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## Welcome to Family Camp!

*"Apostolic Praise Fills Tabernacle" might be the headline befitting the week of Family Camp. A great time of fellowship was had by all, coupled with anointed ministering, teaching, and singing. The common threads woven throughout this campmeeting seemed to be those of "Faith" and "Establishing Yourself in God."*

Four days of teaching by Rev. Crawford Coon (Jena, Louisiana) opened our understanding unto a closer walk with the Lord. Principles of scripture were given a clearer perspective through his teaching. In scripture, our relationship with God is often compared to plants and trees; like these, we require stabilization and growth. Isaiah 37:31 was the focal point for teaching of "The Meristem Line," a place in each individual where receiving the Word (like a plant receives nutrients) causes us to grow deep roots of stabilization to weather the storms of life and

remain productive in church.

And that was just the beginning of teaching that grew more prolific each day. Through Ecc. 3:1-11 and Hebrews 12:1-11, Bro. Coon taught how God works with opposite forces and elements, such as chastening and love, strengthening our relationship with Him; we love and trust Him in spite of what comes our way, thus making us eligible for an inheritance that will not fade away!

Nightly, Rev. Gordon Mallory's (Columbia, Mississippi) preaching brought forth a spirit of revival among us, reminding us that through God all things are possible. A glorious time of consecration was felt the first night as ministers and saints prayed for one another in a type of "footwashing;" holding to the feet of one another, praying for a clean heart and total unity that together we might win the lost. (Continued on page 2. More photos on page 4.)



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The fundamental doctrine of this organization shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

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# CHOSEN 2001

*"To Fulfill His Will"  
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*From that point, we learned from Psalms 8:1-2 that "praise" and coming to God as babes are how we can make the devil "shut-up;" he can't conquer us in any manner!*

*Probably one of the highlights of the week was Bro. Mallorys "A Message for George" in which he so profoundly, yet humorously, refuted the idea of evolution, reestablishing in our hearts that God is the absolute Creator of the universe, and of all things that are made in heaven and in earth. (Job 22:12) Not only does the vastness of the universe detail the greatness of God, but every person has a soul that longs to be filled with the Creator.*

*Last, but certainly not least, was the anointed direction of Brother Eads (Eminence, Ky.), who led the choir in powerful praise and worship, setting the tone for each service. Thank you, Brother Eads!*

*After all was said and done, campers went home feeling tired, but renewed and refreshed. Praise the Lord!*

*If the Lord tarries, let's do it again next year!*

# Another Messenger

From a message by Rev. Gerald Adams  
Pastor, Life Tabernacle Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky

*"God spoke to me early one morning and told me to write this down. He told me there is 'another messenger.' We have to walk through things to recognize how real He is."*

— Gerald Adams

*Scripture text: Job 1: 13-22  
II Corinthians 12: 7-10*

There are many great lessons to be taught from the book of Job. Most scholars agree it is the oldest book in the Bible; it is certainly prior to the law. That meant the relationship that man had with God, in whatever dispensational era Job lived, we can learn a great deal from it.

We find Job was a very blessed man. He had a wonderful family of seven sons and three daughters, and was blessed financially. He was a man who loved God, feared the Lord, and eschewed evil. Job was altogether a man of caliber and character: a great man of God, a great friend, a great citizen, and a benevolent man, often standing at the gate and ministering to other people, giving them sound advice and wisdom God had given to him.

He was the ultimate parent — when Job's children would get together and have their time of festivity and lightness, he would offer sacrifice just in case his sons or daughters might have sinned while their hearts were jubilant.

I realize when most people think about the Book of Job they think about his patience. Certainly even the New Testament scripture mentions the patience of Job, but it means so much more by revealing to us that *bad things happen to good people. You do not have to do anything wrong to be treated wrongly or for things to go wrong.*

When things seem to go wrong for you, you have got to be very careful or you will be scratching your head saying, "What did I do wrong?" When the baby gets sick and the doctor can't find the problem, or you lose your job, before you know it you are going to begin to challenge yourself, your relationship with God, and ultimately you will find yourself

challenging God!

