



# 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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## Prevailing Prayer

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He that is down need fear no fall;  
He that is low, no pride;  
He that is humble ever shall  
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,  
Little be it or much;  
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,  
Because thou savest such.

Fullness to such a burden is  
That go on pilgrimage;  
Here little, and hereafter bliss,  
Is best from age to age.

--John Bunyan

Thank you, John Bunyan for that valuable little poem. And good morning, friends. I wonder if that may be some of the writings of John Bunyan which he did while in that old Bedford jail. If so, it surely has paid off in spiritual reward to those who should afterward tread this pilgrim pathway.

In 1 Samuel, the 7th chapter and the 5th verse we read these words, "And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord." He said this at a time when the Lord's people were in trouble. They needed help. Samuel prayed for them, and they were given help from God. There are times when you and I need help, too, and we need to know how to pray. It is astonishing and appalling that some

people do not have the habit of prayer. Neither do they know how to pray.

Prayer is the sincere desire of the heart. It may either be uttered or unexpressed. However, I believe that earnest prayer is certainly expressed with the voice, and sometimes, with tears. But the important thing about it is that everyone should learn to pray. If you do not know how to call upon the Lord, you have missed the secret link between you and God. There is little connection, if any, left.

Prayer is that which ties us to the throne of God where our petitions are made known. Men and women of all ages have prayed. Many important decisions have been made while one was upon their knees in prayer to God. Elijah, the prophet of old, was a mighty man of prayer. When the drouth had been upon the land and the ground had failed to yield its fruit, Elijah knew how to get in touch with God. Listen, from 1 Kings 18 and verse 42 we read, "And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out

of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain." You see, friends, the Lord heard and answered Elijah's prayer.

When Daniel was carried away captive by the mighty empire of the Medes and Persians, there was one thing which his enemies could not take away from him. That was his connecting link with God--the power of prayer. Three times each day Daniel prayed at morning, at noon, and at night. He let nothing stop him, but let me give it to you from the 6th chapter of Daniel and verse 10: "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."

Jesus said, "that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;" But on the other hand there are those who don't practice prayer at all. Let me call your attention to Romans 1:32, "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but have pleasure in them that do them." Now, just before this is given a list of sins, including such things as backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, etc. All of these were listed. Folks who do things like this are going to be called to give an account thereof in the day of judgment. In fact, not only the folks who are sinful are going to be brought to judgment, but it is written that "every one of us shall give account

of himself to God." Does that sound to you as if God is not real? Here is another scripture beginning with Romans 1:6--"Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God." One person is just as valuable in the Lord's sight as another, but when evil is committed they shall give an account for it just the same as any other.

Listen to this poem:

#### SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND

Oh! where shall I find Jesus,  
This man of whom you tell?  
My heart is touched so strangely  
While on this theme you dwell;  
It seems to me some painted dream;  
I'm fevered with unrest.  
To you he seems so real and true;  
Your face speaks calm and rest.

Oh! come with faith, believing  
That he has long been waiting  
To clasp you in his loving arms;  
Then stand no more debating.  
"Oh! come to me, thou wandering one,  
And I will bear your burden,  
And hope shall be your shining light,  
And love shall be your guerdon."

Oh! think you he would take me?  
The way seems cold and dark;  
The light that's kindled in my breast  
Seems such a tiny spark.

Oh! is there balm for a wounded heart  
 Weary of this world's din?  
 I fain would lay my burden down  
 If he would let me in.

He came to call the erring back;  
 Come taste his loving kindness;  
 Come enter in with all your heart,  
 And he will heal your blindness.  
 He is rich in love and mercy;  
 His eye will guard and guide thee.  
 "Take up thy cross and follow me,  
 For there is none beside me."

Let us pray. Our Father, bless the message this day to the good of every listener. Some, no doubt, are carrying heavy burdens for which you have the answer, whether it be for salvation, problems of life or healing. Thy grace is sufficient, for we have found it so. Especially we are concerned about those who have not heard the truth as we know it in Christ. May we all do our duty in sending or taking as the Lord directs and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

And now this reminder, that this message is brought your way by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. If you would like to share with us a burden or need that we may agree with you in prayer, feel free to write to us. And do pray for us as we pray for you.

Here is a song "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus". The singers are Lynn and Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry and Edgar Martens.

