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*"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalms 68:11.*

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## Thanksgiving

Once again our glad thanksgivings  
Rise before our Father's throne,  
As we try to count the blessings  
Of the year so swiftly flown;  
As we trace the wondrous workings  
Of His wisdom, power, and love  
And unite our "Holy! Holy!"  
With the seraphim above.

As we gather round our firesides  
On this glad Thanksgiving Day,  
Time would fail to count the blessings  
That have followed all our way:  
Grace sufficient, help and healing,  
Prayer oft answered at our call;  
And the best of all our blessings,  
Christ himself, our All in All.

He has blessed our favored country  
With a free and bounteous hand;  
Peace and plenty in our borders —  
Liberty through all our land,  
And although our sins and follies  
Oft provoked Him to His face,  
Mercy still restrains His judgments,  
And prolongs our day of grace.



While we love to count the blessings,  
Grateful for the year that's gone,  
Faith would sweep a wider vision;  
Hope would gaze yet farther on.  
For the signals all around us  
Seem with one accord to say,  
"Christ is coming soon to bring us  
Earth's last, best Thanksgiving Day!"

— A.B. Simpson.

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## THANKSGIVING PUZZLE!

It was Freddy's birthday, and he had received a picture puzzle from his parents as a gift. Naturally intrigued with his gift he tried all afternoon to put the pieces together, but to no avail. Some of the pieces were bright, some were dark; they were in various sizes and shapes. Some of them didn't even seem to fit anywhere at all. Finally in his frustration he took the pieces and the box in which they came, to his father. "Daddy, you try it. I can't do it." It wasn't long until his father had assembled the puzzle into a beautiful picture of scenic glory. As the boy looked on in amazement, his father said, "You see, I knew what the picture was like all the time. I saw the picture in the puzzle, you saw only the pieces."

Many times as we travel through life we certainly share the boy's frustration. We are confident that God has a plan for our lives, and yet some things don't seem to make any sense. Some pieces don't seem to fit anywhere. We try to put the parts of the puzzle together in some meaningful fashion so far as our reasoning power is concerned, but are thwarted in our best efforts. Oh, what a powerful lesson is ours to learn - Just because things do not make sense to us does not mean that they do not make sense to God. We see only the pieces, He sees the picture. We can go on trying to fit the pieces together or we can bring them to a loving, all-wise God who will fashion them into a panorama of beauty and glory.

Maxwell Cornelius penned this poignant expression of trust:

Not now, but in the coming years,  
It may be in the better land,  
We'll read the meaning of our tears,  
And there, sometime, we'll understand.

But, that's not all! There is an even higher level of commitment to the will of God. That is to be able to thank God for what you do not and can never humanly understand. The noble apostle Paul, whose trust in God's divine design had been tested in the vale of extreme suffering, wrote to the believers in Thessalonica "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." The Amplified Bible renders this verse, "Thank [God] in everything - no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks: for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will]."

It is at this point in the sanctified life that the matter of discipline evolves. One does not automatically find praise on his lips for everything in life. But if he is committed to the will of God in his life, and is resting there, he can certainly follow the scriptural injunction and thank God for what he does not understand. Disciplined thankfulness will bring rich rewards in our lives. Remember - we see only the pieces, He sees the picture!

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# FIRST THINGS FIRST

By Rev. E.R. Trouten

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Have you ever tried to paint one of those paint-by-number paintings? One winter while we lived in Findlay, my wife and I did two of those paintings. Mine never got finished for one reason or another, but she did one that was really beautiful. It was an English cottage with a thatched roof surrounded by a lovely flower garden. The color blend was absolutely fantastic.

In those painting sets we received instructions that had to be followed very carefully. We were told to go over the canvas and locate all the areas with a special number and paint these areas first. These special areas were background areas. We could not see the purpose of this instruction until the whole canvas was finished.

Often people are impatient to paint, so instead of doing what they should do first they begin to paint the big areas, covering the canvas quickly, but they soon discover to their dismay that they cannot add the background areas later.

As I thought one day about our winter excursion into painting by number I couldn't help but compare it to the Christian life. As I reflected and thought I realized that in the Christian life, like those paint-by-number sets, there were some things that had to be done first. By their very nature these things could not be added later. They had to be done first because they were the background for all the rest of living.

