

Forgiveness

As Christians we are commanded to forgive. In the Lord's Prayer Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" (Matthew 6:12). Jesus followed this by saying "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive you" (Matthew 6:14,15).

Forgiving is sometimes hard when another person has hurt us badly, or disappointed us deeply. But if God has commanded it, then he guarantees that we can do it. The problem is not that we cannot forgive, or that God will not help us forgive. The problem is that often we do not want to forgive. In not wanting to forgive we say that the other person does not deserve our forgiveness. But forgiveness does not mean forgetting or condoning what another person has done. What we forget is that forgiveness is not for the person we forgive. Forgiveness is for us. When we carry a grudge, seek revenge, or carry hate for another person, we are harming ourselves. We stay stuck in the past instead of moving on with life. Many studies have demonstrated that hate produces many physical problems, including high blood pressure, headaches, backaches, stomach ulcers, colitis and even heart attacks

The original Greek word that is translated "forgive" means to untie. By forgiving we are untying ourselves from the past, and we become free to move on with our lives. Finally, by forgiving we obey God's command and we become imitators of Christ, who could say about those who crucified him: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

—Rick Swensen

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WOULD YOU HIRE THEM?

TO: Jesus, Son of Joseph Woodcrafters Carpenter
Shop, Nazareth 25922

FROM: Jordan Management Consultants
Jerusalem 26544

Dear Sir:

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests; and we have not only run the results through our computer, but we also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

The profiles of all tests are included, and you will want to study each of them carefully.

As part of our service and for your guidance, we make some general comments, much as an auditor will include some general statements. This is given as a result of staff consultation and comes without any additional fee.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability.

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Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, the son of Alphas, and Thaddeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture.

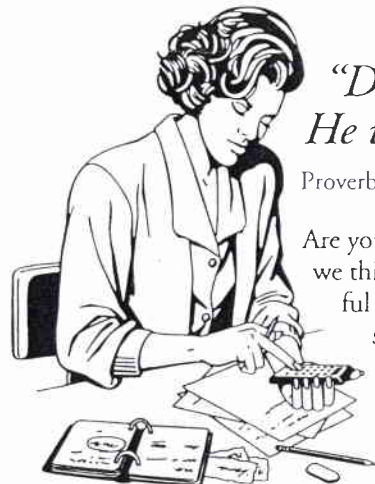
Sincerely your,
Jordan Management Consultants

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. (Isaiah 55:8)

"that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God" (Luke 16:15)

"God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong" (1 Cor. 1:27)

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*"Do you see a man skilled in his work?
He will stand before kings..."*

Proverbs 22:29

Are you a teacher, a homemaker, a salesclerk, a manager? Too often we think too little of our skills, when in reality they are a wonderful chance to serve God. This month, try to perfect one essential skill in your craft. As you work, be grateful to your customers, your co-workers, your employer, your Lord for the chance to improve yourself. And remember that whatever you do, you do for Him.

HANDOUT CORRECTION

The handout slips informing the Spanish people about the Sunday evening services at the building give the direction "4bloces oriente de la luz". Shich means 4 blocks east of the stoplight. This is incorrect and should read "4 bloces oeste de la luz" which means 4 blocks west of the light. If and when you hand any of these slips out be sure, some way, to make this correction.

As far as we know now, the Vill-arreal's will be here this evening for services for any who come.

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A second course that the church has available, besides the "Studies in the Bible" mentioned 2 weeks ago, is "Foundations of Faith".

"Foundations of Faith" is designed for the student with some previous Bible knowledge. A topical study in 30 lessons, it is popular in classes that desire meat rather than milk. Topics include; There is a God, The Inspiration of the Bible, Why the Bible is Gods Word, Fulfilled Prophecy, Miracles of the Bible, The Nature of Sin and The Resurrection of the Dead.

If you would like this study, let us know.

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FEBRUARY 13 Sue Litke

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In Our Prayers

MARCIA WAGNER - having tests in Ann Arbor on her throat, possible tumor.

NIECE of BOB SOWLES & KAREN EVERLY - diagnosed with MS.

ELIAZBETH OAKLEY - still in alot of pain following surgery.

JUDY FIELD'S MOM - recovering from pneumonia.

ANDREW WINFREE - as he tries to raise money for his mission work in Brazil & Argentina.

JOYCE BURG - still having trouble with her lungs.

THE DENNISOONS - as they work in New Zealand.

NANNY HALL, DENISE REILING, BETTY OAKLEY, LILA SMITH & RON CALDWELL - all dealing with cancer.

JIL DEISLER'S BROTHER - recivering from surgery for 2 ulcers.

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Sympathy Extended

To the family of EDNA TERRY, Nanny Hall lived with her for a while, passed away last week.

To Bonnie Sowles family in the loss of her father.

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Tackling Teenage Rebellion

You've done your best as a parent....but your **teenager's rebellion** has you feeling that your best wasn't good enough. If you've tried to come to terms with your child in every reasonable way, yet problems with the law, alcohol, drugs or abusive behavior in your home continue, consider these guidelines.

First, **admit your own limits** — emotional, physical and financial. No one is perfect, so stop blaming yourself or circumstances for the problem. Realize that at this stage, "more compassion" or "better communication" alone is not the solution.

Be clear about your **rights as a parent**. Parents and children are not "equal" in many ways — you are responsible to be in charge of your home. And keep responsibility for your child's behavior where it belongs — **with the child**. Don't play the "blame game" of excusing them by condemning teachers, police, peers, or anyone else. And don't bail them out from experiencing the legitimate consequences of their misbehavior.

Recognize the ways in which your child **manipulated you**: borrowing money with no intention of repayment; taking the role of "victim" — pushing you into the role of "persecutor"; threatening to damage your reputation, etc. Refuse to be manipulated in these and other ways.

Take a stand by drawing firm boundaries on acceptable behavior — and stick to them. If your clear rules are still ignored, **withdraw from the child** those family resources that make it possible for him or her to exploit you, such as the car — or even your home. If children are old enough, your insistence that they leave home and become totally responsible for themselves is often the healthiest step you can take, and the fairest to the rest of your family.

Talk to other parents with similar struggles for mutual support and objective insights. This is very important!

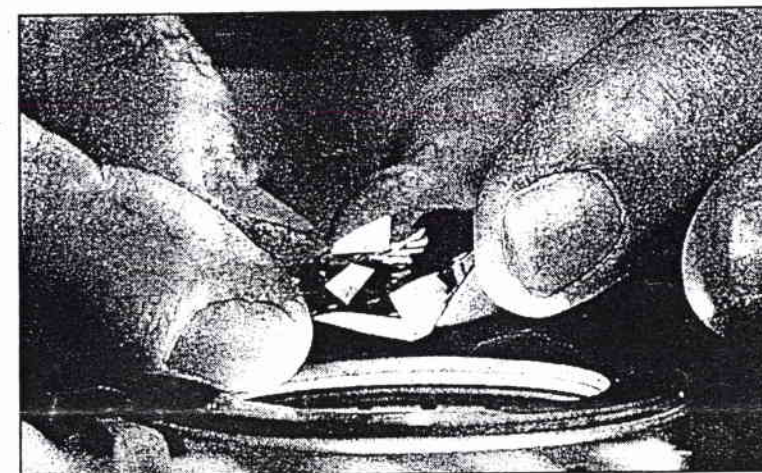
Have **patience, courage and hope**. Time is on your side.

—Paul Lewis



February 13, 1994

Hidden behind a rough exterior



JOYCE S. HIFLER

from them even before they are polished and refined.

Precious stones have to be cut precisely, polished expertly and set in the right mounting to be truly beautiful. They were not less worthy in their original state, but their hidden beauty was where we could not see it.

People are precious stones as well. They may be hidden behind a rough exterior, but we often sense the glow that emanates

With so much emphasis on how we look, there is always work to do that isn't all on the outside. Pettiness is the ugliest bubble in an otherwise lovely diamond. Bitterness hides the sparkle, and joylessness makes it dull.

But a little cautious treatment brings out the beautiful facets. And love makes it a real treasure — a thing of beauty that is joy forever.

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PHON-A-THON

Brother Gerald Frump, director of development at Shults-Lewis Childrens Home, has asked the La-Grange congregation to participate in their annual Phon-a-thon, as we have done the past few years. The evening of March 7 (first Monday in March) begins their "kick-off" of this campaign and he has asked if we could be a part of that particular evening. Last year the Valparaiso congregation worked side-by-side with us for the benefit of the home.

Shults-Lewis is one hour behind us, so if you would like to go this time, we could leave the building shortly after 5 o'clock (4 o'clock their time) and still get there by approximately 6:30, to begin calling. Think about it and let us know.

According to plans now, there will be a speaker from Shults-Lewis on Sunday evening, March 27th to give the evening lesson and then share the current Foster Care program to the church here. More on this later.

COURAGE OR FOOLISHNESS

*It takes a lot of courage,
To put things in God's hands,
To give ourselves completely--
Our lives, our hopes, our plans--
To follow where he leads us
And make His will our own--
But all it takes is foolishness
To go the way alone!*

On the bulletin board there is a bulletin from East Allen congregation in New Haven giving some information on a newly organized group called the Ladies Association of Camp Indogan (L.A.C.I.) It is a group of women recognizing the ongoing needs of Camp Indogan and are willing to try to do something about it. In a little over a year that they have directed their efforts they have accomplished a lot for the camp. They solicit memberships from any of the ladies at LaGrange and involvement in their monthly meetings, held at the East Allen church building in New Haven.

MCC CELEBRATION SATURDAY

This week-end the Gensics plan to take some "high schoolers" to the campus of Michigan Christian College for their annual Celebration Day. We appreciate Joe and Jane's interest in our youth (now and for their future) and wish for all who go to have an enjoyable and safe trip to the MCC campus at Rochester, MI. (Bet Donna Oakley & Robert Sowles will be happy to see all of them.)



The men will meet at 4 p.m. in the kitchen for the monthly business meeting. Good attendance and interest has made this a profitable time together. We invite other men who haven't been coming (also young men) to join us at this time.



BIBLE STUDY

There has been some interest in having a Bible class separate from the other classes now available that would look deeper into a study of God's Word. It is just now in the "talking stage" but some suggestions about the class has been offered. Brother John would be the teacher. The class would meet a couple of hours a week (likely on a Saturday morning). The study would include nations, people and places which relate to Old Testament History as well as a chronological overview of the Old Testament. John suggested Charles Pfeiffer's Old Testament History as a sourcebook. There would be some cost involved for the reference material. The class would include lectures, weekly reading and writing assignments, three to five hours per week study and preparation time. Memory work and additional study helps would be given as well as a comprehensive final exam and final grade.

All of the particulars are subject to interest and preference

of those attending. Please see John if you think you would be interested in such a class and he'll give you further information.



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| FEBRUARY 13 | Sue Litke |
| 16 | Bill Enyart |
| 16 | Becky Enyart |
| 19 | Karen Everly |
| 19 | Robert Sowles |
| 19 | Marcia Wagner |



Last Sunday evening Walter & Rose Parsons came stating they wished to place membership with the congregation here and become a part of the Lord's work here. We welcome them and are looking forward to knowing them better.



In Our Prayers

- JOYCE BURG - continuing to fight her lung problems.
BRAD - Jil's brother, doing better following surgery.
Sarah Beth - doing good after having tubes put in her ears.
All suffering with colds & flu.
The family of PAUL STEIDER who passed away last Thursday.

"Old Testament Background" should be in everyone's mailbox. (Make sure you read both sides.) Registration forms are located on the table underneath the mailboxes. If you are interested and want to sign up, you need to register by the end of March (so that your textbook can be ordered and here by the first day of class).

A final date has not been set yet, but it is being planned for some time this summer (probably in June). It is a reunion of the "bus kids," who are now no longer "kids." For this to happen we need to compile a list of former bus riders and then get their present phone number and/or address, especially ones who have remained in the area. If you could be of any assistance in either of these two tasks, please do stay after the potluck next Sunday and help.

JOHN

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE?

Nearly all the media coverage of the recent Los Angeles earthquake managed somehow to overlook the fact that the heart of the nation's pornography industry "happened" to coincide with the epicenter of the quake.

Newsman William Arnold of the New York Times News Service noted that the area comprised of the communities of Chatsworth, Northridge and Canoga Park is home to approximately 70 companies, which together produce more than 95 percent of the nation's output of porn videos.

The largest of these, VCA Pictures of Chatsworth, which normally produces more than 100 obscene videos each year, was so damaged by the quake that no one had been back inside the office building since the morning of the quake, Arnold wrote. "It's all over for them," said the manager of another video firm. "Their whole operation is gone--all their equipment and masters."

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MARK THESE DATES

Several dates in the coming months need to be noted and prepared for. First, there is March 7th, the date of the Shults-Lewis phonathon. On this Monday evening, a trek to Valparaiso and back, starting at 5:00, is planned. Volunteers are needed to reach out and touch someone.

The second date to mark is April 3rd, the date that we will be taking up a special contribution to assist brethren who have been affected by the recent earthquake and tremors in California. Because of the immediate need that there presently is, it was decided in the men's meeting last Sunday to send \$1,000 (borrowed from savings) right now and give ourselves a few weeks to prepare for the special contribution. Our plans are to use all of the money over budget on that day in two ways. First, to replace the \$1,000 we borrowed from savings and then, second, to forward the remaining amount on to the continued relief efforts. If we gave \$2,500 on April 3rd, we would be able to have contributed almost \$1,500 to needy brethren. Let's shoot for \$2,500. (April 3rd is the first Sunday of Easter vacation. If you and your family are planning to be gone that Sunday, please do make sure your contribution doesn't go with you.)

The third date to note is April 9th. This date has scheduled on it the first class of "Saturday School." Information on Saturday School itself and the first course

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BIBLE STUDY

A third Bible Study course that is available in the church files for personal growth is one called "The Christian Way". The author, Monroe Howley, has this to say about the course: "Many Christians never develop spiritually because they have not been taught how to live the Christian life. The Christian Way is a ten lesson course designed to answer this need. It presents Christianity as a way of life, not just a catalogue of duties. Each lesson is tied to this concept so that the student will gain a broader appreciation of the depth and meaning of his faith. Questions are objective, but reinforce the message of the lessons and stimulate thinking." If you think you'd like to take this study series, let us know.

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From the Library

An idea gotten from an incoming publication, told about how one congregation built up its library and its awareness of good Christian books by emphasizing it two months a year. That congregation asked every member (or family) to contribute to the building up of the library by buying one book yearly. We felt that there was merit in this idea. Brother John will be putting together a list of priorities from which we can start. Perhaps the office can be used for personal study. Books could be checked out. More on this later.

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NEWS and NOTES

SPANISH SERVICES

There is a good spirit on the part of Odilo and Juanita Villarreal and Joe Hughes that their efforts will "pay off" in the visitation work being done among the spanish people in our area. Not many visible results yet but their hopes and spirit remain high. We really appreciate their efforts and let's support them any way we can. From reports already received, the knowledge of such a beginning at the church of Christ building is getting around. Pray that in this work also there will be additions to the Lord's kingdom.

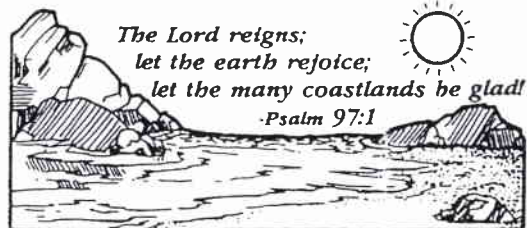
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TAPES

The new recorder is picking up two copies of the Sunday morning sermons on "the church" (one will be retained as a master copy and the other on loan). Additional copies can be made anytime for extra needs. Ask Jim Braid for these, as they are being placed in a new cabinet for easy reference.

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NEXT SUNDAY is our 4th Sunday fellowship dinner following morning services. Bring your potato chips (or whatever) and look for a spiritual feast too.

Also after the dinner there will be a personal work class meeting in room #13.

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DIRECTORY ADDITION:



Please add Walter & Rose Parsons to your directory.

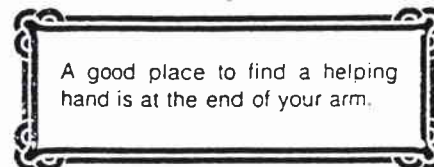
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Our commodity for the months of February and March for Shurts-Lewis is CANNED PEARS. There is a box on the table in the foyer for this collection.

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FEBRUARY 26 Thelma Hoggatt
27 Sharon Pieratt

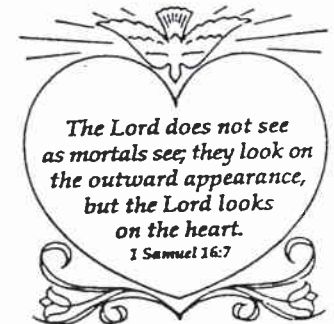
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In Our Prayers

MIQUELA OAKLEY - suffering with bronchitis
NANNY HALL, DENISE REILING, BETTY OAKLEY, LILA SMITH & RON CALDWELL - dealing with their cancer.
VIRGINIA MOORE - Becky's mom, moving back this week, Apt 19 Country Place
THE RAINSBURGERS - travelling
THE FAMILY OF LAURA JACOBS - who passed away last week.
THE DENNISON'S - doing the Lords' work in New Zealand.

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8th February

Dear Brethern,

Greetings in Jesus name. Well, we're into our warmest time of the year. Yet there are some quite cool days. Hannah (age 7) began a new school this year. It's a small private school which caters for bright children. The classes are up to 20 students but no more.

I'm seeking some more work, with the Post Office this time. I'm trying to get work that is regular, in the morning, and not shift-work, like the rest home.