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

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You can't change the past, but you can ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future. Have faith in God.

## Testimonies

From Calif.: "Greeting in the name of Jesus Christ our only helper in time of need and trouble whom I have found to be a present help to me in every time of need and trouble. Husband has been down over 10 years with a stroke unable to walk or help himself in the way of walking. The Lord has taken care of me and I want to give my testimony about how the Lord has so greatly healed my body recently. Oh, I had suffered greatly with one of my knees. Many times I would just give out in my body before I could get a meal cooked. I had walked with a cane. I decided to put the cane down. Well, I am sure many times I felt bad enough to get it again, but by faith I just would not and I am able to walk without the cane and without pain and I am thanking the saints for prayer. Many never knew me but when they asked the Lord to bless saints I was always in that number."

--Sis. Katie Gaines

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In Loving Memory of Silas Whitson Today, dear husband, I think of you with joy. We met, fell in love and married when I was a very young girl and you were just a young boy. God gave us 37 years together with much happiness, also some pain and sorrow. He blessed us with 2 girls and three boys. Memory of you is very precious and will never fade away. The day your cheerful voice perished from this earth, I was very sad, but also happy, because God gave me assurance you had surrendered to Him and was born again. Your youngest son was also saved that very day. The song you loved so much, Living by Faith has inspired me to have more faith in God...we plan to meet you in Heaven, with Jesus and all our loved ones and every one who is saved..."

--Pearlene Whitson and family

From La.: "I am glad I can say I enjoy serving God. He has been so good to us. He died on the old cross to make a way for our salvation. I am glad I heard his call and gave my heart to him. I can say of a truth I know I am saved and sanctified and living for God. ... When I lay this life down I expect to live on with God and the holy angels forever..." --Sis. Beulah Johnson

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From Jamaica: "... Sometimes we feel sorry that the distance from here makes it impossible for us to visit the church there often. We truly love and appreciate the saints over there. Well, Brother Murphey, we have entered into a new year, a year which offers new opportunities to the church over there to reach out over land and oceans to accomplish more and greater things for God, and we pray that she will grasp every opportunity to do so; and that her reached out hand might work mightily in our island. We pray for the unity of the saints--a coming out of divisions and coming together as was done when the "evening light" reformation started. Sinners must be saved, saints must be gathered (united). The church is the medium through which the Holy Spirit works. We pray that a greater effort will be made by the church this year to accomplish these... Sister Smalling and myself had a medical examination ("check up"). The doctor says Sis. Smalling's pressure is very high and that she has sugar i.e. she is diabetic. And of myself he said I have high blood pressure. He gave us tablets to take home and use but we have decided to trust in the Lord for our healing and not to use them. We ask your sincere prayers for our healing and the increasing of our faith... We desire to live to the faith. Pray for us that our faith will not be weakened."

--Bro. Israel Smalling

From Calif.: "... would like to send in our testimony of how the Lord healed our 2 babies. Joseph is 8 months old today. Two weeks ago he had what they call infected eczema, a bad skin infection. He was covered with it all over his body, even in his ears. It would form scabs and stay wet and pus would run... All I could do was wash him several times a day with water and rinse all his clothes in a boric acid solution. I also used corn starch to powder him to keep it dry under his arms and behind his ears. It got so bad he would scream when I washed him... we had him anointed and prayed for and we were trusting God to heal him. Lots of people disagreed with us but we still trusted God and praise the Lord he did not fail. Joseph is completely cleared up. His face was bad too. A woman told me he would have scars on his face. He doesn't have a one. His face is just as clear and pretty and how I praise the Lord. Also our other little boy, Daniel is 2 and will be 3 in March... He has always had problems with colds and things because his passageways are so small. He got an ear ache and it abcessed and his mouth broke out in sores inside and out, also big sores on top of his head and all over face and some sores on hand under one fingernail (he lost fingernail). He was very sick with fever. We had him anointed and prayed for and praise the Lord he healed him."

--Bro. K. C. and Sis. Candice Rich

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From Mo.: "Seems like the burdens of life are so great that it takes much pressing to live for the Lord but that is my determination to press on to the end. Daddy needs much help from the Lord yet, but we're so thankful that he has progressed this much. He walks and gets the cows up for us sometimes and he can do a few other things."

--Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines

From Va.: "Do trust all of you are well and happy in the Lord. I so enjoy The Mission Trail. I can't read too much now as my eyes are so bad with cataracts...only two of us here and we get so lonesome for the people of God. Please remember Sis. Nannie Connell and me and our loved ones in prayer."

--Sis. Lillian Bohannon

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"The Lord has answered some prayers that I was looking to him to answer. "What a Mighty God we serve" and the privilege to be called children of God."

--Sis. Lou Bray

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From Oregon: "...glad to report victory in my soul and while our world seems to be in chaos and men's hearts failing them for fear and distress of nations, still my eyes are set on Heaven and Mt. Zion which towers far above the fog and confusion of this fleeting time world. He gave His peace unto me a long time ago and it has stood the test of time. My daddy used to say there was a depth in the sea no wave ever disturbs and a height in the sky where no storm ever reaches."

--Sis. Grace Jones

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From Kansas: "I have been thinking; we need each other, i.e., (the true saints) more than ever before. I find my path of life fraught with all kinds of difficulties; this new year of 1974. But God has blessed us in so many ways that others have not been blessed. I can go and come as I wish, have abundance of good reading material. God has spared my eyes so I can read and I have ample time to read and pray. Recently the devil tried to get me to defend myself. He kept troubling me and hindering my prayer--but I just kept praying and finally when I came to, I had finished my prayer--and lo the devil was gone. He had slipped away." --Bro. Homer Fee

From Ill.: "Today finds us more desirous to do the will of God and trusting Him to direct our path. He said he would do this if we would acknowledge Him in all our ways...May He bless and keep you in His love always."

--Andrew and Thelma Reineking

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From Mo.: "...want to say we are keeping the victory day by day. The Lord is helping us...We pray the Lord will bless one and all. Pray for us..."

--Bro. Alsia and Sis. Dollie Sorrell

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From La.: "Trust this finds all of you well and busy for our dear Savior who has done so much for us. Our desire is to please Him better in 74 than we did in 73. We realize it takes watching and praying to be an overcomer...Dallas is able to take his walk each day, for which we are thankful...pray for us as we pray for you." --Elva and Neva Joiner

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the wonderful and Holy name of Jesus, our blessed Lord and Saviour. I am writing to let you know that I am enjoying the "Mission Trail" paper. It is a blessing to my soul. A dear precious saint had given me the little paper and then she sent my name into your office and I have been receiving the paper ever since."

--Sister Anna Mowry

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From Oregon: "It has been a long time since I have written. We have been in much prayer for our son, Joe. He has been very sick, had 2 toes removed as he has sugar diabetes and it would not heal. He is still in a nursing home, but the Lord has been so good to comfort our hearts and has done so much we can't thank him enough. I still would love to have the Mission Trail...I love to read the sermon and the testimonies of the people all over the world that love the Lord." --Sis. Mary Stice

From Okla.: "I want to tell you how wonderfully the Lord helped us on our trip to Calif. and back to Okla. again. I was gone six weeks and it was truly an enjoyable time, visiting old friends, neighbors, children, grandchildren, other relatives and many of the saints. I was in services at San Bernardino and Pacoima Assembly meeting the last Sunday morning, visited at Pomona and some others. So I thank the dear Lord for the way He helped me and gave me strength for the trip. My back is much better and my ankle stronger from the fall I had... Oh how I praise Him for His healing power and that I find Him my all in all for both soul and body... God bless you and your work for Him."

--Sis. Nellie Poulos

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From La.: "...we do appreciate the paper, so continue to send it to the Robert Forbes. We are getting up in years, will be 82 and 85 if the good Lord lets us live to June and August."

--Sister Elma Forbes

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From Mo.: "Hope this finds you all well and happy in the Lord. We have been thinking of you all and remember you in prayer. I'm sure you all are praying for me too. I sure appreciate it. The Lord has been so good to me."

--Sis. Myrtle Glass

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From Miss.: "...praises go to God for past and present blessing. Dear ones, let's praise Him if we are well and praise Him if we are sick... I'm still under the hand and trial of affliction... Can hardly be up at times... I positively do not intend to give up. I continue to call and call for prayer. They say prayer changes things. Remember me. I look forward to the Mission Trail that some one was kind and thoughtful to have sent to me."

