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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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"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15, 16 This is the message our Lord left his disciples before he went away. I believe it is still in effect and I believe that God still honors it. This is part of the word and this is Bible teaching. Now let us look into this act of baptism a little more fully in the light of the scriptures. It is a Bible doctrine. It was practiced by John the Baptist. Many were baptized by him in acknowledging the kingdom of God which John declared to them. Along with this doctrine of baptism John also emphasized the importance of repentance and bringing forth works to prove they had repented.

Furthermore, Jesus himself, the Son of God, left an example for us by the act of baptism in which he took part when he was baptized by John. Listen to this scripture beginning with Luke 3:21, "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." Jesus ordained this act of baptism as a perpetual ordinance in the church. Hence the scripture which I gave you at first in the which Jesus instructed the disciples to baptize the believers. The apostles also understood this act of baptism and Paul baptized his converts.

Now, perhaps many would be agreed thus far that all should be baptized, but there might be some question as to what is the proper mode of baptism. Let us go to the scriptures for our

answer in this point also. Beginning with Matt. 3:4, "And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." You see there was much water in the Jordan river. So I am convinced that both the preacher and the candidate went down into the water. This is exactly what happened when Philip baptized the eunuch. Listen, I quote, "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." Acts 8:37, 28 We also read in Matt. 3:16, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water". One could not come up out of the water

if he had not been in the water. And since baptism is a spiritual representation of a burial with Christ it seems to me that it would certainly consist of more than just sprinkling or pouring water upon one's head to fully represent a burial. And furthermore since the candidates are required to have repented of their sins and exercised faith in Christ as their saviour, I would say that infants and unconverted people are not fit subjects for Christian baptism. Now even though it is a requirement for believers to be baptized, it is through the blood of Christ that their sins are cleansed. In other words baptism is a figure of salvation and represents a death to sin and a resurrected life in Christ.

In some heathen countries and places the act of baptism seems to be one of the significant indications that the ties have been broken from the heathen worship. And often those who accept baptism are persecuted greatly.

Now, let me take you back in history well over a hundred years ago when Adonirum Judson was labouring for souls in Burma. He had arrived in Burma early in the year of 1813. And labouring for some years it was in April of 1819 when the "zayat", or the meeting house, was nearly completed and ready for service. Let me quote just a little directly from the book, "Adonirum Judson".

"Day after day Mr. Judson sat in the zayat reading aloud or repeating simple gospel truths to attract the passers-by. It mattered not if the day was sultry, or if he was weary and worn, or if his heart ached with the burden for souls, he remained faithfully at his task. Oftentimes as he read he thought of his neglected study table, of his patient,

toil-worn wife, of the letters remaining unwritten, of the devotional books which his soul was starving to read, but with firm resolve he determined to let none of these lure him from the task he now deemed first of all in importance. Should he desist for one moment some seeking soul might pass by who would never pass that way again and who would lose his only opportunity of hearing the words of life.

"Nor did his labors cease with nightfall. Then he retired to his secret closet and there prayed fervently for those who had passed heedlessly by that day as well as for those who had stopped to inquire. Mr. Judson was a firm believer in the power of prayer. And he believed that the Word of God would carry conviction to the hearts of people and would there work the change necessary to make them Christians. He believed in his message and because he believed in it he did not become discouraged when he did not see immediate results.

"On Apr. 30, 1819, Moungh Nau called. He was silent and reserved, quite the opposite to a visitor who had called the previous day and for whom Mr. Judson entertained bright hopes. He was less hopeful for Moungh Nau; nevertheless this man returned the next day and the next and when the more promising ones had ceased to come, Moungh Nau was there giving close and respectful attention to the message. In fact, he paid such good heed that on days when the visitors were numerous he was able to assist Mr. Judson in explaining things to newcomers. The grace of God seemed to be taking hold of his heart. Tho he was poor and must of necessity work every day, his visits were regular.

"On May 9 in the presence of a number

of persons he declared himself a disciple of Christ and asked for baptism. Altho he realized that the consequences of such a course meant persecution and possibly death, he thought it better to live a few days and be happy forever than to live a few days and be forever wretched. On June 27, in a lake near the zayat, Christian baptism was administered to the first Burman convert. 'Oh, may it prove the beginning of a series of baptisms in the Burman empire which shall continue in uninterrupted success to the end of time!' wrote Mr. Judson in his journal that day."

