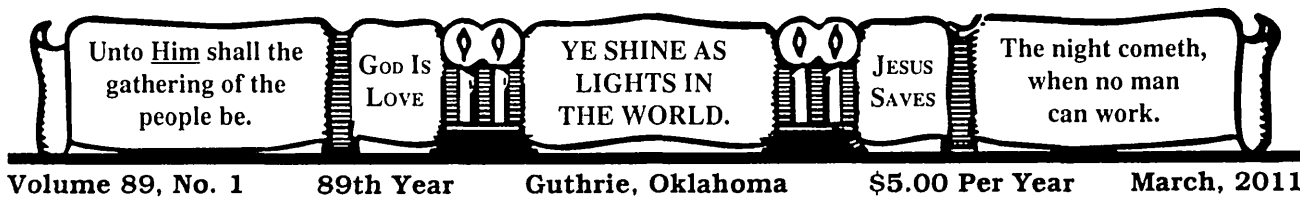


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Proverbs 31 Man = Proverbs 31 Woman

By Sis. Brenda Wilkins

For Mothers and Sons

Proverbs 31—a passage in the Bible so challenging, so instructive, so beautiful. A passage so relevant and so timeless, and one that reveals the wisdom and beauty of the home when taken in perspective with God's plan in this 21st century.

Many scholars are of the opinion that King Lemuel is King Solomon. Lemuel is a fond, endearing name that his mother may have called him. As Solomon relates to his son, in chapter four, what his father taught him, thus he now appears to relate what his mother taught him. At any rate, Proverbs 31 resounds, echoes and parallels with the entire God given wisdom that Solomon relates to us in the book of Proverbs.

Here is a wise mother! In verses 1-9 she seems to be reiterating and backing what King Solomon had learned and later wrote to his sons from his father. This mother is instructing her

son and conveying the basis of leadership he must have as a wise man: Keep yourself pure and from lust and temptations, from flirtatious and non-virtuous women. Proverbs 2: 16-17. "To deliver thee from the strange woman... which flattereth with her words; which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God." Teaching him to be a good steward of his health, not allowing his judgment to be affected by the weakness of strong drink. Proverbs 23:20-21, "Be thou not among winebibbers...for the drunken...shall come to poverty." Beware of uncleanness and drunkenness and anything that would destroy his strength and integrity as "a man of honor." A wise man, she instructs, will deny himself for others so that he can judge righteously. He will become a man of integrity, bold in pleading the cause of the poor and needy, a compassionate man, a "manly" man strong enough to be gentle, a man of truth fearing the Lord.

Her instruction goes much farther. She is preparing and instructing her son to seek out and find a virtuous woman. But also preparing and instructing her son for his place in her life. My son, her price is far above rubies. She will be first in your life, respect and affection. You will value her wisdom, trust her decision, and believe in her, you won't become careless as the years go by but you will safely trust in her all the days of her life. (verses 10-12)

Oh, the wisdom of this mother. She understands the joy, the energy, the confidence, the

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exuberant happiness that shouts from the Proverbs 31 woman because...she fears the Lord first and...she is a wife that is supported and esteemed by a strong Godly man. A "man" that submits to his wife's God given role in their home. This is not a submission of giving up his place of leadership but an acknowledgment of God's plan and order of the home. A woman that loved can't help, if she is following her God ordained role, but do him good and not evil all the days of her life (verse 12).

The pattern of the home is set; the husband provides and the wife is a good steward over her household. She supplies her household and gives to others. He has set the pattern by looking out for the poor and needy, therefore he welcomes and encourages her generosity (verse 20). He communicates well with his wife; they are partners together in building their home, their ambitions, and their finances so that she can be as one with him in her helpmeeting... "considereth a field and buyeth it" (verse 16).

Again this Proverbs 31 man is a man of integrity and honor. In the days of the Proverbs 31 woman, the cities were walled. The gates had large rooms built into them; matters of public welfare were transacted there. Known to be a reputable man, "he sitteth among the elders of the land". (verse 23.) Recognized as a leader, an honorable man, he is held in high esteem by the townspeople therefore is truly a man of influence. His wife can trust his leadership and finds strength and honor (verse 25) that resounds in her realm of "influence" as she serves and is effective to those around her. Rejoicing in the peace and harmony of the home, she is able to bear the trials and heartaches that even the wise and virtuous must meet in this life. She is a "wall", Song of Solomon 8:9; she has built her life on Godly convictions and is unyielding to the immoral and evil advances from other men and the world around her.

