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# 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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## Third Warning

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. . . and a cheerful greeting to each and every listener of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. Friends, we are coming to you another time with a continuation of some so the thoughts we have been using on the recent broadcasts, namely a 'warning' or a 'caution.' I have spoke words of warning to the sinners, and I have spoken words of warning to the saints and for this time I'm going to direct my thoughts and comments toward the watchmen on the wall or the preachers themselves. It is nothing but right that he who preaches to another should live by the same rule. I believe the scriptures will bear this out.

Listen to this verse from Ez. 33:6, "But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand." Here we see there rests upon the preacher a solemn obligation to give a warning in time of danger and I believe he should do it in no uncertain tones. In other words, make it clear and distinct. If he fails to warn those who are in danger and they be taken away in their iniquity it is written that "his blood will I require at the watchman's hand." In this case it seems to me that there would be 2 souls lost, the soul of that one who needed warning and the soul of that watchman who failed to give the needed warning. Listen to these words of the Apostle Paul beginning with Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this,

that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears".

Friends, what the Lord needs is more watchmen who are willing to fearlessly declare the truth of his word regardless of the powers which may be exerted against them. Let us not shun to declare the whole counsel of God.

Listen to this poem:

### A WARNING TO MINISTERS

But oh! let the preachers and pastors  
take warning:  
If God calls his prophets, then go  
where you're sent,  
No proud parish fearing, nor poor  
parish scorning;  
Be humble and faithful, then power

shall be lent.

When preachers are true to their  
glorious commission,  
The kings sit in sackcloth and cities  
are won;  
But preachers, too oft, are in Jonah's  
condition,  
And needs must be taught 'ere God's  
work can be done.

And now this advice to the minister:

When you enter the pulpit, make no apologies. You may not be a big preacher, but you have just as big a gospel to preach as any preacher who ever lived. If you have a God-given message, deliver it. If you do not, the spiritual people will soon discover that you are firing only a blank. No matter how well you clothe a sermon with golden rhetoric and fine sentences, it is not a golden tongue that counts, but a tongue of fire. Leave self out of the pulpit, but take Christ in. Do not waste time with a long preface or introduction, but reach the truths of your sermon as early as possible. Do not keep on talking after you have finished your sermon. It is better to keep the people longing than to send them away loathing. Do not harp too much on one string. A hard scolding rarely ever brings the anointing of God's Spirit upon a meeting. Preach to the people, never at them, especially those who are absent. Be just as faithful on the rainy days and rough nights as when the auditorium is crowded. Take care of your character, and let the Lord and the people take care of your reputation. Let the Lord and the people look after your needs.

Keep the faith, even at the cost of losing your charge and everything else, even your life. Do not criticize the people for not liking you too well. Maybe you have too high an opinion of yourself.

Remember a setting star may rise again, but a fallen star never. Remember that shouting and noise is not always spiritual power; an empty vessel may ring louder than one filled. Often lean and empty souls make noise to keep up a pretense. Powder is not shot. Thunder is not lightning. Not long ago when Oklahoma was experiencing one of those thunderstorms which are so common in the spring of the year Frances and I had just returned home and had only been there a few minutes when there was a sudden burst of lightning and thunder. Frances said 'that hit something'. I said, 'I know it.' And then I proceeded to the basement and when I opened the door there was that haze of smoke and that smell of burned out electronic equipment. The lightning had indeed struck and followed a wire into the house. But it was not so much the thunder which made trouble for us and did the damage to the equipment, but it was the lightning itself. Powder may be necessary for a shot, and thunder may follow lightning, but the shot and lightning do the hitting. In other words, the Holy Spirit is the essential thing in your preaching. Always be a friend of sinners, but never of sin.

Be sure a sermon which does not bless the speaker will not bless the hearers. Be sure if you ride hobbies that finally you may be riding alone. Education is good, but may be as cold as an iceberg in the pulpit unless it is saturated with heavenly fire. Do not preach for money. Many good preachers have bowed to the dollar mark. Do not favor the rich more than the poor. Make no difference. Remember you belong to the Lord and you are the servant of all whom you serve, be that rich or poor. Always preach with knowledge that a call to preach is the highest calling that

mortal man can receive this side of heaven. Remember, this may be the last message someone may ever receive, or it might be the last message you may ever deliver. No matter what training you may have received, no matter what your education may be, remember, the Lord is not looking for career preachers. No matter whose hands have been laid on you, if you have not been called by the Lord and anointed by the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel, you are not the Lord's preacher.