--Sis. Ethel Lowery

From Okla.: "...today finds me still saved and much encouraged to live for the dear Lord... I enjoy reading the rich testimonies and enjoy the broadcast..."

--Sis. Fannie Taylor

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From Mich.: "Greetings from Portage to you folks, in the wonderful name of Jesus. Praise His name, for victory this beautiful day. The sun is shining so nice out there and it is warm once again, around 45. We've had some quite cold days, but it is warming up for awhile once again... Bro. Williams was up here for our all-day service in Jan. And we had meeting on Sat. night, 2 services on Sun... we had another service on Monday. We did so much enjoy each and every one of the messages."

--Bro. Ralph, Sis. Dorothy Wilkins

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From Ohio: "Greetings of Christian love, and in the name of our Lord, "who satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry woul with goodness." the sun is shining this morning, yet a low temperature of about 9 or 10, ground covered with snow on top of melting snow which turned to ice, so it is difficult driving except where street and expressways are salted. Yet, we have the warmth of our father's love in our heart, for which we are thankful, knowing that without the power of God keeping us in his care, we would be in bondage, this deceptive bondage that is sweeping through the nations, a form of Godliness denying the power thereof. The onslaught of the power of the devil is being keenly felt against all righteousness, Godliness, unity of faith, unity of the spirit, yet, praise our Lord, "wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear"... please pray for us here in Akron."

--Sister Hazel Clark

# at press time

we understand:

The saints and loved ones will surely miss Sis. Leola White who has gone to her reward. Bro. O. C. Porter and Bro. Leslie Busbee conducted her funeral February 26. She was 77 years of age and a member of the Britt family who attended services at the Church of God in Guthrie for many many years. Remember her husband, Roy White; also daughters Cledith Ochs and Beulah Mae Flynn in this time of sorrow.

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From Miss.: "My sister in law is in serious condition with heart trouble, too much sugar and right hand trembles . . . Her husband has heart trouble also. Please pray for them."

--Sis. Dorothy Bridges

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From Ohio: "...if weather at all permits we will probably still look forward to the meetings on 2nd Sundays... May the Lord help us all to be up and doing for our Lord who has done so much for us all."--Bro. & Sis. William McCoy, 619 Tyron Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45404

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From Ga.: "Greeting in Jesus name to all of the dear saints. Hope all is enjoying the best of health... Please pray for me. I mean to go right on till the crown is won."--Sis. Claudia Robinson

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Frances and I were grateful for the opportunity to be with the dear ones of Gale, Illinois over the weekend of Feb. 24th. There were a number sick and need a healing touch for whom we are praying. Sister Thelma Sprague and her daughter Mary accompanied us.

The first day of  
our life together...

*Mr. and Mrs. Edwin D. Eck*

and

*Mr. and Mrs. Willie C. Murphey*  
invite you to the marriage of their children

*Neta Marie*

to

*Willie Eugene*

and share in the joy

of the beginning of their new life together

*Lord willing*

*Their rows will be solemnized on*  
*Saturday, the thirteenth day of April*  
*nineteen hundred and seventy-four*

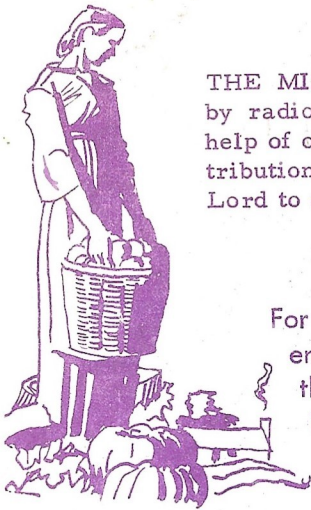
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*The Church of God Chapel*

*Hemlock and Independence*

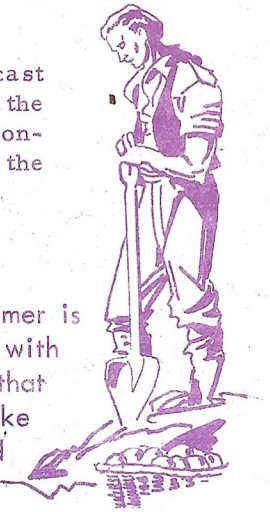
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*Reception following*  
*at the Chapel*



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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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