She relishes the career that God has so wisely set before her to build her home, enjoying the fruits of love and harmony that it brings. Although very successful in her role, her words (verse 26) do not lord over her husband. She recognizes the wisdom of God's plan for his leadership, cherished by his sacrificial love for her and their family. She enjoys the oneness they share and with wisdom and kindness she looketh well to the ways of her household (verse 27). Confident in her man, she finds fulfillment

through reverencing and help-meeting her husband and family. This confidence radiates love to her children who in turn call her blessed, (verse 28), another attribute to the harmony of the home.

As a man so comfortable and in tune with his God given role of the home he has no need to be controlling, selfish or jealous. He prayerfully leads the home following God's example of the church. Sacrificial love, consideration, and tenderness promote so much adoration and respect the Proverbs 31 woman is eager to helpmeet her husband. He in turn praises her far above all women, (verse 28) not forgetting her sacrifices, her submission to the Lord and her God given role in his life.

And so..., the Proverbs 31 man = the Proverbs 31 woman. The wheel turns smoothly. God's beautiful plan for husband and wife to dwell peacefully together, to fill their "own" God ordained places in each others life is assured. It will happen! It is possible! How? When each one prayerfully follows the pattern set before them, "All The Days of Their Lives."



LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

SC—Dear Saints: I feel I am overdue in giving God the thanks and praise for His blessings on us this past year. Before I was expecting our first child, Hamilton and I had expressed our desire to be able to have a home birth so we could be less exposed to the pressures and procedures of the medical world. So we prayed and I started searching for a local midwife. I didn't know if South Carolina even made allowances for home births. I found several midwives but one caught my attention more than the others. At the time I couldn't explain why but now I know that the Lord was guiding my eyes.

When I was first expecting our baby we met the midwife and were very impressed with her. We found out she was a Christian, and God was brought up more than once in the conversation. We told her of our convictions and how we wanted to shield our baby as much as possible

from medical interventions. She sent both of us to have blood tests done to determine blood types and other things about me. I can still remember the day she called me. The first thing she told us was that we had the Rh factor as an issue and that the test showed my platelets were very low. She was very concerned with the platelet count and told me that if they didn't come up soon that she couldn't serve us as our midwife; that we'd have to go under the care of an OB/GYN and possibly a hematologist because of the risk of hemorrhage during delivery. She also told us that if we were going to do the Rhogam® shot we needed to do it right away. When I got off the phone with her I was scared and very discouraged. I remember crying and praying. I remembered the woman in the Bible with the issue of blood. She had courage to push through the crowd and touch just the hem of Jesus' robe and because of that she was healed. I knew my situation was different but that it still involved the blood. In my prayer time I was finally able to come to the place where I told the Lord that I knew He made my blood and that He made women to have children and I was going to trust Him no matter what happened.

I called different ones for prayer and started research into any natural ways to bring my platelets up. I found three things that I could take that would improve my blood and possibly help bring the platelet count up. I started trying to incorporate them into my diet. It was very hard because the things I was taking were not at all pleasant. They tasted bad and made me sick to my stomach but I was trying my best to take them until my next blood test. I struggled along for a couple of weeks with this and I was getting weary of forcing myself to eat what made me sick. The Lord started gently dealing with me about what I was doing. I had told Him I would trust Him and yet I was appearing to put my trust in something else. I'm not saying that taking herbs and things is wrong but in my situation, the Lord wanted me to lean completely on Him. So, I stopped taking them and told the Lord that I knew He could heal me if he wanted to. In the meantime, our midwife apologized for the way she scared me and agreed to help us all she could. Hamilton and I had decided that we were going to trust the Lord with the Rh factor and that He would take care of it all.

By state law we had to have two visits with

an OB/GYN throughout the pregnancy. The first visit didn't go well at all. The doctor wasn't concerned about the platelet count but didn't respect our beliefs and pushed the Rogham shot on us. He made us feel that we didn't love our child enough to take care of it. We came away saying "Okay Lord, first visit down one more to go!" I was dreading my next blood test but we had people praying for us and I knew that God would be with me even if the birth had to happen in a medical setting. I did the next blood test and it came back saying that my platelets had come up!! Praise the Lord! They still were not up to normal but the midwife said that she would be okay with doing a home birth if they continued to trend upward. I was to have one more blood test before the birth. I was just so happy that the Lord had answered prayer and that He was healing my blood.

Our second visit with the doctor was not much better than the first. He threw a fit about another test that I hadn't done and because we hadn't done the shot. He even wrote out the prescription for it. We were afraid that he wouldn't approve me for home birth. But he signed the paper and we walked out of there so relieved. In all of this, at the different visits with the midwife, I tried to be straight-forward in telling her of what the Lord was doing with us; that He was teaching us to trust Him. We had several good conversations about God and His goodness. She told me of some of her other clients with needs and I told her that I would pray for them. Her husband also lost his job and we got under a burden that the Lord would provide him with a job. We tried to stay on top of checking if he had a job yet and telling them that we were really praying. She was touched. I started feeling like the Lord had led us to this woman for a reason. I told the Lord that I was willing to be used of Him. She told me at one of our visits that she had a client with a complication, and she told her she would tell me because I was a prayer warrior. We never know how far our lights will shine.

