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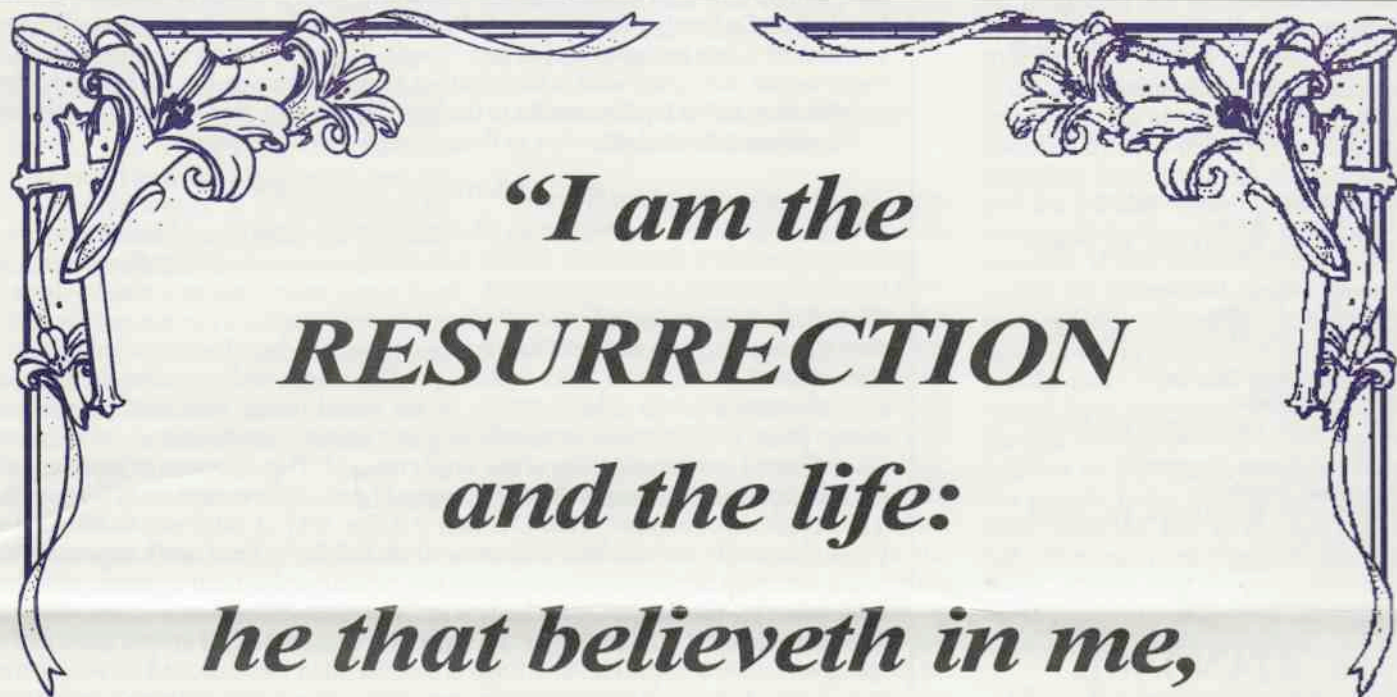
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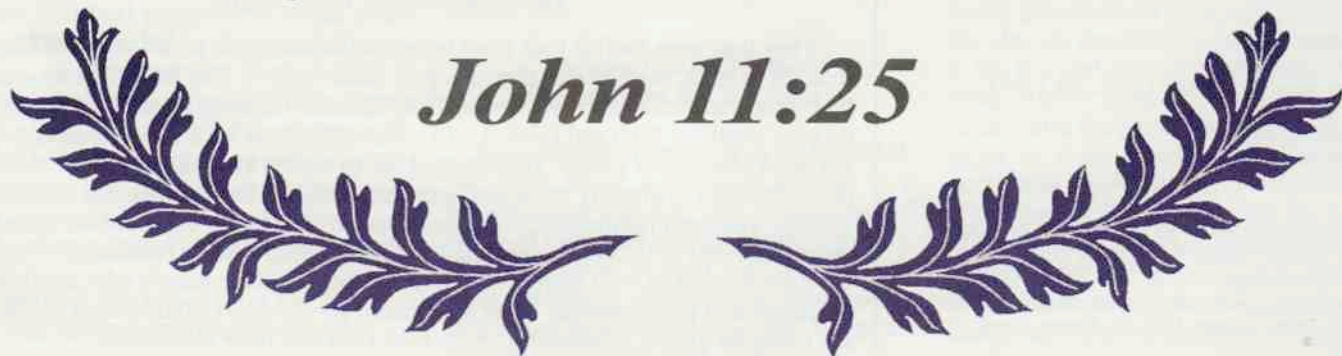
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and the life:  
he that believeth in me,  
though he were dead,  
yet shall he live:"*

*John 11:25*



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## 50 YEARS AGO

### Missing It At Last

Rev. Joseph Hoffman  
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Matthew 25:8 . . . "And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out."

A fast train was making its way to a certain destination. It was Christmas day, and a certain man traveling on the train was looking forward to being home with his family for Christmas dinner. His heart began to beat with great rapidity, and a tear stole quietly down his kindly face. He hoped in a few moments to be again with his loved ones. Suddenly the train was rolling over a cliff to its destruction. The man was almost home but missed it at last. Tragic, I hear someone say. Yes, but not as tragic as the individual who is anticipating being in the number "When the Saints go Marching In" to finally awaken to the horrifying reality that his lamp is gone out.

We wish to call your attention to three thoughts in the message.

