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The Evening Light Legacy of Hymns and Spiritual Songs

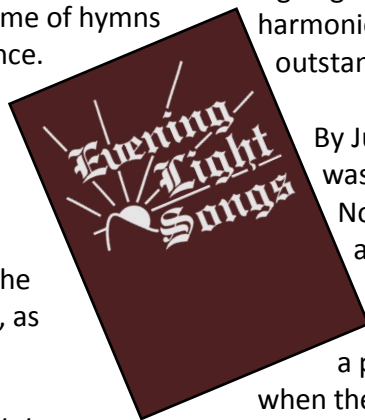
By Harlan Sorrell

One of the most outstanding and priceless treasures the Lord has given us through the instrumentality of D. S. Warner and other pioneers of the “evening light” reformation has been the legacy of hymns and spiritual songs. There has never been a movement in Christian history that has ever produced a volume of hymns and spiritual songs of *greater* excellence. D. S. Warner wrote hundreds of lyrics, most of which were set to music by his colleagues. By the year 1885 the Gospel Trumpet Company was preparing to publish its first songbook, titled “Songs of Victory.” The preface of the songbook read, in part, as follows:

“It is a fact well known and felt by the saints that the hymns of the past fail to express the glorious light and liberty, grace, truth and power the free and holy Church has attained in this blessed evening light. Hence, the Lord has marvelously given us these NEW SONGS that we may more fully sing the joy and victory we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.”

This but marked the beginning of the *new songs* this movement was destined to produce. This movement of Christians who had discarded their various denominational identities and had found heavenly fellowship and unity by earnestly

following in the footsteps of Jesus were a people whose hearts were overflowing with the joy of the Lord **and songs**. Among their favorite scripture quotations was Isaiah 35:10: “And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion *with songs* and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” In fact, beautiful harmonious a cappella singing became an outstanding feature of the movement.



By July, 1888 when another new songbook was coming off the Gospel Trumpet press, Noah Byrum says the “Trumpet family” assembled together and Brother Warner read a chapter from the Bible then all kneeled as he offered prayer. And what a prayer! He asked God to speed the day when there would be a whole row of presses thundering forth the gospel messages. His prayers have been answered and we are enjoying now the fruits of his prayers and labors.

Indeed, the message has been sung around the world! I must personally add, “Praise the Lord that the message in the songs reached me!” What would my life have been like without the influence of these beautiful, heavenly, heart-touching songs? One cannot be exposed to them without realizing they came from writers whose hearts were in close communion with God. Their messages are powerful and heart gripping and seem to carry the same force and conviction as the Word of God upon which they are based.

Many testimonies have been given of deep and lasting impressions that were made by the songs and the singing people heard when they first attended a camp meeting or other gathering of the “evening light” saints. The following testimony was written by the late May (Jackson) Carver from Louisiana:

“Papa had heard about the Hammond, Louisiana camp meeting and had gone and taken my brother John with him in 1909. The following year he began to make plans to go again. I remember one night after we were all in bed, begging to let me go with him. I was twelve. He finally figured a way to pay

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my fare – sold some pumpkins – and so we went on the train. My sister Susie met us at the train and we walked out to the campground. We arrived at the gate as the evening service was beginning. We heard them singing, “What Will It Be To Be There?” It was the most beautiful singing I have ever heard. It truly sounded heavenly. During those years the large tabernacle was filled with people. The singers were divided into sections, soprano, alto, tenor and bass, and the whole congregation sang. The singing in the ‘Spirit’ of hundreds of people without any musical instruments was really wonderful to listen to.” – May DeLee (Jackson) Carver, written in her family “History” in 1967, the year of her death.