Before the birth of our child, the Lord provided our midwife's husband with a job, answered prayer for her clients and brought my platelets up to a level where there was almost no concern. "Is it true that every sickness may be laid at Jesus feet...all my trouble, care and sorrow...? Yes! My brother...He'll remove with tender mercy for He's just the same today!"

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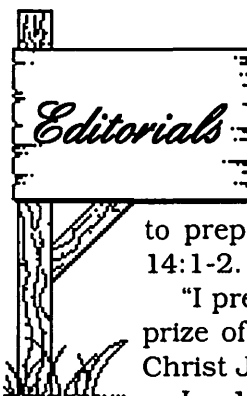
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"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:1-2.

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14.

In 1701, under the reign of Frederick I, the first king of Prussia, there began construction of a magnificent "Amber Room" in Charlottenburg Palace, located near the German city of Berlin. The walls consisted of panels that were covered with an intricate mosaic of flat, polished pieces of amber. Amber is a stone formed from the resin of trees that were buried at an earlier period of time and subsequently hardened into varying shades of a semi-transparent honey colored fossilized rock. The elegant design of the room was created by the talented German baroque sculptor Andreas Schlüter and the design was implemented by the Danish amber artisan Gottfried Wolfram with the aid of Ernst Schacht and Gottfried Turau. The mosaic panels of amber were bordered by vertical columns of mirrors and framed by intricate wood carvings covered with pure gold. Semi-precious stones and murals accented the lavish aesthetics of the room. One could describe its exquisite beauty as radiating the pleasing warm glow of fossilized sunshine.

On one of Peter the Great's visits to Charlottenburg Palace he openly expressed his admiration for the beauty of the "Amber Room." In 1716, Frederick William I, son of the king who started the room, gave it to the emperor of Russia as a token of good will in observance of a peace agreement they had made. The room was dismantled, boxed in 18 large crates and moved to the Winter House in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1755 at the direction of Czarina Elizabeth, it was moved to Tsarskoye Selo, the palace residence of the Russian imperial family at Pushkin where it was reassembled and enlarged with more amber imported from Berlin to fill the space of its new location. The amber panels decorated three walls of the new location and the fourth wall was finished with mirrors and mosaics of stones from the Ural mountains and the Caucasus mountain regions of the

country. The ceiling was decoratively finished and the floor was a mosaic of fine wood. Czarina Elizabeth used it for a private meditation room, Catherine the Great used it for a gathering room and Alexander II used it to house his trophies. Nearly six tons of amber and other semi-precious stones were subtly blended into the artful expressions of beauty that contributed to the royal splendor of the room. The finely detailed craftsmanship and warm opulent radiance of the "Amber Room" caused some to refer to it as an eighth wonder of the world.

This lovely room continued to cast its delightful amber charms on its occupants until June of 1941 when Adolph Hitler ordered a massive contingent of nazi soldiers to invade Russia. As the soldiers neared Pushkin, the officials attempted to hide the amber panels by covering them with wallpaper. But, when the German military arrived they easily discovered the treasured room and quickly took it apart, crated it up and within 36 hours began hauling it away. They moved it to Königsberg museum in Germany where it remained until about August of 1944. When the Allied forces, in the later part of WWII, began air strikes in this area of Germany, the beautiful panels of the "Amber Room" disappeared and have not been found since. There have been a few pieces of amber claimed to be from this famed room and a mosaic also believed to be from it found in the possession of a deceased soldier's heirs. However, despite intense investigative efforts by Russian agents and other interested parties, the whereabouts of this historical treasure remains a mystery.

What would it be like to have a room like that—to sit on a couch and chat with friends, to have a nice thanksgiving dinner, to spend a quiet evening with family, perhaps playing a piano or reading a book? To most of us a room of this luxurious magnificence is something we can only dream of or perhaps see in pictures. A single panel might cost more money than most of us make in a lifetime. No, a room like this is not likely to be the lot of average folks, it is reserved for kings and royalty.

