-conscious about it and began talking to the Lord earnestly about it. I told Him I was going to trust Him completely with it. I knew He could take it off, but if not He would give me grace to bear it. The scripture that encouraged me so much is in II Timothy 1:12, "...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." On Prayer Meeting night, before Thanksgiving of 2006. I told the Saints my decision and asked to be anointed. I was anointed and prayed for and stood on the scripture the Lord had given me. I put Vitamin E on it maybe twice a week because it would get hard and scaly, other than that I left it in the Lord's hands. On March 23rd of this year I was putting Vitamin E on it with a Q-Tip and it fell completely off. Bless the Lord! Two months later it is still off. This may sound like a small thing to others, but to me it was a big thing. I feel so unworthy but so blessed that He would do this for me and I am still praising Him.

Our second blessing I would like to share is the birth of our granddaughter. Those who know us know we have wanted a grandbaby for several years. The Lord blessed our son Mike and his wife, Ami, with a baby girl on March 16 of this year. The day of delivery the doctor told them they had a miracle baby; she said she had never seen anything like it. The doctor then told them the way the umbilical cord was connected between mother and baby she didn't see how the baby had been getting nourishment. Bless the Lord, we do! God is so wonderful! The baby is doing real well and we praise the Lord for it.

We could tell of other blessings but wanted especially to share these two.

We do have a request, John has been in a physical battle for about the past two months. God has been faithful to hear and answer prayer when there has been pain. We desire prayer for healing if it be the Lord's will. We appreciate so much the prayers, cards and phone calls from

some who have heard of his sickness. His desire is to trust God completely; he doesn't know what the problem is, but God does and he believes God can heal him. Pray that he will come through this battle with victory. We will appreciate your prayers.

-Bro. John and Sis. Della Gutwein

AL—Dear Bro. Willie: We certainly enjoyed the Alabama singing this year. It was blessed and we had many people in attendance from various states. We also enjoyed getting to visit with you. The following Saturday, after the singing, Bro. Jim Wall began a six-session Bible study on Revelation. It was also very good. We are pressing on for the Lord. May God bless and keep you all.

—Bro. Marshall Whitson

KS—Hi, Bro. Willie: I found a slip of paper in my purse; I must have jotted down a note from a message, and promptly forgot about it, but it sure was a blessing when I pulled it out and read it the other day. I thought I would share it with you.

Daniel 3:18 "But if not..." This statement of "what could happen" was not because of a lack of faith. Sometimes, because we're human, we misinterpret God's will. So, we own up to that and give God full rein, for Him to do whatever. "Just in case we don't know God's will here, we're still going to trust Him. We're still going to do what we know is right."

God sure sees a much bigger picture than we do. It is safe to trust in Him. Wisdom is justified of her children.

Our children are all on the up-side of the chicken pox. We sure had a time of it, but it is all passing, and they are more active and able to do their work again. We turned on the A/C, and they took lots of cool baths, which helped the itching. I know God had a reason for it all. Walter had to miss his Washington, DC trip, which he had won with our Electric Cooperative. but he said he had been praying about it, and felt like the Lord was telling him not to go anyway. After he won, we found out about several things they would be doing that we would not normally do. So, I am thankful for Walter's sensitivity to that "still small voice," and for the Lord making it plain to us what He really wants. -Sis. Jeanne Eck



James A. Cornell died May 23, 2007, at the age of 92, as a result of injuries sustained in a fall. He was born on October 22, 1914, in Detroit, MI, the son of Lizzie Cornell. James was the youngest of six children. He was married to Frieda Maulbetsch on June 23, 1940.

James served in the U. S. Coast Guard during World War II from June 1942 to November 1945. He was later employed as an optician with Johnson Optical and the University of Michigan Hospital from 1932-1980.

A favorite hobby of his was HAM radio.

James is survived by his wife of 67 years, Frieda Cornell, and many nieces and nephews. His parents and all of his siblings preceded him in death.

Services were held May 26 at the Merritt Road Church of the Nazarene, at Ypsilanti, MI. entombment followed at Arborcrest Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, MI.

