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## THE TRANSFORMATION OF JABEZ

The story of Jabez is an example of one man's journey from hopelessness to spiritual power and fruitfulness. In a society and time period where names were viewed as prophetic and of great significance, he came into the world and was given a name that gave no hope for a bright future. While the circumstances of his birth are a mystery to us, his mother's lament that she bore him in sorrow is something our generation comprehends far too well. Jabez was an unwanted baby and Mom wished he had never been born. The account in I Chronicles 4 tells us that he was more honorable than his brethren. He surely was the victim of their harassment and scorn yet his character outshone them, even in his early years apparently. Yet the real change in Jabez' fortunes came when he began to "call on the name of the Lord". Jabez would find out that the place of prayer was not only a place where the God of heaven would commune with mere mortals, but also a place where minds, hearts and destinies would be changed.

We can almost picture Jabez coming home from school after being picked on by his classmates and brothers and running off into the woods to cry. His young life was one of misery and oppression. But here in this place of solitude, the Spirit of God began to draw the young man to Himself and give him visions of what life could be. He had been told again and again that he was worthless and that his life was of no value. Yet in his pain, he was being driven to God as his only hope in life. In a timid sort of way, we can see him begin to lift his voice up in the woods and pray to God. Day after day, he would find time to meet with this holy God who began to reveal his glory to Jabez. Answered prayer became a way of life as his communion with God grew deeper and deeper as the years passed by. The life that was not worth living was now under the blessing of God. A powerful prayer life opened doors that no one thought possible.

In our day, we place the emphasis on personality and programs but not prevailing prayer. In this way, the good often pushes out the best. But with our spiritual history so full of mighty prayer warriors, we can take great encouragement from the fact that the God who molded and shaped the heroes of the past is still at work in the present. Our God is simply looking for yielded vessels who long to be used for His glory. A true prayer warrior is not "in it" for himself but has learned to stand in the gap between a holy God and the race of men. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 7**



DAVID WISE



# A PASSION FOR SOULS

**W**hat a beautiful phrase! Yet how many of us have almost forgotten the expression, “a passion for souls.” For years it was a tremendous motivating force for the church. Today, with the emphasis upon such terms as church growth, counseling, Christian education, and youth ministries, we have almost forgotten the emphasis upon constantly winning people to Christ.

Every Christian, whatever his official title or role, should be characterized by a passion to lead others to Christ. We all give nominal attention to winning people. Every human being has a soul, which will live forever. When the body dies, the spirit will live on. It will be eternally saved, at home with Christ, or eternally lost in a Christ-less eternity in hell.

Our danger is that, though we recognize that soul-winning is part of our responsibility, yet it almost becomes incidental in the busyness of our various activities. It remains our goal in theory, but in practice it is often not a priority in our public or private ministry. The question then that needs to be asked is how can we rekindle a passion for souls in a busy society? First, we need to be:

## I. Requesting this Passion

No Christian is the person that our Lord wants him to be unless day after day, the consuming desire of his heart is that people come to Christ. For this cause we must live and pray fervently. With faith in a God that answers prayer, we must also seek opportunities to win souls to our Lord. As someone has once said, “you have not drunk deeply of the spirit of Christ if you do not share His tears over the unsaved who are blindly hastening to an eternity, forever separated from the love of God, the presence of Christ, and with all hope of change, forever gone.”

