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The Saving Power of Jesus Christ!

A testimony of a changed life...

I was born on February 12, 1958, to my parents Don and Shirley Wright. I am the eldest of 5 children.

My dad came from a large family from the northeastern part of Arkansas. Mother came from a small family from the Detroit, Michigan area. That is where I was born and raised.

Dad's family had a Methodist-turned-Baptist background. My mother's family was Catholic. Dad had promised to convert to Catholicism and raise their children in the Catholic Church when he married my mother. My dad said he just couldn't keep that promise because he knew in his heart he was wrong to make that promise. So he and my mother stopped going to church.

When I was about seven or so a young *(Continued on page 8)*



God's Anger Against Sin!

"Who knoweth the power of thine anger?"

Psalm 90:1-11

Bro. **Elmo Parker**, *Pastor*

During the 40 years that Moses led this nation of God's chosen people through the wilderness, He saw people dying everywhere. Moses went through times when people would get out of God's will and just laugh at

him. The results were ...the anger of God was unbelievable! Moses saw the earth open up and swallow thousands of people. He saw fire fall from heaven and destroy 250 Levites. Moses watched as Pharaoh's army, the greatest army on the face of the earth, do a very foolish thing. They followed the Israelites on that dry *(Continued on page 3)*

Demonstrating His Love



“For God so loved...” John 3:16 “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works” Heb. 10:24.

Bro. **Scott Miller**, *Assistant Pastor*

The Christmas season is one of my favorite times of the year. The scents, the sights, the ... work! As many of you already know, this is perhaps one of the busiest time for us around here at Victory with the *Truth In Lights* display and the Christmas cantata. It is gratifying, though, when hearts are moved and lives are changed as a result of these ministries.

As we enjoy this brief season, I always reflect upon the Reason that makes this time so great—the Love of God to mankind in sending His only begotten Son! His love is a giving love, a sacrificing love, a provoking love. And while we who have experienced this redeeming love enjoy the benefits of knowing the truth, we must go on ourselves to show that this love is in our hearts. As Hebrews 10:24 reminds us, we are to consider one another to

provoke unto love. This word *provoke* is very strong. The same word is used in Acts 15:39 in speaking of the sharp contention that arose between Paul and Barnabas concerning the taking of John Mark with them on their second missionary journey. Paul did not want Mark to go-

He was provoked!

This command to love as Christ loves us is a badge by which the world is able to recognize us as His disciples. Our God demonstrated His love for us in sending Christ for our sins. We demonstrate God's love for others when we love by giving and sacrificing our lives for the brethren, provoking them to strongly show His love also.

God's love continues to stream to the entire world through His people. Is His *love flowing through you today?*

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*The Scott Miller Family
Asher, Andrew, Patli, Bro.
Miller & Aaron*

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land over which the Israelites had crossed the Red Sea. He watched as God allowed that sea to come over the top of them. Bodies and parts of chariots were slung upon the seashore.

Moses became overwhelmed at the power of this divine displeasure against sin. He asked, "Who knoweth the power of thine anger?" No one can measure the might and power of God's wrath. The Bible says, "It's a fearful thing to fall into the hands of an angry God." And yet, most people go through life as if there were no God.

We can go through the motions, but not follow the Bible, whether it be...

1. children obeying their parents
2. the man being head of the home
3. or the woman being in subjection

We live like heathen and we wonder why the world will not believe us! We live like heathen with a set of "doctrines".

The Bible teaches that there is a literal hell with fire and brimstone. It is a bottomless pit of darkness-a place of wailing, weeping, and gnashing of teeth.

People who go there will be there for an eternity. The world laughs at those of us who believe this, but the Bible teaches that it is impossible to exaggerate the power of God's wrath against sin.

The Bible says of heaven, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." That's wonderful! Heaven is a wonderful place and it's described in the Bible. But the same awe is taught about hell and God's wrath.

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No one can conceive the power of His anger in hell. Oh, I know the modernists rail against such preaching as I'm doing, but the truth is there has never been a preacher who could fully envision

power of God's wrath against sin.

Ask Sodom and Gomorrah. The world today says that if you are not for homosexuality, you are a homophobe. Then they are calling my God a homophobe. Because of that terrible hideous wicked sin God poured fire and brimstone down on Sodom and Gomorrah and destroyed every person.

Ask Ananias and Sapphira. All they did was lie and God struck them dead.

