



The Mission Trail

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

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Life, Freedom and Joy

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...and a cheerful greeting to each listener of THE MISSION TRAIL. We are happy to be coming to you over this radio station as we do each Sunday at this same time. Your speaker is Willie Murphey and I hope you will stay tuned for the next few moments as we talk of three things which many folks are interested in: Number 1, Life; Number 2, Freedom; and Number 3, Joy.

To begin with listen to this scripture from John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Let us look into this verse a little more thoroughly and see what there may be in it for us. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and they might have it more abundantly." If one doesn't understand spiritual things it may be a little difficult to know just what all he meant by those words. He surely wasn't talking about physical life only and I am sure there is more to living than just getting up in the morning, having a quick snack at the breakfast table, rush off to the office for a hard day's work, eat another meal at the noon hour, and the third one after work that day, and finally laying down to rest at the close of the day. There are a lot of people doing such things as this who have never really learned the secret of living. They seem to operate some what like a machine, fall into a regular habit of doing certain things and perhaps could never explain just why they live as they do. But there is more to life than just eating, drinking, and

sleeping.

I believe Jesus was speaking here of the spiritual life which comes to an individual when they come in contact with the saving grace of God. It is then and not until then that one really understands the fullness of life. Notice again the words, "I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." There is a fuller, deeper, richer life to be experienced when you find the perfect will of God and his choice for you. This is really the abundant life. You see there is a difference in the way people live, there is a difference in what their goal may be. Let me point out some things which make a difference.

Alfred Tennyson, the English poet, could take a piece of paper which was worth very little within itself and write a poem on it and make it worth \$65,000 --that's genius.

Vanderbilt could write a few words on a sheet of paper and make it worth \$5,000,000--that's capital.

The United States can take a little piece

of paper with silk threads through it and print George Washington's picture on it with a few other emblems and tokens and it is said to then be worth \$1--that's money.

A mechanic can take material worth \$5 and make it into watch springs worth a \$1,000--that's skill.

A merchant can take an article worth 75¢ and sell it for a \$1--that's business.

And a lady can walk into a department store and purchase a hat for a dollar or two but she prefers one that costs \$27--we might call that vanity.

A ditchdigger works 10 hours a day and handles several tons of earth for \$1.50 a hour--that's labor.

But listen to this, you can spend your life eating, drinking, and sleeping, and die without God and eternal life and lose your soul and I say--that's tragic.

While on the other hand you can find that more abundant life and understand God's will and purpose for you, be free and full of joy and besides all this have a crown of righteousness reserved for you that fadeth not away at the close of life's short span--that my friends, is true wisdom.

Now, do you see the difference?

Secondly, let us think about being free. In John 8:32 we find these words, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Are you really seeking to know the truth? Jesus said when you know the truth it shall make you free. And verse 36 says virtually the same thing, "If the Son therefore

shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." This is not speaking of being bound in prison or having shackles of chain about your arms and legs. But this is speaking about freedom through Christ. Paul was sometimes put in prison and sometimes bound between two soldiers but he was free in the spirit and enjoyed the presence of God.

The third thing I want to bring to your attention is joy. Do you really enjoy living? Are you getting anything out of life which is lasting? Listen to this prophecy in Isa. 12 and verses 3 and 4, "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted." Now I am not waiting for this scripture to be fulfilled somewhere in the distant future because I believe it was fulfilled in Christ, and right now we have access to the more abundant life with fullness of joy. Notice the 6th verse, "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee." Now Zion represents God's church and you get into the church of God by being born into it. This makes you a member in good standing.

Listen to this poem:

Give Your Best

O give of your best to the Master
He gave his all for you
And paid your debt on Mt. Calvary,
As none other could ever do;

While we were poor lost sinners
Wandering in grief and despair,
So far from the portals of glory
Yet no one seemed to care.

We were bound by the sinews of Satan
Our soul was never blest,
No earthly power could loose us
And give us freedom and rest.

But One from on High was watching,
All praises be to his name.
And seeing our helpless condition,
Dear Jesus, from Heaven he came,

With Light to lighten our pathway,
With love that never shall end.
And mercy and peace without measure
And his Blood to cover our sins.

Thank God for the day I accepted
His manifested love to me.
Praise God for his great Salvation
My soul is now happy and free.

I love him with all that's within me,
His Service, my sweetest delight.
So little I can do for my Savior,
But I'll do it with all of my might.

