

# Season's Greetings

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## From the Superintendent

Long ago there was a little baby born in Bethlehem of Judea. Many little boys and girls had been born in this city, but this little boy was special in many ways.

First, the Holy Scripture had prophesied his birth-- Isaiah 7:14: Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

This scripture was fulfilled nearly two thousand years ago in Bethlehem. I can just hear the angel of the Lord as he talked to Mary, confirming what was going to come to pass: Luke 1:37--"For with God nothing shall be impossible."

So, one of the most important things we must believe is the virgin birth of Christ. All the other great things of God depends on believing in this great event. Our redemption-salvation-depends on the miraculous event. Matthew 1:21--"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins.

How wonderful it is to know the forgiveness of our sins by the atoning power of the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. I think one of the most wonderful scriptures is Colossians 1:14--"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." The greatness of God reaches into the most wretched sinner in the world, and transforms that sinner from darkness to God's marvelous light. Every sin and transgression is blotted out by the blood of this Jesus, the Son of God.

To have hope of the resurrection, we must believe that Jesus is the Son of God. I Corinthians 15:20--"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." This is the work of God--to resurrect His Son. The scripture also testifies that on the third day should he come forth from his grave. And this He did, that we might have hope of the resurrection of life. I Corinthians 15:23--"But every man in his own order; Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." So we know by the word of God, that when Christ returns to earth again, the dead in Christ will come forth from the grave. They will be changed from the corruptible to the incorruptible, from the mortal body to the immortal body, which God promises us.

There are many more things that God speaks in His word, that is true. But all in all, we must believe in the Virgin birth of Christ. There is no exception. We must believe that every word is God's Word.

All this truth that God has given us, from Genesis thru Revelation, hinges on the fact that you must believe in the virgin birth of Christ.

To conclude, Christ was born in Bethlehem to a virgin named Mary. This Jesus was that seed promised to Abraham, that thru him (Christ the seed), shall all the nations of the world be blessed. Because of that wonderful promise, we can bow at his name and believe, and have salvation, and his love. This brings peace, hope, and a great desire to see the world redeemed thru his blood.

Matthew 1:21b--"And thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

M. D. Methvin  
Supertintendent

## Dorm Report

First, I would like to say that it has been a fight. A fight that is one that we can be made stronger. Satan has really been working over time, but through your prayers everyday for the college and God's great mercy, we are overcomers. We still need your prayers, though. I thank the Lord for each person that is here this year. I know God has a plan for each of us. The burden on all of our minds lately, is prayer. So, we will keep praying and we ask for your prayers, too. I just like to thank each person who carries a burden for the Bible College. Sometimes we may not see the results of our prayers, but the God we serve does hear and answers prayers.

God Bless You,  
Donna Haines

This semester is about to come to a close. As I look at how the guys have grown spiritually it thrills my heart to have the privilege to work with them. I would like to thank each one of you that have supported and prayed for the Bible College. We, the faculty of the Bible Bollege may have the privilege to see God working in these young people, but it's you that support the College that make it all possible. I know that many times your part goes unseen, but God always sees and on behalf of the Boys Dorm, I thank you all.

May God richly bless you for your support.

Nick Gift  
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# Thank You Lord

## Greetings In Jesus Christ

I am so thankful for the heritage left me by my sweet Godly grandmothers, the late Hattie Ostrander and Jessie Dibbens. Also by wonderful parents, the late Charles and Anna Mahan, who were a very Godly example, inspiration, honest and put God first in their lives. They lived the Christian life before we four children. "What a blessing they were to us" and I know to many of you.

We all have had our valley and mountain top experiences in our Christian walk with the Lord. In speaking of my own experiences, He has always been a present help in everytime of need. "He said He would never leave me nor forsake me but go with me all the way". He definitely has proved that to me. I heard the statement made in fact Robert Schuller has written a book about it. "Life is not fair but God is so good." He is a wonderful friend to me.

