

In Conjunction With the

"Harvest of Thanks" United Fund Campaign

TO BE READ SABBATH, NOVEMBER 24

Brethren, today is "*Harvest of Thanks" Sabbath*. This is the day your special offering for the United Fund is to be received. When we speak of the work of the Church, we are speaking of your work—the work of the faithful brethren everywhere.

Think of how much Jesus sacrificed for us! Consider the trying experiences the apostle Paul had that he might be a faithful servant of the Lord in preaching the Gospel! Have we really *sacrificed* for the Lord's work? Have we *given* until we felt it a little?

Brethren, we should be glad that we have leaders in the Church who are continually anxious to promote and push the work. The *United Fund campaign* is for the important purpose of gathering funds with which to wage our campaign against false doctrine and sin. The work of the Church is urgent. The preaching of the Gospel is of utmost importance! Our work must grow and grow for time is short. The night cometh when no man can work. Now is the time for us to be doing all we can, in every way we can, to push forward the work of the Lord.

More literature should be printed and distributed, radio work expanded, more home study courses sent out, and more young men trained for the ministry.

Proverbs 13:7 says, "There is that maketh *himself* rich, yet hath *nothing*: there is that maketh himself poor, yet *hath great riches*." Therefore let us lay up more treasures in heaven "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" by giving to the *United Fund* as the Lord impresses you to give.

God bless His people everywhere to be faithful!

FROM THE SABBATH SCHOOL DEPT.

OF THE CHURCH OF GOD (Seventh Day)

Stanberry, Missouri

Dear Sabbath School Superintendent,

Greetings in the Master's name.

In behalf of the "*Harvest of Thanks" United Fund Campaign*, we are herewith enclosing five letters to be read in your Sabbath School. They are to be read *one* each Sabbath *as dated*.

Likely you have received other, more informative, material concerning this drive from the Denver office.

God bless you in cooperating in this vital work.

L. L. Christenson, Chm. S. S. Dept.

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TO BE READ SABBATH, NOVEMBER 17

Brethren, as we think about the work of the Church in spreading the Gospel in various ways, we should automatically include in our thoughts the annual *"Harvest of Thanks" United Fund Campaign* at this season. This is a time when we should be very mindful of the Great Commission, which charge the Lord gave to His people. Matthew 25 tells us, "For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods." Verse 15 makes it plain that "every man" was to have part in this, the Lord's business, that is, every servant of the Lord.

Now we know all can't go out and preach. All cannot be missionaries, neither can all work in offices preparing gospel literature, writing letters, and so forth, but there is a way everyone can help. That is by giving to the United Fund. We must put God and His work first in our lives. In fact, we must put our business with the Lord so far ahead of other things it cannot truthfully be said any of us are trying to serve two masters.

Let us ask ourselves these questions: How anxious are we to see the truths we love spread far and near, and souls saved? How anxious are we to see the truths we preach go everywhere like autumn leaves?

In the days of the early church they did not have radio and printing equipment. Neither did they have fast transportation and a swift postal system. Surely God expects a great deal of His servants in this present age. Pray for the work as you give to the *United Fund*. God bless you as you do your part.

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TO BE READ SABBATH, OCTOBER 27

The "*Harvest of Thanks*" *United Fund Campaign* is on! Let us, one and all, have part in it. God's work must grow and move progressively forward. God will bless as we do our part. We have many things for which to be thankful, so let us thank God by giving to the United Fund that the work of the Church of God may continually go forward winning souls to the glory of God. The Psalmist said, "Give unto the Lord glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts" (Psalm 96:8).

The seven departments in the church are organized to do specific tasks relative to promoting the work of the Lord. The gospel of the kingdom *must go far* and near, and the task of spreading the Gospel will be gladly shouldered by those who are true servants of God. Each of the seven departments needs funds in order to carry on its specific duties. We will miss out on more than the blessing of giving if we fail to do our part. Let us not call this an *obligation*, but rather a *privilege*. We should thank God and be glad that we can have part in this wonderful and all-important work.

Brethren, may the Lord move your hearts to give liberally to the United Fund that the treasury at Denver may be sufficiently supplied to meet the needs of all seven departments. The work of the Lord is urgent! The need is urgent! We do not feel that we are imposing on any who love the work of the Church in making the needs of the work known and urging all to make a sacrifice therefor during this "*Harvest of Thanks*" *drive*.

God says, "...he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." God bless you as you help.

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TO BE READ SABBATH, NOVEMBER 3

Brethren, let us be reminded that there are only two more Sabbaths before November 24, which has been designated as "*Harvest of Thanks Sabbath*." While it is important that each local church be strong and not held back by lack of material need, so it is indeed important that the General Treasury at Denver be kept on a firm footing. The *Harvest of Thanks United Fund Campaign* is a special effort to give a big boost to the work at headquarters that the seven departments in the Church may be supplied with funds to carry on their work without lack.

The seven departments are: Publishing Department, Ministerial Department, Christian Education Department, Sabbath School Department, Home Missions Department, Foreign Missions Department, and Young People's Department. This work of the Church is your work—our work—for we are part of the Church.

Let us work together as one man; let us pray together and give together that God may find us always putting first things first.

The Psalmist said: "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." One way we may show thankfulness is by giving to the *United Fund*, "not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

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TO BE READ SABBATH, NOVEMBER 10

Brethren, may we take a moment or two of your time once again as we think about the annual "*Harvest of Thanks*" United Fund Drive. The work of the Church is your work. It will prosper according as you pray, and labor, and give. You are privileged to give because it is part of your work for the Lord. Shouldn't we thank God for this opportunity?

Again we mention the seven departments in the Church and their dependence on the general treasury. The specific needs of each one cannot be detailed here, but let us consider some of them in a general way. Think of the radio work under the Ministerial Department. Think of its value in reaching souls by the thousands? Consider the Publishing Department. How could the Church get along without it? Think of Home Missions as well as Foreign Missions along with Christian Education. Brethren, let us give them all due support, not only by giving to the United Fund, but by praying for the work as well, and giving moral support.

In 2 Kings 12, it is inspiring to read how Jehoiada, the priest, received so much in offerings at the house of the Lord that they put it up in bags. And we read that it was put "into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the Lord." Thus we see that king Jehoash and the people were interested in supporting the work of the Lord. Let us show like interest now. May the Lord move the hearts of His people so that every one will purpose in his heart to give to the "*Harvest of Thanks*" Drive to accelerate our work of spreading the truths we love.