



# Bell's News Letter



To Our Supporting Churches and Dear Friends:

January-March 2013

Greetings in Jesus name.

*It is with great joy that we report to you of the faithfulness of our dear Savior over these many years of being in His service. There have been battles and victories galore as time has etched its mark upon our lives. He has said, "I will never leave thee."*

*Your love for this aging couple has been demonstrated over and over again as you continue to pray and give, so that we may continue to stay on the Gospel trail seeking the lost and working for the sweet revival of the saints of Jesus. One day, you will see the fruits of your labor as you stand in front of His person and the rewards are given. He is not long in coming now. Luke 21:28 says, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh."*

*January began with my prostate treatments (38 in all) and also a bad case of bronchitis. The Lord, however, allowed me to teach a special class in Basic Bible Doctrines as well as preach a couple of times in January. Mamie had an MRI on her head and everything turned out well. Praise the Lord! In February, we continued the prostate treatments. The last of which, I received March 1. We were able to preach a few times in February and teach some on Basic Bible Doctrines at the Gospel Independent Baptist Church of Henderson, NC. The radiation treatments leave on with great fatigue and a few other side-effects. One is that I have to receive outpatient surgery on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2013. Over all, we have been wonderfully blessed, because so many have prayed for Mamie and me. Mamie had a mammogram, and thank the Lord this turned out well.*

*March has been, so far, wonderfully exciting as we started revival in Ayden, NC at the Community Baptist Church where Pastor Stan Wingard is the pastor. At the moment, we are in Maryland in a Faith Promise Missions Revival at the Gateway Baptist Church of Rising Sun. The month will end with us being in the Southside Baptist Temple of Richmond, VA.*

*I thought you might enjoy the following information on a very old hymn, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story."*

*This simple but beautiful song was written by an English woman, Miss Katherine Hankey (the daughter of a banker in London). Miss Katherine Hankey was recovering from a serious illness when she wrote, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story." The line, "For I am weak and weary," was only a picture of her condition at the time. The poem was begun in January, but it was not finished till November of that year. Here is how the song was set to music. Dr. Doane, the well-known composer, attended in 1867 an international convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations, held in Montreal. In the audience was Major-General Russell, in charge of British troops quelling the riots over the question of Ireland. General Russell rose and read Miss Hankey's beautiful poem as tears streamed down his cheeks. Dr. Doane was also much impressed by the hymn and obtained a copy of the words. Afterward, in a stage-coach in the White Mountains with the grand scenery all around him, he wrote the music. Tell me the old, old story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love. Tell me the story simply, as to a little child. For I am weak and weary, and helpless, and defiled.*

*Saved By Grace,  
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