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"I CAME NOT TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS TO REPENTANCE!"

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Good morning to one and all! I hope today finds each of you well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Listen to the words of this promise from Acts 1:9-11, "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." It is an inspiring thing to read of the coming of Jesus by promise, his ministry, with all the deliverance he brought, and then his death and resurrection, but I am glad for this promise of his return:

THIS SAME JESUS

"This same Jesus?" Oh, how sweetly
Fall those words upon the ear,
Like a swell of far-off music
In a night-watch still and drear!

He who healed the hopeless leper;
He who dried the widow's tear;
He who changed to health and gladness
Helpless suffering, trembling fear;

He who wandered, poor and homeless,
By the stormy Galilee;
He who on the night-robed mountain
Bent in prayer the wearied knee;

He who gently called the weary,
"Come, and I will give you rest";
He who loved the little children,
Took them in his arms and blest;

He, the lonely Man of Sorrows,
'Neath our sin-curse bending low,
By his faithless friends forsaken
In the darkest hours of woe, --

"This same Jesus?" When the vision
Of that last and awful day
Bursts upon the prostrate spirit,
Like a midnight lightning ray;

When, else dimly apprehended,
All its terrors seem revealed,
Trumpet-knell and fiery heavens,
All the books of doom unsealed,

Then, we lift our hearts adoring--
"This same Jesus," loved and known;
Him, our own most gracious Savior,
Seated on the great white throne;

He himself, and "not another";
He for whom our heart-love yearned
Through long years of twilight waiting,
To his ransomed ones returned!

For this word, O lord, we bless thee,
Bless our Master's changeless name;
Yesterday, today, forever,
Jesus Christ is still the same.

--Frances Havergal

Now, while we wait for the coming of the Lord we should never lose sight of our obligation to be a witness for Him. Listen to these words of Jesus:

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34. So what are we to do? Be busy:

AS A WORKER

Shall I empty handed be,
When beside the crystal sea
I shall stand before the everlasting
throne?
Must I have a heart of shame
As I answer to my name,
With no works that my Redeemer
There can own?

What regret must then be mine
When I meet my Lord divine,
If I've wasted all the talents He doth
lend?
If no soul to me can say,
I am glad you passed my way;
For 'twas you who told me
Of the sinner's Friend.

If my gratitude I'd show
Unto Him who loves me so,
Let me labor till the evening shadows
fall;
That some little gift of love
I may bear to realms above,
And not empty-handed be
When comes the call.

When the harvest days are past,
Shall I hear Him say at last,

Welcome, toiler, I've prepared for thee
a place?

Shall I bring Him golden sheaves,
Ripened fruit, not faded leaves,
When I see the blessed Master
Face to face?

When the books are opened wide,
And the deeds of all are tried,
May I have a record whiter than the
snow;

When my race on earth is run,
May I hear Him say "well done."
Take the crown that love
Immortal doth bestow."

--Sel. by Sis. Emma Dilley

So then, as workers for Christ, we certainly need to know how to go about His work. May I give you a few suggestions? First we must have the knowledge of salvation. The experience of the new birth as taught in the New Testament is a reality. The apostles spoke with certainty. John affirmed: "We know that we have passed from death unto life," 1 John 3:14. "We know that we are of God," chapter 5:19. And "every one that loveth is born of God," 1 John 4:7. How can one have salvation and not know when they got it? We are made conscious of this great change by the fact that our sins are removed. We read that Jesus came "to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins," Luke 1:77. When one is saved the experience of freedom from sin and its guilt is now as real as was the fact of sin before. But this is not all. Although one is not saved by feelings, it is a fact that new feelings, new hopes, and new aspirations spring up in the soul, so that one is made to realize the truth of the scripture that says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

Another clear evidence of our salvation is the radical change that is wrought in our affections. While living a sinful life, men do not really love God from the heart, for they are living in a state of indifference toward the claims of God upon them. Some go so deep into sin as to become "haters of God." But when saved one is ready to exclaim with the apostle, "We love him, because he first loved us", 1 John 4:19.

Next, one experiences a change in their affections with reference to those who have been their enemies. Instead of the hatred and bitterness they had, they then have a sense of love reaching out to them and it isn't hard to obey the words of Jesus: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:" Matt. 5:44-45.

One more thing which is different: Our feelings toward God's people are also changed, and "we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren," 1 John 3:14. And "by this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments." 1 John 5:2.

