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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 SLEEPER!

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"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Eph. 5:14 Did you ever take the time to think about that verse? There is quite a parallel and a spiritual lesson to be learned from one who sleeps and one who is dead in trespasses and sins and is sleeping the sleep of separation from God. They need a call to awaken them from their sleep and this is exactly the purpose which I hope this message will serve. There is danger or else there would be no need for such an alarm to sound. But this is a call to action. It's not enough that one should rouse from his sleep. He must act if he would be saved from the wrath of God. You see, someone who is asleep is unaware of his danger and is unable to help himself unless he is awakened. The sleep which I am speaking about is the sleep of sin and the call is one to righteousness. We are living in such a careless age. Unconcern and lethargy is all about us. This scripture from Lamentations 1:12 fits in real well right here. It says, "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?" Listen to this song, "The perishing world". The singers are Manuel and Marie Mitchell and Frances Porter.

Is there any one today who cares if thousands are dying without Christ and without hope. Is there anyone to show an interest in the sick and suffering who need prayer and comfort from God's own word. Is this the time for each one to seek their own selfish interest and to be unconcerned about those who should be awakened from the enchanting spell which Satan has cast upon the world, causing them to have a deep sleep. Here is a message which the Lord wants sounded out today: "Arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light." Arise from your sinful condition. Shake off the shackles that bind to the old life. Free yourself from the stupor of your deep sleep. Get yourself in condition to appreciate your danger. It is a free gospel, but free to those who ask for it. Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hun-

ger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." Christ shall give thee light. He alone is the source of spiritual light and understanding. Only as you see him can you know and comprehend the things of God. The light of God is salvation from sin, forgiveness, righteousness, and purity. The hope of the gospel is held out only to those who will hear the call. It is the spirit of God who brings it home to the hearts. To resist it is to resist God. And yet how many are going on asleep in sin? Will you hear the call today 'ere it be too late.

Listen to this verse from Prov. 23:21 "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags." That means that a fellow who is always so tired, so sleepy, and so drowsy, that he never



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"I saw a man clothed in rags, a book in his hand, and a great burden on his back." --Pilgrim's Progress

wants to work can expect very little in the way of food and clothing. How much more is that true in the spiritual sense? If we are unwilling to awaken from the sleep of death we can never expect to receive the gift of eternal life. Did you ever read Pilgrim's Progress? There is one place in the book which tells about the pilgrim Christian and the trouble he had when he fell asleep. Right at this point let me quote from Pilgrim's Progress:

"I looked then after Christian, to see him go up the hill, where I perceived he fell from running to going, and from going to clambering upon his hands and his knees, because of the steepness of the place. Now, about the midway to the top of the hill was a pleasant arbor, made by the Lord of the hill for the refreshment of weary travelers. Thither, therefore, Christian got, where also he sat down to rest him; then he pulled his roll out of his bosom, and read therein to his comfort; he also now began afresh to take a review of the coat or garment that was given him as he stood by the cross. Thus pleasing himself a while, he at last fell into a slumber, and thence into a fast sleep, which detained him in that place until it was almost night; and in his sleep his roll fell out of his hand. Now, as he was sleeping, there came one to him, and awaked him, saying, 'Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.' And, with that, Christian suddenly started up, and sped on his way, and went apace till he came to the top of the hill." End of quote

Did you notice there that his roll fell out of his hand? You see there was some comfort and assurance which he lost although at the time he didn't realize it. Later when he looked for it he went back with great sorrow. Listen

as I quote again:

"Thus, therefore, he now went on, bewailing his sinful sleep, saying, 'Oh wretched man that I am, that I should sleep in the day time; that I should sleep in the midst of difficulty! that I should so indulge the flesh, as to use that rest for ease to my flesh which the Lord of the hill hath erected only for the relief of the spirits of pilgrims! How many steps have I taken in vain! Thus it happened to Israel; for their sin they were sent back again by the way of the Red Sea; and I am made to tread those steps with sorrow which I might have trod with delight, had it not been for this sinful sleep. How far might I have been on my way by this time! I am made to tread those steps thrice over which I needed not to have trod but once; yea, also, now I am like to be benighted, for the day is almost spent. Oh that I had not slept!'" End of quote

Now here is my advice to the saints of God. Let me quote this to you from I Thes. 5 and beginning with verse 4, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him."