But wait a minute, aren't we called to be kings and priests, aren't we to be a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people to show forth the praises of the One Who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Aren't our bodies to be the temple of God, a place where the Holy Spirit dwells? If this is

true, then we should have a room in our hearts that shines far brighter than the "Amber Room." We have heard all of our lives about Heaven being a place with streets of gold, walls of jasper and seas of glass. No doubt it will have much more than we will ever imagine on this earth, but surely it is God's will that we have a sample of these glories in our heart today. We can read in the Old Testament about all the beauty and splendor that was built into Solomon's temple—all of the gold and ornate decorations and beautiful vessels that were dedicated to the service of God, the cherubims whose wings stretched over the mercy seat and how God's very presence filled the most holy place. These things have symbolic representations to our Christian experience.

Our conversation, our bodies, our heart and our actions should all radiate the glory of Christ. When others are with us they should be able to tell there is something different about us. Have you ever had a stranger swear in your presence and then try to apologize to you for their inappropriate language, and you never said anything to them about it? Have you witnessed a stranger come into the meeting of the Saints while they were singing the songs of Zion and become so nervous and uneasy that they got up and walked out by the time we had prayer. The glory and love of the Lord shining in the countenance and in the eyes of a child of God is not something that people in this sin darkened world easily miss. They may appreciate it or they may despise and ridicule it, but they don't miss it.

The problem with too many professing "Christians" today is that they only have a luke-warm experience. They are trying to fulfill the lusts of the flesh and at the same time claim to be on the highway of holiness. They are miserable in their lives, and the world, their children and others see their inconsistent actions. There is no "Amber Room" in their hearts. The place that should be bright and glorious is instead filled with dross, cares of this world and a dreary faithless outlook on life. Oh, it could be that the enemy has come and carted their glorious room away.

In 1979 reconstruction began on a new "Amber Room." For twenty-four years workers labored to replicate the lost room and in 2003 the re-creation was opened to the public at Tsarskoye Selo State Museum. This project began in a financially troubled time and much

of the funding came from contributions by a German company. The re-opening coincided with the tri-centennial celebrations of St. Petersburg's founding as the capital city of the Russian Empire.

When we experience the blessing of salvation from the Lord and we seek for His Holy Spirit to fill our lives we receive a special treasure that should be carefully guarded and cared for. There is an enemy that will take this treasured blessing from us if we become slothful. If that happens, one should immediately recognize their need and take whatever corrective action is necessary to regain the presence of the Lord in their hearts. It could be that sin has damaged one's life so severely that it means starting over for the Lord with a totally new beginning. To have the presence of the Lord is worth whatever sacrifice one must make, for the value of our soul is greater than all the riches and wealth of this world. Apostle Paul recognized the value of his eternal soul, the need for having Christ in his heart and the importance of obtaining a heavenly prize. This is why he said, "...Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark...." It may be there have been hard things that happened to us that we have to forgive, forget and put behind us. Sometimes it takes real energy on our part to forgive and forget deep wounds—even requiring the grace of God to successfully accomplish. The forgetting is not like something that just slipped out of our mind while we were busy with something else. It is that we refuse to dwell on the action that caused us loss or injury, or hindered us from doing the Lord's will. It is a work on our part that prepares and opens our hearts to receive this precious treasure from God and is sanctioned by His blessing.

It is also important for us to reach forth and press toward our heavenly goal. It is almost like climbing a ladder; one reaches out with their hands to grasp the next rung and then at the same time presses themselves forward with their feet. Incorporating truth into our lives is like this, we study and search for it and then when we find it we obey it. God will reward those who diligently search for truth with its discovery and He will bless those who obey it. "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people...." Exodus 19:5.

Jesus told His followers, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16. When we find Christ, the Pearl of Great Price, and He lives in us, then we will produce much good fruit that will bring glory to our heavenly Father and will warm the souls around us by the radiant beams of Divine love which touches their lives. May God help us to possess many heavenly treasures in our heart.

—Bro. Willie E. Murphey
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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

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When I went into labor, we trusted the Lord to take care of everything. My husband's family was pretty nervous about us having an out-of-hospital birth and we trusted the Lord to take care of them too. There were a couple of scary times during the labor and birth but we could call on the Lord (with the midwife and her assistant agreeing with us) and He turned the situation around. He gave us a healthy little girl and our desire to have her in our home. We will never, ever be able to repay the Lord for His kindness to us. He is SO worthy to be trusted!! This has really been a faith builder to us. We want so much to live our lives for God so that our lights will shine to others and that He would be pleased to claim us as His children.

