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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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The Gospel Alphabet, Chapter One

A is for AIM, C is for COURAGE, B is for BELIEVE
Take Aim, Believe and have Courage

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A cheerful good morning to all who may be hearing the sound of my voice. We are certainly happy to be coming your way again by means of radio. I have something special for you and although it is somewhat unique I trust it may prove both profitable and interesting. I would like to take the alphabet and use it as a means of a series of messages. As one goes to school the ABC's are considered very important. Words are made of these and thus thoughts conveyed by different arrangements of these letters.

Just as a good education is founded on the ABC's even so I believe we should lay a good gospel foundation if we would be successful in living for God and making the most of the good life. So without further introduction listen:

A is for AIM--"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13-14. From this scripture we see A is for Aim. The apostle Paul had a purpose in life. That aim was to please God and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Oh, for a consecration that will cause us to take aim, set our sights upon the target and then work toward that end. May we not shoot at random and then draw the target circle around the bullet hole and pretend that

is what we were aiming for. That would just be a happen-so or coincidence.

I well remember when with some friends we were shooting at random for practice. Bottles and cans tossed into the air were our specialty. But by chance a bird flew over. One young man pointed his rifle into the air and fired at the bird. To our surprise the bird fell to the earth. But that is not all. It fell into an open can. The young man walked forward, picked up the bird in a casual manner as if that was his intention all the time. What a record! Think of the possibilities of that happening again!

If your arrows fall to the ground at your feet, it could be your aim is too low! You are pointing toward the ground. We are exhorted in Colossians three, verses 1 and 2: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right

hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

If your aim is toward the earth, that is the direction in which you are going. Man goes where he points himself. How often do you hear the expression about a certain person that "he lives an aimless life"! The plans and purposes of an individual are a good index to the motives of his heart.

Abraham lifted up his eyes toward the heavens. He "looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Heb. 11:10. Moses... "when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season". Heb. 11:24-25. Joshua said, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15. And Jesus came "to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 10:10. So each had a definite aim and motive.

We, too, should have a purpose in life. First of all that aim should be to please God and to be a man or woman after his own heart. Next, we should have an interest in the souls of men and women about us. In other words, let us be a friend of man. Jesus was accused of being a friend of sinners and publicans, but it was by his interest in them, that they were won to the kingdom of God. It means more to be constructive and build up the work of God than it does to tear it down. Most any one can tear down but it takes a wise master builder to construct and fit together the joints in a perfectly framed mansion.

Let us aim to have God as our pilot. I

have seen bumper signs which say "God is my co-pilot", but I like much better the one which says: "God is my pilot."

Next, one should act as the target of aim comes into view. For "faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." James 2:17.

B is for BELIEVE!

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11:6.

Now this is more than wishing. Many wish for things but have little faith to believe they will ever get them. Faith and real belief is that which reaches out and makes the impossible come true. Remember, "we walk by faith and not by sight." 2 Cor. 5:7. Even though I have never been to Berlin, or London or Moscow, I believe these places exist and if I were going there I would go with the expectation of seeing them for myself. Faith is positive thinking. Jesus said "according to your faith be it unto you." Matt. 9:29.

Doubts and unbelief are negative things and will chill the heart and kill the aspirations. So we need faith 365 days of the year!

Belief will give us the power to do things. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12. And so we are warned: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." Heb. 3:12.

The apostle Paul declared -- "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. So real faith will not only cause us to believe in God, but it will cause us to believe that his power within us will help us to accomplish. Again the apostle wrote "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" Phil. 4:13.

Finally, remember, "And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" 1 John 5:4.

C is for COURAGE

Courage is that which gives us power to overcome our fears. Without courage we can expect no victories. Trials, tribulations and persecutions are the things which try men's souls. They make or break a person according to their courage and faith in God. Those who have courage keep fighting and pressing their way homeward. Job had the courage to say of God: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:" Job 13:15. His faith was fixed.

