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If you need Christ as your Lord and Savior, we believe you will find him among the Christians at Valley Station.

**Come and see.**

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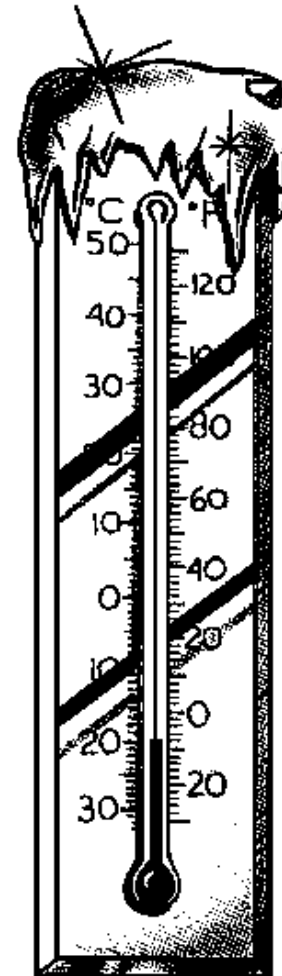
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# Valley Tidings

**Set For The Defense of the Glad Tidings**

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## Winter's Might Nigh Here!



Temperatures are dropping. Cold, snowy, and icy weather is just around the corner. Often when temperatures drop there comes a drop also in attendance which whittles down the number of individuals who will participate in the work of the church. It likewise affects the contribution. It ought not to be that way.

How often do shopping malls lose customers due to unusually cold weather, especially around the holiday season? There are times under extreme snowy and icy conditions that schools and shopping malls close down and churches cancel services. Unusual and abnormal weather conditions offer an exception, but cold weather ought never freeze spirituality.

Football games and other outdoor sports are not lacking in attendance even though the thermometer drops precariously close to zero. Thousands and thousands of sports fans will sit shivering on cold seats for up to 4 hours but cold weather keeps them from worship in a comfortable church meeting house.

Usually, the temperatures on Sunday and Wednesday are about the same as the next or previous day of the week. If the weather doesn't keep me from going to work, to school, or any other place I need to (or just want to) go, it ought not keep me away from worship.

Make a special effort to see that cold weather does not keep you from worship and Bible study.—*DRS*

## Thanksgiving Day

In the Autumn of 1621, governor William Bradford invited native Americans to enjoy a feast with the settlers of Plymouth. The harvest had been extremely bountiful. For three days the settlers and their guests celebrated by giving thanks to God for His bountiful blessings. George Washington issued a proclamation that a day of thanks would be observed on November 26, 1789. The Protestant Episcopal Church set aside the first Thursday in the month of November as a “regular yearly day for giving thanks, unless another day be appointed by the civil authorities.” It became a national holiday by the proclamation of Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Lincoln proclaimed it “a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father.”

In 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving Day up one week to lengthen the shopping days before Christmas. Thanksgiving is now observed as a legal federal holiday on the fourth Thursday of this month. One might expect a reverent attitude toward the Almighty to fade as Thanksgiving Day was set to accommodate financial concerns. By now, God has very little or no place at all in our governmental affairs, and is rapidly losing any influence He may have had on American society.

Thanksgiving Day has lost its original significance to the majority of Americans, but to a few devoted souls called Christians, every day of earthly existence is a day of thanksgiving to God. As you sit around the family table this year, give thanks to God for your food, for your family, for your friends, for your faith in Him who provides us with every good and perfect gift. As you enjoy your family and a host of good things to eat, it is a good time to reflect on a few passages from God’s book. Before giving thanks, pause and read:

### For your daily food

1 Tim. 4:4 “Every creature is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving.”

### For God’s daily goodness and love:

Psalms 106:1 “Praise ye Jehovah. Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; For his lovingkindness (endureth) forever.”

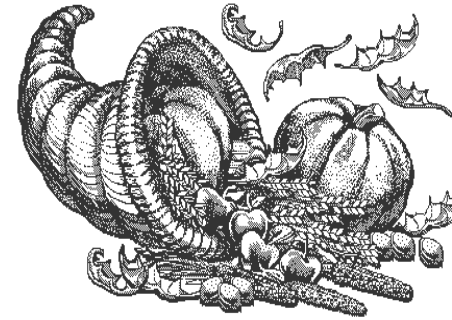
### For deliverance from sin:

Romans 7:24-25 “Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

### For the continuance of God’s care:

Romans 14:6 “He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord: and he that eateth, eateth unto the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, unto the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

The single best solution to any problem is found in offering our gratitude to our God in heaven. Paul wrote: “Be careful for nothing, but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:6-7).



Please worship God this Sunday with us at Valley Station. We will be offering the fruit of our lips, the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving in our worship. We invite all who read this paper to join us. We meet at 9:30 a.m. for Bible study, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m for worship. Show your gratitude to God for all of His magnificent blessings freely bestowed on you and yours. Please join us.

— DRS

**Some people complain because God put thorns on roses, while others praise Him for putting roses among thorns. -**

**Anonymous**



Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all ye lands. Serve Jehovah with gladness: Come before his presence with singing. Know ye that Jehovah, he is God: It is he that hath made us, and we are his; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, And into his courts with praise: Give thanks unto him, and bless his name.

Psalm 100:1-4

