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He Lives Again!

Thomas Hastings



*How calm and beautiful the morn
That gilds the sacred tomb
Where once the Crucified was borne
And veiled in midnight gloom!
Oh, weep no more the Savior slain;
The Lord is risen — He lives again!*

*Ye mourning saints, dry every tear
For your departed Lord!
"Behold the place — He is not here;"
The tomb is all unbarred.
The gates of death were closed in vain;
The Lord is risen — He lives again!*

*How tranquil now the rising day!
'Tis Jesus still appears
A risen Lord to chase away
Your unbelieving fears.
Oh, weep no more your comforts slain;
The Lord is risen — He lives again!*

*And when the shades of evening fall,
When life's last hour draws nigh,
If Jesus shine upon the soul,
How blissful then to die!
Since He has risen Who once was slain,
Ye die in Christ to live again!*



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Then Came The Morning!

In his old age, Alfred Lord Tennyson is said to have been walking in his garden early one morning. Suddenly he came upon a humble servant woman. "Good morning," said the venerable poet. "And what is the good news today?" "The only good news I know, sir," replied the woman, "is that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Aye," replied Tennyson, "that is good news indeed!"

What marvelous news we have to bear to a sin-benighted world. Jesus Christ came, was crucified, conquered death, and is coming back again. That is good news indeed. In that news is everything that sinner needs to hear — that there is hope of deliverance from the stultifying bondage of sin. In that news is everything that a believer needs to hear — that there is freedom from that terrible carnal nature with which we were all born.

Matthew makes a very distinctive statement in his narrative of the Resurrection. He writes, "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary to see the sepulchre." Matt. 28:1.

Oh, what a dawning that was! The two women named Mary came early in the morning to find a day dawning that would shatter the oppression of sin. They came from a night of bitterness and frustration to a dawn of purpose and fulfillment.

The Apostle Paul, writing years later, tied the veracity and purpose of our entire system of belief to that Resurrection Dawn. Listen as he says, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is vain...ye are yet in your sins."

Resurrection power was the constantly repeated theme of the early church. There was power in such a message that could not be denied, and which sustained the Christians as they faced a firestorm of vicious persecution. They fully recognized that without the Empty Tomb the Cross was stripped of meaning; it was a tragedy beyond words.

"As it began to dawn" On that morning of all mornings it was more than the appearance of the physical sun appearing to chase the shadows of night away, but the Son of Righteousness arose with healing in His wings, with the Keys of death, hell, and the grave, and shouted until the chains of hell shook, "I AM ALIVE FOREVER-MORE!"

Then came the morning! With that

morning the Night of Sin's Dominion was Broken. Yes, it had been a long sin — strewed road from the Garden of Eden and Adam's fall. Though sin still stains the human race, yet because of that Resurrection Dawn we need no longer remain under sin's domination. We can be freed from the penalty, the pollution, the power of sin in our lives, and we live with the promise that one day we shall be free from the very presence of sin.

Then came the morning! With that morning the Night of Satan's Reign is past. Oh, our great adversary, Satan, still is going about the land, seeking whom he may devour. He is still seeking to deceive the saints as he comes as an angel of light. But he knows that his doom is sealed and fate is fixed. The arch-fiends of hell thought they had won a great victory when Jesus went into the tomb, but praise the Lord, the Seed of the woman has bruised the serpent's head, and one day the task will be completed.

Then comes the morning! That Resurrection Dawn is the portent of another dawning, another great morning! Just as surely as He came according to prophecy, was crucified, according to prophecy, was buried, according to prophecy, rose again triumphantly, according to prophecy, SO HE WILL RETURN AGAIN! Another day is dawning — another morning will dawn in the New Jerusalem as we gather around the throne of God to rejoice forever with our Risen Lord!

The poet caught a glimpse of the significance of that morning when she wrote:

I saw not the hill nor the Cross where
they nailed Him,
Nor heard His last words through
His quivering breath;
I bore Him not hence to the tomb
that received Him
So silent and cold in that chamber
of death;
But stronger than sight is the faith
that believes it,
And greater than reason, God's
witness to me;
For sin and uncleanness the Christ
made atonement;
I know that He died, for His blood
cleanseth me.
I saw not the angel that came at the
dawning
To roll back the stone where the

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Faces About the Cross

"And sitting down they watched him there." — Matt. 27:36.

