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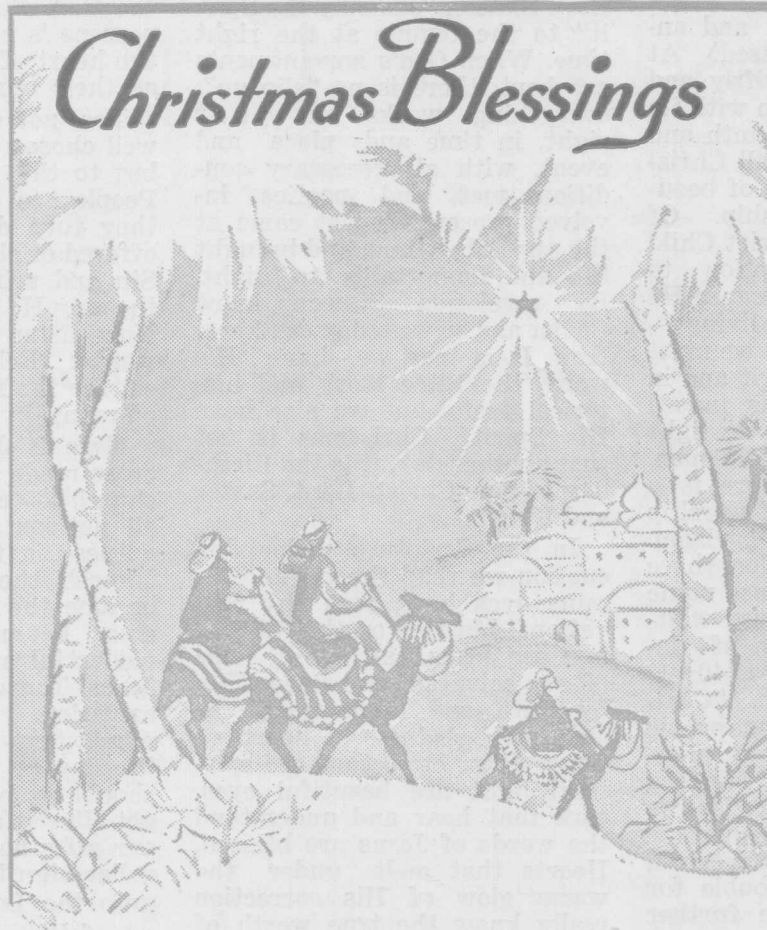
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More than two thousand years ago, three Wise Men followed the Star of Bethlehem to a manger . . . the humble birthplace of Him who was to bring a new spirit into the World . . . the spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." Today, as in all the years between, that spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of all mankind . . . calling us to church on this, our Saviour's natal day . . . to life our voices in those old Christmas hymns and carols . . . and lift our hearts anew with the courage and hope of His message.



Days come and go, and another season has passed. At least to me it was swiftly and Christmas is here again with its glow and glory, its warmth and cheer. Everywhere in all Christendom there is a spell of beauty, holiness and worship. Of beauty because the Christ Child was born, our Redemption to bring — of holiness because He is the very way of holy living — and of worship because we must all worship Him in spirit and in truth. The Truth has indeed come to us, and reveals the light that lights the way of all men.

In Luke 2:25-34 there is a most beautiful story of worship and understanding and vision. In the temple of Jerusalem there was a devout man, whose name was Simeon. He was busy waiting for the consolation of Israel. The words of Isa. 40: 1-2 were very dear to him. "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that iniquity is pardoned; for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins." We are further told that the Holy Ghost was upon him, in-so-much that it was revealed to him that he

Christmas

by Gail Schultz

would not die until he saw the Christ child. Here we have a great revelation of God's power and promises. He makes His wishes and will known to man. How wonderful it is to praise God from whom all blessings flow. Simeon "came by the Spirit" to the temple at the right time. When God's appointments are kept, there is no "slip up", everything works out just right, in time and place and event, with all necessary conditions met and parties involved present. Christ came at the appointed time, and brought life and immortality to light. By revelation Simeon knew Christ and so we today can know Him. It is true we have His word, the Bible story and historical facts, but we also have His Spirit. Christmas is not just another day, it is the Birthday of Our Christ, Lord, Savior and King!

In the Scripture under discussion we read the term, "For mine eyes have seen thy Salvation." May we on this Christmas see Jesus, as the only hope of our salvation and know Him by faith and repentance so that with gladness of heart we honor Him. Eyes that see spiritual light are beautiful eyes, ears that hear and understand the words of Jesus are blessed. Hearts that melt under the warm glow of His correction really know the true worth of Christmas. With such an experience we must give praise to Him and tell others of the

real deep meaning of this day. One day the world laid deeply buried in darkness under a hard law, but now its fears are gone — its promised salvation is here. This salvation was prepared before the face of all people and the God who is no respecter of persons is now brought close to the heart of all who accept Him as their trust and portion.

Yes, not only to the Jews, a well chosen and favored people, but to the Gentiles as well. People are only cast off when they turn down the blessings offered or close the opened door. Sin and selfish motives ruin the way He has prepared for us. Now listen to these startling words: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel."

Here is Jesus, Set at the cross roads of each life — each church — every interprise and all nations and tongues. His witness is true. He took upon Himself the form of flesh and became the propitiation for our sins. Let us not be foolish nor neglectful and turn away from Jesus. There is no other way of salvation. At Christmas our minds turn to Him, as a Babe, the day of His birth, this we should do, but we must not forget Him at all other times. May our gifts not be marked by the dollar sign but may we give as unto the Lord of love, encourage faith and service to God. May the church be something

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Thoughts For You

CHRISTMAS

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of worth to us. As the coming year stretches out ahead of us, may it be a greater church year, and let each Sunday morning find us at the House of Worship. If we forget Jesus we shall fall, for He was thus given. If we come to Him we will in no wise cast us out, but we shall rise again and walk in the beautiful light of God. Christmas is more than just the day, it is a point from which there radiates throughout the whole year, throughout the whole world, this thought and praise, Jesus was born, Jesus is here, and since the day of His birth the world has been different and since the day He came into my heart my life has been different. Praise the Lord, all ye people for Christ and pronounce its real and true and full meaning, A VERY MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

EMMANUEL

"They shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us" (Matt. 1:23).