#### *The Similarities of These Virgins*

Webster defines a virgin as "One who has kept her chastity, and is morally pure." Paul declares in II Cor. 11:12 . . . "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." Paul likens the redeemed Corinthians unto virgins. They are similar in that they all were virgins, yet five of them missed heaven at last. The second similarity is seen in the fact that all of them had lamps. This undoubtedly typifies their profession. Profession is the cheapest thing in the world, while possession is the most costly. There are multitudes of people who call themselves Christians, yet they have never learned the true meaning of the word "repent." They have never experienced a radical, instantaneous, supernatural change of heart. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (Margin . . . "New Creation") II Cor. 5:17. A third way in which these virgins were similar was that they were all anticipating the Lord's return. Disappointment will be the lot of many how are expecting the Lord's return, and their subsequent rapture to the skies. Jesus said, "two shall be in the field, the one taken and the other left." The midnight cry was never more real than at this time, and all mankind knows that the end of the age is close at hand. Jesus second coming is nigh at hand, and His final message relative to His coming was, "Watch" and "Be ye therefore ready." Recently we were alarmed at hearing an outstanding evangelist declare that one of the greatest revivals the world has ever witnessed will take place during the time of Great Tribulation. If this be true, then we are badly mistaken in our interpretation of this truth . . . THEY THAT WERE READY WENT IN . . . AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT. Matt. 25:10. The door is an emblem of SEPARATION. Let us not be deceived, the Gentile dispensation is about to close, and God will again be gracious to Israel. Yes, they were all expecting to get into the marriage, but some of them MISSED IT AT LAST.

#### *The Differences of These Virgins*

"They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." Matt. 25:3-4. The first difference was in their preparation. Oil here typifies the Holy Ghost or the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord (Heb. 12:14). Heart purity is an absolute necessity if we are to go when Jesus comes. The outward life of the ten virgins seemed the same, but the difference, spiritually speaking, was on the inside, for the wise took oil IN their vessels. You need holiness of heart, dear reader, if you ever expect to be among the redeemed hosts in Glory. The second difference is seen in their readiness. "They that were ready went in with Him." Thank God there are some people who are living in readiness and preparedness. They have made all necessary adjustments in life, and are living in a right relationship, both with God and their fellowmen.

#### *Three Dangers Revealed In the Text*

First, there is the Danger of Supposition. Mary, the mother of Jesus, supposed her son was in the company, but it was not until the close of the day that she discovered His absence. Don't take chances on your destiny by mere pretension or supposition.

Second, there is the Danger of Stopping Short of God's Will For Your Life. Lot's wife also had been delivered from the world, but looked back, having the worldly

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## 50th Anniversary



## SIGNS OF A BACKSLIDING CHURCH

Rev. John R. Brewer, General Superintendent  
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A careful notice of the title is very important in understanding the thrust of this article. It is not "Signs of a Backslidden Church." There is a difference. The characteristics of a backslidden church are often very easy to detect, due to the absence of good spiritual qualities. The interest of this article is the indicators of the backsliding church. A backsliding church will yet have many of the qualities of a good spiritual church. The backsliding element may be as small as a minute tangent, but the direction in which it is headed can be detected. These small indicators slowly move a church from the spiritual power and experience which it now possesses. Great concern should be made over these signs, so as to prevent a complete backsliding process. In other words, it is better to discern these indicators early on and save a church from backsliding, than awaken someday to discover the church as backslidden beyond recovery.

### Accepts Inferior Role Models

The church that is beginning to backslide often begins to present inferior role models in visible positions of the church. The Pastor and his family, the Sunday School Superintendent, the song leaders, the musicians, the Sunday School teachers, the ushers, the special singers, the board members, the department heads, and the full members are in highly visible positions. The children of the church, the church attendees, the new converts, and prospects recognize the visibility of those mentioned above. Their spiritual progress is either challenged or retarded by the spiritual condition of those serving God visibly in the local church. A backsliding church will allow in highly visible places, individuals to serve who are not fully examples of true holiness or portrayers of the goals which the church should expect all converts eventually to achieve.

### Satisfied With Keeping the Rules, but Remaining Convictionless

This is a very subtle departure from a truly spiritual church because truly spiritual churches do have Bible based rules and expedient guidelines to go by. The backsliding church appears to be very happy to keep the same rules, but is not concerned about allowing God to write those rules on their hearts. The church prospers spiritually and moves forward in impacting the world when it is convicted by the Holy Ghost, each

individual being fully persuaded within his heart. Mere rule-keepers are apt to vote to change the rules toward leniency, whereas men and women of conviction will uphold rules which clearly separate from the world. May God give us a new generation of men and women who are deeply convicted along the lines of separation from the world.

### Extremely Hesitant to Oppose Spiritual Dangers

To avoid backtracking and humiliation, it is prudent to be careful in analyzing things completely. Making an issue of things too hastily can often indicate foolishness. However, God desires for His people to take their stands against spiritual dangers before damage has been done. To be slow in opposing spiritual dangers, is spiritual indifference and causes many spiritual casualties. Today, occasionally one may hear the voice of the compromised church being raised against television. The sad fact is the voice is uttered forty years too late. When the compromised church was beginning to backslide forty years ago, it was hesitant to stand against it. This serves as an illustration of this point. The backsliding church today is hesitant to stand against the VCR, half-length sleeves, split skirts, culottes, ladies' hair being trimmed and not put up, huge hairbows, and the flesh-appealing beards and mustaches. True, these things could be considered small things, but are they not the tiny little tangent that will steer the church toward the loss of spiritual power and distinctiveness?

