proper channels. There is much work that can be done for the Lord if we have the foresight and wisdom to use the greatest resource of the church-our youth.

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Our meeting is only a week away. Are you praying for it? Are you inviting people to come either by personally contacting them or by calling them on the phone? The success of our meeting will depend on how many people you get to the meeting to hear brother Weir. He will surely do the best he can, but unless you do your part and get non-members here to hear him, no new souls will be added to the Lord's body. A meeting has two purposes: first, to edify the members, and second, to add new members to the church. In order to do this we must be at each meeting and try to have some non-member with us.

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We are looking for persons to write articles for the bulletin. If you would like to write one, do so. Hand it to the preacher and it will be put in an issue soon.

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# LA GRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST EXHORTER

### March 20, 1966

Schedule of Regula	r Services
Sunday Morning Bible Study Worship Services Evening Worship Thursday Evening Bible Study.	7:30 P. M.
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## "GOD IS DEAD" DEBATE IS DEAD

The debate between Dr. Thomas J.J. Altizer and brother James D. Bales is dead before it even got off the ground. Dr. Altizer, the leader of the "God is Dead" movement, changed his mind about meeting brother Bales in a public debate on the issue mentioned. (He must be smarter than I first thought.) This must be considered a victory for New Testament Christians. As far as I know brother Bales was the

only man to defend the faith by offering to debate the issue anytime and anyplace. The churches of Christ were quick to voice protest to this ridiculous idea by asking brother Bales to debate this fanatical fool. (Psalms 14:1; 53:1) If any of you saw the newscast of Walter Cronkite on February 7, 1966, I am sure you were sickened and appalled by the shocking ritual that was being enacted by Dr. Altizer and a group of young people of the college he represents. I was! I thank God that men like Alton and V. E. Howard, James D. Bales, and thousands of New Testament Christians were willing and able to stand up and raise objections to this preposterous and irrational statement. Two telegrams, one 60 feet in length, and the other 200 feet were signed and mailed. The latter had 3,000 signatures on it.

Dr. Altizer first agreed to the debate with brother Bales, but later did an about face and refused. He went on T.V. and insulted Harding College and its Christian faculty as a religious institution that has set religion back 200 years. (We need to set it back almost 2,000 years.)

Dr. Altizer is an associate professor at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. Brother Bales is a professor of Christian Doctrine at Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas. Brother Bales also has a Ph. D. degree from the University of California.

-- By E. E. G.

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So far, fifteen have responded to our Star mailer by requesting the correspondence course. This means that fifteen people are or will be studying God's word without a denominational slant to it. This course is costing us in the neighborhood of \$170.00 for each covering. This may require a little deeper digging on our part. At this time of taxes and the usual winter

bills we will be running very close in our checking account. The unexpected trouble and expense of the furnace and pipes has taken its toll on our money. We have figured that we would have to give about \$12.00 per week over our usual amount to meet this expense.

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In our last bulletin Ruth Wilson, one of our teenagers, had an article on "Lent," Ruth is just one of er fine young people. I have decided that it is time to express my appreciation to these wonderful youth. They are a credit to the cause of Christ in the communities where they live. They also reflect what a good Christian home can do for the character of a person. So many young people today do not reflect this type of training. As a teacher in the public schools I can see a great need for a better home life. We really do not appreciate these people enough. They are visiting at Marks Nursing Home and singing for the old folk there. They do not have to do this, but they are doing it because they want to. I have taken these young people to youth rallies and have worked with some of them in camp and not one time have I ever been ashamed to say that they are from the same congregation that I am. They have always conducted themselves like Christians. I would like to express my thanks to these people for their fine behavior and their willingness to work. The church tomorrow will be just as good as our youth of today. May God grant these young people many fruitful years of his service. I am grateful for the months that God has given me to work with these young people. May they serve as an inspiration to those of us who are older, that we may be more dedicated to Christ. They are filled with enthusiasm and a readiness to work. Let us not dampen their zeal by dragging our feet; but rather let us set the pace and guide their energy into the