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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 Greatest Gift of All!*

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### GOD'S HALL OF FAME

Your name may not appear down here  
In this world's Hall of Fame;  
In fact, you may be so unknown,  
That no one knows your name.  
The Oscars here may pass you by,  
And neon lights of blue;  
But if you love and serve the Lord,  
Then, I have news for you!

This Hall of Fame is only good  
As long as time shall be;  
But keep in mind, God's Hall of Fame  
Is for Eternity!  
To have your name inscribed up there  
Is greater, yes by far,  
Than all the Halls of Fame down here,  
And every man-made star.

This crowd on earth they soon forget  
The heroes of the past,  
They cheer like mad until you fall,  
And that's how long you last!  
But God, He never does forget,  
And in His Hall of Fame,  
By just believing in His Son,  
Inscribed you'll find your name.

I tell you, friend, I wouldn't trade  
My name, however small,  
That's written there beyond the stars  
In that celestial Hall  
For every famous name on earth  
Or glory that they share;  
I'd rather be an unknown here,  
And have my name up there!

Good morning, friends. What a pleasure it is to be coming your way once again by means of radio. I would like to show you the contrast between humility of the Lord and the fame of the world. To be of an humble spirit is worth much in the sight of the Lord. Yet one may be ever so proud and have the applause of the world. Pride is the opposite of humility.

Listen: "Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." Prov. 16:19. Then this verse in Isaiah 57:15 lets us know how the Lord looks upon the humble in spirit: "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Then here is what James has to say about this: "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." James 4:6. Also 1 Peter 5:6--"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."

So we see then that God has a people who are humble. They are not seeking the honor and praise of the world. Yet God has his own way of honoring his

people. He will lift them up. Did you notice how Peter expressed it? "that he may exalt you in due time"? This honor of God is lasting and for all eternity. We shall have honor eternal at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But let me put the story in its proper order. First things should come first.

Notice how the Saviour of the world was born. He could have been born of some notable person or queen, but no -- he chose to come in a lowly manner. He was born of the virgin Mary. This is the way it was foretold. Listen:

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matt. 1:21-23.

So regardless of all the atheists and unbelievers in the world this is the Word of the Lord. Many would like to do away with this virgin birth. But let me tell you God made the laws of nature in the first place and if he chooses to change them for one special occasion he can do so without any trouble at all. Who is man to question the power and wisdom of God? Oh we are so weak and so frail.

The fulfillment of this virgin birth is recorded here in Luke 2:7--"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Wasn't that a beautiful way for the king of heaven to be brought to mankind? How humble and simple was his birth.

It was so great and wonderful in spite of being so simple and full of humility that the angels of heaven praised God. They also brought word to the shepherds abiding in the field as they kept watch over their flocks by night.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And I would like to remind you that God's message is still "peace on earth and good will toward men." He would have all men to come to the knowledge of the truth and forsake their evil ways. A typical example of how futile it is to fight against the truth is recorded concerning the life of Saul. "And as they journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into



the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do." Acts 9:3-6.

So you see, Saul could not destroy the early church any more than the unbelievers can destroy the true church of today. I like this poem:

#### THERE ALWAYS WILL BE GOD

They cannot shell His temple,  
Nor dynamite His throne;  
They cannot bomb His city,  
Nor rob Him of His own.

They cannot take Him captive,  
Nor strike Him deaf and blind,  
Nor starve Him to surrender,  
Nor make Him change His mind.

They cannot cause Him panic,  
Nor cut off His supplies;  
They cannot take His kingdom,  
Nor hurt Him with their lies.

Though all the world be shattered,  
His truth remains the same,  
His righteous laws still potent,  
And "Father" still His name.

Though we face war and struggle  
And feel their goad and rod,  
We know above confusion  
There always will be God.

Let us pray. Our Father, we are so glad and thankful that thou art ever the same. We read in Hebrews that "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." We ask thy richest blessings upon each listener of the broadcast. As we draw near to this joyful season when we remember the greatest gift to the world, thy son, we also seek thy divine guidance and grace. Help us to do our duty in sending the light to those who remain in darkness. May we in this coming year be faithful

in sending forth the truth to the ends of the world and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our sincere thanks to each and every one who has helped us maintain this message over the different stations.