Annie Johnson Flint

"God with us" in this world of sin,

This life of weakness and of woe;

His love, His power, and His strength,

With us, wherever we may go, Since Jesus came to earth to dwell,

and be for aye Emmanuel.

No weary days, no starless nights,

No sorrow deep, no trial sore, But we can feel His presence near,

"God with us," now and evermore;

Since He hath come to earth to dwell,

Whose Name is still Emmanuel.

—Selected

THE EMPTY SEAT HAS AN ELOQUENT TONGUE

It says—

To the preacher: "Your sermons are not appreciated."

To the visitor: "This church is not going forward."

To the Treasurer: "Look out for a deficit."

To the prospective church member: "You had better wait awhile."

To the members present: "Why don't you go visiting, too?"



THE WORLD'S SAVIOUR

The Christmas Christ is the world's Saviour. At this blessed season let us dedicate ourselves anew to the making known a world Saviour. We are told that in the city of Madris, India, there is a chapel on the wall of which there is the upper portion of a cross. On one transverse end of the cross there is a pierced hand, the skin of which is brown, after the color of the skin of the people of the East, On the other side of this section is another pierced hand, white, after the color of the skin of the people of the West. It is a glorious symbol of a world Christ. The inscriptions on the cross were written in Hebrew and in Latin and in Greek, the languages of the world. The Christmas Christ is a Saviour for the whole world. At this Christmas time let us dedicate ourselves anew to the work of making Christ known to the whole world. He is the only Peace-bringer for men and nations.

MY GIFT

Rev. J. C. Macauley

They brought their gifts those sages from afar,

Of frankincense, and myrrh, and purest gold,

To grace the King whose birth, so long fortold,

Was heralded at last by yonder star.

She brought her perfume, liquid nard so rare

In alabaster cruse; the house was filled

With fragrance, as with lavish love she spilled

Her sweet oblation on His temples fair.

They brought their off'ring; thorns to wreath His brow,

Nails for His hands and feet, a spear to pierce

His heart with sorrow torn, as loud and fierce

They raised their cry, "This man we disavow."

They bring their tribute in the courts above,

Ascribing to the Lamb who once was slain

Salvation, honor, laud and vast domain,

Wide as the reaches of His boundless love.

I bring my gift today; a heart subdued

By love Divine; a life laid at His feet

In consecration joyous and complete;

A soul redeemed by Blood, by grace renewed.

—The S. S. Times.

If you would make a great-minded man your friend, correct him; if you would make a friend of a small-minded man, flatter him.

—Thomas H. Nelson.

"They That Were Ready Went In"

by Floyd LaMunyon

As we turn to the words of Jesus in the 25th chapter of Matthew we find the parable given of the ten virgins. Five of them were wise and five were foolish; five had oil in their vessels with their lamps while the other five had failed to be ready. At the mid-night hour the cry went out, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him . . . and they that were ready went in."

Many messages have been preached using this scripture to tell us that the five wise virgins who had the oil in their vessels are the people of today who have the Holy Spirit in their lives and who are waiting for the coming of the Lord. How true are these thoughts; for without the Holy Spirit we are most certainly not ready for the rapture. But somehow I feel that "they who were ready" had gone farther than the experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Let us see what the Word tells us about our being ready.

(1) In I Peter 3:15 are these words: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and BE READY always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that it is in you with meekness and fear." First we must give our hearts unreservedly to the Lord God. Next we must BE READY to give and answer to them that ask the way of salvation. I do not feel that we should try to force our religious beliefs upon other people yet too many people who have prayer through to the baptism of the Holy Spirit have failed to study

the word of God and to put it in practice by telling the blessed story of Jesus. One of the functions of the Holy Spirit is to give us power and cause us to be witnesses of Jesus. Acts 1:8. Remember that "they that were READY went in."

(2) Will you turn with us now to Romans 1:15. Paul was writing to the Romans who had heard very little about the plan of salvation. But Paul said: "As much as in me is I AM READY to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also." I do not say that every one must preach, but we note that Paul said "as much as in me is . . ." Paul had the call of God on his life to preach; I do not know what the Lord has called you to do but whatever God has placed in your life in the way of talent BE READY to use it to the glory of God. For THEY THAT WERE READY WENT IN.

(3) In the book of I Timothy we find Paul telling his son in the Lord: "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, READY to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." I Tim. 6:17-19. Are we READY TO DISTRIBUTE? You say, "I am not rich in this world's goods, therefore I cannot give." I say that there are few of us

who could not give more than we do give in way of helping the poor. However, we can all distribute the gospel to those who are sin-sick and torn by the powers of the devil with which so many are bound.

Paul said also, "willing to communicate means to give to another as a partaker. Can we not always share the joys of serving the Lord with those about us? "They that were READY went in."

(4) In Titus 3:1 we find something recorded which each of us can do, preacher and laymember alike. Paul tells us here "to be READY TO EVERY GOOD WORK." God give us people today who are willing to promote GOOD WORKS, instead of promoting things that are of no benefit in spreading the gospel of Christ. In Col. 1:10 we read: "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord in all pleasing, being fruitful in EVERY GOOD WORK, and increasing in the knowledge of God." Are we ready in every good work TODAY? "They that were READY went in."

(5) In God's word we find many scriptures which tell us that God's elect shall be caught up out of great tribulation. Are we ready for that? In Acts 21:13 Paul said: "For I AM READY not to be bound only but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

We have had some very easy times during the years that have passed in my lifetime. But can we say with Paul that WE ARE READY for the persecution that lies ahead? Already we can see the stage being set by many world leaders, both political and religious, who are preparing to bring great persecution upon the true church of the Living God. ARE WE

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Announcing! Bible School - January 13 - March 26
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Thanksgiving Day

1621 and 1952

Thanksgiving is an acknowledging and confessing with gladness, the benefits, and mercies, which God bestows either upon ourselves or others. We are commanded again and again in the Bible to give thanks. Thanks, thankfulness, and thanksgiving appear no less than eighty times in the scriptures. "Thanksgiving Day" is then a day of giving thanks or acknowledging and confessing with gladness, the benefits, and mercies, which God bestows upon us.