William S. Deal

Jerusalem — the city of some of earth's most golden history, and of some of its darkest crime — was astir again. It was Passover time. Jesus and His followers had visited the city and were hailed with great joy by the multitudes. Between that hour of grand triumph, with its temple-cleansing act and calmer days following, Judas had sold his Lord, Pilate had tried to save Him from crucifixion and failed, and now He walked, a lonely figure, toward Calvary.

"See, He cannot carry that heavy cross!" shouted a Roman soldier. He had just fallen beneath the cross He bore. Gritting his teeth, the Roman centurion stepped up. He knew the framing and deceit of the trial and his sense of justice and fair play made him despise Jesus' enemies. "We are left with the dirty work of their petty foolishness," he muttered.

"Make a Jew carry the cross," bellowed a soldier. "You have authority to press into obedience anyone whom you will," the soldier reminded him. The centurion nodded assent to the latter statement. He knew that. His brow wrinkled. "No," he snapped, "I would not so honor a detestable Jew!"

Glancing over the multitude he spied Simon of black Cyrene. "Look here, fellow," he shouted, pointing his finger directly at Simon. Simon knew the Roman law; he could not resist the order, for the centurion had power to force him into such service when he needed a man. Walking calmly out to where Jesus stood, sad and wan, Simon looked at the centurion. "What do you wish of me?" he asked.

"I want to honor you with the privilege of carrying this innocent man's cross to the crucifixion area. He is an innocent and good Teacher, but the Jews have ordered Him put to death for some insane reason. He cannot carry His own cross — He is too weak."

Smiling up at Jesus as he stooped to pick up the heavy cross, Simon took it and walked slowly before the Saviour and they wound around the road to Calvary. Jesus said nothing, for He knew that history would accord Simon a place of immortal fame — He needed not to speak now.

At the place of the crucifixion, Simon unshouldered the cross, dropping it on the ground. A hole had been dug wherein it was to stand. Soldiers wordlessly removed Jesus' robe and left Him standing bare as was the custom of all criminals for crucifixion. At the executioner's command Jesus laid Himself down on the cross. A rough soldier stretched His arm out and flattened the back of His hand against the crossbar. Another pulled a huge iron spike from his spikepouch and started driving it through His hand. His hand quivered, but Jesus did not flinch nor attempt to draw it away. He said softly, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." "What was that He said?" one looked at the other as he asked. As they fixed the other hand, He repeated the same words, and again, as they crossed the feet and spiked them to the lower beam of the cross, He whispered, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (The original Greek words here translated once, indicate that He said these words over and over again.)

Raising the cross to its upright position, there remained now nothing more to do but to "watch Him" until He expired. This was part of the dreaded work of the centurion.

For if those crucified were not watched, friends would naturally take them down and deliver them. So, the long dreaded *watch* began. *Sitting down* suggests hopelessness, inability to do anything, apathy, resignation, and possibly despair.

The *soldiers* watched Him, casting lots for His garments, which was perfectly in order in that day. This was part of their privilege — to take the garments of the crucified, if they were worth anything. Casting lots was the most equal and just way they knew to do it. His "seamless robe" was too valuable to divide; therefore, they chose this way to discover who should have it. Even in His death His life benefited others. The world has never ceased to draw earthly benefits from the redemptive work of Christ. It is filled with charitable institutions and places of mercy and help, resulting from the Savior's touch of life.

The *centurion* watched Him. Grave, sober and possibly seething with the sense of injustice done in this crucifixion, the older man of Roman power sat stubbornly by. He wanted to see just what the end would be. When it came, he murmured his conviction, which has become like a thundering trumpet down through the Christian ages, "Surely, this was the Son of God!"

The *priests* and *leaders* watched Him, seething in their wrath and now, rejoicing that their plans were at last carried out unfoiled. Now, they could rest in peace; this Jesus would create no more problems for them, so they must have thought and whispered there that day. They knew not then that they were only seeing the beginning of their problems with Him and His followers. They and their political descendants will never see the last of their problems; trying to rid the world of Christianity until Christ returns to earth to dethrone all such powers and banish them forever from the earth.

