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## Doing Something Worthwhile

By C. W. Naylor

We all like to feel what we are doing counts for something, that it is really worthwhile. We like to see practical results. We know that much labor is lost in the world, and we do not want ours to be lost. The ordinary things of life seem to amount to so little. They are not spectacular; no one pays very much attention to them; and we naturally feel that when we do something, we want it to be something that people can see and that they will think is worthwhile, and something that we ourselves can feel is worthwhile. Some think: "If I could just preach, I shouldn't mind working for the Lord. But, oh! I can do so little—nothing worthwhile at all, nothing worth the effort. What can my feeble efforts accomplish, anyway?"

Others think that if they could go to a foreign land and work among the heathen, draw people

to Christ there, send back home great reports of what they have accomplished, have their names published in the paper, and have people talking about them, then that would be worthwhile. But since they are only ordinary people and can do only ordinary things, it seems to them that it hardly pays to try. They will just follow the line of least resistance and do things the easiest way. Of course they want to do what they can for God, but they want to do something really worthwhile.

And now, reader, what is really worthwhile in life? Is it only those things that make a great show? Is it only those things that the world counts great? A sister said to me recently in a letter, "I used to think that I could do nothing worthwhile, but I have found that just simply living salvation before people is a great work." Now, that sister has learned a wonderful lesson. She has found a truth so great that most people do not recognize it as truth when they do find it. It is one of those truths that have the peculiarity of seeming small and insignificant, though they are the very fundamentals of truth.

Just simply living salvation before people—yes, that is what counts, and it counts more than anything else. That is one of the very greatest things that an individual has ever done in this world. Talk is cheap, and many people can talk all day and say scarcely anything either. Some people can sway great crowds by their eloquence, they can accomplish wonderful things, but still they cannot live salvation, or, at

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least, they do not. There is no power so great in this world as the simple power of a holy, quiet life. The sister mentioned can never hope to do great things as other people might count them. She is in frail health; she is isolated from other Saints and cannot attend meetings as can many others; she has not the ability to preach or to do anything very great, as greatness is usually reckoned; but she has learned the great fact that she is not shut out from doing a grand work.

If all God's people could learn this lesson—if they could learn that it really counts just simply to live right, just simply to be an ordinary everyday Christian; if they could once get that thoroughly fixed in their minds and hearts—it would glorify their lives, it would exalt the common service, it would shed a halo over their lives, and they would not feel discouraged.

When Moses was at Pharaoh's court, I suppose he thought that he was doing something really worthwhile. He amounted to something there. But when the Lord let him be driven, or rather frightened, away from that court and he went out into the wilderness, I suppose he thought his occupation there was hardly worthwhile. Why, what was he doing, anyway? Just taking care of the sheep, leading them out in the morning to the pasture, bringing them back to the fold at night, seven days in the week—just doing this and nothing more. I suppose it did not look very big to Moses, but it did to God. God thought it worth so much that He kept him at that work for forty years. Then Moses, at the age of eighty, when it looked as if he were about done with this world, was called to go to do something for the Lord. That forty years in the wilderness counted now. It had given him experience that helped to qualify him for the work to which God had called him. He came out of there worthwhile because he had done something worthwhile in those years. He had learned about God—oh, so many things he had learned! And now he was ready to put that knowledge into practice.

Sometimes we have wilderness periods in our lives, when God lets us be shut up in a corner, as it were, and do the little things that do not seem to count. But they count on us if they do not count anywhere else. There is one thing—and just one—that stands out above all other things in the human life, and that is faithfulness. No matter what our life may be, nor where

we may be, nor what is our situation, if we are just faithful it is sure to count, and to count a great deal. That is one thing that you can do; you can be faithful to the Lord. You can do what He wants you to do. You can live pure, holy, undefiled, and keep shining every day, no matter what the circumstances may be. Just remember to keep shining. That is the thing that counts. Keep living clean and as God wants you to live. If you do this, He will know where He can find somebody who is faithful when He wants something else done. But ever keep this before you; there is no greater nor more necessary work in the world than putting the truth of God into visible form in a pure and quiet life.

