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THE FELLOWSHIP HERALD

**"And above all these things put on charity which is the bond of perfectness."
Colossians, 3:14**

**"But if we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another."
I John 1:7**

"THY LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN"

"I have labored in vain," a preacher said,
And his brow was marked with care;
"I have labored in vain," he bowed down
his head,
And bitter and sad were the tears he shed
In that moment of dark despair.

"I am weary and worn, and my hands
are weak,
And my courage is well-nigh gone;
For none give heed to the words I speak,
And in vain for a promise of fruit I seek
Where the seed of the Word is sown."

And again with a sorrowful heart he
wept,
For his spirit with grief was stirred,
Till the night grew dark, and at last he
slept,
And a silent calm o'er his spirit crept,
And a whisper of "peace" was heard.

And he thought in his dream that his
soul took flight
To a blessed and bright abode;
He saw a throne of dazzling light,
And harps were ringing, and robes were
white—
Made white in a Saviours blood.

And he saw such a countless throng
around
As he never had seen before,
Their brows with jewels of light were
crowned,
And sorrow and sighing no place had
found—
The troubles of time were o'er.

Then a white-robed maiden came forth
and said,
"Joy! Joy! for the trails are passed!
I am one that thy gentle words have led
In the narrow pathway of life to tread—
I welcome thee home at last!"

And the preacher gazed on the maiden's
face—
He had seen that face on earth,
Where, with anxious heart, in his
wonted place
He had told his charge of a Saviours
grace,
And that need of a second birth.

Then the preacher smiled, and the angel
said,
"Go forth to thy work again;
It is not in vain that the seed is shed—
If only one soul to the cross is led,
Thy labor is not in vain."

And at last he woke and his knees he
bent
In grateful, childlike prayer,
And he prayed till an answer of peace
was sent,
And a Faith and Hope as a rainbow bent
O'er the clouds of his earthly care.

And he rose in joy, and his eyes were
bright.
His sorrow and grief had fled,
And his soul was calm and his heart was
light
For his hands were strong in his
Saviours might
As forth to his work he sped.

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CAMPMEETING TESTIMONIES

We truly enjoyed meeting our friends, new and old, at this wonderful campmeeting which was the best campmeeting we have ever attended.

Delbert and Katie Alloway, Calif.

Greetings in Jesus, Brother, Sister and all who attended the campmeeting at Meridian. They were there from many states. Anyone who was there could not go away without a great blessing to all. I know I left with a new hope and a love greater desire to go forward in His service and filled with the spirit of love for all. It was so good after thirteen years to meet with all the brethren there who I love with a christian love. I want to ask all to pray for me and Sister Martin. We need your prayers.

Elder J. W. Martin, Calif.

We were so thankful that our Heavenly Father made it possible for us to attend the good campmeeting. The wonderful sermons we heard lifted us up and gave us so many things to think about. We were happy to meet all the dear brothers and sisters again where so much love and good fellowship was shone out for another.

We just pray that if we are spared another year, we can all be together again and each and every one will carry on in our Father's work as never before and pray for us.

Harry and Iola Nelson, Wash.

Of all the campmeetings I ever was in, this is the one where there wasn't any spirit of dictatorship. Daily I contacted brethren from many states and the goal of fellowship here was the same as Paul told us in Phil 3:14 to press toward the mark for that great prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Brethren scattered abroad my goal is to bring back together all of God's children into the fold and into that unity of faith and spirit. The fellowship here was no imitation, folks, it was real. Glory to God in the Highest, peace on earth, and good will. Hallelujah, praise His Holy Name.

Elder C. F. Wirth, Carthage, Mo.

Dear Brethren: we live at Stanberry, Mo. and with my son Glen we came clear out to Meridian, Idaho to attend the campmeetings. We have felt repaid as we enjoyed a spiritual feast each day. The sermons were fine and a good attendance. The young people put on some good programs. In all respects it was a wonderful meeting, long to be remembered. Pray for us.