The first American Thanksgiving day was observed by Plymouth Colony November 26, 1621. Three hundred and thirty one years have gone by since that time with three hundred and thirty Thanksgivings Days. It is believed that the observance of the old English Harvest Home, and old-fashioned festival held to celebrate the completion of harvest, suggested the idea of the original Thanksgiving Day. Through the generations, the day itself has been regarded with religious feeling. For instance, a Thanksgiving dance is out of keeping with the day.

The original Plymouth Thanksgiving was held under peculiar circumstances. After the first corn crop had been gathered, Governor Bradford and the Pilgrim Fathers decided to have a feast of ingathering, — a day of thanksgiving. The friendly Chief Massasoit and his Indians were invited to join them. Ninety or more of these Indians came, bringing wild turkey and venison. Along with feasting, visiting and the like, these pilgrims observed three days of thanksgiving in prayer and sermon. The bountiful harvest of their first year, no doubt, would induce them to give thanks, because it was greater than they had expected. But all had not

gone too well. During that first year, they had suffered a terrible winter. Food had been scarce. Disease and death had ravished their little company. Forty or more of them had died, leaving them only fifty-five of which four were women. These four women with the girls of their company and one servant prepared the meals for this first Thanksgiving.

The thought of thanksgiving of the giving of thanks is entirely fitting. The Apostle Paul instructs us thus,

"Speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another." Eph. 5:19-21. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6. "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thess. 5:18.

These questions come to our minds whenever we are reminded that we are instructed by the Bible to give thanks and to be thankful: "But how can I be thankful when there is nothing to be thankful for?"; "I cannot sincerely offer thanks when my loved ones are at sword's-point in the war"; or "My crops have failed and my business is on the rocks, how can I be thankful?" True enough, we are faced with all the problems which the enemy of our souls, even Satan, can use, to rob us of the victory, but a true believer in Christ can have the victory because the

victory comes from Christ Jesus our Lord. Faith in God will fill one's soul and heart with such victory that true thanks can be offered to God regardless of circumstances. We will have the assurance in our hearts as we are told in Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Also in I John 5:4 we read,

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Certainly we can give thanks, when we have this victory.

We are harrassed with difficulties, trials, and temptations on every side, but God stands by us and gives us the victory. This should fill our hearts with thanksgiving. We are grieved at the loss of life on the battlefields of the world, but thanks be to God for the protection God grants to those who put their trust in Him.

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I committed unto him against that day."

2 Tim. 1:12. We are troubled with hard times, business failures, and crop failures, but God has promised to provide for us. This knowledge that God is our provider, that He notices the fall of the sparrow and that Jesus said "the hairs of our heads were numbered," fill the believer's heart with praise and thanksgiving. Then it is true we can "give thanks always for all things unto God," "with thanksgiving let our request be known unto God;" and "In everything give thanks."

The Pilgrim Fathers had had enough trouble and loss the preceding year that November 26, 1621 could have been called "A day of Mourning," but no!

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

MATTHEW ABOUT CHRIST

Since Matthew says so little about the childhood of Jesus, why does he speak of the Wise Men, of Herod and the flight into Egypt? We believe it must have been to show how Christ was received. It seems, in fact, to correspond to that single sentence in the fourth Gospel: "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not," only Matthew gives us a wider and brighter view; he shows us not only how Jerusalem rejected Him, but how the East welcomed Him and Egypt sheltered Him. It will be seen then how the second chapter was needed to complete the first, and how the two together give us just such a view of the advent as was most needed by the Jews of the period, while it is most instructive and suggestive to men of all countries and of all time. As, then, the last paragraph began with: "Now the birth of Christ was on this wise," we may regard this as beginning with: "Now the (reception) of Jesus Christ was on this wise." —Expositor's Bible.

TESTIMONY

Dear Madam:

Christian Greetings from India!

Recently I had the privilege to read your Church paper The Apostolic Faith and was so impressed with its contents that it is still living within today. May I kindly request that you send the Apostolic Faith to me here in India. May God bless you in this work of God for His Glory.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Harold L. Turner
American Missionary
Kumbanad P. O.
Travancore State
South India.

PRAYER LIST

Mrs. J. L. Jones.
Von Dearl McIlvain.
Mrs. Flora Wyatt.
Mrs. Bennie Stanberry.
Mrs. Dora Pettigren.



REPORT FROM THE BEYDLER'S

Dear Sister Parham:

Our heart's rejoice to hear of the wonderful things God is doing in these days. How we need to let God work in our lives. We Desire so much to walk more closely to the Master.

We are very busy here getting the Chapel ready for the moving of the Sunday School. We have the Auditorium all painted from top to bottom and the floor waxed.

God has surely answered prayer in our behalf for which we thank Him. The other group that wanted to use the Chapel has decided not to use it, therefore we are the only ones using it. We will use it on Sunday morning, Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. We hope to have it ready to move into soon, although there is quite a bit to be done on it yet. We are making drapes today for the Chapel.

Last Sunday evening we had 18 out. We hope for a Sunday morning worship service shortly after the first of the year. Pray for us.

Dora and Robert Beydler.

OUR BOYS IN SERVICE



Donald R. Carr

Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carr of Bacliff, Texas, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Campbell of San Leon, Texas.

He attended Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas, and was active in religious work before enlisting in the Air Force.

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TWO SIMILAR THOUGHTS

The Lord's big job is to get His Church into the world without getting the world into the Church.

It is all right for the ship to be on the ocean, but not for the ocean to be in the ship. It is all right for the Christian to be in the world, but not for the world to be in the Christian.

ROCKDALE, TEXAS.