But the best and clearest evidence of our acceptance with God is the internal witness of his Spirit. Salvation is received by faith. Paul said to the jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." And John says, "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself," 1 John 5:10.

Dear ones, do you remember a time in your life when sin was instantly canceled and the grace of God came into your soul? This may or may not have been at a public altar of prayer. I was much

impressed by the testimony of a young mother telling how she was saved. She knew the teaching of the Bible and what it was to be a child of God, but somehow she had drifted away from the truth and was no longer living for the Lord. Upon a certain occasion she found herself driving through the city of Dallas with all of its traffic and dangers with one of her children in the car at night and her husband asleep in the back seat. Driving at night was a hardship because of her vision and she felt so alone. She also realized she was away from God. All of this gave her a feeling of utter helplessness. Then came this great longing in her heart to find a place of prayer and someone to be agreed with her for her salvation. She was ready and willing to yield to God, not realizing the extent that God was then and there working in her life and heart. She was waiting for the opportunity while God was ready at that moment. Soon a song filled her soul and the blessing of heaven flooded over her. Suddenly she realized that she was saved right then. The fear was gone and peace came in. Joy was her portion as she continued her drive through the traffic of Dallas. A great assurance was hers that God had come into her life. This had happened some two years before she told the experience in prayer meeting the night I heard it, but it sounded good to me!

Our Father, we know that it is not the will of God that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. We ask thy special favor on all who hear the message in Jesus name. Amen.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. Pray for us as we also pray for you. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey, saying God bless and keep you always, and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Calif.: "Praising my God today for his tender loving care. Oh, the mercy and the goodness of God. Surely his love in our hearts is the way to victory. Some day our life on this earth will be no more, and then eternity. What a solemn thought, we must stand before God to be judged. Oh, what happiness to those who are ready, and dressed in robes of righteousness. Trusting the Lord is blessing you soul and body." --Bro. Jim Kutra

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From Kans.: "Nothing big on my birthday...It was such a nice day outside. I just enjoyed thinking about how the Lord has blessed me to give me so many years, 78. I do hope some where along life's way I have helped some one to know the love of our Savior...I'm so thankful to be saved and do want to live the rest of my life for the Lord and try to be content with "old age." How different from what we once were."

--Sis. Dolly Gideon

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From La.: "Greetings of love in the Lord who loved us, and washed us from our sins (all of them) in his own precious blood. Isn't it a wonderful thing to be saved, and how wonderful we can keep saved, through God's shed blood, power, and grace, with an unwavering faith in God thru Jesus, praise his name for ever. I do love the Lord and am striving to live daily to make heaven when this life ends."

--Sis. Lavern Manuel

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From Kans.: "I have a deep determination to live close to God, to be ready when he calls. The world is so wicked that sometimes I have to pray for God to help me be brave and to have a deep trust that he is protecting me. I know he is." --Sis. Mamie Norcutt

From Ga.: "Let us all 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.' Isn't that a wonderful promise?" --Bro. Friendly Green

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From Calif.: "Many thanks to you and to the Lord for the Mission Trail paper. Please keep sending it and may the Lord continue to bless you as you labor for Him. I'm encouraged to keep pressing on the upward way and need prayer for the tests and trials." --Barbara Severs

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From N. Mex.: "Praise God for everything. Without him we can do nothing. ...I thank and praise God for all his love and tender care. One night in 1970, July 30 I saw his vision by the side of my bed and it was so wonderful. He said, 'It is I, be not afraid,' and I wasn't, praise him forever."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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From Oregon: "Here it is Nov. and we will soon be leaving to attend the Oregon assembly meeting. My brother and I attended five camp meetings this summer. We sure enjoyed being in the meetings and meeting so many dear saints ... We have been having such beautiful sunny days."

--Sis. Lucille Trimble

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From Okla.: "I am happy for the love of God to us all. Thanksgiving to our heavenly Father...Happy Thanksgiving day to you all there. Pray for us."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From La.: "I love each of you and the beautiful Church of God...I am saved, sanctified and healed. How wonderful and all people everywhere can have same experience if they would only turn their hearts and lives over to Jesus! ...Let us all be sure we have everything clear between us and our Savior. He loves the lost!" --Sis. Rubye Quave