For soon will this life be over,
And we shall be called to go.
To receive our reward up in Heaven
For the deeds we have done here below.

May we each give our best to his
service
(There is power in unity, you know)
That the enemy may be defeated
And souls made whiter than snow.
--Sister S. E. Abbott

Let us pray,

Our gracious Father,
We are glad for the more abundant
life with the freedom and joy of know-
ing that our sins are under the blood
of Christ. Bless each one who hears
the broadcast and may they find the
real purpose and plan with the fullness
of joy for their lives and to thee we
will give the praise through Christ our

Lord. Amen

Here's a song, "From death to life".
The singers are Bob and Dorrall
Forbes, Melvin Doolittle, and Randall
Flynn.

Friends, it is a pleasure to bring you
this short message from week to week.
I truly hope that it may be a blessing
to you, that you will be encouraged to
press on for the Lord, find the free-
dom and joy that there is in serving
him. If we may be of any help to you
or if you'd like a printed copy of the
message, be sure to let us know.
There is no charge or obligation on
your part, just address your request
to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.
And may I add that we deeply appre-
ciate those who co-operate with us to
make this possible from week to week
over this radio station. We do this by
faith in God trusting him to supply the
means that we may continue with this
gospel broadcast.

Until we meet again this is Willie Mur-
phey saying may God's richest bless-
ings be with each of you and a very
cheerful good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Louisiana: "I am sorry to be
late to let you know we still want the
Mission Trail. We enjoy it so much
we wouldn't want to be without it. We
also listen to the broadcast each Sun.
a. m. and enjoy it too. It encourages
our hearts to hear the clean gospel
that it can be heard over the air. We
pray that God will richly bless you for
your efforts of love to send it forth.
Remember us when you think about it.
Finley isn't very well. We love all of
God's dear people"

--Eunice and Finley Joiner

From California: "Glad that I can report victory in my soul. The Lord is a comfort to me and a present help in time of need. He has promised to be with us to the end and I want to do my best for him. I do a lot of praying through the night. Yes, we enjoy the Mission Trail. So keep it coming and I trust the Lord will bless you all in my prayer,"

--Alpha Daniels

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From California: "I'm still thanking the Lord that He has been and continues to be so good to me and I'm encouraged to press on into the kingdom as stated in Luke 16:16 ". . . since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Knowing that this is something we have to keep working at, I'm looking to the Lord to give me the grace and strength I need to keep fighting the fight of faith. Knowing that I have nothing in my past to be very proud of, I'm ". . . forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Phil. 3:13, trusting in the Lord to lead me on into greater things for Him, and praying for Him to "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Ps. 90:12 "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; . . ." Heb. 12:2 I very much enjoy the Mission Trail and usually manage to read through it immediately; and I enjoy reading back in past issues. Every part of it is encouraging and uplifting--the message, the poems, the testimonies, the little new items. Only two things slightly disappointing --it's so short and I can't hear the songs, which is all very understandable, . . . I'm trusting the Lord will continue to bless your labors of love to His glory and for the good of souls, and I shall continue to remember you in prayer."

--Anneta Luehring

From Mississippi: "Today finds me saved and doing all I can for the master. I have been thru quite a test since April, but thank the dear Lord I am better at this writing, but I want to stay on your prayer list and all that reads the little Mission Trail, please remember me in prayer. . . "

--Mrs. C. E. Pugh

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From Mississippi: "Greeting in the name of Jesus. We've enjoyed The Mission Trail paper very much and we so want to remain on your mailing list this year. May the Lord richly bless you in the work you are doing for him. We do desire your prayers."

--Bro. Ben James and Sis. James

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From South Carolina: "I can't thank God enough for being so good to me. I am 78 yrs. old and live by myself. Am not feeling too good, but I thank the Lord for being able to be up and able to read and enjoy the good testimonies in The Mission Trail. When I get so lonesome, no one to talk to, I can get on my knees and pray and read these good testimonies and the burden is lifted. I feel so much better. I want you to pray for me. Pray that God will heal me and bless me. . . With love and prayers,"

--Alice Scott

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From Illinois: "I am sure thankful for the truth and what it means to me as I was once a church member, had never heard of the Church of God until Brother Pinkerton came to our little town. (Gale, Ill.) and I accepted the truth and was saved from my sins and am doing my best to walk in the straight and narrow way. . . We still have our little prayer meeting every Sunday night as weather permits. . . remember us in your prayers. Yours in Christ,"