### Satisfied With Human Enthusiasm for the Glory

As a church progresses in its backsliding from being a spiritual church to a backslidden church, the presence and glory of God will slowly begin to depart. Perhaps it can be said that the glory of God departs as slowly as the tiny minute degrees of backsliding progress. When the true presence of God withdraws, then human enthusiasm and spiritedness tries to compensate. Again, this trait is often very subtle and not easily detected. There comes a point, however, when God is definitely grieved away and man with his enthusiasm, is all that remains. Often, mere enthusiasm and a few tears in a service suffice as a "good service," while it was void of the real presence and moving of the Holy Spirit. We must contend for the glory in our midst! The real glory!

### Substitutes Human Programs, Void of the Holy Ghost

Admittedly, not all programs are bad or without the seal of the Holy Spirit. The church must be sensitive, so that all its programs are bathed by the leadership and power of God. However, when true spirituality and the moving of God in a church is insufficiently emphasized, inevitably, the church endeavors to prop itself up by man-made programs. Many churches have used the church kitchen and the Sunday night movie in order to prop up dwindling church attendance and finances. If that same church would have gotten the glory down and been willing to obey God at all costs, His Spirit would have moved in such a way that the church would have revived and attendance would have increased. Compassion for the lost will accomplish more than competition in the Sunday School. Fire in the prayer room always accomplishes more than the fire in the kitchen. Red hot, fearless preaching of the whole Word of God will do more to save the lost than an entertaining movie. Let's have a Holy Ghost program.

### Has a Higher Standard for Itself Than it Does for Its New Converts

Another sign of a backsliding church is holding high personal standards, but not expecting the same to develop in the new converts and the children of the church. The temptation is to emphasize doctrine over life-style, while both are vitally important. I am not calling for a harsh forcefulness here, but believe that the church should hold its converts' feet to the fire and maintain the standard. The Holy Spirit uses the example of the saints, and the preaching of the Word in order to form convictions in new converts and the children of the church. Therefore, a consistency of the beliefs of the church should be transferred completely from one generation to the next. If the successive generations do not receive, nor become grounded in the standards and principles of holy living, as our forefathers, then this small tangent of departure will lead to total compromise. Now is the time to detect this sign, along with others, and make necessary corrections.

This list of signs is certainly not exhaustive. There are others, but these are ones which I believe can be more readily recognized. An ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure. This

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Promoted to Glory Rev. Wilbur E. Hoskins

Rev. Wilbur E. Hoskins was born October 26, 1913 in Stouts, Ohio, he departed this life February 11, 1999 age 85 years 3 months 16 days. He was a son of the late Edgard and Mary Grabill Hoskins. On July 13, 1934 he married the former Ann Louise Garrison who survives.

Rev. Hoskins served in the Army during World War II. He was a pastor for more than 25 years serving the Wills Chapel, Wellstown, OH, Church of Christ in Christian Union, Mt. Pleasant Mills, God's Holiness Mission, Selinsgrove, and Peniel Holiness Church of Beach City, OH. He also served as an evangelist for nearly 28 years. His smile, wit and unique guitar playing will be remembered by many. His practical preaching and the inspirational singing of Bro. & Sis. Hoskins was a blessing to all. He was an ordained minister in God's Missionary Church since 1978.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, Louise, are three sons: Ted of Nashville, TN, Bill and wife Kathleen of Columbus, OH and Rev. Mike and wife Carol of Hanover, PA. Five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grand children. Two sisters: Dorothy Cox of Ottzway, OH and Janet Noel of Ft. Pierce, FL.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters. He was laid to rest in the Richfield Evangelical Methodist Cementary.



### Lewistown GMC's Last Charter Member Goes Home

#### Violet M. Hoy "Faithful Til Death"

Violet M. Hoy, 86, formerly of Milroy, passed away February 5, 1999 at the William Penn Nursing Home where she had been a resident for the past several years. She was a daughter of the late Charles F. And Ellen R. Barklow. She was married to Carl F. Hoy who preceded her in death.

She is survived by children: Carl R. Hoy of Clarksville, TN., Mrs. Kenneth (Janet) Maben of Milroy, PA., Gary L. Hoy of Lewistown, PA. There are 11 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Sister Hoy was the last charter member of the Lewistown God's Missionary Church. She was here when the church opened and attended as long as health permitted. She was a S. S. teacher and S. S. secretary for many years. Also, for many years, she attended the Penns Creek Camp where she helped in the camp kitchen. Stopping at her home was always a highlight for the church Christmas carolers; she always had a treat ready for them.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Darvin C. Donahey, at the Bohn Funeral Home in Reedsville, PA. on February 8, 1999. She was laid to rest in the Juniata Memorial Park, Lewistown, PA.

### A Parting Prayer

Care Thou for mine whom I must leave behind;  
Care that they know who 'tis for them takes care;  
Thy present patience help them still to bear;  
Lord, keep them clearing, growing, heart and mind;  
In one Thy oneness us together bind;  
Last earthly prayer with which to Thee I cling—  
Grant that, save love, we owe not anything.

—George MacDonald



# TO THE CONFERENCE FAMILY . . .

General Superintendent Reverend Harry F. Plank



This busy month took us South.

**January 28**—My wife and I boarded US Airways at Harrisburg and flew to Tampa, Florida where we picked up a rental car and traveled to the Florida District Camp Meeting at Sun City Center, Florida. After purchasing this camp meeting grounds, it was a privilege to attend services at the first camp meeting. Our workers for this first camp meeting: Rev. Millard Downing, Rev. Paul Miller and The Victory Trio. An excellent spirit prevailed upon the services with good crowds in attendance and good support from the Florida District churches. On Saturday the 30th, Mission Day was complete with Rev. Jacob Miller and Rev. Rex Evans. On Sunday the 31st, at two o'clock in the afternoon we met outside on the grounds for a dedication service. The Florida District board joined myself in dedicating this 17 acre campgrounds to the glory of God and the work of God's Missionary Church. A good crowd gathered under the pine trees and Spanish moss in the trailer grove. God's presence was felt and all in attendance agreed that God's blessing was evident upon this inaugural camp in a special way. Following the dedication service, the Penn View Bible Institute Praise Singers represented the college and were well received.