From Okla.: "I'm doing nicely, thank the Lord and I'm still saved and mean to go on until the crown is won. The Lord sure blessed us with a good meeting. One night a dozen or so was at the altar, some getting newly saved, some backsliders and some renewing their consecration. The presence of the Lord was definitely in our midst in a great way. We give God all the glory. Let us stay with the Lord and resist the devil and he will flee from you. I ran upon a girl deep in sin a few years ago and gave her a tract which she laid down 'til way over in the night the Lord started dealing with her. She found the tract and read it and at the 6:30 prayer meeting the next morning she surrendered to the Lord and has been going strong and steady for the Lord ever since. She spent a couple nights with me during our meeting and gave a touching testimony of how the Lord delivered her and how she found peace and joy in the Lord... We are still rejoicing over our meeting. The Lord is faithful to give us a few more days to get our loved ones in. Closing now with much Christian love. Your Sis. in Christ,"

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan

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From Calif.: "Greeting to the saints of God. I am glad tonight to still be saved, trusting the Lord for soul and body. I mean to continue to live for God until he calls me home. The Lord is so good to me. He has blest me to be able to stay out of severe illness. I am 81 years old and I know it is a blessing from God. May the Lord bless everyone is my prayer."

--Sis. Katie Gaines

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From Calif.: "Keep on till God calls home. That's what I mean to do. Whisper a little prayer for me. I don't feel good in body this morning, but good in soul." --Sis. Lessie Davenport

From Oregon: "Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances, you said once you enjoyed my letters about our primitive living. Well, God has opened up ways for the money to be loaned to us to end this life style of 18 months. We are purchasing an 10'x60' mobile home of our own. Much prayer has gone forth about this move. It will be a bit over 4 miles from Bill's work. Now it is 27 mi. one way to drive. Weather gets a bit bad between here and there sometimes. God has always helped us so we're trusting in Him to supply work so we may make payments necessary. So thankful I've been able to can fruit and vegetables to supply our needs and share with others. We will have a good garden space close by the mobile home with water supply. This was a mile away for garden, irrigation canal shut off. So thankful we can trust in Him who shall supply all of our needs. I've always liked flowers. There are more planted on this lot than I've ever had, praise the Lord. It all overwhelms me. May the Lord bless and keep you folks and all in His service in that area." --Bill and Doris Busch

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From Okla.: "We trust this finds you all well and happy in the Lord. We are very well and encouraged in the Lord. He is ever mindful of his trusting children. We have trusted him for both soul and body for over 50 years... May the Lord richly bless you all..."

--Sis. Elizabeth Glass

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From Ark.: "Hope you both are well. We are well and thanking the good Lord for life and salvation. He has been good to us. I'm sorry I haven't written you in so long. But seems like I just kept neglecting it. Thank you for sending me the Mission Trail. I enjoy it very much. Keep me on your mailing list. I thank the good Lord for the work you all are doing..." --Sis. Jewell Russell

From Okla.: "The Lord blessed us so much all last week in our soul, it was hard to contain. We had been so burdened for Bro. & Sis. Hargrave since our grandson was forced to go to the hospital against his parents wishes. I was made to understand their sorrow. The Lord gave me the tune to the song "In the shelter of his arms". All the words that came to my mind was "There is peace in the time of trouble, there is peace in the time of the storm." How these words rang out in my heart and mind day and night. I was restless in my sleep on Thursday night. I woke up with those same words...I said, Lord, what is all of this? Am I going to die? If this is death, it is wonderful. I had such peace in my soul, and felt so happy. The Lord spoke to me and said, This is the answer to all the prayers going up for the Hargrave family. I knew then the Lord was wanting us to have peace in the time of trouble. How joy filled my soul. This stayed with me all week. Then Sunday morning Bro. Richard got up and said he was going to preach about peace. I knew it was real. The Lord had been talking to him while he was talking to me. The message was wonderful. I had thought I wouldn't say anything about my experience til some other time. But to please the Lord I had to tell it soon as Bro. Richard finished his message....The congregation then sang my song, "In the shelter of his arms"...The Spirit of the Lord rested on the congregation...We appreciate and enjoy The Mission Trail even tho' we seldom tell you so. May the Lord supply your need and keep it on the air."

--Sis. Edith Wall

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From Calif.: "I'm so glad to be his child. The way grows sweeter every day. I love your Mission Trail. I always look forward to it."