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KEITH BUNCH

# CALL UNTO ME . . .



JEFF STRATTON

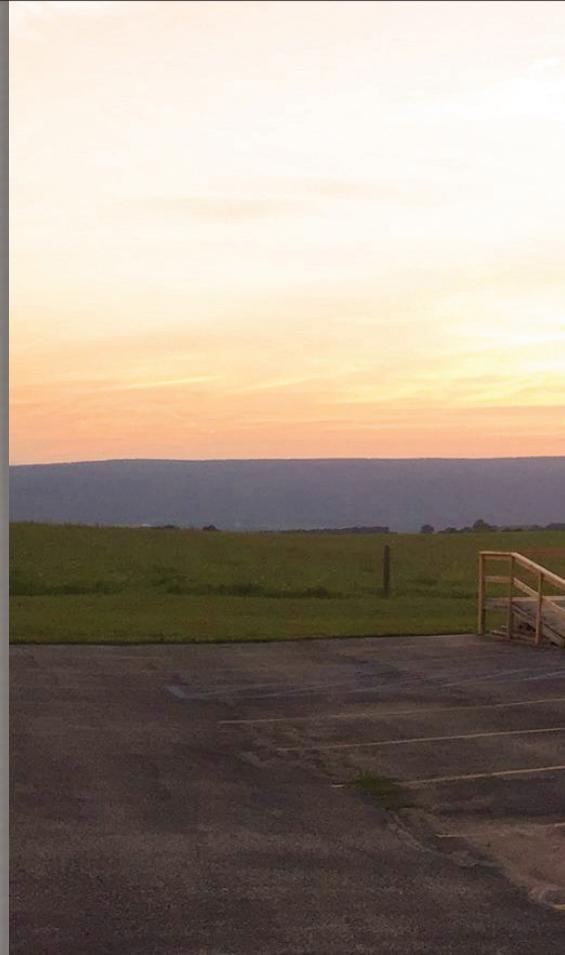
“Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things . . .”

What a tremendous promise God gives! I wonder how many of God's people have found that promise to be true throughout the centuries? I know I certainly have! Last fall, when we moved to Chambersburg, I began to pray that God would give wisdom and direction to be able to effectively lead the church, and to see the church flourish. One of the first big steps of faith for me was at Christmas. As I prayed and prepared for our Christmas Candlelight service, I felt God impressing me to ask and believe for something more than I thought possible. We had been praying for visitors in the service, but I felt God was telling me to ask Him for 65 people in the service. That was more than had ever attended a service in our church, and Sunday evening attendance was always low. I wasn't sure I had faith for that many, but God kept clearly impressing it upon me. Finally I said, “Lord, I'll believe you for 65.”

In the days leading up to that service, nothing went right. We were trying to do a skit with some of the kids and young people, but it just wasn't coming together. And when the weekend arrived, we had a nasty ice storm. I just knew that with the bad weather, no one would come. But I was trying to have faith, so I went ahead and put a layer of salt over the ice on the parking lot. As I did that, I hoped and prayed for the help of a little sunlight to melt that troublesome ice. The sun never did come out from behind the clouds, and late Saturday afternoon found me trying to scrape off a semi-slushy layer of ice with a snow shovel. After an hour or so, I had cleared a grand total of half a dozen or so parking spaces. Finally, as my anxiety level increased, I entered the church, knelt at the altar, and reminded God that I had done my very best, and at this point it was entirely in His hands. I went back outside and kept cleaning the thick slush off the parking lot when, a very short time later, a neighbor came along and offered to clear it with his front end loader. I thanked the Lord . . . and prayed that He would do something about the remaining sheet of ice on the parking lot.

The sun came out bright on Sunday morning. . . . The parking lot melted off. . . . We had a good Sunday morning service. . . . and the practice went well that afternoon. The moment of truth was about to arrive. . . . and my faith was rising. As cars began arriving, I was confident we would have our 65 people that night. Sure enough, we actually had 70! We had called on God, and He was showing us “great and mighty things!” I look back at that desperate Saturday afternoon prayer as a milestone in my prayer life and yet another step in learning to trust God.

Around the same time, God began to lay on my heart that the next year, 2017, was to be a “Year of Impossibilities”. Early in January, I shared that thought with our little congregation. I told them that if we



# FOR CHAMBERSBURG



wanted to see the impossible, we had to begin by asking God for the impossible. We would then have to obey and do our part, and believe God to do the rest. We decided to make April our “Outreach Month”, and set a goal for 50 visitors throughout the month. We prayed and asked God to bless our efforts, and knew that He would. After two Sundays, we knew the goal was too low; we had already had 49 visitors! We reset it to 100, only to break through that number as well. By the end of the month, we had seen 140 visitors of all ages walk through our doors! We had asked God for the impossible. . . obeyed Him. . . believed Him. . . and we had actually seen the impossible! “Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things. . .”

Although those events were early milestones for us, we are still seeing God do great things. Our attendance has continued to grow, and we frequently welcome visitors into the services. We had been praying for a parsonage and God allowed us to purchase an ideal house directly across the road from the church. With our growing children’s ministry, we were realizing the need for a bus. In stepped the Beavertown church and they generously donated a bus to us. Though we weren’t able to use that specific bus because of some inspection issues, we were able to trade it in toward another bus. On September 24, we had a special service to dedicate the “new” bus we now have. Every week, we use it to transport well over 100 children to our various children’s ministries every week! The number of children on Sunday mornings has increased to the point that we are hesitant to bring in too many more without additional help.

