

SINGING at Marks Nursing Home this evening at  
6:30 p. m.

EVERYONE wants to say Thank you to Bro. Fred  
Cox for his work on the driveway.

REMEMBER -- July 4 -- work and play day at Camp  
Indogan

GREATER INDIANA CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST starts July  
3 at the Clowes Memorial Hall--Butler University.

GOSPEL MEETING--August 14 - 20.

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David Lipscomb College  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

A GOOD RULE TO FOLLOW -- The rule that governs our  
life should include this one: "ANYTHING that dims  
my vision of Christ, or takes away my time or taste  
for Bible study, or cramps or crowds my prayer life,  
or makes ANY Christian work or service difficult, is  
WRONG FOR ME. I MUST, AS a Christian, TURN AWAY  
FROM IT." --Selected.

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. Earl Gieseke  
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. LaGrange, Indiana 46761  
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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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July 2, 1967

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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.
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"The highest type  
of education is to  
learn to do God's  
will."

. . . . .

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is a chain of gold  
Shaped in God's all perfect mold,  
Each link a smile, a laugh, a tear,  
A grip of the hand, a word of cheer.  
As steadfast as the ages roll  
Binding closer soul to soul;  
No matter how far, or heavy the load--  
Sweet is the journey on Friendship's road.

--Selected--

JESUS SAID; "Ye are my friends, if ye do what-  
soever I command you." John 15:14.



## PARABLE OF THE AXE OR REMOVE THE OLD LANDMARKS

The story is told of two men who were engaged in conversation regarding an axe. They were not acquainted with each other; but when the visitor saw the other man with an axe, he said, "That looks like a good axe; is it very old?" "It is a good axe," replied the owner, "and a very old one: I bought it seventy-five years ago." "That is strange," remarked the visitor, "it seems to be as good as new." "Well," continued the owner "it has had three new blades and five new handles; but except for that, it is the same axe I bought seventy-five years ago."

If I ask the question, "Does God change?" you would, I hope, answer with a resounding NO! Yet on every side I hear people talking about changing times and a necessity for revising and changing the religious teaching for a new and modern generation.. We need to change our teaching methods, but not the message. Communications have been revolutionized in the past several years. Are we really using these to the greatest benefit? The Herald of Truth is an example of one way we can do this. The question is: How much will we use the avenues available to us? If we do not put the truth in the homes of the untaught in this and other lands, some one else will put something less than the whole truth into their homes.

God has told us not to remove the OLD LANDMARKS. That is exactly what the denominations are doing today. The thing today is to preach and teach whatever is popular. Don't be a square; play it cool. This is the "Go-Go" generation. It may well be that, but where are we going??? Morality and godliness is about as popular as Castor Oil. It is only used as a last resort.

What is our responsibility? What should our attitude be? I can only speak for myself, but

I believe that our only hope is to walk in the "Old Paths." I expect to be called a square, a radical, a religious fanatic, plus all the other things (terms) people call these people who refuse to compromise on the teaching of God's word.

To allow these "modernist" to go unopposed is like removing a barricade at a cliff and allowing people to drive over without a word of warning into a bottomless pit. What are we doing? How many people have you offered to study with during the past week? month? year? How many have you asked to come to Bible class or worship services in the same period? We apparently are not too concerned that people are going to hell because they have never obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have a great responsibility today. We must prepare ourselves and be ready when the opportunity comes. Why must we do this? Because no one else can or will do it. Our "protestant" neighbors are in no position because they are not teaching the complete truth. If they were teaching the complete truth we would all be "just Christians." The teaching of the truth is in the hands of a "few" relatively speaking. Our success will depend upon our desire to save souls. Let us maintain our plea for a return to the authority of the Bible. The same gospel preached in the first century is the only power that will save today. Christ is the only way. The things required then is still necessary today. God does not change. The Bible does not change. It is alright to change the axe, but we must stick to the same teaching today that the people who were Christians taught in the New Testament Church.

E. E. G.

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HAVE YOU HEARD OF CANNED SUCCESS? Success comes in cans, failure in can'ts.



TEMPER

When I have lost my temper  
 I have lost my reason too.  
 I'm never pleased of anything  
 Which angrily I do.  
 When I have talked in anger,  
 And my cheeks were flaming red,  
 I have always uttered something  
 Which I wish I had not said.  
 In anger I have never  
 Done a kindly deed or wise,  
 But many things for which I felt  
 I should apologize.  
 In looking back across my life,  
 And all I've lost or made,  
 I can't recall a single time  
 When fury every paid.  
 So I struggle to be patient,  
 For I've reached a wiser age;  
 I do not want to do a thing  
 Or speak a word in rage.  
 I have learned by sad experience  
 That when my temper flies  
 I never do a worthy deed,  
 A decent deed or wise. --Sel.

NEWS AND NOTES

- Family camp starts this afternoon.
- Junior camp begins Sunday August 16.  
 Camp Indogan, Silver Lake, Angola, Ind.

GOSPEL MEETING August 14-20.  
 BOOTH AT 4-H Fair --August 1-4.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

July 9, 1967

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Services	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship	7:30 P. M.
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JESUS SAID;  
 "Ye are my friends,  
 if ye do whatsoever  
 I command you."  
 John 15:14

TELL ME WHY

My daddy thinks its very nice  
 For me to go to Bible school,  
 To hear the helpful lessons  
 And to hear the Golden Rule.

So, I dress up very neatly  
 And travel off alone,  
 While Dad hunts up his paper  
 And decides he'll stay at home.

And if some Lord's day morning  
 something else I'd like to do  
 My dad looks very stern and says,  
 "Son, I'm surprised at you!"

Now I've wondered and I've wondered;  
 I've done it time and time again,  
 Why Bible school is good for boys,  
 And not for grown men? --Sel.



## BUGGED BY DECISIONS?

The story is told that one time a certain man saw another man sorting potatoes, putting the big potatoes in one bin and the little potatoes in another bin.

The man said to the potato sorter, "You sure have an easy job." To which the potato sorter replied, "No. This job is killing me." The observer then queried, "How is that?" And the potato sorter replied, "It is the decisions. They are killing me."

The potato sorter could have been unfaithful to his job and not sorted the potatoes at all. Or he could have put all the potatoes in the bin for the big potatoes or all the potatoes in the bin for the little potatoes. Or he could have put the big potatoes in the bin for the little potatoes and the little potatoes in the bin for the big potatoes.

Sorting potatoes is a good bit like living the Christian life. One has to sort out the good from the evil. This is made more difficult by public opinion. Custom and tradition which sometimes can't tell the difference between a little potato and a big potato; I mean a sinful pleasure from a harmless diversion and an evil act from a righteous deed.