Jesus was thinking about this very thing when He spoke the words found in Matthew, chapter 6 and verse 33. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." These words sound like the instructions in a paint-by-number set. Jesus is saying: "Do you know why so many believers get side-tracked in their Christian life? It is because they do not follow My simple instructions. They never learn that there are some things that must be done first." Look carefully at these first three words, "Seek ye first."

The word "seek" describes an *attitude* more than an *action*. It is far more than the mere action of looking for something. It has to do with the "set of your will," or "the direction of your life."

The Christian life is not a series of quick sprints but one long tiring marathon. Speed and effort are not as important as the direction you are going.

Then there is the word "first" ... "Seek ye FIRST". When Jesus was making the point here He was speaking more about *importance* than *time*. He is speaking about order and priority. I hear believers talking about their devotion habits and in

the course of the conversation they tell how they always give God the first few minutes of each day for their Bible reading and prayer. They do this because they have been told God must have the priority in their lives. When Jesus spoke about putting first things first. He wasn't thinking about the clock. He was thinking about the heart! I'm not discouraging early morning Bible reading and prayer, but one could do this faithfully and know nothing of what Jesus is teaching here.

Jesus said that two things must command your attention first as you take up the brush to work on the canvas of your life; they are, "the kingdom of God and His righteousness." If you do not have "kingdom interests" and "holy living" as the primary concern in your life, you can be certain that none of the other brush marks will even blend to make an attractive portrait. They cannot be added later. By their very nature they must be on the canvas of your life before any other color is added. They are the background, the very foundation of every other thing you do in life. Isn't that exactly what Jesus said, "all these things shall be added unto you." What you do and what you eat and what you wear and what you possess of this world's goods is important, but never as important as living a life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and sharing his very nature. In fact, without these two things all these other things are drab and colorless.

Though you would not be aware of it in our English Bibles, there is a play on words here. In verse 32 the word "seek" is also used. "For after all these things do the Gentiles seek." Both words mean seek, and both words should have been translated as they are. The one in verse 32, the one describing the Gentiles (the unbelievers) means a "seeking that knows no bounds." It is a seeking that is spurred on by a unbridled appetite for things. While the one in verse 33 means "seeking within a carefully narrowed path," it is a seeking that purposefully rejects some appeals. The only thing that will keep the colors of your life blending as they should is to first allow Jesus to be Lord of your life and impart His very nature within. As you take up the brush to add a few more dabs of color to the canvas of your life, colors that will never blend because you have forgotten to put "first things first," why don't you ask the Holy Spirit to wipe the canvas clean and begin anew by doing what Jesus said here in the instruction booklet, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you."



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September 7, 1986 marked a very sacred scene, as the saints gathered around the Little Lehigh Creek, Lehigh Parkway Drive, Allentown, Pa. Tears of joy freely flowed as we sang a hymn and united our hearts in prayer. Pastor Dennis McCoy officiated with Rev. Thomas Ramsay, reading the Scripture and assisting. Each candidate gave a personal testimony which blest our hearts.

Our candidates were Brothers — Gary Zellers and Dan Hart; Sisters were — Roseann Schaffer, Fran Brown

and Helen Heckman. We are happy for our young Sunday School scholars who are going with God — Michelle and Brian Schaffer, Seven altogether.

We praise the Lord for adding to our church family. As Ananias had the honor of baptizing the greatest Missionary of all times (Acts 9:18) so we pray that these who followed the Lord in Baptism will win many souls as they go forth to witness in Jesus Name!

*Reporter, Sister Young.*

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# CHARITY

LOVE NEVER FAILETH! 1 Co. 13:8 *Charity is divine love in action. There can be no true charity without the prompting of Love. GOD IS LOVE, and if God lives in our heart we are properly equipped to put Him on display, or lift Him up for the world to see, and desire, by our acts of charity.*

*Every other gift we may possess will profit us nothing in the day of Judgment, if we are not filled with this spirit of compassion such as Jesus displayed over and over again, when He looked on the multitudes of hungry people, and multiplied the small loaves and fishes to meet their need.*

*America has been blessed as no other nation on earth has been blessed with freedom of religion, and has had food to spare in her compassion for the hungry nations around the world. May we as a nation keep this unusual quality of helping others, for in it we have the help of God in times of national stress.*

*1 Co. 13:8 also tells us that every other grace of the Spirit may fail, but the grace of CHARITY.*

Florida Gill Nelson

## Trust and Obey, Christian

"Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). Here Jesus raises a question vital to our day: "Is it possible to be a Christian without following the clear commands of Christ?"