L. O. and Maud Van Nostrand, Mo.

I am happy to see so many nice people come to the campmeeting. All seem to be getting a spiritual blessing. This is Wednesday and we are looking for more to come in any time. We have been having nice crowds every day. May our Dear Heavenly Father bless everyone and bring them back next year and many more. Your Sister in Christ, Addie Spencer, Meridian, Idaho

I am so thankful to my Father in Heaven for the privilege to attend campmeeting at Meridian, Idaho. This was a prayer answered of three years standing. I have yearned to come every since I had the privilege of entertaining Brothers Mark Burnham, Bob Palmer and Luvelt Palmer in my home at Marion, Iowa Conference time. I came to see old friends and make new ones. That means so much to me. May God bless each and everyone. Also I wished and prayed to find those of like belief and that God will mold me and make me His humble servant in whatever He has for me to do. Please pray for me in this desire. Your Sister in His service.

Maion Klingler, Marion, Iowa

The campmeeting this year has been a wonderful blessing to me. I will go home with a more humble spirit and endeavor to do better in living for Jesus and try to be more kind and loving to my family and neighbors. May our Father's blessing be upon all of us until we meet again next year if it be God's will.

Rilla Weiher, Wenatchee, Wash.

This campmeeting has been a real blessing to us. The spirit of love and unity has been very healing to our lonely hearts. We know that Jesus will never forsake us, but we also need encouragement and help that our brothers and sisters in the work can give us. We thank all who have worked to make this campmeeting a success.

Grace Whitehall, Waterville, Wash.

Edith Larsen, Entiat, Wash.

This is wonderful to be enjoying the fellowship of all the visiting brethren with us in this campmeeting again this year. To me it seems the best vacation I could have. All the love and kindness is like a foretaste of life eternal with our saviour.

Mrs. H. P. Estep, Ustick, Idaho

We wish to thank our Heavenly Father for the blessed privilege of attending this wonderful campmeeting, and meeting all the dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Some that we have known for years and others we have recently learned to love. So we surely enjoyed the

wonderful fellowship and charity that exists here as well as the good meetings. Hope if we never all get to meet again in this life we all meet in the life beyond where all our trails and troubles will be over and we can enjoy such blessed privileges without end. May we all hold out faithful to the end. With love to all dear ones in Christ.

Eld. and Mrs. M. W. Unzicker, Oregon

Once more campmeeting must close. Truly we can say "It was good for us to be here." We rejoice at the progress in the work and at seeing all the dear ones again. Knowing that God is the author of all our faith we look forward to the coming year when we can once again meet here and receive more blessings. Again I say from the depths of my heart—Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Yours in like faith,
Bro. & Sis. Jay Ellsworth and daughters,
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Dear Brothers and Sisters: Just a line to report our meeting at Everette, Wash. with Sister Lavern Taylor and husband on the Sabbath. We had Sabbath School with ten present. Brother and Sister Charley Case came on the bus from Everson, Wash. and some from Bellingham. We were very glad to see them for it has been several years since we had been together for Sabbath School. Sister Edith Larsen drove her car and took Sister Rilla Weiher and my self and husband, Harry. We all took lunch and had a nice pot luck dinner together.

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Charlie Smart Benight, known to close friends and relatives as "Uncle Kie", passed away July 7, at the age of 82 years, at a Redmond hospital following an automobile accident the previous day.

Mr. Benight was born June 4, 1872 near Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Samuel and Mary Benight. He came with his parents and brother, Guy W. Benight, to Oregon by wagon train in 1889, first settling at Jefferson. He made several trips back and forth across the plains by team. For many years he has resided in the Dever community and Albany, having made his home with his brother in Albany.

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Mr. Benight was a member of the Church of God, Seventh Day.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer in Fisher Funeral Home, Albany, Oregon, and Brother Benight was laid to rest in Riverside Cemetery. A host of brethren and friends attended the services. We sorrow not as others who have no hope because we believe that our dear brother will soon be called forth from the grave along with all the sleeping saints at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. 14:13, 1 thess. 4:14-18, 1 Cor. 15, and Job 19:25-27.