Now that we are into February, classes have started. I teach the teens Sunday morning and Tuesday evenings. I also have a class on Thursdays out at a town called Tepuke (the kiwifruit centre of the world, they say). We are doing young people's activities a couple of times a week. It was good to have one of our young people, Leanne Renner, baptized last month. She is the daughter of one of the deacons here. young Daniel came to church a few weeks ago out of the blue. Unfortunately he is living with a young friend who is involved with the occult. Please pray for him as this sort of thing is a strong influence and deadly serious. Satan's kingdom is showing it's true colours in different corners of the world.

Our new little boy is doing well. He is 2 months old now and putting on good weight. Kath has been feeling tired in the last few days. My night shift doesn't help, so the sooner I'm done with that, the better.

Oh, has anyone got an old VHS video camera they don't want? Maybe they are updating to a camcorder. I want to get an American camera in order to send videos back of the work & family here. If it can run on 220 volts, that's preferred. Some switch from 110-220. Otherwise, I'll just use a transformer.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. God bless you all in Christs.
Scott Dennison

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Things Money Can Buy

We are all familiar with the old adage, "*There are some things that money cannot buy.*" Love and happiness are two things that immediately come to my mind. Let us stop and ponder for a moment the things that money *can* buy.

The apostle Paul penned some very sobering words through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He wrote "*For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (1 Timothy 6:10).*"

- Money can buy you a heart of hatred (**Proverbs 15:17**).
- Money can buy you an eye of covetousness (**Proverbs 28:22**).
- Money can buy you a mind of independence from God (**Proverbs 30:9**).
- Money can buy you a tongue that tells lies (**Proverbs 21:6**).
- Money can buy you a pocketbook of insecurity (**Proverbs 23:5**).

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- Money can buy you a life with no purpose (Proverbs 30:8).
- Money can buy you years of trouble (Proverbs 15:16).
- Money can buy you a soul that is spiritually bankrupt (Proverbs 11:4).
- Money can buy you an eternal home apart from God (Proverbs 28:20).

-adapted from an article by Barry Gilreath

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BIBLE PUZZLES

Each line of the following poem refers to a certain Biblical character. Fill in the names,

then transfer the letters from the numbered spaces to the quotation below. Enjoy!

I was the heavenly angel who announced the coming birth.

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I got the news and thought I was the most blessed one on earth.

_____ 5

I was the mother's cousin—with a baby of my own.

_____ 2 _____ 6

Good Morning God,

You are ushering in another day untouched and freshly new, so here I come to ask You God if You'll renew me too?

Forgive the many errors, that I made yesterday, and let me try again dear God, to walk closer in Thy way.

But Father, I am well aware I can't make it on my own. So take my hand and hold it tight for I can't walk alone.

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I was rather scandalized, but an angel changed my tune. _____ 3 _____ 20 _____ 16

I was the Roman emperor who decreed the worldwide taxing. _____ 18 _____ 13 _____

We were the wise astronomers. This new star was perplexing. _____ 1 _____ 11

I was the king they visited. I consulted my best scribes. _____ 4 _____ 7 _____ 10

We were working in the field when angels filled the skies. _____ 14 _____ 19 _____ 15 _____

And I was waiting in the temple, till I could see the Christ. _____ 21 _____ 9 _____ 12

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Today, following morning services, we'll be having our meal together in the fellowship area. We invite everyone to stay for this including our visitors.

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Mark Your Calendars for these Events!



- March 7 Phon-a-thon at Shults-Lewis
- 7 MCC's "Autumn" at Donmoyer South Bend.
- 14 Harding's Concert Choir - Donmoyer, So. Bend
- 17 Freedom quartet, Community Center, Angola
- 27 Shults-Lewis speaker - evening, Foster Parenting
- 28 Roller Skating - Ft. Wayne
- April 3 Special Contribution - Earthquake victims
- 3-7 OVC Lectureship
- 9 Saturday School begins (April 9 - May 14)
- 15 Teachers Banquet
- 16 Camp Development Dinner - Ft. Wayne

Mark your calendars for these events and support them with prayer and your attendance.

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Solution to Bible Puzzle:

Gabriel, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, Caesar Augustus, Magi, Herod, Shepherds, Simeon. Quote: "Glory to God in the highest!" (Luke 2:14)



FEBRUARY 26
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Thelma Hoggatt
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In Our Prayers

KIM CHOWING'S SISTER - had a baby girl, & also had to have her gall bladder removed. BRETT - Jil's brother, had an abscess under

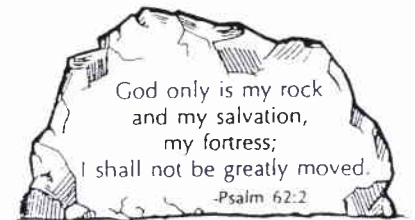
his diaphragm so had to have further surgery, also has pneumonia now. NANNY HALL, DENISE REILING, BETTY OAKLEY, LILA SMITH & RON CALDWELL - continuing their struggle with cancer.

THE DENNISON FAMILY - working in New Zealand.

THE FAMILY OF CARL JACOBS - who passed away last week, his wife passed away the week before.

THE FAMILY OF JOY SPRING - who was killed in an auto accident Wednesday. Her children rode the Joy Bus.

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This list about things in the church that need to be said more often, was written by Bruce Tucker from Belle, W.V.

Elders would like to hear some people say:

"Thanks for caring about me. Thanks for being my shepherd."
"How can I help in the work of the church? I've got time."
"I've not been generous enough in my giving. Here's a check for (fill in blank) to make up for my poor giving this year."
"I'd like the chance to teach in the Bible School."
"Can I head up this new church project?"
"I'm sorry I fussed."

Bible class teachers would like to hear:

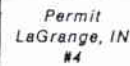
"Your classes are wonderful I wish they lasted longer!"
"Thanks for caring enough about my soul to prepare for class."
"Your classroom looks great!"
"Can I substitute teach for you when you're out of town?"
"Teacher, I brought a visitor to class today."

Any Christian would like to hear more often:

"I love you and I'm glad we're brethren"
"I'm sorry. I was so inconsiderate when I said that to you."
"I've been praying for you."
"We've missed you while you were sick/away."
"I forgive you."
"Are you really okay, or is something bothering you you'd like to talk about?"

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A Smelly Ambition

"What is your ambition in life today? Is it to get rich? Is it to make a name for yourself? Is it even to do some wonderful thing for God? Listen to me, beloved. The highest desire that can possess any human heart is a longing to see God."
—J. Vernon McGee

How can we be so far off track? Ask most anyone who calls himself/herself a Christian, and what you will probably hear is talk of ambitions that center on career, position, money, or things. Vernon McGee says No, that's off base; the Christian's greatest ambition must be a longing to see God.

Second to that, however, is the one Paul describes in I Timothy 3:1, the longing to be an overseer in God's church. Great ambition: become powerful, tell people what to do, decide what the church can and can't do, decree how things will run, hand down rulings on controversial issues, judge ecclesiastical disputes between church members. An exciting life!

Except for one thing: that's not what the Bible means by "overseer." Acts 20:28 defines the word: the overseer is the one who carries out his work by being a shepherd of the flock of God. Picture the work of a first-century

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shepherd, and the words that come to mind are not "judge, decide, decree, hand down rulings." What comes to mind is a smell: the smell of sheep. Shepherds are those who stay so close to their sheep that they come to smell like them. They are bloody with the sheep's wounds. Their eyes are blurred from staying up at night with troubled sheep. Their arms are tired from holding scared sheep in their reassuring arms. Their feet are sore from wandering over the hills looking for missing sheep.

If that lifestyle is what one wants, Paul told Timothy, the choice is a good one. It's the lifestyle of Jesus, the Shepherd of our souls.

-Gayle Crowe

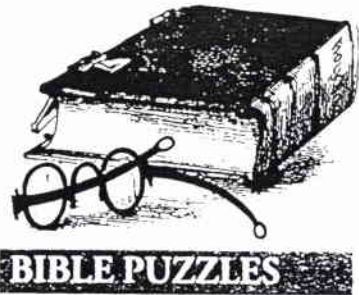
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Cryptogram

Use a pencil to decode the following verses from Lamentations. Each letter stands for another letter. To break the code, try looking for double letters, repeated words, and small words. Enjoy!

Clues: A=P B=Q

OSM PLIG RC ELLG OLOSLCM FSLCM SLAM
RC RJ SRK, OL OSM LJM FSL CMMZC SRK;
RO RC ELLG OL FDRO BWRMOPU VLI OSM
CDPQDORLJ LV OSM PLIG.



Remember

Tomorrow evening - the Phone-A-Thon for Shults-Lewis.

Also tomorrow evening MCC's "Autumn" at Donmoyer in South Bend.

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The men will meet for the monthly Men's Meeting next Sunday at 4:00. Make plans to attend.

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SO SORRY - these names were missed last week!

- FEBRUARY 28 Annie Green
- 28 Jennifer Faltner
- MARCH 5 Scott Dennison
- 5 Kristofer Sprunger
- 5 Dennis Mullett
- Hope your birthday was GREAT!
- 8 Micah Chowning
- 8 Andrew Oakley
- 11 Sally May
- 11 Will May
- 12 Jim Henson
- 12 Mary Ann Johnston

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Happy Anniversary!

MARCH 12 Dean & Thelma Hoggatt

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Those suffering with cancer - NANNY HALL, DENISE REILING, BETTY OAKLEY, LILA SMITH & RON CALDWELL.

THE DENNISON FAMILY - working in New Zealand.

Any travelling or suffering with flu & colds at this time.

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"OF COURSE I BELIEVE WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS, DEAR."

"ASK AND YE SHALL RECEIVE."

ANSWER TO BIBLE PUZZLE: Lamentations 3: 25-26: The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Don't Kill Today with Yesterday

When Thomas Carlyle had finished writing his history of the French Revolution, he took the manuscript to a neighbor, John Stuart Mill, for proofreading. A few days later, Mill came to Carlyle's house with disastrous news. His maid had used the manuscript to start a fire in the fireplace.

Carlyle raged like a madman for several days. For two full years he had poured his whole being into that manuscript. Now, it was gone. Two years of his life were reduced to ashes. In view of that tragic blunder, Carlyle thought he could never again give himself to the difficult discipline of writing.

One day Carlyle stood looking out his second story window over the rooftops near his home. Across the way he saw a stone mason slowly and patiently rebuilding a collapsed wall, putting one stone upon another, until finally the new wall took form. For the first time Carlyle accepted the unfortunate mistake of his past and began to rewrite his book. Diligently, one page at a time, one day at a time, he wrote and finished what was probably his finest work.

To make things right when they go wrong in your life, you must rebuild by carefully replacing one stone of your life upon another, one day at a time.

*Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,
I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has
called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. —Philippians 3:13-14*

—Dr. Paul Faulkner, *Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong*

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Full Or Empty

by
Joe Barnett

As they rode home the father grumbled about the long sermon; the teenage daughter complained about the dull announcements; the mother griped about the song leader selecting songs she didn't know. The seven-year-old said, "I thought it was pretty good, considering we all got in for a dollar."

When a person stumbles out of the church building fuming about the shoddy service, he had better examine himself! The service probably had its weak spots...but surely the whole thing wasn't bad. Leaving worship without being blessed is like going into a huge department store where hundreds of thousands of dollars of merchandise is displayed, and coming out with a \$.49 item. You come out with what you went in to get.

When you go to worship expecting to receive a blessing you're likely to receive it. When you go to worship to be a blessing to others, you're likely to achieve it. But you're bound to leave empty if you entered with a critical attitude. You expect the song leader to miss the pitch. You expect a shallow sermon. Neither of those guys is on your "favorite people list" anyway. You decided before they ever started, if you'll be truthful about it, that you weren't

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going to like "the performance". And that's part of the problem...you view it as a performance. You came as a spectator rather than a participant!

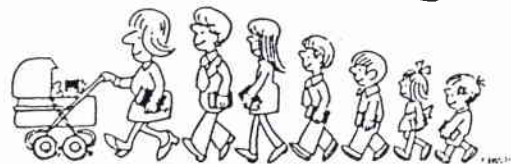
You're to be pitied if you receive nothing. You keep going because you're duty bound, but you go as a critic, not as a worshipper or an encourager. In that frame of mind there's no way you can praise God or build up others.

The spirit that wins in worship is the one that goes saying, "I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:2). If you want to be spiritually fed you've got to bring the appetite!

Did you go away full or empty? It's not the church, friends, it's you!

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Bible classes for all ages



Not too often do we urge via the bulletin to attend the Bible classes of the church, although it would be a good habit to get into. It's not only important for our children to have a regular diet of Gods Word but it's also important for the parent and adults to lead the way. The adult class this month is dealing with subjects of Redemption, Prayer, Good Works and the Lord's Invitation for Commitment. Brother Dennis Rainsberger is teaching the adult class this month. Other teachers are starting a new quarter and put quite a bit of time into making their lessons informative as well as interesting. Let's support them in their efforts, as we mature together.

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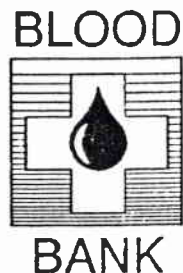
Esther & Dennis Mullett are the parents of Kenneth Devon, born last Sunday, March 6th. He weighed in at 7 lb. 4 oz.

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Born to Kim & John Chowning Saturday, March 11, another boy Luke David, weighing 6 lb. 4 oz.

May God bless our new little boys and their families!

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Blood donors needed this Monday, March 14 for Red Cross Blood-mobile. Howe Military School from 11 to 5. Call for appointment 463-3552

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NEEDED!

People interested in raising puppies to be Leader Dogs for the Blind. If interested call (810)651-9011. More information for this is on bulletin board.

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You Are
LOVED!



The Men's Meeting is scheduled this afternoon at 4 p.m. We urge all men to be there.

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The Freedom Quartet will be presenting a program of gospel songs this Thursday, March 17th at the Community Center in Angola. Tri-State congregation is notifying us of this program (they know some of the singers) which begins at 7 P.M.

The Harding University Concert Choir will be at the Donmoyer congregation in South Bend Monday evening, March 14. See flyers on bulletin board.

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If you are interested in an "Old Testament Background" study starting April 9th, John will be teaching this class which will continue through May 14. Registration forms are on the table underneath the mailboxes. Let him know soon as he plans to order a textbook for each student that attends.

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GOSPEL MEETING

Scheduled at East Allen congregation in New Haven on March 20-23. We are invited to attend.

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VISITING SPEAKER

Brother Roger Lee from the Shults-Lewis Childrens Home will be speaking on Sunday evening March 27th. Much of what he has to say will center around Foster Parenting in the home. We look forward to up to date information about this good work for those interested.

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MARCH 25
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Jim Braid
Mike Sprunger

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PRAYER LIST

WALTER PARSON - Parkview CC Unit rm 11 he'll be in till Thursday phone # 219-484-6636 ext.6280
JUDY FIELDS - praying for a transfer closer to home & her family.
NANNY HALL, DENISE REILING, BETTY OAKLEY, LILA SMITH & RON CALDWELL - as they deal with their cancer.
THE DENNISON FAMILY - as they work for the Lord in New Zealand.

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A Literal Hell?

We don't like to talk about hell, do we? "A loving God wouldn't send people to hell." So we dismiss it. But to dismiss it is to dismiss a core teaching of Jesus. And to dismiss it is to dismiss the presence of a loving God and the privilege of a free choice. Let me explain.

We are free either to love God or not. He invites us to love him. He urges us to love him. He came that we might love him. But, in the end, the choice is yours and mine. To take that choice from each of us, for him to force us to love him, would be less than love.

Hell was not prepared for people. Hell "was prepared for the devil and his angels." For a person to go to hell, then is for a person to go against God's intended destiny. "God has not destined us to the terrors of judgment, but to the full attainment of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." Hell is man's choice, not God's choice.

Hell is the chosen place of the person who loves self more than God, who loves sin more than his Savior, who loves this world more than God's world. Judgment is that moment when God looks at the rebellious and says, "Your choice will be honored."

To reject the dualistic outcome of history and say there is no hell leaves gaping holes in any banner of a just God. To say there is no hell is to say God condones the rebellious, unrepentant hearts. To say there is no hell is to portray God with eyes blind to the hunger and evil in the world. To say there is no hell is to say that God doesn't care that people are beaten and massacred, that he doesn't care that women are raped or families wrecked. To say there is no hell is to say God has no justice, no sense of right and wrong, and eventually say God has no love. For true love hates what is evil.

Our task on earth is singular — to choose our eternal home. You can afford many wrong choices in life. You can choose the wrong career and survive, the wrong city, the wrong house, the wrong mate. But there is one choice that must be made correctly and that is your eternal destiny.

—Max Lucado

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God Made Us a Family

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We Love One Another
We Forgive One Another
We Work Together
We Play Together
We Worship Together
Together We Use God's Word
Together We Grow in Christ
Together We Love All Men
Together We Serve Our God
Together We Long For Heaven
These Are Our Hopes and Ideas
Help Us To Obtain Them, O God
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Author Unknown

GREAT FELLOWSHIP
DINNER SCHEDULED



AFTER THE MORNING SERVICES

Don't forget our carry in dinner next Sunday for our usual 4th Sunday fellowship.

Following the dinner a Personal Evangelism class will meet (usually about an hour) to consider avenues of evangelism.



March 27

Brother Roger Lee from Shults-Lewis Home will be presenting the evening lesson and particularly covering the subject of Foster Parenting. In all of these events we hope you will look forward to them and support them by your attendance.



To Joe Gensic for last Sunday evenings lesson on "LIFE". Being called at the last minute (Friday evening because of Johns lack of time to prepare because of Luke David's birth) he was able to recall a recent lesson at a youth rally. We're glad you shared it with us Joe.



As was mentioned before, Sunday, April 3, all contributions over our budget will be sent to help in the Earthquake Relief effort being done through the churches of Christ. Please pray and plan ahead for your gift and that through the united efforts of the brotherhood our Christian brethren in the Los Angeles area will receive help from those that see and care.