**February 1**—Camp has ended but we were privileged to spend this extra day with Brother Cooper on the campgrounds.

**February 2**—Traveled to Camp Freedom in St. Petersburg, FL. Attended the afternoon service where again we heard the college quartet sing. Rev. Wingrove Taylor brought the afternoon message. Rev. Larry Strouse and the people at Camp Freedom made us feel welcome.

**February 3**—Traveled to Seffner, FL. We enjoyed a good supper with Pastor and Mrs. Smalley. We then preached at our church at Seffner. The crowd was bolstered by several people who had attended camp meeting: The Harper's, Foster's, Seymour's, and Lynch's, and Lenhart's.

**February 4**—Traveled to Sea Breeze Camp Meeting at Hobe Sound, Florida where Rev. Ken Fay opened the camp. Tim & Esther Dotson provided the music. Hobe Sound brings back a lot of fond memories. We were privileged to spend the weekend here at Hobe Sound under the ministry of Brother Fay and Rev. Tom Reed. (Special thanks to Paul & Laverne Gangon who took

us to West Palm to return our rental car.)

**February 8**—Brother Glenn Halstead took us to West Palm where my wife stayed with friends who would take her to the airport to fly back to Pennsylvania. I then went to Miami airport to fly to Haiti. Rev. Jacob Miller, Rev. Fred Watson and I flew American Airlines to Port au Prince. Flight and customs were uneventful. We were picked up at the airport by national drive who took us to our station at Carrefour. We were greeted by Bonnie Cleaver, Miriam Kratz, Dorcas Kratz and Brother and Sister Robert Peterson.

**February 9**—Awoke early to the street noises of Haiti. On this first full day, the generator failed. Brother Jacob Miller with some consultation felt the necessity of purchasing a new generator. He, Brother Peterson and Sister Miriam Kratz went to town and came back with a new Kubota generator. We are trusting the Lord to meet the expenses of this important piece of equipment. In the afternoon, Brother Watson preached in the Bible college chapel. In the evening, I preached the first night of revival with Sister Cleaver interpreting. Though not understanding the language, I found the singing and testimonies and responses of the people to be very inspiring.

**February 10**—Traveled with a group into Port au Prince to buy supplies. With the traffic congestion and crowds, we were not able to get back until 5:00 in the evening with me scheduled to preach at 6:00. I found Haiti traffic to be different than Middleburg traffic! I preached the evening service with Pastor Louis interpreting.

**February 11**—Traveled with a group to Leogone. Here we visited the school, church and mission home. Returned to Carrefour to preach in College chapel. In the evening I preached the revival service. I started preaching with three oil lamps and a flashlight. The church was full but I couldn't see anyone beyond the first row . . . though you could hear the response of the crowd as you preached. A third of the way through the sermon, the lights came on. In Haiti, the electric can come on or go off at any given time. (Another plug for the necessity of the generator). Some of the ladies had gone to town for supplies and had not returned in time for service . . . again, because of the unusual traffic. Haiti was pre-

paring for Mardi Gras.

**February 12**—Our Haitian Workers Convention. In the morning of the 12th I received an E-mail from my wife that Rev. Wilbur Hoskins had passed away. Circumstances prevented me from getting out of the country for the funeral. In this morning service we held a moment of silent prayer in memory of Brother Hoskins and in support of the family. Brother Jacob Miller, Brother Watson and I conducted the services of the Worker's Convention. Some of the workers attending the convention were: Selondieu Pierre, Anthony Bothard, Arius Delsona, Perard Alexander, Emma Francois, Wilner Vernet, and interpreter Marcel Louis. There were Bible school students in attendance as well. Again in the evening of the 12th, I preached a revival service.

**February 13**—Two morning sessions with the Workers and then we were treated at lunch to a special Haitian meal. Meal consisted of white rice with brown bean sauce, dark rice with beans, a hot spicy cole slaw, a boiled vegetable called melatone,



*Bishop Plank in Haiti  
Riding the Horse name PATIENCE*

Haitian chicken, and fried bananas. It was all very good. In the afternoon six of us traveled by truck 100 plus miles to La Croix. We arrived at 7:30 PM. dusty and dirty from the rough roads!!! After arriving, Brother Arius had a two hour walk to his station to get ready for his Sunday services.

**February 14**—Awakened early by the noises of the LaCroix countryside . . . roosters crowing, donkey's bawling, and a grackle-like bird squacking. At 6:15 AM, bells began ringing calling the Haitian people to prayer. I was told the Haitian



## PROPHET'S PONDERINGS

### Preachers Can Talk Too Much

Good Conversation a Witness for God

G. O. Bell



*Study to shew thyself approved unto God*

—2 Tim. 2:15

The wisest man among the ancients said, "A fool's voice is known by the multitude of his words." Some preachers have been known to fall into that category. A further observation of the ancient seer was, "the wise in heart will receive commandments; but a prating fool shall fall." Too much talk has culminated in the fall of many a promising preacher.

James wrote unto the church concerning the use of the tongue. He said, "We all make many slips, but whoever avoids slips of speech is a perfect man, he can bridle the whole body as well as the tongue." The preacher who can guide his talk into useful channels and control his conversation is greater than he that taketh a city. Though the tongue is a small member of the body, it can boast of mighty exploits. It can kindle consuming fires. The sacred writer further states that, "every kind of beast and bird, of creeping animals and creatures marine, is tameable and has been tamed by mankind, but no man can tame the tongue—plague of disorder that is, full of deadly venom! With the tongue we bless the Lord and Father, and with the tongue we curse men made in God's own likeness, blessing and cursing streaming from the same lips." The ordained messenger of God should, above all others, seek a complete mastery over the tongue.