End of quote. Now, friends, don't you see what it meant to be a believer and to be baptized in Burma and do you not understand that it is a commandment of the Lord for all believers to be baptized. Now it is not the water that saves a person but it is the obedience which counts in the sight of God. "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice." Have you obeyed the Lord? Are you willing to follow him all the way and keep his commandments and ordinances even though it may bring the scoffs and scorns of the world? Listen to this poem.

The Baptism

'Twas on a quiet Sunday morn:
The sky hung low, but the storm had
gone,
And many rivulets, newly born,
Toward larger streams were
hastening on.
Down to the river swollen wide
There came a happy little band,
And there beside the flowing tide
In prayer they knelt upon the sand.

For they had found the peace of God,
And now they came to do his will.
And these the words of lovely song

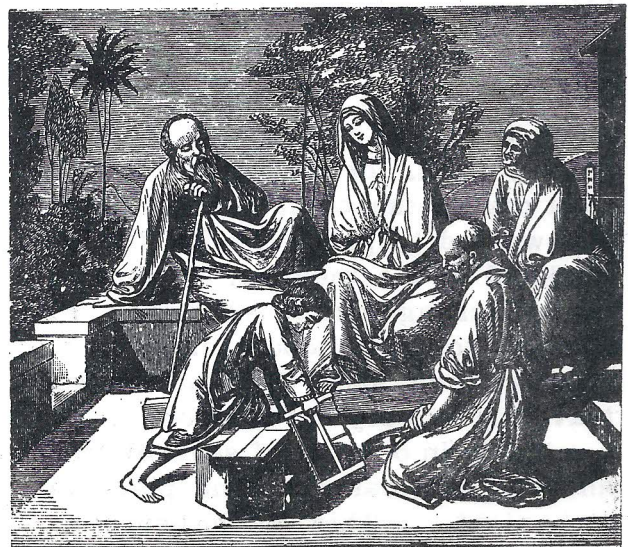
Arose upon the air so still:
"Down into the flowing river,
Lo, the Lamb of God we see;
There he speaks in clear example,
'Take the cross and follow me.'"

Gladly, without shrink or falter,
They received immersion there;
And they felt that they could follow
With their Savior anywhere.
And, returning from the river,
Echoes through the forest rang
While their voices rose together
As sweet sacred songs they sang:

"Oh, happy day that fixed my choice
On thee, my Savior and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice.
And tell its raptures all abroad."

Friends, if we may be a help to you in helping understand the things of God better, be sure to let us know. If you desire to write us you may do so by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. And now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each and every one of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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JESUS THE CARPENTER'S SON

Testimonies

From La.: "Dear ones, Now we've been home one week from our trip. Have been thinking of writing you but letting other things hinder. We found so much to do at home undone visiting. But when we left here about the 18 or 19 of Aug. we left our car at John Jackson's near New Orleans. They carried us to the air port. We flew to Vernon's place. He has moved to Route 11 Box 69, Gainesville, Ga. 30501 north of Atlanta. . . From Vernon's or from Atlanta we went north to Portland on to Seattle, Washington and to Alaska. . . . This boy Jimmy had been real sick with 3 heart spells and Jack wanted us to visit and pray for him. Jimmy had just been released from the hospital when we got there. He and his wife and little boy met us at the air port to our surprise. When we got off the plane in that place we were really talking of being strangers in a strange land. We knew no one. Then we heard someone call our name. Then I exclaimed 'Oh, Jimmy, I'm so glad to see you.' . . . We stayed up and visited with them till after midnight. We talked to him on things of the Lord and had prayer with them. They seemed to appreciate us so very much and had plans for us the next day but after consulting the Lord and his will we decided it best to start back toward Pa-coima, Calif. for that was Friday the first day of the campmeeting and we had wanted to get there for the first weekend of the meeting. People had warned us against traveling on Fri. because so many school children and soldiers and such like and we were traveling standby but the Lord worked a miracle in our behalf several times and we got to campmeeting place late Fri. night. . . This was the best campmeeting we have attended this summer

out of the 5. . . There were so many people there and my first trip to meet so many new ones and several tho that I knew. Lots of people got saved and sanctified, some healed. I think the house was about full of people all the time, real good attendance to the last. Now my version of California camp meeting may be and surely is different to others because it was my first trip and to be where there so many all the time. We enjoyed the singing. Very often we had the Bakersfield saints sing special songs. Monday after the meeting closed we went home with Lawrence and Ruth Taylor, stayed all night. Enjoyed the drive thru the mountains and the hospitality shown us--They took us to the air port Tues. morning. . . on to Vernon's Wed. Came home Friday. Found work and visiting to do here. We plan to go to Jena to be at my home 2 weeks starting today. It's now about 6:10 a. m. You dear ones pray for us. Our main thought in life is to please the Lord, do and go as he wants us to. . . Hope Sis. Maybelle is much better. . ."