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LOOKING AHEAD

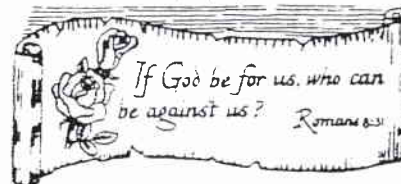
A missionary report by Randy Matheny (and Pam) back from their India work. is tentatively set for April 10.

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Beginning April 9, John will be teaching a class which will be a study in the Old Testament. Registration forms are in the foyer (under the mail boxes) and they should be given to him right away for ordering the class books. This Saturday morning class will run from April 9 through May 14.

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Shults-Lewis



The commodity for Shults-Lewis this time is canned pears. A box is in the south lobby in which you can place these cans.

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Step by Step

He does not lead me year by year,
Nor even day by day;
But step by step my path unfolds,
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know:
I only know this minute.
But He will say, "This is the way,
By faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so,
Today's enough to bear,
And when tomorrow comes,
His grace
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret?
The God who gave His Son
Holds all my moments in His hand,
And gives them one by one.

-Author unknown

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HIS MERCIES ARE GREAT.

II SAM. 24:14

How great is His mercy! There is nothing little about God. He forgives great sins to great sinners after great lengths of time; gives great favors and great privileges and raises us up to great enjoyments in the great Heaven of the Great God.

-C. H. Spurgeon



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In Our Prayers

WALTER PARSONS - had open heart surgery Wednesday afternoon and is out of CCU.
PATTI COPELAND'S DAD - had surgery Thursday.
It was found out that KATHY HUGHES' FATHER has cancer.
Remember: NANNY HALL, BETTY OAKLEY, DENISE REILING, LILA SMITH & RON CALDWELL, SR.
THE DENNISON FAMILY - working in New Zealand.
JUDY FIELDS - with her job situation.

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*Zelma
Christina
Dora Miller
More & John Miller*

15 March 1994

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in Jesus name, the Saviour of us all. The days have taken a great temperature drop. The afternoons are still warm, and the weather has been settled. Kath took me to Sapphire Springs for my birthday, a little camping resort with heated pools settled in natural forest. It was a beautiful afternoon and a quiet break from the older children who were looked after by my sister.

I've been busy with work at the Rest Home. This week I've got a lot of morning work on. That's good. We need to have some extra money in to meet our financial commitments. The Lord has provided work for us where many are unemployed. We thank Him for this. We appreciate the support we get from you also.

By the way, we are looking for some not-to-old Sunday School curriculums. Do you have any recent Journeys spare that we could have? If we were able to get 1/2 a dozen we could use them in one of our classes. Bill Merrick (deacon) and I have been assigned this job of formulating class ideas for our next teacher's meeting. Any children's booklets or material would be appreciated, but not to old. (You know how the kids are today!)

I still preach about once a month and do the teen class Sundays and Tuesday nights.

Thank you for your bulletins, prayers, support, gifts, cards and thoughts.

Love in Christ,
Scott Dennison

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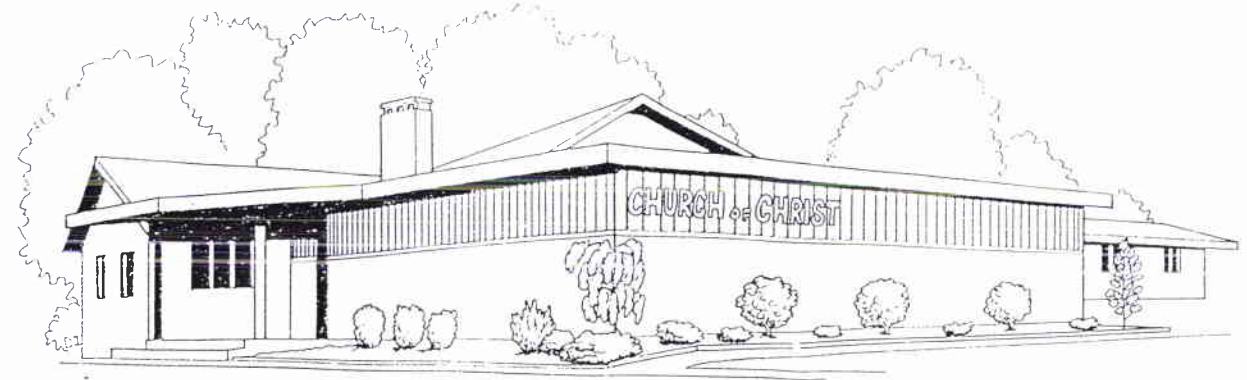
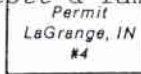
You have been asource of encouragement to us. We praise God for your love. I pray taht the Mexican program goes ahead with God's blessing. Thank you for your care package and the xmas card. Our love to you all.

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In Christ,
Scott & family



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Not Responsible?

Cartoon in a recent **Christianity Today**: The setting is the Throne Room of God on Judgment Day. Gathered before the throne are three groups of people, each under a descriptive banner:

- Small group under banner, "Saints."
- Slightly larger group under banner, "Sinners."
- Enormous group under banner, "Individuals Who Have Been Victimized by Society and are Therefore Not Responsible for Their Actions!"

Ever since Adam told God, "The woman you put here with me — she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it," and Eve followed up that passing-of-the-buck with another, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate," and sometime later Cain answered God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" human beings have been blaming other people or circumstances for their actions.

It's the easy way. I can't do X, Y, or Z because of my traumatic background. I won't be able to go here or go there because of sad or destructive experiences in my past. You'll have to find somebody else to handle A and B because I am having to deal with my feelings about X and Y.

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Praise the Lord, God knows about those things. One of Jesus' major messages was that our Father loves us as his children, cares about us, and knows our pain. At the same time, when a man told Jesus he couldn't follow him because of a recent tragedy in the family (the death of his father), Jesus had strong words for him. "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Loosely translated, Jesus' message was, "Your situation will not be easier if you go into a corner and allow it to overwhelm you. Get up and let God use you for Him."

Jesus' way: not always the easiest, but always the best.

-Gayle Crowe

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THE 6TH ANNUAL
TEACHERS APPRECIATION BANQUET

April 15, 1994 6:30 p.m.

All teachers and their spouses are invited. Let Lois know if you plan to attend.



There will be a Skating Party on Monday, March 28 at the Roller Dome in Ft. Wayne. A good place to meet your "ol" friends.

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We hope you plan to stay (even if you forgot to bring a dish) for our lunch together today. We especially encourage our visitors to stay. Let's make it another good "one another" occasion. Zone 3 in charge of drinks and clean-up.

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EVANGELISM CLASS

Is scheduled immediately after our lunch today. An emphasis today is on reaching former bus workers (teachers & riders) through personal exchange of ideas. We invite everyone to stay who would like to be a part of this effort.

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Guest
Speaker!

This evening we look forward to the lesson being brought by brother Roger Lee from Shults-Lewis Home. We will be emphasizing Foster Parenting as an outreach of the home. If you know of anyone who is interested in this method of child care, let them know. In any case we all should be interested in this good work and be here to listen to brother Lee as we praise our God in worship.

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EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

Next Sunday, April 3, has been the announced day for any amount given above the budget to go directly to helping the earthquake victims. Quakes continue to occur in the Los Angeles area following the severe January quake, and requests for help is still being received. One thousand dollars was sent earlier (as the need was urgent) so we need to replace this amount toward the budget before the additional contributions are sent on. Give some thought towards what you may be able to do as you plan your giving next Sunday.

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SATURDAY MORNING CLASS

Last call for brother John's class on the Old Testament studies which will begin April 9. He needs to have all registrations in so that class books may be ordered and received in time. There is a cost which is explained along with other information on the registration forms.



MARCH 28	Phil Hostetler
31	Melissa Oakley
APRIL 1	Jim Pieratt

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Happy Anniversary!

MARCH 31	Enos & Norma Miller
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If anyone is interested in getting a team together or being on a team see Dennis Mullett.

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In Our Prayers

WALTER PARSONS - home recuperation from heart surgery.
 ORVIE MILLER - also recovering from surgery.
 ZELMA FELTNER - recovering from gall bladder surgery
 JADE, CHRISTI, KRISTOFER - and probably others ill with flu & colds
 DIANE KIMPEL - waiting for tests results in the next 2-3 weeks.
 CHRISTINE MORGAN - Dale's daughter, had surgery for a brain tumor - looks good.
 ALL THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER.
 DALE + MARY ANN - will be travelling today.

WHAT IS SUNDAY NIGHT ?

Sunday night is.....

-a part of the Lord's day.
-a time that is not mine, but His.
-a time for enjoying the privilege of assembling in fellowship with the family of God to worship.
-a time for proving my love and loyalty to Him who died for me.
-a time for letting our lights shine by doing what some would term extra duty.
-a time to win souls to Christ by bringing others.
-a time to encourage the brethren who are worshipping at that hour.
-a time to grow spiritually.

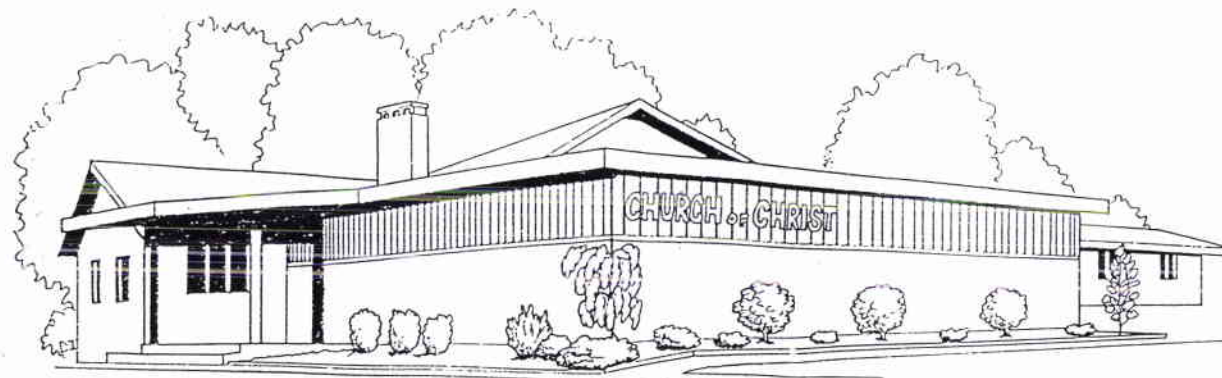
JESUS WILL BE THERE....WILL YOU ?

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SPEAK OUT FOR JESUS

You talk about your business, your bonds and stocks and gold;

*And in all worldly matters you are so braave and bold,
But why are you so silent about salvation's plan?
Why don't you speak for Jesus, and speak out like a man?*

*You talk about the weather, And the crops of corn and wheat;
You speak of freinds and neighbors that pall along the street;
You call yourself a Christian, And like the Gospel plan -
Then why not speak for Jesus and speak out like a man?*

*Are you ashamed of Jesus and the story of the cross,
That you lower His pure banner and let it suffer loss?
Have you forgot His suffering? Did He die for you in vain?
If not, then live and speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man.*

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EARTHQUAKE REPORT

Following is a report from brother McFarland of the Redwood church of Christ near the Northridge, California earthquake site. -

"The outpouring of love and assistance from around the country has been tremendous.

During the first two weeks of the relief effort, local Christians worked hard to ensure that the immediate emergency needs were met. Thousands of gallons of water and thousands of bags of food were distributed and more than 3500 hot meals were provided. Clothing, bedding, and blankets were distributed by the van load.

All members who were living at the church building have been given temporary housing, have moved into new apartments, or have returned home and in the process of repairing their houses. Because of gifts like yours, significant progress has been made in returning people to their homes.

While the current situation is much improved, Christians in the Los Angeles area are preparing for the long-term trials that such a devastating quake brings. The churches in Los Angeles are in a position to reach out in a meaningful and long-term way to glorify God through this disaster.

It has been a great blessing to witness the dramatic way that God is using the church in Southern California and how Christians across the nation have risen quickly to help and heal their brothers and

sisters. Your gifts have provided food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, clothes and blankets for the cold, and shelter for those whose homes were destroyed. God bless you and keep you."

Grace and peace,
Ken McFarland

Today we are planning to send all contributions above budget for the earthquake relief work. At this time, as the apostle Paul said in II Cor 8:14, our "abundance may be a supply for their want". Let us prayerfully consider our estate and give generously for those of our brothers and sisters in need.

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Shults-Lewis

COMMODITY REMINDER

The commodity request is for "Canned Pears". The pick up date will be sometime the week of April 10th. Place your cans in the box marked Shults-Lewis on the table in the south lobby.

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In Our Prayers

WALTER PARSONS - returned to the hospital Thursday with infection.

ALF HOWARD - Kathy Hughes' father, suffering with cancer & taking treatments.

Travelling - RAINSBURGERS, KIMPELS, & FIELDS FAMILIES & DEAN & THELMA.

FRANCES SPRINGER - not feeling good
BECKY SOWLES - back to Dr. Monday.

TEACHERS BANQUET

Joe & Lois Oakley, Jane Gensic and Brian Hoggatt (the education committee) are inviting all teachers and spouses, to a banquet on April 15. They ask that you let them know by the end of this week to confirm your coming so that food preparations can be made. A visiting speaker will be here to share the evening with all of the teachers.

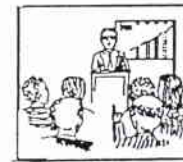
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CAMP INDOGAN

DEVELOPMENT DINNER

Scheduled this year at East Allen County church of Christ on April 16th. Brother Reggie Best, from Michigan Christian College, will be the speaker for this occasion. See Dean for tickets and more information as to schedule and transportation.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Scheduled for April 17th. This quarterly meeting is informational and it is hoped that all of our members will stay for a few minutes following morning services that we may share our ideas and goals.

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YOU CAN HELP!

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| APRIL 4 | Kimberly Mullett |
| 5 | Sharon Simpson |
| 7 | Vicky Rainsberger |
| 8 | Katherine Oakley |
| 9 | Joe Hughes |
| 9 | Mark Wagner |

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Happy Anniversary!

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| APRIL 7 | Wes & Sharon Simpson |
| 8 | Perry & Hazel Miller |

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A Successful Eighth Year In India's Harvest Field

The success of our work in India in 1993 and into this year can be measured in many ways, but one of the most important to me, other than the number of souls we were able to reach for Christ, was being able to labor for six straight months without having to return to the United States to raise more money! All I can offer is a heartfelt "THANK YOU!" to those of you who were just as determined to keep Pam and me there as we were determined to stay. When we developed projections for our work early in 1993 we began planning on a budget that would keep us in India for at least four months. We calculated the budget needed based on past campaign experience, but we continued to pray that additional funds would become available to keep us in India for six months. With the indispensable help that you provided we were able to stretch our resources, keep the work running at nearly full speed, and accomplish nearly everything that we set out to do in 1993! Unfortunately, though, we were forced to postpone some important printing of training literature, cut back on purchases of Bibles, New Testaments and song books, delay construction of one building for the church, and reduce our campaigning to twenty-three districts out of the original twenty-nine planned. Nonetheless, I am extremely pleased with what was accomplished during six months of joint labor with our Indian brothers and sisters.

Campaign Synopsis August, 1993 through February, 1994

Averages		Meetings Preached	Congregations Planted	Conversions
Conversions Per Meeting	Conversions Per Team	1,333	245	3848
3	296	States Covered	Districts Campaigned	Campaign Teams
Follow-up work with established congregations constituted 82% of our effort.		Andhra Karnataka Tamil Nadu Goa	23	13

Randy & Pam
With all our love,

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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

An old farmer listed his property for sale with a real estate agent who wrote up an advertisement. He then read it to the farmer for his approval. Being thoughtful for a moment, the farmer said, "I don't believe I want to sell. That's the kind of place I've been looking for all my life. I didn't know I had it until you described it to me."

Isn't this like most of us? Not satisfied with what we possess because we simply take it for granted! Look around you, my friend: look at your family, your house, your congregation, your blessings! "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thess. 5:18)



TEACHERS BANQUET

This Friday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be the 6th Annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet. There will be a guest speaker for the evening. This annual event shows the appreciation that the educational committee (especially Joe & Lois) have for the teachers who are willing to be a part of the teaching program of the church here.

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CAMP INDOGAN

DEVELOPMENT DINNER

This annual event is to be held at the East Allen County church of Christ in New Haven, IN. on Saturday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m. Brother Reggie Best from MCC will be the speaker for the evening.

Camp Indogan has been one of those "good works" that has been so influential for our youth over the years. We recognize that a Christian camp has a big part to play in the positive experiences of a young persons life in our day and age, and Camp Indogan makes it all possible. It is worthy of a Christian's support. Those planning the activities for the evening would appreciate your attendance and support. A full agenda for the evening is on the bulletin board in the lobby and tickets are available (\$15.00/person) from Dean. If you need a ride, let us know.

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Shults-Lewis

COMMODITIES

Someone from the home will be picking up our CANNED PEARS for Shults-Lewis this week. If you haven't brought in your PEARS yet and would like to do so, please have it here by this evening, and place it in the box marked "Shults-Lewis" on the table in the south lobby.

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KEENAGERS 16TH ANNIVERSARY

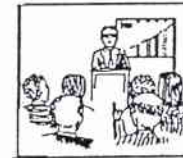
The "keenagers" will be celebrating their 16th Anniversary on Tuesday April 19. This program, designed for the seniors, was started in April of 1978 when Coleman Crocker was holding a gospel meeting here. Norm & Merilyn Herron were here then and they plan to be here on the 19th to share those memories again and Norm will be speaking to the group present. We would particularly like to invite all seniors 60 and over, of the congregation here to come share this occasion with those who over the years have attended. Even those younger are welcome to attend this anniversary date. This program is presently meeting every Tuesday morning from 10 to 12 and to many, is a highlight of the week.

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There is a Men's Meeting today at 4:00. Seems to be a good time (and length of time) to go over matters of the church and get done in time for the evening service.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Next Sunday immediately after morning services. You may have to plan ahead to stay for the 1/2 hour (or so) review of past, present and future activities of the Lord's work. We invite every member to remain for this assembly.