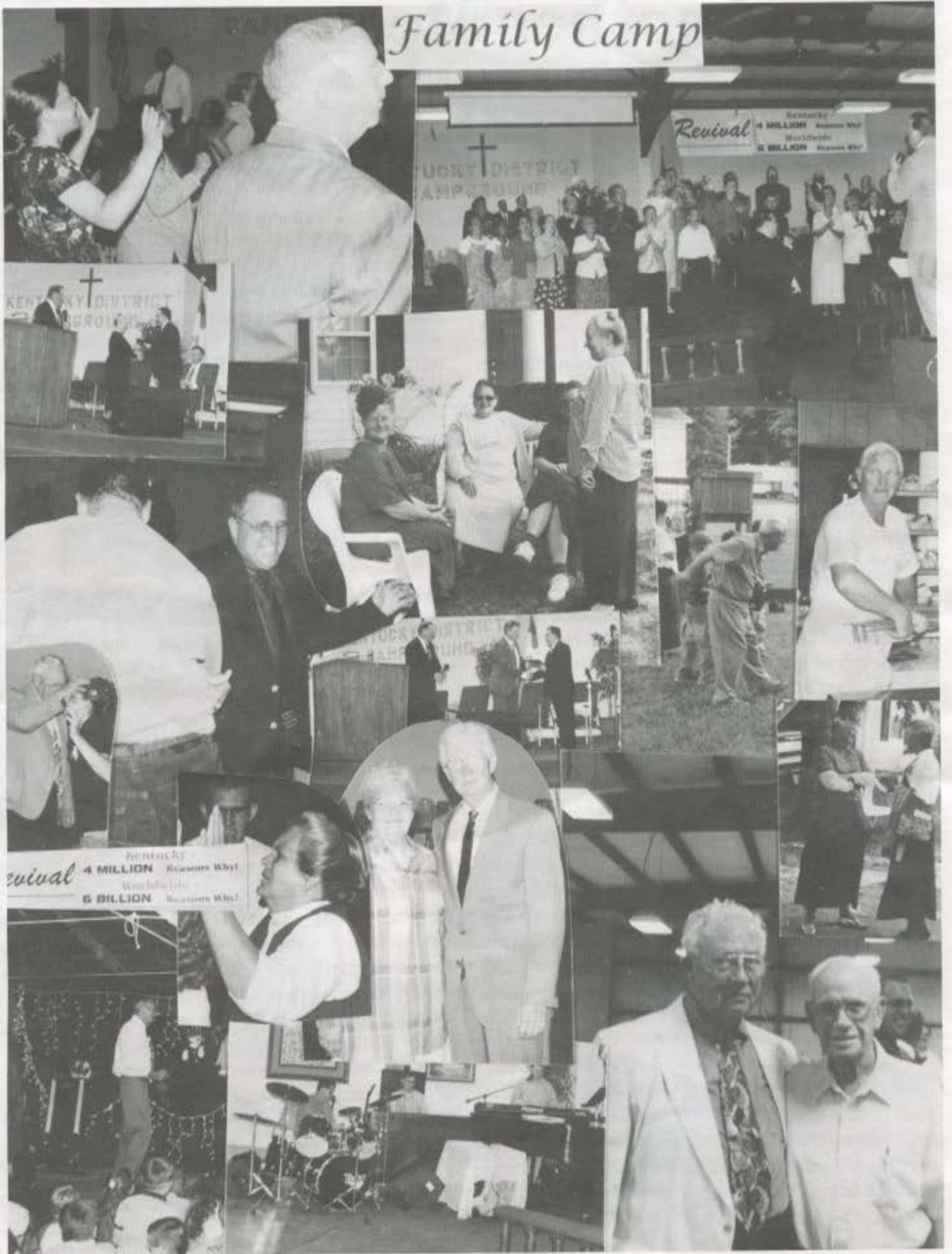
*Job 1:13* says, "And there was a day...", with no explanation at all. It was a day when Job woke up **with** everything and before the sun set he had lost everything **but** "his everything." It was on this day that the devil sent a messenger to Job to tell him his oxen and asses and servants had been slain by the Sabeans and "I only am escaped to tell you." And while Job was trying to figure out what was going on, there came a second messenger right behind telling Job fire from God had fallen from heaven consuming sheep and servants, and "I only am escaped to tell you." Then, before Job could get his breath, a third messenger came to tell him all his children had died. *It's a succession we understand! About the time you have gotten through one thing, there's another knocking at your door!*