In the secular world, it is a contradiction of terms to claim one as lord, master, or ruler, while ignoring that individual's known wishes. So in the Christian realm—obedience is inseparable from faith. The converse is just as true. Misunderstanding this divine law produces the two major errors in practice among the twentieth century Christian community.

Some depend on over-conscientious adherence to regulations to prove their spirituality. They compete to find some new rule by which to measure their brother's progress, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Having searched the land for a convert, they load him with burdens such as Peter says, "neither our fathers nor we were able to bear." Too often the babe that pleases Christ,

becomes discouraged, then embittered, trying to please men, and is made "twofold more the child of hell."

The opposite camp are those that depend on the righteousness of Christ, and talk of faith, yet commit sin. Trying to avoid legalism, they condone obvious immodesty, Sabbath desecration adultery, and other sins, all in the name of charity. They negate verbal submission to Christ by open rebellion in practice.

The Spirit of God will guide the honest Christian away from both extremes. Obedience without balanced, vital faith, is legalism. Faith without works is liberalism. Both damn souls at an alarming rate. But "the path of the just . . . shineth more and more unto the perfect day," as the Spirit leads them into all truth.

— Rev. Ward D. Thompson





# Missionary Message

## A Little Boy Called Fritz (or Eutychus)

He sat on the low cement step and said earnestly, "Are you leaving today?" The missionary answered, "Yes." "Will you come back tomorrow?" The answer was "No." "Will you come back the day after that?" "Yes," she replied. Then she inquired, "Why do you ask me all these questions?" The small boy lifted a sad countenance and said, "Because when you are not here I'm not happy." That response made the missionary feel "some kind of way." What kind of way? Well, like she was needed, that someone cared, and that her love for a small little Haitian boy was returned.

All children everywhere are **very special people!** Jesus thinks so and all who love Him feel the same way. But children on the mission field are **extra special!** Let me introduce you to Fritz.

When he was only three years of age he was playing contentedly with a baby chick when the mother hen flew into his face, pecking his one eye causing blindness.

Now Fritz is six and a very quick curious little creature. He skips and runs happily along the trails singing songs he had learned in church. His mother and father are voodoo worshippers, but he has two older brothers and a sister who have met Jesus and love Him.

Often he wishes to go with me as I visit in the small villages at Leogane. Depending on his appearance I may send him home to get his trousers since many small Haitian children think a shirt on the top area is suffi-

cient when one is running in play. He likes to carry my cloth drawstring bag that contains my house keys, my Bible, and perhaps medicine depending on our destination.

Recently on a Saturday morning we crossed pole bridges and canals walking through the cane fields to find groups of children to whom I tell stories from the Bible. On that day the story was taken from Acts chapter 20 about Eutychus who fell asleep during one of the Apostle Paul's long sermons who after falling from a window and dying, was returned to life by the power of God. The children loved the story and were fascinated by his name. The next day I was quietly reading in my house when I heard running feet, then Fritz' small voice asking excitedly, "Miss, what was his name again?" I knew without asking who he meant and answered, "Eutychus." He scurried away, repeating the name over and over till in the distance he reached the children he had left to find me. Then I heard him say, "His name was Eutychus!" He had been retelling the story to his other small friends and the long name had been lost to his memory.

On arriving for work the next morning he quickly informed me that his name was no longer Fritz but 'Eutychus.' When I inquired why, he calmly said, "Because he told the people about Jesus and I want to be telling people about Jesus too." So be it!

By some unknown error little Fritz attended our Primary school for a

complete year before we learned that he had never paid his tuition of \$3.00 a year. Since his family is so poor and the money had not reached (five in school out of the eight children) he had just marched in with the others and sat down to learn. Noone asked him if he had paid. Therefore, he decided he could work for his tuition. What kind of work? Well, as the bigger boys cut the grass and rake it (with long knives) Fritz goes along behind them picking up the grass and putting it in the wheel barrow. While doing so you can hear him singing, "Oh, Beulah Land," or "I Remember When My Burdens Rolled Away."

Fritz often comes up with statements that send the missionary into a tailspin as it were - for instance: One day as he was working gathering up paper and other garbage from the yard he returned quite quickly telling me he was finished. I acted surprised and asked him was he sure he had done all the work assigned. Very indignantly he replied, "Miss, do you think I would tell you I was finished if I were not finished?" Well, with that response I gave him his pennies and he left singing happily.