—Bro. Hamilton and Sis. Krista Clark



TN—Please remember me in prayer, I need special help from the Lord. —Bro. David Runion

KY—There are some serious needs that we would like the Saints to remember in prayer concerning our son-in-law's family. He just recently lost his brother, Troy, with pneumonia and along with the grief of his loss there have been some heavy financial burdens placed on them. His youngest brother has some serious personal needs. His oldest brother, Buddy, has a 14 year old daughter, Starr, has a blood condition that the medical professionals have been unable to diagnose. These needs along with some other issues are a heavy burden to our family and we as an interest in your prayers fir them. —Sis. Kay Griffitt

WV—We are thankful for how the Lord has blessed Bro. Mancil Doolittle to recover from a serious stroke. He has now been able to go home and is eating, talking and using his left side in a limited way. Continue to remember them in prayer.

Standing Prayer Requests

- Sis. Agnes Burleson
- Bro. Gary Burleson
- Sis. Gladys Cashio
- Sis. Helen Carson
- Sis. Genevieve Carver
- Sis. Elizabeth Corteway
- Sis. Waneta Creel
- Bro. Terry Dawson Sr.
- Bro. Mancil Doolittle
- Sis. Guy Domin
- Sis. Dorall Forbes
- Bro. Dan Gellenbeck
- Bro. Troy Gentry
- Jaden Howard
- Sis. Patsy Jordon
- Sis. Earnestine Jordon
- Sis. Karoline Kessler
- Bro. Mark and Sis. Darlene Knight
- Sis. Virginia Myers
- Sis. Elsie M. Offerman
- Sis. Melba Powell
- Sis. Sharon Quave
- Bro. Vernon Robinson
- Bro. David Runion
- Sis. Ruth Shehee
- Sis. Cheryl Smith
- Bro. Michael Smith
- Bro. Edward and Sis. Gloria Taylor
- Sis. Imogene Taylor
- The Mitch Taylor family
- Sis. Norma Tiller
- Bro. Delmar Wilkins
- Bro. Curtis Williams
- Sis. Jan Wood

MEETING DATES

- Neosho, MO (Spring Revival)—April 6-10
- Alabama Singing (Warrior, AL)—April 16
- Wichita, KS (Spring Revival)—April 17-24
- Shawnee, OK (Spring Revival)—April 27-May 1
- Los Angeles, CA (Spring Revival)—May 13-15
- Oklahoma State (Guthrie)—May 27-June 5
- Holly Hill, SC (Camp Meeting)—June 5-12
- Green Bank, WV (Camp Meeting)—June 10-16
- Jefferson, OR (Camp Meeting)—June 18-26
- Sisters' Retreat (Guthrie, OK.)—June 24-25
- Fresno, CA (Camp Meeting)—June 26-July 3
- General Southern (Loranger, LA)—
June 26-July 3
- Sisters' Retreat (Bakersfield, CA)—July 8-9
- National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 15-24
- Myrtle, MO (Camp Meeting)—July 29-Aug. 2

MEETING NOTICES

NEOSHO, MO, REVIVAL

The Saints at Neosho, MO invite you to attend our Spring Revival April 6-10. Services will be held nightly at 7:00 p.m. Sunday Morning services will begin at 10:45 a.m. Bro. Marty Clevenger has a burden to be with us. For further information contact Bro. Ronald Cole (417) 592-7451

SHAWNEE, OK, REVIVAL

Lord willing, Bro. Steve Elwell (Sr) will be with us in revival beginning Wednesday, April 27th, 2011 through May 1st. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday—Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and morning Worship at 10:45 a.m., with dinner following the morning service then an afternoon service about 2 p.m. with no night service on the Sunday.

Also, on Saturday evening there is to be a Singing at 5:30 p.m. until about 7:15 p.m. and then the night service will begin at the regular time of 7:30 p.m.. All are welcome and encouraged to come; pray with us that the Lord will pour out His Spirit upon the messenger and the meeting. —Bro. Carl Shaffer

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LOS ANGELES, CA, SPRING REVIVAL

Come and see that the Lord God is good. The Los Angeles congregation at Naomi and Walnut St. invite you to our Spring Revival. As it pleases

God we will open our doors May 13-15. Friday worship 7:00 p.m.; Saturday Worship 11a.m., Youth Focus 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Worship 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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**ALABAMA SPRING SINGING
NEAR WARRIOR, AL**

The Church of God congregation near Warrior, AL is planning a singing April 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. Activities will begin on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the C. W. Day Park in Hanceville, which is the same place we had it last year. On Sunday, April 17th, there will be services at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. with dinner on the grounds at the chapel. Everyone is welcome.

The chapel is located approximately two miles west of Interstate 65 off exit 289 on Acton Bend Circle.

For further information you may contact Bro. Roy Herron at (205) 647-7869 or Bro. Marshall Whitson at (205) 647-6325 or (205) 317-4151 Cell.

