

NEWS AND NOTES

LADIES REMEMBER -- save all your canceled postage stamps to help build this church building in Japan.

Meeting at GOSHEN -- October 2-9. Brother Dale Smith will be speaking. Dedication service this afternoon.

AREA SINGING will possibly be held on third Sunday of each month in the future.

LET US ALL remember Sister Bailey and her family with a letter. Here is the address--
Mrs. James Bailey, P. O. Box 631, Laverne,
Oklahoma, 73848

REMEMBER SINGING at Mark's nursing home 6:30 p.m.

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CHARACTER IS LIKE THE FOUNDATION OF A HOUSE. It is below the surface.

The man who stands constantly on his dignity is located on a mighty slippery spot.

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LAGRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST
EXHORTER

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October 2, 1966

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Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Services	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship	7:30 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

Earl Gieseke, Minister	Joy is a mark of maturity.
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We would like to encourage all to think upon the qualities of unity, faithfulness, peace, friendliness, and fairness. Think on these things. Have a smile for everyone, and have a kind word for each.

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Generosity consists not in the sum that is given, but in the manner in which it is bestowed.

REVERENCE IN WORSHIP

Call it ETIQUETTE if you please, but regardless of what you call it such is absolutely essential to acceptable worship. Here are a few tips: --

BE QUIET BEFORE THE WORSHIP BEGINS. We can be so much better prepared for spiritual worship if our thoughts turn to spiritual things. Read the words of a good song.

BE ON TIME. We should never allow ourselves to get into the habit of being late. A little planning will break the habit if it has developed. But if you are unavoidably late, then ---

ENTER QUIETLY AND If a prayer or song of praise is being offered try to be seated between the close and the next item of worship.

MOVE TOWARD THE CENTER. If you will move toward the center of the pews others will not have to climb over you to be seated. After all, every worshipper cannot arrive at the very same moment of time. Be courteous!

DON'T PLAY WITH BABIES, KEYS OR OTHER OBJECTS THAT ARE NOISEY.

BE QUIET DURING THE WORSHIP. IT IS UNBECOMING in any public assembly to talk and laugh or misbehave.

DON'T LOOK BACK AT THOSE WHO COME IN LATE. This is something that does not help anyone, either you or the latecomer.

REFRAIN FROM CHEWING GUM. It is smacking good, we know, but there is general agreement that gum chewing is out of order in any public gathering.

FINGER NAILS should be pared and the dirt removed at home. The clip, clip of the nail clipper can be most disconcerting, you know.

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WITHOUT A DOUBT we get out of our worship what we put into it. Whatever distracts from an orderly and worshipful assembly should be corrected.

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HEARLD OF TRUTH WORKSHOP. The Herald of Truth workshop was held at Camp Indogan. It was termed a success by all that I have talked to that attended all the meetings. The different men presented some interesting facts. They challenged those there to greater service. As you should know, we support the program here at LaGrange. I believe we should consider increasing our support. Are you willing to increase your giving in order that others might hear the gospel of Christ? If each of us as a wage earner would give one dollar more per month we could double our contribution to the support of the program. The budget of the program this year was almost two million dollars. Does this sound like a lot of money? It is estimated that we spent fifteen million dollars for janitorial supplies and services. Half or more of this last amount was spent for utilities. Do we have the cart before the horse; the tail wagging the dog? If we gave one dollar more each week during the coming year we could send fifty dollars each month and still do the other things we have been doing. Can we give \$120 per week? We can if each wage earner in the church here would give one dollar more each week. Another angle is to go out and convert five families during the coming year that would give ten dollars per week we would be giving as much as many churches who do support a full-time preacher? (Well, I can dream can't I?)

E. E.G.

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It's funny how a dollar can look so big when you take it to church and so small when you take it to the store.

The Country Parson

THE PECULIAR PSYCHOLOGIST

By the standards of today God is a poor psychologist. From his word we are told that we are ignorant, undone and unfit for association with him. Who among the wise of this world dare tell a man these things and expect him to retain that man as a friend? Perhaps we also would consider this method of approach untactful, to say the least, but at the same time, the friendship and love we express is not the same kind, nor has the depth that the Lord has for us.

When we read in the word about the love that God has for us, it is a love that desires the best for the soul. A love that seeks the welfare for the part of man that lives eternal--the soul. In this day and age our love seeks the good of the physical man. Parents say that they love their children and never speak to them about salvation of their souls. They show "love" unto their children by giving them everything they want, educating them in the ways of the world, even encouraging them in those things that are damaging to the soul, that bring on spiritual death. We do not truly love a man if we seek only his physical welfare.

If man could see the awfulness of sin, the abyss into which he is plunging himself, as our God can see, only then can he appreciate the counsel of our God that we are ignorant, undone and unfit for association with him. Jer. 10:23 says "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not within himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." I heard recently that of the 22 major governments that have come and gone on the scene of time, that 19 of them had collapsed from within by the time that their moral degradation had reached that to which the (continued)

United States was now. It makes us stop and wonder just how much longer our "christian" nation will stand before it, too, will fall from internal unrighteousness. In all our learning, in all our pursuits and accomplishments, we have missed the mark. We have under-valued the only goal worth having--the salvation of our eternal soul.