Benjamin Franklin Short, 76, a resident of Walker, LA was born, November 5, 1930, in Covington County, Alabama. He died April 29, 2007, from lung cancer. His wife of 51 years, Ruby Nell Jones, preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing three sons, Paul and wife, Connie Bizette, Franklin "Frank" and wife, Dayna Haines, and Henry "Brett" and fianceé, Michelle Parker; a granddaughter, raised as a daughter, Danielle Short and her fiancé, Clint Calhoun; two grandsons, Paul Brian Short, Jr. and Corey Benjamin Short; three other granddaughters, Kerri Short Rambin, Kristen Short and Robyn Short; and one great-granddaughter, Sierra Rambin. He is also survived by one brother, J. Carroll Short and wife, Sarah; nine sisters, Marie Schofield, widow of Otha G. Schofield, Gladys Cashio, Merle Freeman, widow of Lester Bratton Freeman, Mildred Kimball, widow of Donald Kimball, and Margaret and husband Donald Schwabauer, Glenda and husband Eugene Labatut, Jr., Ada Dianne and husband John Kondroik, Sr., Mary Dale and husband James Peden, Clair Cita and husband Clarence Johnson; two sisters-in-law, Betty Meyers Howell and Helen Babin Short; thirty-two nieces and nephews, and other loved one.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ada Ward and Zoner Franklin Short; four brothers, Foster, Thomas, Owren and James Edward Short; a sister, Nava Jo Short Hutchinson; three nieces, Vivian Schofield Whitaker, Patricia Labatut Martin and Margaret Schwabauer Haverly; and three nephews, Paul Arthur Schofield, Ronald Wayne Freeman and Joseph Eugene Labatut, Jr.

Pallbearers were his nephews, O. Lynn Schofield, L. B. Freeman, Michael Kimball, Thomas Short, John Kondroik, Jr. and Cody Johnson. Honorary pallbearers were Morgan Beck, Donald Freeman and Bud Chandler.

Funeral services were conducted at Oak Grove Church of God, Loranger, LA on Wednesday, May 2. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Services were officiated by Bro. Steve Elston.

When Ben asked to be laid to rest in the Oak Grove Cemetery, he was not asking for a gift, he was asking to be part of the church. He had said if he became able, he wanted to be in and with the Church of God. He hoped he would have time to do some missionary work, and he was resigned to go all the way with the Lord, and expressed the peace he found in his soul.

Not only was Ben a builder of houses, but he was a builder of good will, to encourage, to try to bring out the best in all of us. His words were few, but meaningful.

NOTE OF THANKS

Special thanks to our ministers and the church in general. We appreciate the food, the flowers and the love freely expressed.

May our Lord bless you all!

-The family of Ben Short.

"And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;" Isaiah 32:18.

God's Creative Powers

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salt mine under Lake Peigneur in Louisiana. Two hundred forty million cubic feet of lake water emptied suddenly into the mine. This caused tree-like patterns of channels in the lake bed, some with a depth of 200 to 300 feet. The whirlpool that formed from the water rushing into the salt mine below swallowed the \$5 million rig and another nearby drilling platform, a barge loading dock, 70 acres of soil from Jefferson Island, trucks, trees, structures and a parking lot. The sucking force was so strong that it reversed the flow of a 12-mile-long canal that led to the Gulf of Mexico, and dragged 11 barges from that canal into the swirling vortex. Over a two-day period, the previously elevenfoot-deep fresh water lake was replaced with a 1,300-foot-deep saltwater lake. Wow! What God's creative powers can do!

On the night of June 8, 1974, a rainstorm in southern Brazil eroded a valley 16 feet deep, 50 feet wide, and 1600 feet long in a gently sloping field. Think, just one rainstorm!

Scientists estimate that the 277-mile-long Grand Canyon, carved by the Colorado River, took 3 to 6 million years to form and that this took place long before man kept records of erosion. However, one of the world's largest man-made disasters was the unrestrained flooding of this same river in 1905-07. In nine months, the runaway river formed 43 miles of channels with an average width of 1000 feet, and depth of 50 feet. It removed almost four times the amount of dirt removed while digging the Panama Canal.

If the Colorado River had kept eroding at that rate for 100 years, the United States could

have had two Grand Canyons. This is not considering possible earthquakes or other upheavals that could have helped in forming the Grand Canyon.

