



Divine Nature and be joint-heirs with Him who is "full of grace and truth."

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

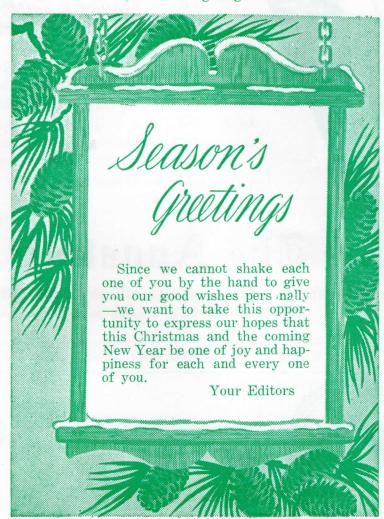
"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanks-giving."

Christmas brings the happy reminder of the coming to earth of the One who was said to be "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Perhaps nothing more significant was ever said of Him and it could not be said of anyone else in all the history of humanity. Truth has been fought for, proclaimed and propagated, but only Jesus Christ is able to say, "I am the truth."

Every characteristic of Christ proclaimed truth. Truth dwelt in fullness in Him, in His every word, as well as in silence. As We draw near to Him and enter into His sacred presence we feel our littleness, our insignificance and our failure. But, thank God, the Christ of Christmas is also full of grace. His grace is limitless and unmeasureable. "Full of grace" means, no room for anything else. When we have His grace we also have His kindness, gentleness, consideration and love.

The entire fact is that both truth and grace dwell in Him and He is full of each. The perfect balance is there.

"Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). These qualities had never been seen before, never been manifested. Thanks be to God, that through the sacrifice of His Son, we can be partakers of His



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Peace on Earth

by Donald D. Dibbens

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace, good will toward men." This seems to be a false statement, yet, St. Luke 2:13-14 states these very words were uttered by a multitude of the heavenly hosts. You wonder why I say, "this seems to be a false statement." Let us consider people's, lands, governments, and even religions and we will find envy, strife, hatred, wrath, and general disagreement. This is a far cry from the chosen text, "Peace On Earth."

People from the beginning, until this very hour, live under the shadow of envy, hatred, and strife. Even the great teachings of prominent philosophers and statesmen have failed to bring to the individual that desired tranquility. This is not taking from their achievements but it does bring us to the facts of life today. Starting with the foundation of all life and government, the home, we find a large percentage with more hatred, strife, and general dissension than have peace. And in many cases, by far a larger percentage than heretofore known, broken by divorce and disturbed by every other means than the heralded saying, "On earth Peace, good will toward men."

Governments of the world. have through years past and to this very time, attempted to keep "Peace", only to find every effort strangely lost in blood shed, overthrow, and tur-

moil.

In the Religious world there has been and is a general pulling apart of beliefs, doctrines and by-laws. This general procedure brings us to the fact of this day with sects, orders and denominations in the greatest number ever known.

Yet in view of the facts here briefly named and many others. there is still "Peace on Earth.

good will toward men." These things I have stated seem to make this statement untrue but to the troubled heart disturbed by all these turbulent surroundings of life I want you to go with me to a place recorded in Luke 2:8-14. This is just prior to our text and reads like this: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And, Lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born, this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

We have here the account of the lowly shepherds receiving this good tidings and in Matt. 2: 1-12 we have the account of the wise men also being told the good news. Therefore none are barred from finding this heralded truth to-day.

Nations will never witness this tranquility until the Kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. However until Jesus returns to fulfill this prophecv any individual may come to Jesus and there find, through faith in Him, the same tranquility and Peace of heart that was heralded to the shepherds abiding in the field that night of which we commemorate this Christmas eve.

It is perhaps hard to realize

that in this earth of unrest, disturbance, wars and rumors one can find the beginning of that Glorious heralded saving that shall be culminated in the establishment of Christ's Kingdom here on earth when the heavens shall roll back as a scroll and the King of Kings returns to earth to rule, not by force of might and evil but in "Righteous Judgment" and "Peace."

Take courage, faint not, hear again at this Yuletide Season that glorious message and let it become a living reality in your heart. "On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men."

ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Saint Winfried, who was, in the eighth century, a missionary to the Scandinavians, is credited in an ancient legend with having caused to be set up the first home Christmas tree. He tried to show the people that the Druid priests had made them worshippers of trees only, and not of a living God; and on Christmas Eve he hewed down the great oak tree around which they had gathered to offer human sacrifice. As it fell a young fir tree seemed to appear miraculously beyond it, and Winfried said to the people:

"Here is the living tree, with no stain of blood upon it, that shall be the sign of your new worship. See how it points to the sky. Call it the tree of the Christ Child. Take it up and carry it to the chieftain's hall. You shall go no more into the shadows of the forest to keep your feasts with secret rites of shame. You shall keep them at home, with laughter and songs and rites of love. The thunder oak has fallen, and I think the day is coming when there shall not be a home in all Germany where the children are not gathered around the green fir tree to rejoice in the birthnight of Christ."

Plan Now to Attend January 3 - March 26

BIBLE SCHOOL ... Baxter Springs, Kansas

CLASSES

Classes will convene from 8:-30 a. m. until 12:00 noon for five days each week in the Library Hall, across the street from the School Home.