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Give us a message direct from heaven and fill us with the words that we may speak under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit from time to time. Bless each listener of the broadcast and may thy word not return unto thee void but accomplish that which is your purpose and aim and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

And now this song, "I love to serve my Jesus". The singers are Manuel and Marie Mitchell and Frances Porter.

To those of you listening over radio station WFPR in Hammond, La. I want to extend a special invitation to attend the General Southern campmeeting of the Church of God in Hammond, La. Now, of course a number of you are familiar with the services held there and no doubt have been attending previously but if you have not done so and you are not familiar with the services held there, why don't you go out today and enjoy yourself in the service of the Lord. Today, July 6th, is the last day of the campmeeting, so come on out and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.

If you need some information in learning how to get there call Bro. T. H. Coffey and I am sure he can tell you how to come!

And now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey speaking for all of us at The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. and saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you until we meet again, and a very cheerful good-bye!



## I Looked

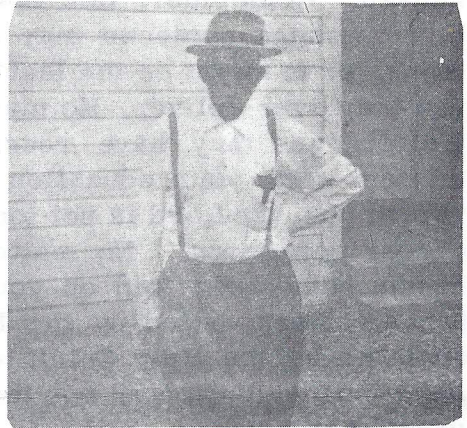
I looked upon a farm one day,  
That once I used to own;  
The barn had fallen to the ground,  
The fields were overgrown.  
The house in which my children grew,  
Where we had lived for years--  
I turned to see it broken down,  
And brushed aside the tears.  
I looked upon my soul one day,  
To find it too had grown  
With thorns and nettles everywhere,  
The seeds neglect had sown.  
The years had passed while I had cared  
For things of lesser worth:  
The things of Heaven I let go  
While minding things of Earth.  
To Christ I turned with bitter tears,  
And cried, "O Lord, forgive!  
I haven't much time left for Thee,  
Not many years to live."  
The wasted years forever gone,  
The days I can't recall;  
If I could live those days again,  
I'd make Him Lord of all.

--Theodore Brennan

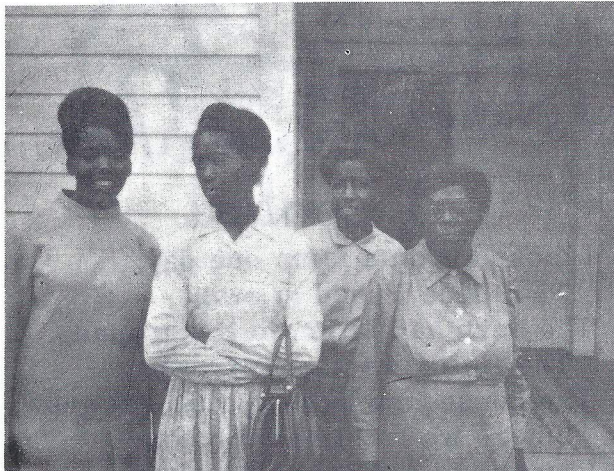
## Alabama Bible School Report

"Dear Bro. Willie: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Wife and I spent two days last week with the saints at Northport, Ala. We surely did enjoy the visit there. The saints there seem to be encouraged and are pressing on for God. . . I thought Sis. Katherine Williams and her helpers had a nice Bible school group. . . Pray for us and the work here. Your whole brother,"

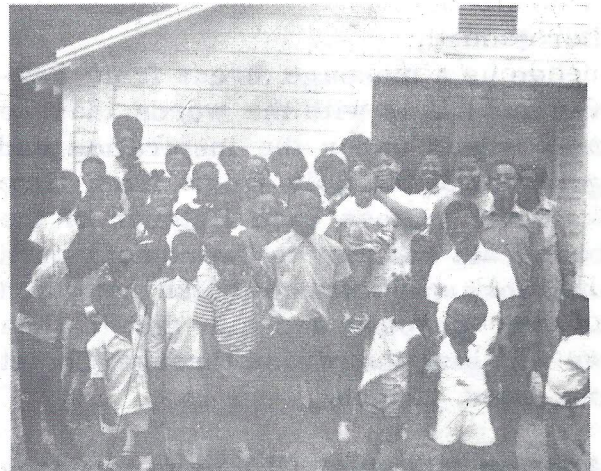
--T. H. Coffey  
(Note: We deeply regret the death of Bro. Lindsey Shelton, the pastor, who is pictured on the right. He died in the latter part of June after the Bible school. He would have been 87 years old on July 10. Pray for the Lord's work in Ala. --Willie)



Bro. Lindsey Shelton



Teachers: Alice Chandler, Mary Harris, Katherine Williams, Willie Childs



Shown in this picture are some of those who attended the Bible school.