This past year (starting in May 1990) something inside of me started happening - things were very different than any other time in my life. One thing led to another and before long I started having all kind of health problems. My doctor put me in the hospital several times. While in the hospital I went into a very deep depression, which I had never experienced (just like this) before in my life. The morning the doctor was going to release me to go home, I could not even walk. I was waiting him to come and I wondered what happened to my legs, when he came in he sat down and started visiting with me. I will never forget that day as long as I live. He looked at me and said "I cannot let you go home like this", and he proceeded to tell me what his plans were. I argued with him but to no avail. Arrangements were made to have me transferred to a Ward on the 7th floor of St Joseph Hospital called "LIFE" Improvement for the Adult (Mature). My what an ordeal that was. Words cannot express my feelings while in that place. There were some patients getting shock treatments. All kinds of things happening which were scary. There were several semi-private rooms about 12 to 15 people as patients. I was in a private room.

The only door to this Ward was locked. We could not get out unless someone took us to Physical Therapy etc. My dear family, friends, Pastor Pruitt and Ruth could come in certain times to visit and pray with me. I could not relate or respond to anyone, not even to the ones closest to me, my family. I am so glad Jesus and they loved me so much that they looked beyond all that and saw my need. They kept praying and encouraging me. Praise the Lord!

Many People do not have anyone praying for them like I did when I could not pray for myself. I was in this place for a long month or more. Finally the day before I was to be released to go home, they had a conference with me, my sister and brothers, case workers, head nurse, and also the Health Administrator from where I live. This doctor was not my family doctor. He did not paint a very bright picture - it was dark and nothing in the natural to look to. I will never forget how I felt. Highlights of the talk was this, had some short term memory loss, the very deep depression, starting of Parkinsons disease, which would continue to grow worse until I would finally end up in a nursing home, could not drive

my car and would have to come back to his office for some time. That was not all of it - next day while a nurse was helping me get ready to leave, she proceeded to tell me I would be back there in a short time. Anyone as bad as I was could not function properly on the outside. I told her, "I would not be back, because the Lord was going to take care of me." We argued back and forth for quite awhile.

That day has been over a year ago and I never have been back to the hospital or to the doctors office. Praise the Lord. My own family doctor made arrangements for a Home Health Care Nurse to come out to see me every other day for a month or so. What a blessing Debbie was to me at that very important time in my life.

I definitely was not a well person when I left the hospital, but over a period of several months the Lord performed two miracles in my life. He healed me completely from the very deep depression and there are no signs of Parkinsons disease O how wonderful the Lord is. My family doctor told me one day when I went to see him. He smiled and said, "I did not think you would ever come out of it but I am so glad you did." Then just a few weeks ago his wife, his assistant, told me when checking my blood pressure, "What has happened to you is definitely a miracle." Praise the Lord. What a thrill. I told them both that through prayer and faith in the Lord I was healed. Witnessed to them about my wonderful loving, caring, praying family of sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews and my Darling Great Ones. That is priceless. Money can not buy that. I am so thankful and grateful to the good Lord for what He has done for me.

I want to take this time here to thank the extended Mahan family, my church family, friends and relatives for all your prayers, phones call, many cards (one cousin and his wife Norman & Jeannie Dibbens sent me a card every week with encouraging words for months.) Some of you drove miles to come visit and pray, others drove many miles from out of town to be with me, giving me encouraging words and praying with me. May God Richly Bless each of you. Prayer is so important in our lives. I was raised on prayer.

My earliest recollection of the Lord answering prayer was when my two sisters (Dorcas Spicer & Naomi Busch) and I prayed along with Mother & Dad to give us a baby brother and son. He did on May 7, 1930. Paul came to live with a happy Mahan family. You know what, he has been someone very, very special to me all these years. A wonderful Christian man.

Prayer and faith work harmoniously together. Prayer is conscious of the need while faith supplies it. Prayer never obtains anything from God unless faith is present. Faith never received anything from God unless prayer makes a petition. Miracle is a supernatural occurrence produced by the Power of God. Praise the Lord!

