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that they can't preach so they don't do anything. Others say they don't know enough to do personal work so they don't do anything. Let me list a few little things that each of us can do.

We can grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. As we do this we will naturally begin to do other little things. Anyone who is a Christian can give a cup of cold water. Any Christian can hand a tract to some one they know and are interested in converting to Christ. Anyone can go to the hospital or nursing home and say a few words of comfort to the patients there. We can all mention Christ to those whom we associate with each day. We can all dress the way a modest person should dress everywhere we go. We can all avoid mixed bathing (swimming) and dancing; both of which tend to stir up unlawful desires. We can all be an example in our life. The sermon you preach with your life is much more powerful than any that could be preached from the pulpit.

We must realize that all things that are great started out small. There is a little town, about the size of Plato, near Lafayette that at one time was actually larger than Chicago was at that time.

The mighty oak was a small acorn at one time. The mighty Mississippi was at one time a trickle of water. The tall skyscrapers went up one beam and brick at a time. Let us look up and live. Let us consider the small things as important as the big things. Small grains of sand make a beach. Seconds make years. Steadfastness makes Christians if we are steadfast in the proper things. E. E. G.

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L A G R A N G E

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July 7, 1968

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Schedule of Regular Services

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

(The wages of sin  
have never been  
reduced)  
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(The gift of God  
is eternal life)

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JUST A MINUTE

"I have only just a minute  
Just sixty seconds in it;  
Forced upon me--can't refuse  
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,  
I must suffer if I lose it,  
Give account if I abuse it,  
Just a tiny little minute,  
But eternity is in it."

--Selected--

## DESPISE NOT THE LITTLE THINGS

The day has come when most of us only want to do the "big things". It is common to despise small things. A proud man will only honor what seems to him to be great things--conventionally great. A small house, a small job, a small business--these are despised.

As in the days of Zechariah, there are those among us who look with contempt upon the small things. Some of our brethren look upon anything other than a "campaign" as a small thing. Individual Christians look upon any teaching done other than by a preacher in a church building as a small thing.

Our problem is we don't know what small things really are! What we consider small God may consider great. You started from two cells so small that you could not see them without a microscope. A virus so small that it cannot be seen except with an electron microscope can invade your body and produce a deadly disease like rabies or polio.

As we attempt to decide the difference between great and small things we do so at the risk of souls being lost or saved. I believe that those baptized believers that will be lost will be lost because of small things.

A friend of mine told me several years ago that he believed that "revivals" were no longer useful or serving any good purpose. (He was a Methodist preacher, so I immediately and automatically dismissed his opinion as a small thing to be despised.)

After several years I have come to the conclusion that what he said makes more sense. If we could just convert the church we would not need "revivals" as such.

Now don't get the idea that I am against having special meetings. I have about come to the conclusion that we are aiming the preaching at the wrong people. But if we did not have the once-a-year efforts many people would never make any

effort to invite their neighbors to services. (Some times they are surprised by having them show up.) Without the once-a-year effort some of the members of the local church would never see the inside of the building at night.

What I'm trying to say is simply this: If each of us were doing our best we would be converting people without "special" efforts, which in many instances don't convert any to Christ anyway. If all "Christians" were actual blood bought, soul conscious, heaven bound, sin hating disciples we would have outgrown the need for these "campaigns" and once-a-year efforts.

I suppose we will continue to ~~salve~~ ~~our~~ ~~con-~~ ~~science~~ with a "once-a-year-pour-it-on-them-preacher" meeting. We will continue to look upon a private Bible study around the table with our neighbor a small thing. (Unless it is the preacher doing it.) We seem to think that those who "filled Jerusalem" with their doctrine were preachers. We think that those who were scattered abroad preaching and teaching were the preachers.

Whether we believe or admit it or not people are saved one at a time. God adds them to His church one at a time. Each church is independently responsible for their "area" and partly responsible for "all the world." Preaching, for most of us, is the poorest yet the most depended upon method for converting people used in the Lord's church today.

Paul preached publicly, but he also taught from house to house. If a farmer went into the field and sowed seed for a harvest in every seventh row we would call him a fool. Yet we assume that the same principle doesn't apply to God's word. I think it is about time for us to re-evaluate our thinking. We need to examine ourselves and see if we have any of the qualities of the early Christians. We might be surprised at what we see in the comparison.

There are many small things that we often overlook in our efforts to do great things. Many say

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know they are harmful to the health. Smoking cigarettes is like playing with snakes that are poison-- it's never too late to quit.