He is almost always there when the car leaves for the weekly trip into town for supplies. He has heard us pray before we leave many times. Now when we are about to leave we ask him to pray. Would you like to know what he says? Here is a sample: "Father in Heaven, go before the missionaries. Touch Madame Brubaker, touch Mama Miss Cleaver, and help Bro. Brubaker. Take care of them on the road. Help them Father. Amen."

Our little "Eutychus" is learning to read and write, he is hearing more and more about Jesus. We are happy that if Jesus tarries, someday he might have an eye transplant in America and be able to see with both eyes again. He never complains and if you could hear him singing, "I'm Going to run, run, run, to meet my Jesus" as he plays happily with the lid of a paint can and a long stick attached to make it turn as he runs - you would know and agree that children are very special people indeed and you would love "Eutychus" too!

*Satisfied With Jesus,  
Bonnie Cleaver*



# THANKSGIVING'S RELATION to God's Grace . . .



"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Ps. 100:4, 5).

Should not this nation's National Holiday, Thanksgiving, be a day of deep religious significance, and a day of prayer in which gratitude is rendered unto God? George Washington's first Thanksgiving Proclamation, which was lost for 120 years, and finally rediscovered in a public auction in 1921, reads almost like a sermon. In it, he said, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge God . . . to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor." Lincoln, likewise, told the people, "We have become too proud to pray to the God who made us." He sent forth a proclamation calling the nation to humility, prayer, and thanksgiving.

Our nation is sailing upon perilous seas, as it were, and in the midst of uncertainty and turmoil, prayer is needed greatly; how wonderful it would be if, collectively, the entire population should elect to humbly hearken to the call to repentance and offer sincere prayers of gratitude for God's bountiful blessings of the past, while, at the same time, asking for Divine guidance to enable each to find his place in the center of God's will, living a life in harmony with God's call to salvation and usefulness in His kingdom.

A serious reflection upon our nation's past history indicates that she has been blessed beyond measure. Yet, in the midst of countless Divine benefits, the citizenry of United States have piled sin upon sin, rebellion upon rebellion, and ingratitude upon ingratitude. The history of preceding nations leaves a profound record emphatically revealing that no nation can long endure when its people disregard God and become haughty, proud, filled with ingratitude, and selfish. In recent years, Americans have been seeking more and more for less and less. Folk are so filled with ingratitude, that bountiful blessings do not bring from the heart a sincere expression of thanksgiving. May the Thanksgiving Season in which we now enjoy God's blessings stimulate a desire to return to the practice

of rendering sincere thanks to God for each blessing; and may the heart be prompted to begin living courteously among fellowbeings! Courteous living will continuously precipitate the giving of thanks unto God, and to those with whom one associates. The home, office, factory, classroom, and church would profit from such a simple thing as common courtesy being regularly manifested among associates.

It is a tragic thing, actually, to withhold an expression of appreciation from one who is worthy of such commendation, because of the services and kindness rendered. Let all engage in the thanks of appreciation. Appreciation is entering into the true value of a thing. In it is a sensitivity to the beauty, or other fine qualities, of a thing or being. It can be truly said that the grace of God is in appreciation. When one gives the thanks of appreciation for a lovely scenic view, or a lovely sunset, something of God has been received into the soul.

One has said, "Courtesy may be the little pipes by which God's grace comes, but genuine appreciation is like the channels of brooks, streams, and rivers which run full of God's grace. For God is the great Creator, and every creator must have an appreciator."

The thanks of real gratitude is greater than that of courtesy or appreciation. This type of thanksgiving is more than the little pipes, and streams of courtesy and appreciation. It can be compared to the water table beneath the rolling plains of America's "bread-basket" section of the nation. Down deep in the subsoil lies the water table, which may rise or fall; but upon it the plants upon the surface — trees, orchards, and farm crops — are dependent. If the level lowers, the fruitage is lessened, and the land productivity declines. Therefore, gratitude is as the water level by which the land prospers, or fails. The very word "gratitude" has grace in it.

In conclusion, then, the gratitude of men brings the level of God's grace to a point where it is beneficial to the soul expressing his gratitude to God for all of His many blessings. How is the level of **your** gratitude as you enter into the Thanksgiving season?

