



# The Mission Trail

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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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## Now!

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### "WHO WILL GO"

With faces sad and burdens heavy,  
Almost more than they can bear,  
Walk the millions now in darkness,  
Knowing not their Lord doth care.

Who will tell them that the Savior  
Died to make their spirit free?  
Just to give them joy and gladness  
Now and through eternity.

How can we who are the creatures  
Tell the Lord who made us so  
That we will not heed His calling?  
We should answer, "I will go."

--Alvin McMurrin

Good morning friends. We are glad for the privilege to bring you a short gospel message from the Word of the Lord. I take this opportunity to thank all who have written and given of their means to make it possible for the continuation of this broadcast. How can I ever thank you enough? We are looking to the Lord to reward each in a very special way. Did you know the gospel of Christ in this dispensation offers the last hope of mercy to Adam's fallen race? Those who are not reached with the truth in this life will never be reached in the world to come. What we do for souls who are perishing must be done soon or our opportunities to reach them will be forever past. Let us ask ourselves the question: "Will I look back with re-

gret over this life lamenting the lost opportunities to do my best for Christ and lost souls." I hope not. Dear ones, the time to do something about that is now.

Listen to this scripture: "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation.) 2 Cor. 6:1-2. Give special attention to that small word, "now". There is only three letters in it, but it is powerful. It denotes action right now. That means immediately. There is no delay to those who put that word in use, or that is put it into action. Procrastination is so easy to do these days. Have you ever heard that expression: "Oh, there will be another day." Well, that may be true and that may not be true. How do you know there is going to be another day? And besides, how do we know what we'll be able to do on another day? It is possible that the wicked men of Noah's generation thought there was going to be another day. But that next day was one of destruction and death. The men of Sodom... (or that is, within a few days surely, as the flood waters came up.) The men of Sodom and Gomorrah may have thought the next day was going to be another one as they had seen

before, but listen to this scripture from Genesis 19:23-25--"The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground."

Remember, "today" is the gift of God and is held out to fallen men by the divine hand of mercy. Listen: "Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:"

Some folks don't recognize a bargain when they see it! Did you ever price some merchandise, then decide you were going to look around for a better bargain? After you had looked to your heart's content, you decided the first offer was the best. But then, when you returned to buy it, someone had already done so and you were too late! This is similar to the way the foolish virgins acted. They went to buy oil, buy when they returned it was too late. Here's another verse: "Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Heb. 4:7. And let me tell you, when folks have hardened their hearts through the years they really become hardened. They become set in their ways. Some would like to make a change, but find it next to impossible to do so. Friends, what you need is the touch of God's power to set you free.

The apostle Peter gave some solemn warnings of things to come. He spoke of "scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise

of his coming?" Does that have a familiar ring to it? Do you think it applicable to our day? Who said God was dead? Then, further on in this 3rd chapter of 2 Peter we find these words:

"Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, but the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

Now, to be perfectly frank, that doesn't sound to me like there is coming another "day of grace." As I see it, we are living in a day of general unrest. There is unrest in the schools. There is dissatisfaction among the working classes of people and uncertainty among the financial investors of the world. There is rioting and bombing with more demands than ever before.

Now, what this really does, is to indicate the condition of men's hearts. Too many have departed from the living God. Listen to these words from Gal. 5: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife,

seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

It is long overdue that people should obey the scripture: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Eph. 5:14.

This fourth chapter of James gives us an insight into some of the "whys" of the present conditions: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

The time has come for people to lift up their eyes and look away from this troubled world. Dear ones, set your affections upon things above and let not the problems of this life spoil your peace and happiness through Christ.

Let us pray: Our Father, we are looking to thee in this troubled hour. We acknowledge our need of thee and seek thy guidance. Bless every listener of the broadcast today in the way which they need most. Be with those who are passing through days of trials and burdens. Lighten the load and give grace to be faithful to the end of life's short day and thine shall be the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Thank you so much for the time you have given to the listening of this broadcast. If you have enjoyed it we would be so glad to hear from you. If you would

like a personal letter of encouragement write us by addressing: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Thank you everyone.

Now this song "What Jesus Is to Me". The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Edgar Martens.

And now before I go let me leave this closing thought with you: On every side there is much to inspire gladness of life; the love of men, the beauties of nature, the sweetness of friendship, the joy of service. Every day is the dawn of golden opportunity and every night a purple benediction of rest and peace. We should go forward with happy hearts, joyful in the consciousness of living here and now.