God has continued to be so good! We are still calling to Him, and He is still answering our prayers! Although we still face many challenges as a congregation, we praise God because He has shown us “great and mighty things” that we can hardly comprehend, and we know He is only getting started! ☺



### Thomas Champness & the Power of Intercessory Prayer

Thomas Champness was mighty in the prayer that prevails. Methodism still talks of his prayer-triumph in the Conference of 1876. It had been impressed upon him months before that he would be called upon to pray in the Conference prayer-meeting; and it was shown him that he must pray that Charles Garrett, who had been laid aside by a paralytic seizure, and William Arthur, who had lost the power of speech, might be restored. The President called out the name of Thomas Champness. He had been waiting for it. He stepped into the aisle and knelt to pray. A holy awe fell upon the congregation. The prayer of this man of God was often the event of Conference. It was a memorable experience to hear Champness talk with God, and now he seemed to be endowed with unusual power; the Spirit was upon him. He mentioned his friends by name, and pleaded for them with strong confidence. There were no human grounds for hope. The doctors had settled that Garrett's work was done, and the saintly author of the "Tongues of Fire", Arthur, was resigned to perpetual silence. Nevertheless, a sense that the prayer was granted grew upon the Conference, as though God were saying audibly, as to His servant of old, "I will do this thing that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in My sight, and I know thee by name." Charles Garrett soon resumed his great service for God; and William Arthur addressed the next Conference.

*(Excerpt from "The Crowd for Christ" by Joe Brice)*

### Praying in the Holy Ghost

I shall, I believe, be eternally grateful that my father took me to a night of prayer when I was just 14 years of age. Dad was a street-corner preacher. He and his partner, "Hell-Fire Naylor," had been rescued from the pit of sin; and they never forgot God's infinite mercy to them. Battle they did at street corners, telling the old, old story of Jesus and His love. They battled in prayer, also. The other men at that momentous prayer meeting were Walter Dacre and Albert Barnes (not the commentator). I sensed at once, as these men prayed with tears and travail, that they had three things in them: faith, fire, and fight!

This was my first front-line view of a spiritual battle. These men sweat, wept, and called loudly upon the name of the Lord as though He were deaf, and yet with confidence that He was hearing. There were many great answers. This type of prayer seems to be lost in this day of flabby faith and shallow spirituality. Oh, that it might return! I went to a number of half nights of prayer with this team of men – I begged to go. Here was life, liberty, and love! From that night to this I have tried to pray. Like all others, I shall never graduate in this school, the School of Intercession.

*(Leonard Ravenhill - "Revival God's Way")*

### Rekindle the Fires

The doctrine and experience of sanctification have a thousand foes. The opposition to a pure heart and a holy life will change tactics and methods every day if it may accomplish its purpose – the destruction of your faith in the power of Christ's blood to sanctify you wholly now. Let us be steadfast, unmovable in our faith in Christ, and our willingness to suffer for Him.

We must be courteous and kind to all men, but we must be free from fear of men, or compromise with men. To obtain and retain the blessing of entire sanctification, we shall have to take up our cross daily and follow Christ. God's sanctified people are peculiar people, misunderstood and misrepresented by the world. Having embarked in this great and good cause, let us not turn back or lower our flag for one moment.

If you have modified your testimony in the least, bestir yourself and speak humbly, though plainly, of Christ's cleansing blood and sanctifying power. If you have been crucified to the world, remain crucified. With the startling increase of popular unbelief, of modified infidelity in Churches, colleges, clergymen, and ministers; with the widening, deepening stream of worldliness and Sabbath desecration, if we cease to contend for the second work of grace, if we fail to stir up the people to seek the Lord in His sanctifying power, if we fail to cry out against indwelling sin, we will find the floods of wickedness sweeping us away.

*(adapted from "The Price of Revival" by J. D. Drysdale)*

The burden of seeing our good and gentle God so abused by the lawlessness and cruelty of our rebel race is motivation enough to make one linger ever longer in the place of prayer. Jabez had experienced the transforming power of grace and longed to see others feel the force of it in their own lives. With this thought in mind he cried out "enlarge my coast". In other words, "Lord, give me souls or I die."