The *lowly disciples* watched Him, distraught and bewildered now. Their minds had refused to remember His promise to rise again in three days, or misunderstood it to have some other meaning than a physical resurrection. Their hopes were slowly draining out of the hourglass of time with fleeting moments. It is not too much to suppose that many of them expected Him to perform a miracle and actually come down from the cross, yet even now. Why could He not? He had raised others from the dead. Their last hope did not die until He expired and was taken down, limp and lifeless, from the cross.

Jesus' *mother* watched Him, her soul distracted and wounded deeper than any other person there. All the memories of His virgin birth, His miraculous life and undying promises must have come back to her troubled mind. But she finally, too, had to accept the words, "Woman, behold thy son," directing her to John's attention, and "Son, behold thy mother," as Christ's last words of earthly care. He would not descend from the cross and walk back to Jerusalem that day, this she knew deep within herself.

The great *multitudes of common people* watched Him. One of the best friends they had was now dying. He had healed many of them, taught them the most wonderful words ever heard, fed them when hungry and blessed their children in sunnier hours than this. Now, He was dy-

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Lewis E. Earnest, Sr.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord ... that they may rest from their labours..." Rev. 14:13.

Again, God has chosen to call another one of his children from the Lewistown congregation to be with Him in the land eternal.

After an illness of some months, Lewis E. Earnest, Sr. left this earth and took up residence in the land of bliss on December 6, 1983 at the age of 59 years 7 months 9 days.

Services were conducted from the Lewistown God's Missionary church with his pastor, Rev. John W. Zechman, in charge.

Brother Earnest is survived by his wife, Elizabeth R. Earnest, four children, Mrs. Delores Bair, Lewis E. Earnest, Jr., Richard J. Earnest, Mrs. Connie Goodrich, and twelve grandchildren.

Brother Earnest was employed by the Lewistown Borough and has been a member of the Lewistown church for a number of years where he served on the church board as well as filling several offices in the church over the years among which were trustee, Sunday School teacher, usher, as well as other positions. Brother and Sister Earnest also sang special musical numbers from time to time in the services where Brother Earnest was often heard to testify and many times stated the fact "Without Him I would be nothing". And now, while his passing has left a great vacancy in the home as well as the church here on earth, he is enjoying the presence of the one about whom he testified and sang.

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YOUTH RALLY VIEWS

The South Central Zone youth are glad to have the opportunity to have responsibility of an entire service. It gives us a chance to display our talents and to be in charge. Each month there is a banner given to the church with the most points. Points are based on amount of youth, pastors, and other church members present; mileage; etc. The banner encourages the pastor and youth leader to be present and gives the youth incentive to invite others and participate in church activities. So far Mountain Grove, Blosserville, and Bermudian God's Missionary Churches have earned the banner. Each youth rally gives new incentive, and as participation increases we will have room for new, exciting ideas. A prayer in hope that our youth rallies will encourage youth participation is a way to give your support.

RECOMMENDATION

Having met and worked with Bro. Robert Newbrey, I believe that I can recommend him to the Standard Family. He is entering the full-time evangelistic ministry, is spiritual and will be a blessing to your church. If you can use a good evangelist please give him a call.

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Rev. Paul Miller

"I Love My Pastor! Do You Love Yours?"

"But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, 'Shall not Shemei be put to death for this, because he cursed the Lord's anointed.'" I Sam. 19:21

How many people would be put to death in our Holiness Churches today if the old warrior, Abishai were to visit each of our churches.

One of the best ways to destroy a Revival, a Church or a family is to "curse" (backbite) your Preacher. The devil must laugh with glee when he ensnares so many in this sin, for it destroys so much with one blow. It can destroy your children's confidence in your Pastor, or destroy your friends and loved one's confidence in your Pastor. How many Preacher's Kids (P.K.'s) are lost and bitter because of this terrible sin?

Brethren, we need a revival in these last days. Oh the need to get behind your Pastor and push! Don't criticize, help him push the battle! Your Pastor is 100% human. He can't do it all, he needs your help. We laymen need to visit homes, knock on doors and work for Jesus, also.

Your Pastor is only one man. He needs your prayers, your support and your encouragement. So does his family, and you can be used of God to encourage them, or of the devil, to embitter them.

Are you a David or an Ahab? How did David treat the Lord's anointed?