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EARTHQUAKE CONTRIBUTION

For those who were away and/or those who might have forgotten, the special contribution for the earthquake victims in California, that was to be given last Sunday, will also be taken today. If you want to give toward this need, please ear mark your contibution "Earthquake Relief" and place in the basket as it is passed.

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APRIL 15
17

Cora Everly
Joe Gensic

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In Our Prayers

NANNY HALL, DENISE REILING, BETTY OAKLEY, LILA SMITH, RON CALDWELL SR., ALF HOWARD - all suffering with cancer.
WALTER PARSONS - recovering from heart surgery.
THE DENNISON FAMILY - working in New Zealand.
BOB SOWLES - having tests the 11th.
FRANCES SPRINGER - having respiratory problems.
ORVIE MILLER - in the hospital & out again this past week.
JIL'S GRANDMA - having eye problems.

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Our editor commented, "Mother Teresa would be easier to listen to if she were harder to understand, if she talked all around her subject or skipped over it lightly. But apparently she's never learned to obfuscate. This is a serious social handicap, yet she is admired by millions."

Truth doesn't always come with a nice soft touch. Take for instance John the Baptist. "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" (Matthew 3:7). Jesus was shocked that some were shocked with John. "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7). Who knows? Maybe a little more impolite plain talk is the very dose our polite, politically correct, society needs.

I wonder who will be speaking at next year's National Prayer Breakfast? Reckon they will furnish any guidelines?

-John Gipson

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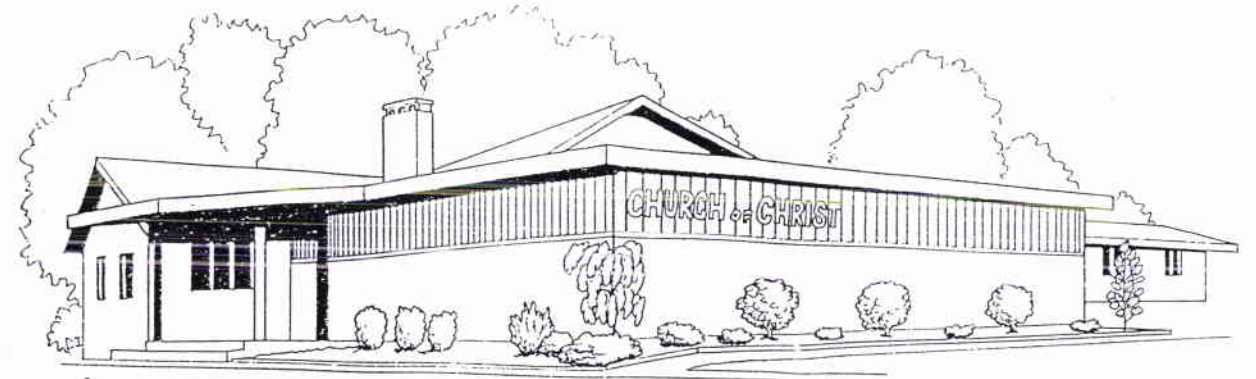
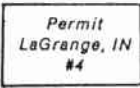
A BIG THANKS! To Joe & Lois and the Education Committee for a wonderful meal and time of uplifting Friday evening. Remember those parables. We appreciate you and all you do!

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Heaven On Wheels

The editorial in our paper read: "HEAVEN ON WHEELS -- MOTHER TERESA GOES TO WASHINGTON."

It described this little nun from Calcutta getting up to speak at this year's National Prayer Breakfast and saying all of the wrong things...right in front of the President. She skipped all of the traditional, feelgood opening and got down to business.

The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?

How's that for putting the whammy on someone? And she wasn't through.

By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world...So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TODAY

While we are all together right after services this morning, brother Perry will begin our quarterly meeting. We encourage all of the members to stay and participate in the things that are discussed. Also, according to our articles of incorporation of the church, there should be at least 3 trustees elected (and entered into the minutes) who are looked to in regard to the legal matters of the church. The present trustees are: Perry Miller, Jim Pieratt and Dean Hoggatt. These men could be reappointed or other men appointed as the congregation sees fit. The necessary requirements are that the appointees have to be property owners and of course for the sake of the church, should have complete confidence of the members.

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CAMP INDOGAN

YOUTH RALLIES

Pre-Teens May 6 - 7
Teens May 13 - 15
(3 days)

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COLUMBIA CITY LECTURESHIP

On the bulletin board is a lecture schedule planned this Saturday, April 23rd, at the Columbia City church building. The speakers are preachers from the area that are assigned a subject concerning the over all theme of "The Resurrection". There are 8 speakers scheduled, beginning 8:30 - 3:45 p.m. John will be speaking at 1:40 on the topic "The Significance of the Resurrection". If you would like to go, let it be known.

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MISSIONARY NEWS

A recent letter from Thayer Salisbury concerning he and his wife's work in Africa informed us of an opportunity they are excited about:

"The University Affiliated Program recently received some very good news. The Dean of Religious Studies at the University of Calabar has recommended that we offer a B.A. degree! Presently our students complete three years here and then transfer elsewhere to complete the B.A. It is a difficult and time consuming process. If our application is approved we should be able to place many of our graduates in government schools as self-supporting evangelists. Satan does not want this to happen. Already we have seen his efforts to discourage and defeat us. But with God's help it can become a reality. Pray about this!" Entire letter on board.



Next Sunday is our 4th Sunday Fellowship dinner. Plan to stay for our meal together following morning services.

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Baby Shower

Immediately following clean-up of fellowship will be a Baby Shower for Esther & Kenneth Devon Mullett.

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Then following the baby shower the evangelism class will meet with an emphasis on the bus ministry homecoming program scheduled for June 5th. REMINDER: please look over the bus riders list in the south lobby and see if you can help locate the "kids" that used to ride on our buses.

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MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

The MCC Partnership Dinner West VIII is to be held in the Radisson Plaza hotel in Kalamazoo on May 14th All the friends of the college are asked to come and share in the program and dinner. A special speaker plus the chorus group "Autumn" will be on the program. Dean & Dennis Rainsberger have tickets for this and would be happy to have you express interest in going. Rides will be available if needed.

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ENTHUSIASM.....If it were as easy to arouse enthusiasm as it is suspicion, just think what could be accomplished!

We have never learned to support the things we support with anything like the enthusiasm with which we oppose the things we oppose.



APRIL 17 Joe Gensic
18 B.J. Gensic
20 Dale Johnston
22 Kathy Dennison
24 David Hall
24 Connie Parsons

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Happy Anniversary!

APRIL 23 Bill & Becky Enyart

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In Our Prayers

BOB SOWLES - tests show he's diabetic responding to diet & medication
JIL DEISLER - gall bladder problems they will be doing surgery as soon as the infection is cleared up
THE RINGLING FAMILY - friends of the Rainsbergers, lost their 7 years old daughter in an auto accident their 10 month old came home from hospital last week.
FRANCES SPRINGER - has pneumonia.

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Dear Brethren,

This month has shot around so quickly. We've just finished daylight saving. That's good for the kids going to bed.

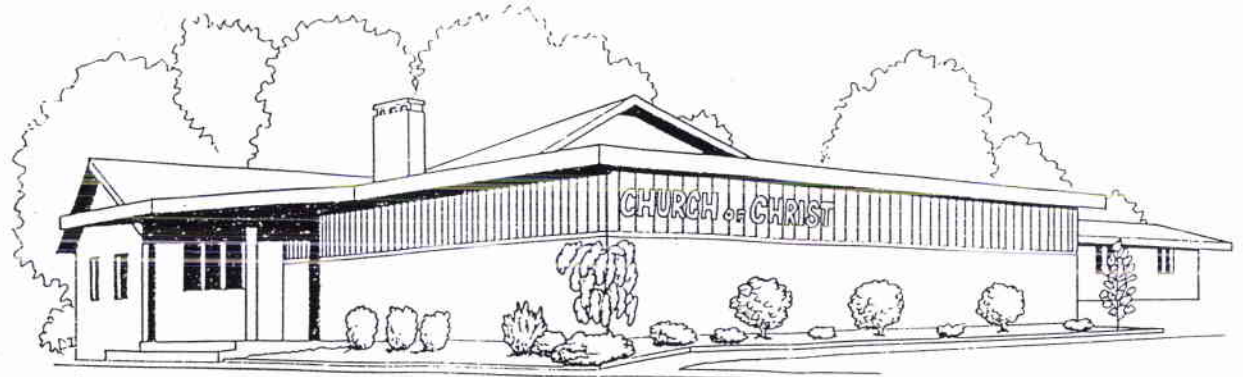
I did a night shift a couple of nights ago. Boy, it mucks me up. I'm glad the majority of my work is now morning work. It's very busy in a rest home in the mornings, but I'm picking it up. We appreciate your contact: letters, prayers, gifts. They are all blessings. We all desire to be back in Indiana with friends and family.

Teen camp has come and gone. A couple of the teenagers went from here to the camp. It was a good time for them to build spiritual relationships and friendships. Young Daniel, I've been working with, went along. The first night he didn't know anybody. By the end of the 4 days, he had a long list of names of people to write to and visit all over the North Island. That's great because he's not a Christian yet, but I want him to get more involved with the church, and get away from his friends who are into Satanic things.

Joshuah is doing well. He's just about 4 months old and putting on the beef. Kath is very tired. The nurse today said she needs a tonic to give he a lift. Micah has been going through a bit of a session at the moment. Hannah is loving school. Leah is good. She's on the verge of being potty trained during the day.

I'm preaching this sunday, as we work through the book of Acts. The teen class on Sunday mornings is going through Genesis, and Tuesday night youth group is going through the life of Christ. That group fluctuates from 8-16. It's going well. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Love in Christ,
Scott Dennison



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THE SECRET OF BEING POPULAR

Do you want other people to like you? Would you be overjoyed if you could find a magic formula that would ensure your popularity among all your friends?

Perhaps there is no such magic formula. But if you'd like a hint as to something pretty close to it, you'll find it in these two words: Be considerate.

Thoughtlessness probably causes more sorrow and trouble than anything else in the world. It wrecks many friendships every day. It makes people resentful, angry and unhappy.

And thoughtlessness is simply not being considerate of others. Some of us are so bound up in ourselves that we don't have time to bother about anyone else's welfare. As a result, we wound their feelings and soon we find ourselves disliked.

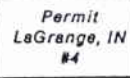
The Golden Rule has been a matchless standard of conduct for many hundreds of years. It's still worth following, and in it you may find that secret of being popular.

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ACTION NEWSLETTER

The April edition of Action has come in. Besides the ones distributed to present WBS teachers, there are some copies on the table. There is an editorial in this issue that was written by Jimmie Lovell, who started the publication, submitted in 1975. It gives a good insight into his thinking (he has been deceased several years) as to the amount of money being spent on "us" versus the amount of money being used toward reaching "them". We can see how such strong feelings gave rise to his World Bible School (WBS) concept and that now thousands of U S Bible teachers among the churches of Christ and the hundreds of thousands of students that have been taught have gotten together through the mail system. You would enjoy reading this issue that puts our involvement with WBS into perspective. See Brian for further information.

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From the Library

We have some books donated to our Library. Next week we'll try to include them and some brief comments as to content. If there are any that you have gotten for this purpose, please bring them to the office.

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Mr. & Mrs. J. Stanley Palmer
graciously request your presence
at the union of their daughter

Amy Dian

to

Scottie Gene Ray

son of Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Gene Ray

on Saturday, the 28th of May

1994

at 6:30 in the evening

Community Church of Christ

Hendersonville, Tennessee

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BIBLE PUZZLES

This poem is based on 3 John 11.
Each missing word takes all of the letters of the previous missing word, adds one, and sometimes rearranges the letters. Enjoy!

_ know
__ doesn't seem so odd,
But I let possessions ___ me down.
This makes me wrestle with my God.
It seems each ____ that I own
Makes me want more. Now I recall
_ ____ when Christ himself was
all I needed. But now the world makes
kings of things.
You know I'd _____ if I could.
Yet in my heart God's challenge rings:
Don't _____ evil, but do what's
good.

GREAT FELLOWSHIP DINNER SCHEDULED



AFTER THE MORNING SERVICES

Following morning services we will share a pot luck dinner together in the fellowship rooms. This is a once-a-month activity on the 4th Sunday of each month at which time not only the congregation but all our visitors present can share a meal together.

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Baby Shower

TODAY for Esther and Kenneth Devon Mullett. This will be held right after the fellowship noon meal. All ladies invited.

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EVANGELISM MEETING

Will also be this afternoon (some-time). With the other activities scheduled it is difficult to assign a time to meet. It will be announced as soon as can be determined when and where. The focus of discussion will be on the bus reunion being planned for June 5th. Again, if you can help locate our "old bus kids" (many of whom are now parents themselves) please meet for this class.

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APRIL 24 David Hall
24 Connie Parsons
29 Vada Powell

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Happy Anniversary!

APRIL 29 Jim & Katie Braid

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In Our Prayers

FRANCES SPRINGER - in Parkview, it was discovered she has lung cancer
NANNY HALL, BETTY OAKLEY, DENISE REILING, LILA SMITH, RON CALDWELL SR. AND ALF HOWARD - dealing with their cancer.
THE DENNISON FAMILY - serving in New Zealand.

God Is Beside Us

*God is beside us each step of the way
If only we lean on His arm as we pray
His love is eternal and help can be wrought
If faith is applied in each prayer
and each thought*

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

From the Library

"Happiness is a Choice" by doctors Frank B. Minerth and Paul D. Meier. A manual on the symptom, causes and cures of depression.

"Getting the Best Out of your Kids *Before They Get the Best of You" by Kevin Leman. An internationally known psychologist gives a Christian perspective to successful parenting. Time tested advise with a healthy dose of humor.

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"Treat every person with kindness and respect, even those who are rude to you. Remember that you show compassion to others not because of who they are but because of who you are."



WEDDINGS - MAY 28th

On the bulletin board are announcements of two weddings:

Pamela Murphy, daughter of David and Lou Weaver at Elkhart

Amy Palmer, daughter of Stan and Marsha Palmer in Hendersonville, TN.

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Thank You!

Ron and Ruth Winfree's son, Andrew, is leaving on a Student Missions Team at Oklahoma Christian College, for Florinapolis, Brazil in May. They thank those who helped with his travel funds and we wish for him (and his team) success in this mission campaign.

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No Regrets

Isn't it good at the end of the day
To look up at God and be able to say
"Dear Lord, I helped someone today."
But isn't it sad if instead you must say
"Dear Lord, I hurt someone today.
I drove the nails a little bit deeper
And forgot that I am
my brother's keeper."
Isn't it better when the day is done
To know that you have injured no one.
From the time of your waking,
Til you lie down to sleep,
Remember the promises
that we should keep,
To love one another as He loves us too,
And you'll never regret
any good that you do.

Barbara Zepp

NEWS and NOTES

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Our sister congregation to the west, the Willowdale congregation in Elkhart, invites us to their Tospel Meeting, May 1 - May 5. Brother Ted Knight from Conway, Arkansas will be the speaker. If you'd like to go and need a ride, let one of the elders know.

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The same speaker, brother Ted Knight, will start a 4 day meeting at Dowagiac May 8 - 11. We also received an invitation to attend there. Information for both meetings are on the bulletin board.

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Mark Your Calendars for these Events!



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| MAY 1-5 | Gospel Meeting at Elkhart |
| 6-7 | Pre-teen rally - Camp Indogan |
| 8-11 | Gospel Meeting - Dowagiac |
| 13-15 | Teen Rally-Camp Indogan |
| 14 | MCC Partnership Dinner |
| 21 | Work Day - Paint house |
| 22 | 4th Sunday Fellowship - The bus riders reunion will be this day. All that were involved in our program in the 70's. We have reserved the large pavillion at Delt Church Park for that day. Norm & Merilyn Herron plan to be here and Norm will be speaking at the morning services. More later. |
| 23 | Skating - Roller Dome |
| 27-29 | Youth Rally - Flanders Rd Toledo, Ohio. |

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MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

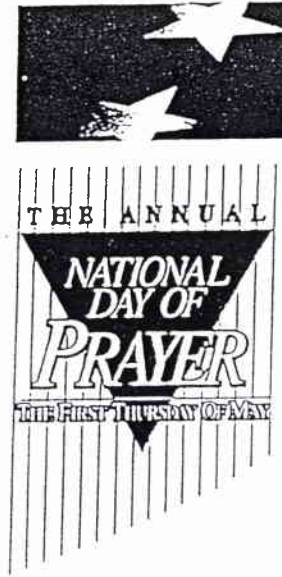
President Johnson received a letter from a professor who teaches philosophy at a major public institution in Michigan. He wrote:

"Never before in the history of American education has there been a greater need than now for colleges such as Michigan Christian College ..." The thoughts or ideas students are learning at MCC will enable them to expose the fake philosophies that pervade our society. If that doesn't happen, we are doomed".

If we think serously about our children's and their children's future in an increasingly Godless society in which they will live, we can thank the Lord for those institutions that are structuring their programs toward God and His Word. MCC is one of them.

Any of us have the opportunity to support the MCC Partnership Dinner West coming up May 14th at Kalamazoo. The funds received will be used toward the new dormitory that is now so badly needed for the increasing enrollment. Tickets are \$50.00 for adults and \$25.00 for students. See Dean or Dennis Rainsberger for tickets and rides.

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Together we can spread the word in our community to recognize the National Day of Prayer. May 5, 1994, marks the 43rd consecutive observance of the Annual National Day of Prayer. Only through the prayer and repentance of Americans everywhere can our nation hope to be restored to the land envisioned by our forefathers.. The National Day of Prayer is similar to Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July. It's a national day and a privilege to pause and ask God to Heal Our Land.

The President shall set aside and proclaim the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.