—Taken from *Heart Talks*



## Repentance

One time in the early morning church there was a great stir among the people at Jerusalem. When they had gathered a large crowd about Jesus, they asked Him saying, "...Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus answered them thus, "...It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...." Acts 1:6-8.

Now after telling them these things a cloud came over them and Jesus was taken up into Heaven. Then two men dressed in white stood by them and said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Then they all returned to Jerusalem to an upper room. There they all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication. Then came the Holy Ghost upon everyone of them and they received the Holy Spirit and went out and began to preach Jesus to the crowd. Then Peter said unto them, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of

sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. ...Save yourselves from this untoward generation." Acts 2:36-40. At that saying about three thousand came and were saved and baptized. The next day about five thousand were saved.

The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul. Neither bragged any man of the things that he owned was his own, but they had all things common. Neither was any among them that lacked anything, as many of them had land and sold it and houses and sold them and brought the money and laid it at the apostles feet.

However, a certain man and his wife, who wanted to go along with the crowd, sold a possession, but agreed among themselves to keep part of it. Ananias and Sapphira were their names. He brought a part of it and laid it at the apostle's feet, but the Holy Ghost spake to Peter and showed him that this man was a deceiver. So Peter said, "Ananias, why hath satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thy own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things." They were probably thinking that Peter had obtained some kind of witchcraft that enabled him to do this.

Some young men took him up and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

Peter said unto her, "...Tell me, whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

Then Peter said unto her, How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

Then she fell down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband." (Acts 4th and 5th chapters.)

Friends, this man and wife were like many

are today. They are going along with the crowd, calling themselves Christians, but still not a follower of Christ. They were giving to make a show to men, but their heart was not in the cause of Christ. The Bible says, "For the love of money is the root of all evil...." 1 Timothy 6:10. After they sold their property and got the money in their hand, the devil came along and made them believe that it was not necessary to give it all. They might need it for the future. So they agreed together to tell them that they gave the price of all of it. However, Peter was filled with the Holy Ghost and could discern through the Spirit that they were lying.

Many today are going out in the Lord's work before being filled with the Holy Spirit. They have big ambitions but they are of the flesh, trying to make folks believe that if they will give large sums to the Lord's work He will give it back to them many times over. It is true that the Word says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom...." Luke 6:38. Now I don't believe Jesus was speaking of spiritual giving here, but was using this as a figure of speech and was taken from the practice of the Oriental grain merchant, who filled the basket of his customer as full as possible until the grain ran over. Now He didn't say that God would do this, but that men would give into your bosom. God is not obligated to give us anything, only as we please Him.

"Then Peter said unto them, REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38. I heard one Preacher say, "Come and make your committment to Christ." It sounded like he was wanting them to make a pledge of some kind. Many try to make it easy for folks to get to Heaven. There is no easy way. There is only one way, that is to REPENT.—Earl B. Bliss  
*Faith and Victory, Oct. 1985*

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*"Let us gather up the sunbeams  
Lying all around our path;  
Let us keep the wheat and roses  
Casting out the thorns and chaff  
Let us find our sweetest comfort  
In the blessings of today,  
With a patient hand removing,  
All the briars from the way."*

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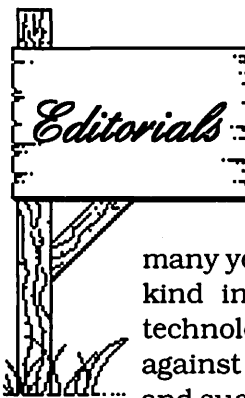
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"He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?" Job 9:4.

This statement of profound truth uttered by Job many years ago is still valid to mankind in this modern age of high technology. Who is able to stand against a righteous, all powerful God and succeed in their own conceited, sinful ways? Throughout the history of man there have been many who have tried and all have failed. Consider Nebuchadnezzar, the great king of Babylon, who lifted himself up in pride against God and His people, "But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:" Daniel 5:20. This judgement befell him after God had given ample warning about the condition of his heart. God was merciful to the king and allowed his right mind and his kingdom to be restored after a period of humiliation, however, there have been others like Goliath who were "...suddenly...destroyed, and that without remedy."