It is a strange paradox of the spiritual life that one must truly "die" before one can live properly and effectively. How Jabez "died out" we do not know, but there is no doubt he reached such a place in his spiritual experience. There is freedom, blessing and anointing in the secret place of the Most High but only for those who live for God and the salvation of souls. Though it takes "all you have" to reach this destination, the benefits are like nothing else known to mankind. People are looking for peace and fulfillment but little do they realize that happiness is a byproduct of holiness. Total abandonment to God brings a sense of purpose in life. Many souls drifting through life would do well to consider that, like Jabez, a life of earnestly calling upon the Lord is what they were created to do.

Jewish tradition tells us that Jabez eventually was used to train young men in a school of discipleship that taught them about the things of the Lord. We can only imagine what it would have been like to have been there and hear this warm hearted man of God unburden his soul to his spiritually hungry students. It would have been a life changing experience to join the master and his pupils as they waited on God and called on Him together. This school, raised up by a man nobody wanted, became an oasis of blessing that nobody could ignore. Such is the transforming power of our God and such is the power of a life given to prayer. ☮

We as Christians need to feel the love for people that drew Christ from heaven to earth. This same love fills His heart as He intercedes from heaven's throne today. We need to be partakers of the infinite longings of His heart as He looks out on a world filled with people lost in their sins, sorrows, and spiritual helplessness.

This passion for souls must come from the heart of Christ. It is up to us to seek His face until His passion becomes our passion. This brings us to our second thought:

## **II. Receiving this Passion**

Do you long to be a person of God with such a passion for souls that God begins to add a new dimension of fruitfulness in your life? Dare you believe that God will give it to you if you ask? Not everyone is called to be a George Whitefield, a Billy Graham, or a Praying Hyde, but every one of us is called to bear fruit- both the fruit of the Spirit and the fruit of souls.

But how do we receive this passion for souls?

### **Be committed to Jesus Christ like never before**

This is the foundation of motivation for soul-winning and this is the secret of radiant Christian attractiveness. As your daily fellowship with Jesus grows more intimate and your prayer times become more powerful, you will effortlessly and eagerly speak about Jesus to those around you. It is only natural that God would use such radiant believers to advance His kingdom.

### **Be clear about asking God to give you a passion for souls**

Make it a part of your daily prayer to ask God to help you lead people to Christ. Make it a priority and God will certainly answer in ways you never dreamed of.

### **Be a contagious Christian**

Each day ask Him to make you Christ-like, overflowing with joy in the Lord, and anointed by the Spirit in all your contacts. Ask Him to make His presence and glory so real in your face and in your actions that others will be attracted to Him.

### **Be consistent in prayer**

Prayer is the key to personal spiritual radiance. Prayer is the key to guidance in our contacts and witness. Prayer is also the key to the anointing of the Spirit on our life and efforts. Prayer is the key to God's power clothing you so that there is a divine dimension in your soul-winning efforts. Finally, prayer is the key to a passion for souls and to all your spiritual life. Prayer puts God to work. Put priority on prayer!

In closing, do we honestly have a passion for winning souls? If we do, what are we doing about it? On the other hand, if we were willing to admit, I don't really have a burden for souls or my burden for souls isn't what it needs to be, I am glad to tell you that God can rekindle a passion in your heart to win "whosoever" for Him. ☞

... BUT IS LONGSUFFERING TO US-WARD  
**NOT WILLING THAT ANY  
SHOULD PERISH**  
BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE



## Bro. Jay Smalley TESTIMONY

Growing up in southwestern Pennsylvania, the influences that surrounded a young Jay Smalley were not good. His home was a home filled with alcohol, drugs, and immorality. The first real ray of light that came his way came in the form of another twelve year old boy. A Nazarene pastor and his family moved into their area and his son became Bro. Smalley's best friend. He visited the church with his friend and heard the Gospel for the first time and responded to an altar call as "Just as I am" was being sung. He got up from the altar with the knowledge that his sins were forgiven and a strange impression that he was called to be a preacher. He went home to tell his mother what had happened and about his new purpose in life. Bro. Smalley's unsaved mother began to cry and told him that when she was carrying him in pregnancy, she would take walks through the neighborhood and a lady would frequently pass out Gospel tracts to her. One time the lady gave her no tract but said, "I feel impressed of the Lord to pray that you would have a healthy baby boy and that he would be a preacher of the Gospel." She had dismissed it as foolishness until her son came home saved and with a call on his life.