And my advice to the unsaved is this.

Start calling upon the Lord, seek him
in prayer day and night until you know
that your sins are under the blood. I
hope it will not be with you as this poem
which says:

Too Late

His life on earth was ebbing very fast,
And soon the sun of day
Would sink behind the western hills,
and cast
Its lengthening shadows over him as
it passed,
And then speed swiftly onward in its
way.

Once, in his youthful days, that had
gone by,
He walked in peace, content with
Christ alone;
Undaunted, stood life's storms
without a sigh;
Hastened his Lord's return, with him
to fly:
But now his heart was lifeless as a
stone.

He left the pleasant paths of peace to
plod
In tempting fields, in ways that lead
to death;
In paths of pleasure and of lust he
trod,
Forgetful of his friends, his vows,
his God;
But now he calls for him with dying
breath.

In manhood's days he sowed no
golden grain,
Supposing life and health would
last;
Refused the blood of Christ for
earthly gain:
He has no sheaves; he weeps, but
weeps in vain;
For sin deceived him, and his

prospects all are past.

The sun sinks noiselessly behind the
hill;
'Tis night; but darker yet impending
fate;
Loved ones look on, and pray for
mercy still;
His eyes look up: they gaze with
dreadful chill;
His cold lips tremble with the parting
words, "Too late!"

Let us pray,

Our heavenly Father,

Bless each listener of the broadcast
and for those who are asleep in their
sins we pray especially that you would
awaken them to find the new life of
peace and righteousness through Christ
our Saviour. Amen

Let me take just a moment to tell you
that this broadcast is brought your
way by The Mission Trail of Guthrie,
Okla. We are trusting the Lord by
faith to move upon the hearts of those
who can help us keep his word going
forth over the air and through the mail
and remember if we may be of any
help to you in a spiritual way, be sure
to let us know. If you would like a
printed copy of the message you may
have one without cost or obligation just
by writing to us in this way, The Mis-
sion Trail, Guthrie, Okla. And may
I say that we deeply appreciate those
who help us keep this word going forth
each week. It will soon be 5 years
that we've been on the air and we ap-
preciate what the Lord has done. If
we may be of any help to you now be
sure to let us know. 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!

Gospel Records

"I am sending you a complimentary record under separate cover by The Eveninglighters, our men's quartet composed of Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Manuel Mitchell. I am very delighted with our first published long playing stereo record, and I believe the people of the church will enjoy it for we made it especially for the saints. Americana Records of Ruston, La. has the most up to date transfer recording equipment in the south, purchased from West Berlin for \$300, 000.00, and told me if it had been made in the U. S. the cost would be 1 million. The recording was made on our Viking 88 tape recorder, and Americana Records ran it through their equipment giving it depth, balance, etc., making a superb record for us. I would appreciate a notice to the saints in the Mission Trail. This is a stereo record which can be played on a monaural or stereo recorder. The price of the record is \$4.00 postage paid, payable in cash, check, or money order. Since we made this record for the saints, any profits realized will be used in the work of the Lord. Send money to:

Lynn

Lynn Carver
836 Drexel Dr.

Shreveport, Louisiana 71106

NOTICE: Those who desire one of these long play records should send the \$4 directly to Bro. Lynn Carver in Shreveport. We do not carry them in stock in this office. --Ed.

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Testimonies

From Ore.: "Greetings of love in Jesus dear name! I see by the past letter from you as I looked up the printed envelope that it has been just about a

yr. since I sent in my contribution for helping the good work along. But I have not forgotten the work and do look forward to receiving the paper from week to week. . . The Lord has been good to us this yr. keeping us well and providing our needs both spiritually and temporally for which we thank Him. We were sorry to not be able to attend the camp meetings at a distance like Guthrie or Monark but were privileged to hear some of the good sermons on tape and really did enjoy them. Maybe the Lord will help us get to some another year. However we were able to attend nearly all of the Jefferson camp. We trust this will find you all well and I know busy for His cause. May the Lord bless your efforts with a good harvest of souls."