Daily Schedule

Morning

CHAPEL	8:30	_	9:00
PROPHECY	9:05	_	9:45
DOCTRINE	9:50	-	10:30
EVANGELISM	10:35	_	11:15
ENGLISH	11:20	-	12:00

Afternoon

MUSIC		2:00 -	3:30
PIANO	Priva	te Instri	action

SUPERVISION

The school will be under the supervision of the Faculty. Floyd LaMunyon, Dean Charles Mahan Mrs. Charles Mahan ELVIS BISHOP GEORGE BOLLINGER VERA SCOTT WILBUR FULLBRIGHT ANNA RUTH SCOTT

NOTE

Anyone having children's phonograph records, or material that could be used to entertain children, and would send it to the Bible School for use in the Nursery during the coming term, it would be greatly appreciated.

RULES OF CONDUCT OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE SCHOOL

- 1. Students must take THREE subjects, two being Bible subjects.
- 2. Everyone coming for entire term, (except children) must enroll and must take all examinations.
- 3. Students are required to be in school home each evening except Friday, Saturday and Sunday, leaving then only with permission.
- 4. Dating forbidden, except on week-ends; must be in groups of four or more.
- 5. Single students, (NOTE) boys and girls must study at separate tables. Visiting permitted in the Lobby room only.
- 6. Unless Sponsored, all students must be in school home by 10:00 P. M. week-ends. Lights out and bed-check in dormitories at 10:30 each evening.
- 7. Parents will be responsible for children at all times.
- 8. VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME, subject to all school rules.
- 9. If, after prayer service at night, you wish to pray, and DO NOT have a member of the faculty or an appointed sponsor with you

Boys may pray in the dining hall Girls may pray in prayer room on third floor.

10. Let us do OUR BEST to make this a Bible School that we can be proud of and an Institution that OUR MOVEMENT will appreciate.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FACULTY

EVANGELISTIC TRIP

Rev. Floyd LaMunyon, Dean of the Bible School, and Mrs. LaMunyon are now making an extensive Evangelistic trip through the Mid-West in the interest of the coming term of the Bible School. They expect to visit most of the churches before the first of the year.

MEALS AND LODGING

Meals will be furnished for all the faculty and student body at the school cafeteria as the Lord provides by free-will offering. Dormitory rooms will be available for all single students.

DONATIONS

ALL DONATIONS WHETHER MONEY, LINENS, OR FOOD, SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE SCHOOL, P. O. BOX 110, BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

NURSERY

A nursery will be furnished by the school with a competent supervisor. All children under school age will be cared for throughout the day from Monday through Friday.

Pray Bible School * Talk Bible School * Come Bible School

The Spirit of Christmas ...

DECEMBER, 1949 - JANUARY, 1950

In all of life there is an interesting diversity of "spirits," and every spirit has its native clime. In the field of athletics we speak of the SPIRIT OF VIC-TORY. In business there is the SPIRIT OF COMPETITION. In science and letters, the SPRIRT OF ACHLEVEMENT may be found. We see the SPIRIT OF PERFECTION in art, the SPIR-IT OF PROGRESS in civic and national life, and the SPIRIT OF WORSHIP in church and in cathedral. But the warm atmosphere of the home, and the love and good cheer of the fireside have been reserved as the native clime of the SPIRIT $_{
m OF}$ CHRISTMAS.

What a wonderful spirit the Christmas season brings into the home life! At this time of year how often the entire atmosphere of a neighborhood seems changed — surcharged with a strangely new and welcome spirit. The days seem brighter, our tasks are less irksome, and the neighbors more friendly. What has made the difference? Why, Christmas is at hand, and the spirit of the birthday of the Christ Child permeates the air.

The CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, it seems to me, can be aptly divided into two major parts: first, the directing influence which it bears upon us in our relationship to others; and secondly, the effect that it produces in our own hearts and lives.

In the first instance, the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT is revealed in a SPIRIT THOUGHTFULNESS. There is probably no other time in all the year when each of us strives so hard to be considerate and thoughtful. At Christmas time we think of every loved one, we recall the preciousness of all our friends, we remember the poor, the needy, the distressed. We look for the best in everyone and in everything. Our desire to send out little remembrances generally far exceeds our capacity, and after we have done our best to remember all, we still remain anxious lest we might have omitted someone.

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Thoughtfulness of others is surely, then, an important and vital element in the CHRIST-MAS SPIRIT.

Again the CHRISTMAS SPIR-IT is revealed in a SPIRIT OF KINDNESS. Meanness plays no part in Yuletide festivities, and unkindness would be a most unwelcome Christmas guest. At this season of the year how readily and willingly we push from us the petty grievances and the misunderstandings of past days and months! How easily we forgive and forget under the spell of the CHRIST-MAS SPIRIT!

Then, too, at Christmastime we often go out of our way to be friendly and neighborly to those we meet. We speak a word of "thank you" to the postman, we call a "Merry Christmas" to the passerby. We have a smile for all the little children with whom we come in contact, and we try to give some practical remembrance to all who may have served us. We are in the grip of the SPIRIT OF CHRIST-MAS, and we are thus constrained to be kind.

Furthermore, in our analysis of the SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, we must not forget to include the SPIRIT OF SELF-SACRI-FICE. For it is this that gives the real tang to Christmasthat makes possible the idea of Santa Claus, that makes our gifts worth while and genuine, even though they may possibly be of little consquence as far as monetary value is concerned. After all, Christmas would not

be Christmas, except for the absence of selfishness. How often, when we were children, our fathers and mothers went without even the necessities of life to provide Christmas gifts for us -and yet how gladly this was

How frequently, in many a home, one can hear the expression: "Oh, don't bother about ME. It will make THEM so happy!"

It is this aspect of Christmas this unselfishness in our thoughts and these kindnesses toward others—that makes this the happiest season of all the year for those who truly have within their hearts the CHRIST-MAS SPIRIT.

