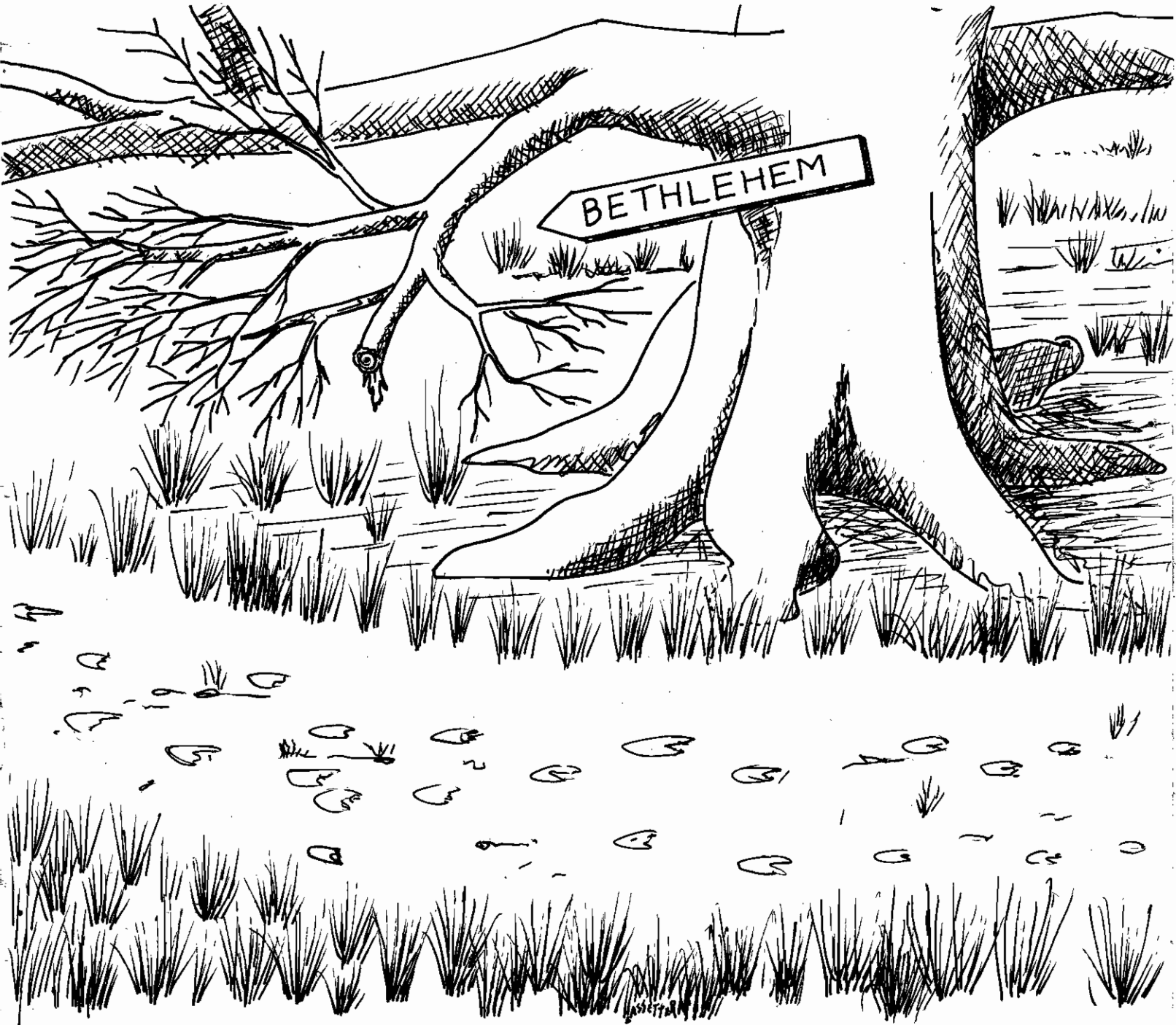


KENTUCKY DISTRICT NEWS

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"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah. . .