In the January 1950 issue of the *Faith and Victory*, Bro. Fred Pruitt wrote: *“The Lord willing, the new song book, Evening Light Songs, will be ready for distribution December 27th [1949]. Single copy \$1.50, plus 15 cents for postage and wrapping.”* As the new songbook was in the process of being printed, he had written in the November 1949 issue, *“It was quite a joy to our souls to see those good inspired songs rolling off the press.”* Although the *Evening Light Songs* hymnal actually contains less than half the volume of songs that the “evening light” reformation movement produced, how I thank God for *this excellent collection* that is still rolling off the press and available to us today!

Worshipping God in Song

By Leslie Busbee

Oh, what a blessing our Heavenly Father hath bestowed upon His people to have such beautiful, inspiring, and worthy activity of heart, soul, and voice! He has given through many godly people’s hearts and minds the inspiration to write and compose many different categories of spiritual songs and hymns. These hymns with words and music are a great and vital part of the worship that we can administer to Almighty God and His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. We thank the Lord that we are blessed with printed editions of these songs that we can have and enjoy in our homes and in the worship services where we meet together. They are songs that never grow old to the ardent and earnest hearts of the true Christians and Saints of the most High God.

There are songs that express our love, worship, and gratitude to our great and loving Creator, the Almighty God. His greatness, goodness, mercy, and help are expressed in these sacred hymns. Then we have many songs that express the joy and adoration in the hearts of those who have



experienced the love of Jesus and the work of His grace and salvation. There are songs about His holiness, healing, peace, love, mercy, grace, forgiveness, and the victory we can have over sin and ungodliness. There are songs about the blessed hope and intense anticipation we have concerning our future eternal dwelling with the Lord Jesus in that wonderful world to come. There are songs of conviction for sin and its

consequences, the invitation Christ offers to those who need to be saved to come to Him for deliverance and salvation. Oh, the list goes on and on. What a wonderful heritage we are blessed with to have this great and abounding experience of singing these beautiful and inspiring spiritual hymns and songs.

The apostle Paul in Ephesians 5:18 and 19 entreats us to “be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” Again in Colossians 3:16 he says again, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Down through the years of our Christian life and experiences with the inspiration and leadership of the Holy Spirit of God we have enjoyed this

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worship of God with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs so wonderfully! How many, many times have we been in the congregation of saints at camp meetings, assembly meetings, and at home with our local group of godly people, enjoying these songs being sung with rejoicing and gladness for the blessings they were bringing to our hearts!

Dear ones, let us keep this wonderful part of the worship of God and never seek to diminish it or add to it any artificial make up, like literal instruments of music. We do not need man’s inventions of guitars, pianos, and organs in the worship of our Heavenly Father and His Holy Son, Jesus Christ. Let us keep this worship of hymns and spiritual songs solely in the Spirit, singing with our voices and making melody in our hearts to the Lord. As we sing these songs let us ponder and think deeply of the words and the spiritual messages that they bring. Lift up your hands while you sing and express the truth from your

heart as you feel it in your heart to do so, as it says in Psalm 134:2, “Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.” Thank God for these wonderful spiritual songs of praise and worship and honor to Him, and let us look forward to that blessed gathering of the saints in the world to come where we will unite our voices in praise, honor, and worship to Him who saved us and brought us to His everlasting life of peace and glory with Him and all the hosts of His Heaven!

“There’s a Message in Every Song!”

By Clifford Smith

To those of us who knew and dearly loved Brother Lewis Williams of Wichita, Kansas, those words will forever reverberate in our hearts with special meaning, and we shall never forget them! For many years Brother Lewis led the singing at the Monark Springs National Campmeeting, and he did so with much enthusiasm and anointing. He often began the song service with these challenging words: *“There’s a message in every song!”* setting the tone for our singing and helping us to *focus* on the *words* as we sang.

His words are still for us today!

Can any of us ever sing *“What a Kingdom,”* page 32 in the Evening Light Songs book, without thinking of Brother Cecil Carver? I’m sure you can also match a name to a song. What a wonderful heritage of memories and blessings come from these wonderful songs and those who have led us in their singing! How many times have we foregone prayer and preaching and given our services over to just the singing of these spirit-filled songs and seen the convicting power of the Spirit lead the unsaved to an altar of prayer or seen the saints of God rejoice with hearts overflowing in praise and thanksgiving! There is something *very special* about our songs when they are sung with anointing in our hearts.