When we turn to a consideration of the other aspect of the SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: Namely, its effect upon our own hearts, we can find but one re-

Given a sincerely generous and genuinely noble attitude of mind and conduct toward others. and there will always be a positive reaction upon the hearts of those who possess the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

Thus, this SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, so splendidly manifested in thoughtfulness, in kindness, and in Self-sacrifice in our relationship to others, brings to us a SPIRIT OF FAITH in place of skepticism, a SPIRIT OF HOPE, which supplants pessimism, and a SPIRIT OF CHARITY and of BROTHERLY LOVE, which forever holds at bay and keeps from our hearts the insidious and corroding influence of cynicism.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST



GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

A wonderful revival spirit prevailed during the meeting just held at the Morning Star church, north of Guymon. A goodly number attended the morning prayer meeting and unusually good interest was shown in all the services. A splendid spirit of unity and blessing was manifested. Ten souls saved in the meeting, all first timers to be saved. The last Sunday of the meeting three services were held with basket dinner in the basement. There were a number of visitors from various points. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bollinger, Pastor.

RADIO PROGRAM

The Apostolic Faith church of Big Spring, Texas is sponsoring a radio program on station KTXC, 1400 on dial. The programs are every Wednesday and Sunday from 5:15 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. Rev Eugene Cornell, Pastor.

KINGSMILL, TEXAS

Evangelist Ben Barker, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fullbright recently held a good revival in the church at Kings Mill. Several were saved in the meeting and the church was greatly blessed. Evangelist Barker will return to Kings Mill around the first of December for a series of Bible lessons. Rev. Pearl Yeakely, Pastor.

PRAYER LIST

Mrs. Maud Brown. Mrs. H. Kerst. Mrs. Paul Bollinger. Fred Daley. Mrs. Glayron Rees.

THANKS TO CHURCHES

An appreciative thanks to the following churches for their offering the past month to the Apostolic Faith Paper:

CHENEY. KANSAS WEBB CITY, MISSOURI KATY. TEXAS JOPLIN, MISSOURI JOPLIN, MISSOURI (Bible Class) RALLS, TEXAS LAMARQUE, TEXAS BIG SPRING, TEXAS PERRYTON, TEXAS GALENA, KANSAS BALKO, OKLAHOMA GRANBY, MISSOURI PALM CITY, CALIFORNIA WICHITA, KANSAS Hoover Orchard WICHITA, KANSAS New York Tabernacle BAXTER SPRINGS, KAN. ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

NOTICE

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

All those desiring a list of the records of the sermons or songs of the Camp Meetings, please write to Tony Drachenberg, 114 Main Webb City, Mo.

SINGING CONVENTION

The singing Convention for the Panhandle district will be held at Perryton, Texas in the Full Gospel Church on Sunday afternoon, December 11 at 2:30 p. m. Donald D. Dibbens, President.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

The Young People's Rally of the Panhadle District will be held at Perryton, Texas November 21. The Rally will be held at the church in Balko, Oklahoma on December 19, 1949. Paul D. Mahan, President.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

The November Rally of the Tri-State Young People met at the Mission at Prosperity, Missouri on Monday night, Novemger 14. The December Rally will be held at the Apostolic Faith Chapel in Baxter Springs, Kansas on Monday night, December 12. Bill Turner, President.

NEW SERMONS

Those desiring the new sermons or the rest of the series of sermons of Evangelist Irene Dilworth please write for them at 1134 W. Crow St., Webb City, Missouri.

BALKO, OKLAHOMA

The Balko church has discontinued their radio program over the Perryton Station for the present time. Rev. Marcus Adair of Logan, Okla, has secured the same time on the Perryton Station.

Coming Event



TRI-STATE CONVOCATION

Webb City, Mo. December 26-31

BLESSINGS AT ORPHANAGE

We are happy to report victory at the Children's Home. God has been blessing in the past twenty-one months since obeying his call to open our home to orphan children. He has been present to save, to heal and to

supply our needs.

Several of the children have been miraculously healed. One girl who had suffered tonsilitis for a long time, every few weeks having to miss school because of fever and a very sore throat, two or three days at a time, was instantly healed and has never had a touch of it since.

During a mumps epidemic in school, one of the girls came home with fever and symtoms of the mumps. After bundling her up on the divan, we knelt to pray. The sweetness of the presence of the Lord filled the room. Every symptom of the disease left and the child went to church that night with a victorious testimony of God's power to heal. When the little folks get sick, their first thoughts are for prayer. Each child is taught to pray at the family altar. They are eager for their turn to offer the blessing at the table.

We appreciate the services of Brother and Sister Ivan Perkins while they were with us. Since they are called to other fields of labor, we pray God's richest blessings upon them.

Sister Whited is laboring faithfully here at the Children's Home. Her consecrated Christian life is a blessing to the home and to the church.

The blessing of the Lord is upon the little country "Community Church." The Sunday School averages around one hundred in attendance. Souls are being saved. To God be all the glory.

We wish to express our thanks to all individuals and churches who have sent clothing, quilts, offerings and other things to make the children comfortable and happy. May God bless you for your faithfulness.

We covet your prayers for

WHERE SUPERSTITION RULES

Deep-seated superstition dominates millions of precious souls in needy Europe, binding them in fetters which only the Lord Jesus Christ can break asunder. The following illustrations are a further vivid reminder to you of Europe's darkness. May they also be a further incentive to prayer.