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WICHITA, KS, SPRING REVIVAL

The Wichita congregation welcomes you to our spring revival. The meeting will run Sunday, April 17 through Easter Sunday, April 24. Monday through Saturday, services will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, services will begin with Sunday School at 9:30 followed by Morning Worship at 10:45 and afternoon and evening services. The final service will be the afternoon service on Sunday.

Please join us and pray for the revival. For more information contact Bro. Emanuel Gracey at (316) 461-1267 or Bro. Theodore McCray at (316) 641-4170.

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HOLLY HILL, SC, CAMP MEETING

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all to attend the Holly Hill, SC Camp Meeting which will be held from Sunday, June 5- Sunday, June 12, 2011. On Sunday, June 5, there will be two services, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. On Monday, June 6 through Saturday, June

11, 2011, there will be two services daily, at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, June 12, there will be one service at 10:00 a.m. On Monday through Saturday, we will also plan to have an early morning prayer service at 8:00 a.m. each day. Meals will be served, and there is a limited amount of accommodations available on the grounds on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are several motels located in Santee, which is about 10 miles from the chapel. If you would like to stay on the grounds or if you wish to obtain more information on local motels, please call Sis. Beverly Pratt at 803-496-3057 or Bro. Kevin and Sis. Cheryl Smith at 803-492-7975. If you cannot attend our meeting, please be in prayer for us that God will meet with us and pour out His Spirit on each service.

In Jesus' Love,

—Bro. Kevin and Sis. Cheryl Smith and the Holly Hill, SC Congregation

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JEFFERSON, OR, CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the Jefferson, OR camp meeting will be held the third week of June. The meeting will start Saturday night, June 18th, and run through Sunday morning, June 26th. Morning and night services during the week and an afternoon service on the last Saturday. We do have RV hookups and other sleeping accommodations.

For more information you can contact Bro. Cliff Smith at (503) 581-4575. We do thank each of you who has supported the camp meeting either in presence or prayer. Please, remember us in prayer

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SISTERS' RETREAT 2011

The Sisters' Retreat 2011 will convene, Lord willing, June 24-25 at the Church of God, Guthrie, Oklahoma congregation. There will be two days starting at 9:00 a.m. All meals are provided. The theme for this year is: Part I, "Her Name Is?" Part II will be, "Lord, Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary."

The retreat will be supported by freewill offering sent to this address: King's Daughter, P.O. Box 567, Okmulgee, OK 74447-0567. Make check payable to Church of God—King's Daughter. Accommodations will be provided on the campground. For further information please contact Sis. Mary McDonald (918) 758-02222, Cell (918) 752-4205. For directions and accommodations contact Sis. Dena Porter (405) 227-0937.

FRESNO, CA, CAMP MEETING

The Saints at Fresno extend a cordial invitation for all to attend our camp meeting that will be held, Lord willing, June 26 - July 3, 2011.

6/26—Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Worship Services,

6/27 - 7/2—Mon. - Sat. Worship Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

7/3—Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30am, & 2:00pm Worship Services

For more information you may contact:

Sis. Gwendolyn Robinson at 559-233-6492.

Sis. Dorothy Gray at 559-229-6395.

Sis. Brian and Sheri Rich at 559-246-0604.

Please continue to pray that the Lord will bless in these meetings. —Sis. Stephanie Pree

GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the General Southern Camp Meeting at Loranger, Louisiana will begin Sunday, June 26, with morning and evening services daily through Sunday, July 3. If you can join us, come praying for a blessing.

There are separate dormitories available for the brothers and sisters. Electrical and water hook ups are available for those with campers. Meals are 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 Bro. Carlos Doolittle at (985) 878-8122. The chapel phone is (985) 878-2788. Please do support this meeting with your prayers.



Natalie Norene (Burke) Allen was the beloved youngest daughter of Waldo and Anna

Burke, born on April 18, 1917, in Douglas County, MO. She was the sister of Waldorf, Dorothy, and Elzonia, who, along with her parents, preceded her in death.

At the age of 18, she married her devoted husband of 48 years, Murphy Allen. They survived the depression, during which their two oldest daughters were born: Shirley Ann and Carol Lou. Seven years later their first son, Wilbur Dean, was born. Not until another five years, was the second part of the family added: Janice Sue, Jeanie Joyce and Terry Wallace.

Murphy and Natalie were saved not long before they were married and Murphy went into the ministry as an evangelist early in their marriage. Natalie spent most of her life at home with the children while Murphy traveled. Though he was a loving husband and father, Natalie served as both father and mother in his absence, keeping the home happy and healthy. She certainly patterned her life from the Proverbs 31 woman who prepared for her household, clothing and feeding them well on a limited budget. For years, she channeled her creativity into a home-based business of cake decorating. This is how she provided her family with the little "extras" in life. Many weekends found the family transporting wedding cakes to their respective locations.