Ask Ahab and Jezebel-the most powerful people in the kingdom-king and queen. They thought they could flaunt their sin in the face of God. But watch, after Ahab is dead, Jezebel is up in that tower and they throw her out of that tower, the powerful queen. She spats on the pavement below and the dogs came and ate her flesh and licked up her blood.

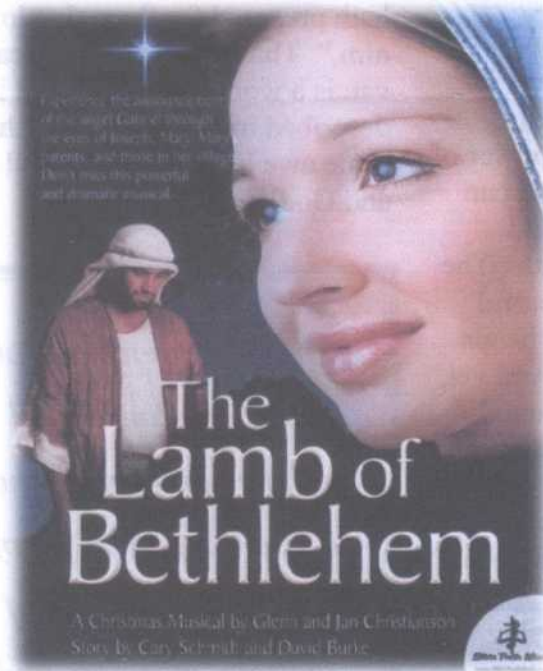
Ask David. "He was a man after God's own heart." But sin got into his life. Now David is weeping over the casket of his baby. His life is destroyed. Everything that he held dear is gone. Ask David if anyone can measure how great the power of God's anger against sin.

Ask the neighbors of Noah. He warned them for years and they laughed at him.

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You don't want to miss these soul stirring Christmas musicals!

"I choose to believe. My doubts have passed away. I'll trust Him every day and choose to believe."



"With God, all things are possible.."

*Featuring the
Victory Choir and
Cast
Scott Miller, Dir.*

Thursday December 13
7:00 p.m.

Sunday December 16
6:00 p.m.

Christmas Children Program



Sunday December 16
10:00 a.m.

**Everyone
Welcome!**

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."*

But watch them now as they try to grab the sides of that ark, as the water is getting deeper and deeper. Oh, they laughed when God said He would destroy the earth because of the wickedness of man.

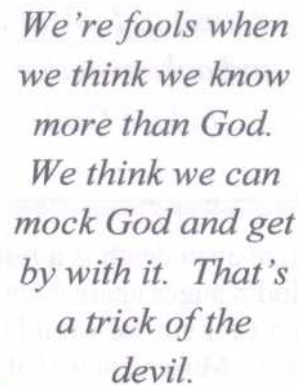
Ask Pharaoh's army. Ask those who watched their firstborn males killed. Ask them, "Who can measure the power of God's anger?"

We're fools when we think we know more than God. We think we can mock God and get by with it. That's a trick of the devil. We destroy everything we hold dear.

I read a story of a man whose daughter died. He became beside himself. He said, "How can God do this to me? Me?!" This man ran outside and shook his fist at God and called Him every dirty name in the book. He picked up a stick and shook it in the face of God and said, "If you're such a big God, why don't you just kill me?" There was a little black widow spider on that stick. It crawled down onto his hand and bit him, and he died. I would guess he is

burning in hell right now with millions who had no idea of the power of God's anger toward sin!

Read the book of Revelation. Chapter after chapter pictures God's wrath in the future in detail when He comes down and purges this world of sin once and for all.



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Liberals would say, "He's not that kind of God." My answer is, "Read the Word." They claim that He doesn't look at the sin in our lives. Moses said, "Who knowest the power of thine anger." I don't think any preacher can preach against sin and paint a true picture. I believe part of the problem as Christians is because of the grace and mercy of God. We lose sight of His wrath completely because He doesn't chastise us immediately.

What about faith? We say we are Christians. But no matter how we reason, it is worse than we can imagine. Sometimes Christians make light of sin--

they water it down-they joke. Sin is no joking matter. People like this don't know the power of God's anger.

We ought to pray for our political leaders. But when a man cast a vote for homosexuality or pornography, when a man casts a vote to legalize abortion, when educators stand up in classrooms and tell boys and girls that God did not create them, that there is no absolute truth, the Bible is o.k. but it isn't inspired, these people have no idea of the power of His anger! Men thumb their noses at the virgin birth. Men thumb their noses at the efficiency of His Book. Men thumb their noses at the inerrancy of His Word. They have no idea of the power of His anger! They take little penknives and cut out what they don't like in the Bible. They don't want to offend anyone. It's only because of His grace and mercy that God has not destroyed the world already. Don't be confused.

