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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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## The Simplicity of the Gospel

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... and a cheerful greeting once again to each and every listener of this radio station. We are glad to be coming your way once again with the simple truths of the Bible and even though they may be simple, yet they are powerful and rich and more valuable than any earthly treasure. Listen to these verses beginning with Psa. 19:7,

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward."

Now I want to speak to you about the simplicity of the gospel. Even though it be so great, so powerful, and so wonderful yet it is very simple. So many times when one begins a project of any size such as a space flight to the moon, it consists of a maze of complicated and intricate valves, switches, electronic gadgets, different types of fuel and I really wouldn't say that it would be a very simple thing because it is complicated in many respects. Learning is a fine thing and education serves many useful purposes, but learning, education, and

ability will never take the place of salvation. Listen to this verse from Psa. 119:130, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Would you like to have light and understanding; then look how simple it is to receive it. It's obtained by merely opening the door of your heart and letting in the light. One may be ever so learned and yet be in darkness and when you walk in darkness you really don't know what is just ahead of you.

Friends, it just isn't safe to be in darkness regardless of how much knowledge you have. And it seems that the more knowledge one gets the easier it is for them to pass over the simplicity of the gospel and fail to understand it.

I know of a incident which happened a good many years ago in the city of Dallas. During the night a certain family was disturbed by what seemed to be a would-be intruder knocking upon the door. They became alarmed, of course, and the lady of the house rushed to the door and put the weight of her body against it to keep it from



being broken in. All of this was taking place in the darkness now remember. In the meantime her husband took his gun from its place of storage and prepared to fire a blast the moment the intruder broke through the door. Don't forget now, this was all taking place in darkness without the light in the room turned on. Fortunately for them the intruder never broke through. Imagine, if you can, the shock and the astonishment of this husband and wife the moment the lights were switched on. Little did he realize he was preparing to fire a blast into the direction of his wife.

Now the thought I get from this is plain to see. One should not walk in spiritual darkness but should have the light of heaven shining within his heart. And the best part of it is--you may receive it by merely opening the door of your heart. It is just as easy and simple as the song which the children sing, "Open up your heart and let the sun shine in."

Friends, I feel I am speaking honestly to you when I say that I would rather have the knowledge of my sins forgiven and to know that my name is written in heaven than to have all the learning of the world and be without the knowledge of Christ. Of course, on the other hand it is a wonderful combination to have the learning which is obtained from schools and teachers and also have the knowledge of Christ. God can use those kind of people to a great advantage.

Here is an example given in the 26th chapter of Acts and beginning with verse 24, "And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad. But he

said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness. For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner." Paul had indeed the learning of the wise men of his day but he counted all of this learning as nothing when he came to know Christ personally for himself. And he let Festus know that he was not mad with learning and the things which he spoke were not done in a corner but they were open for all to see--the things which he had been talking about, the judgment and righteousness of God.

Jesus himself in Matt. 11 and verse 25 said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." In connection now with the simplicity of the gospel listen to this letter and poem which I recently received:

Dear Brother Willie:

Just recently the Lord was talking to my heart and unfolding to my soul the glory of the simple gospel message of Jesus Christ. I have put down these thoughts by the help of the Lord in verse here and thought perhaps you might use them sometime in your work. You know me, I won't feel bad if you don't use them, but I felt impressed to send them on to you. One thing that amazes and blesses my soul is the simplicity of the gospel when the spirit opens one's heart to it. Surely we have many in the world today that are speaking and preaching but are they speaking the real gospel? My heart is stirred and I am learning precious lessons that I



feel are working to shod my feet much better with the gospel of peace and a preparation to speak the gospel. One must be prepared to receive as well as to speak this treasure. . . In sincerity, "

--Bro. Leslie Busbee

And now the poem:

### THE GOSPEL RECEIVED

When comes the gospel shinning forth  
The glory of its lasting worth  
How many hearts are not prepared  
Their hearts before it to be bared.

When spoken in simplicity  
The grace of God for hearts to see  
Unworthy many themselves judge  
When they the word of truth  
be-grudge.