Sadly, the family moved from that town to another town in the region. With no real guidance, Bro. Jay fell away from the Lord and into sin. About seven years later, as a young, married man, recently out of high school, he had a strange impression to go see the Nazarene preacher. The first time he went, there

was no one there. He got the same impression a few weeks later and this time the pastor was home. He had not seen Bro. Smalley for years and the nineteen year old with long hair and cigarettes was much different looking from the twelve year old boy who had gotten saved at the altar. Yet, the man did recognize him, and treated him kindly. The pastor offered to have them play guitars together and while playing "Just as I am", memories of a better day came flooding back. Bro. Smalley got saved right there. He brought his wife to church the next Sunday and she heard the Gospel for the first time ever. Her response was "I have never heard that before. That is just what I need." She got saved and has served God ever since.

In 1988, God called Bro. Smalley to "sell everything you have and go to Ft. Myers Rescue Mission". He and his wife were not disobedient to the heavenly vision and he ended up being Bro. George Schaeffer's Assistant Pastor for 2 ½ years. He then started to fill in at the Seffner church, driving 2 ½ hours each way. This lasted for about nine months until January of 1991 when the Smalleys moved there to pastor the Seffner church. Over the years, he has marveled at the provision of God. Just when they needed it most, God would provide in the most unusual ways. The advice he would give to a young Christian would be to "maintain private devotions and don't yield to temptation. One must know the difference between preferences and convictions and to obey God beyond the sincere advice and opinions of others." The leadership of God has been clearly seen in the lives of Brother and Sister Smalley ☩

# REPORT FROM THE HILLTOP

Revivals at PVBI have been a highlight for me over the years. God has been so good to meet with us and pouring out His Spirit upon all who would open their heart to receive Him. This fall revival was no exception. Rev. Keith Ledford from Galax, VA, was faithful to preach wonderful truths that resonated with the student body. He preached clear messages on Holiness and carefully explained the initial sanctification that occurs when we are born again. He also taught about the work of entire sanctification which takes place instantly when we are cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit and the progressive sanctification that follows this experience

REV. KEITH LEDFORD



THE MCDONALD FAMILY



and enables one to grow in grace and Christ-likeness. He reminded the students of the necessity of living a clean and pure life in this day of low morals and low living.

Another message which held the attention of the student body was "Who shot the Sheriff?" or who shot the truth. He said apathy, carelessness, self-will, seeking man's approval, and fear have killed the truth in many lives. He went on to ask "Who did the shooting?" He addressed silent pulpits, compromising attitudes in the pew, an overflowing tide of compromise, unsalted Christians, and people who started serving God but lost their focus. It was a very challenging message.

The highlight of the week was when God visited us on Wednesday morning. The Rev. Wesley McDonald and family served as our song evangelists this revival. As they were leading in the chorus "Heritage of Holiness", God sent the power of conviction on the student body and staff. The altar and the front seats were completely filled as little children from the elementary department knelt at the front edge of the platform. Many were praying that they would be made right with God and committing themselves to keeping the glory and the vision of Holiness. God met the needs of the seekers. After this altar service, there were more who came forward settling issues in their life. It was truly glorious. My heart was overflowing with joy and praise to God.

I want our students to see so much of God's power and presence until they will not settle for anything less. To God be the Glory! □



JOHN ZECHMAN  
PRESIDENT



## Facing Things Hopefully

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.



MARVIN MOSLEY

While I believe that there are some things that should be forgotten and/or forsaken (Philippians 3:13), I also believe that there are some things that should be eagerly anticipated, not because of our own credentials or ingenuity, but because we still believe that the God of Heaven can and does work miracles for those who ask in faith.

### 1. Facing An Impossible Task Hopefully

God doesn't call those who are able; He enables those He calls.

Philippians 4:13

### 2. Facing An Immeasurable Tumult Hopefully

Hurricane Irma was Measured:

- Sustained Winds of 185 mph for 37 hrs.
- Minimum Pressure of 929 Millibars
- 420 Miles Across

Some Storms Christians face cannot be measured.