. . . from old, from everlasting." MICAH 5:12

Blood, Sweat, and Tears

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger;" (Luke 2:7).

It's that time of the year again. Carolers are making their rounds, mothers are buying spices for holiday baking, Christmas decorations are being dug out of closets, and store hours are being lengthened to

accommodate late shoppers. We're kept busy going to school programs and pageants. Christmas wrap and ribbons fastly become part of presents for friends and relatives. It really is a fun time of the year, and no one will deny that the emphasis on giving is good for us.

The excuse for all this hustle and bustle, of course, is that first "Christmas" long ago. Two young people hunting for shelter in a town crowded with visitors. There was no place for them to stay, until finally, a man offered them a stall in a stable. It was sad, but the best they could do. It was desperately needed for the woman's time was upon her. Her baby was born in that place, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. It is a beautiful story, and compelling in its simplicity. God actually made Himself a body, got into it, and was born of a woman. He robed Himself in flesh! How our hearts thrill to the story! It has never lost its appeal. Commercialism has sought to cheapen it. Store owners have made gain from it. A sick society has ridiculed it hoping to weaken it, but nothing can take it from the heart of the true believer.

Through His death, He redeemed the world. For that, we cannot cease to praise Him, but before He could die, He first had to live.

I have thought of that time in Bethlehem. I have thought of His mother, Mary, possibly as young as fifteen years old. I have thought of her alone, except for her husband, Joseph, in a strange place. She was so young to have spent the previous months as the object of cruel, gossiping tongues. I have thought of her being made as comfortable as possible on a bed of hay in a barn, there to give birth to her first baby.

The Bible does not tell us anything about Mary's having the child. However, we know that childbearing does not come without pain and blood. There is almost always moaning and groaning — a scream or two, and sweat and tears. It is a time when one intensely desires privacy. I have thought of the young mother in that crowded stable. A stable in those days was not only for animals but it also housed the men and boys who were their keepers. I have wondered if she was frightened, if she was confused, if she cried. I think she was as human as you or I. The stable, no doubt, was dirty. I wonder if she worried about that. How concerned Joseph must have been for his young wife! What a rough place to bring her to, to have a baby! We really take many things for granted. Clean hospitals, doctors and nurses, a loving family, warm homes — all of these things and more. Are we really able to relate to what really hapened so long ago? I feel that perhaps "Christmas" in our modern age is somewhat unreal. We have been able to think of it so lightly. It was at a great cost to the Lord that He came to earth from Glory to become a man. It was a sacrifice for Mary to be pregnant before she and Joseph "came together". It was also a sacrifice for Joseph to take Mary into his house in her condition. Without a sacrifice, there would have been no victory — there would have been no redeeming of fallen Man. "Christmas" is more than a beautiful and unique story. "Christmas" is more than angels' singing and Wise Men bringing gifts. "Christmas" is a story of sacrifice, of grave responsibilities, and blood and sweat and tears. The first "Christmas" was REAL! Please, this Christmas look beyond the tinsel and the toys. Look beyond the feasting. Look beyond the shepherd's costume and the choir's song. Look beyond the "Christmas bonus". We have "Christmas" because love gave its all. Let's not forget the true price of "Christmas".

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FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINE

Repentance, Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. (Acts 2:38).

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT. . . .

Praise the Lord!

From all indications Christmas for Christ will have another record year in Kentucky. Bro. Ron Finical and I have been on tour and the results are gratifying. From your response, we can see that Kentucky will again be one-hundred per-cent in this endeavor. I want you to know how much the cooperation which you gave to the Ladies Auxiliary and Youth departments is appreciated. This speaks well for our district, and for you the wonderful people who have given to the cause of God.

Q.U.E.S.T. We are searching for the Apostolic keys to revival. The week of January 1 through 6, is to be designated "prayer and fasting" week. We are encouraging the people of Kentucky to go on a seven day fast at this time. Can you imagine what can be accomplished through a united effort of this sort? This is not only to be a Kentucky endeavor, but we are joining with God's people everywhere, searching for revival.