Many young lives have been destroyed and brought to heartbreak because they failed to give God a place in their hearts. You have probably seen that happen to some with whom you have been acquainted, and you may even be seeing it happen to some around you now. How sad it is when people who have been taught the way of truth take their own way, which is contrary to God's perfect plan for their lives. It always leads to trouble.

There is a story of a bright young man who had a love for the sea and at a young age joined himself to a shipping crew to be a sailor. He was intelligent, energetic and favored by his superiors by being given quick promotions. At an early age, he was made captain of a ship. One day as they were nearing a particularly treacherous area of the coastline a passenger asked if he was going to cast anchor and request a pilot to take the vessel into port. "Anchor! No, not I. I mean to be in dock with the morning tide." "I thought you might signal for a pilot" the passenger persisted. "I am my own pilot," was the sharp response.

Choosing his own course the young captain began navigating a narrow channel to save distance. Old experienced, grey-headed seamen turned their bronze faces to the sky, which bode squally weather and shook their heads. Anxious passengers went to the man and urged him to take a wider course, but he only laughed at their fears and repeated his promise to be in port by daybreak.

Sadly, the dawning of the morning light broke forth on the lifeless body of the young captain that had been washed ashore along with the wreckage of his crushed vessel—crushed on the rocks in the heavy seas. His fatal mistake could be summed up by his own words, "I am my own pilot."

Our course in this life should be taken seriously for there are many perils that can have a tragic influence on our lives. We need direction from our loving Creator to miss the obstacles that would cause our lives to be wrecked and to bring us safely into the portals of glory.

"Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Matthew 4:7. All too frequently we hear arrogant statements made in the news of people who are tempting God with their words and by their actions. It seems that there is little respect shown to God for the blessings that we enjoy on a daily basis. Many would like to remove all mention of His name from our schools and public buildings, from our pledge of allegiance, and our currency. This prevailing attitude is not conducive to a prosperous future for this country, for God takes note of the evil pride that dwells in men's hearts and He will one day bring them all into judgment.

Nine miles south of Rame, England stands a lighthouse on the Eddystone Rocks. The 168 ft. tower that currently flashes a warning to passing ships is not the original structure built on these rocks. It is actually the fourth lighthouse to be built at this location. The first was built by a man some have described as an eccentric merchant, engraver and designer of mechanical waterworks. Henry Winstanley invested in a small fleet of merchant ships and after one of his ships was damaged on the rocks for the second time he proceeded to build a lighthouse to keep it from happening again. He began working on an octagonal wooden structure in 1696. On November 14, 1698 it was first lit with 24

candles and was noted as being the first offshore lighthouse built in Britain. This structure was equipped with a huge weathervane and an abundance of ornamental scrollwork. His building survived the winter, but was in need of repair the following spring of 1699. At this time the lighthouse was made into a twelve-sided tower and it was faced with stone to strengthen and make it more weather resistant. Winstanley then added even more elaborate features such as ornamental wooden candles and inscriptions in Latin and English. It is reported that the inscriptions contained these words: "Blow O winds! Rise O ocean! Break forth ye elements, and try my work!" I do not know what this man had in mind when he placed an inscription like this on his tower, but it seems like he was pretty confident in his building, perhaps even boastful. Sadly, his tower did not last very long for on November 27, 1703, a great storm completely destroyed Winstanley's lighthouse and he was personally in it, along with his light keepers, when it was demolished. All perished in the raging tempest and no trace of his body was ever found.

I looked in the Scriptures to see if there was a passage that contained a phrase like what Winstanley engraved on his tower and I noticed Exodus 15:10, "Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters." Oh how fearful it is to fall into the hands of the living God! Man should always maintain a respectful attitude toward God and be careful with their words and actions, for the destiny of their soul is in His hands.