It is easy to give in to the pressure of public opinion and participate in the sinful pleasures of the world. To say Yes, to the world, and No, to God. But therein comes the rub and that an eternal one.

To say No, to God leads to hell and eternal punishment. Such a destiny is not to be desired or even palatable. Hence back to seriously sorting the potatoes; I mean the good from the evil.

To be a religious potato sorter doesn't mean one is necessarily a righteous potato sorter. The prophet Isaiah spake to the religious sorters of his day and said, "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight...Which justify the

wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him." Isaiah 5:20, 21, 23.

The social drink, immodest dress, the modern dance, impure thoughts, acts and deeds; pride, haughtiness, envy, jealousy and such like are all evil and go in the evil bin of sin.

If you please, it is God's word that defines the good from the evil. Blessed is the man that uses God's rule and measures correctly.

The final decision of Christ on the day of judgment will rest largely on the decisions in this life. You see, He too will use God's rule (Word). He will use it to measure us as to whether we have measured and lived correctly.

To take the bugs out of potato sorting, follow God's word exclusively and you will have chips laid up in heaven. Yes, this potato sorting business is really serious business.

---Robert R. Page

---The Christian Voice

## HELPING OR HONKING???

A woman driver was having difficulties getting her automobile started after it had stalled in traffic. The gentleman(?) in the car behind her insisted on expressing his impatience with her by blowing his horn every few seconds.

Finally, the lady, worn out by his thoughtlessness, stepped out of her automobile, walked back to the honker's car and said, "I'm having some difficulty in getting my car started. If you'll go and see if you can start it, I'll honk your horn for you!"

What the world needs is more helpers and less honkers. True Christianity makes helpers out of honkers; that is if they give up the horn blowing habit. The Church needs workers more than it needs criticizers. Honkers with the horn blowing habit are heartless. Helpers with helpful habits have hearts full of love. The harp of love is more pleasing to the ear than the horn of impatience.

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GOSPEL MEETING--August 14-20.  
 4-H FAIR BOOTH--AUGUST 1-5.  
 JUNIOR CAMP at Camp Indogan this week, July 16  
 to July 22.

There will be a week between Junior  
 and Intermediate camp which will be  
 free for use of members. They are  
 invited to take their overnight be-  
 longings and enjoy our beautiful  
 campsite with the fellowship of  
 others.

"I would like to express my appreciat-  
 ion to all the members of congregat-  
 ions who have helped get the camp in  
 readiness for the summer's program.  
 There is always much to be done and  
 no "one" can do it, but "many" can.

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FAITH and DOUBT

Doubt sees the obstacles--

Faith sees the way.

Doubt sees the darkest night--

Faith sees the day.

Doubt dreads to take a step--

Faith soars on high!

Doubt questions-- "Who believes,"

Faith answers-- "I".

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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July 16, 1967

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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 "Good seed must be sown  
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 Route 4, Box 46 selves. Sow the Gospel  
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NOW IS THE ONLY TIME

--Sel. Logansport B'tin  
 About two years ago, there passed away a man  
 who was noted for a life of extraordinary use-  
 fulness. Many people were interested in knowing  
 something of the motives which had impelled this  
 person in his unselfish pursuit of opportunities  
 for doing good. A clue was discovered when they  
 found in one of his pockets the following poem,  
 crumpled and underscored, and embroidered with  
 marginal notes:---

"The clock of life is wound but once,  
 And no man has the power  
 To tell just when the hands will stop,  
 At late or early hour.  
 Now is the only time you own,  
 Give, love, toil with a will,  
 Place no faith in tomorrow,  
 For the clock may then be still."



## GOD IS NOT MOCKED

Salomon wrote, "Fools make a mock at sin . . . ." The first people of whom we read in God's word tried to mock God by doing exactly what they were told not to do, then trying to hide from God. Be sure your sins will find you out. Sin, simply stated, is a transgression of God's law. It matters not who or what is to blame. Men excuse sin, apologize for it, attribute it to circumstance, infirmities, etc. But when we sin we are mocking God's law which told the Jew that the soul that sinned would die; and Paul's proclamation that the wages of sin is death. Sin is man's declaration of independence of God.

Today, people are being led by false teachers. They have mocked the laws of God consistently and continually. Those who are following after men by wearing their names and teaching their doctrines are making a mockery of Christ's prayer and the Bible as a whole. What will be the end result of this flagrant disobedience?

God hates sin and this is a sin. It matters not whether the person is aware or concerned about this or not. Solomon wrote that there is a way which seems right to a man, but that the end thereof are the ways of death (Prov. 14:12-16:25). This means that these false teachers are leading, not a few, but millions toward the ways of death.

What will we do about this? We will do little or nothing about it until we have an "anxiety for souls." We must be first of all concerned with our own salvation. (Phil. 2:12). When we are truly concerned with our own salvation we will naturally be concerned about others. Paul told Timothy that the same doctrine that would save him would also save others that heard it. (I Tim 4:16). The age old question "Am I my brother's keeper?" might be answered, "No, but you are his brother?"

E. E. G.

## A PERSONAL WORKER

If we love Christ as he loves us, then we should spread His word.  
For the story from the Bible is the best I've ever heard.  
It tells us how to save our souls from Satan's fiery hell,  
And with this knowledge we should go find someone else to tell.  
There may be someone waiting to hear this just from you,  
So we should all go knock on doors, for God expects us to.  
There's people who won't understand and quickly close their door,  
But don't give up just look around, there's always plenty more.  
God said to use our talents and he gave us all two feet,  
We'll all be using part of these just walking down some street.  
Especially if we tell someone how Jesus saved our soul,  
And let them know without a doubt that Heaven is our goal.  
When we help others in this world we also help ourself,  
But religion can't help anyone when stored upon a shelf.  
Your faces all look good to me I hope that's understood,  
But they don't look as good right now as a group of new ones would.  
The point I've tried to make is this, we all should bring a friend,  
To worship here each Lord's day when services begin.

--Selected--



My back is bent; my leaves are torn.  
 No one knows the sorrows I've borne.  
 I'm used as a toy for a little boy,  
 Sometimes as a fan for a weary old man.  
 Once I was new, but now I am old;  
 I wonder what my future can hold.  
 My life has been short and really sad.  
 Because I have been treated so very bad.  
 Please treat the other song books right,  
 That they may never reach my plight.

THE UNHAPPY SONG BOOK. . .

CAMP INDOGAN SESSIONS--

Intermediate--July 30 to August 11  
 Senior --August 13 to 25

4-H FAIR BOOTH --August 2 to 5 .

GOSPEL MEETING --August 14 to 20. Brother  
 Joe Hazelbaker preaching.

