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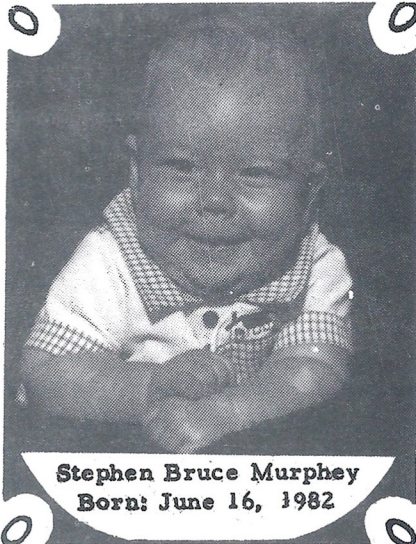
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“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

December, 1982

To all of our dear readers:



Stephen Bruce Murphey
Born: June 16, 1982

We send greetings of love in the wonderful name of Jesus whose birth we remember at this joyous season. "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." Psa. 92:1 Our hearts are filled with praises for His grace which has brought us through another year. It

has brought both joy and sorrow. We miss our dear brother Lawrence who left us October 4. We occasionally visit Alvin and Kathleen who live in Arkansas. James and Janet are doing well in school. Cliff and Patsy with their three; Julie, Rodney, and Michael came from Oregon last summer in their van, visited and attended Monarch meeting. Willie C. and Neta were thrilled and so were we when Stephen Bruce arrived in June. That brought joy and "harvest-time" is very special. Kayne and Mary find plenty to do for the Lord. He works at Faith Pub. House and they have appointments at Enid. Jason is going to the Christian school and Patina is really growing. She will be two years old next July. We have two requests: We need your prayers and we request that you write us at least once each year.

Sincerely in Christ,
Willie and Frances Murphey

"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"

Radio Broadcast for November 28, 1982

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." Matt. 19:23-26.

Good morning, friends. What a privilege to be coming your way once again by means of radio. Think of this scripture for a moment: "But with God all things are possible." That may seem a little far from natural reasoning, but bear in mind that this says "with God". God is not limited as we think of limitations. We come to the end of our resources, but not with God. He can turn clouds into sunshine, the tempests into quietness and storms into calmness. Oh, how the world stands in need of the touch of God.

The opposite from possible is "impossible". Listen to this verse: "For with God nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37. This was the bold statement made by the angel unto Mary, the mother of Jesus, before his conception. I am glad it was possible for God to be interested in the inhabitants of the earth. There was a time when people in the world seemed to think the earth was so big and so wide that one could hardly know the boundaries of its borders, but in recent years how things have changed! Now, the men of earth who soar into the wide spaces of the heavens look back upon the earth and see how tiny and how small it really is in comparison to the universe.

They see that tiny globe rotating out therein the vast space of the universe.

How insignificant it seems. How deserted it appears and so all alone. Then just think: what if God were to vacate the earth and leave us to grope in darkness of night? Wouldn't that be a lonely place?

But may I remind you that these men who soar into space were not the first ones to realize how great is the God of the universe. Listen to this: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" and the son of man, that thou visitedst him?" Psa. 8:3-4.

You see, it was hard to take it in--how God could be so great and yet be interested in the inhabitants of the earth. But remember with God nothing shall be impossible. So it was. He was interested enough to send that child, born of the virgin into the world as a saviour for all mankind.

When I get to thinking of these things, do you know where my mind so often goes? Listen: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through

all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Psa. 19:1-4.

Now, just like the stars, the sun and the moon are the lights of the heavens, even so this Christ that came into the world is the light of the world. Listen: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 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 1:6-12.

Isn't it strange that people will not come to the light? Why is it they want to be in darkness? Here is the answer: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." John 3:19-21.

Then, seeing that the worldly minded are like this places even a greater responsibility on those who are holding up the truth. Here is what Jesus said: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good

works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:14-16.

Dear ones, there is a responsibility on those who are the children of God. Are you willing to accept that challenge and be a light in the world? Are you willing for God to work and shine through you that others may see the light and come to the knowledge of the truth?

Listen to this poem:

HOLD UP YOUR LIGHT

Hold up your light, my brother
 Never let it grow dim.
 The world is groping in darkness.
 They are traveling the paths of sin.
 They need to know the Saviour
 And His love for one and all,
 There are many weak and erring
 Who in darkness may stumble and fall.

Then hold up your light, my brother,
 Never let it grow dim,
 Someone is watching your life
 To see if you are free from sin.
 Your light may help somebody
 So they will not lose their way.
 So be sure your light is shining
 As you go on from day to day.