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Editorial

"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;" Rom. 12:12

In three short phrases, this scripture gives us a beautiful motto for the New Year. We can face the future with confidence and assurance as we live in the hope of the gospel. There is trouble, confusion and fear surrounding us in this world, but "...thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." We trust every one of God's people will let the joy of the Lord be your strength, knowing that He holds the future.

This past year we have rejoiced to see the faithfulness of God as He dealt with souls. We have rejoiced to see spiritual growth in believers. We have been comforted by the scriptures that have been given us in times of need and humbled by God's answers to our prayers. We have also been kept on our knees praying, endeavoring to help carry the load of our brothers and sisters who have been in heavy trial.

Changes have also taken place at the Print Shop this past year, but we are happy to report God is still enabling this work to continue. The Bible lessons for the first quarter of 2014 have been



printed and mailed. The lessons are a study of the wonderful prophecies in Isaiah that foretell of Christ and His Kingdom. The Sunday School lessons for the primary children and juniors are again being published. You will notice a fresh look to the Beautiful Way primary papers. A new cover illustration has been designed by Sister Patrice Doolittle and the size of the paper has been

enlarged. Sister Monica Murphey and Sister Patrice worked together to update the papers, which Sunday School teachers should find helpful.

The junior paper has a new name, "*The Compass*" (thank you Andrea Smith) and cover design (thank you René and Zachary Smith). We trust this change will make them more relevant to the age group they are designed to



reach and help keep the papers separate from the Primaries. Our prayer is that God will anoint the teachers as they bring these life-giving lessons to our children.

We appreciated the young people in Oregon as they came to our home to help sort and package the Bible Lessons and children's papers in preparation for mailing.

Mailing Day



Patsy Smith, Cara Wilson, & Oleseya, Yurik, and Samuel Sivvy helping to prepare children's literature for mailing.

Evening Light Songs Book We spent almost two weeks in Guthrie in November and December mailing out hundreds of the new Evening Light Songs books to several states across the country. Brother Vernon & Sister Coquette Miles greatly

assisted with this project, and his pickup was loaded up a number of times, hauling packages of books to the Post Office. There are plenty of songbooks available for purchase for any who would still like to place an order.

Faith Publishing House Family The Print Shop in Guthrie, Oklahoma remains the center of this literature ministry. Brother Lyndall Sorrell, who has worked at the Print Shop for a number of years, is now completing the binding of two books recently printed and has also agreed to help with new printing projects as needed. Our granddaughter, Lindsey Gellenbeck, who lives in Guthrie, has graciously offered her services at the Print Shop to help fill book and tract orders as they come in; so we are happy to announce this part of the operation is back in service. Brother Vernon and Sister Coquette Miles continue to be key in helping coordinate facility and operation issues. Sisters Nelda Sorrell, Connie Sorrell, Monica Murphey, and Patrice Dolittle spend many hours of study, writing, and illustrating the children's literature. Thanks to modern communication technology it is also possible to coordinate publishing and operation efforts of the Faith Publishing House with faithful workers located in other states.

Challenges of the Future Even as we migrate to more efficient printing delivery methods, the cost of paper, printing, postage, and operations are much greater than years gone by. The challenges of meeting the financial needs to continue this work are great. But just as the last 90 years, this will be a work of faith, and it is by faith that we are looking to the Lord to continue this gospel outreach effort according to His will. We are committed to reaching the lost with the glorious gospel message of salvation. It is also our mission to be servants to the Church of God in every way possible. We ask for your prayers that God's name be magnified in this printing work. Thank you to everyone who continues to faithfully be a part in making it possible. We extend our best wishes for the New Year and pray God's richest blessings on all.