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While yet a girl she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and united with the Church of God (1st Day).

In 1943 she met and became acquainted with Elder and Mrs. M. W. Unzicker who studied the Bible with her and showed her the Seventh Day Sabbath and kindred truths which she gladly accepted and came to the Seventh Day Church of God. She was very happy over finding new Bible truths. Although quite old she was an active member until her death. She seemed to enjoy her life and her friends, and especially all the activities of the Church. She was always trying to help all she could.

About the middle of June she had which was seemingly a light stroke of paralysis. Brother and Sister John Crowson took her to their home and took care of her several days where she seemed to be doing well. On the first of July she went to a rest home in Eugene where she got worse and had several more strokes. She lived one week after going to the rest home. She fell asleep in Jesus July 8. All the brothers and sisters were very kind to her and did all they could to comfort her.

Some of us were gone to campmeeting when she passed away as we had no idea she would go so soon.

We will all miss her greatly, but we have that blessed hope of meeting her soon in a wonderful home where all sorrows and partings are over. Oh what a blessed hope.

Funeral services were conducted Sabbath July 10 at 2:00 P. M. in the Junction City Funeral Home. Elders Roy Betterton and R. A. Barnes officiating. Elder Betterton used such scriptures as John 11:11-14, 1 Thess 4:13-18, Rev. 14:12-13, 1 Cor. 15:12-23, Job 19:23-27, Cor. 15:34-58 and others to show that this death is only a sleep in Jesus and them that sleep in Jesus will come forth in the first resurrection at the coming of Christ.

Brother Jim Crowson was the soloist rendering two beautiful hymns. Sister Ester Daily was musician.

She was laid to rest in the IOOF Cemetery west of Junction to await the call of life giver.

Mrs. M. Unzicker

Benjamin F. Daily

Benjamin F. Daily was born March 1, 1873 and died July 10, 1954. Brother Daily was the father of Elder Roy Daily (deceased) whom many of the readers will remember. Brother B. F. Daily suffered much before he fell asleep in the Lord. His home was in Junction City, Oregon. Funeral services were held at Miller-Sherman-Murphy Funeral Home in Junction City. Services were conducted by Elder Emmett Samson, assisted by

the writer. He was laid to rest in Alford Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver, Jesus the son of God. Jesus is coming soon and he will not have long to wait.

Many brethren and friends attended the services. May the Lord comfort the sons, daughters and other relatives that are left behind. 1 Thes. 4:14-18.

Frank M. Walker

John Wensky

John Wensky of Rt. 3, Box 248 Port Orchard, Wash. passed away at a local hospital on June 18, 1954 after a short illness.

He was born at Hofa Park, Wis., April 15, 1907, at the age of 5, he moved to Lockwood, Neb., with his parents. In 1917 the family went to Rayne, Colo., where he received his education. He took his apprenticeship in sheetmetal work at Cheyenne, Wyo., and in 1939 changed residence to Portland, Oregon.

During World War 2 Mr. Wensky was sent by the government as a civilian sheetmetal worker to Pearl Harbor. When he returned to the U. S. in 1944, he came to Bremerton and was employed by Standard Plumbing and Heating Co. in Manette. He was married to Mrs. Selma Eleanor Hammer of Bremerton June 9, 1946, and later moved to Port Orchard. In addition to his wife, he leaves a son, Virgil Dean, 5½, and a step-daughter, Sally Jean, 12; six brothers, Albert of Annapolis, Wash., Casper, Steven, and Adam, all of Cheyenne, Stanley of Monrova, N. Y., and Joe of Denver; three sisters, Mrs. H. L. Cocklin of Woodland, Wash., Mrs. J. G. Webster of Cheyenne and Mrs. Herb Neil of Pulman, Wash., and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Arthur R. Estep at the Pendleton-Gilchrist funeral home, on June 21, 1954. Burial followed at Sunset Lane Cemetery, Port Orchard, Wash.

Brother Wensky attended the Church of God at Port Orchard from 1950 until his death and enjoyed worshiping with the brethren there.

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