E. W. Roy





By E.G. Garrett

The exhortation in Psalm 95:2 is worthy of our attention: *"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."*

The sand has sifted through the time-glass until we are again to that portion of the year which we call Thanksgiving; but before the Day of Thanksgiving came into existence, God had given many passages out of His Word on the subject of thankfulness.

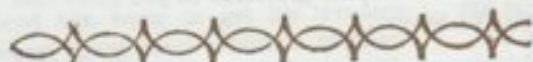
## Thanksgiving Meditations . . .

It is proper to come before the Lord with thanksgiving. We owe our *ALL* to Him who saves us from *ALL* our iniquities, and satisfies our needs daily. He is the One who lifts us up in times of sorrow. He wipes the tears from our eyes, and gives good gifts abundantly, to help us in the hard places. He satisfies us with His presence when all is dark around our being. He floods our souls with loving kindnesses, and sustains our weary minds with rest, in the times of distress. The way to gain an audience with the Almighty is to come before His presence with thanksgiving, humbleness, sweetness of attitude, and full surrender.

Again, the Word declares: *"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of gods; for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever,"* (Psalm 136:1-3).



Thus, we would gather that our God is *rich* in mercy, and for this we should be very thankful. If it were not for His great mercy, we would all die the death that shall never end. Greatly to be praised is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Who could pay the debt he owes? But the Blood of Christ is able to more than pay it. Let us, then, bow in humble adoration to the One who is worthy of praise — the One who provides *all things* good, both spiritually and physically. Further, His mercy is for *ALL* who will accept it.







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I am reminded of the words of the Psalmist David found in Psalms 103:1 & 2 as we prepare for this blessed Thanksgiving time of the year, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits! The Lord has blessed us with a bountiful "Harvest" of benefits. There are specifically four areas that David recalls that God has abundantly blessed him.

The first is found in VS. 3 "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities." How good it is to have our iniquities forgiven. The Old Testament prophet Micah said that God would not retain his anger forever, because He delighteth in mercy. Therefore He will have compassion on us and subdue our iniquities, and cast all sins into the depth of the sea. How thankful we ought to be at this blessed Thanksgiving time because our sins are all gone, never to be remembered against us.

The second benefit that David recalls is also found in VS. 3. "Who healeth all thy diseases." It is such a wonderful thing to feel the healing touch of God on our bodies. Doctors perform the needed operations and make the diagnosis, but only God can do the healing. But I believe the Psalmist is making reference to more than just physical healing in this phrase. I believe he was also thanking God for the healing of his soul. The disease of the soul comes from the germ of sin found in the heart of every human being. There is but one cure for the spiritual disease that will lead to spiritual death, and that is the precious blood of Christ. I am so glad that it still heals the soul.

The third benefit or blessing is found in VS. 4. "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction." It is God that prevents destruction from coming into our lives. Millions of people today are destroying their lives with alcohol, tobacco, drugs and many other forms of violence and vice. But we who love the Lord have been redeemed from the destruction of the enemy because we have been brought up out of a horrible pit, and have had a new song put in our mouths, even praises to the Lord Jesus. The enemy would like to destroy all of us, but because of God's mercy we are redeemed from destruction.

Lastly I would have you to note the 4TH blessing that the Psalmist is thankful for in VS. 4, "Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies." If you read the entire 103rd Psalm, you will find that David enlarges on this blessing of mercy in vs. 8, 11, 13, 14 & 17. "The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him." The songwriter said that it was mercy that changed his life. I'm so glad that the Lord did not give me what I deserved, but showed mercy to my underserving soul.

There are just a few of the things that we should be thankful for at this season of Thanksgiving. Let us never be guilty of taking the Lord for granted for all of the good things that He does for us.

Now to report from a few of our Home Missions areas of labor across this beautiful land of America. The work at Steamburg, New York is making good progress under the able leadership of Pastor David Musser. Bro. Marlin Baum, Bro. Tom Bickert

and myself went to Steamburg just recently to help the pastor and his people do some much needed work at the church. A trailer that had been purchased last spring had to be set in place, and with the help of the Lord and much hard work it was accomplished. A very kind neighbor permitted us to use his farm tractor to move the trailer or we would have never been able to accomplish the job. We also jacked the rear of the church up and took down a portion the rear block wall and relaid, because the frost was causing the wall to push in. Top soil and fill was also scattered around the outside walls of the church to try to help solve some of the water problem. We would like to thank Bro. Mike Crouse and Bro. Musser and some of the students at the school for their help in completing this project. Please pray for the pastor and the dear people as they work together for the kingdom of God.