MAY 3 Bob Sowles
7 Sara Beth Chowning



Happy Anniversary!

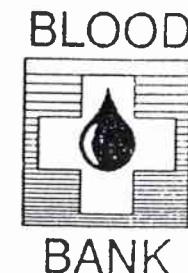
MAY 2 Joe & Katherine Oakley
2 Mark & Marcia Wagner
6 Mike & Pat Hall

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In Our Prayers

- JIL DEISLER - recovering from gall bladder surgery.
FRANCES SPRINGER - undergoing chemo
NANNY HALL, LILA SMITH, BETTY OAKLEY, DENISE REILING, RON CALDWELL SR. AND ALF HOWARD - battling cancer.
THE DENNISON FAMILY - doing the Lord's work in New Zealand.
ADILO VILLARREAL - recovering from a heart attack.

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The LaGrange County Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the First Church of God on Monday, May 9, from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. To schedule for an appointment call: 463-3552. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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A MOTHER'S PRAYER



O, God you are the perfect parent.
 You know my children so well -- much better than I.
 You know their inner needs.
 You watch them growing and truly understand them.
 You care deeply for them and love them unconditionally.
 For these reasons I ask your help in raising my children...no, not
 your help -- more than that.
 Lord, you bring them up -- I hand them over to you.
 Just don't let me get in your way.
 Don't let me interfere with your parenting.
 But, dear Lord, when you need human help -- use me.
 When they need to hear words of love -- use my voice.
 When they need comfort -- use my arms.
 When they need teaching -- use my mind.
 When they need understanding -- use my heart.
 And when they ask about you, use my faith, so that they too will
 come to know you as the perfect parent.



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A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY

What Is A Mother?

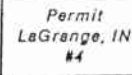
A mother can be almost any size or any age, but she won't admit to anything over thirty. A mother has soft hands and smells good. A mother likes new dresses, music, a clean house, her children's kisses, an automatic washer and Daddy. A mother doesn't like having her children sick, muddy feet, temper tantrums, loud noise, or bad report cards. A mother can read a thermometer (much to the amazement of Daddy) and like magic, can kiss a hurt away. A mother can bake good cakes and pies but likes to see her children eat vegetables. A mother can stuff a fat baby into a snow suit in seconds and can kiss sad little faces and make them smile. A mother is underpaid, has long hours and gets very little rest. She worries too much about her children but she says she doesn't mind at all. And no matter how old her children are, she still likes to think of them as her little babies. She is the guardian angel of the family, the queen, the tender hand of love. A mother is the best friend anyone ever has. A mother is LOVE.

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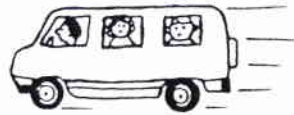
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BUS RIDERS REUNION

In just two weeks from today, the day is being planned around the bus riders that attended here during our busing program days. Hopefully there will be several that will come to this special reunion. Several letters were sent out to the addresses that were turned in, as to their present whereabouts, to the best of our knowledge.

The day will include the Herrons being with us. Norm will speak for the morning service. The whole church is invited (and frankly is needed) to help provide the food for our guests and to go to Delt Church Park for our lunch together. It is more than just our usual 4th Sunday fellowship dinner and involves extra planning in the way of food and planned activities for the occasion. We ask that each family help to make this day a success and look forward to it.

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GUEST SPEAKER Next Sunday evening brother Ken Burlison from the Pensacola, Florida school of preaching will be with us. He was recommended to us by brother Paul Curless, preacher at the Goshen congregation. We look forward to his coming.

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PARTNERSHIP DINNER VIII - SATURDAY

This year's historical dinner for MCC at the Radison Plaza in Kalamazoo will begin with a reception at 5 p.m. This year's entertainment will be the MCC chorus. Come join hundreds of friends, students and alumni as the college continues to build a firm FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE. Please see Dean Hoggatt or Dennis Rainsberger to make your reservations to attend.

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CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

They will be meeting monthly at the Lutheran church in LaGrange every third Thursday of the month. We want to remind those who would like to receive some help (several are listed from time to time in our own bulletin) that this support service is available. More information is posted on the bulletin board - south lobby.

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BULLETIN HANDOUTS

Bulletins will be made available on a monthly basis called "Focus ON The Family" by James Dobson (We have some of his books in the library). It gives some practical helps in all aspects of the family and it is hoped that you might find them helpful to yours. For the first issue we'll place one in each mailbox and after that the monthly issues will be placed on the table in the south foyer for you to pick up. Let us know if you enjoy reading these.

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Our monthly mens meeting will be this afternoon at 4:00p.m. giving us a couple of hours before evening service.

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CLASS for 2 & 3 Year Olds

An option given to parents (and especially our visitors) for their 2 & 3 year olds during service is to take them to a classroom that will be staffed by one of the ladies. Of course the nursery for babies has been available for a long time. Now a class for 2 & 3 year olds will be available. Feel free to use it as needed.

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"How did GOD KNOW I WANTED YOU FOR MY MOTHER?"

PLEASE KEEP THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS AND SURROUND THEM WITH YOUR LOVE:

- FRANCES SPRINGER - not able to have her radiation therapy this past week because of her blood. It will be checked again Monday.
- KRISTOFER SPRUNGER - fell & hit head this past week
- KATIE BRAID - also fell and hurt her back.
- JOE GENISIC - out of town for a couple of weeks.
- ANDREW WINFREE - will be leaving Monday for Brazil.
- RICK GREEN - will be having tests on Thursday & Friday.
- JESSICA GREEN - will also be having some tests run in the near future.
- PAM BRAID - Jim's mom, they found a spot on her lung, needs to be checked out.
- All those with cancer - NANNY HALL, BETTY OAKLEY, DENISE REILING, ALF HOWARD & RON CALDWELL SR.

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Thank You

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, visits and food. It's been appreciated.

Frances Springer

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Kids are up against a lot of stuff these days. Help them defend themselves by encouraging them to participate in Sunday School.



Hands-on Bible learning will prepare your children to live in the real world.



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Two Exams Every Time

George Sweeting wrote about the desperate need for honesty in our culture. He referred to Dr. Madison Sarratt, who taught mathematics at Vanderbilt University for many years. Before giving a test, the professor would admonish his class like this:

Today I am giving two examinations, one in trigonometry and the other in honesty. I hope you will pass them both. If you must fail one, fail trigonometry. There are many good people in the world who can't pass trig, but there are no good people in the world who cannot pass the examination of honesty.

The Sword of the Lord

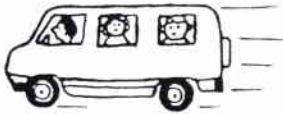
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NEWS and NOTES



BUS RIDERS REUNION
NEXT SUNDAY

Time is slipping up on us and just one week from today is the planned Delt Church Park picnic (pot luck) following morning services. We ask that all families that can do so, to attend the gathering and bring a little extra food just in case (and hopefully so) there are several visiting families of former bus riders that will accept our invitation to come for this reunion. Norm Herron will be speaking at the morning service. The Delt Church Park is south of LaGrange about 7 miles, take the right fork one mile south of the church building, Hawpatch Road, and the park is on the left. We'll be eating approximately at 12:30 or 12:45 in the large pavillion at the park. We have it reserved for the day.

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Is Our Christianity Real?

Unless we have a genuine love for the lost, Church membership is really not much more than a game --- a play thing.

I am confident that none of us love as much as we should, but underlying every Christian precept should be a very deep concern for the lost for whom Jesus died.

Dryden Sinclair

CHRISTIAN EVIDENCE SERIES

An announcement from the Defiance, Ohio congregation informs us of a special series on Christian Evidences to be held in the Schomburg Auditorium in Defiance on May 16 - 20. Brother Toby Miller (he and his family visit here when they vacation at a nearby lake in the summer) will be speaking for these special lessons. A list of the evening subjects are posted on the bulletin board.

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WORK DAY



Next Saturday the preachers house is scheduled to be painted. There may be some "prep" work to be done on Friday evening, if there are some volunteers. See Bill Enyart or Dennis Rainsberger for the planning on this.

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SHULTS-LEWIS
CHANGE CANS

It is time again to think about picking up a change can for Shults-Lewis Childrens Home. The dropping in of our change at the end of each day amounts to a "big help" to the home when the cans are collected at their Open House in September. The cans are in a box in the lobby if you'd like to help. Sign your name and indicate the can number on the sheet inside. * * *



At the preachers lectureship on April 23 at Columbia City, brother Paul Curless, preacher for the Goshen congregation, asked if we would host a preacher from the Pensacola, Florida school of preaching on the 15th of May for the evening service. He knew of this brother and spoke highly of him. So for this evenings service, brother Ken Burlison will be speaking to the congregation here. We welcome him and look forward to his message.

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Since the Men's Meeting was put off from last Sunday, we will plan to meet this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the kitchen classroom.

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There will be a Youth Rally May 27-29, Friday through Sunday at the Flanders Road congregation in Toledo, Ohio. See brothers Joe Gensic or Dennis Rainsberger if you would like to go.

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MAY 18 Ryan Kimpel
21 Jade Oakley

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In Our Prayers

HOLLY HALL - injured her eye in basketball, has to have bed rest for a week, doing OK.
FRANCES SPRINGER - back home from hospital Wednesday.
MARTHA NEFF - Dianne Hostetler's mom, came home Thursday after receiving a pacemaker.
HOWARD WAGGONER - suffering with emphysema.
Remember those with cancer - NANNY HALL, DENISE REILING, RON CALDWELL, ALF HOWARD, BETTY OAKLEY, LILA SMITH & FRANCES SPRINGER.
THE DENNISONS - in New Zealand.

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Family Skating

Monday evening, May 23rd will be the monthly skating. Besides being a great fellowship evening at the Roller Dome, any proceeds over and above the cost of the rink rental goes to Camp Indogan. If you would like to go, let it be known as you can likely get a ride from the ones going from here.

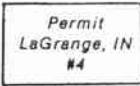
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CHRIST IS THE WAY— men without Him are like Cain, wanderers and vagabonds.
CHRIST IS THE TRUTH— men without Him are liars, like the devil.
CHRIST IS THE LIGHT— men without Him walk in darkness and know not whither they go.
CHRIST IS THE LIFE— men without Him are dead in trespasses and sin.
CHRIST IS THE VINE— men who are not in Him are withered branches prepared for the fire.
CHRIST IS THE ROCK— men not built on Him are carried away by the flood of judgment.
O BLESSED CHRIST, how much better would it not to be, than to be without Thee!



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May 22, 1994

WELCOME

This is a very special day that we have looked forward to for some time. Our bus riders were very special children and we have wondered over the years how you were doing. Having grown into adulthood now, many of you are married and have children of your own. As you become part of the adult world, did you remember us? We have often reminisced during our teachers meetings about the experiences we had when you were here as bus riders and a part of Bible school and church services.

We are so glad that you are here today and hope that it will be a reminder of some of the good things taht being involved in Bible study and Christian fellowship can mean not only to you but to your families too.

Come with us to Delt Church Park for dinner as our guests. We want to be of help to you in whatever way we can and encourage you to come back on a regular basis.

If you are visiting today and not a former bus rider we are also glad that you came and invite you to come to, the park and enjoy the day with us.

Of course, we are very happy too that Norm and Merilyn Herron can also be with us today. They were here during all of our busing ministry and Norm will be the speaker for our class this morning as well as for our morning worship hour.

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Next Sunday being a 5th Sunday, the evening service will be devoted to singing the good news. We have done this for several years and have had a very positive response as each 5th Sunday evening rolls around.

Also, previous to the evening services at 4:30, we are invited to visit and sing for the residents at Millers Merry Manor. At this time they are gathering in the dining area for this evening meal. They appreciate our coming and sharing familiar hymns and words of comfort in their lives.



Tomorrow evening is a scheduled roller skating party at the Roller Dome in Ft. Wayne. The particulars on this is on the bulletin board. Generally some cars are going from here so that you and yours can catch a ride if you'd like to go.

Congratulations!

To Christi Oakley on her graduation Thursday evening May 19 from Sturgis.

To B.J. Gensic for being on the high honor roll in academics plus having perfect attendance this past year. Way to go B.J. & Christi!



We look forward to Randy and Pam Mathenys coming on June 5th. They spent approximately 6 months in India during their best campaign and have returned to report to the congregations that have supported them the past year. It's thrilling and we thank God for the good work being done by the campaign teams that are on the mission fields.



There is a Youth Rally set for this week-end, May 27-29 at the Flanders Road congregation in Toledo. For the particulars on this see Joe Gensic and Dennis Rainsberger.



2 SESSIONS OF VBS

Come to the Party Celebrate Jesus
3 yr olds - Kindergarten
June 27 - July 1 9:30 - 11:30

His Banner Over Us Is Love
1st grade - 6th grade
August 15 - 19 9:30 - 11:30

There will be registration cards on the table in the lobby. Please take them and help register children for these sessions.

SPECIAL THANKS

What a great time (weather wise, fellowship and work accomplished) that we had for the Friday evening and Saturday workdays. Working together is rewarding!



MAY 23	Rick Green
26	Erin Kimpel
26	Kim Sowles
26	Zelma Feltner



Happy Anniversary!

MAY 28 Phil & Dianne Hostetler

Remember In Prayer

HOWARD WAGGONER - was taken back to the hospital with diverticulitis
FRANCES SPRINGER - able to take treatments again
NANNY HALL, DENISE REILING, BETTY OAKLEY, LILA SMITH, ALF HOWARD, RON CALDWELL SR. - all suffering with cancer.
THE DENNISON FAMILY - working for the Lord in New Zealand

MEMORIAL WORK DAY

There will be a work day at Camp Indogan on Memorial Day. There will be a pot luck lunch. Any who can come are welcome to help out and enjoy the fellowship.

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*If you want to be rich—give!
If you want to be poor—grasp!
If you want to be needy—hoard!
If you want abundance—scatter!*

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

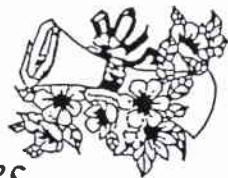
*Not, How did he die?
But, How did he live?
Not, What did he gain?
But, What did he give?*

*Not, What was his station?
But, Had he a heart?
And, How did he play
His God-given part?*

Congratulations

TO OUR

High School Graduates

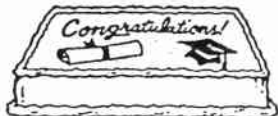


MICHELLE HALL

ANDREW & CHRISTI OAKLEY

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GRADUATION



OPEN HOUSE

Michelle Hall

Andrew & Christi Oakley

Erin Kimpel

Saturday, June 4

Saturday, June 4

Sunday, June 5

2:00 - 5:00

1:00 - 3:00

1:00 - 5:00

Fred & Penny's home

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May God bless each of you as you follow His will for your life.



May 29, 1994

GRADUATION

In an address to the graduating class of General Motors Institute, Lieutenant General Williams S. Knudsen gave some sage advice. It is advice from a Danish immigrant boy who found in America the opportunity to build a successful life. His statements are something for any man to think about.

"Always remember to be yourself. Think independently and weigh whatever suggestions are made for your particular work.

"Experience is knowing a lot of things you shouldn't do."

"A one-man band never gets far up the ladder. Learn to toot one trumpet and toot it awfully good."

"If you have courage, you have twice the chance to win that you otherwise have."

"Don't ask a man to do something that you wouldn't do if you were in his place."

"If you think before you act, you can act very much more efficiently and get very much more work done.

"Live clean, Fight heard, Think for yourself.

"This country of yours is free and it is always going to be free. This country is yours and it is always going to be yours. It is going to be an example to the rest of the world."

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CHRISTLIKENESS TODAY

This will be the theme of next quarters adult Bible Class study. The month of June will deal with the subjects: How Do You Feel Toward Others; Serving Others; Spiritual Purity; and Patient Strength. Brian Hoggatt will be teaching the class for June.

However on June 5, brother Randy Matheny will be speaking for the morning worship and also for the class time to report on the India work that he and his wife Pam are involved in. Also on June 25th we are expecting brother Bob Dankleson from Whites Ferry Road Church of Christ in West Monroe, LA, who will be in this area and has been invited to address the Bible class and speak for the morning service. Bob is director of Personal Evangelism at Whites Ferr Road and has had a wealth of experience in "one on one" evangelism. We look forward to these visits and the Bible Class material will be condensed into the remaining 2 Sundays by Brian.

If you haven't been attending the class, we urge you to start making Sunday Bible Class a priority not only for your own spiritual health but for all those who look to you for their example.

Attention

There will be a brief meeting of the Personal Evangelism Class after services this evening, in Rm #10.



This evenings 6 o'clock service will be given to teaching in song. Many of the song leaders will be leading the songs that you select, so be prepared to call your song out when the numbers are listed on the chalkboard. Some leaders might lead a new song for our learning.

At 4:30 this afternoon we are scheduled at Millers for about 45 minutes of singing and visitation for the residents there. Not enough turn out for this, usually, so we could surely use extra help if you could come.



MEMORIAL DAY FELLOWSHIP

Scheduled for Monday May 30th. This day is a clean up day, dining hall, kitchen and cabins, for the summer camping sessions that will begin in July. A pot luck lunch is scheduled about noon. This day is a fun & fellowship day for the congregations in the Tri-State area. If you and yours would like to go and don't have a way, let some of us know.



THERE IS REAL SECURITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST



SUMMER SCHEDULE '94

- July 3 - 8 Larry Reynolds Intermediate 1 ages 12 - 14
July 10-15 Jerry Bailey Junior 1 ages 8 - 11
July 17-22 Bob McCurdy All Age Week ages 8-18
July 24-30 James Barnes Junior II ages 8 - 11
July 31-Aug 5 Chad Brock Intermediate II ages 12 - 14
Aug 7-13 John P. DiMarzio Sr. Senior ages 15-18

CAMPER FEE: \$60 for entire week This includes a Camp T-shirt for each camper.