In I Samuel 26:23, he says "...but I would not stretch forth my hand against the Lord's anointed". David had respect for God's chosen, how about us? How do you talk about him when he is not around? I hope you speak well of him and built respect in others toward him. Remember your conversation is in Heaven. Philippians 3:20 Or are you an Ahab? Notice a couple of wicked, pouty, henpecked, sissy King Ahab's statements. First to Elijah in I Kings 18:17 "Art thou he that troubled Israel? He blamed the poor preacher when his wickedness was probably more so the cause of drought. And Secondly, when he was speaking of another prophet, Micaiah in I Kings 22:8 "...but I hate him for he doth not prophesy good concerning me but evil." Listen to today's Ahab saying "...but he preaches too much about things." (Probably the things, many are guilty of, and by the way what about things?) Do you realize how many **THINGS** are mentioned in our blessed Bible?

Phil. 4:8&9 Finally, brethren whatsoever **THINGS** are true, whatsoever **THINGS** are honest, whatsoever **THINGS** are just, whatsoever **THINGS** are pure, whatsoever **THINGS** are lovely, whatsoever **THINGS** are of good report if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these **THINGS**. And also in Titus 2:15 These **THINGS**

speak, and **exhort**, and **rebuken** with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

Oh folks, let's not be spiritual sissys. Where are the Spirit-filled men of by-gone days who would shout the Preacher down when he would lay it on hot and heavy? Who would push the battle when the Preacher got out in the bushes? Who would breathe a prayer for him when others would try to "sit on him?"

Brethren, let's get behind our precious Pastors and see souls won. You may not agree on everything with him, but push anyhow. I don't mean to compromise or sin, but don't ruin a man's reputation over some stupid, little detail! When his message blesses you **Push!** When it rebukes you, **Push!** When you get new light from his message, **Push!**

In closing, Brethren let's rid our borders of this sin. If someone has some gossip concerning your Pastor, take them by the Spiritual collar and go see the Pastor and find out if its true! Chances are if people are confronted in this manner it will tame their tongue. Let's stick together as a family, folks let's see Holiness spread and not diminish! ...Oh yes, tell your Pastor you love him this week...and mean it!

Matthew L. Welker
Munson, Pa.

Sunday School Seminar - SUCCESS!

Penn View Bible Institute was the place - February 15, 16, 17 were the dates. Hundreds of eager, ready-to-learn Sunday school teachers, staff members, superintendents and

pastors gathered for the first-ever Sunday school Seminar sponsored by Penn View Bible Institute. Many returned for every session and went away challenged by the practical,

pointed, poignant presentations by Dr. Connie Palm from Hobe Sound, Florida. Eighteen different churches were represented as Penn View proved once again its valuable ministry to the local church.



Local pastors enjoyed the Seminar.



Mrs. Palm ponders a point.



I Walked With God Only Four Days

The name she was given was Elizabeth. And I suppose as usual here in the land of Haiti, she was born in a mud and stick hut. I can see it all now, the flickering candle as it reveals the face of a suffering woman laying on a mat on the dirt floor. And beside her is what appears to be a pile of rags, but it's the new born infant.

As time sped along, Elizabeth grew up learning all the ways and customs of her people. Until one day when Elizabeth saw how nice and convenient it was to be able to do a "little magic".

And now with her mind made up, she would study it all and be a woman witch doctors. So she sold her soul to the spirit world, dedicating her life to the devil to do his work. To be an intercessor between the evil spirit world and her people with all their present day problems.

And so her life's work began. "Brave" was the name of her "evil spirit" that helped her in all of her ceremonies. Many, many were the curses bought, to help with all the problems, the sick, the mentally weak and those desiring to leave Haiti and find success in USA and other countries.

And it was true that Brave and Elizabeth were very successful, becoming famous and also rich. For

many was the time that they demanded the last goat or chicken or even future crops in payment of all their services.

But now after some 50 years of Elizabeth's life over, it was time for her to be sick. And "Oh! to meet God with all the "wicked works" of her life and who would help her?

Quite a sight it was for a Christian man of our area as he visited Elizabeth. Laying in her nice house, lips and mouth burned raw by the sugar cane whisky and hot pepper mixtures used in her devil ceremonies.

Next to her room was Brave's room. With all the images, red, blue, black flag, drums, basins to mix medicine and then bath in. Sacrificed chicken heads and feet were hung in different places.