Perhaps we should be more of a peculiar psychologist ourselves and let our fellowman know that he is ignorant, undone and unfit for association with God, for it looks as if he will not find it out from his friends of this world.

D. H.

NO UNIMPORTANT PEOPLE

--Fountain Square, Ind'pls.

We often hear about the need for leaders, for men and women capable of doing the big job. We seldom hear about the need for ordinary people who are able and willing to do the small jobs that have to be done right every day.

Most of the work of the world can be broken down into many small jobs. The biggest building is put up one piece of steel and one stone at a time. There is no question about the need for man who can plan and promote such buildings, but they would be helpless without the work of those who must carry out the plans one step at a time.

All our educational efforts cannot be directed toward producing leaders. Some of it has to produce the people who are willing to work at lower levels with purpose and enthusiasm. We cannot do the work of the world with all chiefs and no indians, with all generals and no privates.

The important thing is that every individual be taught to do as good a job as he possibly can within his capabilities, and that no one has the right to do~~ss~~selvenly, careless work however unimportant his job may seem.

Morality from what Motive?

Those of us who attended the Niles meeting last Friday evening heard Bro. West speak on morality as it relates to obedience to Christ or self interests. I feel the point is worth relating for it makes us re-evaluate our own motives as to whether we are actually serving Christ or serving ourselves.

People concerned for the betterment of mankind have always, as well as in our day, emphasized morality as an essential element. In general, people attribute this basic element to God, because he requires us in his word to be good in all our conduct. It is possible, however, to be a good moral person, in spite of God's requirement instead of because of it. In other words, we might be morally good because of our own self-interests rather than our desire to serve the Lord.

Why are we careful to make out our income tax return correctly and pay our taxes? Is it because God teaches us to obey the laws of the land or is it because we fear the bad publicity of having submitted a fraudulent tax return.

Why are we honest with our neighbors, honorable, and upright in our community? Is it because God requires this of us, or is it because people expect this of us and we want social acceptance for our own self interests.

Why do we pay our bills, honor our debts and strive to keep a good credit rating? Because the Lord requires us to, or do we fear that if we don't, we would be hard pressed to borrow money when we need it. Are we thinking of ourselves or God?

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Why are we careful to attend the services of the church? Is it because of our love for the Lord or is it that we will feel more acceptable in our religious area if we attend, or that it will better serve our business interests, or we will more greatly receive the praise of man. Is it possible that we are not forsaking the assembly in spite of the Lord's command instead of because of it?

I trust that we are not guilty of impure motives in our Christian life. Every good thought and deed should stem solely from a love for God and a desire to serve him. If we do this, he has promised that all our provisions will be granted.

D. H.

A NEW HORSE

The preacher had begun a new work. He dreamed that he was a horse, and that the congregation had put a shiny brand new wagon. They were all gathered about him to admire the new outfit. Some of them stroked his mane and patted his neck, saying, "Good old Horse," and they all looked pleased.

The horse was impatient to start. He tossed his head, stamped his feet and chomped at the bit. Finally the start came with the elders in the drivers seat and the members running along beside the wagon shouting and encouraging him. The horse did his very best and they all shouted with one voice, "We have a wonderful horse!" When they came to a hill, the horse easily pulled the wagon over it; but soon they came to another hill, and then a third. Sometimes the road was rutty and rough. Finally, they came to a mud hole in the road and the wagon stuck fast. Try as he would the horse could not pull the wagon out.

Everything was quiet. There was no one encouraging him now, and in desperation the horse turned his head and looked back. There was the whole congregation riding on the wagon. Some were asleep, and some were letting their feet drag in the mud. Finally they awoke and began to blame the old horse. Some had lost their (cont.)

A sign in a poolroom once read, "If you spit on the floor at home, go home to spit." Sometimes I am made to wonder if we need a few similiar signs in the church building. Maybe a few signs like: "If you tear pages out of books at home, go home to do it," or "If you write in books at home, go home to do it," or "If you scatter chewing gum papers on the floor at home, go home to do it," or many others that we might add to the list. These and other things are the things we are doing. Perhaps something needs to be said about this problem. As I am the one with my neck out the most often, I may as well stick it out again.

These remarks are addressed to all who worship at LaGrange, but to no one in particular. Yet each of us should consider them personally. Our song books are getting in very bad condition. These books will soon need to be repaired or replaced. The only problem with repairing them is you can't repair the pages that are missing. It is very embarrassing for the song leader to get up to sing a song only to find part or all of the song page missing. It makes a very poor impression on a visitor when they open a book and find the pages marked up with pencil or ink.

