

# Seeking Out The Old Paths

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## COMPLETE TRUST

**2004.** A new year has begun. What will it hold for us. We don't know what storms we will face this year, but we do know that we will face them. The important thing in life is not to worry so much about the storm, but to make sure that our relationship is right with the Lord, who controls the storm.

Years ago a military officer and his wife were aboard a ship that was caught in a raging ocean storm. Seeing the frantic look in her eyes, the man tried unsuccessfully to allay her fears. Suddenly she grasped his sleeve and cried, "How can you be so calm?" He stepped back a few feet and drew his sword. Pointing it at her heart, he said, "Are you afraid of this?" Without hesitation she answered, "Of course not!" "Why not?" he inquired. "Because it's in your hand, and you love me too much to hurt me." To this he replied, "I know the One who holds the winds and the waters in the hollow of His hand, and He will surely care for us!" The officer was not

disturbed because he had put his trust in the Lord.

How different life would be if we could put all of our trust in the Lord, and never doubt that He would come through for us. It doesn't matter how big the storm is, it doesn't matter how impossible Satan makes things look, God is BIGGER, and nothing is impossible with Him!

It looked like the end for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego as king Nebuchadnezzar was about to throw them into the fiery furnace. If we look at Daniel 3:16,17, & 18 we read, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

Notice in verse 16, "we are not careful to answer thee in this matter." The word careful meaning the same as *chuwsh* (*koosh*) in the Hebrew dictionary, to be eager with excitement or enjoyment, to make haste, to be ready.

This year no doubt Satan will come along and tell you, this is it, it's all over, there is nothing God can do, you're going down for the last time. When he does, be like the three Hebrews, and be ready with excitement, and make haste to let him know that the God you serve is bigger than anything he can come up with. You may go through the fire this year, but you won't be alone. The Lord will be there right by your side.

The words of Isaiah 43:1-3 can be of great comfort to you when it looks like all is in despair. "But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by

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**"We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good." Numbers 10:29**

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School - 10 A.M.

Morning Worship - 11 A.M.

Evangelistic Service - 6 P.M.

## TUESDAY

Youth Service - 7:30 P.M.

## WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service - 10 A.M.

## THURSDAY

Family Service - 7:30 P.M.

“Where A Warm  
Welcome Awaits You...  
In This Church We  
Teach Holiness Too...”

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# Around Home

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## Prayer List

Please remember the following people in our church who need a touch from the Lord.

Patsy Roberts, Edna Pelfrey, Demia Abner, Rebecca Lakes, Bessie Richmond, Jean Sheldon, Joe Bill & Evelyn Houston, Donna Maggard, Mabel Wells, Willidean Curtis, Opal Houston, Odie Boggs, Ruby Gullette, Kenny Edwards, Steve Phillips, Phillip Hoskins Jr., and Ray Driscoll.

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We offer our sympathy to the Robinson family, at the death of Brother Tony's father. Thank Robinson passed away December 29th.

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Our sympathy is extended to the Scott family at the passing of Brother Gary Scott's mother. Gertrude Scott passed away January 17th.

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For the Christian, death is the last shadow before heaven's dawn.

## Thank You

Again, I want to thank all of the cast who worked so hard to perform this year's Christmas play, Brand New Life. You did a great job and I applaud you!

Thanks again to those who helped with costumes, props, music, lighting, sound, setting up and breaking down. Your help was sincerely appreciated.

I'm looking forward to our next project!

Sister Lana Rank

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The Youth will be having a Friendship Banquet on March 20th. The banquet will be at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Waynesville Ohio, at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person, which includes buffet, drink, and gratuity. Everyone from the 7th grade up may attend.

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The first concern of the leadership of the church should be for the filled seats, not the empty ones.

When a young preacher complained to Charles Spurgeon that his own congregation was too small, Spurgeon replied, "Well, maybe it is as large as you'd like to give account for in the day of judgment."

# AND THEN THERE WERE TWO



We were the musketeers three,  
 Arnold, Charlie, and me!  
 We were closer than  
 brothers in many ways!  
 We were "as thick as  
 thieves" back then,  
 Before we cousins became men,  
 Way back in "the good old days!"

Each of us was a typical lad.  
 We weren't all that bad.  
 We'd just do things  
 mischievous boys do.  
 We liked to have fun  
 But, some of the things  
 that were done,  
 I'm glad Grandpa Stitt never knew!