### 3. Facing An Inconceivable Tragedy Hopefully

Tragedy is part of life; accidents, losses, and separation affect every person sometime in their journey. When we, or others, say, "I can't believe what happened!" life must still be lived, and it can be lived hopefully. God doesn't give grace for things that don't happen, but He has unlimited resources for what has actually occurred, even when others mock our plight.

### 4. Facing An Incredible Test/Trial Hopefully

Abraham didn't fail in this vein, and God will see you through.

### 5. Facing An Infrequent Temptation Hopefully

If we knew when temptation was coming, we could prepare for it. But God can help us prepare through diligent, disciplined living so that when it comes, we can escape.

### 6. Facing An Irreconcilable Tension Hopefully

Most Christians encounter a few difficult relationships – some with sinners, others with saints. In addition to facing these tensions hopefully, it is probably necessary to approach them humbly.

I believe Him in spite of the circumstance

Faith is there in place of the evidence

In the face of the storm

And though battered and torn

I can stand on the Rock

For I believe God!

- Nancy Davis

# PRESIDENT

**Aug. 20:** Danville: there were 40 in attendance. Thank you to the P.V.B.I helpers for being a blessing!

**Aug. 21:** I was privileged to share a devotional with the staff and faculty of P.V.B.I. We are thankful for their commitment and love for our school.

**Aug. 22:** Administrative work (Article for the blog, sermons, etc.)

**Aug. 24:** Penn's Creek: World Missions board meeting to discuss our work in Haiti. We were honored to have the President of our Bible school, Rev. Anthony Bathard, and Sis Emma who has taught at our Bible school for many years. Bro. Mobley also was with us and could give us good insights into God's work.

**Aug. 24- 25:** We entertained in our home two conference leaders to talk about how we could partner together to build God's kingdom. Bro. Jeremy Fuller joined us Fri. morning.

**Aug. 26:** Administrative work (Sermons, preparation for Fl. Trip)

**Aug. 27:** New Columbia: I was filling is as preacher today. I love the church's web page which gives a summary of their mission statement. Discover God, Develop in God, and Deploy for God.

We visited Rev. Russ Witmer and his wife Janet. Sis Witmer's condition continues to worsen. Keep them both in your prayers.

**Aug. 28:** Administrative work (Sermon preparation, letter for world missions, etc.)

**Aug. 29-31:** Traveled to TN to visit family.

**Sept. 01:** Traveled all day and arrived at our FL District Campground. Bro. Paulus gave a great update of all the work and people who have helped from HIM, Ft. Myers Spanish Church, and our other Florida friends.

**Sept. 02:** I spent all day mowing, trimming, and raking grass to prepare for the special Spanish service on Sunday.

**Sept. 03:** We appreciated a fine meal with the Smalleys and enjoyed company with Sis Ruth and Doug Ambroziak.

There were 210 people that attended the Sun City Church to sing, pray and commission Rev. and Mrs. Maurilio.

**Sept. 04-08:** Sun City, Florida: Worked on the campground. Wednesday night we made the decision to cancel our FL District rally and conference because of Hurricane Irma.

**Sept. 10:** Beavertown: The Praise Singers from P.V.B.I. ministered to us. God used the music to strengthen me. To God be the Glory for all His good gifts.

**Sept 11:** Lewisburg: Visited Rev. Brian Spangler in the Lewisburg Hospital. Praying for a quick recovery. I also stopped in to see Bro. & Sis' Crock in Riverwoods. Bro. Crock was so excited as we talked of Haiti and a new church plant in Rome NY.

**Sept.13:** Sunbury: Rev. Fulton preached a very good message from Mark 4 on the sower and seed.

**Sept 14:** Millmont, G.M.C. was the place for our Mt. Blessing Camp Board Meeting. Rev. Brian Spangler was elected in as the new President of the Camp.

**Sept. 15:** Raystown Lake: Rhoda and I enjoyed a married couple's dinner cruise aboard the "Princess". Thanks goes to the Beavertown church for planning this event to strengthen marriages.

**Sept. 17:** Berwick: it was great to see several new ones in the service. We also received a special picture that was designed using a God's Missionary Standard. It has found a home in my study.

**Jackson:** it was our privilege to speak at the church and then to have a meal at Bro. & Sis. Majors' house. Special thanks to the Rev. David

Wise family which goes to Jackson every week to minister in the 4:00 pm service.