--Bro. Carver and Sis. Eva
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From Mo.: "I was privileged to meet with the saints at Horton Creek near Huntsville, Ark. last Sun., stopped at Garfield for Sun. night service. Enjoyed the blessings of the Lord in both places. I do appreciate the people of God so much." --T. V. McMillian

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From La.: "Just to say love to all. . . Tell the folks up there about giving to the Lord's work. . . I often think of that "shall" and know it's true. I am sure the Lord will fill his promises. The good Lord has blessed me in many ways and still blessing me with reasonable health and reasonable strength. May God ever bless and keep you all. Love to all," --J. M. Mitchell

From Calif.: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. It is truly wonderful to be saved and trust the dear Lord for all our needs. The Lord is blessing me wonderfully for which I am glad. Sorry I was not able to go to Monark this year. The Lord knows best. I plan the Lord permit, to leave Sunday morning for Texas. I need your prayers that I may be a help to some soul. Pray for my safe trip."

--Sis. Melissa Greer

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From Wisc.: "I must take time for God and get His money on its way to aid in spreading the glorious gospel. Here it is fall again and we are having such lovely days and cool nights for wonderful refreshing sleep. I just picked up a good paper and I read these words:--No time for God? What base ingratitude--to Him who loans us life and powers which lessen with the passing hours. But when this Lord of Life meets you, and when He scans your life--page through--will He--should He--have time for you? You gave me some scriptures you like in your last letter to me. Here is one I like (Jer. 32:27) "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: Is there anything too hard for Me?" May God continue to make you all channels of blessing to others. Yours in Christ,"

--Sis. Myrtle Baerenwald

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From Mich.: "Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We trust that all is well there. Wife is not too well. She is still weak from the flu and gives out easily. I am fair for my age. Of course I have old age afflictions. Our son has been working 40 hrs. a week for 10 or 15 weeks now. He is in fair health now for what he went through of which we thank the good Lord. . . He certainly has a lot to thank the good Lord for. Please pray that

he will get saved. Also the rest that is not saved. We sure do enjoy the Mission Trail. Wish we could hear it on the radio. We cannot reach any of those stations. . . It is getting quite cool here now. It was 43 here last night. We will be getting a frost before long I do believe. . ."

--Floyd and Esther Hines

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From Mo.: "Greetings in the Lord. It has been raining last nite and today. It sure was dry. The Lord is so mindful of His own at all times. Glad that we can trust Him for both soul and body. I'm much encouraged to follow on for Him. Hope this finds you all well and encouraged in His will. We often think of you and pray the Lord to bestow His rich blessings on you and keep the good work going on as you have been. I was up to Joplin last week and visited my niece. She always is so glad to have me come. I enjoy my visit with them too. She misses her mother so much. We sure do miss our dear precious mother and sister so much. . . Glad they are in a better place. I'll close. Pray for us. We need your prayers. Yours in Christ,"

--Myrtle Glass

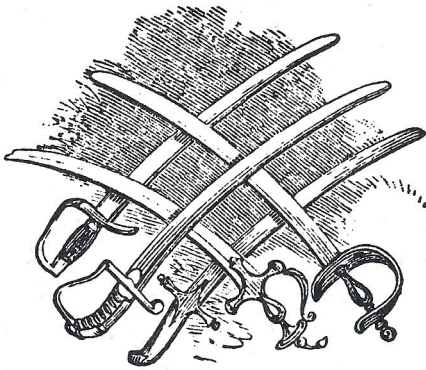
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From S. Car.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name, the name of that dear one who chose to descend from heaven to earth in form of a baby whose purpose for coming was to die and that death was for us. Oh, how grateful I am for God's love to us. . . how good it is for us to serve a living God. Ask the prayers for my husband, Brother Archie Sweat, who has been sick for 6 weeks confined to bed. . . Brother Archie has not been getting along good. The saints came Sunday and had a nice little meeting. He seems to be feeling better, thank the Lord."