The devil would like us to believe a lot of the bad things he puts upon us come from God. The Bible says, however, that Job never charged God foolishly; he never pointed his finger in the face of God and said, "This is your fault!" Job understood you can still live good and be good whether the blessings of God are there or not: "*The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.*" (vs. 21) You can't look at a sovereign God and declare to Him to explain what He is doing and why. Who are we to stand before God and say, "Lord, you don't know what you are doing!" **Let us never get to the place where we charge God foolishly.**

There were three areas that Job was tested in: *his finances, his family, and his friends.* You and I will be tested in these same areas. There will come a day when you will not be making what you are today, and your wealth and worth won't be anywhere near what it is. The Bible declares in the Book of Revelation that buying enough flour to make bread will be equivalent to a day's wages! Money is not important! The Bible calls it "uncertain riches," and if you watch the NASDAQ and Dow Jones, you will soon realize there is a drastic difference in what your money was worth last year as opposed to what it was worth a few months ago.

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# Family Camp



# TOP 10 SUNDAY SCHOOL "SAVE OUR CHILDREN" 2001 Easter Report

District Kentucky Total  
Director: Raymond C. Clark

**Offering \$9,000.00**

\$4,500.00 sent to HQ  
Total offering \$8,304.00

### Top Ten Churches in Offering

1. Truth Tabernacle UPC	Campbellsville	R. Clark	\$1,200.00
2. Greater Lighthouse	Madisonville	R. Hendricks	\$800.00
3. House of Prayer	Fulton	J. Cavness	\$700.00
4. UPC	Russellville	S. Marshall	\$600.00
5. 1st UPC	Covington	F. Turner	\$550.00
6. Christian Life Center	Bowling Green	D. Stratton	\$500.00
7. Life Tabernacle	Hopkinsville	G. Adams	\$500.00
8. Abundant Life	Raceland	A. Keaton	\$431.00
9. UPC	McVeigh	J. Crum	\$300.00
10. UPC	Harrodsburg	K. Patrick	\$275.00

### Top Ten Churches in Attendance

1. Life Tabernacle	Hopkinsville	G. Adams	731
2. Abundant Life Outreach	Oak Grove	G. Ellis	590
3. Greater Lighthouse	Madisonville	R. Hendricks	535
4. Christ Apostolic	Louisville	R. Hollis	400
5. Lone Star UPC	Madisonville	A. Carpenter	350
6. UPC	Lexington	W. McGraw	323
7. Calvary Apostolic	Louisville	G. Vittitow	275
8. UPC	Russellville	S. Marshall	192
9. Apostolic Holiness	Dawson Springs	R.E. Akers	180
10. UPC	Carrollton	E.D. Puckett	178

### Top Ten Churches per Capita

1. UPC	Richmond	D. Bell	\$13.00
2. Truth Tabernacle	Campbellsville	R. Clark	\$11.53
3. 1st UPC	Covington	F. Turner	\$9.16
4. UPC	Winchester	B. Bates	\$7.00
5. House of Prayer	Fulton	J. Cavness	\$7.00
6. UPC	Burkesville	L. Miller	\$5.88
7. Calvary Apostolic	Mt. Vernon	J. Blanton	\$5.00
8. UPC	New Concord	S. Hale	\$4.54
9. Spirit of Truth Ministries	Paducah	C. Beasley	\$4.37
10. 1st UPC	Mt. Sterling	R. McIntosh	\$4.33

### Average Attendance per Church

2000 8,816                      2001 8,304

### Total Increase in Offering

2000 \$9,622.11                      2001 \$8,860.82  
2000 \$5,000.00                      2001 \$4,500.00

### Awards at Camp

Largest Offering	Truth Tabernacle UPC	Campbellsville	R. Clark	\$1,200.00
Section U (per capita)	1st UPC	Covington	F. Turner	\$13.00
Section N (per capita)	UPC	Winchester	B. Bates	\$7.00
Section I (per capita)	House of Prayer	Fulton	J. Cavness	\$7.00
Section T (per capita)	UPC	Burkesville	M. Lee Miller	\$5.88
Section E (per capita)	UPC	Richmond	D. Bell	\$13.00
Section D (per capita)	Calvary Apostolic Lighthouse	Mt. Vernon	J. Blanton	\$5.00