O sacred message from on high:  
For it the thirsty soul doth cry,  
Rejoicing in its dawning rays  
Awaking wonder, love, and praise.

But to the proud and lofty heart  
Who seeks below his treasure-part  
The gospel seems an idle tale  
Its tidings worthy not to hail.

"This gospel must be preached" said  
he,  
"To all before the end will be".  
"Go ye!" O bright commission giv'n,  
From Him the Lord and King of  
heaven.

How sad to think of many here  
Who have not now a list'ning ear:  
No will its message to receive,  
No heart its promise to believe.

Great wonder if the far-wide earth  
O'er-sickled with corruption's worth  
Yet holds a few who will rejoice  
To hear today the Saviour's voice.

Oh, let us seek to know and do  
The laws of Christ our pathway  
through

And overcome the veil of night  
That hides the gospel pure and bright.

--Bro. Leslie Busbee

Friends, do you still stumble and hesitate to accept the simplicity of the gospel? Did you know that there are many learned people who refuse to believe? But here we come to the sad part. In II Cor. chapter 4 and verses 3 and 4 we find these words, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Shall we pray,

Our gracious Father,

We humbly acknowledge our helplessness and our dependence upon thee. We are grateful for thy word and spirit which is opening the eyes and understanding of those who believe. Bless those who may yet be lingering in the shadows of darkness. Give them a real desire to fling the door of their hearts wide open and thus allow the entrance of thy words which will give them light and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Just a brief reminder now to tell you that this message is brought your way over this station each Sunday by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you'd like a printed copy free of charge or if we may be of any help to you please let us know. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here is a song: "Tis so sweet to trust

in Jesus". The singers are Bob Forbes, Troy Gentry, Dale Doolittle, and Randall Flynn.

Dear ones, we appreciate the opportunity of bringing you this short message over this station. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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### TESTIMONIES

From California: "I appreciate all the saints' prayers for me, and for the cards I received here in the Sunset Guest Home. I have been so weak I told the Lord if He would strengthen my body I surely would use all of my strength to the glory of God, and He is strengthening me. Praise His dear name. When I was so bad I said I am ready to go and also ready to be healed. The Lord saw fit to heal me. It has come gradual, but God knows best. I have received many blessings. I feel that I have gathered some pearls."

--Rada Watkins

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From Oklahoma: "This morning your broadcast was so good and clear to understand from Coffeyville. It is so good to hear the preaching of the Word of God, like precious faith. In the second epistle of Peter, "Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." II Pet. 1:1 We are thankful for the good truths of God. It made Aunt Lizzie Eck so happy to have heard it clear. My husband & I heard the message and the song, 'From Death to Life'. I called Sis. Berg. She had called a few of her neighbors about the broadcasts to listen in."

--Sister Eva Penner

From Louisiana: "I am thankful to the dear Lord that he has been with me through the past year, brought me through with victory, to be permitted to go into the new year with reasonable health."

--Sister Lula Ochsner

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From Oklahoma: "This leaves me still saved and encouraged to live for God . . . Thank you all for keeping me on the Mission Trail list. I enjoy reading it and I am encouraged with the testimonies I read. Think of how God blesses His children. In Psalms 149: 4 the scripture says, "For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation." Thank the Lord. Here is a poem I read and it encouraged my heart so much to think of never being alone when we are serving the Lord. . .

### NEVER ALONE

"I'm never alone in the morning  
As I rise at the break of day,  
For Jesus who watched through the darkness  
Says, 'Lo, I am with you alway.'

I'm never alone at my table,  
Though loved ones no longer I see;  
For dearer than all who have vanished,  
Is Jesus who breaks bread with me.

I'm never alone through the daylight,  
Though nothing but trials I see;  
Though the furnace be seven times heated,  
The 'form of the fourth' walks with me.

I'm never alone at the twilight  
When darkness around me doth creep;  
And specters press hard round my pillow,  
He watches and cares while I sleep.

I'm walking and talking with Jesus,  
Each day as I journey along;  
I'm never alone, Hallelujah!  
The joy of the Lord is my song."