Evangelist Marcus Adair and the native boy from India held a good revival in the new church at Rockdale. Evangelist and Mrs. K. Kerr assisted in the meeting. Roy Wooster, Pastor.

Harkening to the Voice of the Lord

By Mrs. J. O. Haney

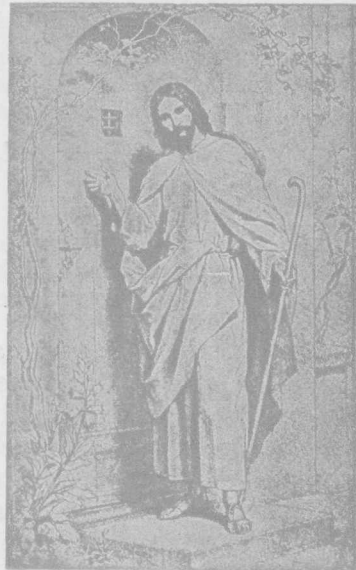
In the beginning, man failed to need the command of God. Thru disobedience he bro't sin, suffering and death upon the human race. Then God in his mercy made provision for man to be redeemed from the curse. Nevertheless, down thru the ages man has continued to rebel, and sought to substitute his own will and way, instead of walking in God's way. "Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition."

We have been prone to class the sinner as the **rebellious**, and true they are, because they will not come to Jesus that they might have life. Yet all too often, the children of God become **rebellious** and lose his favor and approval.

Saul was victorious until he failed to hearken to the voice of the Lord. He reasoned that it would be more profitable to **keep back** the best of that which God had said to destroy. He tho't to amend for his incomplete obedience by sacrifice, but God sent Samuel to tell him, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice and to **hearken** than the fat of rams. For **rebellion** is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also **rejected thee**."

Many times did God reprove his people Israel by the Prophets, and this same reproof was repeated to us by the Lord and those that heard him. "All day long have I stretched forth my hand unto a rebellious people which walketh in a way that was not good after their own thoughts." "But they rebelled and **vexed** his Holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy—. But obeyed not,

neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction." "Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, as your fathers did, so do ye. Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my way! I should soon have subdued their enemies —. I am the Lord thy God



which teachest thee to **profit**, which leadest thee by the way that thou shouldest go. O that thou hadst **hearkened** to my commandments then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea—."

Today, many fail to live a victorious or overwhelming life. This is because they are walking after the flesh and not after the spirit. "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. — Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." If we yield our lives in complete consecration to God, the blood will cleanse and sanctify. "This is the will of God

even your sanctification that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour. God —thru the blood of the everlasting covenant make you perfect in every good work to **do his will**, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight." "If **We walk in the light as he is in the light**, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin." "If I regard iniquity in my heart," the blood ceases to cleanse. When we take our sacrifice off the altar, it ceases to be sanctified. It is "the altar that sanctifieth the gift." Keeping our consecration by "doing the will of the Lord from the heart," will keep his grace abounding in our lives.

"—Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. **Incline your ear**, come unto me, hear, and your soul shall live. If ye be willing and obedient, we shall eat the good of the land." "As obedient children not fashioning yourselves according to your former lust in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Seeing you have purified your souls in **obeying** the truth thru the spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."

A b r a h a m hearkened and "went out" when God called him to "go" to a land he knew not. Peter and John made their decision to **hearken** unto God rather than man. It takes faith to **hearken** and move to go to Jesus when he bids "Come" on the waters. Only as we **hearken** to the Lord, will we be able to move in and **possess the heritage** that is **ours**, today.

Apostolic Faith Bible School



Charles Mahan
Dean

It is our good pleasure to announce the 1953 Bible School term begins the morning of January 13th to continue through March 26th at Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Each faculty member has been assigned a prescribed territory, to make public announcement of this school term, covering all the churches of the movement, where permitted. There are a few churches that have not been reached to-date, but will be very soon. Each act of co-operation has been and will be deeply appreciated, as we labor, together, for the salvation of souls and the continued deepening of Christian lives in the great plan of God, which is, through His only begotten Son even Jesus Christ.



Kay Kerr
Assistant Dean

Mrs. Ramona Kerr is the Nursery Teacher and we are sorry that we cannot announce the Piano Teacher at this time. We feel each of the faculty is well qualified as to Christian integrity and a deep love for the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

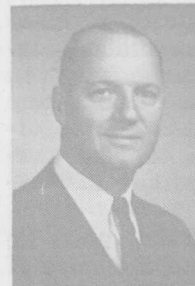
May we be permitted to make this statement, "This school does not entertain any misleadings about "making" ministers of the Gospel or Gospel Workers." We are fully aware that the only truly successful ministers or gospel workers are those called of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our hearts desire and one purpose, in this school, is to be led and taught of the Holy Spirit (I John 2:20-29) in order that each attending individual might be better prepared to do and accomplish that whereunto they have been called. (II Tim. 2:15) It is a privilege that many will appreciate to attend this school, the Lord has made possible. There is no tuition, all meals are furnished also dormitory for girls and one for boys. Sleeping rooms for married couples are available, at reasonable rates, in the city. This is a faith school and is maintained by the contribution of those who feel moved by the Lord to do so, without solicitations. Exemplary Christian living will be expected of each individual and adequate discipline will be maintained.

Those desiring further information may receive such from, Charles O. Mahan, Supt., Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas. Our Board of Directors are Rev. Ben Barker, Chairman, Otis Wade and R. E. Busch.

You are welcome and your attendance encouraged.



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Dean of Girls

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Brief Mention

SAN LEON, TEXAS.

Evangelist and Mrs. Darrel Sutton have been in charge of the regular week end services in the San Leon church of late. God is blessing in all the services. W. H. Campbell, Pastor.

GRANBY, MISSOURI.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper have accepted the pastorate of the Granby Tabernacle in Granby. Evangelist Homer Coberly recently held a good revival there.

PHELPS, TEXAS.

Jack Shandley is now pastor of the church at Phelps.

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Mahan and Marcena, pastors of the Apostolic Faith church at Baxter Springs, report a very successful trip through the west and northwest, visiting churches in the interest of the Bible School. Rev. Harrol Waterbury was in charge of the regular services during their absence.