Scientists believe that the earth and the moon are about the same age. They also know that strong ultraviolet light from the sun's rays change rocks to dust at a very slow rate. A billion years of erosion, even at this slow rate, could have left great amounts of dust on the moon's surface. However, the astronauts did not sink into dust when they landed on the moon. They only found enough dust to make good footprints!

Surtsey Island, Mount St. Helens, the Colorado River flood and the flood in Brazil, the well drilling accident at Lake Peigneur, LA, a small amount of moon dust and a multitude of other evidence has caused many great scientists to believe that God is the creator of all things. Many have also concluded that the Earth could be only a few thousand years old, which seems to agree with the Bible record in Genesis.

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The Importance of a True Father

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It has become apparent that this world is experiencing a multitude of problems. Among these are abortion, unwed mothers, divorce, violence, etc. Many people have come to some very erroneous conclusions about what has caused all these problems. I feel that one of the main causes of the problems today is the absence of a true father.

First, I shall give a few reasons why a father is needed to train the youth who will someday be

the leaders of this world. Even though their duties are very different, a father's position in the family is every bit as important as the mother's. The father and his wife share the huge responsibility of parenting their children. Children who have a father present in their home are less likely to struggle with alcohol and drug abuse. It is obvious in those homes where the family is torn apart, the father basically worthless or violent, that the children are adversely

affected and are more likely exhibiting behavioral and emotional problems. If a child sees (or hears) his father abusing his mother, it is impossible for him not to experience some psychological and emotional trauma. The probability of a boy dropping out of school and/or spending time in jail doubles when he hasn't had a father while growing up; he is almost four times as likely to have need of treatment for emotional and behavioral problems.

I know for me, my dad has been a very special part of my life in helping me deal with my emotions and thoughts. All boys need their dad to help them in these areas. Many boys turn to violence and other unacceptable behavior to vent their frustrations, when all the time it might have been prevented if the father had been what he should have been. A child who grows up with a true father in the home is more likely to grow up to be a more considerate and compassionate adult. A true father can never be replaced or substituted by anything else. Having a father present helps to prepare the children to face the outside world.

Fathers also have some responsibilities of their own. It has been said that the greatest challenge that a man will ever face is that of being a good father to his children. The husband should be the one who brings home the bacon, so to speak. It is the husband's responsibility to go out and face the world in order to provide for his family. Sometimes, due to financial distress, it is necessary for the wife to obtain a job, but on the most part her duty is to be at home with the children. It is the man's duty to be the one to work so that she can fulfill her job as a mother.

To be a successful father, a man should openly love his wife so that his children can see how important she is to him. A father who truly loves his wife gives his children one of the greatest gifts that he could give them. When a husband and wife have a strong relationship, their children gain emotional strength from seeing the affection between their parents. So when the father loves his wife, it does more than make them happy, it gives their children a better chance in life.

Another very important responsibility of a father is being involved with his children. When a father builds a strong relationship by being involved with his child/children, it produces

academic and social benefits for the child. Some studies have proven that a child who has a father that pays him attention and spends time with him is usually healthier and more prepared for facing life than those who do not have a good father. It is very important for a father to try to talk with his children. It means a lot to a child for his father to have a conversation with him. Coming from a boy's perspective, I know that a boy really enjoys talking with his dad about tractors, guns, cars, hunting, fishing, etc. A father should also try to do things with his children. When a child who has had a father that spent time with him grows up into an adult, he will most likely have a higher education and a higher paying job than those who were unfortunate enough not to have had an involved father. A father should set aside his things every once in a while and spend time with his children. I know from experience that a boy loves to go fishing, hunting, work on a car, or basically anything to be with his dad. There have been countless times that I have crawled under the car with my dad and "helped" him work on it. I wouldn't trade those times for anything.

A father should also be interested in his children. It is the duty of a father to know his child's desires and dreams, and try either to support him or to point him gently in another direction, if needed. He should also be there for them when they need someone to confide in. A father should always show interest in his child's life. It will help the child gain self-confidence and deepen the father/child relationship.