"Jezulatko"

Czechoslovakia

Here in Prague there is a church where people worship the "Jezulatko" (little Jesus). This image was brought to Czechoslovakia from Spain about the end of the sixteenth century by a Bohemian princess. The image is supposed to have power to work miracles by Czech Catholics, for it is considered the country's protector. Special services and special holidays are held in honor of "Jezulatko." People bow down and pray before the image, and the altar boys wave incense before it as they do before the eucharist at holy mass. The "Jezulatko" has numerous dresses which are changed at the various holidays. Dresses accumulate because wealthy people who pray to the image and receive answers give new dresses by way of thanks. These dresses

are ornamented with precious stones and are very costly. The worship of "Jezulatko" is one of the worst kinds of idoltry in Czechoslovakia. -Beatrice Kozelka.

this work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reuben Davis Route 2, Box 70. Madera, California.

SANTA CLAUS AND CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Saint Nicholas seems to have been the original of our Santa Claus. He was the Bishop of Myra about the year 300 Å. D. and was very popular because of his good deeds and kindness, especially to children, whose patron saint he is supposed to be.

An old legend says that he wished to bestow a gift surreptitiously upon an old nobleman who, though poor, did not want any one to know of his poverty. When the good bishop reached the house he saw the old gentle-

man asleep by the fire, so he climbed to the top of the chimney and dropped his gift therein, thinking it would fall on the hearth. But it so happened that the money fell into one of the old gentleman's stockings, which his daughter had hung up to dry. where it was found and used as a dowry for his eldest daughter. And the old story says that Saint Nicholas never failed to put a gift in the stockings which were hung for him thereafter whenever a daughter of the house was to marry.

The date of the bishop's death. December 6th, is observed in many countries, and the closeness of his feast to that of Christmas Day has probably confounded the two celebrations.

Brief Mention

HINTON, ALABAMA

Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Sparks and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cowart expect to spend some time in Alabama and Mississippi looking after the churches that Brother and Sister Rolan Eakens have been pastoring. The Eakens will be in the Tri-State District and Mid-West for awhile.

CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI

A successful revival has just been concluded at the Thom's Station Church northwest of Joplin, Mo., Evangelist and Mrs. Homer Coberly, Elaine Thompson and Jean Sears were in charge of the meeting. A number from the district attended and also assisted in the meeting. Eight souls were saved in the meeting. Madge Robinson, Pastor.

WEBB CITY, MISSOURI

God is blessing in all the services at the Frisco Mission. The men of the church have been diligently working to finish the new annex in time for the Convocation. A young people's service is held every Tuesday night at the church with Billy Major in charge. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cooper, Pastors.

JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Evangelist and Mrs. Homer Coberly and party are now in a good revival at the Full Gospel church, 1314 Main St., in Joplin. Mr. and Mrs. Audley Hervey, Pastors.

SENECA, MISSOURI

Evangilist and Mrs. Roy Wooster of Alvin, Texas have just closed a good revival in the church at Seneca. Crowds were large and good interest was shown throughout the meeting. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Sherwood, Pastors.

TRI-STATE CONVOCATION

at

FRISCO MISSION Webb City, Mo.

DECEMBER 26-31

Common Table Bring Bedding Rooms and Cots Available

Directors

Earl Sherwood, Seneca, Mo. Bill Patterson, Granby, Mo.

Harold Cooper, Pastor 1328 Austin St. Webb City, Mo.

GRANBY, MISSOURI

Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Neilson have held some special services in the Granby Tabernacle of late. The church is looking forward to a revival in December with Evangelist and Mrs. Homer Coberly and party. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patterson, Pastors.

MEADE, KANSAS

Evangelist and Mrs. Tica Taber conducted a successful revival in the church at Meade. Every service was blessed of the Lord and all the messages were anointed. The revival was a great blessing to the church. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ferguson, Pastors.

TANEYVILLE, MO.

The blessing of the Lord continues to rest upon the work at the Taneyville church. Recently several prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Spirit and a spirit of victory is manifested. Mr. and Mrs. Gail W. Schultz. Pastors.

SNELL, MISSISSIPPI

Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Handley have closed a good revival in the church at Snell. Several were saved and the meeting proved a blessing. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morgan, Pastors.

CHENEY, KANSAS

Evangelist Earl Neilson recently conducted a good revival in the Cheney Church. The church as a whole moved up in the things of God. Several were sanctified and received personal victories and about 16 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. James Hosler, Pastor.

PALM CITY, CALIFORNIA

The Palm City work is going forward in the things of God. They are expecting a revival in the near future. The George Hintergardts have been there recently in special services. Albert Janzen, Pastor.

MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS

The Polvado-Harbin Evangelistic parties have just conducted a successful revival in Bethel church at Magnolia. God blessed in the meeting, several were saved and some prayed through to personal victories. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dickson, Pastors.

CLATHE, COLORADO

Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Palmer held a successful revival in the church at Olathe in November. God blessed and anointed as each message went out in spirit and in power. Ralph Durham, Pastor.

CAMP WOOD, TEXAS Evangelist Francis Sutton and Evangelist and Mrs. Max Pennington held a good revival in the church at Camp Wood. Brother Sutton is remaining in Camp Wood to pastor the church.

WALLER, TEXAS

Evangelists Ed and Frances Stork are now pastoring the church at Waller, Texas. God is blessing in all the services.

FLAGLER, COLORADO

Regular services are continuing with blessing and spirituality in the work near Flagler. Plans are still under way to build a new church as soon as possible. Mr. and Mrs. Kay Kerr, Pastors.

PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

God is blessing in all the services at the Pontiac church. Seven souls were saved recently on Sunday night. Many are seeking the deeper blessings of the Lord. Rev. Clayton Rice is the pastor

MADERA, CALIFORNIA

God is blessing at the country "Community Church" near Madera. Sister Leola Hintergardt is now at the Orphanage assisting in the home and with the church work. Brother and Sister George Hintergardt expect to spend a few weeks in California in special services. Rev. and Mrs. J. Reuben Davis, Pastors.

SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA

The group of believers at Sulphur are now having services in the different homes and they have a building fund for a new church and hope in the near future they can begin to build. Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell, Pastors.

MENARD, TEXAS

The Mahan Evangelistic party recently held a good revival in the church at Menard. Two were saved in the meeting and some sanctified, several were healed and the entire church blessed. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Barnes, Pastors.

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS
The Mahan Evangelistic party have just closed a good revival in the church at Hempstead. The spirit of the Lord blessed and witnessed in every service. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Regier, Pastors.

DUMAS, TEXAS

Good services are reported from the church at Dumas. Souls have been saved of late and many have received personal victories. Mr. and Mrs. John Modrick, Pastors.

CONVOCATION

at

UNION CHURCH

SPEARMAN, TEXAS December 25-31

Meals served in School Cafeteria

Ample Room for Everyone

Directors

Albert Durham, Spearman, Tex. Jack Barker. Perryton, Tex. John Modrick. Dumas Tex.

MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY

Due to the fact that it was impossible to secure a building or build a church at the present time, Rev. and Mrs. Handley have postponed their church and building program in Mt. Sterling until spring.

BAYARD, NEBRASKA

Evangelist and Mrs Winston Barker, and Evangelist and Mrs. Don Russell, Neil Ragan, Paul Allen Pletcher and Leon Pugh are evangelizing in Nebraska. They recently held a good meeting in the church at Bayard, and of late have conducted a good revival in a country school house, 10 miles northeast of Bayard. Dorcas Crouse is pianist of the party.

KATY, TEXAS

A revival spirit has been present in every service in the Katy church for several weeks. Several visiting ministers have been there of late. In the past five weeks seven souls have been saved and several sanctified and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. An invitation is extended to the ministry to visit the church when possible. Mr. and Mrs. Hap Watkins. Pastors.

WICHITA, KANSAS

God blessed in a great way in the recent revival at the Hoover Orchard church by Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Sparks and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cowart. Several were saved in the meeting and some were saved in the regular services before the revival. The Sunday school is steadily growing with an attendance of around 60. The church in general was especially blessed during the special services. Neola Moore, Pastor.

CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Rev. and Mrs. George Bollinger, pastors of the Cave Springs Mission have just conducted a good revival there. Considerable interest was shown from the community and God blessed. A special Thanksgiving service was held in the afternoon and night of Thanksgiving Day.

LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO

Alexander Wisnoski of Houston, Texas held a series of special services in the Apostolic Faith church at Lovington, N. M. All ministers are invited to visit the church and conduct services there. Horace L. Watkins. Pastor.

ROCKDALE, TEXAS

The work of the Lord at the Rockdale Tabernacle is moving along nicely, God is blessing and Sundy School attendance is staying around 80 and 90. Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Brown, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Brown have just conducted a good revival in the Knox St. Church in Houston, God blessed in all the services. Rev. and Mrs. Grady Adcock, Pastors.

Evangelist Jennie Evans is off the evangelistic field for the present time and is caring for her mother who is ill in Perryton. Texas.



CHILDREN'S PAGE



Christmas Poems

(Selected by Viola Modrick)



CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS OF A LITTLE GIRL

I sometimes wonder in my heart Why Jesus was a boy;

I know He came to bless the world

And bring His mother joy.

I know He grew in loveliness In thought and word and deed, And brought His grace and kindliness

To a world much in need.

I think perhaps a little girl
Can be a blessing too;
So I'll begin right here and now
To see what I can do.

-Priscilla May Moore.

A LITTLE STAR

A little star led
The silent way
To Bethlehem, where
The Christ child lay.

One little star
Of the many on high
Was the brightest one
In the darkening sky.

The Wise Men followed
Its beckoning light
And found the inn
That Christmas night.

One little star
Had its work to do,
One little star,
Faithful and true.

Anne Murry Movius



NO ROOM

One night I dreamed I was a guest,

That night in Bethlehem town,

Where He was born, who gave to it

Its famous world renown; And safe I slept within the Inn That quiet starlit night,

While in the stable near there shone

The world's eternal light.

* * *

And in the morn my host revealed

The story of that birth,
To us, his guests, who sat and
heard.

And feasted in our mirth; But one inquired, in thoughtful mood,

Why shelter was denied;
"There was no room within the inn,"

Our genial host replied.

Up spake I then to them, and said,

"If I had only known,
They might have had my room
last night

In little Bethlehem town."
Then I awoke; and now I know
The Prince of Peace is come,
And needs a place within my
heart—

Will I now give Him room?

—Clarence M. Sheldon

A little talk with Jesus, How it smoothes the rugged road;

I tell Him I am weary,

And He lifts the heavy load; He gave His life a ransom,

To make me all His own, I cannot live without Him,

For I believe He'll quickly come.

I come from a race of brave shepherds,

Inured to the perils of night;

If wild beasts around us came prowling,

We slew them or put them to flight.

And David the king was our kinsman,
Who slew both the lion and bear,
When the sheep, as a lad, he was
tending

And guarding with diligent care. We too were alert to the perils

That the sheep and the lambs might alarm;

We watchfully guarded from danger, And safely we kept them from harm.