I, as well as many of you, have gone into the auditorium on Sunday evening and picked up handfuls of lesson sheets, candy papers, gum wrappers, bulletins, and yes, parts or whole pages from song books or Bibles.

Personally, I can see no reason for candy or gum papers to be on the floor. Gum chewing is not desirable in public gatherings like this. All the authorities on "manners" say that gum should not be chewed in public assemblies. If you could stand before a group of "cud-chewers" for thirty minutes and see the endless chomping on the gum you might never chew gum again. But more important is this; you can't sing properly with gum in your mouth. I wouldn't any more think of leading singing or preaching with gum in my mouth than I would of having a cigarette in my mouth. One is almost as much out of place while trying to sing praises (Continued)

unto God as the other. Many people, including myself, go for days or weeks without chewing gum. I believe that we can suffer for two hours at a time without it. If not, then we are hooked as bad as the smoker is on his weed. At least my "smoking brethren" can go through the entire service without a smoke. Can you go through without your "cud"?

Let's all work together to make our building more attractive and our song books and Bibles last longer. We are stewards of God. These are His, not ours.

Also some one suggested to me that something be said about our conduct preceding our services. We had a good article on this a few weeks ago that was taken from the Paulding bulletin. This was in the October 2 issue. Maybe we need to reread it. It was suggested that something be said about it in a sermon, but we all can help the situation individually by watching ourselves. When it is almost time for classes or the public worship to start we can sit down and read from a Bible or song book. We can be on time for all the services. I know from personal experience that it is only a matter of planning to get up and drive thirty or thirty-five miles to Bible class and be there on time. I did it for several years. We should sit close to the front of the building. Preachers don't like to talk across five rows of seats that are empty. As brother Hall has often said, "There is nothing as worthless as a front pew." Don't bring things that will detract from the solemn and reverent worship to God. Do not take a bulletin to read. If you are not anymore interested than that you may as well stay at home or sleep through the sermon. Don't look back at those who are late. If they need assistance, brother Cox or someone will take care of them. Let us work to make our service to God more effective.

E. E. G.

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Church attendance and church work are matters of great importance, and they should not be neglected.

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Say, wasn't that great! I didn't figure him to last the full fifteen."

"You mean Sammie hasn't been showing interest in his Bible lessons? We try to teach him to put first things first and demand that he use his time wisely. Pardon me, preacher. . . Are you leaving, Sammie? Then turn off that TV and put your comic books away first."

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NEWS AND NOTES

SINGING at Marks Nursing home tonight at 6:30 p.m. Everyones help will be greatly appreciated.

HERALD OF TRUTH film strip will be shown by Dean Hoggatt after a shorter evening service tonight.

L A D I E S remember to bring all of your canceled stamps to the church building so they can be sent in to help build the church in Japan.

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Christians are like tea. Their real strength comes out when they get in hot water.

Men are like steel--of little value when they lose their temper.

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November 6, 1966

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WANTED FOR THE LORD'S SERVICE

1. Men, like Daniel, who dare to do right. (Daniel 6:10-
2. Men, like Shadrach, ready to suffer. (Exodus 20:4; Daniel 3:41)
3. Men of courage, like Joshua. (Numbers 14:6-9; Joshua 6:16)
4. Men like Elijah, bold to proclaim the truth. (I Kings 17:1)
5. Brethren, like Aaron and Hur. (Exodus 17:9-12)
6. Fathers, like Abraham. (Genesis 22; Proverbs 10:21)
7. Sisters, who, like Mary, sit at Jesus' feet. (Luke 10:38)
8. Heads of families, like Caleb. (Acts 10:2; Num. 14:24)
9. Wives, models in their lives. (Proverbs 31:20-31)
10. Christians, who are willing to put the Lord at the first of everything in their lives.

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Sam, a colored preacher, went down to a place to try out for the work. When someone asked what his favorite parable was, he answered, "I like de parable of the good Samaritan de bestest." They ask him to tell the story and this is the way Sam related it.

A man was on his way from Jericho down to Jerusalem, and he fell among the thieves and the thorns grew up and choked the man and he died. He didn't have no money, and the Queen of Sheba came along and gave him a thousand talents and a hundred changes of raiment. He got in a chariot and rode furiously along, and as he rode along his hair got caught on a limb of a tree, and he hung there many days, and the ravens brought him food to eat and water to drink. Finally Deliah came along and cut off his hair and he fell on stony ground and it rained forty days and nights. So he went and hid hisself in a cave and the dogs came and licked his sores. Finally as he came close to Jerusalem he saw an old hen trying to get her chickens under her wings, but some of them would not. He went a little farther and met a man who asked him to have supper with him, but he said I can't, I've married me a wife, but he compelled him and he et supper with him and they had locust and wild honey.

They all voted that Sam should have the job cause he sho knowed his Bible frum kiver to kiver.