Then hold up your light, my brother,
 Never let it grow dim
 But tell the old, old story
 And let every one know of Him,
 Who came to earth to save them,
 And to Him always be true,
 Who knows, you may help somebody,
 So much depends on you.

Let us pray. Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener. Some way break down the barriers which hold them in darkness. Set the captive free through the power of the gospel. We ask a special blessing on

those who are sick and suffering. Comfort their hearts through thy word and spirit and thine shall be the praise through our saviour in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. If we have been a blessing we would be glad to hear from you. And if we may be of some help in a spiritual way be sure to let us know. You may write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

And now this thought: In ordinary life a man who is unwatchful, wavering, unmanly, and weak achieves little, gains very little respect or confidence, and, if he does not become an absolute wreck, is still compared to a piece of driftwood

floating aimlessly down the stream of life, and carried whithersoever chance currents may direct its course.

I see I have just a few moments here. May I take this opportunity to say a very hearty thank you to every one of you who have helped us through this past year. We hope that God will bless you richly, abundantly over and over again for every sacrifice you have made for his cause. And now as we draw to the close of this year in just a few more days let us renew our consecration to God and our efforts as we reach forth with the gospel to the ends of the world. Until we meet again may the richest blessings of the Lord be with each one of you. This is Willie Murphey saying a very cheerful goodbye!

"PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER"

(James 5:16)

I cannot tell why there should come to me
A thought of someone miles and miles away!
In swift insistence on the memory,
Unless a need there be that I should pray.

Too hurried oft are we to spare the thought,
For days together, of some friends away;
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought
To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer fight,
And more appalling weakness and decay
Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right;
And so, in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me. If I intrude
Unasked upon you, on some crowded day,
Give me a moment's prayer as interlude;
Be very sure I need it, therefore, pray.

And when you pray, dear friend, I ask of thee,
That thou will seek of God not mine own way;
Not what I want, but His blest thought for me,
Do thou through Jesus Christ implore, I pray.

--Sel. by Sis. Doris Bowers

THANKSGIVING

(Psa. 150:6)

I thank Thee Lord, for this day
of Thanksgiving.

I thank Thee Lord, for this
land in which we are living.

Where in the way of life I have
a choice.

To Thee in praise I can raise
my voice.

I thank Thee for the food, and
the clothes I wear.

I thank Thee for the blessings
I see everywhere.

I thank Thee again Lord, for
this day of Thanksgiving.

I thank Thee most of all for
Thy Son Thou hast given.

Who lived and died and arose
from this earth.

That we may have eternal life
through rebirth.

So help me Lord, to in Thy
way remain.

Again Lord, I thank Thee and
give praise to Thy name.

Amen.

--J. E. Estopy

Testimonies

From Kansas: "Dear Brother Murphey, Christian greetings. Just a line to let you know I am among listeners to your radio ministry. You really get a lot in a 15-minute program. I look forward every Sunday morning to hearing you. I also enjoy the letters of the Christian listeners. Keep the good work going."

--J. E. Estopy

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From Calif.: "Greeting you in the love of Jesus, our Lord. I am encouraged this morning in the things of God. He is so good to us. Each trial is a stepping stone to higher ground, praise God. Joy and contentment rule the heart that yields to the will of God. I trust you and yours are well and pressing onward. I am sending an offering to help in the work. God bless you is my prayer. Christian love,"

--Bro. Jim Kutra

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From Texas: "These few lines leaves me still saved and sanctified, pressing my way to the heavenly home He has gone to prepare for me. I am sorry to hear of so many of the saints leaving us; it won't seem like going to Guthrie, with Sis. Marie, Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Geneva all gone to be with the good Lord...our loss is heaven's gain. They have won their crown and mansion, and we must hold out faithful until death calls us home. I am truly glad for a Savior that can keep us."

--Sis. Nellie Lovell

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From S. Car.: "I am so sorry I took so long to write, so sorry, but I wanted to send a love offering...hope it will help...I hope you all are fine at this time. I am so sorry to hear about Bro. Pruitt...pray for me. I am so weak in body, but God knows all about it."

--Sis. Lurline Scott

From Calif.: "Dear ones; I am saved and have a heart full of praises and thanksgiving daily for his love and mercy He has toward me. He keeps me saved, heals me when I am sick and supplies all my need. I look forward receiving the Mission Trail. Please keep it coming. I appreciate being able to hear from the saints in other places through the printed pages."

--Sis. Willa Mae Oglesby

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From Okla.: "I'm thanking and praising Him this afternoon for his many manifold blessings to us. The Lord has been good to me throughout the years. When I was in school, sad to say I had gotten away from Him. He shielded me from many dangers and kept me out of many things that would have proved harmful to me in years to come. He kept his hand over me until he saved me again."