God encouraged his people: "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee: he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Deut. 31:6. And listen to these words of Jesus, "let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

Encouraging Timothy Paul wrote: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Tim. 1:7. Many can go with the crowd and have lots of faith, but the going gets rough when one has to stand for the truth against the crowd. The enemies of Nehemiah made light of him and said: "Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall." Neh. 4:3.

But Nehemiah did not let this stop him. He went right on and succeeded in building the walls of Jerusalem.

I noticed a rather large dog barking at a cat which was much smaller in size! How the dog did bark and torment that cat! The dog pretended to attack the cat, but when the final show-down came the cat bristled up and ran, not away from the dog, but toward it! She was ready for attack. That settled the matter. The dog continued to come back and bark for awhile, but it was only bark. The matter had been settled. The cat was the victor because of her courage!

So dear ones, remember, there is a time when it takes courage to speak. "there is a time to keep silence and a time to speak." Eccl. 3:7.

Let us pray. Our Father, we come asking for the needs of our own and of those who hear the broadcast. Help us to learn well our ABC's. And may these graces of Aim, Belief and Courage remain with us all the days of our lives for we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

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

Films had been processed and plates exposed with some pages already printed before we received word today, Sept. 25 that dear Sis. Marken of Twin Falls, Idaho had departed this life early this morning. Please do remember her husband and other loved ones in this time of Sorrow and especially Sister Ruby Marken, Route 1, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

From Okla.: "I'm still saved and living for Jesus and I don't mean to stop short of heaven. The world of sin is lost, getting worse and worse all the time. I'm sending in some names for the Mission Trail...I'm out here in the country, east of Boley. I'm working for the Lord...I mean to go to the end working for Jesus...remember me soul and body." --Sis. Lizzie Jordan

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From Okla.: "Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. The name we love so well and who loved us so much He shed His blood on Calvary's cross to bring salvation to a lost and dying world. Then think, why shouldn't we love Him? I'm a little slow, but I want to thank each one for your prayers and love each one showed in the loss of my brother. The Lord was surely good to us, protecting us on our flight to Calif. and back. It was a beautiful flight coming home, and comforting us. I just can't thank and praise Him enough. It makes me to know more how brittle the thread of life is. He was well on Wed. until about 9 p.m. and by 1:30 a.m. Thursday morning he was gone...I feel time is short, and since the Lord made me that visitation it seems I can almost feel eternity looming in sight. It seems so close...We got the Mission Trail yesterday. I always like to read it all in one sitting. I enjoy it, also the radio messages each Sunday... Love and prayers," --Sis. Emma Dilley

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From Ill.: "Just a line to say we are about normal in health although I have an affliction in my body I would like prayer for God to heal if it is his will. I hope all is well with you. If it is the Lord's will we plan to leave here the first day of October for Louisiana... Hope to see more of you then. Remember us in prayer as we do you."

--Bro. Albert Green

From Calif.: "Please forgive the delay in my not writing for so long. I think of you folks often. I do hope that you are both well and happy. I am still saved and enjoying the blessings of God. Also get the Mission Trail and enjoy it too. Thank you so much. The San Diego saints are all doing well. I keep in touch with Sister Tora Mae Jensen. We are dear friends...I...am not very well, but I feel sure God will bring me thru if it is his will and for the best. The weather is warm here days, but cool nights and just lovely...Christian love to all," --Sis. Lillian Williamson

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From La.: "Trust you all are well and encouraged much in the Lord. To whom else is there to go to except the Lord? So thankful that the Lord showed mercy and broke the binding powers of sin, when we came to Him crying for mercy. The Lord has blessed us down thru the years more than we could ask Him. I can't understand why anyone wouldn't want to live for the Lord. It's a great blessing to have Him to trust in. We enjoy the radio message each Sunday morning over WFPR, also the Mission Trail papers... Thankful for your efforts in getting the gospel out. May the Lord continue to bless and supply every need in every way. We are thankful to have Bro. and Sis. Beisley with us again down here. We sure miss Bro. and Sis. Probst. We love and appreciate Sis. Lavern. She brought us a real stirring message last night on "Our Attitudes" (Luke 15). "The prodigal son" and brother. Pray the Lord to help me. I want to get all the help I need now while there is time and not wait till too late."

--Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Virgie Flynn

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"I am still listening every Sunday morning and enjoy reading the Mission Trail paper."

--Sis. Katie Priem

From Okla.: "...it's hard to go through some things the Lord permits to come our way, but when we know he goes right along with us and will not allow more than we are able to bear and know his grace is sufficient then we can say amen to his will and know all is for our good and his glory if we exercise ourselves in a godly way. I've told my children if we don't suffer persecution we don't live godly enough and I've told the saints the Lord may let us go through the fiery furnace, but he will go in there with us for he will never leave nor forsake us. It's marvelous how the Lord will help us to be loving and kind and pray for the ones that mistreat us. God never makes a mistake. He does all things well. He knows what it will take to get us to heaven. We can't hide anything from God. He knows all about each one of us. Before I got saved I didn't think I could ever trust him for healing but when I got saved he showed me to go on into sanctification and I did right away. When I got sanctified I had an affliction on my body and he healed that when he sanctified me, so that encouraged my heart... We desire your prayers."

--Sister Katie Gibson

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From Ill.: "Hope all is well at your house. I think our summer is about over. It has cooled off here that it isn't comfortable, after our real hot weather of this past week. We still love the Lord and desire to follow Him. I've gotten to go to services a couple times since the camp meeting. Maybe Frances remembers when she was with her father and they stopped off in Urbana for a few nights meeting. He tells about it in his book. (God's Gracious Dealings.) Iva Slade is still the pastor. She's up in years. They have a young girl too, who preaches some there... I'm glad when the little paper comes"

--Sis. Viola Perry

From Okla.: "Greetings of love in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I have been very sick from a heart ailment, but the Lord has blessed me much and I have much to be thankful for, and that it is no worse than it is. Thank the saints for their prayers and God for his care and keeping. I haven't been able to attend church or the camp meetings but my prayers go up for the saints of God that souls may be saved, saints edified, weak strengthened and the gospel go through with power in these last days. I love to read The Mission Trail. It is so encouraging. Please keep it coming. Here is a small donation. Pray for me as I pray for you. Yours in Christ,"

--Sis. Rilla C. Wadley

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From Kansas: "Greetings in the name of the Lord. We are tired in body now that our meeting is over but we are happy and increased in our soul. The sinners did not come out to meeting as we desired and only 2 yielded for salvation. However, before the meeting started my main burden seemed to have been that the saints receive spiritual help and understanding. Several of the messages were warning about these being the last days and what the judgment day will be like. A number of the saints sought for more grace and better understanding and closer walks with the Lord. If we as saints will get deeper and stronger and seek and receive more wisdom perhaps we can win a few more souls before God says that is enough. Men's hearts are harder and unconcern about their own souls is widespread but may the Lord continue to extend mercy. The Lord has been impressing me about letting down the nets where he says that we may get a draught of fish, thinking of people, of course, so may he lead us to know where to catch some souls."

--Sis. Shirley Knight

From Calif.: "Thank you for Mission Trail. It means so much to me, lifts me up when all seems to be dark and sad. The testimonies and poems and message on wedding garment--how we should take heed and be ready. I mean to be ready, bless his holy name and love my shepherd, my master above all."

--Sis. Opal Williams

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From Mo.: "We are keeping courage in our souls, for we find the Lord to be everything He ever promised to be to us. Praise His sweet name! We just returned from Nowata meeting and enjoyed the messages sent forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. We trust the Lord to bless His truth to the good of precious souls throughout the meeting. The interest was good with good attendance and attention to the Word of God as it went forth. We were thankful to be privileged to attend for two nights of the meeting. We have appreciated the way the Lord has blessed in all the good camp meetings this summer. We hope to be able to retain all the good we have received."

--Bro. Murphy and Sis. Natalie Allen

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From Tenn.: "We're thankful to be saved and still trusting in God. Sorry we didn't get to see you and many others of the saints, this summer, as I didn't make it to the camp meeting. We go over to Spruce Pines, N. C., occasionally and worship with the little congregation there. We love them and enjoy the fellowship... May the Lord continue to lead and direct you in his will and way."

