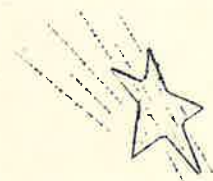


B - Star of Bethlehem	R	P- Xmas Tree
I - Wise men & gifts	O	A- Yule Log
B - Shepherds	M or	G- Saint Nick
L - Angel Choir	A	A- "Christes Masse"
E - Birth of Saviour in Bethlehem (oct)	N	N- Dec.25, Birth of Sol



December 20, 1954

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings. This is the season of the year when the world pays homage to Christ the Saviour. They are spending money lavishly on one another and upon this celebration in the custom of the land.

Your CHURCH, which represents Christ and His true gospel story, needs help. The ministering servants at home and abroad are waiting for your help to take this glorious gospel story just a little further. The cries and calls for help are more than we can meet alone. They are cause for many tears and prayers.

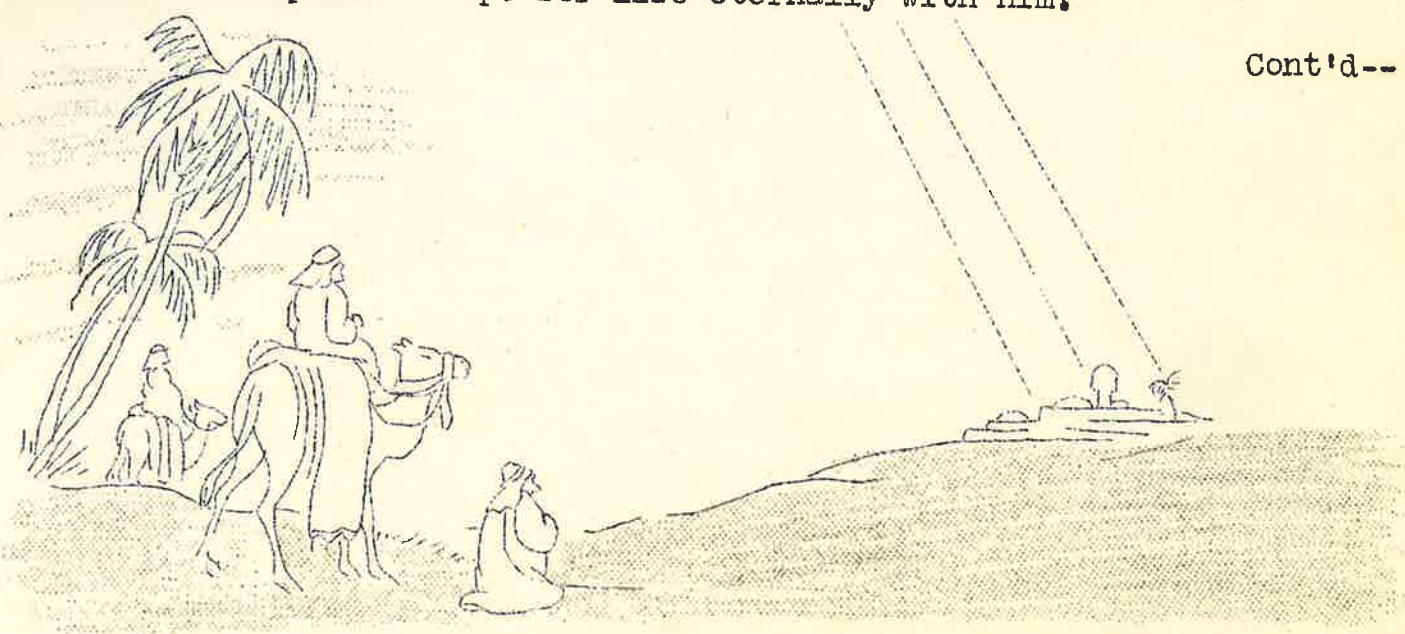
Won't you help us in this great task by joining the UNITED FUND CAMPAIGN? Christ needs your voice, your help in this Cause. Many are giving to this cause and rejoicing as they bring their gifts. It is bringing to them a real blessing.

If you have not yet made your special gift or pledge, kindly accept the enclosed envelopes for your convenience in sending your special gift. If you wish to pay some now and part later, we will send you additional mailing envelopes.

This special campaign of real giving is bringing a revival to the work and a revival to many hearts. Many are giving or pledging liberal amounts. May God bless all of you who are showing such love for Him, and loyalty to His Cause.

The birth of our Lord means everything to us as Christians. Because of His birth, hope came to us like the star over Bethlehem. When we first heard this story, it raised within us the great hope of our own personal redemption - hope for life eternally with Him!

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Surely, the Bible can teach us how we may honor His birth in spirit and in truth. If we are moved by the Holy Spirit, we cannot help but wish to honor and worship Him. But how may we truly do so?

The wise men of the east, sensing or knowing the meaning of the bright star, were compelled with an urge to follow it. They were very excited as the reality of what it meant dawned upon them.

"The Christ child - he has been born, just as the prophets have so long told us. At last, that day has come!"

"Yes, let us go and worship Him. We will take our best gifts to Him - gold and frankincense and myrrh."

This is the kind of conversation they probably had, because these are the things the Bible says that they did. They worshipped the Christ by going to Him and bringing of themselves and their gifts.

How then may we honor His birth? By telling that story and joining the work of saving souls out of darkness into His glorious light. By bringing that star of hope to other hearts:

- by carrying the gospel,
- by helping the fallen,
- by ministering to those in great need.

"Be not conformed to this world, but...prove what is that good... will of God," Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome (Rom. 12:2). He certainly would have advised against their conforming to paganistic festivities. Christmas was not observed by Christians in the early centuries of Christianity.

Rather than joining any hilarious celebrations or lavish and meaningless exchange of gifts, let us join in yet a better way. Let us be lavish in our worship of the real Christ. And with our gifts, what could be more satisfying than to see a star of hope arise in another heart with the gospel going just a little further.

God bless you and your loved ones, and do write us soon.

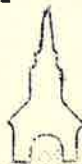
Our very best wishes,

"THE UNITED FUND CAMPAIGN"

GOD'S WORK IS MARCHING ON. NEW AND EXPANSIVE PROGRAMS, DESIGNED TO REACH THOUSANDS FOR CHRIST, ARE READY TO BE LAUNCHED WITH YOUR HELP.

Your gift will help the

"Join in prayer for the  
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