Natalie loved to sew, crochet, knit and do many kinds of crafts. At 70 years old, she learned to paint with acrylics and oils. If you were connected to Natalie in any way, you probably have a crafted or painted keepsake. She sewed tiny Barbie doll clothes, crocheted beautiful names for wall framing, made numerous baby afghans, sweaters, hats and booties. She painted many pictures, saws, churns and anything she could put a picture on.

The center of her long life was her children and their offspring. She was truly a matriarch of all of them. Every birthday and Christmas, all 58 of them were remembered.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Murphy, one daughter, Shirley and a son-in-law, Thurman Sorrell. Surviving her are her five children: Carol Sorrell of Myrtle, MO, W.D. and Maria Allen of Springfield, MO, Jan and Ed Johnston of Neosho, MO, Jeanie and Toney Samons of Fair Grove, MO, and Terry and Nancy Allen of Fair Grove, MO.

She has 18 devoted grandchildren who remember her as "fun loving and giving and who

always had the cookie jar full. They are: Harlan, Dennis, and Stanley Sorrell, Camille Zacharias, Will Allen, Wendy Jones, Kelly Ross, Adrian and Clint Johnston, Stephanie Sorrell, Kristy Probst, Chad and Andrea Samons, Shana Beverage, Lenee Sorrell, and Brandon, Brad and Boyd Allen. She also has a daughter-in-law, Cynthia Courtney of Claremore, OK, a step-grandson, Atila Mota, two step-great-grandchildren, one nephew, Bob Monro of Ft. Myers, FL, and one niece, Linda Lopez of Portage, IN.

Thirty great-grandchildren remember her mostly as the "little grandma" who sent them a card and \$5 every birthday.

Even after Natalie suffered from a decline in health in January, 2010, she bounced back to life and laughter, amazing her family, friends and the entire Hospice Team! Limited in mobility this last year, she spent hours communicating by cards, letters and phone calls to her friends and extended family at a distance and enjoyed the extra attention from her friends and family locally.

She peacefully departed this life to be with the Lord, February 28, 2011, as the result of a stroke which necessitated her being in bed with limited communication. Even then, she connected with those ministering to her through her eyes, her hand and her still-alert mind.

She is now with the Lord, passing the torch to those of us who remain. She was a wonderful example of devotion to God, portraying a spirit of gratefulness and full living. May we hold the torch as bright and high and keep running to attain our prize as she has done.

Memorial services were officiated by Bro. Michael Smith and Bro. Paul Sorrell. Interment was at the Church of God Cemetery, Myrtle, MO.

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Virgie Lee (House-Walker) Logan was born in Dover, Oklahoma as a ray of sunshine on a cold winter day, January 28, 1933. She departed for her eternal home in Glory on November 25, 2010, at the age of 77. Virgie was the sixth of eleven girls born to Robert "Thomas" House and Mary (Phillips) House. She accepted Christ at an early age and became a part of the family of God. Virgie attended the Evening Light Church of God Congregation in Wichita, KS. She loved working with children and was a Sunday School teacher for many years.

Virgie's early childhood in Dover, Oklahoma

was filled with love and lots of hard work. There were no boys in the family, so girls assumed the usual farm chores. Virgie loved to ride horses and care for her younger sisters. She attended school in Dover at Lone Oak and Booker T. Washington. In 1947 the family moved to Wichita, Kansas. The House girls begin to establish their lives anew in "The Big City." Virgie continued her education at Horace Mann and North High Schools.

She met and later married Earl Anderson Walker on October 14, 1950. God granted the desire of their hearts and they became the proud parents of four children. Virgie was a wonderful wife and mother. She took exceptional care of her children and was devoted to her family. Virgie was an excellent cook, homemaker and seamstress and she made many of her children's clothes. She was blessed with seven grandchildren and spoiled them with love.

Virgie was very close to her sisters, often referred to as "Bobskids," they were a close-knit bunch.

On October 19, 2004, Virgie suffered a stroke and her health began to decline. She endured a long battle with various illnesses related to the stroke. Early in her affliction she was memorizing Psalms 121:1 and gained daily strength by lifting her eyes to the Lord for help. On Thanksgiving Day she was called home to Glory. Hallelujah!!