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

Our limited space does not permit the printing of all the encouraging letters we have received. A few of them follow: From Ill.: "Bro. Murphey, Enclosed is \$10 for the work there, for the Lord. Five is for the fund to bring the husband and wife from Jamaica. Time rolls on. Spring will soon be here once again, also the camp meetings. We look forward to them even if we can't be there. We want to request prayer for a lady who is afflicted. She needs the prayers of the saints, for soul and body. She has asked us to pray for her, told us to ask others too. We are still thankful for the little paper, keeps us in touch with the saints. We miss the little meetings we had in Decatur. The ministers ought not to forget the dear old people over that way. They need encouragement, as they can't get out much... Christian love and prayers,"

--Sis. Viola Perry

## YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

"That heavenly teacher, in words that are plain, This truth declared to men, If ever in heaven your soul has a place, ye must be born again. Good works will not save you--no penance will do; Morality, too, is vain. For naught will avail but a creature made new, Ye must be born again."

It is one thing to get light on the gospel and a far greater thing to walk in it. St. John 3:3 says, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." St. John 3:5 says, "...Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Verse 7 (same chapter) says, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

In order for a soul to enjoy this born-again experience, one would first have to come to the realization that he or she is a sinner. It is necessary that one come to the place where he hates sin and is tired of the sin life; then come to Jesus repenting of all sin, confessing and forsaking sin, laying aside the old life--that man of sin, and putting on the new man. It means giving up the old gang and searching for the new life in Christ. It means restoring that which he has stolen and confessing Christ as his personal Saviour. He is waiting to receive you. Deuteronomy 4:29: "But if from hence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul."

II Chronicles 15:2--"And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you." 1 Peter 3:11-13,

"Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers. But the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" Proverbs 8:17, "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me." Are you waiting, putting off your salvation until you gain earthly possessions. This is what the enemy of your soul will suggest. Luke 12:31-34, "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms, provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Colossians 3:1-3, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above and not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Colossians 3:5, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Colossians 3:12-15, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, Humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts..."

--Sister Gladys Cashio

## Testimonies

From Mo.: "Although we haven't written lately doesn't mean we have forgotten you (nor any of the saints). We don't want this to be a one sided correspondence, so will write and thank you all for making it possible that we can receive the Mission Trail papers with the gospel of salvation message and the other news of interest to the church. It surprised and encouraged us to see so many coming in Sunday from various congregations for our Senath all-day gathering, Mar. 4th. The Lord sent some good messages and exhortations and testimonies from the six ministers present. There's nothing dearer than being with the people of God where His presence is abiding. There was one pew that looked strangely vacant. Bro. and Sister M. Allen was missed by most all of us, I'm sure. We are hoping for a good gathering the 1st Sunday of April at Grubbs, Arkansas. Remember our dear friend, Oleene Grimes, as she has broken her arm... In the near future we are looking forward to Lenard and Mary Marler moving here. Pray the Lord to add to our number and send ministers by, or to stay, as He sees best. Christian love,"

--Louie and Evodna Marler

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From Ill.: "I was asked some time ago about how I learned about the Mission Trail. October of '72 my mother had brain surgery, a blood clot was removed. She was 81 years at that time. She has made 82 with prayers and testimonies from your paper. She is Amanda Jones of Jackson, Miss... While taking care of her I read a couple and decided at once I wanted them in my home. Keep teaching and encouraging all of us. It means a lot."

--Mrs. Juanita Foster

From Ohio: "Dear Bro. & Sis. Murphey, Greetings of love to you all this lovely Eve. We surely appreciate your card to us in our time of sorrow. Surely it is hard to go through but it was so wonderful how the dear Lord was with us each step of the way. He has been so precious to us. It is so hard yet to believe it can be so. The Lord has been so good to us. We have a large family and all were living but 1 grandchild. We thank the Lord she didn't lay and suffer. Suffered so much Monday the day she passed away from about 11:00 till 6:50 when she left us. The dear Lord was so precious to give her some relief at times. Bro. & Sis. McCoy and Uncle Everett came and had prayer when she would suffer severely. Ken & Lois, 2 of my brothers and daddy and I were with her when she left us. It just didn't seem possible she was gone. The Lord raised her up so many times we felt surely He would again, but it was time for mother to lay her burdens down and go to a place of rest. We wouldn't want her back to suffer but it is only natural to want her back with us. Truly our comfort during all of this is to know mother has gone to receive what she has been working for about 37 years... The Lord is wonderfully helping daddy. We lost a dear mother but he has lost a dear companion. They were so close. ... We surely appreciate all of your prayers and cards. The saints have always been dear to us but through this they have been even dearer... Love and prayers,"

--Bro. Bill Abbott, Sis. Della and fam.

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From Wisc.: "I want the paper to keep coming to me. I enjoy the news as well as the messages. I was home last weekend. Aunt Elsie doesn't have such swelling as she did. We had the evening service at their home..."