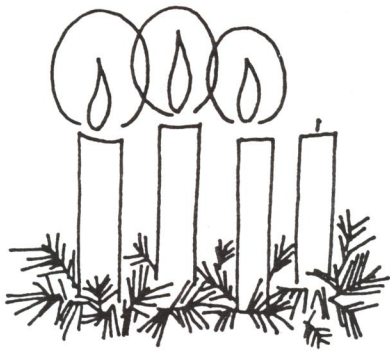
I feel like Jesus Christ is coming soon and we all need to get our house in order as my Dad used to say when preaching. It is closer today than it was back there.

I am thankful to be a part of the family of God.

Christian Love & Prayers  
Marsena "Senie" Mahan

A.F. Report





## Christmas Was Not Beautiful

Christmas-although a most wonderful fact of history-was not a the time particularly beautiful. For when God decided to enter the stream of human history by becoming a human baby, He did not choose, as we might expect, to be born in a rich and privileged home.

There were no priorities or special advantages for Him. He chose as His mother a peasant woman in humble circumstances.

There was no publicity and no fuss when He slipped like this into human life. It happened in a third-rate country some 1900 years ago, and very few people knew what was happening.

It may look beautiful *now* on a Christmas card or in a religious picture, but there is not really anything lovely in hunting desperately for lodgings when your wife is pregnant and near her time. There is nothing romantic in having your first baby in a drafty cave because no one in the inn next door will give up a bed for you, and it isn't really much fun to put your baby to sleep in the cattle's feeding trough because there is nowhere else except the dirty floor.

The historic fact, shorn of its romance and decoration, was rather ugly and squalid. It is not a pleasant thing for a mother to feel that the world has no room for her baby.

How it must have cheered Mary when the rough shepherds came bursting in, all breathless and excited, saying they had had a vision of angels up there on the hillside and had been told that this little fellow was really God, and might they please kneel and give Him their presents! How the people snoring comfortably in the inn next door would have laughed at the sight of those country bumpkins kneeling on the stable floor. It would have been as good as a play!

Yet that is how God made His entrance. If you can once imagine the contrast between the splendors of heaven and the squalors of earth, you cannot help admiring and loving a character who accepted no special advantages or defenses, who lived life on the same terms as His creatures.

That is the real good cheer of Christmas: that God is not an aloof invisible power, but One who actually took the risk of entering this world.

-Lutterworth Press Leaflet

## Carol of the Centuries

Richard the Lion-hearted was a beloved king in British history who spent most of his time vainly attempting to recover Jerusalem from Saladin, the sultan of Egypt.

When the crusade was abandoned, King Richard was shipwrecked on his return home and imprisoned in Austria. His exact whereabouts was unknown.

According to legend, the king's favorite minstrel traveled near and far in search of his master. Everywhere he sang the king's favorite song, knowing that if the king heard it he would respond.

At length the minstrel came to the castle where the king was imprisoned, sang his song, and he was rewarded to hear his king take up the melody from within the castle walls.

So it was with the song of the angels. The strains of hope and peace came to a world imprisoned by the adversary of mankind. That song proclaimed salvation and deliverance through the birth of Christ.

For 20 centuries the song has continued to penetrate the dungeons of dark despair, bringing hope to wretched captives, liberating the prisoners of sin.

And in every clime, wherever it is sung, the redeemed of the Lord take up the glad refrain. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

By John Carter



## God So Loved!

Ancient Greek poetry tells of a warrior, the hero of Troy, dressed in all his military armor, stretching out his arms to embrace his little son before going into battle. His child was frightened as he looked at the helmet and full military dress, and instead of falling into his father's arms he screamed in terror. However, under all the battle array was hidden a heart of fatherly love. The warrior threw off his armor, gathered his little boy in his arms, and held him tightly against his chest where he could hear the throbbing of his father's heart, as if saying, "I love you, I love you."

That's how God revealed Himself at Bethlehem. There He does not instill fear, but attracts with His love.