If a father has a son or sons, he has an extra responsibility. It is totally up to the father to demonstrate to his boy how a real man should behave. Whether they appear to or not, boys watch their dads very intently and try to do everything that he does. Usually a boy will grow up to be a man with many of the same characteristics of his father. That should be a real challenge to fathers. Almost every boy who has been fortunate enough to have a real father will say, when asked, that their dad is their hero. As I said before, a boy enjoys doing just about anything with his dad.

The Bible teaches us that a father is supposed to be a model of God to his family. He is to be to his family what God is to him. A responsible father should teach his children the principles from the Bible. His children should

learn from him how to serve the Lord. Also, he should love his children unconditionally just as God does us.

As you can tell, there is quite a lot that involves being a good father. Also, there is great

importance in good fathers. If all the children in the world could have a good father, I feel that many of our problems would be solved. So let's strive to be strong, reliable and responsible fathers when that time comes.



"Bring up Your Lives"

I once heard a story of a military standard bearer who, in the time of battle when his company was charging up a hill against a fortified enemy position, was going ahead of his company carrying the flag. Enemy fire was very effective as the enemy was strongly entrenched and the company was being shot up badly. The officer in charge deemed the battle lost and that he should pull back his men, so he called to the standard bearer ordering him to bring back the flag. The standard bearer called back over his shoulder as he continued to charge on into the enemy position, "I won't bring back the flag; you bring up your men!" According to the story, the beaten and battered army rallied to the standard and the result was victory.

Brethren, let this be the spirit of every one of us. There is a cry from some in our day that the standard is being held too high and we are too strict about this and that, etc., and some are seeking for a modification of some of the old teachings which our fathers stood by-lived and taught, and to which God attested His sanction by miracles, signs and wonders and abundance of divine grace, producing great joy and victorious living among His people. But when the cry goes out to bring down or lower the standard, let the spontaneous response of every one of us be that "We won't do it; you bring up your lives." And if all will bring up their lives to the definitely established standard and principles of truth (rally to the standard) the result will be victory.

In Numbers 2:34 we read, "And the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses: so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward." Ah, folks, there you have it! "They pitched by their standards and SO they set forward." If we want to set forward and make real solid progress in our individual lives and in the work of God, we must pitch by the standards which God will honor and work through. Otherwise, we are doomed to certain defeat.

Variance is classified in Gal. 5:20 as a work of the flesh. For us to vary in any degree from the established lines of truth laid down by Christ and the apostles, and perpetuated unto us by our fathers, is to give place to the flesh. Two straight lines running parallel can be projected around the world and still be the same exact distance apart as at the beginning. But if there is a little variation in one of them, be it ever so slight, by the time it is projected around the world it will be off a long, long way. So with the lines of truth: if there is just a slight variation some way, by the time it is projected through this age, or through a few generations even, there is no way of calculating how far it might be off.

One has said, "Individuals are but atoms. They are born, they live, they act, they die. But truth is an eternal principle and can never be changed." This is very true. Change truth to any degree at all and it becomes false. There may be different conditions and different things to meet in our day than in the days of Christ and the apostles, or in the early days of this reformation and, no doubt, there are. But the clear principles of eternal truth, if solidly held, will meet the problems of our day the same as theirs.

But we cannot move established landmarks to suit our land lines. We must move our land lines to suit the established land marks. At this point I think of Bro. George Winn of Guthrie, Oklahoma, whom some of you may still remember. He said at one time that if God would hand him the Bible and say, "Here, George, just take this book and fix it to fit you," he would just hand the Bible back to God and say, "God, the book is all right just like it is. Just fix George to fit the book." Brethren, that is the attitude we all need and must have. Let us not be trying to change any part of God's Word to suit our way of life at any point, but let us earnestly be seeking God to change our lives in any way they need changing to conform to the truths of God's Word. - Bro. O. B. Wilson

From March 1967 Faith And Victory.

It Matters Much

It matters little where I was born,

Or if my parents were rich or poor;

Whether they shrank from the cold world's scorn Or walked in the pride of wealth secure;

But whether I live an honest man.

And hold my integrity firm in my clutch, I tell you brother, as plain as I can,

It matters much!

It matters little how long I stay

In a world of sorrow, sin and care;

Whether in youth I'm called away,

Or live till my bones and pate are bare;

But whether I do the best I can

To soften the weight of adversity's touch

On the faded cheek of my fellow-man,

It matters much!