--Esther Adams

From Calif.: "This is a beautiful sunny morning. It's so nice to have the sunshine after having such a cold rainy winter, that has lasted so long. We had six inches of snow Saturday, and some more yesterday. I feel very happy and blessed in my soul this morning. I have so many things to thank the Lord for, but most of all, I thank Him for salvation, for placing a deep love in my heart to live for him, and for taking the desire and love for the sinful things of this world from my heart. It's so wonderful to have that peace and joy within us, and we, that have that kind of contentment, know it can only come from God... Hope this finds all of you well, and very happy in the Lord. Much Christian love," --Hazel Savage

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From Wisc.: "We're thankful this evening for the many blessings from the Lord. The greatest one is salvation from a life of sin. Some folks feel that the Christian's way is hard, there are so many things we have to give up. But for me the gain outweighs the loss, if you can call it that. When we give up the pleasures of the world we also give up the many heartaches and sorrows that goes with a life of sin and the wages of sin is death. So in the end the pay isn't so good either. One of my brothers was telling something that made me think how the devil keeps people from seeing just what sin is. He was telling of a small boy who was standing and looking at a rattle snake and my brother told him to stand still and not move a bit, till he got something to kill the snake with. Then when he came back and killed the snake he found out the boy hadn't heard a word he said. Evidently the snake had him charmed and he was deaf and dumb so to speak. And I thought how true that is when the devil has people bound or charmed. That was a real lesson to me." --Bertha LaVeau

From Pa.: "Greetings in the Name of our Wonderful Lord! When I think of what He has done for me on Calvary, it makes me praise Him more each day. Took all my sins and left them there... Today is first sunny and then very black clouds. The weatherman said thunderstorms this afternoon. There is high wind too. Regular March day for this part of the country. Our birds are returning. Robins have come back and pretty grackles. We feed the birds which we enjoy so much. We have a beautiful backyard. People say it looks like a park during the summer. My husband likes to work out there and fixes the flower beds and puts out a few vegetables..." --Sis. Eva Cox

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From Mo.: "I will try and write a few lines this morning and let you know that I surely do enjoy reading the Mission Trail... The Lord has been real good to us this last year in protecting our son and his wife from death in a head on car wreck. He got a broken leg and she had a bad concussion and didn't know any one for several days, but the Lord was merciful and brought her out of it. He is walking now with just a little limp. I truly thank the Lord for all his blessings to us and his mercy. Pray for us and our unsaved loved ones."

--Sis. Alice Johnston

## Spring Revival

Bro. William A. McCoy, pastor of the Church of God, Dayton, Ohio, called to make the announcement of their revival meeting beginning April 1st and continuing at least one week or longer as the Lord leads. Bro. Ira D. Stover is expected to be there to proclaim the Word in its fullness. You are invited to come and share in the blessings of salvation, sanctification and healing as well as the fellowship of the saints. Chapel address: 622 Tyron, Ph. 233-5393.

# at press time

we understand:



Alan Wayne Chrisman

Little Alan Chrisman, shown in the picture above, was 22 months old when he was fatally injured on March 12, unseen by his father at the time he darted into the path of the Ford tractor being used to spread gravel in his yard. Funeral service was in Enid March 15. Remember his parents in this hour of deep sorrow: Bro. & Sis. L. D. Chrisman, Route 1, Enid, Oklahoma 73701.

## *Spring Revival*

Spring revival meeting is scheduled to begin in the Church of God Chapel in Jefferson, Oregon, March 25 continuing through April 1st. All-day meeting is planned for both Sundays. Come and hear the truth preached and receive a blessing! Pastor--Bro. Ostis Wilson, 6505 NE Sunset Dr., Albany, Oregon.

### TO ALL PARENTS

"I'll lend you for a little time  
A child of mine," He said,  
"For you to love the while he lives  
And mourn for when he's dead.  
It may be six or seven years,  
Or twenty-two or three,  
But will you, till I call him back,  
Take care of him for me?"

"He'll bring his charms to gladden you,  
And should his stay be brief,  
You'll have his lovely memories  
As solace for your grief.  
I cannot promise he will stay,  
Since all from earth return,  
But there are lessons taught down there  
I want this child to learn.

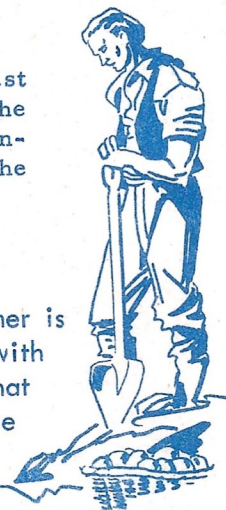
"I've looked the wide world over in  
My search for teachers true,  
And from throngs that crowd life's lane  
I have selected you.  
Now will you give him all your love,  
Nor think the labor vain,  
Nor hate me when I come to take  
Him back with me again?"

I fancied that I heard them say:  
"Dear Lord, thy will be done;  
For all the joy the child shall bring,  
The risk of grief we'll run.  
We'll shelter him with tenderness,  
We'll love him while we may,  
And for all the happiness we've known  
Forever grateful stay.  
But should the angels call for him  
Much sooner than we've planned,  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes  
And try to understand."



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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."

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