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. . . May God bless each one. . . Pray  
for us. Your sister in Christ, "

--Amelia Lignons



From Oklahoma: "I am saved and encouraged to go all the way for the dear Lord. . . The Lord is so good to us. Please remember my unsaved family and my son that has sugar diabetes. Pray for him soul and body."

--Viola C. Black

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From Virginia: "Been receiving The Mission Trail for sometime. Surely enjoy the readings of the saints and prayer requests are our burdens too. May God bless in an unusual way. Have many requests of prayer. The Lord surely has been good. We are an isolated people. Remember us in prayer. Love,"

--Mrs. Ed Melvin

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From Louisiana: "Trust this finds all of you well in body and soul. Surely the Lord has been good to us and we thank Him so much for his many blessings to us. We realize more each day how indebted we are to the Lord. Surely we owe our whole life to Him. We know that we can never repay the Lord for salvation and all of His blessings, but we can prove our love and thankfulness to Him by our lives. We surely thank the Lord for blessing us with good health this winter season. There has been so much flu and sickness around, but the Lord has been good to us. The children have had very little cold. It is such a blessed privilege to be able to trust the Lord for all of our needs--physical, spiritual, and temporal. . . We need much patience and wisdom in raising the children, and we desire to set a righteous example before them. Surely this is an evil age, but thank the Lord for His sustaining grace. We do enjoy the Mission Trail so much and hope you will keep our name on your mailing list. May the Lord bless you in your labors. Yours in Christ,"

--Randall Flynn, June, and family

From Missouri: "Sis. Ersa Carrick still suffers a great deal. Pray for her. I understand the young lady staying with her will be leaving the last of February. She will be needing some one else."

--Sister Lula Caughron

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From Louisiana: "Pray for the work here as we do for you there. God's everlasting arms are underneath us! Christian love,"

--Audrey Henry

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From South Carolina: "Brother Willie, When I got my last paper and saw you had a message on giving and receiving . . . it thrilled my soul to hear it. If every Christian would heed that lesson and do just what God tells them to do their soul will be running over with joy. I found that to be true. The more I give to God's cause the more He blesses me. So He will do the same for every Christian that puts their trust in Him."

--Eddie Driggers

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From Oklahoma: "The last 3 months of 68 I was sorely afflicted in my right knee and leg. Neurites and arthritis at times I can hardly make a step. Sometimes had to use a cane. On the 29th of Dec. I came down with a severe cold, perhaps flu. My sinus were so clogged I could hardly breathe. The same day I got word my sister had died. I was unable to go to her funeral. For about 8 days I suffered with misery in my head, a very painful limb and a sad heart. I was alone and prayed much and wrote to the saints for prayers. One morning I got out of bed and realized I didn't have a pain anywhere. For a few minutes I didn't know what to think. I spoke aloud, "Lord, I believe I am alright". The Spirit answered "Yes I swept everything out at one time." Oh how I did rejoice, still am. Praise His holy name. . ."

--Sis. Amy Hunter



**PASS IT ON**

Pass it on.

'Twas not given for thee alone;

Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears

Till in heaven the deed appears.

Pass it on.

Have you found the heavenly Light?

Pass it on.

Souls are groping in the night;

Pass it on.

Hold the lighted lamp on high;

Be a star in someone's sky.

He may live who else may die.

Pass it on.

Love demands the living deed;

Pass it on.

Look upon thy brother's need;

Pass it on.

Live for self, you live in vain;

Live for Christ, you live again!

Live for Him, with Him you reign.

Pass it on.