#### Preachers Talk Too Much About—

A preacher can talk to much about the personal affairs of the people whom he serves. He should know his people intimately, that he may appraise their strength and weakness. Indeed he should know even the idiosyncrasies of his most obscure parishioner. However, a knowledge of such personal matters does not warrant his becoming a press agent to publicize them to the world. Preachers talk to much when their conversation degenerates to mere gossip. They join their voices with the scandal mongers of a community. The voice of the preacher who speaks less frequently but with great discretion will carry greater weight.

Ministers sometimes talk to much about their community. Paul said, "I must see Rome." Rome was a godless metropolis but it challenged Paul. While

our modern brother wails, "This is a wicked place, I must get out of it." What a fall from the courage of Paul to the whine of some modern preachers. He who labors under such misconception of his call is apt to be over sensitive. A newspaper stab or an anonymous letter will cause him to swell up as though he had been bitten by a tarantula. For days after he will smart and moan, and try hard as he will to hold back, more or less of the hurt will trickle into his next Sunday's discourse.

Some preachers have such a budget of wrongs to talk about that these wrongs are more frequently on his lips than the eternal truth which he is supposed to proclaim. Nothing is more nauseating than a grown-up baby forever dwelling on his wrongs. A preacher who constantly appeals for sympathy is one whom everybody wants to get away from. One instinctively shrinks from the man who as soon as he gets you alone proceeds to take off the poultices with which he had bandaged his soul that you may see how badly he has been hurt. Clouds of darkness are around most men anyway, and it is the preacher's business to let the sunlight in. A congregation needs nothing so much as the sun. Upon this theme the late Charles E. Jefferson said, "Oh man of God, quit your pining. Stop your moping. Put an end to your brooding. Get out of the slough of the despondent. Cut down your cypresses and willows. Burn up your sermons with sobs in them. 'Be converted.' 'Be not afraid.' 'Be of good cheer.' 'Rejoice and be exceeding glad.' This is the language of Christ and the apostles."

Preachers can talk too much about current events that are of secondary value. Ministers should never forget that they are "heralds of the Evangel." We preach Christ. He is the herald's message. This everlasting gospel we preach is not of man's devising. The faithful interpretation and declaration is the call and the challenge of this dark hour. Speaking of a passion to preach Christ, the late George Truett said, in his early life he desired to become a lawyer, but God did not so choose, and after preaching in one place for more than forty years, if God should give him a thousand lives to do as he pleased, he would

say, "O Master, if thou wilt, let every one of these thousand lives preach Christ to the end of the day. Happy if with my last breath, I may speak his name, preach him to all and cry in death, 'Behold, behold the Lamb.'"

#### Vigilance the Price of Leadership

Every preacher must keep a constant vigilance lest he suffer unconscious decay. A man growing better does not measure the stages of his progress, nor does the man growing worse realize the headway of his descent. Thus Moses after his long communion with the Eternal came down from the mountain with glory in his face, but, "Moses wist not that his face shone." What was evident to others was concealed from him. Likewise Samson after that the Lord had departed from him, "wist not that the Lord was departed." This he knew only when his enemies broke upon him and he found himself impotent and humiliated.

It is for this reason that many professional apostles of the so-called higher life do not win the confidence of the discerning. They talk to much. The man who says, "Look at me, see how my face shines," closes our ears to his argument for holiness by the impudence of his vainglorious invitation. A self-righteousness and lofty spiritual attainments do not go together. Men who live nearest to the heart of God do not prattle about their visions nor boast of the light in their faces.

We cannot fail to be suspicious, likewise, of the modern Samsons who have lost the power of conquering but in their weakness go on boasting as if they were still able to carry off the gates of Gaza.

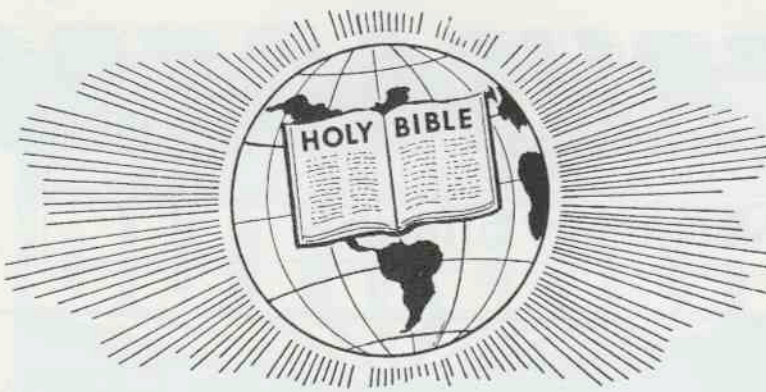
#### "Shut-In" Of The Month

Mrs. Avenelle Goodyear

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## One Day in Two Missionaries' Lives

by Bonnie Cleaver

"You stay here and I will go and pay for the tests for Diamelle." Miriam and I separated and one waited with the very sickly young girl, till they would call her in to see the doctor. The child's face and hands were thin and her nails almost white in color. Other people sitting near her looked at her with pity and astonishment. The Mother had brought her to the hospital knowing there was little hope, but then we had walked into the hospital and her face lighted up with joy. She knew then and so did we that we had not come to the hospital by accident that day! We had come to help our teacher's wife make arrangements to have an operation for two fibroid tumors to be removed.