From My Viewpoint

By Julie Elwell

A brand new year is upon us. Does it seem simplistic to even mention that fact? January eventually becomes February; winter blends into spring, and then the hot days of summer are upon us. All of a sudden we are many days past a fresh NEW year and entrenched smack dab in the middle of...life.

Noah was about 600 years old when the flood came. Six hundred years old! That is a lot of days to have woken up and gotten out of bed. In part, his duties included pulling out his saws and hammers and nailing board after board of the ark together. The day finally came when it started raining – it rained day after day. He fed the animals and cleaned their stalls -- over and over again. Thank God for the beautiful upper window where he could look UP towards heaven in the middle of all that routineness! Can you imagine what he must have felt like when he finally cracked open the door of the ark? It was the 601st year, the FIRST month, the FIRST day of the month, and the waters were dried up from off the earth! (Genesis 8:13) Doesn't that sound like our January 1? Somehow, I don't think that date was an accident – A new beginning. A time to reassess.

A new beginning is relevant and does merit notice; however, life is not a series of January 1's; it is lived day-by-day. Each day and moment, however, IS fresh and untouched. Consider the DAILY Manna, sweet and like wafers, that was provided for the children of Israel. Eventually they discontentedly eyed the manna and said, "But now our *soul is dried*

away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes." By their own words, the VITALITY had drained out of their very spirits. It is easy to cast a critical eye toward the children of Israel and their attitude, but how about me? Is MY soul wrinkled and dried away within me? Without the Lord's help, life can surely sap us dry! The fruit of Canaan, the land flowing with milk and honey, was the food God really wanted to feed them!

We might not view life with quite the same wonder and excitement of a child, but consider what Isaiah 65:20 so beautifully points out, "A child shall die an hundred years old." While life's daily routines can get mundane and hard at times, let's not forget, it DOES NOT MATTER how many days we have already lived. God never intended us to live a stale, dried up life. This is where "forgetting those things which are behind" comes in. We have to forgive. Some things of the past we just can't hang on to. We have to move forward by the grace of God. Conversely, tomorrow is a mystery and not guaranteed. Fear and uncertainty for what we don't yet understand also have power to rob us of spiritual vitality.

As inspiring as a new beginning is, life is not a series of January 1's; it is lived day-by-day.

Oh blessed hope, one of these days ALL things will be made new. We won't cry any more tears or experience pain or sorrow. In the meantime... even though our days do blend together to some extent, God wants to load us with a fresh dose of benefits. Today. Let us not become weary in well-doing!

"Hope has brought us thro' the dangers and temptations of the past, and we fear not those to come. By her blessings we'll go forward while our mortal life shall last, then we'll joyously go home."

How Firm a Foundation

By Ed Wilson

The typical Christian hymnal contains a wide variety of songs, almost all of which are written to convey messages from the singers either to one another or to the Lord. There are songs of repentance, comfort, consecration, and hortatory songs to refresh and encourage. And yet there are very few songs that carry a message of God speaking to us. One such song is *How Firm a Foundation*, which is largely based on Isaiah 43:1 - "But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior..."

This beautiful old song, which has been such a powerful mainstay to many a weary, tested pilgrim on the pathway of life and is to be found in most of Christianity's hymnals, was first published in 1787 in a book of hymns compiled by John Rippon, pastor of a congregation in London, England. He was quick to explain that he had not written it, that in fact, he had bound himself not to reveal the author's identity; and so this beloved classic stands to this day as authored by Brother Anonymous. Here are the words:

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you, who to Jesus for refuge have fled?
In ev'ry condition, in sickness, in health;
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,*

As thy days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.

*Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand*

*Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand.
When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not harm thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*E'en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.*

*The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,*

I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Like so many other songs of the Christian faith the echoes of hope contained in this sublime message from our Father to us have been sung through the tearful eyes of saints as they gathered about the bedside of the dying, as they have faced adversity and oppression, and joyous shouts as they have the blessing of the sweetness of God's presence in heart and life. Have you talked to Him today?