-Pulpit Helps

*To some Christ calls: "Leave boat and bay,  
And white-haried Zebedee;"  
To some the call is harder: "Stay  
And mend the nets for Me."*

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**A.F. Report**



## "Far Above Rubies"

The first weekend of Oct. at the Flagship Hotel in Galveston, TX, sitting out over Galveston Bay, turned out to be beautiful "Happening". My faith was restored in the quote, "God has always had a People", as I witnessed between 155 and 160 ladies combined their efforts to reach out to one another and share their faith by praying for the sick, comforting the sad, encouraging the hurting and uplifting the weary.

The ladies retreat theme was "Far above Rubies" based on Pro. 31:10. Whoever thought they coined the saying "Super Mom" had never read about the virtuous woman in Proverbs.

Fri. night was a night of sharing testimonies and songs, then gathering in small devotional groups just before bedtime. I heard good things about these groups. Hearts were mended, souls encouraged, as ladies shared with other ladies of like faith, their hopes, their concerns and their desires to have a closer walk with the Lord and see their families restored. We had Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, First Christian and Full Gospel ladies join in prayer as one. I was informed of two ladies giving their heart to the Lord, several testified to the fact of drawing closer to the Lord and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Sat. morning was spent in different work shops. Barbara Waterbury has a session "Light a Candle". Janae Harris has a workshop for "Singles". La Vonda Wallis had two different work shops. One was, "Children are Like Wet Cement, Shape Them in Wisdom" and "Togetherness" (Basic needs of a husband). LaMoyné Fox gave a workshop on "Making the Most of My Time, God's Way", and Shari Cook spoke to a group on "Powerful Prayer". All of these work shops were powerful.

Sat. afternoon was free time to enjoy one another's company and do as you wish. In the evening, Sis. Barbara Waterbury was the guest speaker at a delicious banquet. During her speech, we laughed, we cried, but we left knowing we are all special in God's sight. We have a purpose and God has a plan for our life and with Him, "All things are possible".

Sunday Morning, Shari Cook ministered to us thru song, the Word and prayer. We ended the retreat praying for the needs of one another. The power of God was there and victories were won.

This was one of the most powerful retreats I have ever attended. The young ladies of Katy Church did a magnificent job of organizing and planning, but they prayed daily for several months ahead. I was impressed on Sat. afternoon, while others were visiting and enjoying free time (My room was next to the Committees) six young ladies were earnestly praying for the Services yet to come. This committee consisted of Polly Barker, Terri Smith, Carla Hunsucker, Sharon Pederson, Trina Fox and Karen Hackett. They credited their endeavor to our former Pastors wife, LaVonda Wallis who encouraged them to have a retreat and taught them to pray and trust the Lord and encouraged them along the way.

God has always had a People and He will continue to do so as long as we have women who will bind together and pray.

Respectfully submitted:  
Doris Stanberry

## Bridges, Lord . . . Not Walls!

Lord, I long to build bridges  
in a world where bridges are few;  
The terrain of life is treacherous . . .  
and all of us need You.  
We build walls that separate us,  
and fences that divide,  
People are dying outside our gates  
while entrance is denied.  
They suffer while we indulge  
in our sins of self protection,  
Refusing to get involved. . .  
unwilling to risk rejection.  
God, help us give each other room  
to be whoever we are;  
All of us are wounded sometime. . .  
there are none without a scar!  
Lord, help us from this moment forward  
to set our fears aside  
To offer sanctuary in Your name. . .  
with hearts open wide.  
There are hurting people everywhere  
who need to know You care;  
Help us build bridges from despair to hope  
with redemptive prayer. . .  
Let us join hands and walk together. . .  
let every wall come down!  
May bonds of love be strengthened. . .  
and bridges everywhere be found!

. . . Barbara Waterbury

## Power To Shine

*"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Mt. 13:43)*

A man once rigged up an electric battery to ring his front doorbell. Then he thought he would run a wire to his bedroom and use the power from the battery for a light. After failing, he called in an electrician who smiled and said, "Don't you know that it takes more power to shine than to make noise?"