I recall even now,  
 How we would ride Grandpa's cow  
 That was just one of the  
 things we would do!  
 Also, we would take trips,  
 To get a couple of sips,  
 Of Grandpa's apple cider brew!  
 On Sunday afternoons  
 we would slip,

Off to Johnson creek  
 and take a dip,  
 Even though I wasn't  
 supposed to go!  
 But, it sure was fun,  
 And when all was said and done,  
 I guess that's why I enjoyed it so!

Ah, but the years flew quickly by,  
 And Arnold, Charlie, and I,  
 Married and our ways began to part  
 We all "settled down"  
 I moved to another town  
 But, fond memories  
 linger in my heart!

Then, Charlie passed away,  
 They laid him 'neath the  
 cold Kentucky clay,  
 In a graveyard surrounded  
 by our kin.  
 Now, there's only Arnold and me,  
 Of the musketeers A, B, and C  
 But, in heaven I hope  
 we three will meet again

The requirements for  
 Heaven are the same,  
 No matter our name,  
 Or who happens to be our kin  
 To Calvary we must go,  
 And one dip 'neath the crimson flow,  
 Will wash away each and every sin!

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# Birthday's

Edward Metcalf.....	1
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Lee Abner .....	13
Shamineka Pearson .....	14
Patricia Rice.....	14
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Matthew Henry writes: "Eve was made by God not out of His head to rule over Him, nor out of His feet to be trampled upon by Him, but out of His side to be equal with Him, under His arm to be protected, and near His heart to be loved."

# Holiness Full Gospel Missions

To the Saints of like precious faith:

We pray that you are all well and rejoicing as we remember the birth of our Saviour during this Christmas season. One can only imagine the jubilation of those that heard the first announcement of our Saviour's birth. The message was first heralded by the angels, but now we are expected to continue to proclaim the good news that indeed, "CHRIST IS BORN". For there are many who have yet to hear the good news.

As we complete the half century of this outreach ministry, founded and built by Sis. Gail Myers, known affectionately as "Mama Gail", one can only reflect on the years of tireless labor and sacrifice of one young lady that heard and responded to the call of God over 50 years ago to go to the mission field and begin a work for God in Mexico. We, the undersigned, are happy to announce a celebration will be held January 28-30, 2004, in Reynosa, Mexico, to commemorate and to honor Sis. Gail's 50 years of service to God as an emissary on the mission field for many holiness fellowships as well as many independent holiness churches. We met with the Mexican board on December 15, 2003, to finalize the plans for this much anticipated celebration. An auditorium has been rented in Reynosa. Hotel accommodations will be available in McAllen, Texas. More details will follow at a later date. All are welcome to come and celebrate with Sis. Gail.

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As many of you know, Sis. Gail's health has required several hospitalizations over the past two years. We thank you for your expressions of love and concern for her welfare. It has meant so much to her as well as the board. We are saddened to report that in November, Dr. John Worrell, her personal physician, informed the board that from now on Sis. Gail would require constant care. Dr. Worrell also instructed Sis. Gail and the board that he definitely did not want her driving. At which time, he said that Sis. Gail needed professional management of her prescribed medications. He suggested Briarcliff Assisted Living Center in McAllen where Sis. Gail is currently living. At Dr. Worrell's insistence, she was willing to make the transition. If you would like to send cards and letters, use the same address as always. We will forward them on to Sis. Gail. It would mean so much to Sis. Gail to hear from the saints. If you would like to contribute to the expense of her care, please indicate so on your offering. We are committed to providing the best care possible in view of all her sacrifices. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love...." (Hebrews 6:10)

We, the Holiness people, owe a great debt to Sis. Gail Myers. To many of us she was the first missionary we had ever met. She changed the way many people felt about missions, causing them to realize the need of supporting the work on the foreign fields. She always came equipped with many pictures and slides. She even brought native workers to the states with her; thereby transforming the mindset of the Holiness people. Over the

past 50 years, the Holiness people have begun to support many missionaries whom we also support.

Now, as this ministry enters a new phase, there are some things that we, the board, feel that the supporters should know. Because Sis. Gail hasn't been able to travel to the states and visit the churches, the support has declined somewhat. We have had reports from some that have said that if Sis. Gail is no longer able to travel, they will transfer their support to someone else. If you are contemplating discontinuing support of Holiness Full Gospel Missions, Inc., we encourage you to first consider these facts. In the past 50 years, approximately 170 works have been either pioneered by Sis. Gail or have joined the fellowship. The churches in Mexico, Panama and Columbia are financially supported by the people of the United States. This great work is a gift by Sis. Gail to the Holiness people.