Abundant Life

By Rodney Smith

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him....It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth"

—Lamentations 3:25-27

Jesus said in John 10:10, "...I am come that they might have life, and that they

might have it more abundantly." Have you ever thought this really only applies to the "older" saints, those that are not so interested anymore in the "fun, enjoyable, and exciting things" the world has to offer? I once was tempted by such thoughts, but I have discovered a wonderful truth--the Lord desires an abundant, satisfying life for all ages...including those in their teens and twenties who want to take advantage of this special time of strength, energy, and life. Not only does the Lord desire that you experience abundant life in your youth, but He wants to guide and be connected to you in your early and decision-making years to help ensure a satisfying life in the years to come. So, His word says, "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth"--in other words, be willing to hold fast to the Lord and His ways, trust Him, follow Him, and choose Him above all else in the earliest of years.

Have you ever drawn back from the term "yoke"? Perhaps it sounds restrictive, labor-intensive, bondage-like, and certainly not what a young person wants to embrace. These

are completely normal thoughts that I suspect many have had. But here is the wonderful reality: The Lord is not interested in putting us in bondage, robbing us of our will, and generally seeing how much sacrifice and hard labor He can exact from us to help pay for something He has already covered. Quite the opposite! He loves you and is interested in your welfare. He has been given all power of heaven and earth and wants to use His power for your benefit--supporting a load He knows you can't properly carry on your own. He desires you to experience life in "abundant" measure. A yoke allows for the transfer of weight to the strongest of the pair. The Lord wants us to allow Him to help carry our load, to use His power on our behalf!

Young folks, the reality is that life can often be difficult, uncertain, and sometimes confusing, at times causing us to question our purpose and cause in life. You are in a stage of life where you are desperate for a power and guiding light beyond what you can provide or find on your own--we all are. With potentially life-changing decisions before you, including schooling,

The Lord desires an abundant, satisfying life for all ages

marriage, occupation, and decisions relative to where and how to live, the Lord wants to use His

power and wisdom to enable you to experience abundant life. He can "...open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys...make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water." (Isaiah 41:18) Said another way, He is able to provide Godly companions, occupations that meet your need when jobs seem scarce, and direction in life when you don't know which way to turn. In the process, he will draw us near to Himself--teaching us, leading us, providing for us, loving us...all the way to the end when we can hear those words, "...well done thou good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of the Lord" —Mathew 25:23

Yes, it takes patience, faith, and trust--and that is sometimes a little scary. But the Lord enthusiastically invites us to trust in His power and care for us--His care for you!

Be encouraged, with a sense of urgency, to embrace the yoke of love, wisdom, power, and ultimate salvation that the Lord offers. As the consequence of the seeds you sow in your youth begin to be made manifest (and they will), you will never regret choosing the Lord above all else. "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

—Psalm 37:4)



Mexico

We are so grateful for how the Lord has blessed the congregations in Mexico. One is in the north where Brother Toney

Sanchez ministers in the city of Juarez, Chihuahua. The other two are in the south, about 20 hours away in the city of Culiacan, Sinaloa where Brother Ariel pastors, and another, about 30 miles west in Villa Juarez where Sis Minerva ministers. The cry is that the family unit would be strengthened and God would work with the young people that they would have a sweet experience of salvation and be saved before they join the gangs and drug dealers as so many do. The country is ruled by the drug lords and Mafia, so there is not any decent protection from evil except the prayers of the saints. Brother and Sister Sanchez flew there and are assisting in the fall meetings. They have been very well received and have been ministering successfully among the people there. The stability and growth in both congregations has been evident in the last several years, even as

the enemy has tried to crush the church there. Funds were provided for Sister Suni's Sunday School class to have a room built on so they don't have to sit in the hot sun as before. They are very grateful because the children prayed for God to supply for this. A few months ago there was a terrible flood and two of the families from Villa Juarez lost everything. They appreciate the saints who came to their rescue and sent money to purchase new beds and some other essentials.