ENTRANCE EXAM--Every time a little boy  
 went to a playmate's house, he found the  
 friend's grandmother deeply engrossed in  
 her Bible. Finally his curiosity got the  
 better of him. "Why do you suppose your  
 grandmother reads the Bible so much?" he  
 asked. "I'm not sure," said his friend,  
 "but I think it's because she's cramming  
 for her finals!" --Readers Digest--

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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July 23, 1967

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"Except ye be converted  
 and become as little  
 children, ye shall not  
 enter into the kingdom  
 of heaven" Matt. 18:3

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RECIPE FOR THE WEEK: HAPPINESS CAKE

- 1 cup good thoughts
- 1 cup kind deeds
- 1 cup consideration of others
- 3 cups forgiveness
- 2 cups well beaten faults
- 2 cups of sacrifice for others

Mix thoroughly and add tears of joy, sorrow and  
 sympathy. Fold in four cups of prayer and faith  
 to lighten all other ingredients and raise texture  
 to great heights of character. After flouring this  
 into your daily life, bake well with heat of human  
 kindness. Serve this with a smile, any time, and it  
 will satisfy the hunger of starved souls.

--Selected--



### "I'D RATHER FIGHT THAN SWITCH".

Established in the right channels habit can be a glorious thing. The Lord knew how the repetition of righteous acts can deepen spiritual life when He gave us worship and observance of the Lord's Supper for every Sunday. Yet it is obvious that many have fallen into habits of neglect in there spiritual life, and sluggishly contented, do not want to be disturbed. In fact, they had rather fight than switch!

For instance, regardless of how many times they have heard of the great values of Bible study, but for them personally and in the work of the Lord, . . . stubbornly refuse to attend. (Some have even been going home after the 1st worship service instead of staying for the Bible Study which follows). Only last Sunday we had several persons come for worship who failed to attend Bible School. (If the Lord should come during our Bible Study, where would you want to be found?) When you mention to them their need for these precious moments in the study of the Word of God, it is obvious they had rather fight . . . than switch form their habit of neglect!

And the same is true in giving. Many Christians are giving the same they gave ten, fifteen or twenty years ago. They have been prospered many times more, but their giving is in the same old rut. Mention a need for an increase in their giving and you would think from the look on their faces they had been eating green persimmons. Several years ago, their covetous hearts developed a prejudice against this grace, and now they had rather fight than switch from a tight-fisted, stingy attitude.

In many places the Sunday evening attendance is less than half what it is on Sunday morning. Approach these responsible for this disgrace, and you'll

find out that they had rather watch the "boob tube", use the baby as an excuse, go visiting or play headache, yea, even fight than switch from this deadly habit of negligence.

You've heard about the fellow who said, "No one can make me attend every service of the church. I'd rather die and go to hell first." And sure enough, he did!!!!

May God help us to break the chains of habit that keep us from loyal attendance, regular Bible Study, and abounding in the grace of giving. We are not worthy of the least of God's blessings, and never will be able to do enough for Him!!

--Mac Layton--

### WHY IS IT??

People want the Bible read when they are married; want it read when they die; want it read when they are in trouble, but they refuse to read it while they have opportunity, and deliberately stay away from Bible school Sunday morning, Sunday and Wed. evening. Why is it? Can you tell me Why?

### THE SUCCESS FAMILY

The father of Success is named Work. The mother of Success is named Ambition. The oldest son is Common Sense, and some of the boys are Stability, Honesty, Preservance, Thoroughness, Foresight, and Enthusiasm. The oldest girl is Character. Some of the sisters are Cheerfulness, Loyalty, Care, Courtesy, Economy, Sincerity, and Harmony. The baby is Opportunity. Get acquainted with the "old man" and you will be able to get along with the rest of the family.

--Selected--

"Sin is a luxury that even the rich can't afford!"



FAIR BOOTH -- August 2 to 5. Let's all get out and help in any way that we can to make this a success.

GOSPEL MEETING -- Joe Hazelbaker of Covington will be the Speaker. August 14-20.

INTERMEDIATE CAMP at Camp Indogan this week and next. July 30 - August 11.

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GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

God hath not promised skies always blue,  
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through.  
God hath not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.  
But God hath promised strength for the day,  
Rest for the laborer, light on the way;  
Grace for the trial, help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

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July 30, 1967

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Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship	7:30 P. M.
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A little that a right-  
eous man thath is better  
than the riches of the  
wicked.  
Psalm 37:16

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WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MAKE OUR MEETING A SUCCESS?

1. Pray for the meeting and the Preacher.
2. Talk about the meeting.
3. Concentrate on ONE person you want to lead to Christ.
4. Make all visitors feel at home when they come.
5. Resolve to attend every service yourself.
6. Bring Someone with you.
7. Be on time.
8. Sit down near the front.
9. Participate WHOLEHEARTEDLY in the worship.

--Danville Reporter--

The religion of Christ is not an uncertain way of looking at some things, but it is a certain way of looking at all things.



## "WHAT ARE YOU DOING TOMORROW?"

"What are you doing tomorrow", is a common question. It seems to <sup>me</sup> that a more pertinent question is, "What are you doing about tomorrow?" We, too often are like the person who when asked what his favorite parable was answered, "Well, I like the one where everybody loafs and fishes." Why aren't we planning for tomorrow? To plan, however, is not to worry about tomorrow. But rather it is simply keep the proper perspective in our living and service. Someone has said that we ought to plan as if we were going to live forever and live as if today were the last day. (It may be). Perhaps we do not realize the importance of each member's job. We should be a little like the janitor in the bank who put a sign on his broomcloset which read: OFFICE OF THE TRASHIER.

Some say that if they were in a different place they <sup>could</sup> or would do more. Some intend to after they go to another area to live, but the truth is, it does not matter where we live our life won't change much. One man said, I'M going to Texas where the men are men and the women are women; his "friend" said, "Well, you should fit in some place." We must make our self fit in to the Lord's work regardless of where we are. God has given us tools to use, but we must use them ourselves. We must realize our limitations and work to over come them. Don't be like the fly on the garbage truck who looked back while riding down a dusty road and said, "Boy, look at the dust I am stirring up." Paul wrote that each of us should do our own works so that we could rejoice in our selves and not in another. We have to recognize the fact that we can't do everything as well as someone else might; but that God does not count our mistakes, but only the number of times we have tried.

The poet wrote:

"Only one life---'twill soon be past,  
Only what is done for Christ will last."