Virgie was preceded in death by both of her parents, seven sisters, her beloved husband Earl, who died suddenly in 1980, and her dear grandson, Adrian Olajuwon Crosby in 2006, whom she had nicknamed, "Little Fella," at birth. She leaves to mourn, then cherish her memory, Aunt, Deloris House; Sisters, Ardelia E. McCray-Ballard, Sonya Mae House, and Gaynell N. Ross; Children, Richard D. Walker, Avis E. Crosby, Albert "Tim" Walker and Connie A. Walker; Grandchildren, Nathan L. Crosby, Rameka M. Taylor, Ajail N. Pete (Kinte'), Shaqueita D. Goldman (Desmond), Teanna Moore, and Jonathan Hutton along with six great-grandchildren. Virgie will also be remembered with love by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Memorial services were officiated by Bro. Emmanuel Gracey. Interment followed at Maple Grove Cemetery, Wichita, KS.

Leon Clyde Phillips was born on September 6, 1935, in Okemah, Oklahoma, to Willie Lee and Jettie Mae Phillips. He was the youngest of six children—five sons and one daughter, all of which preceded him in death: Oliver Phillips, Tommy Phillips, Sylvester Phillips, Willie Phillips Jr., Lura Mae Phillips.

When Leon was still very young, his parents moved the family west to Fresno, California. This is where Leon spent most of his teenage and young adult years. He graduated from Washington Union High School, in Fresno, California in 1951.

Leon attended the Church of God in Fresno, California. As a young man, he gave his heart to the Lord. He loved the Word of God and enjoyed studying the Scriptures. It was there in the Church of God that he met the love of his life, Juanita Florene Chandler. They were united in Holy Matrimony on September 29, 1957, in Bakersfield, California. Leon took his bride and established residence in Los Angeles, California. To this union seven children were born, four daughters, and three sons.

Leon lived in the city now, but he still had strong country roots. He loved to garden, growing fruits and vegetables. Harvest time was his favorite time of the year. He loved to share the fruits of his labor with his children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends.

Leon worked hard for most of his life. He was self-employed and for over 40 years ran his own Trucking Company. He also loved real estate and worked it as a side business.

For many years Leon was very active in the Church of God. He was a member of the Local Church Board of Trustees, a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and even preached at times. He was dedicated and faithful to his church until his health began to fail.

On Sunday, January 16, 2011, Leon was called home. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife of 53 years, Juanita F. Phillips; three sons: Michael Wayne Phillips (and Ben Eece Davis-Phillips) of CA, Durwin Clyde Phillips (and Tyricea Phillips) of Adelante, CA, Paul Theodore Phillips of Los Angeles, CA; four daughters: Sheri Ann Francisco (and Wendell Francisco) of Valencia, CA, Phoebe Ellen Phillips of Los Angeles, CA, Zena Florene Phillips of Los Angeles, CA, Nyece Letitia Phillips of Los Angeles, CA; seven grandchildren: Shayla D. Phillips-

McPherson of Bakersfield, CA, Jen Eece M. Phillips of Palmdale, CA, Taylr A. Phillips of Las Vegas, NV, Amethyst E. Phillips of Chicago, IL, Mychael W. Phillips of Berkeley, CA, Phaul Nacolas Phillips of Bakersfield, CA, Aaraunn Leviticus Wesleon Phillips of Bakersfield, CA; great-grandchildren: J'marki McPherson, Jmesyn McPherson, Kiran C. Phillips; his beloved aunt Nellie Gammon of Berkeley, CA; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, Saints and friends.

Memorial services were officiated by Sis. Alice Johnson. Burial followed at Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, CA.

Acknowledgement

The family of Leon Phillips thanks you for the many acts of loving kindness shown to us during our breavement. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.
—The Leon Phillips Family

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Just Down on the Corner

By Sis. Lana Johnson

*I heard one day of a tragic event.
A woman collapsed and to the hospital was sent.
Then, in another day or two
The man she was with was found dead, too.*

*A friend said she was nice, went to church for a while.
But she was fooled by the devil's wife.
Two victims of drugs and immoral sin,
People whose souls the devil did win.*

*I saw the yellow tape where they lived, he and she,
And it was just down on the corner from me.
So many lost souls in the world today
Are just down on the corner from where we stay.*

*I didn't know these people, but it made me feel bad,
That such an awful event, and one so sad,
Could happen so very close to me
And I would not more aware be.*

*It behooves us each day to let our lives glow,
The Spirit of Christ to this dark world show.
We may be the only lights they will see,
So Lord, please help me an example to be.*

*We can't reach the whole world, we know this is true,
But to those in our path, acts of kindness are due.
Let Jesus be seen in our words and our deeds,
We may touch someone with heavy burdens and needs.*

*Sometimes a friendly word would help lift a heart,
A courtesy or a smile to someone impart.
May I manifest Your grace to those that I see
Even when they look and act different than me.*

*Help me show love and hope all around
To souls whom I meet in the stores and in town.
Let me be more aware of my responsibility
To people just down on the corner from me.*

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