The second tower designed by John Rudyerd lasted for 47 years until it burned December 2, 1755. The third Eddystone lighthouse was built by John Smeaton and was a much more durable design. He modeled the tower to the proportions of the strong English Oak Tree, but instead of wood he used dove-tailed granite blocks secured with marble dowels. Smeaton also developed a formula for "hydraulic lime" which is a form of quick drying concrete that will harden under water. Work began on this project in 1756 and it was lit by 24 candles on October 16, 1759. Great attention was made to anchoring the granite blocks to the rock base and the resulting gently curved profile of the tower was an architectural marvel that set a pattern for the construction of many other

lighthouses that followed. It is reported that on the lowest course of granite stones were inscribed with the words from Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it...." And on the keystone above the lamp house is inscribed, "Laus Deo!"— Praise be to God!

John Smeaton's Eddystone lighthouse was 72 ft. high and had a diameter of 26 ft. at the base and 17 ft. at the top. This tower remained in service for well over 100 years. By this time there were some fissures developing in the rock base and a larger structure was needed. The upper portion of this tower was dismantled and moved to Plymouth, England in 1882 where it still stands, over 250 years later, as a monument to the builder.

"Oh that *men* would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" How much better it is to reverence and worship the Lord. He is truly worthy of our respect and His plan for our lives will bring us to an expected end. It is not His will that any perish and He is very longsuffering with people that treat Him with total disrespect. Sometimes people continue in open rebellion against God for many years and all the while His mercy and goodness is continually extended to bless their life. He is patiently waiting for them to respond to His love and come to repentance. However, one day we will all stand before His throne and give account of the deeds done in this body. Therefore let us be careful to honor and obey God with our lives.

—Bro. Willie E. Murphey  
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MO—Please keep our daughter, Lori Cole, in your prayers. She is still in the battle and often struggles just to breathe; and sometimes the coughing is so hard. She has some good times,

too, and we thank the Lord for His faithfulness and for every touch He gives her. We are still holding on for complete healing for her. Pray also for all those in need because of the terrible storm that hit Joplin. The devastation is unbelievable. Love and prayers,

—Sis. Lana Johnson

## Standing Prayer Requests

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Sis. Evodna Marler  
Sis. Virginia Myers  
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Sis. Cheryl Smith  
Bro. Michael Smith  
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Sis. Imogene Taylor  
The Mitch Taylor family  
Sis. Norma Tiller  
Bro. Delmar Wilkins  
Bro. Curtis Williams  
Sis. Jan Wood

## Pass It On

*Have you had a kindness shown?*

*Pass it on.*

*'Twas not given for you alone—*

*Pass it on.*

*Let it travel down the years,*

*Let it wipe another's tears,*

*Till in Heaven the deed appears—*

*Pass it on.*

**MEETING DATES**

**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  
**Spooner, WI (Tent Meeting)**—August 17-21  
**Pacoima, CA (Camp Meeting)**—August 19-28  
**Boley, OK (Camp Meeting)**—August 20-21  
**Wichita, KS (Fall Revival)**—September 18-25  
**Okmulgee, OK (Fall Revival)**—October 22-24



**MEETING NOTICES**

**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, Worship Services, 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

6/27 - 7/2—Monday - Saturday, Worship Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

7/3—Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Worship Services 10:30 a.m., & 2:00 p.m.

For more information you may contact:  
 Sis. Gwendolyn Robinson at (559) 233-6492.  
 Sis. Dorothy Gray at (559) 229-6395. Bro. Brian and Sis. 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.

**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 15-24. 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.

For lodging contact Bro. Randel and Sis. DeLoris Bradley (620) 226-3390 or e-mail rdbradley@ckt.net.

The business managers are Bro. Mike Hightower, 13974 Newt Dr., Neosho, MO 64850. Phone, (417) 451-3636, and Bro. Paul Cole (417) 455-2378.



**MYRTLE, MO, CAMP MEETING**

The Myrtle, MO Camp Meeting will begin, Lord willing, on Friday morning, July 29, and continue through Tuesday evening, August 2. We extend a hearty invitation to all to come and be with us. For accommodations please call Sis. Carol Sorrell at (417) 938-4493. Those who own cabins should call and let Sis. Carol know whether or not you plan to attend. This will help her in making arrangements.

The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682. — Bro. Harlan Sorrell



**SPOONER, WI, TENT MEETING**

Lord willing, this meeting will begin Wednesday, August 17, at 7:00 p.m., with services daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 21.