When someone asks us the question, "What are you doing tomorrow," we should answer, "I'm preparing for it in case I'm not here." But some

people are so lazy that the only way they could be induced to do work would be to cremate their body and use their ashes for an hour glass. We need to prepare ourselves for tomorrow by helping others. No person can be near Christ without desiring forgiveness of sins for his neighbor as well as himself. If we would be Christ's tomorrow, we must be willing to walk the straight and narrow way today. The Way of the Cross has not been tried and found wanting; it has been tried and found difficult, so many have quit trying. Paul said, "Yea and all that live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecutions." But he also wrote. "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." We ought to count it a joy to be able to suffer for Christ, but most of us will never know this joy. WE talk about our neighbors misusing the scriptures, but it seems we read 1 Cor. 15:58 as follows: "Therefore, my beloved Brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always."

We must not be like a signpost--pointing the way to others, but never going there ourself. With our fairbooth and gospel meeting coming up, we need to be working and planning for it. We might still be here; on the other hand--we might not!!!!

E. E. G.

### CHRIST DIED TO SAVE SINNERS-- NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER

- S - satisfies the heart's yearnings.
- A - alienates from devil's crowd.
- L - liberates from sin.
- V - vitalizes our life through Christ.
- A - awakens thanksgiving within us to God.
- T - teaches us the goodness of God.
- I - inspires the hope of glory within us.
- O - opens the windows of heaven to us.
- N - necessitates a clean life.

--Bryan Street Messenger



GOSPEL MEETING August 14-20 with Brother Joe Hazelbaker of Covington, Indiana as speaker.

SEVERAL NEW CONTACTS were made at our booth at the 4-H Fair.

WARREN JONES will be at Waterloo to speak today. This afternoon at 2:30 p.m. and again this evening.

INTERMEDIATE CAMP is in session at Camp Indogan this week. Senior Camp starts August 13.

SINGING AT MARKS Nursing Home this evening at 6:30 pm Everyone come along to cheer the patients there.

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By giving comfort to the wrong  
Desire - first wave of evil's tide.

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If God gets his and I get mine,  
Then everything will be just fine.  
But if I get mine and keep his too,  
Then what do you think the Lord will do?  
I think he'll collect don't you?

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C H U R C H   O F   C H R I S T

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August 6, 1967

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Study to show thyself  
approved unto God . .  
II Timothy 2:15

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SECRET THOUGHT

Read James 1:15

"I didn't mean to sin!" he cried  
"Temptation was too swift and strong."  
But in his heart he knew he lied;  
The thought to sin was with him long.

When first the evil thought had swelled  
Within his heart and brought desire.  
His conscience could have quickly quelled  
That thought, and kept him from the mire.

But contemplated sin was kept  
And fed by other evil thought  
'Til its eroding slime had swept  
Down each defence his conscience wrought.

No, sin was really not too strong  
'Til he deserted to its side

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## THE OPPORTUNITIES JUST AHEAD

The church at LaGrange has a wonderful opportunity in the next few weeks to make many contacts in this area who are out of Christ. The double booth space we had at the 4-H County Fair gave us effective publicity for our plea to return to the Bible. Preachers and teachers volunteered to make on the spot contacts at the booth and I am sure that the anticipated follow-up work should keep us busy for some time to come. The date of the fair was Aug. 2-5. Then August 14-20 our gospel meeting affords us another opportunity to reach the public. I personally know Brother Joe Hazelbaker and the love and kindness with which he leads men and women to Christ. We need not fear that he will offend or embarrass our friends and neighbors, so we should make every effort to assure that the message will not go unheard.

A survey recently was made to determine why people became members of a particular religious body. Following are the answers given to the question, "Why did you choose the particular church with which you are now worshipping?"

Nine percent because of the architectural beauty of the building.

Fourteen percent because of prior denominational affiliation.

Eighteen percent because of the ministers of the church.

Twenty-two percent because there were people in the church whom they respected.

Thirty-four percent because neighbors or friends invited them to that church.

This survey shows that people can be gotten to the services if we will invite them and encourage them to come. Once they have come, they can be taught the truth, some will obey from the heart. But they

will never do so unless we will assume our responsibility to bring them. May we all pray, plan our work, work our plan and rest assured that the Lord will bless our every effort in the opportunities that lay ahead.

D. H.

## AVERAGING MATTERS WITH THE LORD

A Scotchman often remarked that on the whole he was a pretty good man. "I've cheated a little and sometimes I get mad and swear, but then I'm pretty honest. I work on Sundays often, but then I give a good deal to the poor. I drink a little, but I have never gotten drunk in my life. On the whole, I think I have a pretty high batting average with the Lord."

He hired a man to build a fence around his field and gave him careful instructions as to how the fence was to be built. When it was finished, he asked the hired man if everything had been carried out according to orders.

The hired man replied, "Well, it's been well built but I can't say it's perfect; just a good average fence. If some parts are weak, others are extra strong.

I left a little gap here and there but I made up for it by doubling the wire on either side. I think the stock will find it a good fence, on the whole, but I can't say it's perfect in every part."

After listening to what the hired man had to say, the Scotchman said, "Don't you know that a fence must be perfect in every part, or the cattle will surely find a hole to go through?"

"Well, I used to think so," replied the hired man, "But I heard you talking about averaging matters with the Lord and it seems to me that we might try it with the cattle."

--Selected--



THOUGHTLETS -- "No matter what your lot in life may be, build something on it. - You won't find many success rules that will work unless you do. - The narrower the mind, the broader the statement. - The way of the world, it seems, is to praise dead saints and persecute the living ones. - The world at its worst needs the church at its best."

--Selected--

NEWS AND NOTES --

Gospel meeting with Brother Joe Hazelbaker, Covington, Indiana, as speaker. August 14-20.

SENIOR CAMP AT CAMP INDOGAN--The last session of the regular camping season starts today.

SISTER PHENA PHOFF is in the LaGrange County Hospital. Visitors will be appreciated, as well as cards.

Mrs. Penrose is at the LaGrange County Hospital with a broken arm. Visitors and cards would be welcome.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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August 13, 1967

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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Evening Worship	7:30 P. M.
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Watch--  
HERALD OF TRUTH--WSJV  
8:00 a.m. - Channel 28

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HOW WOULD YOU FEEL . . .

....If God gave you the same amount of time and attention that you devote to Him?  
....If God put as many things ahead of you as you put ahead of Him?  
....If God offered as many excuses as you do, and if His excuses were no more justifiable than yours?  
....If God's promises were no more certain than yours?  
....If God withheld His blessings from you as you withheld your offering from Him?  
....If God loved Himself as much as you love yourself and gave as little thought to you as you give to Him?