--Bro. and Sis. Dan Kroker

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From Okla.: "Just a few lines to let you hear from me. I am still saved and living for Jesus. . . I am going to do all I can for Jesus. . . It is time for us to be running for the Lord. All pray earnestly for me. Pray for my brother's son in trouble. I will close. Your sister in Christ"

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan

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From Ore.: "I am so happy this morning to write you. I have \$5.00 to send you for the gospel. I never thought I would have it so soon, but the Lord wants me to help in this great work for the Lord. . . How I do want to get the truth out to this lost world of folks. I know my time to work is short at the longest. I will soon be 89 years old. He keeps the old hands and eyes so I can use them for the Lord's work. It is more precious to give than to receive. It pays better than anything I could do. I am so happy here in this Home. The Lord helps me to be a blessing here."

--Sis. O. K. Myers

From Mo.: "This morning I am still saved and looking up to the Lord each day for His grace and strength for soul and body. Well, we had meeting in our home from Thursday night thru Sunday. We sure enjoyed the good messages Bro. Gordon Humphrey preached and will be glad when he can come back again. Bro. Leslie Busbee was here one night. He has been faithful to come every third Sunday when he could. Also Bro. McMillian. We appreciate God's ministers and any of God's people coming to be with and help us. . . Time is going by. We must all do what we can to help souls who are lost. The devil has people bound in sin following after the things of this world trying to find pleasure, but never finding any lasting joy or peace which Jesus only can give . . . May God bless you all."

--Sis. Becky Barnes

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From Okla.: "Greetings. . . I certainly appreciate the Mission Trail and enjoy reading it. . . I am thanking the dear Lord at this present time to be redeemed and have power in my life to resist the temptations that come my way. I am reminded of the song we sing some time "Father send the power down". I feel for sure that He has already sent it down. Have we received it? If so are we using it? If so there would not be so many failures among us in this critical time, in other words moving the ancient landmarks which only means compromise. . . There is too much pride following the styles and fashions of the world. Then how do we expect the younger saints to become established when some of us are such poor examples? We pray God that you don't take this as criticism. . . We have a verse in the Bible that reads like this, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:" So that means we can not tolerate or indulge or en-

courage one that is doing wrong when he or she knows better. We could be ever so blameless but God would condemn us for encouraging wrong. . . You know we preach and teach to hold up the standard. I realize that God's standard will never be moved. . . Until we move the stakes back in place by our lives we will never become established. . . If the Lord let me see the 28th of Oct. I will be 75 years--still active, a good portion of health and strength."

--M. L. Reed

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From Ark.: "It's misting rain, as I look out; it's so pretty. I wonder if the outside was ever so radiantly dressed. I could gaze on its splendor for hours, really makes me feel like nothing. Our only hope is continuing a steadfastness in the Lord."

--Lou Bray

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From Mo.: "I hear you by radio from Coffeyville nearly every Sunday morning. . . I got saved in 1930 and I want to hold out to the end with God's help. I get awfully nervous at times, but God is able to help me. Don't know what I would have done if it had not been for the Lord. Well, I will close. Your saved brother,"

--Lowell Bowers

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From Kansas: "Greeting in the name of Jesus. I'm so glad that we have a real Savior to trust in. Heard your message this morning and was glad to hear it, and to hear the singing. We thank the Lord for his dear consecrated workers. Thank you for remembering me in prayer. I am feeling much better. Naomi had a wreck two weeks ago Saturday and she has been down here with me. It hurt her back. They called it a minor injury. But she still feels badly from it. They are to have her car fixed by tomorrow. Please remember her in prayer."

--Mamie Norcutt

From La.: "Hope this finds all well in this beautiful fall weather. Manuel made the remark yesterday wishing we had this kind of weather six months out of the yr. . . however, we do have a lot of pleasant weather in La. We enjoyed having my folks here last wk. It's a blessing that they can come as often as they do. Our trips are limited because of school and the store. It sounds as if Uncle Ray is failing fast. I'm so glad he's made his peace with the Lord. . . The world is in such turmoil. You would think people would wake up and start thinking serious, but they don't. They act as if they were asleep and unaware of the time we're living in. The devil is working as hard as ever to get all that he can. I surely want to keep alert and awake to do the Lord's will at all times. This life here is so fleeting. Pray for us and the Lord bless you in your work for him."