After paying for Diamelle's tests I hurried with her to the place where they would do the first one which was an EKG. But we found the bench in front of the door filled with people sitting there all dejected. They told me that there was no one there to give them their tests! I knew the nurse who did them so promised them I would try to find her. But I was informed that she would not be coming in that day and so they planned to send all those waiting people home! Well, that meant Diamelle could not have her test either and so I decided to look for the man who used to give the tests. The Lord helped me to find him and I begged him to come and take care of all of us. He agreed! Off we went and because he was doing it for me, as this was not his work now, he took her first. Thank you Lord for going before. All of the other people were so happy they did not have to go home now, that they did not complain long because Diamelle got to be first. While he was doing that I hurried back to Miriam and Marie Elange.

The doctor that saw the child suspected T. B. and so had sent Miriam for an urgent x-ray, without her having to pay for it first. That x-ray confirmed her fears and so she was admitted, but because of the TB she could not be put in the ward with the other children so they put her in a spare room

and went to look for a bed. She sat on a chair waiting so patiently while her Mother went home to gather together all the things she would be needing.

Back to Diamelle. I had seen the Dr. in advance one other day and explained her condition and so they were willing to do the operation if all tests were okay. The blood work would have been next, but she had forgotten and eaten, so that could not be done that day. The hospital refunded my money for that test and said she could have it done in the city and come with the results when she returned the next time. So Miriam took Diamelle to the bus station so she could return to the city. I stayed with Marie Elange and felt sorry for her as all who passed by gave their opinions—and she sat quietly not saying anything. Soon the doctor came from her consultation room and ordered all the TB meds along with IV an Vit. injections. Also milk and protein supplement was ordered. We knew already that all the rest of the family would have to be tested for the disease too. By the time that I had brought all the medicine, and received what the hospital gives free for TB people, Miriam was back and it rather did look like we could "stand still" for a moment and so we did as we prayed for Marie Elange and her mother. Of course we had been praying all the day, as we hurried here and there in the hospital, telling our Heavenly Father that we needed His help all the way. But now we could rest a wee moment and decide what to do next.

I forgot to tell you that in the midst of all those activities we had also checked on a little baby that Miriam had brought into the hospital the week before. It had placed both arms into a hot boiling pot of bean soup. Third degree burns, but the doctors cared for it and we prayed . . . and now as we looked at him he was sitting in the bed with his little arms soaking in a solution, to promote healing. The hands looked so pink and well and he was contented. Thank the Lord! I gave him a balloon and went to buy some needed medicine for him too.



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At 3:30 we left the hospital to go to Christianville, a village not far from us, where I needed to see the eye doctor. I had been having trouble with "floaters" and this time we needed to make sure that the retina had not been detached. He took me to the clinic and checked it all out with good results. The retina was in place and flat. He told me to watch it, to see if there were any changes and told me to come back in two weeks. To this day I have not gone back, but will, when there is time. The eye is much better and the lines are small now and no trouble like they were.

When we pulled into the mission all wanted to know where we had been! The story was too long to give details to them, but we explained that most of the time we had been in the hospital.

Sequel: several months later . . .

Diamelle has had her operation and is home working again in the office of the seminary and the library. She is well and we are praying that soon she shall be able to have a baby that she has waited for, for so long. They have been married for ten years. The doctor said that the tumors could have been the difficulty. Pray with us that their dreams for a child will come true.

Marie Elange is out of the hospital and  
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**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Due to the abuse of the 5 lb. mailing allowance into HAITI, Missionary Flight International has been asked to discontinue small package deliveries. Only family members are now allowed this privilege. Until further notice do not mail packages to HAITI. Thank you.

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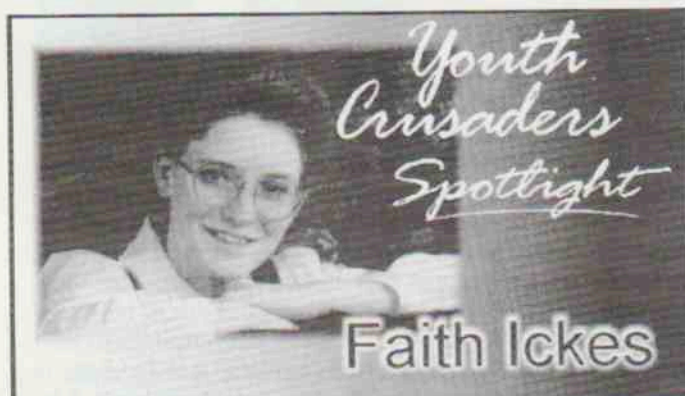
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## God's Missionary Church



Faith Rosann Ickes is the oldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Larry E. Ickes of Imler, PA. She is a faithful member of Mt. Sinai God's Missionary Church in Blue Knob, PA, where she plays the piano and sings special songs. Faith's interests include playing the piano, cross stitching, reading, and baking. She is currently a senior at the Claysburg-Kimmel High School, where she has earned the respect of her teachers and fellow classmates. She has already submitted her application for enrollment to Penn View Bible Institute. Faith has always had a desire to serve the Lord, and her main goal in life is to find and do God's perfect will. Congratulations Faith for being the April spotlight!

### Dates to Remember

- April 2 - Conference-wide Easter Rally at Susquenita High School.
- April 6-8 - PVBI Missionary Convention
- April 20-22 - Inter-church Holiness Convention at Dayton, Ohio.
- April 29-30 - PVBI Campus Days

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Conference-Wide Easter Youth Rally...