HARDESTY, OKLA.

Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Patterson held a good revival in the Mission Church at Hardesty in November. Jacob Regier, Pastor.

BOKCHITO, OKLAHOMA.

Rev. and Mrs. Claude Pruitt report the blessing of the Lord in the new field in which they are laboring in Bokchito, Okla.

ARNETT, OKLAHOMA.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weese of West Virginia are the new pastors of the Apostolic church of Arnett.

KATY, TEXAS.

Evangelist and Mrs. K. Kerr held a week of special meetings in the Katy church. God blessed in each service, one soul was saved in the meeting. Floyd LaMunyon, Pastor.

GREENLAND, ARK.

Alford Whitely is now pastoring the Community Church at Greenland.

STOCKTON, CALIF.

Evangelist and Mrs. K. Kerr, assisted by Neil Ragan, Lavonna Webb and Eula Owens held a good revival in Stockton during October. Three were saved in the meeting and two sanctified. Doyle Wiles, Pastor.

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA.

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Patterson have recently conducted a good revival in Guymon. Chloe Cook assisted in the meeting. Lee Brock, Pastor.

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA.

Evangelist Jim Fox has just concluded two weeks of special services with victory and blessing. Several prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Jack Barker, Pastor.

GRAVETTE, ARKANSAS.

Rev. and Mrs. James Brooks are now pastoring the Mt. Olive church near Gravette.

TANEYVILLE, MO.

Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Wallis, assisted by Eula Owens, held a good meeting in the Taneyville church the first of November. Three were saved in the meeting. Gail Schultz, Pastor.

CAMP WOOD, TEXAS.

The Lord is blessing in the services at the Camp Wood church. Brother Francis Sutton continues as pastor.

CRANDALL, MISS.

Rev. and Mrs. Billy Sparks are the present pastors of the church at Crandall. Evangelist Gail Ott and Arthur Morlin have just closed a good tent revival in the community.

LOGAN, OKLA.

The Midway Country Church of Logan, Oklahoma, is launching into an extensive Missionary program, along with the Christian Training School, Orphanage and Educational Endeavors. The Trustees are: J. M. Stafford, Glen Howard and Arthur Hosler. The Mission Board consists of Ezra Simpson, Richard Barker and Rev. Marcus Adair. Roy Custer is superintendent of the christian training school. The "Sunlight of Love" radio broadcast is carried on regularly by the pastors and assistants.

As a Missionary project the church has brought two native boys from India to attend the Apostolic Faith Bible School at Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Rev. Marcus Adair is Pastor and educational director of the church.

GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS.

The work of the Lord is progressing at the Gospel Hall in Goldthwaite. God's blessing is upon the work and ministry of the pastors, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Dickson.

KINGS MILL, TEXAS.

Evangelist and Mrs. Gail Schultz held a good revival in the Community Church at Kings Mill during November. A sweet spirit prevailed during the meeting with God's blessing.

Evangelist Billy Walker, a nine year old evangelist held a week of special services at the church. His ministry was a blessing to all. Doris and Wallace Bingham, Pastors.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Wallis, assisted by Eula Owens and Neil Ragan, conducted a series of meetings in the church at 909 Knox St. in Houston the first of December. Their ministry in sermon and song was a great inspiration and blessing to the church. Pauline Parham, Pastor.

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS.

The Lord is blessing in all the regular services at the Hempstead Mission. Brother Donald Dibbens, the pastor, has a nice orchestra going in the church among the young people.

GAUSE, TEXAS.

Evangelist and Mrs. Calvin Springer closed a good revival in Gause November 9th. Floyd Hefley assisted in the meeting. Thirteen souls were saved in the meeting and 4 sanctified. Two baptismal services were held with 9 baptized. Annie Bollinger, Pastor.

WALLER, TEXAS.

A Home-Coming and all day service was held at the Apostolic Mission Church in Waller on October 26th. Many were present for the day's services from all over South Texas. Basket dinner was served in the Waller school cafeteria. This meeting also marked the Third Anniversary for Brother and Sister Ed Stork as pastors of the church.

CHENEY, KANSAS.

The Lord is blessing in the services at Cheney. The Cheney congregation is contemplating building a new church. The building committee consists of John Wimer, Rufus Henley and Byron Opdyke. Earl Neilson, Pastor.

**ALVIN, TEXAS.**

Evangelist and Mrs. Calvin Springer have just concluded a good revival in the Alvin church. Evangelist and Mrs. Darrel Sutton and family assisted in the meeting. Millard Brown, Pastor.

TRINITY, TEXAS.

Evangelist and Mrs. Harold Wills began a revival in a community church at Westville last August, God blessed and saved souls and some miraculous healings took place. A revival was then held in an old rock school house in Glendale. The Wills have been ministering in the vicinity of Trinity for several months and are now establishing an Apostolic Faith work there. A house has been rented for services and they are building seats, also an altar and a pulpit. Regular attendance runs between thirty and forty. They desire the prayers of everyone as they endeavor to establish a work for the Lord. Their address is, General Delivery, Trinity, Texas.

DECKERS PRAIRIE, TEXAS.

Evangelist Lula Parham and Mrs. Opal Edwards recently held a good revival in the Deckers Prairie church. The attendance was very good and the Lord blessed in every service. One soul being reclaimed.

A number of ministers and laymen visited the revival, and their help and presence was enjoyed by every one. The Church and Sunday School is growing spiritually as well as in number.

Mr. and Mrs.
A. B. Corl, Pastors.

STELLA, MISSOURI.

Evangelist Homer Coberly is now in a revival at the Union Chapel church near Stella.

"He Comes to make His blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found."

Drive a nail home and clinch it so faithfully that you will wake up in the night and think of your work with satisfaction.
—Henry David Thoreau.