In Avon, New York, progress is being made and plans for now are to possibly purchase some ground and in the future build a permanent place of worship. We were to visit Bro. Campbell and found him in the hospital with kidney stones. Pray for Bro. Campbell that he will have a speedy recovery from his illness. I certainly do appreciate the Campbell's and their labor in the Avon, New York area.

The roof is now completely on the church at Onego, West Virginia. I would like to note here that the finances for the roof did not come from this department, but the church itself paid the entire bill to have the roof put on. No money from this department was used for the project, but we wanted to lend a helping hand in doing this very needed job. Pray for the Jacob Moyer family as they minister there in the hills of West Virginia.

The new pastor has arrived at Fairborn, Ohio and the Lord is helping the church there. Please pray for these folk, that God will give them a mighty revival in these last days in which we are living.

I would also have you to note the address for our new treasurer for the department. Please, pastors, take note of the new address and have your treasurer forward their monthly offerings to this address: Rev. Marlin Baum, 525 Cove Lane Rd., Roaring Springs, Pa. 16673.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of this department. Without your help, we could not make it. Thank you for your continual support as we spread scriptural Holiness in America.



## Western Zone Youth News

The churches of the Western Zone met at Philipsburg God's Missionary Church, October 3rd, for our first youth rally of this conference year. The Morley Family from Grove City, PA had the main part of the service. Featured in their program were songs by the handbells, the playing of the auto harp and vibraharp, and much more. Above all the presence of God was on the service and everyone seemed to really enjoy the service.

That evening we had two of our churches tied in points for the attendance banner with 173 points each - Bellefonte and Mahaffey. The other churches present were Milesburg, Rebersburg, Philipsburg, Lewistown, Roaring Springs, Seven Stars, Bible Mission, Rev. Bradley Dixon's church, and several visiting friends. The capacity crowd responded generously in giving the Morley Family \$283.00. We want to thank the Pastors, youth leaders and their people for their splendid cooperation. We are looking forward to the next rallies, being as following:

October 31 - Lewistown Church  
-Speaker - Rev. Nathan Shaffer  
-Pastor - Steven Stars.

November 30 - Mahaffey Church  
-Speaker - Rev. Paul Park from Clearwater, FL.

December 5 - General Rally - Sunbury Church - Christmas Musical Rally.

January 16 - Rebersburg Church  
-Speaker - Rev. Andrew Cooley. Alum Bank Church - Speaker - Rev. Robert Thornton speaking on the subject of dating.

This is the schedule right now for Western Zone Youth Rallies.

*His for Kingdom  
Western Zone Leader  
Rev. C.J. Brewbaker*

## Florida Crusaders Rally

The Florida District of God's Missionary Church held their special Missionary Rally Saturday, September 27th, at the God's Missionary Church in Kissimmee, FL. After words of welcome from Pastor Jacob Miller, Rev. Melvin Evans, Florida District Superintendent, introduced our Rally speakers, Rev. Marlin Crock, Foreign Missions Field Superintendent, and Missionary Bonnie Williams who is stationed in Haiti.

What blessings were ours as Sister Williams spoke to us of the love of Jesus which compelled Him to leave the glorious City of Heaven above to come to this sin-sick world to die on a cross for our sins. She told also of the work of Christ in Haiti and presented a challenging display of photos depicting real-life situations that missionaries must face every day in this land of destitution and voodoo darkness.

Rev. Crock preached with power and unction from above as he, too, spoke on the theme "Who Is Your Neighbor?" He reminded us of the great responsibility that we as Christians have to "love our neighbor as ourselves" which includes getting the Gospel of Salvation to them at any cost. "Christ's goal for us," said Brother Crock, "is not only to save us from all sin, but to impart unto us the

same concern and compassion and burden for souls that He has; that we may feel the same yearning over the lost as Jesus does."

Brother Nelson Evans presented a vivid object lesson with rope on the universal tie that binds all Christians of every race and nationality together into a single Body, with mutual obligation to each other. We enjoyed special music by Sister MacDonald, Dale and Becky Heinzelman, The Rev. John Gosford Family, and a special Gospel Quartet from the members of the Kissimmee Church.