--Selected--



#### A PERSONAL WORKER

If we love Christ as he loves us, then we should  
spread His word.  
For the story from the Bible is the best I've ever  
heard.  
It tells us how to save our souls from Satan's  
fiery hell,  
And with this knowledge we should go find someone  
else to tell.  
There may be someone waiting to hear this just  
from you,  
So we should all go knock on doors, for God expects  
us to.  
There's people who won't understand and quickly  
close their door,  
But don't give up just look around, there's always  
plenty more.  
God said to use our talents and he gave us all two  
feet,  
We'll all be using part of these just walking down  
some street.  
Especially if we tell someone how Jesus saved our  
soul,  
And let them know without a doubt that Heaven is  
our goal.  
When we help others in this world we also help  
ourselves,  
But religion can't help anyone when stored upon  
a shelf.  
Your faces all look good to me I hope that's  
understood,  
But they don't look as good right now as a group  
of new ones would.  
The point I've tried to make is this, we all  
should bring a friend,  
To worship here August 14th when services begin.

--Selected--

#### "HERE IS THE POINT"

"I really can't see why I need to be baptized,"  
said a young man who had been hesitating over the  
question of confessing the Lord Jesus Christ. "He  
that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,"  
quoted the preacher. "Yes, I know," replied the  
objector in triumph, "but it does not say that you  
cannot be saved without it." The preacher then  
picked up a handbill that lay on the table, "See  
here," he said, "the symphony orchestra is in town  
tonight; are you going?" "Oh, no," responded the  
young man, "the price of admission is two dollars;  
and I do not have the money." "Oh, yes," said the  
minister, "I know it says, 'Admission, Two dollars,'  
"but it doesn't say that you cannot get in without  
it."

Christian Thoughts

#### PAYING AND PRAYING

I paid for my hat, and I paid for my gown,  
And I paid for the furs I purchased downtown.  
And when I looked at the boxes that lay on the shelf,  
One for my Lord, and one for myself,  
The contrast was grim! It was plain as could be  
A mite box for Him, a handbox for me.  
I tossed in a dime, but it didn't seem right,  
And I couldn't be proud of that curious sight.  
So I took out my check book and tried to be square  
For I wanted my gift to look like my prayer.

-Sel.

One member in the pew is worth ten at home with  
excuses. And one member who actively lives the life  
is worth ten who just fill a pew.

-Sel.



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NEWS AND NOTES

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Huntington, Indiana--August 20 through 30  
Brother Cheatham, Speaker  
Mishawaka, Indiana--Starts this week, date  
will be announced.  
Goshen, Indiana--week end meeting, Sept. 8, 9, 10.

WORKSHOP: at Coldwater, Michigan, Sept. 4 through 8  
We encourage anyone who can to attend this  
workshop.

OPEN HOUSE at the Shultz-Lewis Children's home  
September 16. Be sure and bring in the needed  
items so they can be taken to the home. The  
items asked for are: White and black shoe  
polish, white and black shoe strings, shoe  
brushes and polishing cloths.

Mrs. Penrose is still in the hospital Room 212.  
We hope she continues to improve to her much  
wanted health.

Sister Phena Phoff has returned to her home from  
the hospital. We are all glad to see her  
well enough to be back worshipping with us.

Mary Wilson returned home from David Lipscomb  
College. She will be at home for about 5  
weeks before returning for the fall session.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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August 20, 1967

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Evening Worship	7:30 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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Glory is not in  
having more than  
others, but in  
doing more.

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OH, FOR A PHYSICIAN ! !

Give us a pill that'll work on Sunday!  
We have plenty that'll work on Monday.  
There's Alka-Seltzer, Bufferin and Quinine;  
And as for Aspirin--they're all fine.

But what we need is a Sunday pill;  
For Christians who would, but have no will.  
Give us a capsule, a liquid or powder;  
So that on Sunday--we can walk prouder.

We can take a vitamin to help us to see;  
But isn't there a shot for lethargy?  
Isn't there a shot to make us uneasy;  
On Sunday morn--on a golf course breezy?

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An elderly person who could not hear any but the loudest noise was asked as to why she was always present at each service. Her answer was, "Though I cannot hear, I come to God's house often because I love it, and would be found in his ways. Another reason is, because I am in the best company, in the most immediate presence of God, and among His saints, the honorable of the earth." Even the song birds of the field have their favorite perches to sing praise both morning and evening; but those who profess to know God or rather to be known of Him are not as consistent.

When a young student was asked by his professor where he attended church services he answered "Oh, I don't attend preaching. Instead of confining myself to the four walls of a building I go out into the green fields, and under the leafy arches of the forest trees I listen to the singing of the birds and the countless melodies of God's creatures, where everything that hath breath praises the Lord." The professor then asked, "What do you do when it rains?"

Which of the two people above would you rather know and have as a neighbor? Which one do you suppose has God's favor? God isn't going to speak to us through a bird or a bumble bee. The beauties of nature are ours to enjoy, but these things are nothing compared to the beauty of the Lord's Supper, as a memorial to His death burial and resurrection. Our communing with nature is of little importance compared to our communing with Christ.

One of the first comments of the people at the fairbooth was when we put "Herman the talking man" out front with a Bible. A lady said, "It's a shame to put a dummy in the pulpit." My answer was, "Lady, this is not the first dummy that has been in the pulpit." (And don't look at me when you say: A-Men)

Why don't more people go to church services? I suppose there are as many reasons as there are people who don't go, but they will sound mighty flimsy on the day of judgment!

Some don't go because of YOU! "How do you figure that?" you may ask. They don't go because they have not noticed that attending the services has made any difference in you, or perhaps they don't go because you have never insisted that they go with you, or maybe they don't go because you do not attend all the services. If the services are not important enough for you to attend why would you think it would be important for anyone else to attend?

Some don't attend because of too many hypocrites in the church; but that's no excuse: there's always room for one more.

Our public worship should be considered negatively and positively. Negatively--not as a legal yoke and certainly not as a meritorious work. But from the positive view--as a good and useful discipline and as a thankworthy opportunity for increase in goodness. Many professed Christians have failed miserably in their attempt to convert someone they love because of a lack of faithfulness on their own part.

O God, help us to see ourself as others see us. But more important, O God, help us to see ourselves as we really are. In Christ's name. A-men.

E. E. G.

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Surely a Scientist who is filled with knowledge;  
From twenty years of school, and three degrees from college;

Can discover a drug for all men;  
To make them aware--and afraid of SIN.

But if you can't invent one for all in this condition;  
Then give us one for those who profess to be Christians  
But, if not for all Christians; then this is my plea;  
How about one for--my neighbor and me. E. E. G.



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And so I climbed the stony path,  
Content at last to know,  
That where my Master had not gone,  
I would not have to go.

And strangely then I found new friends,  
The burden grew less sore,  
As I remembered long ago,  
He went that way before.

