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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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## "Redeeming the Time"

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"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Ephesians 5:11-17.

Good morning, friends. I am glad for another new day to live to the glory of God. Here is a poem:

### TODAY

So here hath been dawning another blue  
day,  
Think, wilt thou let it slip useless  
away?  
Out of eternity this new day is born;  
Into eternity at night will return.  
Behold it aforetime no eye ever did;  
So soon it forever from all eyes is hid.  
Here hath been dawning another blue  
day;  
Think, wilt thou let it slip useless  
away?

We are so accustomed to seeing the sun rise in the morning, and then see it set in the evening, that it is easy for us to take it as a matter of fact, without due appreciation of the blessings of the Lord which are new every day. We know that day and night have followed one another year after year. For just how long we don't know, but I would

say that it has been ever since God set the sun in motion and divided the night and day according to his word. Just how long this may continue I don't know. It may last for many years yet to come, and then again it may end soon--even before this day comes to a close.

But here is one thing the scripture plainly tells us to do: "Redeeming the time." Just how do you go about redeeming the time? Surely we can not bring back the time which has already past. We cannot roll back the sun dial and bring back the yesterdays of our life. But I know there are many who would like to do that. No doubt for many there were happier days, which they would like to recall. But since we can not re-live the days which have so rapidly slipped by, neither can we see the tomorrows until they arrive, we only have today. Then, let us redeem the time by making good use of the hours. Here is a scripture worth remembering: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psa. 90:12. I believe that

would be a good motto to use for a life-time. Oh, I don't mean that every morning we ought to begin to start counting the number of days we estimate we are going to remain in this world. Say, if you were 50 years old, and calculating that you would live to be 70, that would leave you 20 years at 365 days per year, plus a fraction of course, making a total of something more than 7,000 days.

No, you see, we might miss that by a long ways. You have no assurance that you will ever live to see another 20 years. All the time we have is the present moment. There have been many, no doubt, that planned for a life of ease when they retired, but they never made it that long. The rich man made his plans for a life of ease when he had built the bigger and better barns, but the Lord demanded of him his soul that very night. He left it all behind. To redeem the time means finding God's will for your life and then doing it. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:23

Yes, I know there will be opposition to carrying out God's will in your life, but trust him for grace to walk in the path his hand doth trace as the song says. He sees the way before you and knows the path.

In the 4th chapter of Matt. we read of the temptations of Jesus. He was human and he was also divine. The devil appealed to the natural instincts of the appetites. He was hungry and food would have tasted good. The other temptations, no doubt, had strong appeal to the natural man. But Jesus put these things behind him and resisted the enemy.

Remember this: at the time Satan came to him he was prayed up. Although he was alone yet he was filled with the power of God. He had communion with the father. When the devil finds us in the wilderness, and single-handed meets us, the devil alone, and we alone, except for the power of God with us, he is not hard to put to rout. But some of the greatest temptations of the devil is when he is backed by interest or fashion, and meets us not alone, but in the crowd. There is small cause to fear the devil when we meet him alone, but the devil well-attended by respectable gentlemen, that is the enemy which is alarming. The allurements which lie in ambush under the counter, which sulks behind a bale of cotton, or rings money in your ears, or rustles gay garments, that is the dangerous temptation and fortunate is he who has the power to resist even in the presence of society or friends.

If you keep your eye always on the earth you will walk in darkness and stumble through life. Look up to heaven and God, and you will find your way safely wherever duty calls you to go. If you lay up treasures in heaven, you will be rich with all your losses. If you look only to man for comfort in the day of need, you will be helpless and desolate with all your friends. If you have God for your father you can hope and rejoice, though every human friend should forsake you. These earthly and perishable things which engage so much of our attention now, will mean so little in the day of judgment. Man is worth so little without God; and earth is worth so little without heaven. If you would be true to your own immortal soul you must spend this life of earth in preparing for a home eternal in the heavens.

Let us pray:



Our father, help us to redeem the time. We are indeed thankful for every day which is such a great blessing. May we live it in a way that we will not be sorry when we stand before thee at the final judgment day. Bless the word to the good of every listener and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you friends for taking the time to listen. The Mission Trail is heard weekly over this station and we trust the Lord to supply the means to keep it on the air. The cooperation of those who help are so much appreciated. And if we may be a help to you, write us and address your letter to: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

And now this song: "I cannot Find the Way Alone." The singers are: Kenneth and Lois Abbott, Johnnie & Della Gutwein and Neta Eck.