--Marie, Manuel Mitchell and family

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From Ill.: "God's great grace, mercy and peace be with you all. I do pray that it is well with you all today, and in my prayers I think of you often and pray for your work. May God bless you! It was so good to have you and Kathleen come by this way! Surely wish it was possible for you to drop in often. It does me much good to meet and talk with God's people. I trust you had a good and safe trip. Did the car give you any more trouble? . . . I have so much to thank and praise God for today! How great His salvation is, and how gracious He is unto all who will seek Him with their whole hearts? I am so thankful, and glad, that I found the Lord when I did! Surely He has saved me from a multitude of sins! . . . My only desire is to please God in all things and walk in the light as He shows it to me. So when you think of it--pray for me!" --Thelma Sprague

From Okla.: "I have a heavy burden for my grandson. Please pray with me for his soul and body, especially for his soul."

--Sis. Ida Ruckman

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From Okla.: "Please remember me as I have been sick for over a week, still need prayers. I do enjoy Mission Trail papers so much. Do hope all are well. I am sending a little to help."

--Sis. B. M. Matthesen

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From Ore.: "I receive the paper and I enjoy it very much. I also look forward to receiving it. I'm glad I'm saved and I'm living for the Lord. The lady I had to write for me has moved away. I'm down here at Roseburg, Ore. about 200 miles south of Portland visiting my daughter and her family for a week or so. So I'm having her to write this for me. . . Please ask all the saints to pray for me and for my daughter and her family, also for my grandson and his family also. Please, as I would sure appreciate it. . . With love to all from"

--Bro. Ed Olson

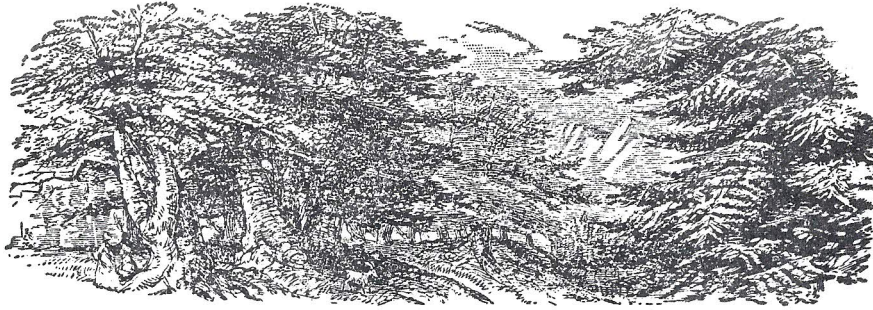
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From Mo.: "Last Tuesday my son and I went to the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee. We went south through Ark. and eastern Okla. then west on Hy. 40. We left about 7:30 a.m. Got there about 3:00. We had a wonderful trip. Such wonderful scenery through the hills and woods. We just stayed two hours. Came home on turnpikes and got home a little after 9:00. But had good visit with old saints, especially with Sis. Noakes and Sis. Hooker. The scenery in Carthage is wonderful. They have so many large maples, all over town. And they have just been at perfection. We went last week. God is so good to us, to give us such beautiful things to look at. May the Lord bless you all, and continue to bless the program."