We all have a large investment in this work. In some churches in Mexico, as many as four generations are involved. If we drop our support, other denominations are ready to step in. Bro. Frankie in Panama has been approached, as well as some pastors in Mexico. These other denominations are more than willing to take up where we leave off. Some preachers were offered more monthly support than we give, but because of their commitment to the Holiness doctrine, they declined the offers. We, the board, know this is a fact. Please understand this work needs your support now more than ever before. The saints you support in these three countries suffer from

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severe poverty, and are dependent upon us for their basic needs. We feel that we should continue to make a "certain contribution" as Paul did for the poor saints which were at Jerusalem. (Ronians 15: 26) In recent years, new church construction has been put on hold. Many of the existing churches need repairs which we have not been able to do. Sis. Gail told the Mexican board a few years ago, "No new construction."

We hope no one will misinterpret this letter to mean we are begging for money. As you know, Sis. Gail would never have asked for money. We only want to let you know what is at stake with the investment that the Holiness people have made in this work. Only time and eternity will reveal the countless souls who have been touched by this ministry and of which you have been a great part in both your financial giving and your prayers. We greatly appreciate your generous and faithful support. "When we see the souls that we have helped to win, leading them to Jesus from the paths of sin. With a shout of welcome, we will all march in. KEEP ON THE FIRING LINE!"

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If you would like to make a special contribution to the Holiness Full Gospel Missions to continue the work of Sister Gail Myers, or a gift to Sister Myers for her 50 years celebration, please see Brother Jeff Roberts.

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thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee."

The Lord didn't bring us out of Egypt to leave us alone. God's desire was for the Israelites to trust in Him for everything - yes, everything. He sent the pillar of cloud by day and the fire by night to lead them, He fed them, and He clothed them. He wanted them to be 100% dependant upon Him. He wants the same from us today. We would find ourselves much happier and more at peace with God if we would depend on Him for everything.

Just remember when you go through the storm this year, that the Lord is there by your side. Hebrews 13:5 "for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

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If we worry, we can't trust; if we trust, we can't worry.

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We carry checks on the bank of heaven and never cash them at the window of prayer.

A man had the duty to raise a drawbridge to allow the steamers to pass on the river below and to lower it again for trains to cross over on land. One day, this man's son visited him, desiring to watch his father at work. Quite curious, as most boys are, he peeked into a trapdoor that was always left open so his father could keep an eye on the great machinery that raised and lowered the bridge. Suddenly, the boy lost his footing and tumbled into the gears. As the father tried to reach down and pull him out, he heard the whistle of an approaching train. He knew the train would be full of people and that it would be impossible to stop the fast-moving locomotive, therefore, the bridge must be lowered! A terrible dilemma confronted him: if he saved the people, his son would be crushed in the cogs. Frantically, he tried to free the boy, but to no avail. Finally, the father put his hand to the lever that would start the machinery. He paused and then, with tears he pulled it. The giant gears began to work and the bridge clamped down just in time to save the train. The passengers, not knowing what the father had done, were laughing and making merry; yet the bridgekeeper had chosen to save their lives at the cost of his son's.

In all of this there is a parable: the heavenly Father, too, saw the blessed Savior being nailed to a cross while people laughed and mocked and spit upon Him and yet, "He spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all."

In 1976, 2,133,000 marriage licenses were issued in the United States -- and 1,077,000 divorces were granted. A ratio now of 1 to 2!

The US Census Bureau gave the following figures:

In 1920, 1 divorce for every 7 marriages.

In 1940, 1 divorce for every 6 marriages.

In 1960, 1 divorce for every 4 marriages.

In 1972, 1 divorce for every 3 marriages.

More frightening, it is estimated that as early as 1990, divorces will outnumber marriages.

To call me a judge is something of a misnomer. I am really a sort of public mortician. In the past eleven years I have presided over the final

obsequies of twenty-two thousand dead marriages. The trouble is this: I have buried a lot of live corpses. There was no sure way to discover and resuscitate the spark of life that surely remained in many of them.

-- A Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Toledo, Ohio

In his book called *America on Six Rubles a Day*, Yakov Smirnoff writes: Coming from the Soviet Union, I was not prepared for the incredible variety of products available in American grocery stores.

While on my first shopping trip, I saw powdered milk -- you just add water, and you get milk. Then I saw powdered orange juice -- you just

add water, and you get orange juice. And then I saw baby powder -- I thought to myself, "What a country!"

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Your greatest ability is your availability to God.

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When Jesus left the carpenter shop at Nazareth, he never picked up a hammer or saw again. He had a total commitment to His work. Peter and his friends did go back to fishing once, but only once. They could truly say, "We have forsaken all and followed thee." Have we also forsaken all to follow Him?

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