### *Testimonies*

From Ore.: "Greetings Dear ones. I enjoy the paper so much, trust you folks are well. The Lord is blessing us. With Irwin saved it is like having a ray of heavenly sunshine in our neighborhood. He likes to talk to people about Jesus. . . Being isolated is hard at times because there is always a deep desire in the heart to be with God's people. But God needs "lights" scattered here and there to shine for Him. If each isolated saint would submit to God's will for them in the place where they live they wouldn't be so dissatisfied and restless. Sometimes the only encouragement we get comes from God alone, but He has promised to be a present help in every time of need. I would like in some way to be able to encourage isolated saints to keep pressing on for God. Christian Love,"

--Beverly Wattenbarger

From Mich.: "Just a short note this morning. We surely do love the Lord and are endeavoring to please Him in all that we do and say. What a busy summer this has been! But we thank the Lord we were privileged to be at the Myrtle camp meeting. So nice to be with God's children and enjoy their fellowship. . . We are all doing pretty well up here, thank the Lord. Ralph's folks seem to be getting along quite well now, too. . . I must close for now. As I have more letters to write. Yours in Christ,"

--Bro. Ralph, Sis, Dorothy & family

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From Colo.: "Greetings of Christian love. We hope this finds all well in body and enjoying the blessings of God. We are both doing very well. It has turned winter here; we have had two heavy frosts and some ice. Temp. this morning about 6:30 was 42 degrees, nice outside. We visited Bro. Wollerts last Sunday after noon. They are both doing pretty good. Sis. Wollerts trouble is not bothering her very much any more. . . May God bless you in your labor of Love. We do enjoy the Mission Trail. Remember us. In Christian Love,"

--Ed & Addie McEndree

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From Mich.: "Greetings of Christian love to all. . . This finds Clarence and me still loving the Lord and still trusting in His grace. We have been having a fight of faith with our afflictions--but God has promised to deliver us out of them all. We are thankful to be able to be up and about and have many things to be thankful for. So many folks are much worse off than we are. . . my whole trust is in God and I'm expecting complete healing and victory. . . I am using my weapons (prayer and faith) to defeat the enemy. Clarence and I both stay weak in body. We are both satisfied

to know that all things work together for good to those who love God, etc. With so many things these days to distract ones attention, God has to keep our attention on Him some way, and this may be the way He chooses, for when we are afflicted we naturally turn to Him for help. . . So many folks say they believe in Him, but they say, Oh, I couldn't go that far (to trust God to heal me). When all else fails, then some will take a chance. We appreciate the privilege of being able to trust Him. Praise His name. . . I really wrote to greet all the saints with love because I'm so far behind with my letter writing, because of my ill health, pressing duties and getting ready to move I haven't taken the time to write much. My other reason for writing is to say that we have sold our farm home (lived here 20 years) and we are moving to town. When we get settled (seems like never) we won't be so encumbered like we were here on the farm."

Bro. Clarence and Sis. Margaret Brant

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From Kansas: "Another week has come and gone never to be recalled, but what matters is how have we lived during that time. I always try to do more for the Lord each week that passes for certainly he has done so much for me. As I look back over the past years I am reminded more and more how good that he has been to me. Had it not been for him I would have been gone from this earth long ago. I just think about when I had the T. B. of the bone in one of my legs. My mother and I went to a camp-meeting at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Bro. J. D. Ferrie was the preacher, the church of God man, and as the services started on this particular night he said at the beginning of the service-- is any among you sick or afflicted in any way. . . I went forward and he prayed the prayer of faith and the very

next day I began to improve and the scales started drying up and it was only a few days until my leg was completely healed for which I truly give him all the praise. This was something 3 doctors had given up on. They told my mother my leg would have to be amputated, but she said no. This is one of those times when everything worked together for me for I loved the Lord and believed in him as is recorded in John 3:16. I did not just believe on him but in him. There is a difference. . . here I am 78 years old and just as happy and well as I can be for which I praise his name."

--Bro. C. A. Stone

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From Maryland: "Greetings of love in the name of our blessed Jesus. I am so thankful for his precious love he has shown to me. I love the dear Lord and all his dear Saints. Pray for me that I will stay true to him and do Gods will at all times. I am a shut in and do not get to go to church. I live in Baltimore, Md. . . I believe it is better to stay at home and read my bible, then go where they don't preach the truth. That is why I want you to put my name on your prayer list. I need spiritual help. I am sending you a few names that I would like for you to send the little paper, the Mission Trail to them. . . I want to thank you for sending it to me. I am not very well in body. Please pray for me. . . In christian love."

--Sis. Myrtle Warner

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From Okla.: "I do hope that this finds you well. I'm still pressing on in the Lord. My desire is to see sinners saved. Christians strengthened and the unadulterated word put before the people. I so enjoy your messages and the testimonies of the "Mission Trail." . . . May the Lord bless . . . Pray for me as I do for you."