--Leta Kimmel

From Pa.: "Greetings from Pa. in Jesus precious name. Our hearts were saddened to hear of your Sis. Marie passing on. We know she will be sadly missed. Our loss is heaven's gain. We never met her. She wrote many encouraging letters. It is a real encouragement to know our loved ones have made it in. We have so much to thank the Lord for his great protection and for the multitudes of his tender mercies. My prayer is that we not be ungrateful but real appreciative. We thank him for the precious eternal word of God, knowing it is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path...Please pray for me. I have a stiff leg. I have arthritis in my knee...Love and prayer,"

--Sis. Cora Slifer

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From Ala.: "Another day the Lord has made so let us be glad and rejoice therein. I miss Sis. Marie so much in just correspondence and knowing she is not there. I know you miss her so much more...I praise God for the strength he gives me daily. For His love, mercy and grace He bestows upon us all daily. I thank God for the peace and joy and comfort He gives us. I thank Him today for the comforter, The Holy Ghost, He gives to us, not to just abide with us for a few weeks or years but to abide with us forever and ever...I still enjoy the little Mission Trail. May God bless both of you."

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From Kans.: "I enjoy your Mission Trail messages. May the Lord bless all of you, as you labor for the Lord. I do love the Lord, and strive to please him in all I say and do. The Lord has been so good to me, and also my family. I thank and praise him. We certainly have a most merciful, kind and loving father in Heaven. Please continue sending me the Mission Trail paper."

--Sis. Lula Tucker

at press time

we understand:

From Ontario: "We are so thankful to the Lord for His tender mercies to us. He has blessed our souls from day to day and it is a pleasure to serve Him. On the 16th of October we became the grandparents of identical twin boys; one 7 lbs 6 oz and the other 5 lbs 10 oz. They're beautiful babies. Our daughter is doing fine; no problems arose. We sure want you to continue to send The Mission Trail to us, as we enjoy it very much..." --Bro. W. Lassché

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Our hearts are saddened by the passing of our dear Bro. Floyd Hines. A few years ago after the death of his wife he left his home in Michigan and came to Guthrie to live, later going to the Golden Rule Home. He loved the saints and we loved him. Funeral was held in Guthrie Nov. 15, after which the body was returned to Michigan for burial. His son and one daughter was present at funeral.

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Everybody/Somebody/Anybody/Nobody
This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody was unhappy about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody, when actually Nobody asked Anybody. --Sel.

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How often in life this proves to be true!

From Okla.: "Thank God for this wonderful fall weather. This old year is fast coming to a close. What have we accomplished for God? I have, oh, so much to be thankful for. I still do my work and go quite a lot. The Lord is my helper. I am his child. I owe him all." --Sister Evelyn McCoy

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Prayer is requested for the healing of Sis. Thelma Sprague of Guthrie.

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From Calif.: "Tonight I am thinking on the name of Jesus, and how He keeps me safe from all danger. I am much better than I have been for a long time. I am yet saved living for God."

--Sister Esther Thornton

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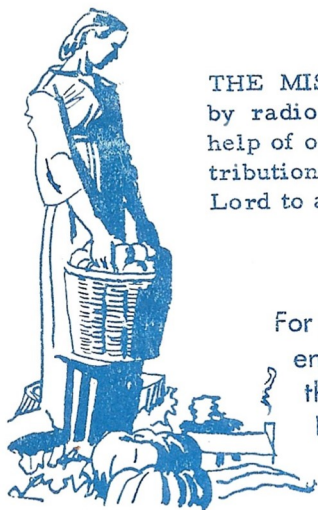
Gospel singing is scheduled for Saturday night, Dec. 5th in the new chapel and school building at Springfield, Mo. with all-day service Sunday, Dec. 6th.

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The Oklahoma State Assembly meeting begins in Guthrie at the chapel, Sixth and W. Warner Dec. 25th and continues through January 3rd.

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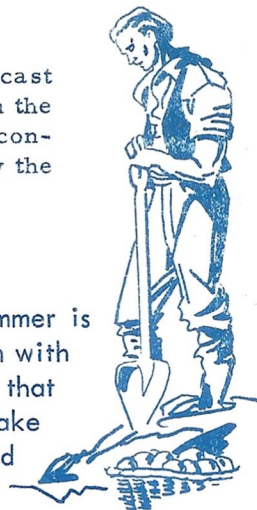
To those who have not written during the year of 1981 and yet would like to remain on The Mission Trail mailing list for 1982, please speak up! This does not apply to those who write regularly. And thanks to all who help us keep the broadcast on the air. May the holiday season be one of peace, health and victory for all who serve the Lord in sincerity and truth! Happy holiday wishes. --Willie and Frances Murphey



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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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