Camp registration forms are in South Lobby.



1st Session of VBS

Come to the Party Celebrate Jesus 3 yr. olds - Kindergarten June 27th - July 1st 9:30 - 11:30

THANK YOU NOTES:

The Weaver Family, Thanks so much to the Church of Christ. We want to thank you all very much for all that you have done for us. May God bless you all in everything that you do.

Love & very Special Thanks From Delores & Family



- JUNE 1 Amber Turpin
1 Jason Turpin
2 Chris Hughes
3 Enos Miller
4 Joey Oakley

Remember In Prayer

- HOWARD WAGGONER - continuing to recover
JANE GENSIC'S MOM - had carpotunnel surgery Monday, doing OK.
JIL DEISLER - flew out to help her brother while his wife is ill.
CHRISSY - Joyce's 7yr old neise, having brain seizures.
FRANCES SPRINGER, NANNY HALL, BETTY OAKLEY, DENISE REILING, LILA SMITH, ALF HOWARD & RON CALDWELL SR. - all suffering with cancer.
THE DENNISON FAMILY - in their ser- in New Zealand.
ZELMA FELTNER - recovering from surge;

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ, I want to thank everyone for their prayers, gifts, flowers and cards while I was in Parkview Hospital It was your prayers that brought me back.

Thank you, Frances Springer

We were happy to witness the desire of Virginia Moore (Becky Enyart's mother) to come back to the Lord and His way for her life. She has been studying more recently with Bill and Becky and sees the need for her recommitment to the Lord. We commend her for this and stand ready to help her further in any of her needs.

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were united in marriage

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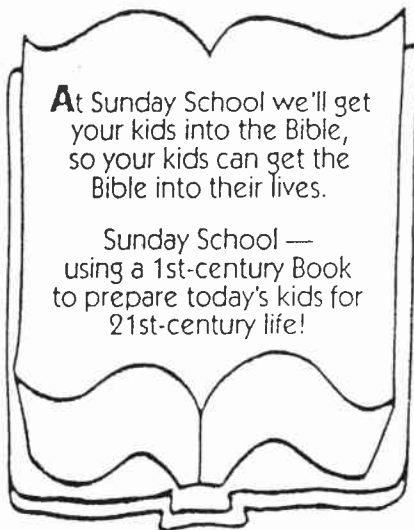
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June 12, 1994

"BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD..." - Romans 12:2

Christians are commanded to be different from those around them who are not Christians. Of course, this does not mean that our mode of behavior is different in every respect. We do not enter our houses via the window because those in the world go in the front door. The differences between Christians and non-Christians are more substantial.

Christians have been called out of the world to become an holy nation. (I Pet. 2:9). Holiness is demonstrated by conversation, by conduct toward others, and by appearance. In all these areas Christians are to be visibly different from the world.

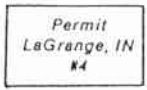
I am sorry to observe that the uniqueness of Christians is not always manifest. With the advent of warmer weather and changes in fashion has come a temptation to conform to worldly standards. This is a serious problem for both Christian men and women. Whether by design or carelessness, too many Christian women have allowed the sensuous apparel of this world to become a part of their wardrobes and, consequently, have presented Christian men with the burden of struggling with impure desires. This should never be! This is particularly upsetting when such immodest dress is seen in the assembly. Tube tops, halter tops, dresses slit up the side, tight, form-fitting clothing, and even an occasional bare midriff - all these present a serious problem to men who are trying to control their thoughts and bring them into conformity with the standards of purity demanded of God's people. The task is difficult enough as we move about in

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the world; it is a grievous offense against good men when it is found in the congregation of God's people.

I implore all my sisters in Christ to be considerate of your brothers. Do not place this additional burden upon them. Daughters of God are to be chaste in their behavior and appearance (I Pet. 3:2; I Tim. 2:9). When Christians come together, let it be an occasion for lifting us up from the baseness of this world. Let us put away from among ourselves those things that could cause a brother to stumble. (I Cor. 8:12). Remember that we have been called out of the world. Let us not become entangled again in its vanity.
-Chuck Barrington

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CONCERNING OUR DRESS IN WORSHIP
W. Terry Varner

For some time, I and others (not just preachers) have expressed concern among ourselves over the very casual dress in the worship services by both men and women, both young and old. This is evident in the participants (all who are present), both in the pew and those who lead the congregation in worship of God.

Casual dress is often excused by reasoning that the outward appearance is not important and that it does not matter what one wears in worship as long as the heart is right. However, it is apparent that it matters very much to those who say it does not matter at all. Why? Because those who defend such assertions are plainly saying something by what they are wearing and not wearing to worship God. It is often stated, and wrongly so, that there is nothing solemn and special about our worship assemblies; i.e., they are very informal and casual. Public worship of God is neither informal nor casual. True, the Bible does not prescribe the uniform for wearing to worship God, but there are some definite Biblical principles set forth. Consider with me, from God's Word, the following.

The Bible teaches that clothing reveals many things. It clearly states that we have no Biblical right to discriminate against the poor man, nor to favor the rich man (James 2:2-4). The problem of concern is not with those who cannot afford better than what they wear to worship, for all have better. The problem of concern is the *attitude* of the worshiper. We are told, "Jehovah seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh on the heart" (I Sam. 16:7). Someone quickly states: "See, what we wear in worship is not important." Are you sure? In Exodus 28 and 29, God required distinctive garments for those leading in worship. Worship in heaven is described with beautiful garments (Rev. 4:4; 7:9, 13-14). Christians are exhorted to walk (this includes our dress both in and out of worship) "blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish" (Phil. 2:14) and to dress modestly to profess godliness (I Tim. 2:9-10). From these Scriptures, and from others (Prov. 7:10; 31:22-25; Matt. 22:11-13; Titus 2:5), we can argue that our clothing tells what we think of ourselves and God.

Worship is an act of reverence paid to our Creator, God (Matt. 4:10, John 4:24). Worship involves acts. *Worship is an act of reverence* paid to God; i.e., it involves our attitude which must find acceptance in the will of God. The *acts* or worship and our *attitude* in worship cannot be separated.

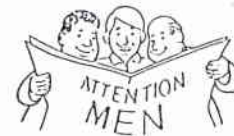
I am concerned when brethren, male or female and regardless of age, wear recreational, work and lounging clothes to worship services; i.e., blue-jeans, tee-shirts, shorts, etc. I am concerned when it is expressed that what one wears to worship does not matter. We ought to wear our best to worship God.

A RECURRING PROBLEM

As we approach the summer months, the matter of "Christian Dress" is again appropriate. In this bulletin there are two articles that have been written on this subject, from two different perspectives. The elders urge that every member please read them and seriously consider the issues that are made and based upon these scriptural teachings to be conscious of his/her dress and especially when you come to the assembly to worship God. May our attire be modest, respectful, considerate and without offense to either members or visitors as we seek to worship God in reverence and love.

The Elders

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This afternoon at 4, there will be a business meeting in the south kitchen for all the men of the congregation.

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Remember, the 1st session is for 3 year olds to Kindergarten, June 27 thru July 1. Enrollment cards are in the foyer. Please help enroll this group as well as the older ones as soon as possible and give the cards to Lois.

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JUNE 18

Lisa Shears

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In Our Prayers

- MELISSA BARBRE - Jil's sister-in-law, recovering from a stroke, starting therapy.
- FRANCES SPRINGER - was in the hospital again this week with fever she's back home again.
- REMEMBER ALL THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER.
- THE DENNISON FAMILY - in New Zealand.

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Thank You!

Thanks to the church for the Bible and to those who came to my Open House and for the cards and gifts. I really appreciate it!

Michelle Hall

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Congratulations!

DEB DUZAN was featured in the Millers Merry Manor newsletter as "Employee of the Month"

Way to go Deb!

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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

The June issue of this bulletin is on the table in the south lobby. Valuable "tips" for families!

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IF WE COULD UNDERSTAND. . .

the terror of sin . . .
the price of salvation . . .
the nature and magnitude of
God's grace. . .
the potential in prayer . . .
the blessings of Bible study . . .
the impact of influence. . .
the value of unity . . .
the dynamism of the church . . .
the glory of service . . .
the power of love . . .
the fragility of today . . .
the duration of eternity. . .
and the worth of one soul. . .

then Christians would have no trouble converting neighbors,
family, friends, or the world.

-Anna Griffith

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WHERE'S THE LOVE?

There was a child riding his bicycle when suddenly it slid under him, bruising his leg. His friends carried him home and his mother insisted upon treating the bruise. But he began to scream and kick saying, "No, no, it will hurt." And no treatment was given.

Several days later the mother noticed the bruise was getting worse, and called the father to examine it. At once the father ordered treatment and again the boy began to scream and kick, saying, "No, no. It will hurt." And again no treatment was given.

Two weeks later the doctor was called in because the leg had continued to worsen all the while. After a thorough examination the verdict was to amputate in order to save the boy's life. Again the boy began to scream and kick saying, "No, no. It will hurt." And again the boy had his way.

Two weeks later the mother and father had just buried their son. During the mourning they were able to comfort each other by saying, "We were never harsh with our boy, but always kind and compassionate. He realized how much we loved him."

There was a church, growing in knowledge and truth. Suddenly sin raised its ugly head and made several members sick unto death. The elders attempted to apply the "Balm of Gilead" but the patients began to scream and kick, saying "No, no". No treatment was given. A few years later the church building was closed. Tears were shed. They comforted each other saying, "We were always kind and understanding."

-Gary Davenport
Via LYnnville, TN bulletin

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**GUEST
SPEAKER**

Today the Chowning are visiting in Ohio with relatives. In John's place in the pulpit today, brother Carey Davison will be speaking. Carey and his wife, Amatha, and their three children, Anthony, Danielle and Krista live at the camp grounds (Camp Indogay) and is acting as caretaker for the camp. It is good to have this family today and get to know them better. Carey is Dan and Connie's son. They attend the Tri-State congregation in Angola and is very active in the work there.

We welcome the Davison's and are happy that it is arranged that they can be with us today.

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MEETING DISCUSSION

At the Men's meeting last week, the various requests for mission assistance was discussed. Among other things, it was agreed to help Randy Matheny's \$150.00/mo for the balance of the year. The input of the men was good for the consideration of the many requests received from the church. A coverage of these minutes will be placed in the mail boxes for those who have requested them.

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God can and does change lives,
if we commit those lives to him.

SERMON REQUESTS

John has had a request or two on sermon topics but he still asked for other suggestions for time to come. If you have such requests for him on which he might prepare a sermon(s) please write them down and place in the suggestion box in the south foyer.

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The Power of Words

We're often careful of the things we do.
I wish the same with words were true.
Words can be beautiful things to hear,
Especially to ones we hold so dear.
But what about the harm they do
When spoken unkindly to me or you?
Do we think of others before we speak?
Or are we afraid those words won't keep?

The angry words just seem to flow,
But words of encouragement are few and slow.

The power of words can affect our life
Whether we live happy or in constant strife.

We're too proud to say, "I've made a mistake."

And in some tragic cases, words may come to late.

So the next time words flourish from anger within,

Refrain from words that lead to sin.

Don't dwell on the bad,

But the good that you've heard.

For it's one thing for certain:

There's power in the word.

-- Wair



NEXT SUNDAY

Being a 4th Sunday, we'll have our Pot-luck together following morning services. Also, as was announced brother Bob Dankelfson will be here to speak for the Bible class, Worship service and possibly at the personal evangelism class that meets right after lunch. Plan now to stay for the lunch following services and enjoy a profitable day as we share together.

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WORK DAY

Saturday, June 25



Another work day is needed for some jobs to be done around the building. See Bill and/or Dennis Rainsberger for more details.

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The first session of Bible School for 3 years to Kindergarten, will begin June 27 to July 1. Be sure to get your children and others enrolled for this session and also for the next session.

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JUNE 26

Kathy Sowles

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PLEASE KEEP THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS AND SURROUND THEM WITH YOUR LOVE:

- CHRIS DEISLER - had a metal shaving in his eye, was removed & healing.
- FRANCES SPRINGER - doing better
- BECKY SOWLES - going for tests the 20th
- FRANCES SPRINGER, NANNY HALL, BETTY OAKLEY, DENISE REILING, LILA SMITH, ALF HOWARD & RON CALDWELL SR. - dealing with their cancer.
- THE DENNISON FAMILY - continuing to work with the church in New Zealand.
- HOWARD WAGGONER & ZELMA FELTNER - continuing their recovery.

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June 94

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord of Lords, and King of Kings. Our winter has set in well now. Our family is doing quite well. We've taken Micah and Leah, in fact, all except me, off gluten containing products (wheat, barley, rye, and oats) to clear up some allergies in our family. It is helping. I've been doing quite a few hours at the rest home. I need to do about 30 hours average to sustain a good income. It's a great place to practice my Christianity and to have contacts and conversations. It puts me in touch with people and life which sometimes preachers can lose a feel for. (I'm talking about myself here).

We had another one of our teenagers baptized into Christ 2 Saturdays ago. This is the second daughter of one of our deacons. The parents are very proud. It's good to see faith growing in the young ones. Our Hannah(7) talks of being baptized when she's 20. That's a good indication that she's thinking about things.

I got a letter from a lady that I baptized last year in the little church group at Waiomio where Kath & I would travel to each Sunday afternoon. She said 9 more in that community had been baptized. It made me think of how important it is to get out to some outerlying areas to take services. And it show the power of God's Word when spread abroad.

Thank you foryour support prayers and encouragement.
P.S.

Thank you so much for your love and care and the gift you sent. I'll use it to pay for my glasses that I have just bought. The old ones that broke had this large blob of glue on them that kept breaking. And then the hinge went , so I got a new pair.

We think of you a lot and pray for you especially ones we hear of who have trials and tribulations upon them.

Our longing to return and see you all grows. By God's grace we'll be back in 1995 for a period (That's my desire anyway!)

Our Love to all,
Scott



June 26, 1994

THERE IS NO RIGHT WAY TO DO A WRONG THING

Have you noticed lately the good job Satan is doing in bringing down the morals of God's people, and leading them to place their values on the wrong things? Today the Devil is working harder than ever to provide us with many ways to rationalize improper behavior. For those who want to live faithful Christian lives, we must diligently study so that we will not be "ignorant of his devices" (2 Cor. 2:11). Wrong doing is always wrong despite our efforts to excuse our actions. Consider the following:

WRONG IS WRONG EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T GET CAUGHT. Let us remember that "the eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3).

WRONG IS WRONG EVEN IF YOU DO IT FOR A GOOD CAUSE. The honorable purpose does not justify a dishonorable deed or action. The end never does justify the means. "All sin is a transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4, 5:17).

WRONG IS WRONG EVEN IF IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOUR CONSCIENCE. The conscience can be trained or educated to accept wrong doing, but even an honest sin or an evil done in sincerity is sinful in the sight of God. "...whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7).

WRONG IS WRONG EVEN IF IT IS COMMONLY CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE. The Bible says, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Ex. 23:2). The Christian should not enter into the path of the wicked and go not in the way of evil men. "Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass on" (Prov. 4:15).

-Ferman Carpenter

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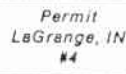
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It's a pleasure to have Bob & Mary Dankelfson come our way again as they travel north from their home in West Monroe, LA to visit with their families in Kendallville. Bob and Mary used to live in South Bend, worshipping and working with the Conmoyer Ave. congregation in their evangelism outreach program. They moved to West Monroe, LA several years ago. Bob has assumed the work of Personal Evangelism Director of the White's Ferry Road church in West Monroe. This church has been in the forefront for years for their evangelism workshops that they offer the brotherhood and also as a coordinating center for disaster relief works such as "Hugo" hurricane in Florida, the earthquake in California and great floods that occurred last year in the Mid West. We can't help but appreciate the exemplary work that this congregation is doing and also for Bob, Larry West, Joe Barker and others as they work in the personal evangelism program there.

Bob will be sharing some things with us during our Bible class time as well as speaking during the worship assemble. We look forward to his messages.

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BLOODMOBILE

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the LaGrange Church of God on Tuesday, July 5th from 9:00 - 5:00.

DEACON RESIGNATION

Brother Joe Hughes has asked to be removed from the office of a deacon to be effective immediately. Some situations that have happened within his family has caused a concern in his mind as to his effectiveness to serve.

As is always the case, unrepented sins in a family does not affect just those who commit them. It affects other members of the family and relationships, our brothers and sisters in Christ and the overall effectiveness of the church. It grieves the God who loves us, His Son who died for us and the Holy Spirit unto whom we are sealed. It affects their own as well as others eternal destiny.

The elders have talked with brother Joe concerning his request and feel saddened because he has given faithful service in the office of a deacon, but understand that his decision is probably best for the church at this time.

The Elders

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT

NO CLASSES

It seems to work out better if there are no classes on Wednesday evening during VBS week. Instead we'll plan to have something for everyone in the auditorium.

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A BIBLE THAT'S FALLING APART
IS USUALLY OWNED
BY SOMEONE WHO ISN'T



Following our morning services we will have our 4th Sunday Fellowship Dinner together. We hope that everyone will plan to stay, whether you remembered or knew about it in coming today. There is usually plenty of food to share. Zone #1 will be in charge of the fellowship meal today.

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Several will be busy this week in the scheduled "part one", ages 3 through Kindergarten of VBS. "Part two" for grades 1 through 6 will be held August 15-19. We appreciate all who will be involved in this effort and pray for each of you a good week. For last minute registrations, transportation, schedules, etc. see Lois Oakley. The VBS teachers will meet after lunch for last minute preparations for VBS. This meeting will likely pre-empt a personal evangelism meeting usually scheduled for that time.

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The Intermediate Session (12 - 14) begins next Sunday. Brother Larry Reynolds from Muncie will direct the session. Camp in a Christian environment is a good experience for young people. If there are any here that cannot afford to go and really want to, let it be known, as there are likely some who would be willing to "help out" such need.



