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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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## "New Year Decisions"

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Good morning, friends. How are you this new year of 1972. This is a year we have never traveled before. We need the guiding hand of the Lord to lead us a-right. Without him we would surely fail. One minister in speaking of our decision to live for God and the failures which are often made, put it this way: "The last time you try, you must not fail." How true that is. You may have failed many times, but the last time you try, don't fail that time. That time is for eternity. There is another thought I have too--a reminder that we should take advantage of the opportunities which come our way as they arise to witness for the Lord. This poem says:

### ONLY A SMILE

Only a smile, yes, only a smile,  
That a woman o'er burdened with grief  
Expected from you; 'twould have given  
relief,

For her heart ached sore the while.  
But, weary and cheerless, she went  
away,  
Because, as it happened that very day,  
You were not in touch with the Lord.

Only a word, yes, only a word,  
That the spirit's small voice whispered,  
'Speak;'

But the worker passed onward, un-  
blessed and weak  
Whom you were meant to have stirred  
To courage, devotion and love anew,  
Because, when the message came to  
you,  
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a note, yes, only a note,  
To a friend in a distant land;  
The Spirit said, 'Write,' but then you  
had planned  
Some different word, and you thought

It mattered little. You did not know  
'Twould have saved a soul from sin and  
woe  
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a song, yes only a song,  
That the Spirit said, 'Sing tonight;  
Thy voice is thy Master's by purchased  
right.'

But you thought, 'Mid this motley  
throng,  
I care not now to sing of the City of  
God;'  
And the heart that your words might  
have reached grew cold--  
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a day, yes only a day,  
But oh, can you guess, my friend,  
Where the influence reaches and where  
it will end

Of the hours that you frittered away?  
The Master's command is,  
'Abide in Me,'  
And fruitless and vain will your service  
be  
If out of touch with your Lord.

Don't you think that would be a good thought to keep in mind as we begin this year of 1972?

Now for the scripture reading: ". . . for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Tim. 1:12. Did you notice that phrase: "for I know whom I have believed"? I like that. It is important. Did you ever stop to consider how many times the term "know" is mentioned in the Bible? That word is spelled k-n-o-w. I am not going to attempt to give every one of them, for there are too many to enumerate in such a short time allotted for this broadcast. But listen to just a few of them:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:28. Here is another one: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor. 5:1. That is worth knowing, isn't it? To know something means you are certain of it. There is no question about it. It is sure. The book of first John has a great many 'knows' in it. Notice a few: "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments." 1 John 2:3. Then the fifth verse goes on to say: "But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby we know that we are in him."

The third chapter and verse 2: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." Then verse 14: "We know we have passed from death unto

life, because we love the brethren." and verse 19: "And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him." I like this one too--chapter 4:6--"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error."

Before I leave the "Johns" let me give you one more from 1 John 5:18--"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."

Now, let's talk about some things we ought to know. First of all, I believe we should know that we are saved. We should be definite. You should know the time and place of your conversion. You should know when you were sanctified, that is, if you are sanctified. It is a second definite work of grace, subsequent to regeneration. You ought to know about it.

You ought to know what the Lord has called you to do. If He has given you a job, go about it in a definite manner. Be definite. Don't ramble or stumble toward the goal. Make a short cut. Go at the task, the day, the life ambition directly. Talk definitely. Write definitely. Work definitely, and live definitely. Have definite plans, definite actions, definite time and place. That one who is not slothful in business acts decisively. He appreciates others who have definite ideas and who act promptly, definitely. The Lord is searching for men and women who can decide things. Responsibility is the job of deciding. Much of a battle is won by the decision. God needs people who can tell the difference between right and wrong--between good and evil. See definitely. That

is the way to learn to act definitely. See clearly. See keenly and think keenly. That person of indecision waits outside the kingdom of God, while others of a firm decision march on to victory. All the days of this new year of 1972 may seem alike as they come to us, but each day comes with its own opportunities, its own calls to duty, its own privileges--holding out hands offering us radiant gifts. The day passes and never comes again. The year passes and never comes again. Other days and other years may be as bright as these, but that day and that year which has gone never comes again. If we do not take just then the gifts they offer, we shall never have another chance to get them, and shall always be poorer for what we have missed.

The advice of a noted preacher is given this way: "Pass smoothly over the perverseness of those you have to do with, and go straightforward. It is abundantly sufficient that you have the testimony of a good conscience toward God."

In other words, if we know God is leading and it is his will for us, then let us go forward. If you know clearly what is the real problem before you, you know the answer quicker. Stating the case is often finding the answer. Let us be definite in 1972 and our reward will be definite. And now this little advice:

Dare to be right! dare to be true!  
 You have a work that no other can do:  
 Do it so bravely, so kindly, so well,  
 Angels will hasten the story to tell.  
 Dare to be right! dare to be true!  
 The failings of others can never save  
 you:  
 Stand by your conscience, your honor,  
 your faith,  
 Stand like a hero, and battle till death!