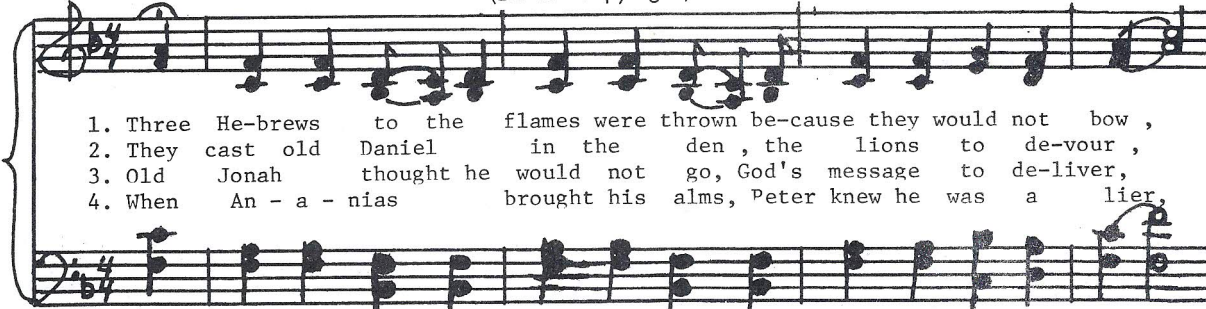
--Mildred Snell

A Higher Power

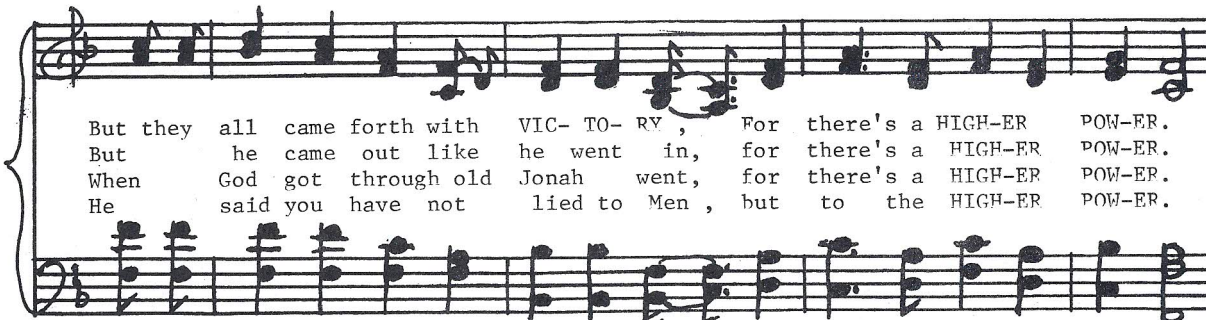
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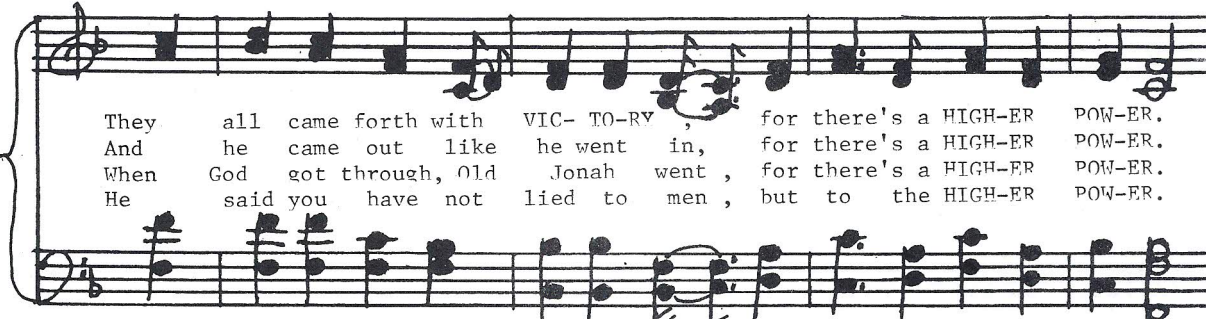
1. Three He-breus to the flames were thrown be-cause they would not bow ,
2. They cast old Daniel in the den , the lions to de-vour ,
3. Old Jonah thought he would not go, God's message to de-liver,
4. When An - a - nias brought his alms, Peter knew he was a liar,



But they all came forth with VIC- TO- RY , For there's a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
But he came out like he went in, for there's a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
When God got through old Jonah went, for there's a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
He said you have not lied to Men , but to the HIGH-ER POW-ER.