This is rather humorous and somewhat ridiculous but so are some of the things that are being taught today, we laugh at these mistakes and wonder if anybody could really believe something twisted up this way, when possibly we believe something that has been just as misrepresented as these facts and we are trusting our souls to these things without checking to see if they are in agreement with the Bible. In the words of the apostle Paul, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

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ARE YOU PULLING YOUR PART OF THE LOAD?

This is a timely and important question. Almost always there are a few in the Church who do the pulling, while many are trying to ride to heaven on the labors of others. That each one must labor in the Lord's vineyard is taught abundantly in the scriptures. The five wise virgins in Matt. 25:1-13 could not divide their oil with the five foolish virgins. And each of the laborers in the vineyard in Matt. 20:1-16 received his own wages, not that of another; even so shall we be rewarded according to our own labor and not the labor of someone else. "So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:12.

Again we ask, "Are you pulling your part of the load? Are you giving as the Lord has prospered you? Are you attending the Bible study classes and periods of worship as you should? Are you talking to people about their souls? Are you praying for the elders, deacons, preacher, Bible teachers, and the success of the church in general? Are you a dead weight holding the church back, or are you helping to pull it along?"

We hope each of us will work harder toward the growth of the church and that none of us will be guilty of holding back the progress of it.

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HE TOLD MORE THAN HE INTENDED

"Well, Preacher, you just have to expect the contribution to drop. Everything is so high and money is so scarce, and . . . What is that? Oh, how is my new car running? Just fine! It's nice."

"Why, certainly I enjoy the class and I intend to come. But I just don't have time this week. I have so many things to do. Oh, dear, I've got to go now—I have a bridge appointment and a P. T. A. meeting scheduled."

"Yes, Mid-week Bible Study is a fine thing. Every person that can must attend. But most people don't have to work as hard as I do, and I just have to get some rest. What? Did I see the fight on TV last night? (continued)

NEWS AND NOTES

GOSPEL MEETING at Dowagiac, Michigan--Nov. 14-20 with Loyd Stinnett speaking. Meeting start at 7:30 p. m. each evening.

KENDALLVILLE TO HAVE THANKSGIVING RALLY!!! November 24th at 7:30 will mark the opening of a giant rally with emphasis on youth at Kendallville, Indiana. The rally will continue through the 25th and 26th with a variety of activities and programs. Make your plans to spend a thankful thanksgiving in the fellowship of Christian young people from all over Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and other states John Smith from La Junta, Mexico will be featured on the program. For reservations and lodging contact:

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Courtesy and kindness are contagious..
Let's start an epidemic.

JUST LIKE A GROWN-UP

A small boy was on his way to worship one fine Sunday morning. In his hand he carried two new shiny dimes. One for the collection plate and the other for some ice-cream after services were over.

As he walked over a bridge one of the new dimes fell through a crack in the bridge floor and was lost. The little fellow looked at the crack in the bridge floor that had swallowed up the dime and remarked, "Well, there goes the LORD'S DIME."

Unfortunately, many grown brethren follow this same line of reasoning. Remember that Jesus has taught us, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart (Cont. p. 2)

SAVED

We read in Acts 16:31 the answer that Paul and Silas gave to the Phillipian jailor concerning his question "What must I do to be saved?" It was "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and Thou shalt be Saved, and thy house!" Many of the religious world go to this verse for refuge in believing that faith alone or belief alone will save. If this were the only verse that dealt with salvation we might agree with them but the Bible asserts that we are saved by other factors also.

It also states that we are saved by:

God . . . Romans 8:23
Christ. . . Matt. 1:21
Spirit of God. . . I Cor. 6:1
Blood of Christ. . . Rom. 5:9
Grace.Rom. 3:24
Mercy.Tit. 3:5
GospelI Cor. 15:1-2
PreachingI Cor. 1:21
Baptism.I Peter 3:21
Obedience.Heb. 5:8-9
Works.James 2:24
HopeRom. 8:24
Oneself.Acts 2:40

Man is saved by all of these but not by any one alone. None can be left out.

D. H.

(cont. from page 1) be also." (Matt. 6:21).
God, Christ, the apostles ALL SACRIFICED
FOR ME, what am I sacrificing for them?

--Selected--

The Day Everything Went Wrong

It was Monday morning. I arose from bed feeling as sick as I had said I felt yesterday--To excuse my absence from worship. At the breakfast table, my wife growled at me--the way I usually growl at her-- and I was stunned into silence. She read the paper while I gulped a cup of coffee, then she stormed off to do the shopping without even saying goodbye.

On the way into town another car ran a red light the same one I ran as I came home Saturday--and crumpled my fender.

When I finally got to work the office force had already claimed every easy job, and I was saddled with the tough-decision tasks. During the day an internal revenue man called on my boss, and then informed me that I must actually pay all the so-called "expenses" I had dreamed up for my income tax report. To top it all, my boss cut my salary to conform to the gross income I claimed.

Through the day people did unto me as I had done to them--talked about me, short-changed me, and tried to beat me to every parking space.