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I recall an illustration where a man had just one penny and held it close to his eye while closing the other one. All he could see was the penny because it blinded everything else. *It's not how much you have; it's how close it is to you!*

I have seen people live a wonderfully consecrated life for God, but when things go wrong with the children, the parents go haywire, too. They don't know how to respond to some of the things children are facing today. You will notice in Verse 19, "...there came a great wind from the wilderness, and it smote the four corners of the house...." It was hitting from every direction; there was no way those children could turn! Yet, this was not a battle with the kids; *this was a battle with Job.*

The devil knows where to hit to bring people down. He will attack your home! He will attack your children from every angle: from worldly friends and from worldly entertainment, offering them the things of this world. And I guarantee you, it doesn't matter what your child does, the devil is going to see to it that someone come to tell you about it, because the ones he is after, parents, are you and I!

Finally, the friends that Job had came to check on his situation. The majority of the chapters that follow are their discourse and accusations, challenging Job's consecration and integrity when they should have been encouraging and uplifting. *I believe the devil can send "friends" who are truly messengers of Satan.* But oh, my friend, don't just listen to the messenger of Satan and let him beat you up and bring you down, for there is **another messenger!**

In the first chapter of Job, there is another messenger that we don't read about, but the implications are strongly there; **Job experienced a shift in his attitude.** "*Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down and worshipped...*" (vs. 20). Folks, that is not natural! It doesn't matter how good you live or how holy you are, it is not natural when you lose your children, your health, and everything you've got, to sit down, tear your clothes and shave your head, then suddenly something happens and your next words are, "Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

It is in II Corinthians we find our who that messenger is. Paul says, "*...there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan, to buffet*

*me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness."* **There is another messenger for us today! It is the messenger of hope, a messenger of grace, letting us know everything is going to be all right!** Sometimes even prayer can't take a problem away because God wants it to be there awhile longer so He can show us the power of His grace. Paul was beaten by rods, stoned and left for dead, and shipwrecked thrice then left in the deep, among many other trials and tests, but every time the messenger of Satan would buffet him and bring him down, **another messenger** would come and say, "My grace is sufficient...."

Micah said, "*Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy; when I fall, I shall arise...*" (Micah 7:8) **Satan's buffeting messenger may knock you down, but the loving grace of God that is stronger than all opposition is going to reach down when you can't reach up.** He will never leave you nor forsake you! He is that messenger that will come in your darkest night, in your deepest hour, in your darkest trial. He will be there for you!

*Life will never lead you where grace cannot keep you.* It doesn't matter how far down you are or how far off you are, you are never so far away that the arm of grace cannot reach you. In the midst of all your problems, while hell is having jubilation, in walks **another messenger: amazing grace; sufficient grace.** Grace that reaches down and takes your hand to pick you up and place you back upon the rock!

With God on your side, you are going to make it no matter what comes your way. Satan's buffetters will run their course, but they are silenced by the still small voice of *one more messenger.* Somewhere between verses 21 and 22, Job heard that other messenger. Like he and Paul, you are not standing alone, for God's grace **is** sufficient.



# A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND GERALD LEON VITTITOW

Former Kentucky District Superintendent  
Compiled and Written by Rev. Louis Edday, Jr.

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## PART ONE: THE FORMATIVE YEARS

It was a cold wintry night, January 19, 1939. Mom, Helen Vittitow, had been in labor some 12 hours in the little three-room house in rural Nelsonville, Kentucky, while Grandma Vittitow and a great-aunt attended her as midwives until the doctor was able to come. Finally, at 11:50 p.m., Gerald Leon Vittitow was born and the sorrows of childbirth were quickly forgotten. *Little did they know that this handsome little 6.5-pound boy that brought joy to his mom and dad on that cold wintry night would later bring great leadership to the Kentucky District UPCI.*

In those days, Pentecost was very new to Kentucky. Mom Vittitow first heard about the Pentecostal message while visiting her sister in the spring of 1941, during a revival conducted by Evangelist Horace Skirvin. Later, in June of 1941, when Evangelist Skirvin moved his revival closer to their home, both Helen and her sister-in-law were baptized in Jesus' name. Willard, Gerald's dad, and his Uncle Arthur were hauling hay with mules close by, and when they stopped by the river to watch, they took off their shoes and were baptized in their work clothes! That night, about midnight, Grandpa Vittitow received the Holy Ghost and in the early morning hours Helen was also filled with the Holy Ghost. Months later Gerald's dad, Willard, who had been seeking the Holy Ghost into the late hours, went to sleep and woke up worshipping God and speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance.