### Hallelujah for the Cross

*"Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross"*

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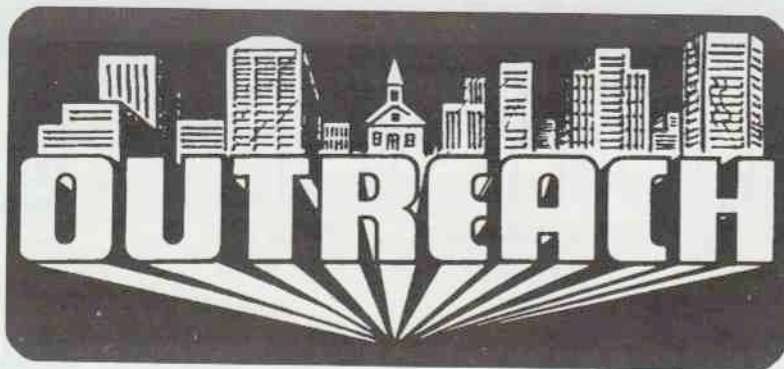
See your pastor for more details!

### Central Zone Rally

What an exciting time it was to be back for another Youth Rally. Our hearts were encouraged to see the approx. 224 people gathered at the Mountain Road God's Missionary Church. The young people, along with the older folks, were reminded of what love is all about. Bro. Myers, the speaker, shared what true love is all about and how to maintain love in our marriages. He incorporated illustrations from his own relationship, which kept all of us on the edge of our seats. What a lovely service to remind us how to maintain a proper perspective on love.

Oh, by the way, there was another church that took the banner this time. New Columbia stepped right up to the front line to take the first place banner with Berwick coming in second. Thank the Lord for all the good work.





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## Dear Home Missionary Family,

Greetings Home Missionary Family at this wonderful time of the year when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We echo the words from that first Easter morning, "HE is not here, HE IS RISEN as He said." This is the hope of every true believer. This is the message that makes our ministry effective. Our living Lord gives us hope for today and tomorrow. We have both an empty cross and an empty tomb to prove that Jesus lives! As we again sing the songs of His resurrection may we each be filled with new faith, love, and zeal to do His work. Let us rejoice in His resurrection as we face the dark days that may come upon us.

The days go by so quickly and it is time for another monthly STANDARD report. The months of January and February are slower months because of the cold winter weather. The reports from the Home Missionary pastors show that weather conditions have cut attendance at times. There were two Home Missionary services conducted in January. Because I had a fall on the ice, I could not go to these churches but Bro. Timothy Cooley did a good job in taking my place. He reported good services at the Berwick and Sunbury GMC churches. The weather for both these services was bad.

The Fairborn, OH is still without a permanent pastor. The parties interested in pastoring this church have made some new considerations. Pray with us that God will send us someone soon to pastor this church. In the meantime Brother and Sister James Davis are doing an excellent job of filling in. Pray for them.

All of our Home Missionary churches and their pastors are holding on to the faith. We thank God for dedicated preachers and their wives. Be sure to remember the church and pastor that is on the Home Missionary calendar for this month. Back them all up with prayer.

The Spring revival season is here and as these churches have their Spring revivals let us pray for a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit. There never was a time when we needed revival more than now.

Again I want to remind you of the CONFERENCE-WIDE EASTER OFFERING. This year it is being used to provide better living quarters for the CAMP HILL church (a new mobile home). As you give we can do more concerning this need. Brother and Sister Fred Bennett are doing a wonderful work at the camp Hill GMC church. Let us support them in a special way. If you have not given toward this special need you can send your offering to our treasurer whose name and address are at the top of this page.

We also want to remind you to pray for our Home Missionary churches that will be conducting Tent Meetings this summer. This is a very special time for these churches. Brother Dan Durkee, our Home Missionary Secretary can give you the dates of these Tent Meetings if you want them.

Thank you for supporting our special PASTOR'S INCOME

## PROJECT.

We still need more members to meet our one hundred number goal. If you are interested in becoming one of these people who will send in 10 dollars per month for the Pastor's Support Fund, write to our Treasurer today.

Keep your monthly offerings coming in as this is our only means to support the Home Missionary churches. God Bless you until next time. Keep looking up—JESUS IS COMING!

Rev. John F. White

Home Missionary Superintendent

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coming to church all the time with the rest of her family. She is gaining weight and enjoys Sunday School especially. When she is stronger she will be returning to school.

The small boy is home and walking all around, his arms completely healed. His mother brought him to church that first Sunday but has not returned, please pray for her that she shall come to the Lord.

At times it seems like the greatest amount of our time is spent caring for the ill. And that reminds us that our Lord also spent many hours caring for the sick when He walked the dusty roads of Palestine. He tenderly watches over us as we travel and are busy helping all that we can. Our hearts always pray that in all the ministering to their bodies that Jesus shall reach their souls as well.

Please pray for all of these that we have told you about.

Satisfied with Him!

Miss Cleaver



**Missing It At Last**

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spirit in her heart. Believer, you need holiness of heart.

*Third*, there is the Danger of Seeing Our Need Too Late. The foolish virgins discovered their need, but it was too late to buy oil, too late to plead, too late to enter. **THEY MISSED IT AT LAST.**

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**Signs of a Backsliding Church**

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is not written with the attitude that the church is hopelessly backslidden. However, I desire with all of my heart to do all within my power to keep that from ever happening. The Holy Spirit is the conservator of orthodoxy. Let's keep clearly within the bounds of scripture and let the Holy Spirit have His complete right-of-way with us!

—Eleventh Hour Messenger

**To The Conference**

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people are very faithful for these early morning prayer meetings. We enjoyed a good breakfast with Rex & Karen Evans and daughters (Miriam and Margaret). I preached the morning and evening services. Again the Haitian people respond well. Brother Rex Evans did the interpreting. In the afternoon, Brother Evans and I rode horses out into the rough to visit an elderly Christian couple. Pierre Louis was 94 and his wife was 80 plus. Never having been able to read and write, through the interpreter he quoted many verses of scripture he has learned over the years. This was a highlight of my trip. They afforded us such gracious hospitality in that they insisted that Rex and I sit on the only two chairs while they sat on the floor. He grinned, revealing one tooth, and happily explained that Brother Marlin Crock had pulled the rest of his teeth. As he talked he sat shelling peanuts he had raised . . . how he eats them, I know not how!