That evening the preacher called, and assured me that the Lord would bless me in keeping with my liberality, which meant a cold year ahead. When I prayed for forgiveness, God said that He would treat me like I had treated those who trespassed against me.

How much worse can things get? I'm catching up with me!

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Howe Methodist Church to Have First Woman Minister
Headlines from LaGrange Standard

What does the average person think when they read such a headline? Some will not bother to do more than glance at the headline. Others will smile and say, "Well, that's different." Others might mention equality of the sexes or some other statement. How does it effect you? It makes me sick! I can hardly believe that anyone can be so misguided.

The article mentions that she is the first woman ordained in the North Indiana Conference. She was ordained a Methodist elder and received into full membership. According to I Tim. 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 an elder must be the husband of one wife and have faithful and believing children. I don't see how even the "modern churches" can stretch the scripture this far. Paul wrote in I Tim. 2:11-12 that women were not to teach or to usurp authority over men. In I Cor. 14:34-35 he also wrote that women were to be silent in the church and if they wanted to learn anything they were to ask their husbands at home, because it was a shame to speak in the church.

The only way people can do this is to disregard God's word. Those who live this life without proper regard for God are already in the suburbs of hell. God said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6. Jude 16 and 18 speak of those who walk after their own lusts.

The article goes on to say that she has served as a pastor in Taiper, and that the "churches of Howe and Pretty Prairie are looking forward to real progress with such a qualified leader and feel very fortunate to have Miss Studley as their pastor." Too many of the denominations are making "real progress" such as this. Jesus said that we would be able to identify a tree by its fruit. He also said that if the blind lead the blind they would both

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fall into the ditch. He didn't say what would happen if it was a woman, but I would venture a guess that it wouldn't make too much difference. The Bible speaks of those who are "wilfully ignorant." The words such as "qualified leader" causes me to wonder at the meaning of "qualified?" Paul said that if any preached another gospel that they were to be accursed. Gal. 1:1-9.

This points out misdeeds that are done in the name of Christianity. How far will it go? Where will it stop? It will go to the edge of the grave. Then each individual will be judged by the word of God. Regardless of what we have done in "all good conscience," we will all be judged by the same standard.

The moral of this article is evident, you must do all that you can to lead the erring to Christ.

E. E. G.

HIS YOKE IS EASY

A man was carrying a basket. It was heavy. His son asked to help him. The father cut a stick and placed it through the handle of the basket so that the end toward himself was very short, while the end toward the boy was three or four times as long. Each took hold of his end of the stick, and the basket was lifted and easily carried. The son was bearing the burden with the father, but he found his work easy and light because his father assumed the heavy end of the stick.

Just so it is when we bear the yoke with Christ; He sees to it that the burden laid on us is light; He carries the heavy end.

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"I AM LOST" A sinner must decide this before he will see the need of OBEDIENCE

NEWS AND NOTES

HERALD OF TRUTH TV program can be seen on Sunday mornings--9:00 A. M. Channel 28 WSJV--So. Bend - Elkhart
9:15 A. M. Channel 33 WKJG--Fort Wayne

We encourage use of FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDANCE course and also SURVEY OF THE BIBLE FILM STRIPS.

FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING to be announced.

STAMPS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR THE MISSION WORK in Japan. In the October issue of the Christian Chronicle, it was announced that 4¢ Lincoln, the 5 ¢ Washington and the red 8¢ airmail stamps are no longer needed for the missionary work in Japan. The demand continues for all other stamps.

How many a man, from love of self,
To stuff his coffers, starves himself;
Labors, accumulates, and spares,
To lay up ruin for his heirs;
Grudges the poor their scanty dole;
Saves everything, except his soul;
And always anxious, always vexed,
Loses both this world and the next!

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FORGIVE

We may, if we choose, make the worst of one another. Every one has his weak points; every one has his faults; we may make the worst of these, we may fix our attention constantly upon these. But we may also make the best of one another. We may forgive, even as we hope to be forgiven. We may put ourselves in the place of others, and ask what we should wish to be done to us, and thought of us, were we in their place. By loving whatever is lovable in those around us, love will flow back from them to us, and life will become a pleasure instead of a pain; and earth will become like Heaven; and we shall become not unworthy followers of Him whose name is love.

A PERSONAL SACRIFICE

The sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross for the sins of all mankind should not prevent me from considering it a sacrifice for me, individually. I know that my Lord would have given his life just as freely if I had been the only person on the earth in sin. Sometimes our appreciation for this gift is dulled by the thought of numberless billions of people who benefit, and since I am only one, the Lord really didn't do very much for me after all. The scripture however relates this sacrifice as a personal thing, (I Cor. 8:11; Rom. 14:15) and I do an injustice to the grace of God unless I account Christ's sacrifice for me. Too, we rob ourselves of a closer relationship with our Savior, by lessening our love and appreciation for his giving of himself. Whether a trillion people, a billion, a thousand or just me are in sin is incidental. The plan of salvation conceived in heaven was for me, and is made more beautiful by my conceiving of it this way.