Let us pray: Our father, bless the message as it goes out over the airwaves. If it should reach some soul who is in the valley of decision, may it cause them to decide once and for all time to go with God this year, and every other year which you permit them to live. Encourage thy people to stand for the truth and "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints" for we ask it in Jesus Name. Amen.

Friends, if you have enjoyed the message we would be so glad to hear from you. Write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. If we may be a help to you in making some important spiritual decision be sure to let us know.

Here is a song: "Unworthy". The singers are Cynthia LaCroix, Manuel and Marie Mitchell, and their daughter, Sherlene.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God bless and keep every one of you and a very cheerful goodbye!

### *Testimonies*

From Mo.: "Yes, I want the little paper. I would hate much to be without it. I look forward to getting it. A year ago this month on the 7th my companion was called on to his reward. It has been a long year to me but the Lord has been good to me in many different ways. . . . my daughter and husband who was hit by the drunken driver on road has been blessed . . . He is still wearing the collar for support but has made fast progress and is driving some. . . we have so much to thank the Lord for and the wonderful healing of little Dwane . . . My cup runneth over it seems at times. I do pray for all who are doing so much" --Sister Marie Miller

From Ore.: "I was glad to get your diary and look for more in the following Mission Trails. Yes, I sure do want the Mission Trail all through 1972. I love to read the testimonies even though I am not acquainted with very many of the saints that write in but the testimonies seem like getting a letter."

--Sister Vivian Williams

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From Miss.: "I did miss the Mission Trail while you were away, and I want to continue receiving it. My means are limited, a widow living on a social security check. I am sending \$1.00 to help a little and pray that it will accomplish something for Him. May God bless each of you and help you to carry on for Him is my prayer. Sincerely,"

--Mrs. Olen Williamson

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From Ark.: "I trust this finds you folks all well. Most of us are about as usual. We are sure having some wonderful weather here at this time. We are thankful to the Lord for it. We are enclosing two dollars to help you send the Mission Trail to us for another year. We enjoy receiving it and keeping up with news of the saints as well as your message and the testimonies. I am sure you reach people with the broadcast that would be impossible to reach any other way. Wishing you and yours a happy and profitable new year in the Lord's work there. Pray for us all that we may ever live in the center of God's will." --Bro. Irvin McMurrin

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From Mo.: "I am sorry I didn't get to attend the assembly meeting. My son Kerry came home and I didn't feel like I should leave. He just got here the 23rd of Dec. and he had to leave going back to Calif. the 26 so you see he didn't have long here at home. Surely all the boys in the USS needs our prayers." --W. J. Marler

From La.: "Greetings in the name of Jesus. Yes, we want to continue getting the Mission Trail, enjoy reading it. The saints are just one big family and reading testimonies seem like letters from our loved ones. It helps us get acquainted and to know even the ones we have never met. Only one more day in this year. The Lord has truly been good to us this year and we love him with all our heart. We want to serve him more perfectly in the new year as he gives us the understanding through His Holy Spirit to know how. This old world with all its fads and fashions and revelry, have no attractions for us. We get much satisfaction in the service of the Lord. Just to know we are free from sin, and on our way to Heaven give such joy, peace and contentment. We are thankful and appreciate the true ministers."

--Bro. Angus and Sis. Myrtis Flynn

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From Texas: "We greet you in Christian love this holiday season. Surely we have enjoyed the Mission Trail through this year and please keep our name on your mailing list. . . We appreciate you giving your time to the word and we expect to read and enjoy the Mission Trail so long as it prints the truth as it has in the past. Sorry we are unable to get the program over the air. The Lord has been good to us this past year. Our health is improving. Our son and family are back in the states for the holidays to enjoy the assembly meeting. The Lord worked in a miraculous way for Jim to get his vacation a week early. There is nothing too hard for the Lord. Enjoyed Evodna's family for three short days. If the Lord sees fit we expect to be at the assembly meeting a few days. We belong to him and our life is in his hands. May the coming year be a prosperous one for you and your family in the Lord."

--Edith Wall

From Okla.: "I am still saved and encouraged to live for the Lord all the way."

--Sis. Lillie B. Warner

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From Mo.: "Greetings in the precious name of our Lord who suffered and died on the cruel cross to save our poor souls from all sins so we can gain a home in heaven. I am praising the dear Lord for all his many blessings to me. . . . I am all alone. He comforts me and many times he has protected me from bad danger when I did not realize it."

--Sis. Fannie Williams

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From New York: "I am returning the coupon and surely would like my name to remain on the mailing list for 1972. I am also sending \$2 in money order for you to use as you see fit. I am not working or it would be more. My son, Victor, who supports me gave me the money and I would like for you and the saints to pray for him, as he is not saved. Also pray for my youngest son, Richard, for his salvation and healing. Indeed the Lord's second coming is near, very near. This is the endtime and I want to continue to serve the Lord, and be ready to meet him."