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From Kansas: "This finds us much encouraged to press on for the Lord. In one of the parables that Jesus told to the multitudes was of the sower and the ground where he sowed the seeds. Some places were stony, other places had thorns, but some seed fell into good ground and brought forth fruit. Our strong desire is that our hearts be good ground. It is entirely up to each individual as to the condition of their heart, and will have to give an account of the way our heart has been. We have the best gardener there is if we yield our hearts to him. . . may the Lord continue blessing you and your family for the efforts put forth to spread the gospel. With our love and prayers,"

--Carol and Paul Cole and family

From Arkansas: "I have kept thinking that in the next day or two I would get time to write some letters, but have had a heavy load of school work this year, and also feel that I must give some time to study in order to help out what I can at church and Bible study. . . Jimmy McMillian came down for church this morning, and Brother Austin came with him. We are so thankful for the way the Lord always takes care of our needs. . . Every morning when I stand before my class and see 32 pairs of eyes looking to see what I am going to present to them. I feel the responsibility that comes from knowing that they all are under my influence for most of the day. Have you read Walt Whitman's poem 'A Child Went Forth'? It begins 'There was a child went forth every day, And the first object he looked upon, that object he became, And that object became part of him for the day--or for many years---'. When we think of some of the things children see and hear, and how those things become a part of them, we wish we could in some way offer them something better to hold to. With most of them we can only try, and hope they will see enough to make them want the best kind of life for themselves. . . This afternoon I was reading in Mark 4; especially verses 37-41. Many times I have been encouraged by knowing that the Lord is Master of all the storms of life. The winds and the waves are His, and we are His, and He can bring the calmness to our lives that He has promised. He has worked out some problems for me, and I know He is going to solve other problems for me. . . I appreciate your prayers. I trust that you are all well. . .

With love to all,"

--Ethel Worrall



From Oregon: Ask all saints to pray for me, that I will live close to the Lord. I am feeling fine. . .

--Bro. Edward Olson

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From Texas: "Tho' we haven't written we do appreciate the paper. We hear the broadcast most every time so when we got the paper, we quickly turn to the back part as it is just like a letter from the folks, even those we don't know personally we feel we do as they are our brothers and sisters. Oh! it's wonderful to serve the Lord. . . . Love from the Whitleys," --Lee and Jewell

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From South Carolina: "Bro. Willie, I got a great blessing out of your message on Dec. 13--three score years. Well, the Lord has blessed me to go on to four score. On Nov. 29 I was 80 and still going on. I don't know how much more but there is help and I am going to trust all the way. We may not be able to preach or write but all true believers should remember that they are living letters which are known and read of all men. . . . The tests of life are sent to make us not to break us. When the pathway of our service leads through deep waters, when the way of the cross involves suffering and hardship, when others seem to have the easy roadway, these words of the Lord Jesus ring in our ears, "What is that to thee, follow thou me." God's strength behind you, His love within you and His arms beneath you are more than sufficient for the days ahead of you. You can not break God's promises by leaning on them. To reach the port of heaven we must sail, sometime with the wind and sometime against it, but we must sail and not drift nor lie at anchor. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy. Psa. 147:11."

--Bro. Archie Sweat

From Guthrie: "I love the Lord and am trying to walk in all the light He sheds on my pathway until He calls me home. I have written quite a lot of poems and I am enclosing one. If you wish you can put it in your little Mission Trail paper. . . . May God bless and keep you is my prayer." --Mrs. Mable Been

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### STORMS OF LIFE

When the dark clouds gather  
And your life seems all in vain,  
Just remember there is sunshine  
After all the clouds and rain.

Tho the way seems dark and dreary  
And you know not where to turn  
Just remember God is with you  
Through each and every storm.

Storms of life--they come so often  
And on all of us they wear;  
From day to day they overtake us,  
Burdens more than we can bear.

In the storm Jesus stilled the waters  
On the sea of Galilee;  
He is just the same forever  
And will be just that for you and me.

All my life the dark clouds gathered  
And it seemed that life was vain  
But I put my hope in Jesus  
On a higher, better plain.

Plains so high they reached the  
heavens;  
God did hear and answer prayer.  
He drove the storms of life far from  
me  
And my burdens he did bear.

Oh! if we would only trust Him  
When the storms of life do come  
I know God's grace would be sufficient  
For each and every one.

--Mable Been



## 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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Margaret Eck  
P. O. Box 163  
Grubbs, Ark. 72431  
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From Oregon: "Thank you so much for sending me the Mission Trail. It makes it possible for me to learn what the saints are all doing these days. Seems God is calling so many home. Wish you could see our beautiful snow covered mountains and the pine and fir trees all drooping with snow covered branches. Oregon has sure had lots of snow this year but we are thankful for it as the Prineville reservoir was getting so low that water was scarce in the irrigation ditches last summer. We can't get your radio programs here but are always pleased when the carrier leaves the paper in our box. Thanks so much."