**February 15**—The clinic was open. Brother Evans gave me a tour of the clinic. It was very apparent that he and his helpers were very busy as it appeared that in excess of seventy people were in line for the day. In the morning a group from Carrefour station arrived. Sister Dorcas Kratz was not feeling well and needed to see the doctor in the clinic. After a checkup and stabilizing, Rex felt we could make the trip back to Carrefour. We made the journey back to Carrefour without incident.

**February 16**—Up early, packed and ready to go to the airport. The whole crew went into the airport early expecting delay's and restrictions and traffic . . . but the Lord went before us and we had no delay's! We went through the airport customs without a bag opened. I arrived back in Harrisburg at 9:00 PM.

Rachel and Jon met me—it's good to be home.

—Harry Plank

**CHURCH NEWS****Sun City, Florida District Camp**

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## Greetings from the Hilltop!

Let me give you a report of our Winter Revival before we continue last month's article.

A few weeks ago, (in February) we conducted our annual Winter Revival. As with any meeting, we desired that the presence of God would dominate every service. One week prior to the start of our revival we conducted a Prayer conference on campus. Local pastors, such as Jacob Martin, James Plank, and Alan Walter, along with a return missionary, Miss Anita Brechbill, served as speakers for this Conference. They very capably directed our attention to different aspects of prayer, followed by much time being given to prayer and supplication. It was very evident that God was with us and desiring to perform a great work among us.

As the time approached for the start of our revival we received word that sickness was going to prevent the arrival of the Victory Trio, who were the scheduled evangelist and singers. We began to seek the Lord for direction. By divine providence of God, Rev. Millard Downing happened to be in the area some extra days after conducting the memorial service for our dear friend and brother in the Lord, Rev. Wilbur Hoskins. Bro. Downing consented to fill the pulpit for one night. God used him mightily to challenge us to pray and believe God for revival. The sound of supplication and prayer emanated from both the men's and ladies' prayer rooms this very first night.

We continued to seek direction from God for the person to fill the pulpit until the Trio could arrive. We felt to use one of our staff, he being Rev. Robert Wilson. Bro. Wilson began his portion of the revival on Saturday night and continued until the following Tuesday morning. The truths he delivered were exactly what we needed and were delivered under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. God began to move mightily among us and do wondrous works. Individuals who were running from God were stirred. They sought and found victory.

By Tuesday evening, when the Victory Trio arrived, real revival was already be-

ing experienced. Sis. Judy Williams began ministering and God continued to work. Thursday morning chapel began just like any other service. Numerous testimonies were given by students, choruses were sung, and the special song for the morning was sung. God's presence was upon the service in a powerful way. Sis. Williams spoke briefly and invited students to seek God. They began to freely move to the altar. As each one minded God it seems that it became easier for others to yield. The altar and many extra chairs were filled with seekers praying for victory. By this time the atmosphere was so charged by God's presence it wasn't too difficult to pray through. When the first altar service ended the saints rejoiced in victories won. Then others began to seek. When they prayed through, others came to get victory. Waves of glory rolled in our midst. Students and staff took to the aisles praising God for His matchless grace. The hours passed by swiftly as we praised the Lord. The lunch hour passed without us hardly noticing. For nearly four hours we reveled in the presence of the Lord praying with and rejoicing with seekers who found this great joy. Oh, what Glory!!!!

On Friday evening, one week after the start of the revival services we gathered to worship. There was again a great volume of prayer which was the norm each evening. As we began the song service saints began to shout and praise God. Students, staff, and entire families took to the aisles in praise to God. The spirit of God was so free in the service one felt there was no resistance at all. I don't know that I was ever in a service when there was so much liberty. Tears of joy flowed as the saints of God rejoiced in His presence. The meeting climaxed with an altar service, where individuals who had been seeking for a long time, found real victory.

The revival services have ended but the spirit of revival has continued. We continue to rejoice in the Lord. Students who found the Lord are continuing in victory, Praise the Lord!!

We may ask questions, how did this happen? Before the revival ever began,

some of my students, feeling the burden of prayer, scheduled prayer meetings for united prayer. These prayer meetings were conducted in the early morning, over the noon time, and into the late night. Many meals were fasted because the burden for souls was greater than the appetite for food. One student testified near the end of the meeting, that he was so weak in his body that he couldn't run the aisles in the body, but in his heart he was running and jumping and rejoicing in the presence of the Lord. These students prayed specifically for those who needed victory in this revival. Of all the revivals I have been in, in my years of ministry, I don't believe I have ever seen anything quite like this. **THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER.** So often we limit God, but He wants us to launch out by faith. The God that we serve is still able to answer prayer but he wants us to be specific, and then pray earnestly. The prayer meetings, and fasting of meals are continuing for the few that have not yet found victory. I believe that God will answer.

It is to God we give glory for His mighty work. Oh, let us believe God for revival in all of our churches. He is able!! He is willing!! He is desirous to do it for us but we must **PRAY!!!!**

Please be reminded of events that will be held on campus in April and May. The missionary convention, sponsored by our Missionary Department, will be held April 6-8. This is always a highlight of events at Penn View.

*Attention all high school sophomores, juniors and seniors.* Our annual Campus Days will be held April 29-30. Pastors, please encourage your youth to visit our campus these days and make plans to register for the fall semester. Also, our annual Benefit Auction will be held May 7 & 8 at the Route 15 Flea Market, Lewisburg, PA. Don't miss these events.

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