--Selected

#### NEWS AND NOTES

Gospel meetings--Huntington meeting still  
in progress through the 30th. Brother  
Cheatham, Speaker.  
Goshen, Indiana--week end meeting, Sept. 8, 9, 10.

Workshop--Coldwater, Michigan. Sept. 4-8. This  
is in personal work.

Open house--Shultz-Lewis Children's home, Sept. 16  
FOOD FOR THOUGHT -- "It doesn't pay to go to church  
in the morning if one plans to go to the devil in  
the evening.

"It isn't the things that go in one ear and out the  
other that hurts as much as the things that go in  
one ear and get all mixed up before slipping out  
the mouth."

--Selected--

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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August 27, 1967

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#### IN HIS STEPS

"The road is too rough, Dear Lord," I cried,  
"There are stones that hurt me so."  
And He said, "Dear child, I understand,  
I walked it long ago."

"But there is a cool, Green path," I said,  
"Let me walk there for a time."  
"No child," He gently answered me,  
"The green road does not climb."

"My burden is too great," I said,  
"How can I bear it so?"  
"My child," He said, "I remember it's weight.  
I carried my cross, you know."

"But I wish that there were friends with me  
Who would make my way their own."  
"Ah, yes," He said, "Gethsemane  
Was hard to bear alone."

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## IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON

The 4-H booth exhibit and gospel meeting for which much work and anticipation was given is now over. It is a sobering thought, as Brother Joe Hazelbaker pointed out, that the opportunities "that were ours at the time are now past, cannot be recalled.

We wish that we could have done more (don't we always). The willingness toward giving extra time, effort and money and the favorable conditions under which the gospel could be presented, all made this effort an "in season" opportunity. It was a once-a-year opportunity for which we planned and worked. Only the Lord knows how much good was done.

Perhaps this is one application of Paul's admonition "Be instant in season". It was truly a favorable mixture of circumstances and a fit time for a concerted effort. However as we look again at Paul's admonition, he also says to be instant "out of season" which in this application would be right now. The questions that were pressed during the meeting--"Did you invite someone to services?", "Did you attempt to teach someone about Christ?", "Did you read your Bible today?", etc. would be appropriate to ask ourselves any time, as it would during an "in season" effort. Our tendency might be to let up and coast along without much effort until the next "season" rolls around, but may I encourage each one to continue their enthusiasm, effort and interest in building up the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Indeed, we have new contacts, a birth of new opportunities that have been opened unto us that cannot, must not be allowed to die. If any member of this congregation is not aware of them, please ask. There is much follow up work to do and the Lord will ask us to account for our "out of season" efforts.

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## DID YOU REALIZE THAT WHILE YOU SLEPT LAST NIGHT....

5,077 people died  
1,318 divorces were granted  
13,785 arrests were made  
2,895 of those arrested were under eighteen  
241 persons were sentenced to prison  
2,359 were committed to mental institutions  
4 persons became addicted to drugs  
1 of these was under twenty-one  
62 persons killed themselves  
28 were murdered

## IS IT ANY WONDER THE LORD DESIRES YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE?

"Today, more than ever, our survival--yours and mine and our children's--depends on our adherence to spiritual principles. These spiritual principles will decide whether atomic energy will be an earthly blessing or the source of mankind's utter destruction."

Wernher von Braun  
Ypsilanti News--Selected

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Someone has said "If you're not a Christian everywhere, you're not a Christian anywhere. Could this not apply to our responsibility in seeking and saving the lost? Should our attempts be limited to seasons? One sure thing, the parade of souls to eternal torment knows no season. Truly the fields are still white unto harvest and we must consider each day another opportunity to reach the lost.

D. H.



SINGING at Marks Nursing Home Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

PERSONAL WORKSHOP at Coldwater, Michigan, Sept. 4 through Sept. 8.

OPEN HOUSE at Shultz-Lewis Children's home, Sept. 16  
Remember to bring in supplies that can be taken  
to the home.

WEEK-END meeting at Goshen, Sept. 8-9-10. Brother  
Gordon Smith will be the Speaker.

*EVERYONE INVITED TO  
CAMP INDOGAN  
ON LABOR DAY  
FOR FUN & RELAXATION*

THE HIGH COST OF BUTTER

Are you willing to pay the high cost of butter?  
Not the kind we serve on the table, but the kind we  
get when we talk to some members who say, "Yes, I'm  
a Christian, but er..." "I know I should attend  
Bible class, but er..." This kind of "But er..."  
is more expensive than the kind on the table for  
it could cost a person his soul.

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L A G R A N G E

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E X H O R T E R

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September 3, 1967

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Schedule of Regular Services

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Faith is to the soul  
what a mainspring is  
to a watch.

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VISION

The story is told of a loaf of bread that fell  
from a baker's basket. When it hit the pavement  
a crumb broke off and lay beside it.

Almost instantly three sparrows made a swoop  
for the crumb, and when the contest was over, two  
of the birds flew away without a bite while the  
other carried off a meager breakfast.

The loaf was untouched in the frenzy. Only  
the crumb had seemed a worthwhile prize to the  
birds.

Just a little wider range of vision, and a  
little less greed, and each bird could have been  
more than satisfied.

Men like birds, quarrel over trivialities and  
in doing so let life's bigger prizes escape them  
unnoticed.

--Selected--



## WHY NOT LOOK UP ???

BY John Spencer

Donmoyer Ave. Congregation

There is an illustration of a man who somehow became stranded on a high tower. He needed help, and reaching into his pocket, he took several coins and dropped them one at a time to attract the attention of those below. The people just picked up the coins and rushed on, never looking up. Finding a rock, he dropped it on the head of one of the men below. Feeling the pain from the rock, the man looked up. Had it been a coin on the street he too would have grasped it and gone on. Too often this is a true illustration.

As a rule God's creation accepts his blessings with about as much thanksgiving as an ox. We keep our heads down and keep on devouring the wonderful gifts of heaven without looking up to thank Him from whom all blessings flow. Untold blessings continue to pour upon the American people-- such as good homes, surplus food, amazing amounts of pure luxuries, and yet we simply grab them and rush on.

Why do we have to wait for the "rocks of pain" to hit us on the heads, and cause us to look up?? So many people inside and out of God's family wait until some tragedy falls upon them or their loved ones before they are awakened enough to do something about their soul.

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### A GOOD RULE TO FOLLOW

The rule that governs our life should include this one; "ANYTHING that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my time or taste for Bible study, or cramps or crowds my prayer life, or makes ANY Christian work or service difficult, is WRONG FOR ME. I MUST, as a Christian, TURN AWAY FROM IT."