But she did listen to the Christian man as he told her, her mouth was made to speak "Godword," and visited her some four times over a period of three weeks.

Gradually he noticed a change. A curtain now covered Brave's room, and she became very interested in another way of life. And at his last visit she told him "some day you will come and I will be gone."

Yes, she was right. It all happened like this. The burden of her sin became so heavy, she called the Chris-

tian people in and prayed, giving her heart completely to God. She immediately began housecleaning Brave's room. Out went all the stuff, drums, equipment and everything, even throwing away some "blood" money.

Her words were "I regret all my years in sin, goodbye Satan and the world." And what peace filled her soul until she wished she could "go to church and live there."

Only but four days later she went to live with Jesus.

With hands raised about the casket, the Christian man told her, "I'll meet you in Heaven." Hallelujah! for the blood that has never lost its power. Fifty years in sin, four days a Christian, and forever with Jesus.

Beverly Wing

IKNOW... (Continued from Page 2)

Crucified lay,
Nor saw Him arising, majestic in triumph
O'er death and the grave, on that first Easter Day;
But deep in my heart is the peace that abideth,
And joys growing big, like as streams near the sea;
Not dead my Redeemer! He's Risen! He's Risen!
I know that Christ lives, for He liveth in me.

I heard not Him utter His wonderful promise
Again to return from His glorious throne,
To call from the graves His redeemed, His beloved,
With all those who love His Appearing - His own;
But the gladness that burst into song as I read it
Is proof enough of the truth that I see;
He's coming! He's coming! My risen Redeemer,
In the day of Thy glory, remember Thou me.

Edna Jane Allen

D.L.F.

NORTHEAST OVERCOMERS RALLY & RETREAT

April 19, 20, 21, 1984

Held on the campus of
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Theme: "Youth Aflame - Being More in '84"

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For The Boys and Girls

A Happy Easter

It was a week before Easter. Two little girls sat side by side on a garden bench.

"Twenty-three, . . . twenty-four, twenty-five," counted the girl with dark hair, whose name was Virginia.

"See, Betty Ann, I have twenty-five cents already, and then with the money I get for going to the store for Mrs. Stevens, I will have fifty cents! How much have you saved up for Easter, Betty Ann?" she asked, while she put her pennies back into the tin box.

"None," answered the other little girl, briefly. "I don't know of any way that I can earn and save money."

"That's a shame," sympathized Virginia. "I would feel quite badly if I couldn't spend some money at Easter-time to make someone happier. I'm going to buy Mrs. Gregory an Easter lily. She loves flowers, and she can't afford to buy any."

"Then, you know Jennie Arnold fell out of the swing and sprained her back. I think I'll buy her an Easter basket; and then, if I have any money left, I'll —"

"I won't listen," interrupted Betty Ann, looking as if she were going to cry. "I guess I like to make people happy as well as you," and with that, she ran out the gate and down the street.

"Now I wonder what I did to her to cause her to do that," Virginia said to herself, rather bewildered. "She acted as if she were quite hurt. I'm sure I can't help it if she hasn't any way of earning and saving money. Of course — I could let her go to the store for

Mrs. Stevens, instead of my going. I know Mrs. Stevens wouldn't care. But then — I'd have only twenty-five cents. I'm not going to bother my head about it."

Although she tried very hard, it did bother her, until finally she went to her mother and said:

"Mother, just suppose you had some money saved up for Easter."

"Yes," said her mother, as Virginia hesitated.

"And your chum didn't have any," Virginia continued. "And you know how she could earn some — but if you told her, then you'd not have as much. Now, do YOU think I should tell her?"

"Let me ask you something," said her mother. "Do you remember what our last Sunday school lesson was about?"

Virginia thought for a moment, then exclaimed: "Yes, I remember. It was about Jesus dividing the loaves and the fishes!"

"Didn't it teach you something?"

"I don't know exactly what you mean, Mother, but I was glad all those hungry people were fed."

"But, don't you see," said her mother, "they wouldn't have been fed if Jesus had said, 'I really can't bother. It's none of my concern. They'll get along somehow.' That parable spoke to me very plainly. It told me that true happiness results only from sharing with others."

Virginia jumped to her feet. "Mother," she said, "I won't be gone long, but I must see Betty Ann," and she left the house.



She found her little friend on the porch helping her mother shell peas for their dinner.