We might better understand this personal conception of Christ's sacrifice in this way: What father ^{who} loves his children would not sacrifice all he has if one of them took sick to the point of death, in order to make him well? It wouldn't matter how many children he had, his love would be no less for the one who was sick, than if he had only one to love in the first place. All of the love, sympathy, concern and plan for recovery that the father and mother could conceive, would be brought to bear on the child. All of the resources and financial reserves of the parents would be gladly given, in order to save their child. Such is the love, and much more, that our Father had for each of us in that while we were sick (in sin) Christ died for us. His sacrifice was the only way for our recovery and we should account it a personal one. He was not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. II Pet. 3:9.

Let us not be guilty of accounting the sacrifice of our Savior in a general sense instead of a personal sense, and missing a fuller and closer relationship with our maker.

D. H.

ALPHABET OF SUCCESS

Attend church regularly.
Be careful in all things.
Consider well; then decide positively.
Do right; fear to do wrong.
Endure hardships with calmness.
Forsake not your family.
Go to no place that will ruin your character.
Hate no one. Do good unto everyone.
Ignore no one; practice hospitality.
Join hands only with the righteous.
Keep your mind pure.
Lie not for any consideration.
Minister unto the needy.
Never try to appear what you are not.
Oppose all things evil.
Pay your debts promptly.
Question not the honesty of a friend.
Respect the advice of your parents.
Sacrifice money rather than principle.
Think before you speak.
Use your time wisely.
Value the Bible above all books.
Watch your temper.
Xercise good manners.
Yield not to discouragements.
Zealously labor for the right and success is certain.

Many times the reason an atheist cannot find God is the same reason that a thief cannot find a policeman!

COBO ARENA " CHRIST FOR TODAY" CAMPAIGN

We would like to report to you the number of responses at the Cobo Arena. There were 669 responses to the Lord's invitation. At least 220 were baptized and 449 confessed wrong and asked for prayers. There were 410 who responded on Sunday evening, 120 to be baptized and 290 asking for prayers.

There were numerous responses at home congregations besides the responses at the meeting. (Brother Jimmy Allen did the preaching.)

PREACHER MOVING: --via Ypsilanti News By the time you read this brother Glenn Martin and his good family will have already moved to their new home and work. Most of us have come to know and love Glenn, Dee, and children. They are starting a new work at Mundelein, Illinois. Their address will be: Route 1; Box 239, Mundelein, Illinois 60060. Pray for the Martins and also for the church at Fort Wayne as they get a new preacher.

FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING at Marks nursing home this evening at 6:30 p. m.

Plan for full day of fellowship this Sunday: Regular morning services, pot-luck lunch at Hoggatts', tray making favors in afternoon for ladies, business meeting for men, singing at Mark's Nursing Home at 6:30, then regular evening services.

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LAGRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST
EXHORTER

December 4, 1966

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 A. M.
Worship Services 10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study 7:30 P. M.

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I was glad when they
said unto me, Let us
go into the house of
the Lord.
Ps. 122:1

TOMORROW'S HOUSE

There's a house we will live in tomorrow
'Tis the house we're building today.
Every thought, word and deed's going into
that house - at the end of the way.

If we carelessly play away moments
Of God's time he is letting us share,
We will find in that house of tomorrow
disappointment and gloom and despair!

But if we redeem God's brief moments
By knowing, and living His way,
Love will light the bright house of Tomorrow--
The house we are building today.

--Selected from Ypsilanti News--

NO WONDER!

Have you ever wondered why it is so hard to convert a Catholic or a Jew to the truth? And have you wondered why we lose so many of our young people to so many different things? A recent article in Look which discusses federal aid to parochial schools might give some hint. I quote:

"Jewish children enrolled in synagogue schools receive about 200 hours of religious instruction annually. Catholic children (including those in the public schools) get at least 100 hours of formal traing in religion. But, a Protestant child, even if he attends Sunday School faithfully, receives only about 25 hours of religious instruction a year. 'All of the years a child spends in Sunday School add up to about the same time he spends in public school in two months. It is small wonder the average child in most Protestant homes can give no adequate reason for his faith.'"

And there you have it. While the "average" child of members of the Lord's church may fare better than the Protestant child (he may get 50 hours a year), it is still a long way from equalling the Jew or Catholic.

Why is it that parents leave all of the child's education in the Bible to the Bible School teacher and the preacher? The average child gets little out of the Sunday School class, and not too much out of the sermons. And some parents think such will make walking Bible encyclopedias out of their child.

A child goes to school some 30 to 35 hours a week. Counting his homework, he may spend up to 7 or 8 hours on one subject--math, music or English. And everybody is encouraging him to learn these subjects, emphasizing their importance in later life. The same child may spend one hour that (continued)

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week studying the Bible. Why are so many parents so blind and unseeing in one of the children's greatest needs--Bible study at home? Ephesians 6:4 is just as much a command as Acts 2:38! Can we be saved by obeying one and neglecting the other? Unplug the TV, throw out some of the comic books, cut out some parties and dates if necessary, and take time to study the Bible, where you and your children may learn of God and His way.