--Selected--

## THE LAMB AND THE THORNBUSH

--Selected

Timmy a small boy of six, dearly loved his pet white lamb. Every free minute, the boy and his Pet would play and frolic in the fields. One day they lamb became entangled in a thorn bush. The more it struggled to free itself, the worse became its plight. It bleated mournfully until the child was at last able to free its wool from the thorns. The boy ran to his father, carrying the bleeding animal cuddled in his small arms. "Daddy," he begged, "Please cut down the wicked bush that caught my lamb."

The father inspected the pet, cleansed the wounds, and set the lamb free to play again. Then, taking his son by the hand, he bade the child point out the bush. Just as the boy did, a small bird came and perched on the offending branch. The bird lifted its voice in song, seemingly serenading father and child who listened enthralled. Then they watched as the bird gathered in its beak the tiny pieces of lamb's wool that were caught on the thorns and flew away.

"The thornbush caught the wool which will be used to warm the bird's nest," explained the father. "Do you still want me to cut down the wicked bush?"

"Oh, no," cried the child as new awareness lit up his face. "It's a good bush." And with that he ran off to play again.

Often we ask Our Father to remove obstacles from our path, only to discover--upon listening closely to Him--that what we need is not less hurdles, but more love and understanding of His World.

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"The trouble with this fast age is that it is more concerned about speed than about direction."



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September 16. Be sure and bring in the needed  
items so they can be taken to the home. The  
things asked for are: white and black shoe  
polish, white and black shoe strings, shoe  
brushes and polishing cloths.

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A PRESCRIPTION FOR YOU

- If you are impatient, sit down quietly and talk with Job.
- If you are just strong-headed, go and see Moses.
- If you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at Elijah.
- If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.
- If you are a policy man, read Daniel.
- If you are getting sordid, spend awhile with Isaiah.
- If you are chilly, get the beloved disciple to put his arms around you.
- If your faith is below par, read Paul.
- If you are getting lazy, watch James.
- If you are losing sight of the future, climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

--Author Unknown

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LAGRANGE

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September 10, 1967

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COME AND  
WORSHIP

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W H Y   W A I T

Sometime you mean to mend your ways;  
Why don't you do it now?  
You've always read in prose and rhyme  
"The present is the golden time."  
If you are ever going to climb,  
Why don't you do it now?  
Successful men are never late:  
You'll fail if you procrastinate;  
If you have vowed to conquer fate,  
Why don't you do it now?

Selected.

"The highest type of education is to learn to do  
God's will."



## "THE GREATEST NEED"

In our society today we have the same basic problems and needs that mankind has always had. Jesus said that the test for discipleship was and still is, "It is by this that every one will know that you are my disciples--if you love one another." John 13:35; (Wemouth's translation)

I do not want to give the impression that we must approve or even agree with every thing a person does in order to love him. We have brethren who have strayed from the Way, but this should not cause our love and concern to lessen, but rather to increase. We must hate the sin in their life as God does, but our love should not, yea, must NOT decrease. When we feel our love for our brethren growing weak we had better take an inward look. Because when our love to our brethren grows weak our love to God and our Redeemer also grows weak. John clearly states this in I John 4:20

The great man Plato stated centuries ago, "All loves should be simply stepping stones to the love of God." If we neglect our love to our brethren, in vain do we profess our love to God; for by our love to God, the love to our brethren is begotten, and by our love to our brother, our love to God is nourished. The true measure of loving God or our brother is to love without measure. We are true disciples, not when we know the most, but when we love the most. There is only one love, but there are thousands of imitations. We must have a portion of that love in us that brought the Son of God down from heaven to bear that heavy cross toward Calvary until He fell beneath its weight; then to be nailed to it willingly and hang as the nails tore His precious flesh until He cried out, "IT IS FINISHED." With a small measure of that kind of love we can not help but love our brother as ourself.

When we consider the value that God placed on the value of the soul of man we can not be of any

other mind. God considered YOU so important that He sent His Son to die for you. Knowing this, can I feel anything toward you besides love and compassion? True love looks through a telescope while envy looks through a microscope.

When we have the love of Christ in us we will be cautious to speak harshly to or about our brother. Our tongue is probably our greatest enemy. But a "bit of love" is the only bit that will bridle the tongue. This certainly isn't easy, but love will find a way. Love is somewhat blind when we love someone we unconsciously overlook many faults. Love is the thing that enables a wife to sing while she mops up the tracks her husband made as he walked across the floor with his barnyard boots on. Love is the thing that enables us to love each other in spite of our conflicting personalities and individual shortcomings.

If we are to be successful as the church of the First-born we must be filled with love for each other and for God. Our only hope of overcoming the world is to have others who love us to go the second mile and that we in return will be ready to do the same for them. It is only when we are in the light as Christ is in the light that we have fellowship with each other and His blood is cleansing us of every sin. Jesus tells us that we must love our brethren and have nothing against them before our worship is acceptable--Matthew 5:23-24. Paul wrote, "May the Lord make your love mount and overflow toward one another and towards all, as our love does towards you--I Thess. 3:12. (NEB)

Therefore, together, let us earnestly contend for the faith which works through love.

E. E. G.

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Going to heaven is like riding a bicycle - you must either go on or get off.



GOSPEL MEETING-- Niles, Michigan--October 2-7

TEACHER WORKSHOP--Dornmoyer, South Bend, Indiana  
October ~~XXXX~~ 16-20.

Brother Joe Jones will be speaking at Waterloo  
on Sept. 23 & 24. Announcement as to exact  
time will be given from the pulpit.

CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOUND:** Road to heaven in New Testament. Has long  
been covered up by men's traditions and de-  
nominationalism, but still as good as 2,000  
years ago.

Hap E. Christian  
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**WILL TRADE:** A number of half-converted "Church  
members" for a faithful few that really love  
Christ and can be counted on.

Any Gospel Preacher  
215 Church Street

**FOR SALE:** Precious Bible; blessings still intact.  
Slightly shelf-worn. Replaced with color TV.

Falling Saint  
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**WILL TRADE:** My old-fashioned practice of worship-  
ping God and training up my family. Now  
engaged in laying up earthly treasure.

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TROUBLE INSPIRES PRAYER

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Trouble is the school of prayer, faced  
with trouble, prayerless "Christians" are taught  
to pray. In fact, there are some people who  
consider themselves to be faithful children of  
God, who never pray except in time of adversity.  
Perhaps even prayerful Christians should admit  
that no prayer to God is quite like that offered  
in time of great need or distress. May the  
one who has passed through trouble encourage  
those in distress to learn the meaning of  
prayer, both in times of need, and during their  
daily experiences.