We wish for you and yours God's peace and blessings at this special season and throughout the years to come. And if you would like to write us you may do so by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

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## Testimonies

From W. Va.: "I trust the Lord is blessing you, and all is well in body and soul. I am not too strong in body but He still gives me the necessary strength for each day. I was able to attend the revival meeting at Green Bank, W. Va. To me it was a feast at Father's table." --Sis. Olive Keene

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From Ark.: "...wanted to write and tell you of a wonderful healing God has done for my dear boy. He was at death's door with internal bleeding. The doctors couldn't stop it. They gave him up. He was in a coma and had been for days. The doctors said he couldn't possibly live more than three days, but we didn't give up. We just kept praying. His wife called and told my daughter he was dying, but we kept on praying. Soon his wife called again and said: "The bleeding has stopped. He has come out of the coma and is talking and knows everything." Now my boy is home and doing fine. We give God the praise and glory. We can never thank Him enough for all he did for my boy...I still love Mission Trail and read every word. God will help us if we pray and trust Him."

--Belva Howard

From Kan.: "So sorry you folks couldn't be with us all day Sunday and Saturday night singing. We had a house full and some in the aisles. It was a blessing. It's too bad it rained and the weather was disagreeable, but it didn't hinder the saints too much... We enjoyed the Guthrie saints and so many young saints also the saints from Wichita. I got it good on tape... I'm coveting the gifts of faith and charity. The scriptures say: "Covet earnestly the best gifts." For me they are faith and love, but I find that they aren't just given us, but come through trials and tests and as we seek more love and faith in these trials, then we become a greater possessor of these gifts. Christian love, "

--Sis. Wildenna Huffman

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From Mo.: "We are thankful for all the Lord's blessings to us. We realize that His blessings are more than could be numbered. And when we consider all He has done for us, surely we should not complain when we need to sacrifice some, or suffer some for His sake... We do think of you folks there at Guthrie often and pray for the Lord to bless your efforts for Him."

--Bro. Mac and Sis. Carrie McMillian

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From Guthrie: "Greeting in the name of our dear Jesus, who said, "I am the bread of life." This morning He gave us some good spiritual bread via the "Mission Trail" message. I'm thankful for it, and pray God to bless and supply all your needs that you may continue in this good work, of spreading the everlasting Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to this lost and dying world. Here is a little share in your burden. May you and yours all have a happy Thanksgiving, a peaceful Christmas and if the Lord tarries, I trust you will be abundantly blessed throughout the year 1975."

--Sis. Vera Forbes

From La.: "It has been so long since I have written to you. The Lord has been good to us. I don't know how I could get along without Him. We sure need his guidance through this life to have everlasting life. I love him and want to do his will. Without him we are weak and easy to be overcome by the enemy. "Help us Lord to be strong enough that we may be a help to others" is my prayer... I enjoy the Mission Trail paper (though I can't get the services over the radio) and would hate to see it stop. I am sure that a many person enjoys the program and am praying that it will bring forth fruit, that some precious soul will be snatched from the fiery furnace through your efforts. May God bless and keep the good work to keep going. Pray that I will ever be found faithful to the Lord. He has helped me so much."--Sis. Maurie Lea

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From Minn.: "This finds me still happy in the Lord who has been so good to me. I am well in soul and body looking for the Lord's soon coming. We are living in an evil generation. There are few that even profess to be saved but I understand that in darkest Africa, India, South America there are some who are hungry for the word. Times are shaping up very fast, and who will be ready when the Lord comes?"--Andrew Senti

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From Ohio: "Dear Bro. Willie, We received the little paper the Mission Trail today. I sure enjoyed reading it. We were up to Akron, Ohio over the weekend and visited the Church of God there, with Sister Hazel Clark and congregation. They sure have a large congregation. There were about 50 children of all ages... Continue to pray for us that we may have a congregation here at Pataskala. Hope to meet again here on earth. If not hope to see you in the kingdom of God."