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.

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### PACOIMA, CA, CAMP MEETING NOTICE

The annual California State Camp Meeting of the Church of God will begin, Lord willing, on August 19, ending August 28, 2011. The first service will be on Friday evening, August 19 at 7:30 p.m. with three services daily throughout the remainder of the meeting.

The campground is located at 12312 Osborne Pl., Pacoima, CA 91331. A hearty invitation is extended to all. Your presence and prayers will add much to the success of the meeting. Three meals are provided daily as well as accommodations for those needing them. Expenses are met by freewill offerings.

For more information you may contact: Sunset Guest Home (818) 899-2022; Bro. Paul Phillips (661) 251-6956 or Bro. Herbert Clay (818) 897-1396. The chapel phone number is: (818) 899-9021.

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### BOLEY, OK, CAMP MEETING

The Boley, OK Church of God congregation is planning to hold a two day meeting August 20-21.

Due to deaths, marriages and relocations, our numbers have dwindled to a dedicated few. We would love to encourage all who can to come and support the faithful congregation here in Boley, OK. Your presence would be appreciated.

Services are planned for Saturday, August 20, at 4:00 p.m. No night service—snacks will be served. Sunday, August 21, Sunday School will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Dinner will be served. No evening service is planned.

Please be in an agreement of prayer with us for a very inspirational meeting. Come, bring a friend. Expect a blessing and receive a blessing from the Lord as we expound on the Word of God.

For further information you may contact Bro. Cleo Jordan (918) 814-4045 or Bro. Larry Brown (405) 329-1010.

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### WICHITA, KS, FALL REVIVAL

The Wichita congregation welcomes you to our fall revival. The meeting will run Sunday,

September 18 through Sunday, September 25. 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.

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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### OKMULGEE, OK, FALL REVIVAL

The Church of God in Okmulgee cordially invites you to attend our fall revival, October 22-24. Services Friday and Saturday will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday morning Worship will be at 11:00. Bro. Hayward Cox will be ministering at these services.

The chapel is located at 1515 East First St., Okmulgee, OK.

For further information contact Bro. Robert Warren (918) 733-1306

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### SPECIAL NOTICES

NC—Greetings in the name of the Lord. I hope things are going well with you and others in the Print Shop. I want to personally thank God for His tremendous blessings that He bestowed upon us.

I want to give an update of the Church building project. We are now in the process of finishing the drywall, and starting the painting process. We are in need of some carpenters to help trim out around the windows, install doors and build the pulpit. If anyone would like to financially support this great work, please send your donations to Church of God, 3203 N.C. Hwy.55, Durham, NC 27713.

For more information contact Bro. Jerry Lennon-Pastor at (919) 740-3748. Thank you in advance for all your contributions and support. God bless you! —Bro. Jerry Lennon



LETTERS  
FROM  
OUR  
READERS

Philippines—June 23, Dear Bro. Willie: Warm greetings of love in Jesus' wondrous



name. Dear brother, how are you and Sis. Neta? I pray that all of you dear loving Saints are enjoying God's blessing and protection.

I received the May issue of the *Faith and Victory* and reading the Memoriam page saddened my heart. Bro. Thomas Vada McMillian's sermons, articles and letters had taught me, encouraged and inspired me to go on serving our Lord God, standing firm to face the enemy of life and have victory if we will hold on and abide in the Lord's Word and teaching.

With the Lord's help Oliveros, Quezon City and Cabuyao, Haguna congregations were doing fine, so with Cavite.

Please continue praying for us. We pray for you too. God bless you and keep you.

Love and prayer, —Sis. Nellie Tibayan

LA—To God's dear children!

"He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make *thy* loins strong, fortify *thy* power mightily." Nahum 2:1.

"Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brickkiln." Nahum 3:14.

"The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him." Nahum 1:7.

We love the Lord; He reigns; and "we (God's dear children) are well able to overcome."