"Eyes that the preacher could not  
school...By wayside graves are raised;..  
And lips say, "God be merciful!...That  
ne'er said, "God be Praised!" E. B. Browning



## A GRATEFUL HEART

When announcement was made of a mother and father who gave a sizeable contribution to the church to honor the memory of their son who lost his life in war, a woman whispered to her husband, "Let's give the same amount for our boy!" The startled husband questioned, "What are you talking about? Our son wasn't killed." Exclaimed the wife "That's just the point! Let's give it as an expression of our gratitude to God for sparing his life!"

It seems senselessly tragic to be void of gratitude until a "sorrowful providence" comes into our lives. A Christian should live and give with a grateful spirit.

As Christians we should be better able to know the blessings of God and appreciate them as having come from Him. Much of the world thinks very little and gives no credit at all to the rightful giver of blessings. The fact that we're alive, healthy and active should make us grateful. The account that the Lord gave to us as is recorded in Luke 17:11-19 is one to make us ashamed if we are unappreciative as most of the world are (nine out of ten?)

There were ten lepers who begged Jesus to heal them. Upon obeying the command of Jesus, they were all cleansed, but only one showed his gratefulness by coming back and giving thanks. Jesus asked, "Were there not ten cleansed?" but where are the nine? How tragically unappreciative they were.

We likewise cannot be acceptable children of God unless we're thankful children of God. To obey the Lord, as did all of these ten lepers, is not enough. The Lord desires and deserves the gratitude of our hearts, the praise of our lips.

In evaluating the blessings that flow from our loving father, the greater ones by far are to those who are in his family. It's true that most everyone receives many physical blessings that relates to this life, which blessings decrease with the user. But the blessings that occur to

the thankful child of the loving Father is far greater and cannot be measured by time nor money. They pertain to the eternal part of man. A home, a mansion, eternal in the heavens. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9.

One of the greatest sins of this day is ingratitude. For a Christian, not a day should pass, but that he should approach his Father with a contrite and thankful heart for the wonderful provisions He has made for him, not only in this world, but in the world to come.

D. H.

## HE DONE WHAT HE COULD

A man worshipped in a congregation where I once preached who was raised an illiterate orphan. Because of poverty and neglect, he learned basic reading and writing only after he married a fine woman who taught him. Raised in the back woods by ignorant kin, his speech was full of colloquialisms and strange expressions. People usually laughed at him whenever he spoke. Yet, without hesitation or embarrassment he would lead a public prayer whenever called upon. He could pray: "Lord God, we air shore much obliged t'yu. You been a sight better to us thah we had a comin..." so earnestly, so adoringly, and so believably that few eyes in the audience would be dry when he finished. He said to me: "What iff'n men DO laugh? God ain't laffin. He listens to your heart, not you're mouth. And my heart talks to Him as plain as anybody's." Yet, because WE are not EXPERTS in what is to be done, so many of us will not even try!

--A. O. Raney

Each Sunday Morning Ch. 28  
SEE AND HEAR "HERALD OF TRUTH" WSJV 8:00 A. M.



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Let us each consider one another,  
To provoke unto love and good deeds,  
And enter in the spirit of decorum,  
To be with Christ who fulfills all our needs.

We will thus be prepared to sit quietly;  
And likewise, each visitor and friend  
Will be encouraged to share in our reverence  
Until the service has come to an end.

--John Richard

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GOSPEL MEETING--Niles, Michigan--October 2-7

TEACHERS WORKSHOP--Donmoyer, South Bend, Indiana  
October 16-20.

Singing at Elkhart this Sunday at 3 P.M.

Mary Wilson will be leaving for school this  
week. Her address will be :  
Box 187  
David Lipscomb College  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

We'll miss you Mary. May the Lord bless you  
and keep you.

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"Any man who is too  
busy to pray is  
busier than God  
ever intended he  
should be." -Sel.

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REVERENCE IN WORSHIP

What do you do when you come to the worship?  
Enter quietly, with meekness of heart.  
Take a seat near the front of the building,  
With time to get ready for your part?

Or, do you enter with loudness of greeting  
To your friends, unseen for a week,  
Without a thought for the reverent silence  
That others are trying to keep?

Do you or your children who are with you  
Once the service of the hour has begun,  
Make a trip to the restroom or fountain,  
Which earlier might have been done?

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### WHAT COUNTS MOPE - LIVING OR DYING?

Many men have died while attempting such unworthy causes as, fighting a bull, taking a dare, trying to win a worthless argument or eating and drinking more than others.

Some other men have died while trying to rescue a drowning man, a woman from a burning building or a child from the path of a speeding car.

All the foregoing examples have one thing in common. No prolonged period of service was required before the sacrifice of life.

Thus it is obvious that many would die for a cause, and that sometimes worthless, on a "spur of the moment basis."

Yet how many would die for even a worthy cause, such as rescuing a life, if it took a life time of service as a prerequisite to dying for the cause? Such would take much of the "heroism" out of the "hero" and the "hero" out of "heroism" and there would be very few if any takers.

The Biblical concept of Christianity is not so much on how one dies for Christ as it is on how one lives for Christ.

The Christian way of life is not so much a "once in a lifetime obedience," as it is a "obedience for a lifetime."

If one lives right for Christ it matters little how one dies for Christ, whether one folds one's hands in peace and so gives up the ghost, or whether one is burned at the stake.

The "crown of life" is for a life of faithfulness. "Be thou faithful unto death," said Jesus, "and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

"Spur of the moment heroism" may get many takers, but the ranks thin out proportionately in relationship to the length of service.

The daily routine of Christian duties and faithfulness seems dull, insipid, unexciting and unpalatable when viewed by a sinful world burning its candles of sin at both ends.

The flames of lustful passion burn high in this wicked world as sinners satiate their souls in greater and greater orgies of the flesh.

Not only do they do so but they try to entice the young innocent and the older righteous to their wicked way of folly.

One can not live for the Lord and the devil both at the same time. And one can not die for the Lord as long as one continues to live for the devil.

However, those who will live for Christ will say, "No" to temptation, sin and the devil. In fact they will, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." I Thes. 5:22. They will, "Prove all things" and "hold fast that which is good." I Thes. 5:21.

Drinking, gambling, dancing, evil speaking, immorality and such like will not be tolerated in their life for they are living for Christ.

When the final tabulations are in, the real measure of a man will be, not so much on, "how did he die?" but on, "how did he live?"

--Robert R. Page

### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Between the atheist who supports no church and the member who will not support the Lord's Church?

Between the skeptic who does not believe the Bible and the negligent Christian who never reads it?

Between those who do not believe in Bible Classes and those who never attend a class?

Between a man of the world and a person in the Church who lives like a man in the world?

--Selected--

ARE YOU STANDING ON THE PROMISES--

OR SITTING ON THE PROMISES??