We are overjoyed for how the Lord has dealt with different ones there: brought marriages back together, healed the backslider, sent conviction to the sinner, is calling and qualifying people for the ministry, and has dealt bountifully by bringing them truth to enlighten their minds. Please continue to pray for the work of God in Mexico.

—Patricia Bell

Africa



We want to encourage our readers to support the gospel outreach efforts of Africa Mission & Beyond, 605 Bishops Ct, Nixa, MO 65714. You may also want to consider becoming

a sponsor of one of the orphans at Huruma Dolor Orphanage. We are blessed with such a bounty of good things in our lives. Here is an opportunity to share by making a small donation each month to impact in a positive way the life of one of these precious children. —editors

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...From the Mailbox

*Patricia Bell
Sapulpa, Oklahoma*

Dear Saints,

It is because of the mercy of God and the Saint's love and prayers that I submit this testimony. I am so thankful for my health and the prayers you have offered on my behalf. I am doing so well now in my breathing. It is so wonderful to be able to run up the stairs, work hard, sing, and do all the normal duties without struggling to breathe.

During the last year when I got so desperate, the Lord visited me with special songs or scriptures most every day. Some of them were "What he has done for others, he'll do for you," "Brighter days are sweetly dawning," "Jesus hold my hand while I run this race," "His smile is upon me the valley is past," and "He appoints me my pathway, knows just what is needful and best," and one of the scriptures was "Psalms 44:1-8."

It was in March that I seemed to get so low and didn't have enough breath to go on that word got out quickly to pray for me, and you did. I received such encouragement from different ones who carried a burden and prayed for me, called, and sent cards. I was thanking God for what he was doing because he felt so close to me, and many of my own personal prayers were being answered during this time. Although I had struggled for three years, It was a precious journey because I had the support of the saints, God's love, and my family. Today I have more strength and energy than I have had in years. Thank you so much for your love, prayers, and concern for me.

One thing I realize more than ever is that I am so blessed to be a part of the family of God. You have made me feel so important to you, so loved and accepted. I owe the rest of my life to the cause of Christ to and all my brothers and sisters God has called me to serve. Thank you again for all your love and sacrifices in prayer for me.

*Betty Shamberger
Salem, Oregon*

A year ago we found out we had a problem on our farm that was in violation of the county code. We were told that to fix the problem would require a large amount of money. Because of the land use laws, we were told we would have to tear the house down within a year or apply for a permit to use it as a storage facility. We also could apply for a building permit to build another house, but we would have to start it within the year's time, with four years to finish it; otherwise, another house could never be built on that piece of property. The fine for non-compliance is \$1,000 a day.

All this was very discouraging to us. One night I dreamed I was in a house with two other ladies. I didn't recognize them, but we were singing the songs of Zion one after another. When I woke up we had been singing, "It is joy unspeakable and full of glory." Praise God! That lifted that burden from me and I knew the situation was in God's hands. He is so faithful and so good to us.

In Memoriam

Roy Newberry Herron

October 12, 1938 - December 4, 2013

Roy Newberry Herron passed away in Gardendale, Alabama on Wednesday morning, December 4, 2013. He was born in Walker County, Alabama on October 12, 1938 to Arthur and Lucille Herron. He was the youngest son of their family. He is survived by his wife, Betty Joyce Herron of Warrior, Alabama; son Ricky and Susan Herron of Hayden, Alabama; son Barry and Sarah Herron of Warrior, Alabama; grandson Gedd and Julie Herron of Hayden, Alabama; grandson Trent and Sarah Herron of Hayden, Alabama; grandson Mart and Emily Herron of Hayden, Alabama; granddaughter Ashley and Steven Pinson of Shawnee, Oklahoma;

granddaughter Amanda and DaRyan Elston of Hammond, Louisiana; great-grandchildren: Brys, Triton, Cameron and Saige; sister Jean and Sonny Richardson of Jasper, Alabama; brother Glenn and Kathy Herron of Alabaster, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents; Arthur and Lucille Herron. Jasper, Alabama.