--Lucille Trimble

From Indiana: "As you know I am now 75 years old and still in the battle. How so ever not nearly so active as I was in early life. I have made lots of mistakes and God knows of them, yet He loves me and still uses me and answers my prayers."

--William Pearson

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From Texas: "Just finished reading some in the Mission Trail and how my heart did thrill. How good and precious God is. While reading this song came to my mind tho tried and pressed 'this one thing I can do' I'll clasp my trembling hand in his 'until the battle's o'er'. Thank the dear Lord for his precious gift--his blood spilled that those that will look to him and believe, give their all to him, love him with all their hearts can be redeemed back to him. . . I'm redeemed thank him for it."

--Sis. Essie Moore

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From N. Ca.: "We send greetings in the lovely name of Jesus. Yes, we do want the Mission Trail to keep coming to us. We enjoyed it so much. Trust all are well and encouraged to press on for the Lord. We do love the Lord with all our hearts. He has done so much for us. We ask each one to remember us in prayer and our many requests and burdens."

--E. J., Violet Biddix, and family

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From Oregon: "So very thankful for victory in my own soul and very humbly grateful for answered prayers. Richard is home safely from Vietnam and more and more as he tells us of his experiences this past year I can see how God protected and brought him home. Seems we are living in such mixed up times. It means so much to be able to take our burdens to the Lord and leave them there."

--Sister Orpha Mapes



# at press time

we understand:

"Greetings to all of the saints every where from Florida where the flowers bloom in January, and such beautiful weather down here now. I thank the dear Lord that he has been so good to me all along life's journey."

--E. B. Weir

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Prayer is requested for Rhonda Dean, 15 month old daughter of Bobby and Geraldine Dean of Wichita, Kansas. One side of Rhonda's body has been affected by paralysis, including her arm and leg. We are grateful that she was much improved when we went by to visit her Sunday. Her grandparents Max and Lula Williamson from Louisiana were also present.

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Remember Mildred Hall in earnest prayer for both soul and body. She has been very sick. Many of the saints will remember her mother, Sis. Maud Christ, who died January 4, 1966.

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"I desire the prayers of the saints everywhere to pray with me to stay encouraged in the Lord, because he said in his Holy Word; it isn't to the swift that would win the prize but to the one that held out faithful to the end. I'm sending in the report on the date the campmeeting will start if it's the Lord's will, at Holly Hill, South Carolina. . . It will start on June 6, and go through the 15th. Everyone is welcome to come. For further information call or write Brother Hutson Crummie, Route 1 Box 42, Holly Hill, S. C. 29059. Phone (803) 496-5231."

From Oklahoma: "Today finds me still pressing on to the final victory with the decision to go all the way. . . There's so much need now on the field of labor till I want to try to do all I can to help each call." --Hattie Hines

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Additional copies of the song, "Higher Power" which was published in the Mission Trail last week may be obtained by writing directly to the author, Sister S. E. Abbott, Route 5, Somerset, Kentucky 42501.

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From Louisiana: "This finds us saved and encouraged to live for the Lord. He has been so good to us. . . We do enjoy the Mission Trail each week and also the program over WFPR. We have been having some beautiful weather most of the winter."

--Doyle and Cynthia LaCroix

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From Kentucky: "I have been reading the Mission Trail that Sis. Wilbur Jarvis had sent to me. I praise God for her doing this. I can't tell what a blessing I get out of it. . . I believe God and want to please him and try to help others by being a witness for my Lord and let my life shine out where ever I am. I want your prayer that God will use me more every day. I think people watch our every-day life we live. . . I want you all to pray that God will heal my shoulders and feet, I know he will. . . Well, I take God as my doctor and praise his Holy Name he has healed me so many times. . ."

--Mrs. Leonard Floyd





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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:

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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.

\*Additional broadcast is heard on this station Sunday, 3:30 p. m.

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