I would like to remind you that there will be a ministers and wives retreat in February. We are praying that this will be a beautiful time of fellowship and spiritual help for all our ministers and their wives. It will cost approximately \$100.00 for each couple to attend. If you are able, it would be a wonderful thing if each church would give to send your pastor and his wife to this retreat. It would be worth it to you. They will come home full. If you do not feel that you can give him the entire amount, consider giving something to help him with his expenses. Bro. Nate Wilson will be teaching on Church Government, and Bro. Jonathan Urshan on Prophecy.

God bless you
May you all have a Merry Christmas!
Bro. Puckett

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him."

II Chronicles 16:9

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"By all that He requires of thee, know thou what God Himself must be."



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Kentucky's First

Ministers And
Wives
Retreat

February 11-13
Speakers: Nate Wilson
Jonathan Urshan



Worship of the Bees

As reported by Missionary Larry Blake

During the two weeks that Brother Leo Upton preached to us here in Liberia, over 153 received the Holy Ghost. We had one unusual experience in a village beyond Bomi Hills where we are building a new church. When we got there the people were going strong already in the song service. It was a large crowd in the little open-sided shelter where we were having service.

I noticed during the service a lot of bees crawling about on the table that was the pulpit and some in the air. After church we learned about the bees. The shelter where we were having the service belonged to an

old man whose house was next door. This old man keeps a swarm of bees in his house and worships them. One of our workers said a demon controls the bees. After the service in which thirteen received the Holy Ghost, all the native people were talking excitedly. I learned from one of our young ministers that the people were saying that God was "behind those people" because with all that movement, shouting and dancing, no one got a sting. It was a real testimony.

At one time during the service I had started to swat one of the bees on the table and something seemed to check me. I noticed that these bees were crawling around on the table top as though they were drunk.

The incidence of people serving the creature rather than the Creator is very common here. Some serve snakes or fish. Some pray to the baboon, others snails, and some revere the banana tree and will not eat the fruit, but this is my first encounter with the worship of the bees.

INSTANT REVIVAL PLEASE LORD

By Grace Wiens

Times have changed, You know, Lord. . .and I'm sure You've noticed how busy we are nowadays. Technology has changed our lives drastically. "Instant" things are so much a part of our way of life that it would be impossible to slow down to the old pace again.

Why, just this morning, my digital clock woke me up, and I "instantly" knew the time. I pushed a button on the stove and had my "instant" coffee. . .no perking, no waiting. I picked up my push-button phone and direct-dialed a party 700 miles away, and we "instantly" had a conversation under way. Later, after "instantly" figuring up my bills on the pocket calculator, I had a bowl of "instant" soup and listened to the world news coming "live and direct" via world satellite communications. After swinging the built-in vacuum hose around over the rugs, and pushing the laundry buttons and the dishwasher buttons, I soon had the house humming with my "instant maids."

I drove my car out of the

garage, opening the door "instantly" with my electric garage door opener, of course; dashed to the bank and got some "instant" cash on my credit card; and went down to the local music store to make a downpayment on an organ I can play "instantly". . .drums and all. . .no lessons necessary.

I rushed home and plopped my T.V. Dinner into the micro-wave oven, and it was ready to eat almost "instantly." You'd be surprised, Lord, at all the "instant" things we can get done in a day. Too bad you didn't have some of us around when you needed Noah's ark built. It sure wouldn't have taken 120 years. Sorry I didn't have time to get down on my knees and pray this morning, Lord, but I did call "Dial-a-prayer."

Now about that revival, Lord. We sure do need one, but it will have to be a "Four-Nighter" . . .You know. . .Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Maybe if we're not too exhausted,

and if the preacher is really on the ball, we could extend it till Monday. If we get an evangelist, we want one that'll get the folks running the aisles on the first special song. . ."instantly". . . You know. He won't have to preach much. . .a lot of singing and a few catchy sermonettes will do.