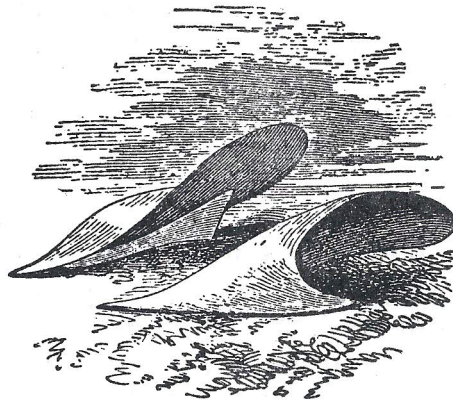
--Sis. Sallie Sweat

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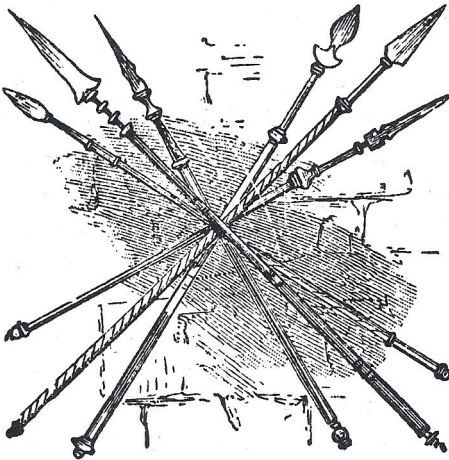
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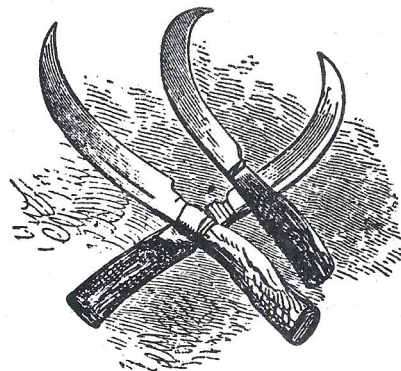
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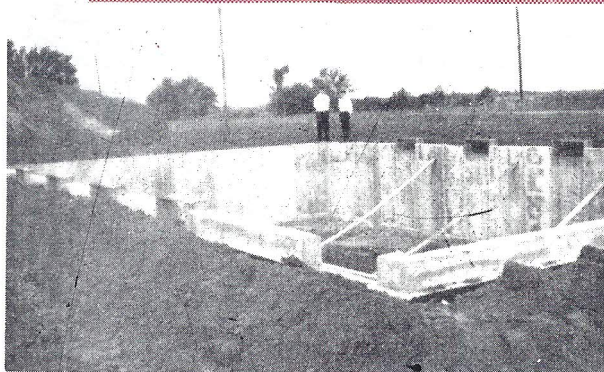


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at press time

we understand:



Here is a view of the full size basement over which the new chapel in Anthony, Kan. is to be built soon.

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From Ark.: "We send greetings in Jesus name. We are thankful for his tender love and mercy he has bestowed upon us. We are encouraged to keep pressing on in the straight and narrow way. Trust the dear Lord is blessing in every needed way as you labor to get the message of truth out to the many throughout the land. Just a little report about the tent meeting here at Sheridan, Ark. We certainly do not feel that the meeting was in vain, although the attendance was small. We are yet expecting the Lord to search out those who heard the messages from night to night and bring them into his fold. The spirit and presence of the Lord was felt in every service and especially the ten o'clock morning prayer services were so sweet and precious. We surely do appreciate all the dear saints who came to help us out in the meeting. May the dear Lord richly repay each one is our prayer." --E. A. Loftis

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The broadcast for next Sunday, September 28, is a special one. Be sure to hear!

Special "All-day" 4th Sunday services are to be held monthly at the saints' chapel in Neosho, Mo., beginning again in September. Plan now to spend Sun. Sept. 28 with the saints there and enjoy the blessings of the Lord throughout the day. Basket lunch will be served without charge. For further information contact Bro. T. V. McMillian, Route 5, Box 29, Neosho, Mo. 64850.

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Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Brother and Sister Ernest Burdett of Oklahoma City in the loss of their son, Jimmy, who was killed in an accident in Hawaii last week. The funeral and burial is scheduled after the return of the body to Oklahoma.

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Work is progressing also on the new chapel in Enid, Okla. Bro. Barney Wittenborn has been helping with the duct work. Members of the local congregation are finding plenty to do too!

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From Okla.: "Greetings in Christ Jesus our Saviour. I am so happy for Jesus who loved us so and gave himself for us to save us from our sins. We enjoy the Mission Trail and love it. Praying to God to keep the Coffeyville station on the air as it is such a blessing. Aunt Lizzie Eck is getting along in Jesus just fine. The Lord truly has blest her in her gardening. Pray for us, and our children. God bless you is our prayer."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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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

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KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
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