--Rufus Perry



From Mo.: "I am so thankful for the dear saints of God and for blessed truth they teach and for this wonderful salvation that makes a person modest, clean-minded, faithful and obedient to our blessed Lord. A person doesn't see many dresses worn any more... Oh this awful sin-sick world. Well, the word says many are called but a few chosen. Matt. 20:16. Oh I am so glad I am with the few who are chosen, praise the Lord... I was reading in St. John 20 chapter and I came to 7th verse. Seemed like I just stopped there at verse 7 and question came to me why was the napkin lying with linen clothes but wrapped together by itself. Oh I pray God to give me a better understanding of his word."

--Sis. Berniece Rumpf  
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From Miss.: "Dear precious loved ones in Christ Jesus, Thanks for your prayers and "The Mission Trail." May you live long and be abundantly blessed to carry on the good work. He is wonderful to us. He is everything to me. Just pray that we press onward and be faithful in the least to the end of our journey here. It can't be long. Loving and praying for you."

--Cressie Hudson  
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From Calif.: "I greet you in lovely name of Jesus... Yes, we are living in those times--perilous times... how we need to be up and doing right things at all times. We know not when the Lord will come or we could be called to go to meet our Master and Shepherd... I noticed in the paper that Okla. City had a flood. It has been raining here for few days, but cleared up and temperature has been 39-68 degrees, cool at nights but warm in day time. I am thankful for blessings of the Lord through it all. The sun shine bright makes us think of God's goodness to us, His blessings to the unjust as well as those that love the Lord."

--Sis. Opal Williams

From Mo.: "The beautiful month of October came and went by so fast, taking all its color and beauty I am afraid... our trees around here are really shedding their leaves now amidst heavy rain, have had enough frost to make them come down... I hope God is blessing your family and your work also. We will be praying for all of you and we love our Mission Trail papers, the good messages and the many wonderful testimonies of the saints. It is a reminder that we are not the only ones who have sorrow and pain... Please keep us and our needs in your prayers as we do you."

--Mrs. J. Edw. Leach  
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From Texas: "Trust this finds you all safe after all the flooding. God is merciful to us and we are thankful. Mother is doing much better... still has pain but able to be around doing a few things, From the wheel chair she prepares their noon meal now and does take care of the washing. It hurts her putting the clothes into washer and lifting them into dryer but she can do it. Mother and daddy have been to meeting twice recently... We are thankful mother is so much better but still desire your prayers for her (and all of us). We've been praying for you there."

--Twyla Gayle McMillian  
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From Calif.: "It is time again to let you know I still enjoy the Mission Trail, love to read it and hear about our brothers and sisters in the Lord. I am glad I am saved. It would surely be awful not to be. I do love God and all His children. You know I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in, don't you? It would be a sad thing not to be. I am glad the dear Lord loves us all and I am thankful I am well as I am... I know you enjoyed the Bakersfield singers. I do love to hear them sing..."

--Sister Ada Leach

From Kansas: "I am listening to someone singing, "Don't forget to pray," it is good. We will surely get into trouble if we don't take time to pray. One morning I took time to do some thing I wanted finished, then when I knelt to pray the telephone rang three times, the door bell, I think rang two times. Then I ask God to help me not to do this way again... My stomach trouble is much better. I'm claiming healing in the name of Jesus, and I refuse to be defeated by the grace of God."

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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From Calif.: "Greetings of love in the name of Him who knows all things and loves us with an everlasting love. God is blessing our souls. He is all and in all to us. We hope that this finds all well and looking unto Him the author and finisher of our faith."

--Bro. H. P. Huskey

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From La.: "Some of the folks probably told you about me being in bed. I've been better to-day than some days but sat on side of bed 10-15 minutes making checks to pay bills and it hurt my back so bad and hip I've had to lay here a while before feeling at all like writing... Have to do my writing in bed. Sometimes if I'm up even 5 minutes I have terrible pain maybe 2 hours unless the Lord undertakes. Well I really need prayer."

--Sister Myrtle Savoie

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From Kansas: "I have been a little slow about writing but I will try to write more often and help in a small way to spread the gospel to a lost world, for things seem to point to the soon coming of Jesus Christ. Hope your family and all are well. I have a little home of my own now, do my own cooking and doing pretty well, but still can't walk very well, but I can dress myself and that helps."