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GOD HAS NOT LEFT HIMSELF WITHOUT A WITNESS

By Gail W. Schultz

There are several conditions of vast proportions that confront us today. Nobody is exempted; all must meet the issues that make up life and guard our destiny. There was a day when God permitted the nations to walk in their own ways, but now commands a new and better way. In Acts 14:17 we find that God even in those conditions did not leave Himself without a witness. If that were true to the nations of darkness how much more will be required of a nation whose God is the Lord of Heaven? We all know that in Him we live and move and have our being. It seems to come natural for me to say, that Christ is the answer, not sin but righteousness, not darkness but light, not death but life. There is a witness of God in nature, in the heavens above and the earth beneath, and His handiwork declares His glory. From the rising of the sun to the going down, there is might and power and wisdom from our God. The covering of the night, is only a blanket of His mercy. God has not left Himself without a witness. Conscience bore witness of God and became a witness. The commandments spoke and His glory was verified. Jesus spoke and the Glory of God was established with another witness. The voices of prophets, priests, apostles, and ministers echo His presence, and from the lips of a child to the wisdom of a monarch God makes known His glory. The Holy Spirit sent down from heaven agrees to the ever, all powerful witness of God. You and I too must witness that God is God and beside Him there is none other, or our cause and case of life will be lost.

It is a fact that we need to be delivered from ourselves. Our fate is sealed unless we see God and not self, heaven and not earth. We are afraid of the terrors by night and of the arrows that flieeth by day. We have

turned from our God to go our own selfish ways and reap a harvest of regret. It was humility to leave the portals of heaven and be born in a manger, yet that was the plan that God ordained and Jesus fulfilled when He became the eternal witness of the Father. Some do not believe but this does not render the Word of no effect.

In II Peter 3:3 we read, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." These are scoffers of the last days, and men with evil spirits, selfish and blind, whose interest is self and not God. Again may I say, Let us save ourselves from ourselves. This is a crucial time in the world, perhaps all times are, but all must admit that problems that face us are huge and great; men's hearts are failing them for fear of the things that are coming upon the world. I cannot change time, God's plan, the Coming of the Lord, nor world conditions. We must set our house in order to welcome back our Christ so that we may dine anew with Him in His kingdom. Before this glorious day of His coming, there was to be a time of trouble so dark and dreadful that it is known as Jacob's time of trouble. Jer. 30:7. God can, does, and will deal with all nations. Isa. 40:18. Many minds are under the seducing, bewitching forces of Satan. Psychologists are working over time. Asylums are full. Hospitals are over run, and the law weakens under the mighty pressure of sin. What can be done? Again I say, "Christ is the answer." Thus entire nations need to repent, and often the higher the power the deeper the sin. If there was ever a time when men need to hold to God's unchanging hand, it is now. The Bible said, God's Word would not turn to Him void or in vain. It

is a word of power, it is a Word of witness. It will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent. Repent for salvation and don't continue in sin for continued condemnation and damnation. Take heed to this light that shines in darkness. We must keep before us the established fact that God is not mocked. He will visit the iniquity of the fathers down to the third and fourth generations. What chance do individuals have with strikes against them before they are born? Sure babies are born in innocence, but they are shapen in sin and then with an environment of sin and lawlessness about them, they are the product of no regard for God, and the gulf that they will have to cross in later years to find God is indeed deep and wide.

In a measure we know of war, but when the lights of our great cities burn no more, and food cannot be found, blood is flowing and the last-day-forces meet, then we shall know, but O the sorrow — the harvest of sin! Now Christian, brother, sister, lift up your heads for redemption draweth nigh. So shall He come for His own, so shall He be the judge of all the earth — for the hour of His judgment is at hand. We are living in a day when all stores are one store, all banks one bank and all farms one farm. The Bible says, 'Woe unto them that join house to house and lay field to field.' Isa. 5:8. I look for a religious plan of the same idea. Catholics are inviting Protestant daughters to come back to them. But a spirit filled people must continue to the end as one in Christ, in the world but not of the world. When Jesus comes again they that build Zion shall see eye to eye. Isa. 52:8. We must see good as good and not evil. Isa. 7:20. We are to worship the Lord and Him alone, not the leaders and fun entertainers, not a preacher, but God. Let us consider one another as a part of the body and Christ as the head.

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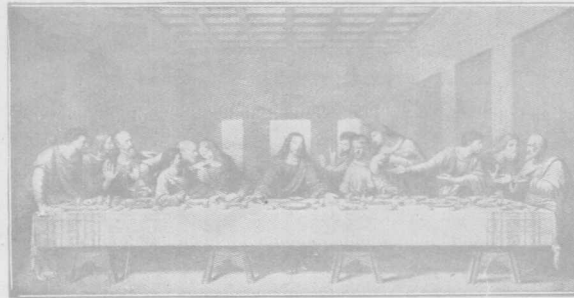
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We are marching on toward the day of the Anti-Christ. The mark on the forehead or in the hand will be the buying and selling permit. You might try to hide from it in this or another country, but it will be world wide. If you are true to your God you may have to give your life or watch the life of a loved one ebb away, but it will be worth it all when we see Jesus, for heaven is cheap at any price. God will give grace and glory. Sin may take its toll but all good things come from God. Again may I say, Lord deliver us from ourselves — let us see Him and His cause as the all important factor of life. We need to be washed in Calvary's Flow, filled with the spirit, made ready for His coming, and keep that zeal with a holy vigil. Go to Christ for counsel — there is no hope in sin, there is no hope in ungodliness or out in the night of sin. There is a point of no return, there is no hereafter in which to repent. Give us grace O Lord to see the great fulfillment of Thy prophecy. God has not left Himself without witness, but He has a way in which He speaks to you. By His Word, by witness, by revelation, by conviction, by dream, by an inward urge, by knowledge, so that thou art inexcusable O man. Come let us walk in the light, come let us draw ourselves apart and listen for that low whisper, JESUS IS COMING SOON.

Among the proofs that one has been regenerated by the Holy Spirit are the following:

1. Hatred for sin.
2. Love of the pure, the noble, the good.
3. Love, above all else, to Jesus Christ, who hath redeemed him.
4. The witness of the Spirit bearing witness with his spirit that he is a child of God.