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Not many believe what they say they believe. I know people say, "You should not be judgmental." (Continued on page 6)

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I can't help but see what I see with my eyes. Most people despise those who stand for what is right. I say it's only because of God's grace and mercy that He has not destroyed the world already. God is good, but He is not stupid. God is good, but He is not blind. God is good, but He is not a liar. We will be judged. Has God been dealing with you? Hey, young people, has God been dealing with you about being right toward your parents, authority, and God? Wife, has God been dealing with you as far as being a Christian wife and mother? Are you the Christian husband you should be? Has God been dealing with you about a sin in your heart, but you refuse to repent and confess? Has Satan got you blinded and you continue to sin because God hasn't struck you dead. That was Israel's problem. They didn't seem to see their sin.

The Bible was written as a warning—we ought to be warned. Nobody ever gets by with sin. God is loving. The Lord is merciful. But you never get by with sin. We seem to be burdened down with problems and heartaches and a lack of peace. But do we ever look at our sin?

We are so used to making excuses for our sin. We are so used to from a child up, hiding our sin. We are so used to lying about our sin. We believe our own lies. There are those who know sin is there and refuse to look at it and acknowledge it before God.

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Realize even death is a testimony of God's anger against sin. If it weren't for sin we would live forever. Moses knew that little babies died because of their parent's sin. He witnessed the earth opening up and swallowing his neighbors. He watched fire come down and consume the Levites. He watched the soldiers of Egypt drowning. He pled with the Israelites to confess their sins to God.

This morning I plead with you, confess your sins and acknowledge them. Don't just say, "Well I know I've got problems." Do you love your children? Do you love God? Do you really believe in God? Face and acknowledge your sins. You have no idea of the consequences that sin will ultimately bring

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Aching For Answers?



“Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6

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into your life. You say, "Well, I've got my health. I've got my family. I've got my job. I'm secure." You are content in your sin.

But you need to understand, "the power of God's anger against sin." One day He will turn His wrath and express His anger against sin and your life will never be the same. There is one thing I do not like about pasturing one church for 30 years -I have to wait and watch and know that God's wrath is coming. It never fails. I must wait for God's judgment to fall on blind sinners. The worst unimaginable judgment could happen. Don't wait for God to show His wrath before getting right. Get right with God. Practice what you say you believe. I say again, do you really love your children? If so you'll get right with God. Do you really believe God? You'll get right with Him.

If you have never received Christ as your personal Savior, I'm saying to you, God's wrath is real! He has promised no matter what happens here on earth, His wrath will be seen

by us.

Again, I'm just reminded how we pretend. "Oh your such a good father." Are your children living for God? If not, you're a rotten father. We pretend, we play games, and we lie to each other. We must face up to reality. You know it's because of you we don't have revival! None of us will get by with our sin. It doesn't matter what people think or say, my life affects my kids and my grandkids. "If I fail there, I'm miserable!

Unsaved friend, there is only one major judgment that I see in the Bible for you. If you have not received Jesus and said I'm a sinner and repent of that sin, and turn to Christ, you are going to help I beg you, come and get things right. Stop making excuses.



Our pastor, Bro. Elmo Parker and first lady, Mrs. Imogene Parker

Victory Baptist Temple *Welcomes You!*



- *You need a church home that will minister to each member of your home.*
- *Your family needs a church home that will provide stability and security instead of shifting with the winds of societal change.*
- *You need a church that provides biblical answers to life now and will give you biblical hope for the future.*

Victory Baptist Temple is the church home for **YOU!**

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Preaching	11:00 a.m.
Evening	6:00 p.m.
Midweek (Wed.)	7:00 p.m.

A Testimony of a Changed Life
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man came to the door and talked to my mom. He said that he was from a Baptist church in the area and that he had a van that came through our area on Sunday morning. He asked my mother if she would like her children to ride that van to church. I guess she wanted her children to have some kind of a "religious" background so she said we could go.

I went to church and really enjoyed the songs, being in Sunday school, and learning Bible verses. I would go home and tell my parents all about it! Although they didn't say much to me, my dad must have been under conviction because after a couple months or so he decided we would all go to church as a family.