--Bro. C. A. Stone

From Okla.: "...God is only one we can trust. Now days there is so much singoing on all around us we really have to pray and stay right or else we be like some of the rest of these people, something happen to us... If parents would stay at home and teach their children how to live instead of running here and there to clubs and this worldly stuff we wouldn't have trouble we are having with these young people now..."

--Sis. Della Harrison

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From Pa.: "This leaves me still pressing on the upward way. The devil has been giving me a battle, but through God I can conquer all. Praise His Name! Today started with rain. Now it has stopped. People call it Blue Monday when it rains, but I am so glad for the peace within and we can smile and go on without murmuring because of rain. Oh! that men would praise the Lord for all of His goodness and mercy ... Most people today are seeking for pleasure. The world is in such a sad state and when they look around them, they seek some kind of pleasure to take their mind off the awful mess. Some are committing suicide, some take drugs, there is permissiveness in our society. When I look back at the way Mother taught us and see those of today, how sad to know the parents are not bringing their children up in the fear and admonition of the Lord."

--Sister Eva Cox

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From Miss.: "Hope all of you are well and happy in the Lord. I am well, just lonely, and still miss my sweet mother ... my testimony is, I am ready to go, when Jesus calls, but oh so many are standing on dangerous ground. Some of my own loved ones are not ready, should he come now. I feel like saying please wait a little longer Jesus..."

--Sis. Grace Gill



# at press time

we understand:

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to Mancil Doolittle and Shirley Watkins who plan to be married December 21 in the Church of God chapel, Jefferson, Oregon. We wish them much happiness and God's blessings.

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It is with deep sorrow we announce the death of Bro. Earl Watson in the early morning hours of Nov. 23, 1974. Bro. Earl had faith in God to whom his life was committed. Funeral was conducted by Bro. Charles Elwell and Bro. Ostis Wilson. Remember his young family in this time of sorrow, a wife and two children. Violet Watson, c/o Steve Cable, 281 W. Locust, Stayton, Oregon 97383.

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"Please remember me in your prayers as I am in the wheel chair. Thanking you."

--Jim Daniels

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CONGRATULATIONS to Elmer and Lucille Allen who commemorated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 13 in Fallbrook, Calif. They were married Oct. 15, 1924. Appreciation note:

Was nice of you to come today  
And linger for a while,  
With kindly thoughts. With cheerful words. With radiating smile.

It almost seems it cannot be

The years go by so fast.

Time marches on unhindered and

Full fifty years have passed.

We would give thanks to God for all

His goodness all the way.

And to our friends who make this seem  
Life's brightest happiest day.

--Elmer and Lucille Allen

## HIS NAME AT THE TOP

I had the nicest Christmas list,  
The longest one in town,  
Till Daddy looked at it and said,  
"You'll have to cut it down."

I knew that what he said was true  
Beyond the faintest doubt,  
But was amazed to hear him say,  
"You've left your best Friend out."

And so I scanned my list again,  
And said, "O, that's not true!"  
But Daddy said, "His name's not there,  
That Friend who died for you."

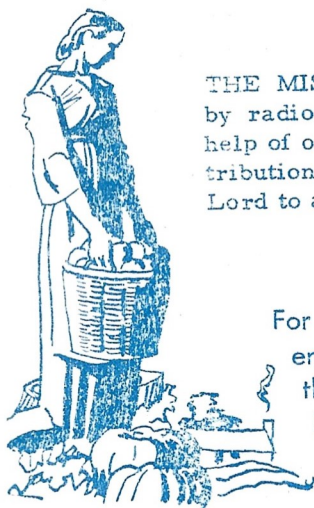
And then I clearly understood,  
'Twas Jesus that he meant;  
For Him who should come first of all  
I hadn't planned a cent!

I'd made a Christmas birthday list,  
And left the Saviour out!  
But, oh, it didn't take me long  
To change the list about.

And tho' I've had to drop some names  
Of folks I like a lot,  
My Lord must have first place because  
HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP!

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Many thanks to all who have made it possible for us to continue the Mission Trail another year! Your support and prayers are deeply appreciated. We wish for you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year of 1975! Oklahoma State Assembly meeting begins in Guthrie December 20 and continues through the 29th.



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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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