Roy graduated from Oakman High School in 1957 and attended Shelton State to gain a career as an electrician.

In May of 1957, he began courtship with Betty Joyce Whitson, which led to their marriage in January 23, 1960. This January would have marked their 54th wedding anniversary.

Roy was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending many hours in a boat or on the river bank with friends and family or just in solitude. He never tired of gatherings with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was their "Daddy-o." He was a regular member of the Church of God congregation and he spent many hours of volunteer work for the refurbishing and building of the chapel in the Enterprise community. Bro. Roy was a very thankful man and would say many times over, "I am more blessed than I deserve." He was always very quick to express his gratefulness, whether the favors were small or great. His presence in our lives will be greatly missed.

Memorial services were held at the Kilgore-Green Funeral Home in Jasper, Alabama, officiated by Brother Larry Abbott and Sister LaDawna Adams. Graveside service at the Oak Hill Cemetery officiated by Bro. Michael Williamson.

Elizabeth Ann Forbes Corteway **January 27, 1922-October 30, 2013**

Elizabeth Ann Forbes Corteway, age 91, went to be with her Lord and Savior on October 30, 2013. Elizabeth was born in Alhambra, California on January 27, 1922 and passed from this life in

Burbank, California. She was the daughter of Rex and Dorothy Tucker. Elizabeth lived in Burbank for the past 66 years and was a stay-at-home mother and full-time homemaker. She enjoyed the outdoors and working in her garden. She was preceded in death by her son Glenn Melvin (age 7 years, 10 months in 1947) and two husbands, Glenn E. Forbes in 1983 and Hubert John Corteway in 2004. She is survived by her son, Darryl (Penny) Forbes of Burbank; grandchildren Michael (Joy) Forbes and Kimberly Forbes; and great grandson Nathan.

Robert Milton Stover **March 18, 1929 – November 28, 2013**

Robert Milton Stover, Sr., is survived by his wife, Margaret Stover after 60 years of marriage; his sons and their wives, Michael and Kay Stover and Robert Jr., and Toni Stover; his daughters and their husbands, Pam and David Marler and Donna and Ed Gentry; his grandsons, Greg and wife Lindsay Marler and Colton Stover; his granddaughters, Sheri and husband Tom Jenkins, Vanessa Rappaport, Brittney and husband Daniel Green, Kayla and husband Kyle Harber, and his great grandchildren Tenley Green and Madelyn Marler.

Brother Bob always lived his life with the following in mind: His first love was for the Lord Jesus Christ. Second, was his love for his wife, children, and grandchildren. Thirdly, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, but most of all fishing. Brother Bob held an Aircraft Inspection license and did some gratis aircraft inspection for some of the ministers. In this way they would not have to be out the inspection fees each year. He had a giving heart and tried to help in any possible way he could. Brother Bob worked for McDonald-Douglas and Spartan Aviation, as well as many other places during his life. He retired from American Airlines after 23 years and seldom missed work except for vacations when he would take his family many places. Memorial services were held in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, officiated by Bro. James Bell and Bro. Don McIntosh.

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I'm reminded of a story told by Brother Ostis Wilson. All of the churches in the community, including the saints, were invited to a special songfest in which each church could bring their choirs and sing their favorite songs. Well, as you can imagine, the trained and practiced voices of these church choirs were very impressive. Then the little group of saints began singing from our Evening Light Songs book. The inspiration and anointing and effect that it had was not lost on anyone, so much so that one of the church song leaders asked if he could borrow our song books so that they could sing these wonderful and inspiring songs at their church. When later returning the books, his comment was, "We just couldn't make them sound like you folks did!" Singing *with anointing and inspiration* songs written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit *cannot be duplicated!*

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