OH , YES PRAISE THE LORD , THERE'S A HIGH-ER POW-ER ,



They all came forth with VIC- TO-RY , for there's a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
And he came out like he went in, for there's a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
When God got through, Old Jonah went , for there's a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
He said you have not lied to men , but to the HIGH-ER POW-ER.

A HIGHER POWER (Continued)

5. To slay God's people Saul did go, it was his great desire,
6. They laid our Savior in the tomb, and watched him by the hour,
7. Old Peter once denied his Lord, be-cause he was a coward,
8. Some people say they sin each day, and say their little prayer,
9. Now Man has made some powerful things, that fly up in the air,

but then one day on the broad highway, he met a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
BUT HE arose TRI - UM - PHANT - LY, for there's a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
But then one day in the UPPER ROOM, he met a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
But I'm so glad that I found out, there's a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
But he can't make a CROWN for you, but there's a HIGH-ER POW-ER.

OH, YES PRAISE THE LORD, THERE'S A HIGH-ER POW-ER

At noon one day on the broad highway, he met a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
Our Lord arose TRI - UM - PHANT - LY, for there's a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
That happy day in the UPPER ROOM, he met a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
And I'm so glad that I found out, there's a HIGH-ER POW-ER.
NO MAN can make a CROWN for YOU, but there's a HIGH-ER POW-ER.

From Calif.: "Greeting you in Jesus precious name. We are yet saved and sanctified and willing to follow Jesus all the way from earth to heaven. We always look forward for the Mission Trail. We enjoy reading it. Your sister in Christ,"

--Luetta Bramlett

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From Kansas: "Just a few words to tell you we still hear and appreciate your broadcast over KGGF. We also welcome the Mission Trail in written form. . . God has kept us from having a cold this winter and from the Hong Kong flu. We have had what seems to be emphesema for over 10 years--so a little congestion would take us out real fast except for God's mercy to us, in protecting us from the flu. Pray for our body and soul. We have been praying and consecrating our life to God, and we know we have made progress the past year. We pray that your program will be God's program always. Yours in Jesus," --Homer W. Fee

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From California: "We enjoy the Mission Trail so much. We wish it could be a larger paper. Another year has gone by and we know that time is swiftly passing. We must count every minute for Jesus. May the Lord help us to be a light to others as he leads us day by day. It is a joy to our heart to follow him. He will only let come to us what we have need of to purge us for heaven. The way to heaven is a straight walk. We must watch what our eyes look upon. When we meet with any evil sight we want the Lord to remind us to turn our eyes away from it, as this is very displeasing to God. We don't want to displease him in anything. Pray for us here in Orland that we will be all he wants us to be so he can use us in his kingdom to glorify his name." --Letha Reece

From Missouri: "We were surprised when we found out about it. [Open house commemorating the 25th wedding anniversary of Bro. Vada McMillian and Sis. Carrie in Neosho, Mo. on Sunday, Feb. 2] and didn't feel worthy, but did appreciate the nice cards, gifts that were sent, and the kind words that were expressed. We surely do want to be faithful to God and to one another the remainder of our life. Your saved brother,"

--T. V. McMillian

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From South Carolina: "My husband is sick with heart, sugar in blood, does need the prayers of the saints. . . we both are serving the Lord with all the understanding we know. Bro. and Sis. Gordon Humphrey were here at Holly Hill, S. Ca. for a few nights' meeting which was food to our souls. We sure did get a blessing. . . Pray for our campmeeting coming up in June. With God's help I mean to make heaven my home. Christian love to all," --Bro. and Sis. Dan Harbeson

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From Louisiana: "We have so much to be thankful for this morning. We haven't much of this world's goods, no beautiful modern home, but as long as we have enough to eat and be comfortable, we have something to thank the Lord for. All this modern living is only vanity anyway. It will soon pass away. So I am thanking the Lord this a.m. for all his goodness and mercies to me and so thankful that I am doing as well in body as I am. I still need a touch from the Lord as I suffer with arthritis and desire prayer that the Lord will heal me, direct my paths, and have supreme authority over my life. I desire to live so close to the Lord that I can influence those whom I come in contact with to seek God. . . " --Sister Maurie Lea