But once we were eager to leave them

To the threatening dangers of night—

For as we were watching and talking,

At midnight there shone a great light;

A light that was bright as the noon-day,

Which brought consternation and dread;

For the Glory of God shone around us,

And an angel appeared overhead. But while we were shaking and fearing

He spake, and our terrors were stilled;

For he gave such a wonderful message

That we with amazement were filled.

"Fear not," was his glad salutation,
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring."
And our hearts, lately heavy and
fearful,

Were light as the birds, all a-wing. Said he: "In the city of David

This day there is born Christ the Lord.

A Savior to you and all people—"

And we thought on the prophetic word.

Still the angel unfolded his message;
"In swaddling clothes wrapped, ye shall see

The Babe lying there in a manger,
And a sign unto you this shall be."

THE SHEPHERD'S STORY



Then just as his message was ended There rose on the air, sweet and clear,

The song of an angelic choir

Which stood, with the angel, quite near.

"Glory to God in the highest!"

They sang in a triumphant strain, Then "Peace upon earth!" was reechoed

As they chanted again and again; "Good will toward men!" rang the anthem

Through the air on that glorious night;

Then the host winged its way up to heaven

In a cloud of celestial light.

As they vanished, one said to another:

"E'en to Bethlehem let us now go, And see this great thing that has happened,

Which the Lord Himself made us to know."

We left all our flocks in the sheep-folds,

For we felt that the Lord would take care;

We came where a soft light was shining,

And straightway the Babe we found there

Twas true, there He lay in a manger—

Our Savior, Messiah and Lord; No room but a stable provided, But we knelt in the presence of God.

Three wise men had brought of their riches

From far away lands in the East; But they knelt by the side of poor shepherds,

The greatest of men and the least.

No treasure had we there to offer,
But we offered ourselves, His to
be,

From henceforth to live for His

Whatever the future might be.

We turned then again to our sheep-fields,

Rejoicing and praising the Lord For all the great things He had shown us,

And to neighbors and friends told the word

That Messiah had come to our nation, As God by His prophets foretold; That through Him all nations and peoples.

His blessings and love should behold.

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I'm an aged man now, and my children

Tend the flocks out there on the plain;

And my son said that someone named Jesus

With a multitude passed them again;

And he heard Him say: "I am the Good Shepherd,

I lay down my life for the sheep."

And I'm sure He must be the Messiah

Whom we left in the manger asleep.

Lt.-Col. David Miller

PERRYTON, TEXAS

Rev. Donald Dibbens will conduct a 10 nights singing school at the Full Gospel Church in Perryton, November 28 to December 7. Wilbur Fullbright will be the pianist for this singing school. Rev. and Mrs. Jack Barker, Pastors.

The Sin of Worldliness

By Jacob C. Regier

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." I John 2:15.

The Lord told us in His Word, "—that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." II Tim. 3:1-5. I believe we are living in the time of which this scripture speaks and should heed the admonition in the 5th verse, "from such turn away." Again the Lord said, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matt. 24:12. It is sad but true that in this day and time the "follow the leader" and "keeping up with the Joneses" principles of religion have indeed led some of the people of God far from the right way. Moses informed the leader Joshua and the people of God (in Deut. 31:12): "Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and the stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law: And that their children, which have not known anything, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it." If we fail to go back to the original pattern of God's Christian precepts, and fail to teach them to ourselves, our children, and even the stranger within our gates; we will eventually be so far away from the Word of God we will be Lost.

These are terms used in the Bible to describe the sentence to be pronouncd upon the unbelieving and disobedient: "Lost," "Damned," "Condemned" and "Second Death." Oh, the enormity of the sentence! It is serious enough to suffer natural loss. It is terrible to experience physical loss in sickness and death in the natural. But think of the LOSS people must suffer because of unbelief and disobedience. Jesus said, "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the wind blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." Matt:26-27. Again He said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both the soul and body in hell."

Notice, in our first text,"-If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." If we are guilty of Worldliness, (loving the world and the things in the world) we are lost. But some ask, "How can one help but love the things he loves?" "Can a person develop a hatred for the things he loves?" Nicodemus thought it strange when Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." If we partake of the divine nature, a change is so wrought within us that we will love the things of God and not love the things in the world. We read in II Cor-5:17-18, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are

of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ—." Becoming a new Creature in Christ (through entire consecration and Sanctification) will enable us to "not love the things in the world."

When Holiness and Full-Gospel preaching was marching in power and beauty, yes and in the power and demonstration of the Spirit; there was no shirking from condemning such things as, tobacco, strong drink, theaters, card-playing, dancing, ballgames, rodeos, divorce and adultery. Along with this, we were divinely instructed to love God and the service of God. We were urged to make a complete surrender to God in consecration. This consecration was not in word only, but in reality. At the end of this surrender to God, God moved upon the human soul to sanctify and cleanse by the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. What place does worldliness have in a surrendered, consecrated, sanctified, Spirit-filled life? NONE!! Worldliness and Holiness cannot abide in the same vessel. Oh, for more of the inspired preaching that caused people to turn from sin, ungodliness, and dead religion to serve a living God! If I love God and His word enough to carry out the required consecration as designated in Romans the 12th chapter, I will not have to hate the things I love, because a change will have been wrought. "Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind"- will bring to pass the saying in II Cor. 5:17, "-old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

Let us live and teach a plain clean life of holiness; a life free from filthy habits such as cursing, tobacco, strong drink, lying, cheating, and vile tempers. Let us live and recommend a Christian life, separated from worldly amusements like movies, skating rinks, rodeos, ball-games, dances, card-parties

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"This is the Way, Walk Ye in It"

By Olen Bachler

"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, THIS IS THE WAY, WALK YE IN IT, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the

left." Isaiah 30:21.