It matters little where be my grave,

If on the land or on the sea,

By purling brook or neath stormy wave

It matters little or nought to me:

But whether the Angel of death comes down

And marks my brow with his loving touch,

As one that shall wear the victor's crown,

It matters much!

Recount Your Blessings

One time when the Psalmist was feeling discouraged, (Psalm 77) he said, "But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High."

How good it would be if God's children would always follow David's example when under trial: but alas! we are more inclined to recount the trials and the wrongs and to brood over them. Thus our faith and courage is weakened and confusion follows. During my short life God has given me some experiences which to me were wonderful. At times when my strength seemed well nigh gone, and all seemed lost, difficulties heaped mountain high to destroy my soul. Then God stepped in and in some instances, within a moment's time, the unexpected happened, which from that time changed the course of my life. I was so completely delivered that the difficulties which threatened to destroy my soul were so completely overthrown that they can never again trouble me.

"One time when clouds hung low. I said Eternity was gray,

The sun went down in splendor Upon that very day."

If one day could end so beautifully after dark clouds, then God can make other dark days to end the same way by His own power.

"Count your many blessings, Name them one by one, And it will surprise you

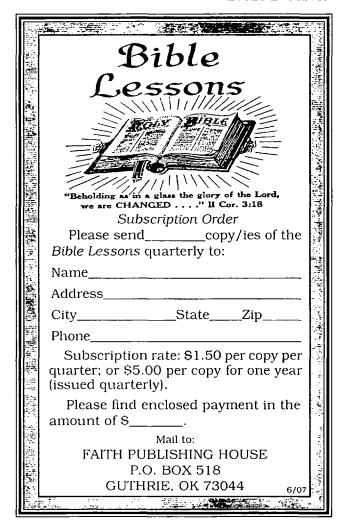
What the Lord hath done."

Yes, the goodness of God will magnify before your eyes, and it will surprise you how the clouds will disperse.

Think of the victories of Israel when they went forward praising God while He fought for them. God is the same today. One sister was beset by much opposition because of her stand for the truth. One day she was taunted by the words of an acquaintance who said, "What is the use of your standing like this? It will be of no use." She said, "I will keep blowing the trumpet and Jericho will fall at the proper time." Well, according to her faith, her Jericho came down with a crash which surprised her as well as her friends.

Come, behold the works of the Lord. Behold them until your courage rises, and you feel yourself animated by His power.

-Lottie L. Jarvis



Have You Seen Him?

Isaiah saw Him in the temple. Moses found Him in the wilderness. The Hebrew children saw Him in the furnace. Job found Him in the midst of severe affliction. Jacob saw Him at Bethel when beset by danger. He came to Joseph in the dungeon after years of imprisonment and slavery. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, just previous to the beginning of his life-work. Paul was given a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of satan to buffet him, that the power (and revelations) of Christ might be entrusted to him.

Strange places to meet the King! Are we willing to go our part of the way, that we may meet Him face to face?

—Lottie Jarvis

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Carry Sunshine

Many people carry shadows By the gloomy lives they live, By their grouchy way of speaking, And by what they do and give; But there is a way of living That is better far than this, Blessing men with sunny brightness, Helping them to joy and bliss.

You may carry sunshine, neighbor, Carry sunshine day by day, Which is done by righteous living-Yes, by what you do and say; And it makes you feel much better, And your fellows that you meet, When your face is wearing sunshine And your voice is kind and sweet.

Carry sunshine by your smiling, By your gentleness and grace, By the prayers you breathe for others And the kindness of your face; By the love your heart possesses, By the sympathy you show, By your patient way of dealing With your friend or with your foe.

Carry sunshine to the needy, To the sick and to the sad; To the men and to the women Who are good or who are bad; Though sometimes 'twill cost you money, Cost you effort, work and time; Yet to be a sunshine toter Is both noble and sublime.

You will ne'er regret it, neighbor, As the years of life go by, For it's this that makes you happy While you live and when you die; Then when you shall meet the Master After you have run your race, You will not be disappointed When you see His smiling face.

---Walter E. Isenhour