The same thing is true in our Christian lives. It does not take a lot of power to talk a good religion. We can say we love Jesus, we can tell our friends that we are a Christian, but to really live what we say is a lot harder. It takes more power to shine! And the only way that we will have the power is to be "hooked up" to Jesus Christ through prayer, Bible study, faithful attendance and fellowship with other Christians. What about you? What is your "current" status? Is your light shining forth as the sun? Draw closer to God's Son and you will have the power to shine!

-The Epistle

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# IF

## NEWS BRIEFS...

IF you can go to church when all about you are going  
anywhere but to the House of Prayer;  
IF you can travel straight when others wobble, and do not  
seem to have a righteous care;  
IF you can teach and not get tired of teaching, or tell the  
truth when others lie like sin, or pray and pay and carry  
heavy burdens and pay the heavy price it costs to win;  
IF you can face the surge of things about you and keep your  
moral balance in life's whirl;  
IF you can act with patience in each crisis, nor be a coward,  
cynic, or a churl;  
IF you can live and not be spoiled by sinners, and give -  
without a Pharisee's vain price, Your life for GOD and  
MAN will pray real profit,  
You'll be a Saint no critic can deride!

...Author Unknown

### Fish-Juarez Wedding

On July 29th, 1991 a private ceremony in Tulsa, OK united Deana Fish of Tulsa and David Juarez of Modesto, CA in marriage. Vows were witnessed by Debbie (sister of the bride) and husband Mark Triplett, also of Tulsa. In attendance was Ross Briles of Modesto, CA. The couple reside in Modesto where Dave is a Journeyman painter and Deana is employed as a secretary for a local medical facility.

### News Update

We want to thank you for your prayers and support. We have needed your prayers so much - Bob & I drove from Missouri to Mexico - Guatemala and Honduras. The diesel van that was donated to us was such a blessing. The Jesus film crusade in the Western Mountains of Honduras, was productive for the Kingdom of God. We saw 459 souls saved. We were able to get most their names and turn them over to the local pastor. The 1,000 Spanish New Testaments went in a hurry.

Bob got sick and was hospitalized in Le Ceiba with a fever of 104 degrees plus. We flew to Roatan where Bob got his strength back. The radio station "Send the Light" is still going. The Island Mission Program is on at 7:00 p.m. at the supper hour. We returned to the U. S. where we attended the convention at Webb City, MO Mission conference and Houston, TX and the annual Missions seminar and convention at Clearwater, FL. We are now in Florida completing the move of our new office and warehouse. Do pray for The Jesus Film Crusade in the Islands - 1992

Lauriece Durham

Suppose we received this:

## MONTHLY STATEMENT

*(If God Should Bill Us)*

Due to God, Your Father in Heaven and Round  
About-For Services rendered during one month.

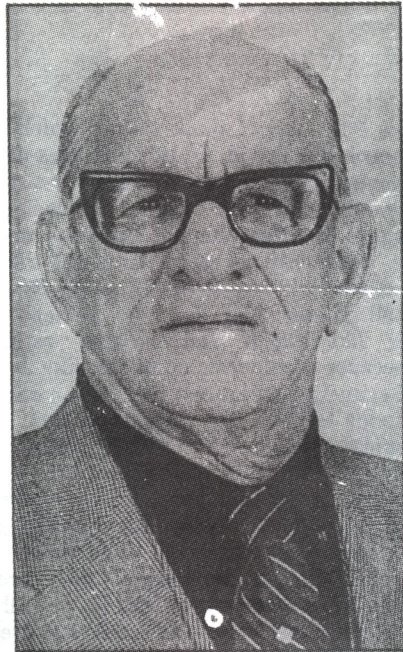
- 30 days of care and supervision, air, light, sunshine, and rain.
- 240 hours of restful recreative sleep.
- 720 hours of physical upkeep of heart, lungs, senses, digestion, locomotion.
- 90 very satisfying meals.
- 1 competent mind to analyze and judge, a memory to retain, a will to act.
- A family that loves you, rejoices and sorrows with you.
- A host of friends who believe in you and overlook your oddities and mistakes.
- Neighbors, near and far, who band together to build a better community.
- Skies and seasons that bring beauty and grandeur, parks and gardens.
- A church that is free and strong, affording you worship, guidance, solace, and fellowship.
- Love from a God of justice, compassion and forgiveness, whose plans and purposes were spelled out by his Son, and whose Spirit abides with you.
- Payment in full can be made by giving your gratitude, loyalty and obedience - if you wish, use this payment plan:
- Acup of cold water (just to mention my name) given to a thirsty person in need will be applied to this account.
- Good deeds, pleasant gestures, friendly attitudes gladly received and credited.