The Missionary offering for Haiti was lifted with a great response in giving, totaling \$405.05.

Average attendance at the Rally was seventy five. To God be the glory.

*God's Missionary Church  
Florida District  
Crusaders Rally*

## BITTERNESS . . .

- ... Bitterness is the fruit of unrealized dreams.
- ... Bitterness is the first cause of much backsliding.
- ... Bitterness is the fiery passion of an unforgiving heart.
- ... Bitterness is the focus and sour consequences of unresolved difficulties.
- ... Bitterness is the fatal drop in the cup of unconfessed sin.
- ... Bitterness is the final nail in the coffin of self-centered living.
- ... Bitterness fires the passions of envy and jealousy even to murder.
- ... Bitterness fixes ones attention on revenge.
- ... Bitterness finds self-satisfaction, by inflicting suffering on others.
- ... Bitterness flows from an unregenerate heart.
- ... Bitterness flies in the face of the forgiving love of Christ.
- ... Bitterness flees the council of reconciliation.

*by H. E. Schmul*



## School News, Penn View



What a privilege to come your way again with news about our great school, Penn View Bible Institute. Since the last writing, much has transpired and I would like to share it with you.

The Lord has been blessing daily, and students are learning in many areas of their life: areas such as knowing God's will, living by faith, trusting God for every need. The Lord has given us some very fine students. We are surely thankful for each one. They are just great!

The Harvest Home service is now history and what a night! The trio, quartet and choir from the Academy sang so beautifully and the Lord blessed as they ministered. The new Ladies Institute trio and the Chapel Choir sang under the anointing as well as the Penn View Band playing for the honor of the Lord. Not soon to be forgotten was the Morley Family of Grove City, PA. This family of nine children were blessed of God as they sang and played the handbells and vibra harp. The Morleys are scheduled to return next year for Harvest Home.

The offering for the needs of the school totaled \$4,626.85. Praise the Lord! At this writing 14 tons of coal were also paid for or pledged. Glory! Twenty tons are needed for the

winter, and we are trusting God for this! We thank the Institute Junior Class for the donation of money to repaint the hall entrance of the Class Room Building. Also to the Sophomore Class for the donation of a "hog" for use in the dining hall.

A new furnace has been ordered and we are hoping it soon arrives. It is getting rather chilly. Pray the Lord will direct in the installation of this new means of heat. Also pray with us for the finances to pay for the furnace which will cost \$15,000. The old one just gave out; and after many means of trying to fix it, it was just not possible.

We deeply appreciate your prayers for the Institute and the Academy. You will probably never know how much your prayers have helped in the administration and also in the lives of our students. Please pray daily for God to have His way in every area of the school. We do need a real revival with folk really going through for God.

The Lord has directed our way some really dedicated faculty and staff. At various times, by way of this article, we wish to introduce our staff and faculty to you. I will begin this month by introducing our Academic Dean, Mr. Timothy LaDette Cooley.

Bro. Cooley was raised well in a

Christian home. His father, the late LaDette Cooley, who was well-known throughout the churches, played a very important role in training Bro. Cooley for his calling into the ministry.

Bro. Cooley was a graduate from Penn View Academy and Institute and is at present taking graduate work. In speaking with Bro. Tim, he mentioned he is taking this additional training so he can be a better Academic Dean. I know for a fact he has spent many a night preparing for classes and has a real deep dedication to helping students progress spiritually and academically. Tim married Ruth Staver and they make an excellent couple. Tim, Jr. and Tabitha came to bless their home and are a real example of youth serving God.

Bro. Cooley pastored at Bellefonte and ministered in the Penns Valley Christian Academy before coming to Penn View as Academic Dean. At present he serves as pastor at Center Valley along with a full schedule at Penn View and the advancement of his education.

I am sure Bro. and Sis. Cooley desire your continued prayers that God would direct and lead their lives.

In closing, we say many thanks for your kind support of one of the greatest Bible Institutes available, Penn View Bible Institute!

Paul Martin



# The Annual Thanksgiving Service

Penn View  
Bible Institute  
& Christian Academy

**November 24, 1986  
7:30 P.M.**

Fay—Griffith Memorial Chapel

Special Music by:  
Institute Quartet & Trio  
Penn View Ensemble  
Academy Singers



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