JUNE 26
30

Kathy Sowles
Joyce Burg

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Happy Anniversary!

JUNE 28
30
JULY 1

Joe & Jane Gensic
Dennis & Vicky Rainsberger
Joe & Kathy Hughes

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In Our Prayers

BECKY SOWLES - going in tomorrow for a three day treatment.
FRANCES SPRINGER, NANNY HALL, BETTY OAKLEY, DENISE REILING, LILA SMITH, ALF HOWARD & RON CALDWELL SR. - dealing with cancer.
THE DENNISONSONS - as they work in New Zealand.
THOSE OF OUR NUMBER WHO ARE TRAVELING AT THIS TIME.
ELIZABETH SWARTZENTRUBER - Mary Ann's mom, in the hospital in Sturgis with heart problems.

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THANKS AGAIN!

For all the workers who came to help in and around the building yesterday. Other jobs, not gotten to, remain to be done. There's a list in the lobby. If you can "tackle" any, sign your name & let Bill Enyart know.

OUR MINISTER

Our minister is a **messenger of God** to teach us the better way of life. As a faithful servant, let us respect him in honor as we listen to his message. When we honor him we honor God; when we dishonor him, we dishonor God (Mt. 10:40-42).

Our minister is a **member of God's family**. This means that he is our brother. Let us therefore work with him, suffer with him, rejoice with him, pray with and for him. God forbid that we should make his burden heavier, his task more difficult.

Our minister is a **human being**, a man of like passions and infirmities. If overtaken in any trespass, we should not crush him, but restore him in the spirit of gentleness (Ga. 6:1-2). Our Master restored an erring preacher, then sent him forth to preach (Lk. 22:54-62, Jn. 21:15-17, Acts 2:14).

Our minister is a **fellow-citizen in the kingdom**. This means that he, like ourselves, should regulate his conduct by the laws of the King. All members of the kingdom should subscribe to the same holy standard. We should expect no more or no less of our minister than we expect of ourselves. Our King is not the author of a double standard.

Our minister is a **laborer in the vineyard** and therefore worthy of his hire (Mt. 10:10, Lk. 10:7). He is a gospel preacher, and therefore should live of the gospel (1 Cor. 9:14). His support should be adequate.

Our minister is a **neighbor**. Therefore, we should love him as we love ourselves (Mt. 7:12, 22:39). Loving him thus, we will do him no injury, we will bless him.

Our minister is a **public man**. He is forever "on the spot." He stands on the line of battle. He fights sin. In fighting sin, he may incur the anger of the sinner. The sinner may seek to do him injury. From all unjust attacks, we must shield our minister.

The duty of our minister is to study, to teach, and to preach. To the end that he may be effective in his assigned task, let us not load him down with minor matters. It is his duty to visit unfortunate people, not because he is a minister or gospel preacher, but because he is a Christian.

May God richly bless him and his family with many more fruitful years in preaching the gospel. -----bulletin digest



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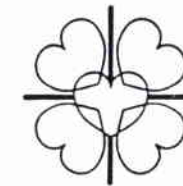
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You shall love
your neighbor
as yourself.
-Leviticus 19:18

I was hungry and you formed a humanities club and discussed my hunger. Thank You.

I was imprisoned and you crept off quietly to your chapel in the cellar and prayed for my release.

I was naked and in your mind you debated the morality of my appearance.

I was sick and you thanked God for your health. I was homeless and you preached to me of the spiritual shelter of the love of God.

I was lonely and you left me alone to pray for me.

You seem so holy; so close to God, But I'm still very hungry, very lonely, and cold.

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CHRISTIAN RESPONSE NEEDED

There is a bill being considered in both houses of Congress that threatens the very work that the Lord commanded us to do, Mt 28:19-20. One very effective way, in our day and age, to "go into all the world and preach the gospel of Christ" is via radio and television. This bill called the "Fairness in Broadcasting Act" is an attempt to purge radio and TV of godly influence.

The "Fairness in Broadcasting Act" requires broadcasting stations to air opposing views on any subject that falls inot the category of "controversial issues of public importance." The church, by its very nature deals with subjects that fall into this category. Any person or special interest group that disagrees with our beliefs on God, salvation, marriage, sexuality, family, homosexuality, abortion, pornography etc. can petition every station that shows a program produced by the Lords church and air opposed points of view. In effect the government would force stations to comply with the "fairness rule" or be liable to a fine or legal action.

If this law is passed, we'll likely see one of two results, both of which would be disastrous to our efforts to proclaim Gods Word.

Result #1 - No station wants to be tied up in regulatory or legal battles with special interest groups. Stations may very well decide to refuse any program that mentions any "controversial issue of public importance". In effect, we would be "shut down" in our evangelistic work over the airways.

Result #2 - Preaching, for instance, the Lords view on homosexuality, would open up a response pushing the homosexual agenda. Homosexual activists will demand the opportunity to promote their "rights" to marry, engage in immoral acts, and adopt children, all of which is contrary to God's will. By broadcasting one of our programs we would be placed in the bizarre position of actually promoting opportunities to those opposed to the Christian viewpoint. Neither of these results would be favorable to the Christian agenda.

This is why members of the Lord's church must work to stop this legislation now....before it becomes law.

The Highland Ave. church of Christ in Abilene Texas (that has sponsored the Herald of Truth ministry for 40 years) has sent the above information to thousands of churches of Christ throughout the brotherhood requesting help in stopping this legislation now. They ask that every member who is concerned about this issue to sign a petition, which with the thousands of others, will be personally delivered to the chairmen of the congressional committees considering this bill, by brother Randy Becton, one of the elders of the Highland church.

All of this was gone over last Wednesday evening in the assembly and many have expressed their concern and signed the petition already. Before you leave today would you please look at the booklet (which includes the petition sheets) which will be placed on the table in the south lobby. If you have any questions or desire to know more about this, please see one of the elders.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



The Education Committee would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all the teachers and helpers who gave their time and their love to all the children at VBS this past week. This session was for ages 3 through kindergarten. The attendance was:

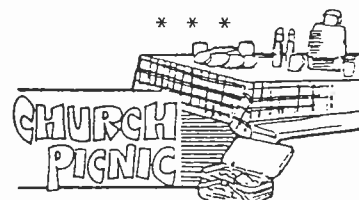
Monday	55
Tuesday	56
Wednesday	57
Thursday	62
Friday	52 (due to vacation)

We feel it was a very successful week and we truly appreciate all your work. THANK YOU!

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CAMP INDOGAN

Our young people from all over the Tri-State area look forward to their week at camp each year. The first session begins today (Intermediate 12 - 14). Over the years the camp has been a positive influence. Many have been baptized some have met and married their prospective mates and all have made Christian social contacts that add up to good memories.



August 6th at the Mullett's. Plan to attend our day of fellowship together. There will be a special treat in the morning.

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JULY 3	Micah Dennison
5	Nanny Hall
6	Walter Parsons
6	Justin Rainsberger
9	Lois Oakley
10	Katie Braid



Happy Anniversary!

JULY 6 Jim & Sharon Pieratt

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In Our Prayers

Remember those of our number who are suffering with the effects of cancer.

Also those who will be and are travelling this weekend.

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YOURS FOR THE TAKING

There are several publications on the table below the mailboxes that are available for your use. Christian Woman, International Bible Teacher, UpReach, Christian Chronicles, and the latest Focus on The Family bulletin. Feel free to take these for your use. There is also a number of "Introducing the Church of Christ" books that is helpful in finding Bible Teaching on particular subjects of interest to most everyone. If you can use one feel free to take one.

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Let a Child Decide?

Q: Should a child be allowed to "decide for himself" on matters related to God? Aren't we forcing our religion down our children's throats when we tell them what to believe?

A: Let me answer with an illustration from nature. Shortly after it hatches from its shell, a gosling (baby goose) becomes attached, or "imprinted," to the first thing it sees moving nearby. From that time forward, the gosling follows that particular object. Ordinarily, it becomes imprinted to the mother goose that hatched the new generation. If she is removed, however, the gosling settles for any mobile substitute, whether alive or not. Time is the critical factor: the gosling is vulnerable to imprinting for only a few seconds after hatching. If that opportunity is lost, it cannot be regained.

There is also a critical period when certain kinds of instruction are easier in the life of children. There is a brief period during childhood when youngsters are vulnerable to religious training. Their concepts of right and wrong are formulated during this time, and their view of God begins to solidify.

As in the case of the gosling, the opportunity of that period must be seized when it is available. Leaders of the Catholic Church have been widely quoted as saying, "Give us the child until he is 7 years old, and we'll have him for life." They are usually correct because permanent attitudes can be instilled during these seven vulnerable years.

Unfortunately, however, the opposite is also true. The absence or misapplication of instruction through that prime-time period may place a severe limitation on the depth of the child's later devotion to God. When parents withhold indoctrination from their small children, allowing them to "decide for themselves," the adults are almost guaranteeing that their youngsters will "decide" in the negative.

If parents want their children to have a meaningful faith, they must give up any misguided attempts at objectivity. Children watch closely to discover just how much their parents believe what they preach. Any decision or ethical confusion from the parent is likely to be magnified in the child.

After the middle adolescent age (ending about 15 years), children resent being told exactly what to believe. They don't want religion "forced down their throat," and they should be given more autonomy in what they believe. If the early exposure has been properly conducted, children will have an inner mainstay to steady them. Their early indoctrination, then, is the key to the spiritual attitudes they carry into adulthood.

—James Dobson

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THE BIBLE AND TV GUIDE

On the table side by side;
The Holy Bible and TV Guide.
One is well worked but cherished with pride
(Not the Bible, but the TV Guide).
One is used daily to help folk decide.
No! It isn't the Bible; it's the TV Guide.
As pages are turned, what shall they see?
Oh, what does it matter, turn on the TV.
So they open the book in which they confide.
(No, not the Bible, it's the TV Guide.)
The Word of God is seldom read.
Maybe a verse ere they fall into bed.
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be,
Not from reading the Bible, from watching TV.
So, then back to the table, side by side,
Is the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
No time for prayer, no time for the Word.
The plan of salvation is seldom heard.
Forgiveness of sin so full and free.
Is found in the Bible, not on TV.



**Mark Your Calendars
for these Events!**

- JULY 10 - TIDAY Men's Business Meet at 4:00 p.m.
- 9-? EVANGELISM WORKSHOP at East Allen County church of Christ, New Haven beginning Saturday July 9 Brother Jerry Tallman who preaches for the Rochester Hills congregation will be the speaker.
- 13-16 - HEARTLAND '94 This annual drawing of Christians is a highlight of the year. As is always the case, several from here plan to go, and we would encourage any who can to attend. Pray for everyone's safe travel and spiritual growth.
- 10-15 Junior Session (8-11) at Camp Indogan this week. Brother Jerry Bailey is director of this session again this year. Pray for the summer sessions.
- AUGUST 6 - FELLOWSHIP DAY for the congregation at the Mullet's house.
- 7-12 - GOSPEL MEETING East Chestnut St church
- 15-19 - VBS for grades 1 - 6

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LETTER FROM THE COPELANDS

On the News and Notes bulletin board is a recent letter from Patti Copeland addressed to the church. Please read it before you leave today.

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SIGNED PETITIONS SENT

The petitions that were signed last Sunday (pertaining to the "Fairness in Broadcasting Act" being considered by Congress) were sent to the Highland congregation in Abilene, Texas, who is compiling the returns from the brotherhood. We'll keep you posted as we get information from Highland. The Highland church has sponsored the Herald of Truth broadcasting program for 40 years. They, as well as all other religious broadcasting, may be threatened if this bill becomes law. Thanks to all who "did what you could" by signing this petition.

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Many are or will be traveling in the next few weeks. Drive safely, have a good time and remember the Lord to coincide your travels with meeting with the Lord's saints whenever you can.

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I would like to thank everyone for all the support and love you've shown me through the years. The Bible is perfect for me at MCC!

Thanks again!
Erin Kimpel

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OPEN HOUSE

Dr. Chris Deisler, Chiropractor
Invites you to attend an
OPEN HOUSE
at their new facility
315 Lehman Ave.
Topeka, IN
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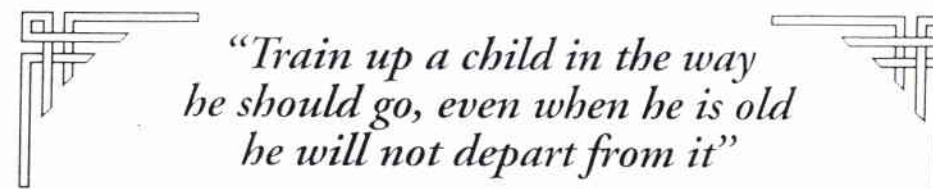
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PLEASE KEEP THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS AND SURROUND THEM WITH YOUR LOVE:

BECKY SOWLES, FRANCES SPRINGER, NANNY HALL, BETTY OAKLEY, DENISE REILING, LILA SMITH, RON CALDWELL SR. & ALF HOWARD - as they deal with their different forms of cancer.
THE DENNISON FAMILY - continuing their work in New Zealand.
Those of our number that are traveling.

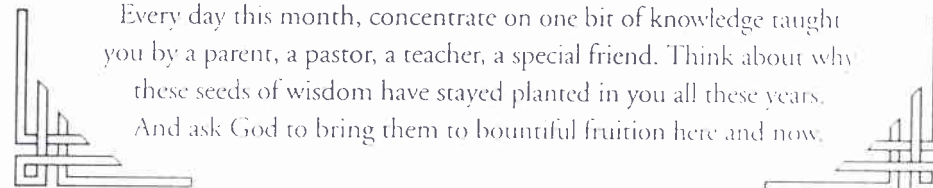
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"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it"

Proverbs 22:29

Don't let the precious lessons learned in childhood slip away. Every day this month, concentrate on one bit of knowledge taught you by a parent, a pastor, a teacher, a special friend. Think about why these seeds of wisdom have stayed planted in you all these years. And ask God to bring them to bountiful fruition here and now.



Monday 4th July

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in Jusus name. We are having very cold weather with some parts of the country experiencing snow, even to the coastline. Work is going well. I'm mainly doing a short morning shift 7 am to 1 pm, 5 days a week. This leaves the afternoon to work on lessons, articles, visitation, business, or whatever.

The Rest Home continues to be a good mission field. I had the opportunity to baptize a lady, Joan Carruthers, into Christ yesterday afternoon. We thought she was about to die a few weeks ago when she had rapidly gone downhill after breaking her leg in a fall 4 months ago. She has a brain tumor which was causing her to not be able to talk, eat, walk, or do much of anything. So she was admitted to the public hospital and given 2-3 days to live. The doctors gave her cortisone which reduced the swelling in the brain. The next thing we know she is back with us at the Rest home bright and cheery! Well a couple of days later I asked her if she wanted to do what Jesus said. She said yes, and then I asked her about faith and baptism. I told her daughter and the principle nurse about her desires, and so she was baptized in the presence of her daughter and 2 grand children in our spa bath at the Resthome. I see the providence and grace of God giving her extension of time. What scares me is that if I hadn't asked her she could have gone to hell!

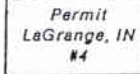
We're busy with family. Joshua will be 7 months by the time you receive this letter. Micah turned 4 yesterday.

I'm still preaching once a month and teaching the young people on Sundays and Tuesdays. The community Bible study at TePuke on Thursday nights is going well. One of the elders and I go out there to teach a class of adults and some children.

At the moment we have 'mid-term' break where all the school children have a week off from school.

Thank you for your support and help and prayers and love.

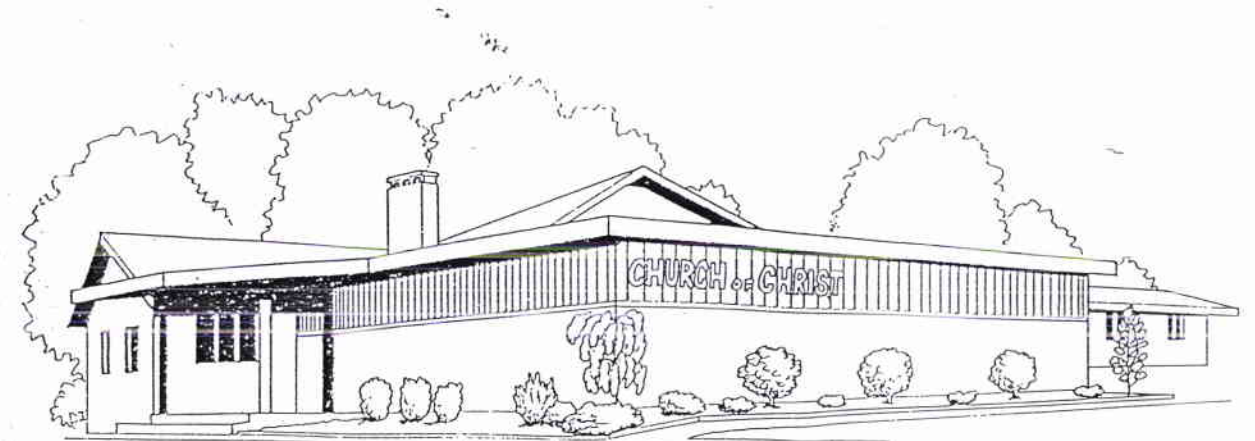
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July 17, 1994

SOME PLAIN FACTS

This permissive age has produced a generation which neither knows nor cares about Bible principles of morality. Chastity, the sanctity of marriage, and purity of heart almost seem to be relics of another age. Our young people are growing up under constant suggestions from the media and many of their friends that in moral matters "each can do his own thing." Many people of more mature years are also affected. Here are some plain facts for young and old. Fornication is sin. This means every kind of illicit sexual activity. The Bible is plain: Those who practice fornication cannot go to heaven (Gal. 5:19-21). Homosexual activities are contrary to nature and God (Rom. 1:27). What is called "gay" will result in the damnation of Hell. Pornography is a medium for lust and lasciviousness. This applies to suggestiveness, lewdness, nudity, etc., whether in printing, movies, or television. Jesus said, "Gut I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart"(Mat. 5:28)

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Things done in secret are never hidden. Actions too shameful to describe are sometimes done in secret (Eph. 5:12). Modern situations which provide privacy cause many to feel their sins are secret. God sees it all (Pro. 15:3). Every secret thing will be brought into judgment (Ecc. 12:14).