"Betty Ann, come here a minute," she called. And Betty ran to the gate. "I know how you can earn some money for Easter! You take my place and go to the store for Mrs. Stevens. That'll mean twenty-five cents for you — then we'll both have the same amount."

"Oh, thanks, Virginia! There's a girl I know whose mother is ill in the hospital. Now I'll be able to take her an Easter basket. It's so nice of you to let me take your place!"

On Easter Sunday, as Virginia walked home from church with her mother, she heaved a sigh of contentment, as she said: "This has been the happiest Easter I've ever had!"

"I wonder why?" her mother asked. "Because I shared with Betty Ann," Virginia said, happily.

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FACES ABOUT THE CROSS

ing—He, whom they thought had come to bring "eternal life," as they heard Him say of late so often. But they did not understand that He must give His life for theirs. It was only through His suffering and death that they might have this life.

The *disinterested* rabble watched Him. For them it was just another unlucky fellow who got caught in the jam between public favor and public vengeance—poor fellow! They wagged their heads and joined with the

crowd of scoffers who laughed at His plight. Such there are still in the world—the cold, indifferent and disinterested ones. These are at once the burden and the curse of society!

The *children* watched Him. No sadder group ever surrounded the cross than these sweet children, so innocent of what it was all about. Yet, they remembered the cries a few days back: "Hosanna, to the King of kings." "Why, now, are they crucifying Him? What will be next? Will He ever come back as He said?" Their little hearts

must have quivered with deepest sympathy. Hardly a one stood there but what would gladly have helped pull the spikes out of His hands and feet and taken Him down that day from the cross. And *children* are still Christ's best friends on earth today. The Church can do no better task than to win them by the thousands!

Faces about the cross—as that day, so today, the same kind of faces are still peering out of time at His cross. And still He cries, "Father, forgive them . . ."

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Resurrection Joy!

R. A. Kerby

The doctrine of separation from the world has always been, is now and ever will be, a point of conflict in the Church. Many and varied have been the efforts to pinpoint worldliness and thus defend and promote a sincere and genuine godliness. In viewing the world with all of its snares, John Wesley said to his people, "You must either be singular or be damned." God has good and sufficient reasons for his command to his people to "come out from among them and be separate."

No one but an unbeliever would deny that the Bible makes some very pointed prohibitions in the various fields of human life and activity. So many have been so slow to see and acknowledge that there is as much love in God's restraining negatives in his law as in the constraining positives of his grace. Both arise from his profound concern for the children of men.

True separation from the world does not stop with the outward appearance, but reaches to the very depths of the heart. All too many people desire the joys of the Christian life without really breaking with the world. They do not understand that their thoughts are vain and that there can be no rapture without rupture.

In the very shadow of the Cross, Jesus talked to his disciples in order to prepare them for his death which was only hours away; He declared that the world would rejoice at his death while his disciples would be filled with sorrow over the same event. There you have it! Here we see the great gulf which separates the saint from the sinner. No amount of smooth preaching can paper over this gulf of such vast scope.

But, praise be to God, Jesus did not stop at this point but declared that the disciple's sorrow would be turned into joy. This unearthly joy would arise from his Resurrection. With death in full view Jesus promised "I will see you again." When this promise was fulfilled a few days later, the disciples were filled with heavenly joy which the world did not give and therefore could not take away.

It is pertinent at this point to observe that all things which find their rise and inspiration from the corrupt First Adam have death written all over them. Sinners will find to their everlasting sorrow that sin's pleasures are but for a season. As long as people continue to follow "the god of this world" they will find their sorrows increasing in a most alarming way.

Nothing short of Resurrection joy can help our trembling, tottering world. The whole situation is so filled with the virus of sin that the outlook is dark, indeed. So much of the current, popular religion is but the changing of labels on bottles whose deadly contents remain unchanged.

It is time, high time, for God's true people to arise and in the strength of the Spirit declare the wonderful news that God has brought Jesus again from the dead and hath set him at his own right hand in the heavenlies and hath given him a Name which is above every name and that every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Here is the Church's true mission and here its crowning glory.



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To me, one of the most beautiful times of the year is the spring time. It seems everywhere you look there are signs of new life. Oh, what a great time to see lives changed and made "new" in Christ. We pray to this end as the Department of Home Missions moves forward.