## Cassettes Available

The Lord has blessed the Stanberry family with a new Cassette sound recording. What makes this cassette album so special to us is that all ten songs were written by our youngest daughter, Tawanna Botter, and sung on the tape by she and her husband Jimmy, along with her sisters, Teloa Pearman and LaTonna Chavelier. (Tawanna, Teloa, and LaTonna are the daughters of Buddy and Doris Stanberry and granddaughter of Bennie Stanberry. Jimmy is the son of Stacy and Doris Botter of Alvin.) If any of our Church family would like to have one of these tapes, they may order from Doris Stanberry, 2803 Patna Dr., Katy, TX 77493-1302. Make tax deductible checks to: Triumph Ministries in the amount of \$8.00.



# In Memory Of



**Audley Hervey Sr.**

Nov. 30, 1902 - October 11, 1991

Audley Hervey Sr., 88, formerly of 1313 Hervey Lane died October 11, 1991 at a retirement center in Hempstead, Texas, where he had lived the past year.

Mr. Hervey was born Nov. 30, 1902, in Joplin. He moved to Texas in October 1990 to be near his daughter. He was employed 45 years with The Joplin Globe Publishing Co., retiring in 1954 as a stereotyper.

He had served as a minister for 40 years, starting his ministry in 1936 at the Full Gospel Church, 1314 Main St., where he was affiliated for 16 years. Later, he built Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 13th and Rex Streets, in 1952, retiring in 1976, at which time he became an evangelist.

He and his wife owned and operated Hope Manor Nursing Home, 14th Street and Rex Crossing, until 1963. Previously, he had owned a nursing home at 2302 Penn St. He was a member of Full Gospel Pentecostal Church.

He married Grace Chapman on June 2, 1924 at Kansas City, Mo. She survives.

Additional survivors include a son, Audley Hervey Jr., Independence; a daughter, Norma Jean Mathis, Hempstead; a brother, Hayden Hervey, Albuquerque, N. M.; two sisters, Ruby Baily, Joplin, and Jean Brawley, Lake Isabella, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Parker Mortuary, Joplin, MO. The Rev. Calvin Springer officiated. Burial was in Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery, Joplin.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

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## Edna G. Wynn 1911 - 1991

The congregation of Trinity Apostolic Faith Church, Roswell, N.M., dedicate this in loving memory of Edna G. Wynn.

Edna died October 3, 1991, at the age of 80 years and 5 months. She is survived by a son, Dennis Wynn, and by a grandson, Shawn Wynn. She was preceded in death in October 1989, by Thurman Wynn, her husband of 60 years.

A memorial service was held by Rev. Jerome Crowhurst, the eulogy was given by Rev. Ron Brening.

Edna was very devoted to her family and friends. She loved songs and poetry, and contributed in church services for more than 30 years through her poems and readings.

Though we will miss Edna, we know she is at rest; her memory will stay in our hearts forever.

### THOU ART WITH ME

Thou art with me, blessed Savior,  
Every moment, every hour;  
I adore Thee for Thy mercy,  
And Thy wondrous keeping power.

