CHRISTMAS 1978

Somehow it seems impossible that we should be thinking about Christmas already. How can it be that 1978 is about past? Often I ask myself, how can it be that the last twenty years have gone by so quickly? In the Book of Common Prayer (1928) there is this statement made during the prayer for the whole state of Christ's Church. "And we most humbly beseech Thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity." This is a transitory life and it is true that it will soon be past. Christmas is that time of year which is so full of joy and expectancy. It is also a time of family and friends. In America it is a time of thanking for this Christian nation and its heritage in Christ. The transitory lives of approximately fourteen generations have been spent in bringing America from Pilgrim status to the present state of the Nation.

Those of us who were involved in the Second World War now largely have the responsibility of America on our shoulders. We seem to have inherited global problems such as have never been faced before. Some fear that Christmas 1978 could be our last. It is amazing how many prophecies of destruction are heard today from secular, economic and religious sources. Reading the 26th chapter of Matthew would make any thinking man wonder!

The Christian—particularly one filled with The Holy Spirit—should be a person of hope. He also should produce the fruit of LOVE, JOY and PEACE as well as possess gifts of KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, FAITH and PROPHECY. So, in evaluating the world scene and the church this Christmas 1978, I for one am a continuing optimist—despite the state of the dollar, the value of gold, the Middle East, China, Russia and even our own USA's moral problems. God is on the move! His people are on the move! His people are mobilizing for unified action against all satanic powers. They know they already are victorious by the precious shed blood of the Savior. So unitedly, God's people are looking toward Christmas and the time to follow with great hope and optimism.

Those who believe in and try to create Heaven on Earth are not discouraged or disheartened. We are winning against the moral deterioration of the present time. We are beginning to push back the lethargy that allowed abortion and female "libertarianism" to gain ground in the past decade. Born Again Catholics and Protestants and Jews are uniting in Christ and the world will soon feel our power in Jesus! Even Medicine and Nursing are beginning to turn toward the Savior. Yes—even Psychiatry!

So in this transitory life—so short, so soon over—let us use our time for God's great purposes in each of our lives. To do for Him—for His great cause. To complete some great accomplishment for the betterment of profession, or church, or nation and the people. To leave the world better for our having been here.

Such is the vision of C.M.F., as we approach Christmas. Bethesda Christian Medical Conference Center is "in the ways." Our impossible dream has been made possible through the "substance of things not seen." Reese Howells inscribed on a great boulder at the Bible College of Wales the following words, "Faith is Substance." God is allowing us to prove those words in our lives here at C.M.F. Please join us in prayer this Christmas for great things in God's Kingdom in the time to come. Pray for God's children in Russia, China and behind the Iron Curtain. Also let us pray for Lebanon, for Rhodesia and South Africa. Pray for World Revival and for increasing UNITY in the Body of Christ.

"And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, and restored his fortunes when he prayed for his friends..." (Job 42:10) Let us remember to pray for our friends—as well as our enemies.

"When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, then were we like unto them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with joy. Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice." (Ps. 126:1-4)

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace among men with whom He is well pleased—men of good will—of His favor." (Luke 2:14)

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NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCHNIGHT SERVICE - 10:00 PM - Fellowship and Potluck Hour
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DECEMBER 8 - 6:30 PM. Dr. Reed at Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. The Ramada Inn, Highway-60 and 19, Clearwater, Fla. Contact David Howell 813/870-2280

DECEMBER 11 - 8:00 PM. Kay Reed at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 3712 El Prado Blvd., Tampa, Fla. For information call Mrs. Brezan, 813/833-7141-Women's Missionary League.

DECEMBER 15 - 8:00 PM. St. Petersburg CMF Station Meeting. St. Petersburg Federal Savings & Loan, 83 Ave. at Ninth St. No., St. Petersburg, Fla., Dr. Reed speaking.

DECEMBER 16 - 7:30 PM. Tampa CMF Station Meeting at CMF House, 4821 Memorial Highway, Tampa, Fla. Dr. Reed speaking.

DECEMBER 22 - 10:30 AM. Kay Reed at Trinity Methodist Church, Plant City, Fla. Women's Society—For information call Betty Nicholsen 813/753-2808.

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