--Bro. Charles B. Williams

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From Okla.: "I am wading through the trials to do my master's will. Pray much for me. My husband is in the hospital, had surgery the 5th. Also pray for my husband's recovery."

--Sis. N. H. Bowles

From Miss.: "Dear ones everywhere: Greetings in Jesus dear name. I wish all of you that wanted to come to our tent meeting could have come. I praise God for all that did; was such a pleasure to have you in our home. Thank you so much for your good deeds. May God bless each one that helped to make this possible. Think we had some pretty special songs and our song leader did well. Also we had some mighty good preaching. Think most all that heard it seemed to enjoy it. Pray for us."

--Dorothy and Warner Bridges

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From Mo.: "You may have heard about Carol Jean being so ill since shortly after camp meeting. Her heart gave her some bad trouble, and we came close to losing her. Several times during the 10 days that she was so bad, it looked like she was going. But the dear Lord had mercy on her and us and spared her. We brought her over here to our house so I could care for her, and Paul's folks took the children. We are so thankful that the Lord touched her and raised her up so quick. She had been in bed for 10 days, very low most of the time. Then one evening, after the Lord had touched her that morning, when Mac came home from work, she met him in the kitchen with a bright smile and said, "Hi daddy!" He could hardly believe his eyes. She is still rather weak, and has to lie down and rest every day, but they all went back to Kansas City last Sunday morning so the children could start to school there. ... This has been a busy summer for us. With moving, and all the summer work of canning and freezing food. And sickness. The children with whooping cough, and Carol Jean sick. But the Lord has been good to us. We appreciate His blessings. Must go now. With love,"

--Bro. Mac and Sis. Carrie McMillian

at press time

we understand:



Bro. and Sis. Wilbur F. Jarvis

"The dear heavenly father has seen best to call this dear husband and father, Bro. Wilbur F. Jarvis, age 77, to his eternal reward. He was a precious saint of God, a regular attendant at the Church of God chapel in Junction City, Ky. He died August 8, 1975 at his home. In loving remembrance of my dear husband:

Upright and just in all your ways,
Honest and faithful to the end of your days,
Sweetly you slumber, your sickness is o'er.
The love of your family you need no more.
As we pressed on your lips the last kiss of love
We knew that angels welcomed you above.
It is sad to think that you are gone
When all around we see
The good deeds you have done in life,
Too little done for thee.
The years may wipe out many things,
But this they will wipe out never,
The memory of the happy days
Which we have spent together."

--Sis. Wilbur F. Jarvis
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From Calif.: "I am writing to let you know Dad Bro. Frank Kutra passed away Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1975 ... Dad lived for God over 50 years and has gone to his reward...Christian love,"

--Bro. James Kutra

Plans are being made to start gospel meeting in Anthony, Kansas Sunday, October the 12th and continuing through the week. Starting time each evening is 7:30. Sunday the 12th there is to be morning, afternoon and evening service with covered dish lunch at noon. We are expecting Bro. Richard Madden and all others whom the Lord may send to be with us in most of these services. Welcome to Church of God chapel, on the corner of Penn and Garfield St., Anthony, Kansas.

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Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Audrey Baumgartner, Hammond, La., upon the loss of her husband Bro. Sam Baumgartner who died Sunday, Sept. 14. Bro. Bob Forbes stated that Sam's great desire before he passed was: "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!"

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Our sympathy is extended to the loved ones of Bro. Louis Droke, who departed this life on Sept. 2. Funeral was held in Church of God chapel, Enid. Quoting from Obituary: "As a young man he was saved...and loved and served the Lord until the end...The family...wishes to express its deep gratitude for the deeds of kindness shown by his many friends."

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HELP US keep our mailing list updated! If it is your desire to continue receiving The Mission Trail please let us know! And many thanks to all who are so faithful to write us from time to time. Your prayers and interest mean so much in these perilous days!



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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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