**Sept. 19:** Penn's Creek: General Board and the Penn's Creek Camp board meetings today. Our focus in our camp board meeting was to evaluate every part of our camp. We not only made suggestions, but we put people and things in place to make our camp better next year.

**Sept. 21-23:** Pell City, Alabama: We went to IMF to tell 70 young ministerial students about God's Missionary Church.

**Sept. 24:** Penn's Valley: (Revival) Rev. Durkee preached an effective message on the Second Coming. Let us be ready and stay ready.

**Sept. 25:** Penn's Creek: we appreciate a new church joining the Pension fund. Thanks for supporting the "old Timers".

**Sept. 27:** Forest Hill: (E.M.C). Rev. Lenhart did a really good job sharing about false doctrine.

**Sept. 26-29:** Administrative work, (Travel notes, sermon prep. Made calls and texts to follow up on board meeting actions.)

**JACOB MARTIN**

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**Oct. 01:** Alexandria: We were excited about the mini-bus the church purchased for ministry. You can sense the unity between the pastoral family and the church.

**Oct. 03-05:** I attended P.V.B.I. revival services. Rev. Keith Ledford did an outstanding job preaching God's word. I was thrilled to observe over 15 children raising their hands worshiping God.

**Oct. 08:** Lebanon: Thanks to the church and conference for all my birthday gifts and kind words.

**Oct. 09:** Camp Hill: Hanover Camp Board meeting. A good report was given on the attendance and finances during camp.

**Oct. 10:** P.V.B.I.: School Board meeting focused on housing for our school president. We toured the house and have some projects lined up for the near future.

**Oct. 11:** Camp Hill: Rev. Stewart Hallam preached a good message on Holiness.

**Oct. 12-14:** Administrative and sermon preparation.

**Oct. 15:** Milesburg: The congregation did a great job honoring the Hoskins family during Harvest Home.

**Oct. 17-22:** Glouster, Ohio: Revival at Fairview Holiness church. I was blessed to have 20 of my relatives come out to the services.

**Oct. 23-28:** (Vacation)

**Oct. 29:** Rebersburg: I was privileged to be the fill in preacher for the day. Pray with us that God will supply their need for a pastor. ☘



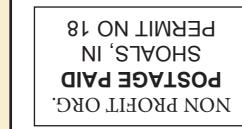
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in the face of this challenge, we are helpless! God has laid His thunderbolts at our feet, and bidden us to hurl them into the hearts of the King's enemies. He has said, "And nothing shall be impossible unto you!" "He shall have whatsoever he saith!" "The works of my hands, command ye me!" But we sigh, agonize, and wonder, and away deep down in our hearts, we echo the challenge of the enemy, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" And yet we fail to hurl the thunderbolts! The challenge of the enemy goes unaccepted! The enemy walks proudly and talks boastfully! And God's people, with faces in the dust, wonder why.

It is because we have no faith! We do not mean for our own salvation, but for achievement! If we did but put genuine faith through to God, He would release Himself upon that graceless, godless company, and precipitate among them such a revival as the world has ever seen! Either this is true, or the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ is a deceptive hoax. He always did it in Old Testament days. He has done it again and again through church history. God's answer to every age of infidelity has been a revival! But everywhere that one has been found, there was found first a company of believing souls, over whose faith God was operating to bring to pass the thing for which they were believing!

Oh, church of God! Oh, people called the holy people! Shall we faint in the midst of the greatest tempest that hell has ever brewed and see the cause of God struggle and flounder! Let us venture to believe! Let us dare to really trust! Let us put through a genuine faith to God and see what happens! Achieving faith! Unwavering faith! Faith that asks without a doubt! Faith that knocks and knocks and knocks with tear stained eyes and calls frantically for the bread of revival at the door of our Heavenly Friend. A faith that refuses to let down, cease, hesitate, or abandon the divine door, till the storm of salvation is released!

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## Faith for Achievement

The outside world is offering defiance to the God of holiness. They are challenging us to show that our God has power. They are saying, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah? You claim that He is all powerful, that He can deal mighty convicting blows upon us. We do not believe it. We defy Him. We fear Him not. Show us what He can do, and we will believe. If He is what you Holiness people claim He is, turn Him loose on us! We are not afraid!" And