In the last issue, on this page we dosed with the thought that prayer is God's method of reaching the lost. I would desire to elaborate just a bit on this thought. From time to time as the Home Missions Board meets, we are constantly faced with needs, both material and spiritual, plus the need for laborers in the harvest field. I trust that together we will learn of the lesson of the need of much more prayer to see God's work advanced as we enter into the spring and then summer months. We must make prayer foremost instead of an afterthought. I, for one, would have to hang my head in shame for not spending more time waiting upon the Lord. By God's help and grace, I so intend to do. I mentioned prayer must be foremost, instead of an occasional activity. Prayer brings revival (II Chron. 7:14), prayer produces a guided vision by the Holy Spirit. As we read the book of the Acts of the Apostles we see many instances of the results of prayer.

May prayer be foremost in every area of our lives: personnel, plans, organizations. Let us not take this lightly but let all of us let the Spirit of the Lord search out our lives. We MUST see REVIVAL and ADVANCEMENT for Christ and the Church. A scripture which recently is constantly upon my mind, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct thy paths." The phrase, "in all thy ways," means the secret, public, and just any way you could think. Paul says, "... everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving..." In the song we sometimes sing, "What a

Friend we have in Jesus," one verse relates, "Oh, what peace we often forfeit, O, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."

The month of April is Home Missions month for special giving and praying. This month the special project is the church of Fairborn, Ohio, where Ron Hays is pastor. The church where these folk worship is in dire need of repair. The roof of the building is sagging so much that extra bars needed to be installed to hold the side walls from going out into the parking lot. In speaking with an experienced builder, we learn that we will need to build a temporary wall before trying to remedy the sagging roof. This will also mean that a new ceiling will be needed, plus extensive electrical work. The one side will need to be torn down and rebuilt due to the sagging roof pushing the wall out of line. As you will be able to see by the above, it is going to be a major project - one that cannot wait any longer. This project was already delayed for several years and cannot be delayed another time or else we will lose the building and the congregation. There is tremendous potential in the area for a strong Holiness Church. Please pray much for this need and then give through your church or directly to the treasurer of our Department, whose name and address are at the beginning of this page. Plans are now, if all permits and men can be secured, to begin the work on April 30. If you would be able to help, please call 717-767-5944 or write to the Department of Home Missions, R.D. #6, Box 196-D, York, PA 17404. Do not take the above lightly; it is really urgent. Thanks so very much for your interest and concern.

A project which was mentioned in a previous issue was accepting the challenge of a gift for the York work. At this writing no report can be given

on this project, except some money has come in and we believe God it will all be in by the time you read this article. It is just wonderful the way the people of God respond to a true need. Folk, the holiness movement is on the move. Let us join and get in action for these are the last days, and what we do must be done NOW! There is no time to retract, but only time to enlist, enlarge and expect. Glory to God!

At this writing we cannot report much on the new outreach in the Baltimore area. Prayer meetings are being held in a Senior Citizens' center on most every Tuesday night of the month. Pray the Lord to further direction as a work is established, that it will be a conservative, Holiness Church.

Contacts are also being made in the northern New York area. There are some real good prayer meetings being held; and our Board is represented at one per month, weather permitting. There is an excellent spirit prevailing at these meetings and property is being searched. Pray that a pastor will be located as the work progresses.

There is a monthly paper from this department called the Home Missions Alert. If you are not on the mailing list and would like to be, please write to us and we will be most happy to send you the monthly news of the Department of Home Missions. Write to the York address mentioned earlier in this article.

We trust to meet many of you at Dayton I.H.C. May revival be experienced at this holiness conclave. I am a candidate for revival.

In closing, let us pray and believe God for these closing days to give us a real outpouring of the blessed Holy Ghost. Whatever He would show to us to have this outpouring, let us not shrink, but let us let Him have all of us.