What you dislike in another take care to correct in yourself.



"THEY THAT WERE READY WENT IN"

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READY? Our texts says, "They that were READY went in."

(6) If I do not live to see the coming of the Lord Jesus back to earth again I will some day come to the same place to which Paul came in 2 Tim. 4:6 "For I am now READY to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand." I, like the rest of you, can say that I am in no hurry to leave this world; but, neighbor, I had better be ready at all times with my work done up-to-date, my praying done up, with no condemnation on my heart either in regard to God or to my fellow man. Remember we are God's living sacrifice, and when God calls for us to be offered we must BE READY. FOR THEY THAT WERE READY WENT IN.

(7) For our closing thought we turn to Luke 12:40. "Be ye therefore READY also: for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not." It is going to mean more than having prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Spirit some time in the past to be ready when Jesus to call for His own. The Believer should be READY at all times:

- To tell the story of Christ.
- To preach the gospel, if called to do so.
- To distribute help.
- To every good work.
- To be persecuted.
- To be offered.
- To meet the Lord Jesus.

God does not require the impossible — just be ready. "FOR THEY THAT WERE READY WENT IN."

THANKSGIVING DAY

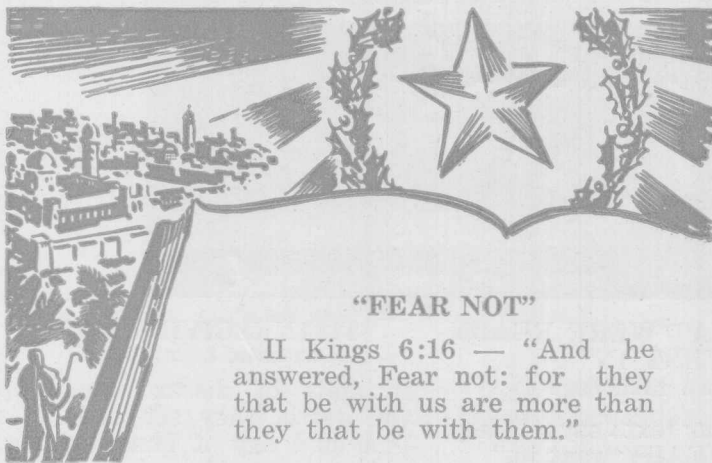
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In spite of disease, hardship and death, they set aside this time as a day of Thanksgiving. It is my humble opinion that November 20, 1952 could also be a day of Thanksgiving. It is my opinion that if we would turn our hearts away from earthly things to heavenly things, true worship would come into our hearts. It is my opinion that we miss-name "Thanksgiving Day" when we turn it into a day of revelry, surfeiting, and sport. True thanks come from the heart. If our heart is not right it will only offer words of thanks from the lips. God help us to so draw nigh to Him that we will be able to give thanks from the heart.

The sacrifices of the Pilgrims and other pioneers are challenges to us today. We in America have enjoyed the plenty of this good land because of our forbears and their stalwart beliefs in God. Are we then as the Pilgrims and Pioneers, setting standards so the future generations will be profited by true values of worship and Thanksgiving?

The freedoms and privileges that were purchased by the sacrifices of God's saints can only be preserved by the sacrifices and true christian conduct of God's saints today. If we abandon the principles of Godliness in America today, our posterity will suffer tomorrow. If we do not lift the banner of true Christianity today in practice and preaching, our men and women of the future will be heathen.

Was your Thanksgiving 1952 a true Thanksgiving Day?



"FEAR NOT"

II Kings 6:16 — "And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

We are living in a day of fear. I doubt if any time in history bears more acute fear than the day and hour that we face. I call to mind several names that have struck fear into the hearts of valiant men — Darius the Mede, Alexander the Great, the Pharaohs of Egypt, Caesars of Rome, Napoleon Bonapart, Kaiser Bill, Hitler, Mussolini, Hirohito, and Joseph Stalin. These last four I remember well and faintly recall the talk about Kaiser Bill. History recalls the doings of these men and present day events rivet it to our hearts. These are just a few names of men that have and do strike fear into the hearts of millions. I turn from men to other fear gripping factions and most of these are or at one time were under the control of one man, the Mongols, the Turks, the Bolsheviks, the Fascists, and in our present day, Communists. Now I am still too far away with these so let's get closer home. We do have a disturbing factor in Stalin and Communism at hand in this present day and this has had its effect on the Capital and Labor differences in this country. Capital fears labor as Labor fears Capital. This is verified by the many and varied strikes past and present. Each will not trust the other and feels that the other is usurping undue advantage over the other.

The fear of the day is not confined to rulers, governments,

business, and such, but is among the various and many segregations of the religious world. And because of the actions of some, I readily agree with you that it is very difficult to keep this fear out of one's heart concerning what they will do. This is not for fear of money or prestige, but to the tearing down of all that you have labored and worked to see brought about. The Devil has cunningly seen to it that fear is gripping as many hearts as possible in one way or another. This is no time to play ostrich and hide one's head in the sand with the rest of our anatomy exposed to the fear darts of the Devil. We just as well face the facts. The Baptists are afraid of the Methodists, the Church of Christ afraid of the Church of God, the Pentecostal Holiness afraid of the Nazarene, the Assemblies of God afraid of the Latter Rain, and the Four Square afraid of the Apostolics. All of these and many more added could be paired off one against the other in any fashion you might desire. Why is this fright one toward another? One factor is the proselyting of members between churches that adhere to such practices. Another is the stealing of church buildings one from another. Another is from the striving for the good name among the public. Another is the public loss of financial support and I'm not sure but that this heads

the list in importance with many. I cannot stop here. Among each group or denomination, there is fear between Ministers, Bishops, Deacons, and Laymen. "Brother Donald, Why is this true?" I do not know all the answers. One thing I do see and it is an important reason and that is "prestige." Fear that someone else will be better spoken of and have a higher public position. I say public position because there is no "Big I" and Little You" in the kingdom of God. The "Big I" and "Little You" is the direct product of the thinking of men and is carnal. We need more Ministers, Deacons, and Laymen with the mind of John the Baptist, "I must decrease and Jesus must increase." This is true especially in the individual. We need to be less like self and more like Jesus. I hear it said by word of mouth, "This I am trying to do." Beloved, actions speak louder than words; the Lord help this preacher to live so that my life will not shout so loud that it drowns out my preaching. To my dismay, I've seen good testimonies drown in the din of unbiblical practices. "In honor preferring one another" applies not only to allowing Jesus more place in our lives but in Christian courtesy one to another.