Bro. Chandler and daughter, Alice



Sis. Coffey with the children

## Testimonies

From Calif.: "We hope that this finds all well in the Mission Trail home. As we do not have the privilege of listening to the messages over the air we are very grateful to the Lord that we can read the little paper. We here, wife and I, are fully trusting God for complete healing of our bodies so that we might be able to labor on for him a little while longer. For some time we have had the impression that God wanted us to labor in other fields as well as here at Orland. Giving most of our time elsewhere, as he would lead. Therefore, we have resigned as pastor here and the little congregation is in need of a pastor. We are praying that God will burden the one that he wants to fill the vacancy. Your brother and sister in the Lord,"--H. P. and Agnes Huskey

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From Pa.: "Greeting you in the name of Jesus. Hope this finds you all well, and still happy in the Lord, and His service. I am glad to report that I am still saved, and pressing on for the Lord. I couldn't be happy any other way. I am feeling much better in my body, and just looking to the Lord for complete victory. I still desire your prayers. . . that the Lord will give me victory over everything to the glory of God. I truly thank Him for what He has done for me. We are serving a mighty God. Bro. Mart Samons, Bro. Charles Reynolds and Bro. Gordon Humphrey were here in May and held services in our home 4 nights. Truly the messages were from Heaven. We had real good services. I really appreciate the sacrifice they make to come here and hold these services. There was a number of the saints from Akron, Ohio here one night. I thank the Lord for their coming too. . ." --Sis. Avis Tinsley

From Ark.: "Greetings in Jesus name. I trust this finds you and yours well. We are very well, except wife who is very poorly in body. We know God can heal her and are still looking to Him to do so. Pray for her. We enjoy receiving the Mission Trail and hearing your broadcast on KGGF at Coffeyville, Kan. We hear it on the car radio as our electric house radios won't pick it up. I hope some of us will be able to come to Monark Springs campmeeting this year. Pray for all of us. In His Service," --Irvin McMurrin

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From Ohio: "Truly want to thank the Lord for his abundant mercys to me. I realize I can do nothing on my own, but depend wholly on the Lord to supply my needs. He has been blessing me soul and body beyond what words could tell. The joy and peace flowing in my soul is something I can't explain. I feel like pressing on. . . I desire the prayers of all. I realize we are truly living in the last days and how it behooves us all to run for our lives. Continue to keep me on your prayer list. that I may be faithful to the end."

--Sis. Catherine Posey

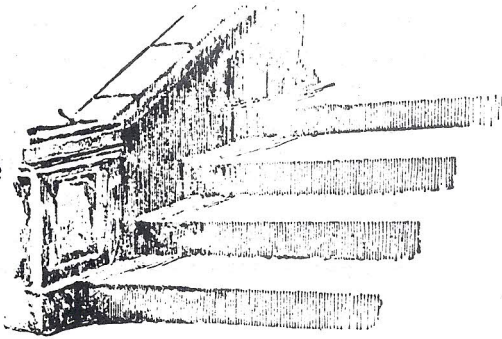
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From Calif.: "Greetings to you Bro. Murphey and family in Jesus precious name. Trust that all is well and the work of God is still going on, and his word is spreading over many trails. We enjoy the little paper very much, and look forward for it to come in the mail. We felt we should send a little something to help in the spreading of God's word. May God richly bless you and family as you labor on for him. We surely desired to be in the Guthrie meeting but just returning from Florida's mission trip, we could not come back so soon. With Christian endeavor,"

--Robert and Mildred Sherman

# Children's Page

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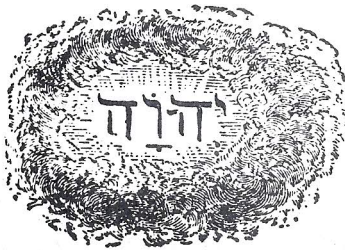


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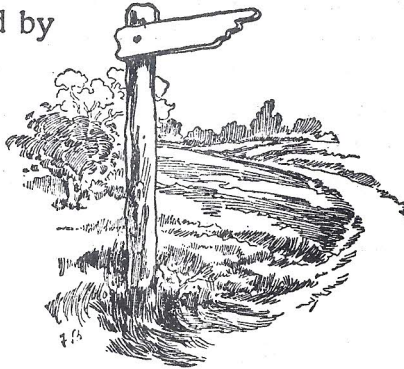