FOR SALE

2 Bed Room house in Florida, at Christian Life Center. Has wall-to-wall carpet, a utility room, one closed-in porch and one screened-in room. Also some out buildings, a good well of water and some fruit trees. Write to:

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Chapel Choir And Quartet On Tour



ITINERARY Penn View Chapel Choir

April 1	God's Missionary Church	Lebanon, PA	Rev. Barry Arnold	9:30 A.M.
April 1	Wayside Mission Church	Dornsife, PA	Rev. Paul Kirkman	7:00 P.M.
April 2	Evangelical Brethren Church	Berrysburg, PA	Rev. Delmas Hoch	7:00 P.M.
April 8	God's Missionary Church	Penns Valley, PA	Rev. Chester Marshall	9:30 A.M.
April 8	God's Missionary Church	Sunbury, PA	Rev. David Church	7:00 P.M.
April 11	God's Missionary Church	Helfenstein, PA	Rev. Gerald Moore	7:00 P.M.
April 12	The Wesleyan Church	Middleburg, PA		7:00 P.M.
April 13	Pilgrim Holiness Church	Muir, PA	Rev. James Davis	7:00 P.M.
April 14	God's Missionary Church	Lewistown, PA	Rev. John Zechman	7:00 P.M.
April 15	Salem Independent Brethren			9:30 A.M.
April 15	Boyer Mennonite			7:00 P.M.
April 18	The Wesleyan Church	Millersburg, PA		7:00 P.M.
April 20	Pilgrim Holiness Church	Sayre, PA	Rev. Edward Lecates	7:00 P.M.
April 28	Emmanuel Wesleyan Church	Gratz, PA	Rev. M. R. McCrary	7:00 P.M.

Penn View Quartet

April 4	God's Missionary Church	Milesburg, PA	Rev. Dewey Kiffer	7:00 P.M.
April 21	Pilgrim Holiness Church	Noblesville, IN		7:00 P.M.
April 22	Salem Park	Indianapolis, IN		9:30 A.M.
April 22	Bible Missionary Church	Lima, OH		7:00 P.M.
April 23	Bluffton Holiness Mission	Bluffton, IN		7:00 P.M.
April 24-26	I.H.C.	Dayton, OH		
April 29	Pilgrim Holiness Church	Howard, PA		9:30 A.M.
April 29	Church of the Brethren	Williamsburg, PA		7:00 P.M.



School News, Penn View

From the desk of Rev. Kenneth E. Walter --
President

Penn View Bible Institute

Invites You to Experience "College for a Day"

May 11, 1984



PROGRAM:

- * Campus orientation - 8 a.m.
- * Class observation
- * Consultation on educational perspectives
- * Chapel - 10:10 a.m.

Message from the President

PURPOSE:

- * To assist you in finding God's will and plan for your life as you prepare for His service
- * To discover the benefit of pursuing higher education in a quiet, peaceful, country setting enhanced by a spiritual atmosphere
- * To have a personal encounter with dedicated Christian instructors
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- * Plan to arrive by 8 a.m.
- * Please use the coupon below to make your reservations by May 9.

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Lodging & meal tickets will be provided free of charge to prospective students and parents or guardians from Thursday Evening thru Saturday a.m.

Report on Indoor Camp

The annual Indoor Camp held on the campus of Penn View Bible Institute has once again proven to be a spiritual asset to staff and students. Long before the evangelist arrived some of our students began seeking help from the Lord. Other students got under the burden for their fellow students and went down before the Lord in special prayer. In the very first service an all night chain of prayer was established to be carried on throughout the meeting.

Our Evangelist, the Rev. Lyle Howard from Mitchell, South Dakota, being a man of prayer, fit right into the program and the Lord used him in a wonderful way.

As a result of such a background of prayer and a vessel sanctified and meet for the Master's use we have seen a harvest of souls who have repented in bitter tears, made open confessions of sin and humble restitution. They requested that we have a bon fire so they could publicly burn their "junk". What a time of rejoicing we had as students brought records, tapes, books and magazines and watched them go up in smoke as a testimony to the worthlessness of the trash of the world.

To support this as being a scriptural ceremony President Walter read Acts 19, verses 18 and 19. As we returned to the Chapel God's presence lingered near and the service climaxed with another wonderful time of victory around the altar.

To God be the glory great things He hath done!

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TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- WE CAN DO IT IF WE WILL — Theme
- Occupational Missions
- Urban Evangelism
- Pioneer Church Planting
- International and University Students
- Missionary Terms
- Many more topics to be dealt with in panel discussions and seminars



Lodging is available upon request. Make reservations by phoning 1-717-837-1855.

Ask for a Laborers of Love representative or Leroy Adams.

Meals served daily in the campus cafeteria.