Gordon L. Ricketts

Taken from the Bulletin--Paulding

MORAL CRISIS

It is said that America faces a moral crisis, that the peace and security of the nation hang in the balance. It is said that religion should improve the morals of the nation; but religion itself faces a moral crisis. Are religious people more honest and trustworthy, can they be counted on to be more fair and just in their treatment of one another, are homes more humble and God-fearing than those of their non-religious neighbors? If not, how can they lead a nation out of its moral crisis? Perhaps religious people need to return to simple virtues of honesty, justice and honesty. If Jesus Christ were here, where would He lead?

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A RULE OF LIFE: "The rule that governs my life is this: Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible Study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it.

This simple rule may help you find a safe road for your feet along life's pathway.--J. Wilbur Chapman

A THREEFOLD LIFE

A popular definition of morality in the world today is one that considers self only. Whatever I feel is right is right for me. Little or no concern is given for my neighbors, or for God. The apostle Paul's words of inspiration tells of a morality that is more inclusive. He states that we should deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. Tit. 2:12. True morality concerns ourselves (soberly) others (righteously) and God (godly). True morality then has a threefold obligation: to ourselves, to others and to God.

"Soberly" means to maintain control over self, exercising good judgment with a sound mind. "Righteously" demands right actions, just dealings with others. "Godly" denotes a life with god-like virtues, fearfully conscience of His all seeing eye, seeking His divine approval. To define a morality without regard to the last two (others and God) produces a type of morality without religion. And morality without religion has no roots. It becomes a thing of custom, changeable, transient and optional.

D. H.

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Men say, "I have my own life to live." So far as responsibility is concerned, that is true. But not so far as duty, relationship, and opportunity. Our life is not our own. All that makes it great is borrowed, like the ax of the son of the prophet. Life is short--but it is long enough for all of us to learn its worth before Death lifts his hammer to strike the passing of the hour of time.

--Macartney's Illustrations

HAVE YOU NOTICED

. . . . that the people who find time to visit the sick and teach the lost have as much to do as those who do not? It is with them a matter of putting the most important thing first.

. . . . that people who never miss services have just as much sickness and just as many kinfolks as those who miss when they don't feel good or when company comes? They put first things first.

. . . . that those who are teaching Bible classes don't have more time to prepare than others do? They just take time to do that which is important.

. . . . that many who attend Bible classes regularly have just as many small children to be taught from the earliest years to behave at the services?

. . . . that if we tried as hard to be on time at Worship as we do to the ball game or other events, we would seldom come in late?

. . . . that those who get the most out of the Church are those who put the most in it? If you are not getting what you think you should out of the church, take an inventory of what you are putting into it.

--Lincoln St. Bulletin, Bloomington

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A rich man wanted to help a very poor carpenter. He hired him to build a house; then he went away on a long journey. The carpenter used shoddy materials and neglected the supporting work that did not show. When the rich man returned he gave the house to the poor carpenter! Tomorrow we live in the house we are building TODAY!

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FOUND--A release from anxiety and work. This precious possession was found in the closet of prayer on the shelf of complete trust. Anyone having lost this blessing should reclaim it immediately.

LOST--A child by parents too busy to give him spiritual guidance. Finder please return to God and receive greatest reward to be imagined.

FOUND A precious soul by one interested in doing God's will. This soul was reclaimed for the Lord by a lady who earnestly prayed over the matter. Great rejoicing now had by both parties.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Sharon and Hillard Gayheart who are the proud parents of a baby girl born Friday evening December 9, 1966.

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"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!" II Cor. 9:15

SO YOU ARE SATISFIED!!!

So you are satisfied! Well, what of it? The rich man was satisfied, but God called him a fool and took away his soul. (Luke 12:20) The whole church in Laodicea was satisfied, but Jesus said they did not know that they were actually wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. That's how wrong a satisfied person can be. (Rev. 3:17-18).

The Pharisee that went into the temple to pray was satisfied with himself and even glad he was not the publican. But Jesus said that the sin-conscious publican was justified rather than the self-righteous Pharisee. (Luke 18:9-14). The dozen disciples in Ephesus were evidently satisfied with their religion and yet they had not received the Holy Spirit, not had so much as heard that He was given. (Acts 19:1-5). And the wise man warned, "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death." (Prov. 14-12)

--Eastland News--

EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS

(But make it during christmas or lent--at least on Sunday morning)

In our religious world in general it seems that everyone "gets religious" twice a year; at christmas and lent. I am caused to wonder if the people think that Christ will return during christmas or lent. I do not believe that we are to celebrate a "special" day for Christ's birthday any more than we are to set aside a special season for his death, burial and resurrection. The season of Christmas is supposedly a time of gift giving and peace on earth and goodwill to all men. But while we are giving gifts to those we think will give us one in return there are millions of people who are literally starving to death. While we spend our millions on christmas trees, decorations for our streets, etc, we are letting people die because they have no food to eat or clothes to wear.