Yes, I know things are a mess in this old world. According to the latest statistics, the American divorce rate is nearing 50 percent. The drug problem and alcoholism become more severe with each passing day. The V. D. epidemic continues to spread with breathtaking velocity. Six hundred thousand American young people between the ages of 11 and 16 are listed as runaways. In the five years since "Women's Lib" got a foothold in the United States, the crime rate among women has risen 300 percent. Homosexuality and promiscuity are now socially acceptable in many circles, and constantly receive national attention.

A nation that was founded upon the belief in God will soon be

completely run by leaders who are totally atheistic in their beliefs. Transcendental meditation is being extolled in family magazines, in the daily newspapers, and on the radio as a great boon to our mental and physical well-being, although we know it is nothing more than sophisticated demonism. We are all the time hearing about witchcraft and other occultic practices taking place in our once Christian nation.

Well, I could go on, but all of this just depresses me. So, I just want to go to church and forget it all. . .sing, hear about heaven, and fellowship. We sure like to hear about the Rapture, Lord. . ."instantly". . Zap. . .and all our troubles will be over.

Lord, can't You see how more than four nights of revival would wear us out? Most of us work eight or more hours a day (the women too). And, the kids have to get up early to go to school or the Day Care Center. We have all these payments to make. You know, they don't just give these split-level, three bedroom homes away. AND cars. . .Whew. . .it's insurance and repairs for two or three of them, RADIALS, chrome wheels, and C.B. RADIOS. After all, Lord, nobody wants to have the only junker on the church parking lot.

And, You should see the interest we have to pay on our credit card accounts to keep our closets well-stocked with the very latest in styles—all modest and holy, of course. After all, You know, we don't indulge in the pleasures of the world, so I'm sure it's okay with you if we keep ourselves looking sharp.

Who ever heard of wearing the same outfit to both services on Sunday? And, camp meeting and General Conference. . .well, that's something else again. You know Yourself, Lord, that God's people should have the very best. Of course, I suppose the believers and preachers in places like India and South America probably wouldn't understand. The "pros-

perity syndrome" message hasn't reached them yet.

Our church has a lot of great projects going, Lord, and, of course, it's all for You. With all these activities, we were exhausted the last time we had a "Four Night Revival." No one felt like praying at the altar the last night. Actually, we were relieved when the last of the seekers finally got up from the altar and went home. That way we were able to leave early enough to go to Sambo's and "unwind" until midnight.

Yes, we've heard about the "good ole days" when there used to be five or six weeks of revival, and with no rest nights. Sinners quaked with fear and conviction. People fell out by the score, under the power of God. Hundreds received the Holy Ghost, and many were miraculously healed. It all sounds great, and we still hear of things happening like this from time to time, but who could stand six weeks of solid revival nowadays? Camp meeting is always our highlight of the year. We all really pray through again, and leave with a renewed feeling. How in the world do Pentecostals behind the Iron Curtain survive without good ole camp meetings to keep them going?

Once in awhile we hear about intercessory prayer, but really, Lord, I guess our generation just doesn't understand too much about that. That must have been in the days when men walked behind plows and split rails with an axe; when women washed on the scrubboard with homemade soap, and baked their own bread from flour ground at the local gristmill; and children got up before daylight to chop wood, milk cows, and wash dishes before they walked the three or more miles to the one-room school. People must have had more time in those days.

Our pastor is always trying to get us to come a half hour before service on Sunday night to pray, but by the time we wake up from our Sunday afternoon nap, read

the paper, eat a snack, freshen up, and get everybody in the car, we do well to walk in before they finish the first song. We did go early once, but just the pastor and his wife were there, and it was hard to get in the mood to pray with so few of us present.

Why, they tell us about the moaning, groaning, and weeping in the old revivals. They talk about all-night prayer meetings, days of fasting, and confession of sins and restitution for wrong doings. We're so busy having a good time at our church. . .trying to keep everybody happy. . .You know. . .Gospel singings, special features, visiting preachers, fellowship meetings, rallies, and other get-togethers. The neighbors sometimes complain about our hollering and loud singing, but I sure haven't heard any complaints about our weeping and moaning. I guess the old "Mother in Zion" and "Praying Hydes" would seem kinda out of place in our time.