O'er my life, Thy love presiding  
Step by step, my way is guiding,  
In the Rock my soul is hiding-  
"Rock of ages, cleft for me."

I am resting on Thy promise,  
I am trusting only Thee;  
And rejoicing in the fullness  
Of Thy grace that makes me free

Thou has led me, O my Savior,  
An Thy hand will lead me still;  
Through the valley and the shadow  
I shall walk, and fear no ill.  
Fanny Crosby

### WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, DON'T YOU QUIT!

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill.  
When funds are low and debts are high;  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh.  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As everyone of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out.

Don't give up, though the pace seems slow--  
You may succeed with another blow.  
Often the goal is nearer than  
It seems to a faint and faltering man.  
Often the struggler has given up,  
When he might have captured the victor's cup.  
And learned too late, when the night slipped down;  
How close he was to the golden crown.

-Author Unknown

A.F. Report



# God's Message



God sent an angel, to a virgin he came,  
Bringing hope of salvation, praise his name.  
"Hail thou art blessed, the Lord is with thee,  
Thou shalt bring forth My son, "to set the world free.

Then Gabriel brought Joseph a message that day,  
For Joseph was minded to put Mary away.  
"Fear not to take to thee Mary thy wife,"  
God's spirit hath conceived to give His Son life.

God's prophets all killed, their message turned down,  
The earth in darkness, sin did abound.  
Four hundred years' silence-no voice, no light;  
Then heaven's door opened that glorious night.

From the long weary journey, they came to the Inn.  
The rooms were crowded, o'er flowing with men.  
This King, sent from heaven, no place for His head,  
No King's attendants-a manger His bed.

Heavenly Hosts 'round the shepherds, sore and afraid,  
"Fear not, I will tell you the plan God has made.  
Born to you is a Savior, Christ Jesus the Lord,"  
God's gift to man, the best heaven could afford.

This babe born of Mary - all God, yet all man,  
Love midst earth's hatred thru all ages will span.  
'Ore David's kingdom, a reign without end.  
Hope to the hopeless, broken hearts He will mend.

"This to all people, glad tidings, great joy,"  
God's power to Him given, satan's force to destroy.

Heaven's Host sing, "Peace be to all men."  
This, God's redemption, the beginning, the end!

Again, God's message-not by angels but men  
Pleading, "get ready, He's coming again."  
Still men will mock, spurning God's love,  
Tho signs fill the earth and heaven above.

All who are ready, sing glorious praise,  
Soon graves will open, the dead shall be raised.  
We worship a King, not a babe born to die,  
Redemption's plan finished, we'll join Him on high.

His redeemed who are numbered as sands of the sea,  
'Round the throne gather, a great jubilee.  
This Christmas from his own, glorious praises ring,  
Not over a manger, but over the throne of Our King.

Mrs. Chester Cobble

# A New Year Resolution

I will, like Paul, *forget* those things which are behind and press forward; like David, *lift* up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help; like Abraham, *trust*, implicitly in my God; like Enoch, *walk* in daily fellowship with my Heavenly Father; like Jehoshaphat, *prepare* my heart to seek God; like Moses, *choose* rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; like Daniel, *commune* with my God at all times; like Job, be *patient* under all circumstances; like Caleb and Joshua, *refuse* to be discouraged because of superior numbers; like Joseph, *turn* my back to all seductive advances; like Gideon *advance* even though my friends be few; like Aaron and Hur, *uphold* the hands of my spiritual leaders; like Isaiah, *consecrate* myself to do God's work; like Andrew, *strive* to lead my brother into a closer walk with Christ; Like John, *lean* upon the bosom of the Master and imbibe of His Spirit; like Stephen, *manifest* a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt; like Timothy, *study* the Word of God; like the heavenly host, *proclaim* the message of peace on earth and good will toward all men; and like my Lord Himself, *overcome* all earthly allurements by refusing to succumb to their enticements.

Realizing that I cannot hope to achieve these objectives by my own strength. I will rely upon Christ for "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

George Burger