Oh yes, we are a Christian nation, according to us, but do our acts of kindness show it? We are a nation where the average family will spend \$15 to \$25 on a football game and \$2 for the Lord's work. We will sit for hours during a ballgame, but not for the same length of time in worship to God. Turn on your T.V. set and see the 30-100 thousand people going mad over an egg shaped pigskin being kicked, carried and batted around by 22 grown men. There is something wrong with us as a nation! During my lifetime, which hasn't been too long, I can see a definite trend toward sports and a decline in the interest concerning religion. By this I don't mean just "our" religion. but religion in general. Is there any hope for us? I very seriously doubt it. In all honesty, I do not see a great reformation without some calamity or datastrophe. If, as many believe, history repeats itself, we are in for a great crash. Paul wrote in Gal 4:10-11. You pay special attention to certain days, months, seasons, and years. I am afraid for you! Can it be that all my work for you has been for nothing (T. E. V.)

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Paul condemned the people for this religious(?) observance of special days. We may as well honestly face the situation. Christmas and Easter are man made traditions. I am concerned when I see Christians acting just like the rest of the world during these "special" days. Of course we try to evade the issue by saying we don't celebrate Christmas as Christ's birthday, but I wonder if our neighbors know this as they see us with our christmas trees, gift giving, etc.

I read just the other day that interest in religion is declining. May God help us if it declines any more.

I see the slogan "Let's put Christ back in Christmas". I say rather "Let's leave Jesus out of Christmas. God didn't put Him there, so why should we. We as members of the precious body of Christ call for conforming to the "Bible only", while at the same time we run hand in hand with those we are criticizing to get first pick of a christmas tree and to beat the christmas rush. Sounds a little like those in Romans 2:1. We constantly talk about not causing people to stumble, but at the same time our children many times can see no difference in our activities and those of the so called protestant and catholic people.

Just the name Christ-mass or christmas tells you that it is not even a Bible topic. The word "mass" is popish in orgin--not Biblical!

Therefore we need to seek God's word for guidance. If it can't be authorized by the Bible we better leave it alone. The inspired writer said, "Don't follow a multitude to do evil!"

E. E. G.

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LOST and FOUND

LOST--A golden opportunity to save a soul from death. Carelessly misplaced due to pressing engagement with the world. Should you find such opportunity, make full use of it immediately.

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GIVING

Today is the day that much of the world regards as the birthday of Christ. No man knows when this event occurred, for the scriptures do not tell us. Nevertheless, it does evoke an unprecedented spirit of giving which can hardly be duplicated by anything else. To some, at least, who this season are inspired by the example of a giving Savior, and not by the glitter of commercialism, good motives and well directed acts of giving can bring about a lot of good for others as well as ourselves. There are a world of deserving recipients for a benevolent spirit that no one should withhold because the world is giving at this season too. True, many people are giving just to get something in return. Or many are giving just to be seen of men or to receive their praise. However, we will not be judged by another man's motives but we will be judged individually. You might give a gift which in all outward respects looks like what the world is doing but the Lord knows your motives and will reward accordingly. There are those who are hungry who need to be fed; widows and orphans who depend on our giving; little children who appreciate being thought about; loved ones who need to be encouraged; to whom appreciation outside the ordinary should be shown, a multiplicity of acts of kindness, ever wanting and needful to show we care. Even a small gift given from the heart is priceless. It has squared many a large debt, saved many marriages and brought families closer together, encouraged the sick and none the less important, provides doors of opportunity for spiritual teaching. There are many ways to support the message of Jesus Christ, as the Savior of all men. On and on and on goes the list of worthy works in this love starved world.

The tragedy of it all however is that the spirit of giving is confined to a few days and does not continue throughout the year. To the person in whom is aroused the spirit of giving this (cont.)

season, only to drift back into self-interests after the season is over surely senses no personal benefit. But to a benevolent spirit who is willing to give at all times, he should not be ashamed or make apology for doing it at this time of the year, which might be an incentive milestone for continued good works. Surely such a man is a happy one. The Lord said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and he made no exceptions as to days.

To say that a religious observance of this special appointed day is binding on us as Christians would be no more right than the Jews desire to bind special days as a part of the Christian law. Gal: 4:10,11. This is not to say however, that personal observances were not practiced. (Such as Paul's acts of purification with others, long after he had received the christian law, Acts 21: 26. Such a freedom is allowed according to Rom. 14: 5, 6. He did not however bind this as a part of God's law). Neither can or should we teach special observance of this season as a part of God's law. The thing that is important however, and is so lacking in even God's people is a 365 day a year dedication to being a Christian. The benefits derived from being a benevolent Christian cannot be taken away in this world or the world to come.

D. H.

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GIVE ME A LIGHT

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown!" And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way."

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