Change in All-Day Meeting

For a number of years there has been an all day meeting at Myrtle, Mo. on the first Sunday of each month. But from now on, beginning the first Sunday of March, all day meeting will be at Senath, Mo., then first Sunday of April, all day meeting will be at Grubbs, Ark., and first Sunday of May, all day meeting will be at Myrtle, Mo. rotating each month in the three congregations. These three congregations merging together on the first Sunday of each month, the remaining Sundays of each month they each will have their regular services at their respective places of worship. All others are welcome to come and be with us. For further information write:

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God Is Love

About a month ago we obtained a little dog with the intention that it would be a little companion for our daughter, Jody. Since that time we have been happily getting acquainted with her. She is much more than what we had expected. This little dog has no fear at all of human beings. She has been raised with love and is completely unaware of mistreatment. She has perfect confidence in us. Twice lately she has cast herself off from high places into Jody's arms. She doesn't hesitate, leap or step off, but just falls off. She has no doubt what Jody will

catch her.

This presents a beautiful spiritual picture to me. God is love. We know Him in no other way--only love. Would it not be a lesson in faith for us to consider more deeply that God is love? Might it be possible that we can turn loose of our life more completely and cast ourselves into His arms of love? When we do, He cannot possibly do anything else but care for us.

Our little dog is very obedient and even when we are teaching her something and have to correct her, she quickly comes back to be loved. This is a precious thought to me.

--Jessie Taylor

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For I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,
For it is the power of God to salvation;
'Tis wealth that the treasures of earth have not priced,
A message of peace to each kindred and nation.

He held in his hand the great power of God,
A sceptre to wield for lost mortals' salvation;
It marked ever shinning the path that he trod
A light for the night of earth's dark habitation.

King, shepherd, Lord, master, great captain and guide,
Prince, bridegroom, and son, everlasting foundation:
High priest, faithful witness, with thee at my side
My soul is built up in the hope of salvation.

--Leslie Busbee

at press time

we understand:



Shown here are a few of those who attended the afternoon service in Coffeyville, Kansas Sunday, Feb. 9. Some came from Neosho, Wichita, and Tulsa, as well as from surrounding areas. We were glad to be present with the Coffeyville saints too.

The closing remarks of the message appearing in printed copies this week were omitted from KGGF and we were privileged to be present in person and mention was made of the services in Coffeyville. Bro. Ralph Beisly was also in the studio of KGGF and gave the times of the services. We were pleased that some who heard the broadcast came for the meeting.

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"I am writing to have you make a note of our Easter meeting which will start March 28th and continue over Sunday, April 6th. . . will appreciate this very much as we know some of the saints that read The Mission Trail may want to attend this meeting and we are praying that they will; also that the Lord will put it in the heart of some of his ministers to come." --Beatrice Spaur, Box 386, Jefferson, Ore. 97352, telephone: 327-2855

Last year Sis. Annie Bell Allen, 1002 E. McLegon, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447 and others did extensive work in preparing material for vacation Bible school. This material was used in a number of congregations in various places. She is again working on lessons for this summer. Quite a wide variety of materials are being prepared for different age levels beginning with 3 year old children up to and including young people. If you need material to plan for a vacation Bible school this summer and would like Sis. Annie Bell to prepare it for you, you should write her at once and let her explain what is available. Additional copies could be printed for other congregations if she knew this right away. We plan to do much of the printing but you should write Sis. Annie Bell directly as she and others are preparing the material.

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Our wishes for much happiness are extended to George Myrle Eddens and Elaine Victoria Williams who plan to be married in the Church of God chapel in San Bernardino on Saturday, Feb. 15. She is the granddaughter of Bro. and Sis. Ulysses Phillips.

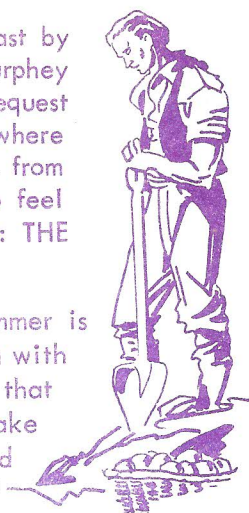
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"I'm writing for my mother, Tempie Crisp. . . She took a stroke also a condition of her nerves on the 10th of January. The saints prayed for her. She got better then on the 17th she lost the use of her left leg, also her left arm from the elbow down. Her speech is normal. . ." --Vera Mae Hawkins



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."



Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kansas	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p. m.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, Louisiana	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
KXOW *	Hot Springs, Arkansas	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

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