Fear comes directly to individuals in their service to Jesus; the Devil uses this very effectively. What will such and such a person think? Beloved, it sounds more logical to me to consider, "What does Jesus think?" I find that some are afraid to stand for the truth of the Gospel. Now I ask you, "What do you suppose Jesus thinks of such an individual after He gave His all unreservedly to allow us access to the Gospel?" Could I be so unstable as to not declare and stand firm for conversion after true repentance and honoring the covering blood of the Lamb when God for Christ's sake, pardoned me completely? Does fear cause me to shrink from standing on the

work of Sanctification as Christ's cleansing upon full consecration and I like to call it the second benefit? And I should include the precious gift of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in other languages as the Spirit gives utterance. This could go on with a number of things I find the Gospel teaches but I'll mention a few more. Am I so afraid of getting food, raiment, and finance to supply my needs that I resort to other methods rather than Faith, looking to Jesus? And here let me say, Hebrew states, "without faith it is impossible to please him." I stand amazed at the many and various means resorted to in getting these necessities supplied. The Lord have mercy! I cite this comparison: The Gospel is a business just as much as any business. Lawyer, Doctor, Merchant, or Manufacturer. You say, "But, Brother Donald, they have set fees for their service and products." God has a set fee for operating the Spiritual business, 10 per cent of the earnings or profits.

Many people are ill and sickly today because of fear, afraid to trust the broken body of King Immanuel. Oh, that we would step over, or around this fear and grasp our healing in His name!

In closing, I ask you to consider the text: "And he answered, fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." Romans 8:31. "If God be for us who can be against us." In our first quotation, Elisha had been causing the King of Syria much trouble. This King, by Inquiry, found he was abiding in Dothan. He sent a great host of chariots, horsemen, and soldiers to take Elisha, and as Elisha arose and looked out over the countryside that morning, there they were all about. Elisha's servant viewed the great host and in dismay said, "Alas, my Master, how shall we do?" Let me place this this way: Elisha as Jesus, the servant as an individ-

ual following Jesus. Elisha answered, "Fear not!" As I view life and its many troublesome waters today, I turn to Jesus and say, "Alas, Master, how shall I do?" In the calm and peace that His voice alone can bring, I seem to hear Him say, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." Beloved, I'm standing on this promise with my confidence entirely in Jesus.



Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see." There are as many blinding and deceitful factors today that methinks Jesus is asking God to open people's eyes that they may see. Beloved, this will happen if we have a love in our hearts for the truth; otherwise, God will allow us to believe a lie and be damned.

"And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man and he saw." Beloved, this is what it will take. Let God give you a glimpse of the truth, the light, the way. What did he see? "And behold the mountains was full of horses and chariots of fire about Elisha." I stand before you not with threats of fear but to declare unto you, you can have eye openers of confidence. Here was a little city and one man of God and his servant, and because God was with him, He allowed this marvellous happening to assure Elisha's servant. If you need assurance today, look to Jesus. I know the path and way I am following and with assured tread and firm step, I

press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Elisha asked God to smite the Syrian host and that He did with blindness. Again, let me clearly state, either every individual will whole-heartedly love the truth or God shall let them believe a lie and be blinded. Elisha said, "Boys, you are not at the right place; just come with me and I'll show you the way." He led them into the midst of Samaria and turned them over to the King of Israel.

Beloved, "Fear not." Let the love of the truth be first in your heart and remember, Jesus never fails.

PHELPS, TEXAS.

Sister Marian Price reports God's blessing on the work at Phelps. Daily prayer meetings have been held recently and the people are seeking God.

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA.

Rev. and Mrs. Olen Bachler have resigned as pastors of the church at Laverne and are now living in Webb City, Mo. Jack Barker is the newly elected pastor of the Laverne church.

Show me a man who would go to heaven alone if he could, and I will show you one who will never be admitted there.



The best remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet.

—Keith L. Brooks.

Keep a list of your sins, and let the sin of unbelief be set down as first and worst of all.

Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God and a scourge for Satan.

—Bunyan.



Season's Greetings

I am your friend, and my love for you goes deep.

There is nothing I can give you which you have not got;
But there is much, very much, that, while I cannot give it,
You can take.

No heaven can come to us unless our hearts

Find rest in today. Take Heaven!

No peace lies in the future which is not hidden

In this present little instant. Take Peace!

The gloom of the world is but a shadow.

Behind it, yet within our reach, is Joy.

There is radiance and glory in the darkness,

Could we but see, and to see, we have only to look.

I beseech you to look.

Life is so generous a giver, but we,

Judging its gifts by their covering,

Cast them away as ugly, or heavy, or hard.

Remove the covering, and you will find beneath it
A living splendor, woven of love, by wisdom, with power.

Welcome it, grasp it, and you touch the

Angel's hand that brings it to you.

Everything we call a trial, a sorrow, or a duty,

Believe me, that Angel's hand is there; the gift is there,
And the wonder of an overshadowing Presence.

Our joys too: be not content with them as joys.

They, too, conceal Diviner gifts.

Life is so full of meaning and purpose,

So full of Beauty — beneath its covering—

That you will find earth but cloaks your heaven.

Courage then to claim it: that is all!

But courage you have; and the knowledge that we
Are pilgrims together,

Wending through unknown country, home.

And so, at this time, I greet you.

Not quite as the world sends greetings,
But with profound esteem and with the prayer

That for you now and forever,

The day breaks, and the shadows flee away.

Fra Giovanni—1513 A.D.