I couldn't believe it! I happened to find a few minutes to read my Bible the other day (I do try to read a few verses each night before I settle down to a good book at bedtime), and I read in Nehemiah where Ezra stood in the street and read the Law to the congregation of men, women, and children from morning till noon. How could he hold the interest of the people that long? That went on for twenty-four whole days, and the people wept and mourned until someone had to encourage them to rejoice and quit crying so much. . .You know, "Smile, God loves you," the profound Gospel message so popular today.

Now, Lord, You said Yourself that You were going to do a "quick work in the earth." However, I can't seem to find the exact scripture for that. Well, Lord, in view of our modern-day life style and world conditions, the quicker, the better. If it seems a little blunt, Lord, I'm just telling You like it is. Maybe we can stand a "Four Night Revival," if You hurry.



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ELIZABETHTOWN CHURCH REPORT

We are so grateful to be a part of the great family of God. The Lord has been blessing tremendously here in E-Town. We have baptized several, and three have received the Holy Ghost in the past two weeks. We had a tape, record, and book burning the 31st of October. The Lord had His way. People are looking for men and women who will tell them the Truth! Continue to pray for us as we endeavor to do the will of God.

Bro. David Aldridge
Pastor
First Apostolic Church

REVIVAL NOW

OPEN FOR REVIVAL MEETINGS

Bro. Tommy Toten
c/o Mae Johnston
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God Didn't Have A Chance

An Illinois businessman took a dollar bill and pinned a piece of paper to it, asking everyone who spent the money to write down what it was for, and send it back into circulation for two weeks. At the end of the time it came back with the following story:

It was spent five times for salary
It was spent five times for tobacco
It was spent five times for cigarettes



Bro. & Sis. Garry Tracy
Pakistan

Remember
to pray
for our
missionaries.

HOW THEY PRAYED

George Whitefield, the famous English evangelist, said: "O Lord, give me souls, or take my soul!"

Henry Martyn, a missionary, cried as he knelt on India's coral strands: "Here let me burn out for God."

David Brainerd, missionary to the North American Indians, declared: "Lord, to Thee I dedicate myself. Oh, accept of me, and let me be Thine forever. Lord, I desire nothing else; I desire nothing more." The last words in his diary, written seven days before he died, were "Oh, come, Lord Jesus come quickly, Amen."

Thomas a Kempis said: "Give what Thou wilt, and deal with me in all things as Thou wilt."

Dwight L. Moody implored: "Use me then, my Saviour, for whatever purpose and in whatever way Thou mayest require. Here is my poor heart, an empty vessel, fill it with Thy grace."

Martin Luther prayed thus on the night preceding his appearance before the Diet of Worms: "Do Thou, my God, stand by against all world's wisdom and reason. Oh, do it! Thou must do it. Stand by me, Thou true, eternal God!"

John McKenzie prayed thus when, as a young missionary candidate, he knelt on the banks of the Lossie: "O Lord, send me to the darkest spot on earth."

Praying Hyde, a missionary in India, pleaded: "Father, give me souls, or I die."

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Office of the Secretary

Office for Civil Rights

TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972

Policy Interpretation #2

SUBJECT: Religious Objections to Participation in Coeducational Classes.

POLICY INTERPRETATION: Students who demonstrate that their religion prohibits certain coeducational courses may be excused from such courses or offered them on a sex segregated basis.

DISCUSSION: The Title IX regulation's requirement that recipients offer classes on a coeducational basis is subject to several exceptions. For example, students may be grouped by objective standards of ability within physical education classes, or separated by sex for those portions of physical education activities devoted to participation in contact sports, or for those portions of elementary and secondary school classes which deal exclusively with human sexuality. Students may also be separated on the basis of vocal range for participation in chorus.