God has through all ages had a plan. When men and women have followed and adhered to that plan they have always shared His blessing and favor. When men have thought in their own way and come to desire and walk in man's way they have found the disapproval of God. This great writer and prophet looked down through the annals of time and knew man would ever be the same, they would forget God and His way and follow and speak their own way. We go back to the beginning and find Adam and Eve sought their own way and got the disapproval of God. We come to follow ever great men who pointed mankind to Christ and God and they ever proclaimed the same message that God's way is right. There are a lot of ways in this world that men have sought. It may be a little difficult to know what is God's way and God's will, but one thing we can rest assured on is, that, if we can find God's way and God's will it will certainly be the right way. It has never been difficult for me to obey God if I could find out his will and just what He wanted me to do. There have been times when I have been chastened, when my desire was to do His will, but the powers of the enemy were so strong and opposing it was hard to know and find the way. Many men in the Bible sought God and sought His will and found His approval and blessing. Down through the years, it is a matter of history that when men followed God they found happiness, satisfaction and peace. When they disobeyed Him and He became displeased they readily found His disapproval, His judgments, and His plagues.

We come to the New Testament ages with many philosophies of life. Many men in years past have come forth ideas or a new ideal of life. Hitler, a few years ago, proclaimed himself to be greater than Jesus. Many come forth with philosophies and ideals, many of them past and gone, their ideals. doctrines with them are dead and gone forever. The great plan of God, the philosophy and ideals of Christ have lived because it was the doctrine of the Father, it was a message of love to the world, a world that has known hate, defeat and trouble. He taught that we could conquer through the medium of love and win the hearts of men and heart of God. That has been His plan and His method. the method of love. "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh to the father but by me." I point you to one, Jesus Christ, who is alive tonight and sits on the right hand of the throne of God. We know He is alive because He lives in our hearts. Men argue His divinity, virgin birth, resurrection, many say he was just an ordinary man and is dead and dead forever. The Christ is alive, He lives forevermore. In humble humility I knelt before Him and found Him in reality and it erased for ever from my mind any doubt. The Jesus way is the best way of life. "This is the way, walk ye in it." Old time salvation prayed down from Heaven above, its what we stand for. You can know for yourself, no one has to tell you that Jesus is alive. It is just as real as anything in the world. Men have sought contentment and pleasure and have gone everywhere to find something that satisfies the soul and the longing of the heart, and in searching they have overlooked the fact that genuine happiness can be found only in Christ. This is the way, the only way, the

Jesus way. There may be ways that are more glamorous, more popular, and more money, but you will never find a way that will bring satisfaction to your soul that the Jesus Way will bring.

We are confronting some serious situations in the world, and if we knew exactly how near we are to the coming of the Lord and the close of the age, Mark of the Beast, the rapture, we would seek God earnestly to prepare our lives for these coming events. The doors are still swinging wide open to His great store house. "This is the way, walk ye in it." The experiences of God are positive and real. Sanctification and the Holy Spirit are real and they are for you. Everyone will need them. We are going to need these experiences more the coming year. We are definitely getting ready for the coming of the Lord. He is coming in the clouds of heaven, this same Jesus will return one of these days. I like to lift my eyes and scan the heavens and know that some day ere long Jesus is coming there on a great cloud. All indications point clearly that we are nearing that time.

If we as christians would live what we know and practice what we believe in that we haven't known what to do, or don't have light and knowledge, but we have been blessed with the enlightment of the latter days. It is not a question of not knowing the way, it is a question of getting people to do and live the way. If everyone of us would know and do what we know we would all be ready when Jesus comes. We don't have to search for something new or different, do just what you know to do. In that day we shall hear Him say, "Well done."

Seek Him and obey Him who said, "This is the way walk ye in it."

Remember Your Missionaries

MISSIONARY PAGE



IN THE STATES

Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Palmer and little Mark, and Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Palmer returned to the States around the first of November from Anchorage, Alaska. The Robert Palmers will be in evangelistic work and Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Palmer will be in Webb City, Missouri until they return to Alaska about the first of March.

IN EVANGELISTIC WORK

Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Palmer and little Mark have just concluded a successful revival in the church at Olathe, Colorado. They expect to conduct evangelistic meetings while in the States for a few months.

TO ALASKA

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Perkins and daughters are now in Anchorage, Alaska and assisting in the work of the Lord there. Rev. and Mrs. Glayron Rees are filling a heavy schedule with the church and radio work while Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Palmer are in the States in evangelistic work.

BIBLES HALTED BY REDS

A truck-load of Bibles for Berlin was stopped recently by the Soviets near the Helmstedt border crossing point. The Russians claimed the scriptures were "propaganda material" which needed a special permit by the Communist-controlled German Economic Commission for the Eastern Zone.

Remember Your Missionaries

"SAVED FROM WRATH"

In Exod. 12:23 we read where God made a way of escape for the children of Israel. Before this time God had been dealing with Pharaoh to let His people go, but Pharaoh heeded not to the voice of God, so it was then that God told Moses to have the elders of Israel to take the blood of a lamb and put it on the lintel and on the two side posts of the door, so that when God sent the death angel that night, and He saw the blood He would not suffer the destroyer to come in. But into everyone else's homes the destrover went and the first born of all Egypt was killed, all because the king would not heed the voice of God.