--Sister Ella Mae Hemphill

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From Kansas: "May the God of all creation bless you and yours abundantly in carrying the glorious gospel of our blessed redeemer to all humanity. . . . I am so thankful that He ever kept His watchful eyes about me and drew me with cords of love into the fold of God. Today I am striving by His great love to keep in touch with Him and obey every word his precious lips have spoken, for, He is so good to me, my constant companion and guide, in fact He is all I need on earth. . . . My prayers are with you and yours that you ever proclaim the living word to a lost and sinful world."

--Mae Belle Jennings

From Ohio: "Well I can say the dear Lord has done great wonders for me in my body. I thought for a while that I was almost to the end of my journey here in this world but almost instantly he gave me a healing touch and I felt like I had a new body. My heart is much stronger and am not short of breath like I was and it is much easier for me to do my work so I feel like the dear Lord wasn't through with me yet. . . . husband needs prayer for his knees. At times it is very difficult for him to get around, but we know our God is able for all things."

--Bro. Bill & Sis. Dovie Abbott

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From Okla.: "Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour who loved us so much that he gave his life that we might be saved, for which we are thankful today. As we are nearing the end of this year we are very thankful for his mercy and blessings of the past year. Our prayers and desires are to live closer and learn more how to get deeper in his love in this coming year."

--Bro. & Sis. L. Droke

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From La.: "We are thankful for all the many blessings of the Lord. We've just gotten in from a trip to mothers and on to Cassies then back by Shreveport. I was so happy to be in meeting at Guthrie on Christmas day. Sorry we couldn't stay longer. The Lord blessed us with a safe trip and we give Him thanks"

--Virgie Flynn

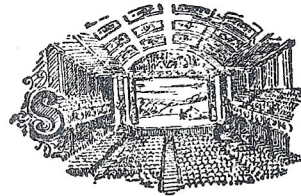
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From S. Car.: "Praise the Lord for every blessing he gives to me. I have been planning to write ever since we came back from the camp meeting. I never got around to it, but hope it won't be like that when the Lord comes for I sure hope I won't be late for him, and be lost. . . . I really enjoyed that camp meeting"

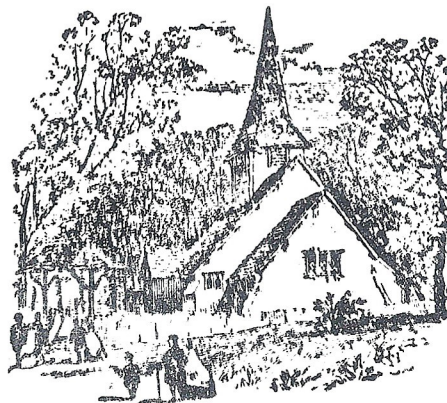
--Lurline Scott

# Children's Page

READ THE BIBLE BY SYMBOLS.



me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the



forever.

PSALMS xxiii.

# at press time

we understand:

From Okla.: "Greeting both of you in the name of our Redeemer. I'm grateful the Lord has spared me to see 1971 almost gone . . . I'm so glad the Lord is real in soul. --Sis. Mary Anna Brown

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Many rich blessings were received from the Lord during the assembly meeting here in Guthrie. The attendance was good especially at the first part.

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In the business meeting the state trustees were empowered to proceed with the building project of providing more room in the kitchen area, and if they deem advisable to build on to the present dining hall. Sunday morning, Bro. Stanley Lounds, one of the trustees, requested the congregations throughout the state to cooperate by setting aside a regular fund for the purpose of this expansion program. Those outside the state are also welcome to come and to participate in financing the much needed improvement as the Lord leads them. During the business session it was pointed out that some new cooking pots had been purchased without adequate storage space for them. Just prior to the meeting Bro. Robert Benson and others were instrumental in purchasing at a very reasonable price a pair of nice electric ovens which were installed and before the meeting ended were in use.

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Our heart-felt sympathy is extended to the relatives and loved ones of Sister Bonnie Wilson who died Nov. 29, 1971 in Chehalis, Washington. Bro. Ostis Wilson officiated at the funeral service.

From Pa.: "Thanks be to God for His wonderful love. It has been almost 3 months since we lost our dear companion, but the Lord has sustained me. We are yet trusting in Him for strength. Continue to pray for me. . . Please keep the Mission Trail coming to my house."

--Sis. Mary Johnson

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From Wisc.: "I am so glad that I have a heavenly Father to go to for help when I need help. I fell the other day but no broken bones only a black eye and I am so thankful. I wish you all a Blessed New Year."

--Jennie Chapman

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Saints in two cars made the trip to Lamar, Colo. to attend the funeral of Bro. Ed McEndree which was held on Wednesday, Dec. 29. It seemed to give Sister Addie a real lift, but we are sure she is counting on the prayers of the saints to hold her up in her lonely hours.

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Our heart is filled to overflowing with gratitude because of the response the readers have given in returning their coupon to remain on our 1972 mailing list. Many have included offerings to help us with the expenses. For this we are deeply grateful. If you have sent a contribution which has not yet been acknowledged we hope you will be patient, as our work is quite pressing at this time. Often our mail is answered the same day received, but being absent for a few days made a difference! And if you have not returned the coupon, please do so at once before we revise the mailing list.



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

## Broadcast Schedule

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