Love is not an excuse for sin. A typical defense for illicit sex is, "We love each other." At best this is self-deception. Love involves honor. In the highest sense of love, one will not cause the one he/she loves to do that which will put him/her in danger of the fires of Hell. One should be honest enough to call things by their right names. It's not love, it's lust (Rom. 13:14)!

Married love is God's plan for sexual fulfillment (Heb. 13:4). The duties and privileges of the marriage relationship are clear (1 Cor. 7:3-5). Husbands and wives are required by law (God's law) to love each other (Eph. 5:25, 28; Col. 3:18-19). Couples who "fall out of love" are not following God's plan.

Marriage is for life. No teaching of Christ is more plain than this (Mat.19:3-9). Regardless of what counselors, lawyers, or judges might say, one who causes the breakup of marriage for any cause except fornication sins against God. If he/she marries another (except when the mate put away was guilty of fornication) it is adultery.

There are situations (caused by sinful attitudes, selfishness, hatefulness, etc.) when a couple cannot stay together, but they are still married to each other. Even if under civil law they are divorced they are not free to marry others. The same restrictions of fidelity apply as if they were still together. They have no more right to "court" or to contemplate another marriage than they would if they were happily living together (See 1 Cor. 7:10-11).

There is never a marriage breakup without sin being involved. Both may not be guilty, but sin is an essential ingredient in divorce. It is tragic how casually some men and women hurt their mates, ruin their homes, and break the hearts of their children. It is more tragic when we consider the awful and eternal consequences of such callous disregard of the will of God (Heb.10:30-31).

Marriages which are guided by the principles of Christ are happy marriages. Because human beings are involved there are often some stresses and strains. But principles as in Ephesians 4:32 and 5:22-23, 1 Peter 3:1-8, Acts 20:35, and Matthew 6:33 and 7:12 will show the way to overcome problems and to build happiness.

- David Pharr



Our 4th Sunday fellowships, at least during the summer months, could be somewhere else besides the church building, as some have suggested. If you have a choice, let it be known today and a decision can be announced to the congregation today.

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"WE CARE" MINISTRY

When brother Bob Danklefson was here the last of June, he shared with us the work he was involved in at White's Ferry Road congregation in West Monroe, LA. We appreciate some insights into personal evangelism and his particular helps that he and his co-worker, Larry West (we have 3 copies of bro. West's video in our library) have come up with to help Christians out who feel somewhat inadequate to the great work of evangelism the Lord asks us to do. He also appealed for financial assistance to continue this work. There is a report of a recent workshop in Somerset, KY posted on the missions bulletin board. He loves this work as one can tell from listening to him and being around him.

In a letter dated July 7, he reminds those that took one of his MMM, Miss a Meal a Month, pledge cards, that he would certainly appreciate any financial help, if those who took the cards would "MMM" for We Care Ministries & Mission Program. He asks the checks be payable to We Care Ministries. Address: P.O.Box 2000, West Monroe, LA 71294. His name should not be put on the checks memo section, the government will



JULY 17 Brian Hoggatt
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IN OUR PRAYERS

BECKY SOWLES, FRANCES SPRINGER, NANNY HALL, BETTY OAKLEY, DENISE REILING, LILA SMITH, RON CALDWELL SR. AND ALF HOWARD - dealing with cancer. THE DENNISON FAMILY - in New Zealand. DALE & MARY ANN JHONSTON - traveling a couple days this week.

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Remember

OPEN HOUSE today at the new facility for DR. Chris Deisler. 315 Lehman Topeka from 1 - 5 p.m.

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Dear Brethren,
I wish to thank you for all your cards, calls, flowers, and prayers. Your concern was greatly

appreciated. Sometimes the concern of those who care is better than medicine.

Yours in Christ,
Howard Waggoner

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(We Care Continued)
not allow deductions with individual listed on checks. Instead attach a post-it note listing that check is for Bob Danklefson's support. This is important info for those who support this work.

WHY DO TEACHERS TEACH?

Why do they do it? They do it for a number of reasons.

IT STARTS WITH DUTY. These good people know that God chose to fit people for heaven by teaching them. Although many things have been said negatively about duty, the Bible does not hesitate to mandate the teaching responsibility. "And the things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2).

IT THRIVES ON THE REWARD PRINCIPLE. One of the greatest joys I've known in teaching is that of seeing a student obey the gospel, or seeing a former student become a deacon or elder. To hear a former student preach a gospel sermon is pure ecstasy. This invisible paycheck keeps the teacher going back to the classroom again and again.

IT ENDURES BECAUSE OF LOVE. The teacher does not teach classes. He/she teaches Johnny, Mary, Susie, and Billy who have immortal souls briefly encased in mortal bodies. Once when Paul's motivation was called into question, he answered the charges against him by saying, "For Christ's love compels me..." (II Cor. 5:14). That's what keeps the teacher in the classroom year after year.

Norman Bales, via The Messenger, Midlothian, TX

ANSWER TO BIBLE PUZZLE: I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles (2 Peter 3:2).

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EXTREMES

The remedy for an extreme is not another extreme. The answer to the liberal left is not the radical right. Wrongs in others never justify wrongs in self. An unscriptural position does not justify unscriptural opposition. The fact that someone mishandles the truth does not give me the right to mishandle his reputation.

Jesus warned of wolves in sheep's clothing. (Matt. 7:15) These are false teachers who give the appearance of being good men. But what of "sheep" in wolves clothing? What profit is there in standing for truth while portraying an unchristlike spirit?

Our duty is not merely to speak; it is to speak the truth. It is not enough, however, just to speak the truth; we must speak the truth in love. (Eph. 4:15)

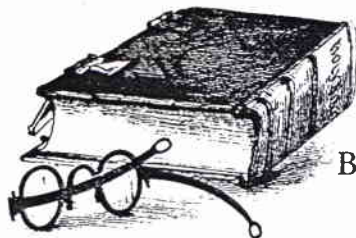
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HIS BANNER OVER US IS LOVE

August 15th - 19th

9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Ages: 1st grade - 6th grade

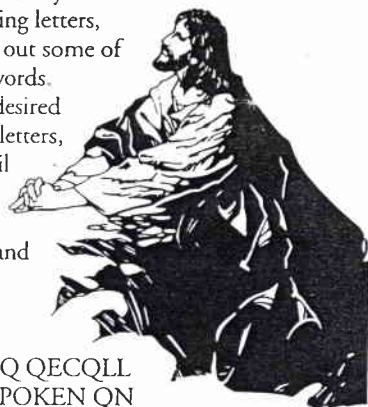


BIBLE PUZZLES

Quazy Quote

Test your puzzle-solving skills with this Quazy Quote! In the following quotation from 2 Peter, all of the letters in one word have been replaced by the letter Q. Then, everywhere else those letters appear, they have become Q. Figure out the missing letters and the missing word to reconstruct the quotation.

Take note of how many letters are in the missing word. Then begin filling in the easy words. Jot the missing letters at the side. As you identify more of the missing letters, you'll be able to fill out some of the more difficult words. When you get the desired number of missing letters, play with them until you find the missing word. Don't forget to step back and get a sense of the context.



Q WQNT YQU TQ QECQLL
 THE WQQDQ QPOKEN QN
 THE PQQT BY THE HQLY PQQPHETQ
 QND THE CQMMQND GQQEN BY QUQ
 LQQD QND QQQQQQ THQQUGH YQUQ
 QPQQTLEQ.

HE DESERVES BETTER

For the cross he bore
 And the blood he shed,
 For the nails in his hands,
 The thorns on his head...

For that and more
 We should ever be
 Beholden to him

Who set us free;
 And surely, SURELY!
HE DESERVES BETTER
 From you and me.

Tw'as not for his crime
 He suffered and died—
 But for our sins
 He was crucified.

Had not he surrendered
 To the Father's will,
 Going all the way up
 Golgotha's hill,
 We'd be headed for Hell
 And sinners still.

We none deserved it—
 Nor could we ever repay;
 So let's give him our best
 With each new day.

When called to serve him,
 Don't make such a fuss.
 PRAY! Can't you see
 He deserves better from us?

To Christ and his cross
 I am forever a debtor...
 And frankly, my friends,
 From ALL of us,
HE DESERVES BETTER!!!

—Bob Wickline



Today is our 4th Sunday Fellowship meal together and we hope you remembered and plan to stay. For the visitors present today, our fellowship meal is especially for you, so please plan to stay so that we may get to know you better.

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CONGREGATIONAL DAY-OUT

On August 6th, ^a ~~the~~ week from Saturday, there is a scheduled fellowship at the Mullett's home (address: 27330 Bogen Rd., Sturgis, MI) In previous years (held at the Deislers, Millers, & Rainsbergers) a hog roast was planned. This year the main meat will be chicken. This year will be different in several respects, the first being that the fellowship day will start with breakfast (prepared by the elders and deacons), followed by fun and enjoyable activities throughout the day. More on this in next week's bulletin. Just plan now to keep this day "open" for a great day at Dennis and Esther Mullett's house on the 6th of August.

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HEARTLAND 1994

From the scheduled workshop held in Indianapolis on July 13-16, some audio tapes were purchased presenting the speakers' lessons on the general theme of "Seeking the Heart of God". Brothers Joe Oakley is familiar with the tapes which were purchased, so if you have some time and a desire to hear them, be sure to see him..



JULY 24 John Chowning

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Happy Anniversary!

JULY 25 Chris & Jil Deisler
 30 John & Kim Chowning

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Remember In Prayer

HOWARD WAGGONER - having some trouble getting medication regulated
 RON CALDWELL, SR. - has been told he is cancer free
 THE DENNISON FAMILY - working for the Lord in New Zealand.
 THOSE OF OUR NUMBER THAT ARE TRAVELLING .

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To: CHASE DEISLER for being Star Camper at the Junior Session.
 Also to: HAILEY DEISLER for being Runner-Up Star Camper for same session

Way to go!!

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Murder is Wrong Under Any Circumstance
George Keelin, Sr.

Last week, a doctor was shot to death outside an abortion clinic by a religious protester. This is **wrong**. No one has the right to take the law into their own hands, especially those professing to be Christians. Such actions soon result in anarchy and more violence. "Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Romans 12:19.

Murder in the name of Christianity is particularly regrettable. Many folks already think 'church people' are gullible hypocrites who justify their own ungodliness by the Bible but feel free to pass judgment on all unbelievers for theirs. This is not true of genuine Christians.

One local "family planning provider physician" (double-speak for a doctor who performs abortions) announced he will henceforth wear a bullet-proof vest to work to protect himself from killers. And, regarding the man charged in the shooting, he declared passionately: "He murdered one of my peers in cold blood, remorselessly."

Pro-choice advocates are demanding that Congress pass a law to "protect the life of abortionists." Following the killing, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood said: "The rights of American women must not be restricted by vigilantes."

Before pro-choice advocates and Planned Parenthood hurl too many insults and angrily blame all Christians, they should apply their own logic:

They believe murder is wrong and should be punished--so do Christians!

They believe our freedom should not be restricted by vigilantes--so do Christians!

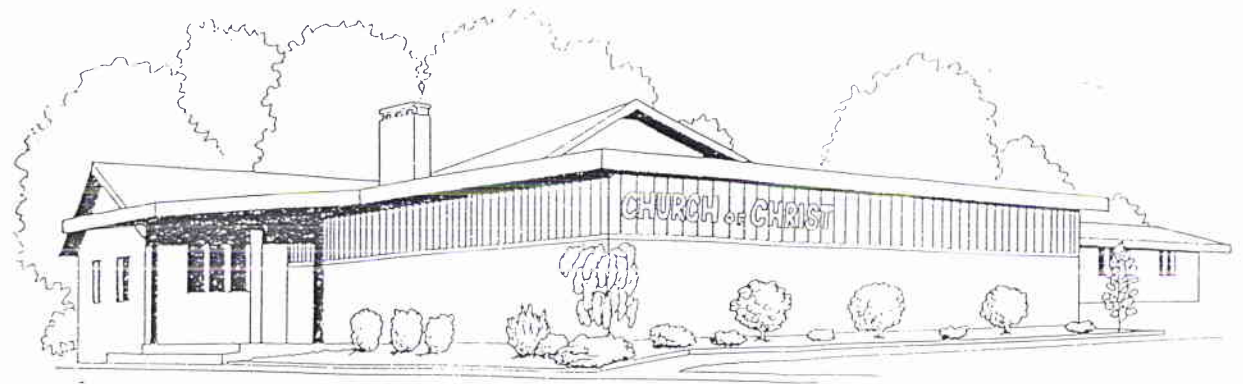
They believe no one has the right to murder another in cold blood, remorselessly--so do Christians!

They believe legislation should be passed to protect 'innocent' people from killers--so do Christians!

But what about the 1,500,000 babies remorselessly murdered every year by "Family Planning Providers?" Too bad they don't make bullet-proof vests for the unborn! Why not petition Congress to protect them?

The risks to abortion doctors is infinitesimal compared to that faced by people who visit their clinics--only **half** of them come out alive!

Somebody forgot the old adage, "You should practice what you preach!" Murder is wrong under any circumstances. Godly indignation is not.



July 31, 1994

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SERVICES

Sunday:

9:30 A.M. Bible Study

10:30 A.M. Worship

6:00 P.M. Worship

Wednesday:

7:00 P.M. Bible Study

Vacation Time

Norman Gipson

I'm glad to see the Summer time;
 I need a little rest.

I'll journey to the hills and streams,
 and see the East (or West).

Before I go, however,
 there are things I need to do;

I'll let the newsboy know that
 we'll be gone a week or two.

I'll have my neighbor check the mail,
 and look in on the plants;

I'll see that everything's secure;
 no need to take a chance.

And then, a most important thing
 requires this neat solution:

I'll leave the checks for each Lord's
 Day--my promised contribution.

And I'll arrange to find the church
 and worship with the brothers;

my soul will be inspired
 by my fellowship with others.

And so, when I return ere long
 I'll be refreshed with rest,

and know at home or otherwise,
 I've given God my best.

PLAN OF SALVATION

1. BELIEF IN CHRIST 3. CONFESSION OF CHRIST

John 8:24 Matt. 10:32, 33
 Heb. 11:6 Rom. 10:2, 10
 Mark 16:16 Acts 8:37

2. REPENT OF SINS 4. BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

Luke 13:3, 5 Rom. 6:1-6
 Acts 2:38 Gal. 3:26, 27
 Acts 17:30 1 Pet. 3:21

5. FAITHFULNESS UNTO DEATH

1 Cor. 15:58
 Rev. 2:10

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Camp Indogan

INTERMEDIATE AGE

The second week of VBS is coming up August 15 - 19, grades 1 - 6. You may help out by enrolling students as soon as possible so that sufficient space and materials can be planned.

On the Wednesday evening during VBS (Aug. 17) brother Ralph Royse, from Muncie, who was here last year and gave us a report on "One Nation Under God" will again be here to bring us up to date on Phase II and Phase III of their current campaign. As is previous years, we look forward to his up date and to some extent, help financially, as we have done in the past.

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READING MATERIAL IN LOBBY

There is an accumulation of reading material on the tables in the south lobby for your taking. Please look them over and help yourself. A couple of interesting questions about love toward our children and our response to their requests are in the August bulletin issue of "Focus on the Family" which you would enjoy reading if you have younger children.

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'Don't be too harsh with the man that sins,
or pelt him with word or stone,
Unless you are sure--yea, doubly sure
That you have no sins of your own.'

There was a large attendance, over a hundred counting the helpers, that was at the Junior session of camp last week. This week the 12-14 age group will be in attendance. Then next week the senior age group, 15-18, will finish out the 1994 regular camping season. Thanks to those who gave of their time and those who gave of their money so that our precious children might enjoy and have a better chance of receiving God's word in a Christian environment for a week of their lives.

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FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DAY

The day is planned for August 6 at Dennis and Esther Mullet's home. Last week an information sheet was passed out to the class and those planning to come. They also ask about your willingness to help out in several areas of need. Please fill one of these out for you or your family and give to Perry Miller today. This will be a great fun day for the whole family. Be sure to be a part of it.

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PERSONAL WORK CLASS

The personal work class did not meet last Sunday after lunch but will plan to meet in Room 13 at 5 o'clock this evening. John has some things that are left over from the last time we met as well as looking at some things for weeks to come. Those interested in personal evangelism are urged to come.

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This evening for our worship hour we will be teaching each other through our singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. It can, and should be a very inspirational hour. Please plan for you and yours to be here.

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Why don't you have some kids, Grandma?
You have a lot more patience than Mom.



JULY 28	Luella Oakley
29	Jenell Sprunger
AUGUST 1	Meghann Hostetler
1	Time Hughes
3	Penny Oakley

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Remember In Prayer

- BECKY SOWLES, FRANCES SPRINGER, NANNY HALL, BETTY OAKLEY, DENISE REILING, LILA SMITH AND ALF HOWARD - dealing with cancer.
- THE DENNISON FAMILY - as they continue to work in New Zealand.
- DALE JOHNSTON - out of town this week.
- THOSE OF OUR NUMBER TRAVELLING THIS WEEK.
- HOWARD WAGGONER- as he continues to recover.
- PAULA FELTNER - recovering from surgery.
- RUTH CHOWNING - also recovering from surgery.
- RICK & ANNIE GREEN - travelling to Maine.

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Congratulations!

To Allison Gensic for being Runner-up Star Bible Student at camp this past week. Jason Rainsberger & Allison Gensic were nominated for Star Camper also.

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