Today God is dealing with people, not one of our rulers or men who have the rule in our land, but to every individual on the face of the earth. Yet so many people today are not heeding the voice of the Holy Spirit as He speaks to them.

We find also that the time of God's dealing with humanity is near an end. He is going to speak for the last time as He spoke the last time to Pharaoh, but He has also made a way of escape for all who will take that way. The lamb, Jesus Christ, has already been slain and all we have to do is apply His blood to our lives and when God sees that blood we will be saved from His wrath. As we read in Rom. 5:9, "By His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." Only through the blood that was shed upon the cross for all will we be saved from the wrath to come.

If the blood of a lamb would save the children of Israel from the destroyer, then will not the blood of Jesus be more than enough to save us from the

wrath also. We read in Heb. 9:13-14. "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God." Surely the blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is far more powerful than all the blood of all the sacrifices that the children of Israel ever made, and will do more than just save us from the wrath, but gives us the joy of living a clean life, pleasing in the sight of God.

The children of Israel could have sacrificed several times a day, but if their sacrifices were not done according to God's plan, their sacrifice would prevail them nothing. We today can do every thing in the world to be saved, but unless we have the blood of Jesus on our lives every thing that we would do prevails us nothing. It is only the blood of Jesus that will save us from the wrath.

We know that God loved the children of Israel. That is the reason He protected and saved them. We also know that Jesus loves us today, as He gave His life for our sins. In Rev. 1:5 we read, "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth, unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood."

I pray that more people will realize that it is only through the blood of Jesus that we will be saved from the wrath to come, not by churches, organizations, creeds or doctrine, but only through the shed blood of our wonderful Jesus, who is our sacrifice. Let His blood cover your life that you may be saved from His wrath.

—Ralph Denton.

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and the like. Let us teach our young folk the folly, the shame and the inevitable sorrow that will come to them and us if they fall into the devil's snare of divorce and remarriage. May God help us in these trying times to lift high the banner of a pure Christian Gospel; so pure it took the blood of the spotless Son of God to bring it into effect. Futhermore, let us emphasize the fact that the blood of Jesus will make us complete overcomers, through the work of Sanctification as We learn from I Thess. 4:3-7, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleaness, but unto holiness.' Driving a hard bargain or cheating is sin. The world does it on every side. It is worldly. Gossip and backbiting is as sinful as murder and adultery. The world is full of it, but the saints of God are free from it.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. I John 2:15.

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

The Lord is blessing in the Spearman church, increased interest and spirituality have been manifested of late. Sister Ava Durham is in charge of the services while Brother Durham is in a revival at Balko, Oklahoma. The congregation is planning to build Sunday School rooms and rest rooms on to the church in the near future.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

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Surely at this glad and happy season of the year we should all strive to more carefully cherish this sacred SPIRIT CHRISTMAS. It is a spirit which many of us imbibed in earliest childhood when we were taught to be kind, helpful and selfsacrificing by devoted parents and loved ones. It is a spirit which wonderfully embodies all the coveted essentials of the real joy of living. It is a spirit which, if we will but carry it with us into our business, our social, our recreational and our family living-not just at Christmas, but throughout all the year — will brighten and make radiant all of

Let us, then resolve with Charles Dickens, that renowned and thought stimulating author, "I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year." For if we will but do so -keeping uppermost in our minds the vast and measureless love of God, whose Christmas gift of His only Son made possible a free and full salvation to all who will repent and believe on Him-if we will truly honor the Christ of Christmas, keeping sacred in our hearts the thoughtfulness, the kindness, the selfsacrifice so characteristic of Him —if we will this day renew our pledges of Christian loyalty, or come, a sinner, to His feet—we will find that in thus honoring His birthday, our hearts will be filled anew and to overflowing with the gratifying SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

> Commissioner Norman S. Marshall, The War Cry

BALKO, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist Albert L. Durham is now in a revival at the church at Balko. Victory and blessing is reported in every service. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carlson, Pastors.

OBITUARY

Phebie Margaret Wagoner was born March 15, 1877, in Butler, Indiana, and departed this life October 9, 1949 at her home in Chetopa, Kansas at the age of 72 years, 7 months and 25 days.

On January 21, 1896 she was united in marriage to William Henry Warner, who preceded her in death on October 22, 19-30. To this union were born two children who survive. They are Mrs. Sylvia Dixon and Leon Warner both of Chetopa, Kansas; one sister, Mrs. Nellie Dyer, Vallejo, California; one brother, Glenn Wagoner of Inglewood, California, 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Also a host of other relatives and friends survive.

At an early age she united with the Methodist Church at Woodward, Oklahoma, and she later became affiliated with the Apostolic Faith retaining her faith and experience until the end.

Funeral services and interment were at Chetopa, Kansas.

HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist Ben Barker, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fullbright have just conducted a very successful revival in the Hardesty Mission church. Crowds were large and interest was good. Fine Young People's services were held each evening prior to the evangelistic service. A number were saved in the meeting and some gained definite victories. The revival closed Sunday, November 20 with three services and basket dinner. Rev. and Mrs. Donald D. Dibbens, Pastors.

LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

Rev. Marcus Adair, Pastor of the Midway Country Church is now conducting Chapel services in five country schools each week. Sister Adair and Sister Eula Mae Taylor assist with the music and also flannelgraph lessons. Brother Adair is now broadcasting from KEYE, Perryton, Texas, 1400 on dial, Sunday 2:30 to 3:00 p. m.