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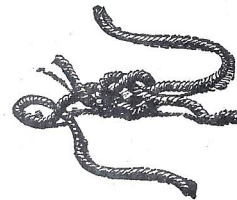
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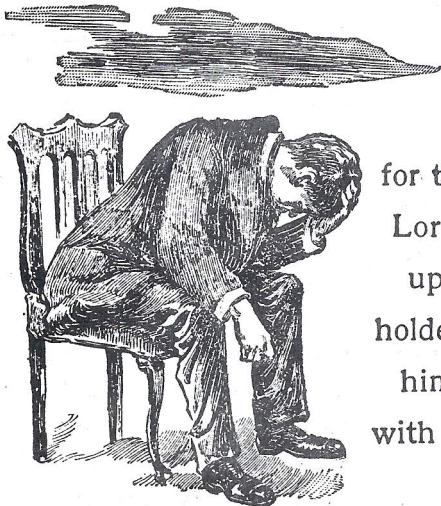


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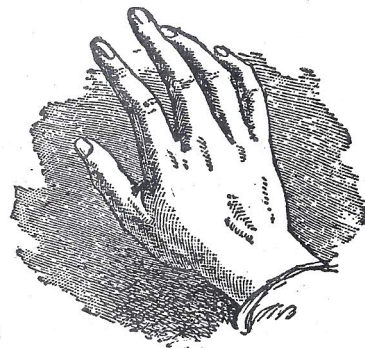


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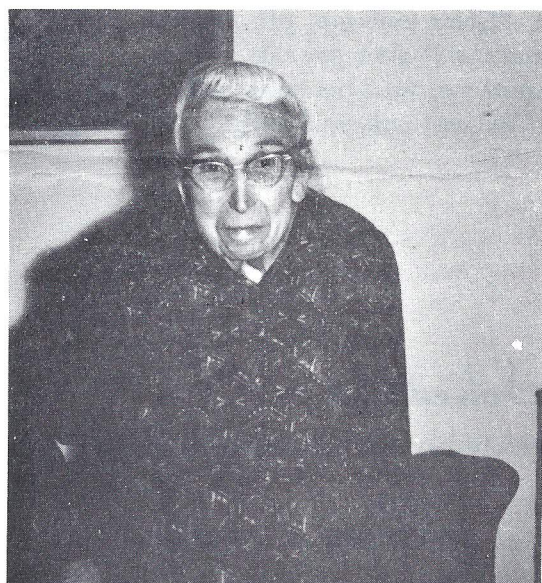
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Psa. xxxvii, 23, 24.

# at press time

we understand:



Sister Emma Luehring

Our sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of Sister Emma Luehring who died June 29. She was a precious saint of God and had a great desire to spread the truth.

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Kathleen and I were glad for the protection of the Lord on a recent trip which we made to Ecuador, South America. We left Miami, Fla. by plane on June 24 and arrived back in Miami on June 30. Most of the time was spent in Quito, the capital of Ecuador. For a more detailed report of what we found there be sure to hear the broadcast July 20. --Willie

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It was good to see the saints and be in services with them in the closing days of the Hammond campmeeting. We were glad to have been there.

Those desiring to purchase either one or more recordings of 'long-play' gospel records in stereo by the Bakersfield, California singers may do so by writing directly to Mildred Sherman, 1229 Second St., Bakersfield, Calif.

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Webb City, Mo.: We did enjoy having Bro. and Sis. Stover with us Sunday morning June 15th. Also Sis. Ruth and Bro. and Sis. Sell. It was a real treat.

--Lula Caughron

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Gordon and Sybilla Humphrey have recently moved to Kentucky. Their address is Route 1, Junction City, Ky.

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From Okla.: "Greetings of love in Jesus dear name. I enjoy the Mission Trail and broadcast over Coffeyville very much. I read it and pass it on. I'm still encouraged to press on. The Lord is so good to me. He blesses me with strength and health for which I thank the Lord. . . I appreciate the true gospel of the word of God. Christian love,"

--Sarah Hoffman

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Best wishes to Walter Wittenborn and Reba (Melot) Wittenborn who were married on June 27.

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The Lord has blessed Clifford and Patsy Smith with a baby girl, Julie Renee, who was born July 2.

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From Ore.: "Went to Jefferson campmeeting. Had a wonderful time. Preachers from different places . . . had a good chow every day." --Ed Olson



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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.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

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