--Sis. Vera Mae Hawkins

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From Ill.: "I was privileged to be at the camp meeting at Myrtle. It was a great blessing to hear the truth preached. Also, the songs of Zion thrilled my heart!...In Christ,"

--Scott Tucker

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"THE LORD BLESS THEE"

How Shall He Bless Thee?

With the gladness that knoweth no decay
With the riches that cannot pass away
With the sunshine that makes an
endless day.

Thus May He Bless Thee!

"AND KEEP THEE"

How Shall He Keep Thee?

With the all-covering shadow of His
wings
With the strong love that guards from
evil things
With the sure power that safe to glory
brings.

Thus May He Keep Thee!

"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Heb. 12:25-7.

Whither Bound?

AN EDITORIAL

As we approach the close of the year of 1982 there are countless questions in the minds of millions throughout the world! What does the new year hold for me? What lies just ahead? Whither are we bound? Will there be peace or war? Many seem to agree that a terrible catastrophe lies just ahead! But what? What course will the new leader of the communist world pursue? Such are the questions that are forcing themselves upon us in these last days! Nations are perplexed. The future is concealed in obscurity. Selfishness seems to have gripped the entire human race. The worst that is in man is now manifesting itself. A spirit of greed and lust for power dominates the political world and all too often creeps into the lives of religious leaders. Young people have failed to see Christ in the lives of these hypocritical professors, hence they have turned to drugs and many other lustful desires. The early morning Christian church was so boiling hot, so fervent in spirit and so zealous to spread the truth she boiled over into the whole Roman Empire within a few years. Likewise were the "Evening Light" reformers filled with zeal for the truth. Shall we allow the reformation flame to flicker out, leaving a great religious desolation of tombs and ashes and dead men's bones in many places all because we refuse to boil? No, let all the saints arise to "herald the truth at the peril of their lives!"

So in these last days of "shaking times" these truths we hold fast:

1. Justification from sin through faith in the atonement of the shed blood of Jesus Christ.
2. Baptism in water by immersion in obedience to Christ's command.
3. The second definite work of grace whereby the heart is cleansed from the sin-nature and filled with the Holy Ghost.
4. Being thus cleansed and purified the saint is "made free from sin."
5. Freedom from doctrines of men and sectarian denominations. The word is "come out of her my people!"
6. The unity of God's people. All are one, are free, and are equal. "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:"
7. The observance of the ordinances of the New Testament Church as set forth by Christ's example:
 - A. Feet-washing which shows forth humility one to another.
 - B. The Lord's supper showing forth His death until He comes.
8. The atonement includes the healing of bodily afflictions. "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. "
9. The second coming of Christ at which time all the dead shall be raised, the judgment will take place, the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment and the righteous clothed with an immortal body shall forever be with the Lord. --W.C.M.

at press time

we understand:

PRAYER

Seven things to remember

1--Sin must be put away. "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Isaiah 59:2.

2--We must be obedient. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." 1 John 3:22.

3--We are to pray for His glory and according to His will. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:" 1 John 5:14.

4--We must pray in faith. "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." James 1:6-7. "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matt. 21:22.

5--Simplicity -- Be like a little child. Pray out your heart as the Spirit gives you utterance.

6--Be definite. Ask for definite things. Get down to business. Many words are not necessary. You have no information God does not have.

7--Be earnest. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16. "Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth." Luke 11:8.

THANKS

Thanks to everyone for their kindness and their love shown to us during this time. Also for the prayers. We deeply appreciate everything done for us. May God bless everyone.

--Violet Williamson and children,
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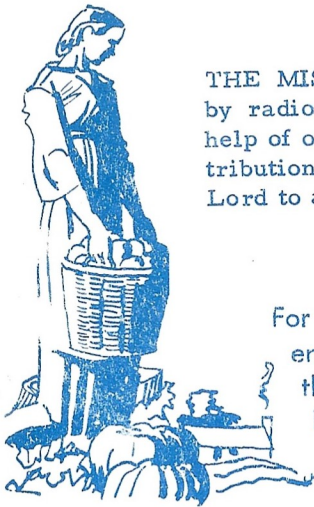
Bro. Robert Benson and Bro. Clarence Brant have both been sick and we are sure would appreciate the prayers of the saints. Also Sis. Dorothy Bridges has some requests.

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Congratulations to Earland Marie Benson on the birth of Julie Marie in the month of October.

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ONCE AGAIN the Christmas season is upon us and we are reminded of that priceless gift God sent into the world when Jesus was born that night and was laid in the manger because there was no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn. Because He was born, lived, died and rose again we have hope. Jesus said: "because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19. So whether in life or in death, the righteous have hope. "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a joyful holiday season and a year filled with peace and happiness! We look forward with great anticipation that we may be of service to God and souls in the new year!



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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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