Recipients have asked whether they may offer sex segregated classes for student who object to coeducational classes on religious grounds. Although the regulation does not expressly authorize such classes, recipients must accommodate religious beliefs protected by the First Amendment. Therefore, students who demonstrate that they belong to

religions which prohibit certain activities on a coeducational basis (e.g. swimming) may, at the option of the recipient, either be excused from unitary classes or offered sex segregated classes.

AUTHORITY: First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Regulation issued under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 45 CFR S86.34.

Section 86.34:

(a) Recipient shall not provide any course or otherwise carry out any of its education program or activity separately on the basis of sex, or require or refuse participation therein by any of its students on such basis, including health, physical education, industrial, business, vocational, technical, home economics, music, and adult education courses . . .

(b) This section does not prohibit grouping of students in physical education classes and activities by ability as assessed by objective standards of individual performance developed and applied without regard to sex.

(c) This section does not prohibit separation of students by sex within physical education classes or activities during participation in wrestling, boxing, rugby, ice hockey,

football, basketball and other sports the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.

(d) Where use of a single standard of measuring skill or progress in a physical education class has an adverse effect on members of one sex, the recipient shall use appropriate standards which do not have such effect.

(e) Portions of classes in elementary and secondary schools which deal exclusively with human sexuality may be conducted in separate sessions for boys and girls.

(f) Recipients may make requirements based on vocal range or quality which may result in a chorus or choruses of one or predominantly one sex.

COVERAGE: This policy interpretation applies to any public or private institution, person or other entity that operates an educational program or activity which receives or benefits from financial assistance authorized or extended under a law administered by the Department. This coverage includes educational institutions whose students participate in HEW funded or guaranteed student loan or assistance programs. For further information see definition of "recipient" in Section 86.2 of the Title IX regulation.

Since many of our ministers have met with opposition while attempting to get our Pentecostal students excused from gym classes, dancing classes, etc., Bro. Lonnie Storms has contributed this information to the NEWS. He suggests taking it to the school and showing it to the principal. It ended his problems. Note: Bro. Storms pastors the Apostolic Gospel Church in Covington, Ky.

HARVESTIME RADIO LOG

Kentucky

Berea WKXO	1250	9:00 AM
Eminence WSTL	1600	1:00 PM
Louisville WHAS	840	11:30 PM
Pikeville WPKE	1240	10:30 PM

THANKFULNESS



by
Sis. Sharon White
Ladies Auxiliary Director
Kentucky District

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be . . . unthankful." (II Timothy 3:2).

Not being thankful is a sign of the last days. Have you noticed how children simply take it for granted that they can have a new toy whenever they please? Christmas presents are merely more-of-the-same-thing which they are accustomed to receiving all year.

However, children are not the only ones who can show unthankfulness. When this attitude enters the church, it will result in apostasy, bitterness, and backsliding. So what if your pastor is not the best public speaker, is not the best educated, or is not the best looking? Can you not be thankful that you have a man of God that will pray for you and watch diligently for your soul?

If you are thankful for your church, the family God, you will not be offended if things do not go your way in the services and activities of the church. It is good enough to only be a part of God's body on earth which is made up of folks from every walk of life. You can

accept each member, even though he (or she) has faults, for you recognize less than perfectness in yourself.

The family is important to the thankful person. Your husband may not have the best job or be the most successful. Your children may fall short of your expectations, and you may even be doing without some luxuries of life. Still yet, are there not many things for which to be thankful? One wonderful thing we can be thankful for is good health which cannot be bought with money. Also, it is good to be able to live in harmony with our surroundings, and we cannot fail to praise God forever that He has revealed Truth to us in time to pass it down to the next generation.

When a person has a thankful heart, he can live with himself. "For he that will **love life**, and see **good days**, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile" (I Peter 3:10).

EVERYDAY is a GOOD DAY when you live it with a spirit of thankfulness!

Kentucky District

WINTER RETREAT

Bro. Richard Sisk's Church
Madisonville, Kentucky

Speaker: Bro. Mike Williams — December 26-28