In 1943, after suffering much misunderstanding and persecution from neighbors, and hungry just to be in church, Willard and Helen moved to Louisville and attended several storefront churches. In 1944 they settled in Greater Bethel Temple Church, pastored by Bishop David T. Schultz. Under this great man of God, Gerald began to be touched by the Spirit of God. *On a Sunday morning in 1945, at the young age of six, he was baptized in the glorious name of Jesus Christ.*

In 1951, Gerald spent the summer with his grandparents and while there he attended a revival at nearby Temple Hill Apostolic Church in Boston, Kentucky, where he received the Holy Ghost. This was the church to whom Gerald's grandpa sold lumber from his farm to help build.

Gerald was most blessed to grow up in a home

where going to church was a top priority. His grandparents not only helped build a church, but his parents were most consistent in their attendance. Without modern means of transportation, they went to church. Through the heat and cold, rain and snow, they traveled by streetcar, bus or walked, but they went to worship their God. *Growing up in this environment, Bro. Vittitow fell in love with Jesus and His Church. He learned what it was to work and be faithful to the work of the Kingdom.* His early years had a profound effect toward shaping his life's commitment and dedication to the work of the Lord. It became his life's ambition to do what he could for the cause of Christ, thus leading to his dedicated desire and love for the Kentucky District and specifically the Kentucky District Camp.

In the summer of 1956, at 17 years of age, Gerald enlisted in the Kentucky Air National Guard. When he came home from basic training, he attended service in his home church at that time, Calvary Apostolic Church in Louisville, Kentucky. In one of the great spirit-blessed services he felt the Divine touch of God on his life for direction. Something very miraculous happened that night. As he walked through the church with his eyes closed, he began to lay hands on people; some were healed and others were filled with the Holy Ghost. Feeling that God had indicated He had a special purpose for him, Gerald went to his pastor to talk to him about God's purpose in his life. The pastor at that time told him to come back in seven or eight years and he would talk with him. *However, that call did not go away.*

Gerald's Air National Guard duties required him to attend a summer training camp in Alpena, Michigan, in the summer of 1960. While there, he felt a desire to attend church and decided to drive to Bay City, 110 miles away, for a Sunday service. Later, after finishing his required Guard camp, he started home but decided to stop again at Bay City to attend a revival in progress.

This stopping at Bay City was no doubt a part of God's plan in his life. His car broke down while there and when he called home to get his mother to wire money for the repair; she informed him that he had been laid off work at General Electric. At this point, he just decided to stay on for a while at Bay City, and

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while there a little blue-eyed Russian girl by the name of Joyce caught his eye. *She was the one that would become his help meet for life and would later also serve as a very vital part of the Kentucky District Camp.*

Gerald and Joyce Vittitow were married on July 18, 1961, in Bay City. After the wedding they drove back to Kentucky as part of their honeymoon, as Gerald had to report back to work on Monday when his layoff ended. *It seemed that God had just set aside a little time in Bro. Vittitow's life to get him the right help meet and receive both good counsel and help from Pastor Silvernale in Bay City, who became a mentor to him as he was preparing for the ministry.*

When Gerald and Joyce got back to Kentucky, they found there had been a change of pastors at Calvary Apostolic Church. Reverend W.E. Davis had been voted in as a new pastor and immediately began to work with Gerald and made him his assistant. *With his new responsibility came growth and maturity that was important for Bro. Vittitow's calling, thus preparing him for his future pastoring work in the District of Kentucky.*

{Editor's note: Part two of this tribute will appear in the August edition}

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# Campmeeting 2001

## Exalting the Name...Jesus

Philippians 2:9

### August 6-10

Evening Speaker

Evangelist Lee Stoneking

Malta, N.Y.

7:00 p.m.

(Monday-Friday)



Day Sessions

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Ft. Worth, Texas

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(Tuesday-Friday)



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