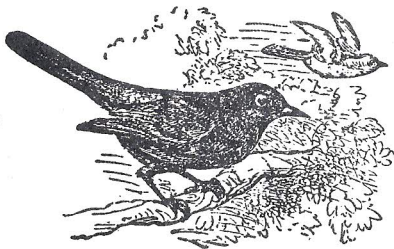
--Sis. Lula Caughron

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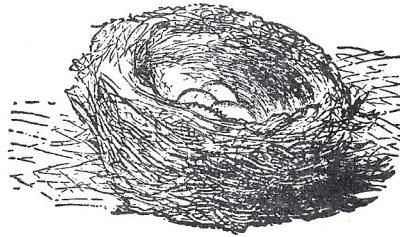
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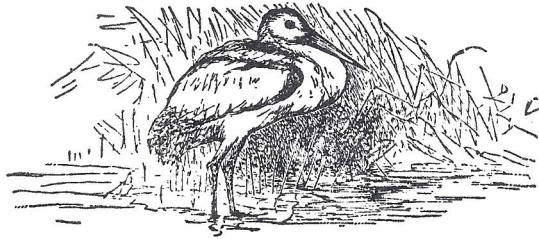
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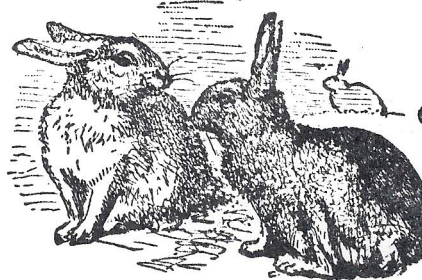


the fir-trees
are her house.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats ; and the



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at press time

we understand:

From Ohio: "Today my family and I attended dear Sis. McCoy's funeral. It was a cerebral hemorrhage that took her, not the heart dropsy she had. . . . Bro. Everett Abbott preached the funeral. Bro. Mart read some scripture and commented. At the grave site Bro. Williams commented on a scripture and had prayer." --Nancy Sallee

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From Ky.: "I've been wanting to write for some time, but it seems it's been so hard for me to write much. I received so many nice cards and letters and offering after my mother's passing and I want to thank each one for their love that was shown to us at this time. It all meant much to me. I would receive several cards each morning and of course it would cause many tears to flow but I appreciated the concern the saints showed so much. A friend in need is a friend indeed. It's going to be hard to go back home, knowing my mother isn't there. She was that drawing card that caused me to want to go. We were in Dayton for over the weekend. I didn't attend the Sunday service as Sister McCoy was so sick. I stayed with her daughter Helen to help care for her. We came home in time for service last night. Helen called me this morning and told me Sister McCoy passed away at 5:20 a. m. this morning. She lacked one day living a month longer than my mother. Helen and I had always been close. It's strange that our mothers would be taken so close together."

--Sis. Verna Samons and family

Congratulations to Gerald and Christene Stephens on the birth of their twin sons, Gerald and Derald, Oct. 20.

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From La.: "We expect to have preaching in the morning and singing in the afternoon at Shreveport the 2nd Sunday of November which will be Nov. 9th. Will be glad for you to announce this . . . also would like for you and family to be present if possible and anyone else that feels like coming. We had nice crowd last Sunday, good service. God is good and He knoweth them that trust in Him. Praise His precious name. Now remember second Sunday in November. Pray for us."

--Bro. Carver and Sis. Eva

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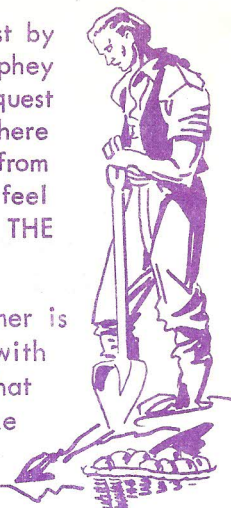
From Ill.: "Greetings of Christian love to you. Surely thankful for that Christian love that draws us all to one another! Have appreciated so much the cards I've had from the saints. Have had a few visits from some, too, and that was like water to a desert! Wanted to let you know that since Kathleen and Bro. Willie prayed for me, I've been healed of that awful heartburn. It has troubled me nearly none since then. In about two weeks I go back for x-ray. Pray for me that I will be allowed to walk then. I was so disappointed last x-ray that I couldn't . . . The Lord has given me such good rest at night, also, since they prayed. Surely thank the dear Lord for it. Things are easier to take if you can rest at night. . . God bless you all."

--Vivian McClain



THE MISSION TRAIL, originating in Guthrie, Okla., is broadcast by radio and published weekly in printed form by Willie and Frances Murphey with the help of others. It is mailed free of charge to those who request it. Its purpose is to reach the hungry hearts of the unsaved everywhere with the gospel which will save them. Its principal support comes from the free will contributions of its listeners and readers. Those who feel directed by the Lord to assist may do so by sending their offering to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

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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