—Bro. Rod and Sis. Kathy Smith

OK—I want to give thanks to the Lord for helping us through a severe trial this past year. We had gone to Monark Springs Camp Meeting last year and my mom was with us, and sick at that time. When we returned home, she became so weak we needed help for her care and had to have tests done in order for this to occur. She was finally diagnosed with a very rare autoimmune disease called micropolyarteries, which affects all small and medium blood vessels throughout the body. This causes the kidneys to fail, the heart to enlarge and the lungs to fill with fluid just to mention a few complications associated with this disease. She had severe pain, which she stated felt as if a wire brush was going all over her legs and arms. Many times we called for prayer and God answered while the Saints were still at prayer. Toward the end of her battle, she was unable to keep her food down. In order to maintain her hospice care, blood had to

be drawn every month or so. Her blood count became so low that the doctors and nurses were amazed that she was still alert and able to walk at all.

She often told me she had prayed that God would take her to Heaven while she was asleep. God honored her prayers as she walked to bed at 6 p.m. on May 17 and went to sleep, and at 7:15 p.m. she was gone to be with Jesus. The nurses said that she had a strong determination and faith that they had not seen before; as she would refuse any medications for pain. The nurses at the nursing home stated they could tell God had really been with her in her last days.

Thanks for all the cards, food, prayers, time and love. The Saints have truly become family to our family. Please pray for us to meet our goals to make it to Heaven and to raise our family to always serve the Lord. —Sis. Deborah Shaffer



**Sharon Eileen Flynn Quave** was born June 21, 1940, in North Hollywood, CA. She lived there until age nine when they moved to Burbank, CA and later moved to a farm. She graduated from California in 1958. Her family moved to Hammond, LA, which was her father's original home place. She worked as a manager for Sears in the Credit Department until her marriage in 1966 to Jerry Lee Quave. To this union was born one daughter, Deborah Eileen Quave. Sharon joined her husband on May 17, 2011, after a lengthy illness.

She leaves behind a daughter, Deborah Eileen Shaffer and husband, Craig; two grandchildren Tiffany Sheree Shaffer and Corey Devon Shaffer both of Guthrie; one brother, Gerald Flynn and wife, Connie, of Louisiana; nephews

and a host of friends and Saints.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 21, 2011 at Smith Memorial Chapel. They were officiated by Bro. Ed Wilson and Bro. Carl Shaffer. Interment followed at Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, OK.



## Record is Indestructible

That record of our actions which is being kept beyond the sky is written upon eternal parchments, and thus cannot be destroyed, as though recorded upon paper, stone or steel. When a purchase is made at the market, the cashier presses certain keys of the cash register, and the cash account of the sale is recorded upon the inside roll, and also indicated above where the purchaser can see if a mistake has been made. The same principle is set forth in God's dealings with men. As soon as Cain killed his brother Abel, God came down and made the startling announcement that "...the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground" (Genesis 4:10). It should make us think soberly and seriously when we remember that Nature is keeping an exact account of our activities, and that some day she will reveal her secret, although it may be long delayed.

Repetition may give emphasis, but it does not add to facts or truths. To repeat a dozen times that the square root of the sum of the squares of the base and perpendicular equals the hypotenuse, would not add to its fact, and similarly, when the Bible affirms a truth, one statement is sufficient. Therefore, from the premise laid down we deduct, that if the blood of one man cries from the ground for justice, then the blood of all whose lives have been cut short by the assassin's hand have registered a protest, and their voices are calling, ever calling, for justice and redress.

All the blood that has been shed down through the ages because of man's inhumanity to his fellow men is today crying from the ground. Nature's laws are unalterable, and she might truthfully declare, like Pilate of old, to those guilty ones who are apologizing and offering her bribes, "...What I have written I have written" (John 19:22.) What an awful record humanity must meet on that great judgment day! If all the blood that has been shed from the dawn of creation unto this present time could be

gathered and congealed, its crimson blocks would make a monument so vast that it would add another wonder to the world. If a memorial slab could be placed over the grave of each person who has been murdered, postnatal or prenatal, it would make a cemetery so large that the inhabitants of the world would be startled and amazed.