When I was about eight or so, my dad went to the altar. Maybe he went to repent of his sins or maybe to rededicate his life to the Lord. A short time later my mother made a profession of faith.

Each time I went with them to the altar not really understanding what I was doing. When my dad went to the altar, I knelt beside him and cried. When I followed my mother to the altar, I prayed and asked Jesus to come into my

I thought He did, until January of 1983.

My youngest brother, Marty, died all of a sudden of a heart attack at the age of 13. He had just been saved and baptized in October of 1982.

Me? I got angry at God! I was so hurt about my brother's death. I was almost 25 years old at the time. So I started rebelling against God in every way I could. For nine long years I lived a selfish, hellish, sinful life.



Then one night I just couldn't stand myself any more. It was midnight, February 2, 1992, in an old farmhouse in Patterson, Mo. I could not sleep. It was the first time in years that I was still and quiet in my soul. I kept thinking about the years I went to Sunday school and church.

I remembered how much I enjoyed being there. I started thinking of how I had made a big mess of my life. Then the old Devil said, "You are so unlovable! Nobody could love you! You even hate yourself!" But then I heard a quiet peaceful voice say, "I love you. I died for your sins. I do love you."

Thank God for parents who take their children to church. Thank God for Sunday school teachers who not only teach lessons but also expect their students to learn and memorize scripture.

When I was 10-14 years old I had Sunday school teachers that encouraged us to memorize scripture like the Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, The Beatitudes, and John 3:16. We also learned songs like "Jesus Loves Me", "I Surrender All". *(Continued on page 9)*

Drive through... **Truth in Lights**



*Through the month of
December*

Live Nativity Scene
Saturday December 8
6:00-8:00 p.m.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

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It was some of these scriptures and songs that the Holy Ghost brought to my mind. I was so convicted of my sins and wanted to change my way of life. I knew I couldn't do it on my own. I had already tried and failed. I was headed for hell in a hurry! Because I was so independent, I had a hard time surrendering to this overwhelming conviction. But I knew by Scripture and what I had learned years ago I had to surrender, I had to trust Jesus, I had to confess that I was a sinner. I wanted my life to be different. I was sick and tired of living in my sins. Only Jesus could help me now. I knew then that Jesus wanted to be my Lord and Saviour. For the first time ever I realized that that is the only way you can ever get saved.

Seconds before, I was overwhelmed by the Holy Ghost conviction of my sins and now I had such peace, joy, and love like I had never known before. I felt so cleansed of all my sin, because I was! Jesus did that for me! My life changed forever from that moment.

If you are struggling in your sin, give up and let Jesus take over! He is the only way you will ever know what true

peace, joy, love, and forgiveness. Stop trusting yourself and start trusting Jesus. Stop living for yourself and start living for Jesus. Make sure your children know Jesus.

*-Mrs. Denise Williford
Mill Spring, MO*



Denise is pictured above with VBS student, McKenize Raddatz. She also serves as a loving devoted Sunday school teacher to the 2- 3 year olds.

**Twass The Night
Before Jesus Came. . .**



**T'was the night before Jesus
and all through the house, not a
creature was praying, not one in
the house.**

**Their Bibles were laid on the
shelf without care in hopes
that Jesus would not come
there.**

**The children were dressing to
crawl into bed, not once ever
kneeling or bowing a head.**

**And Mom in the rocker with
the baby on her lap, was
watching the late who while I
took a nap.**

**When out of the east there
arose such a clatter, I sprang
to my feet to see what was the
matter.**

**Away to the window I flew
like a flash, tore open the
shutters and threw up the
sash,**

**When what to my wondering
eyes should appear, but
angels proclaiming that Jesus
was here.**

**With a light like the sun
sending forth a bright ray, I
knew in a moment this must
be The Day, The light of His
face made me cover my head,
it was Jesus returning just like
He said.**

**And though I possessed
worldly wisdom and wealth, I
cried when I saw Him in spite
of myself.**

**In the Book of Life which He
held in His hand, was written
the name of every saved man.**

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He spoke not a word as He
searched for my name.
When He said "It's not
here", my head hung in
shame.

The people whose name
had been written with love,
He gathered to take to His
Father above.

With those who were
ready, He rose without a
sound, while all of the rest
were left standing around.

I fell to my knees but it was
too late, I had waited too long
and thus sealed my fate.

I stood and I cried as they rose
out of sight. Oh, if only we
had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the
meaning is clear, The coming
of Jesus is drawing near.

There's only one life and
when comes the last call, we'll
find that the Bible was true
after all.