--Sister Rilla C. Wadley



From S. Dak.: "Loving greetings to you in the sweet name of our precious Lord Jesus, our lovely Saviour. How blessed to have His sweet presence always near us. How comforting to our hearts to realize that He has compassion on us in our trials and afflictions, and is ever at the right hand of God, making intercession for us. It is such a beautiful day, sunny and bright and refreshing after the cold and rain, and so refreshing to my soul to be alone with my Lord Jesus. He is much brighter than any earthly sunshine. The last prophet who lived before the coming of Jesus prophesied: 'unto you that fear my name shall the Son of righteousness arise with healing in His wings.' What a great privilege just to know we can take our sick bodies to the one who made them and receive His divine touch of healing. Blessed Saviour! Isaiah prophesied: 'He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows' or, as the more correct translation reads, 'He hath borne our sicknesses and carried our pain.' He must have taken them to the cross for Peter says that by His stripes we are healed (1 Peter 2:24) If we can see Jesus hanging on the cross, bleeding and dying for our pain and sicknesses as well as for our sins, our faith ought to be inspired to look up to Him for healing. O, for a more childlike faith! 'Lord increase our faith,' Luke 17:5 Jesus said, 'Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?' Luke 18:8 Jude exhorts the church 'to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.' Jude 3. In his own country Jesus did not many mighty works because of their unbelief. Matt 13:58. . . So sorry to have had to miss the Monark meeting, prayed much for it, thankful that souls were saved and the church edified. . . I was so very sorry

to hear of the passing of Sister Meek. She was such a lovely saint. The Lord does all things for the best. . . I love the Mission Trail more and more, the good message, and the testimonies of the saints are all so precious and such a comfort to my soul. And O, how I appreciate the letters of counsel and encouragement, and the prayers of the saints. I am so very grateful and feel so unworthy. May the dear Lord richly bless and reward each one is my earnest prayer, and may He supply needed help and keep you strong and well and courageous in His blessed service. Poem copied from an old Gospel Trumpet, with slight changes.

#### THAT IS FAITH

To climb forever upward though  
The road be rough and steep,  
To have the joy of Christ within  
While others faint and weep,  
To see the danger, yet believe  
In the Father's power to keep--  
That is faith.

To look on shattered hopes but top  
with song each hard won hill,  
To be engulfed in cloud but know  
The sun is shining still,  
To rest in peace and trust it all  
To the Father's holy will--  
That is faith.

Lovingly and prayerfully."

--Sister Olive McFarling

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From N. Mex.: "Greetings of love in Jesus dear name. Hope and pray you are well and enjoying every service the Lord has put upon you to do. I have an unspoken request, also an offering I am sorry I didn't send sooner. Please pray for unsaved ones. We all need each others prayers. So thank you very much for every thing and God bless richly every one. Christian love,"

--Sister Ruth Doolittle



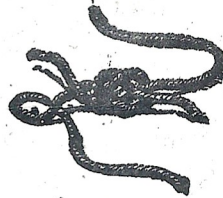
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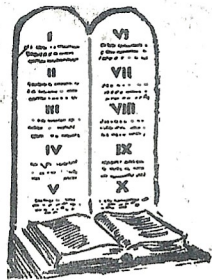
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# at press time

we understand:

## CONGRATULATIONS TO



Bro. & Sis. William A. McCoy

Brother William McCoy of Dayton, Ohio is well known by the saints for his faithful service through the years. Also Sister Evelyn Gibson has laboured in the gospel work for many years. It was on October 2 that their lives were united as one when they were married in the Church of God chapel in Guthrie, Oklahoma. We wish them much happiness and many more years of useful service as they labour for souls. After a few days they will be making their home at 621 Tyron Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45427. Telephone: (513) 236-1983

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### SINGING AND ALL-DAY MEETING

"We are planning to have a singing Saturday night, October 30 at 7:30. Also all day services Sunday, October 31 at 718 N. Kansas, Springfield, Mo. We send a special invitation for all who can to come be with us. Come prepared with special songs. Let us all do our part." --Sis. Pauline Lowe

From Pa.: "Please pray too for Bro. Johnson here in Pittsburgh who is a sick brother, and needs help from the Lord. . . Do remember us all here as we need your prayers for soul and body." --Sister Avis Tinsley

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Sister Minnie White still suffers greatly in the valley of affliction. Remember her in your prayers. An encouraging letter or card would let her know she is not forgotten. Send it to: Route 4, Box 145, Guthrie, Okla. 73044. Her trust is in God.

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Our heart-felt sympathy and prayers go out to Sister Thelma Sprague, 219 N. Hickory, DuQuoin, Ill. 62832. It was on September 27 that her husband, George Sprague, died. He had not been well for some time. He was at home at the time of his death. It is such a consolation to those who remain to know that he had given his heart to the Lord. Remember Sis. Thelma and the other dear ones in this time of sorrow.

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### GOSPEL SINGING--October 23

Gospel Singing has been scheduled at "Upper Whorton" near Huntsville, Arkansas for October 23 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Everyone has a special invitation. To reach this place go south from Huntsville on Highway 23, about 4 miles. Turn left on Highway 74 and continue until a small store is reached. "Upper Whorton" is about one-half mile further on the left side of the road.

--Bro. Merrill Smith



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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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