If there is one crime more cowardly than another, it consists in the willful, premeditated murder of an unborn child. Those little ones in their undeveloped, embryonic state have rights of moral citizenship which God and nature acknowledge, and which must be respected by the state and by the individual. Far more honorable would it be for one murderously inclined to go out hunting for adults to kill, rather than to attack from ambush unsuspecting human beings who have no chance to defend themselves against a murderous assault. In that day when nature's secrets shall be "shouted aloud upon the housetops," what an awful sight it would be to behold there millions of little ones pointing their boneless, bloodless fingers in identification of those who gave consent to the abrupt ending of their earthly lives!

—J. Grant Anderson



## Can't Stop God's Spirit

A young preacher was holding a revival meeting in a certain town, and the Lord was blessing him. A young woman decided she would stop that revival, and boasted that she could put a stop to it herself. She went to the revival just about half-dressed. However, someone told the preacher what she planned to do. The Lord gave him a wonderful message just for her and her kind. She came in and seated herself in a very unbecoming manner. He, of course, was preaching under the anointed power of God. He said something that touched the girl's heart. The next night she was there again fully dressed, sitting about midway of the house. When the altar call was given, she was the first one to walk down the aisle. God's Spirit dealt also with others, and about ten or twelve of her friends were kneeling at the benches, in the aisles and all around.

So you see, she didn't break it up, but that started the biggest revival that had ever hit that country. What a blessing!

—R. G. Casey

# Martha and Me

*I can relate to Martha,  
A woman of old Bethany.  
When I read of her in the Word  
My thoughts many times turn to me!*

*She was cumbered about and busy,  
And sometimes I am, too.  
But she loved the Lord with all her heart,  
Even though she had much to do.*

*There are times when the cares of this world  
Could overwhelm me and get me down.  
I must joyfully receive Him as Martha did  
When the burdens of my life surround.*

*I see those who sit at Christ's feet;  
Spiritual things seem to come with such ease.  
While I, like Martha, am cumbered,  
But God knows my desire is to please.*

*At the times when life seems unfair,  
And I'm tempted then to complain,  
An impulsive thought may enter,  
But oh, these things are so vain!*

*Martha seemed a little contrary,  
And she even scolded the Lord.  
When she questioned Him, He gently  
Rebuked and pointed her to His Word.*

*"Martha, you are anxious and troubled  
About so many things.  
Think of the one thing that's needful,  
Instead of all other happenings."*

*When it came to the more weighty matters,  
And her brother, Lazarus, had died,  
She's the one who ran to Jesus,  
Because on the Lord she relied!*

*She believed on Him and loved Him,  
But correction was her just due.  
He saw she needed chastening,  
And His love for her was so true!*

*He sees past my faults and failures,  
As for Martha, for me He will do.  
He'll correct me by His Spirit,  
And I'm glad that He loves me, too!*

*Are you also feeling like Martha?  
With burdens that are so hard to bear?  
Just cast them upon the Savior,  
You'll find rest and peace in His care!*

—Sis. Lana Johnson

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## Christ Our Great Physician

By Bro. Leslie Busbee

Once was a man with devils many  
 Who dwelt among the tombs so sad;  
 Of clothes and shade he had not any,  
 With naught to cheer and make him glad.  
 Then Jesus from the devils freed him;  
 And got him clothed in his right mind—  
 Just so today for all who need Him  
 His pow'r can heal the sick and blind.

There was a poor and bleeding woman  
 Who'd sought physicians to make her well.  
 Twelve years she suffered this vile omen,  
 And could not break its woeful spell.  
 But when to Jesus she came pressing  
 In faith to touch his garment's hem,  
 She was made whole, oh, what a blessing!  
 How glad she was she came to Him!

Ten lepers standing at a distance  
 Called loudly for a healing touch;  
 And Jesus gave them great assistance  
 That meant to each one, oh, so much!  
 But only one turned with thanksgiving  
 And fell down low at Jesus' feet,  
 So grateful for the Savior living  
 And His great healing so complete.

And still today Christ, our Physician,  
 From His great throne at God's Right Hand  
 Is in His powerful position  
 To heal the sick of every land.  
 Trust not the arm of flesh for healing,  
 But look to Christ, and take His way.  
 The gospel truth He is revealing:  
 Our Savior is the same today!

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