NEWS AND NOTES

E. E. G.

The teenager class of the church along with several visitors enjoyed the Jule Miller filmstrip this week. The discussion that followed each filmstrip were interesting and profitable. We appreciate Brother Gieseke showing the filmstrip and guiding our discussions. Those present at one or more of the classes were: Mary Wilson, Ruth Wilson, Dick Hostetler, Sue Hostetler, Paula Hostetler, Marcella Ritchie, Kathy Hoggatt, Kent Hoggatt, Janet Prough, Jim Prough, Diianne Current, Ruby Neff, Margaret Neff, Joyce Neff, Cathy Collins, Margaret Speicher, Karen Speicher, Ray Springer and Brother Gieseke.

The teen-age class.

Brother Herr is at the Caylor Nickel Clinic at Bluffton where he underwent surgery last week. He is in room number 157. I'm sure that he would enjoy cards and appreciate prayers in his behalf.

Happy to have the Ashcraft family with us today. They are from Portland, but the distance doesn't prevent them from being regular workers for Camp Indogan. We appreciate them and their support of the youth camp.

Some classes today will have new teachers and in many cases students are to move up to the next class level. This new schedule was worked out in hopes that a better breakdown as to age and grade level would be achieved. Teachers! Do your best with your group.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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July 14, 1968

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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Evening Worship Service	7:30 P. M.
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"No man can be at peace with God while he has a non-aggression pact with the devil."  
--Selected

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GIVING is the very condition of existence. The clouds give rain. The flowers give their scent, the cows give their milk, and the bees honey. The sun gives light and heat as the very reason of its existence; the church has been purchased by Christ and established in the world, for the purpose of giving to the world the glorious gospel of Christ. ARE YOU GIVING YOUR BEST TO THE SERVICE OF HIM???????

Selected

The best angle from which to approach Christianity is the "try-angle".

In fishing for men there is no closed season.

"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would do." (Gal. 5:17)

In our quest for happiness we are prone to forget what God has said or implied in His word. We tend rather to look at what people are doing in the world, and if they seem "happy and prosperous" we feel that we can engage in the same activity or activities.

We are engaged in a battle or contest between the flesh and the Spirit. It is a conflict in which we must all fight. Paul says that after we are immersed with Christ by baptism that we are raised to walk in newness of life. (Rom. 6:4) This indicates a life without participation in the fleshly activities of our former life. Some, when they become Christians, have few of the worldly ways to give up, while others have to almost completely remold their entire life.

We would like to be "broadminded" and let each person set their own standard of conduct. But some think they are "broadminded" when actually they are too lazy or indifferent to form an opinion; or better yet--see what the Book has to say about it. How then can we tell if a person is following after the flesh? Is it safe for the new convert to follow their convictions? Is it safe for them to do what they see other Christians doing? Is it safe for them to do and say every thing you do? Should they choose the same friends with the same habits and language that you associate with?

What are some of the common things that are engaged in that are a detriment to the Christian and Christianity? It is no secret that smoking is one of the tragic habits that people accept because so many people are engaged in it. I believe that smoking is a harmful habit that is detrimental to the health of the body. Even if the evidence of smoking being a health hazard was

not a significant factor the prohibitive cost should be enough to cause a Christian to question seriously the smoking "pleasure." It is estimated that Five (5) billion dollars are spent annually for tobacco. I suppose a "heavy" smoker would spend around five dollars a week for smoking materials. How much do you think that the same person would give to feed the poor and the orphan? This does not include the cost of the millions of work days that smokers lose as compared to the non-smoker. It does not consider the numberless persons who die each year from heart disease and cancer that may have been brought on and aggravated by continued smoking. It makes no consideration for the fatherless and sometimes motherless children that are left by smokers who die earlier than they should have.

An elder of the church wrote a booklet entitled, WHAT SMOKING HAS DONE FOR ME. I must seriously question the qualifications of a man who smokes. I would also question the seriousness of thought of a church that voted a man who smokes into the eldership. A short time ago a father died leaving three little children. A short time later the mother was told to make provisions for her children for she was to die in a short time also. Both were "heavy" smokers; both died and were dying from lung cancer. This happened in Oklahoma City.

The principle of setting an example is involved in smoking. Almost without exception, adults object to children smoking. Why? Why does the state have a law against selling cigarettes to minors? Why did one state have laws against all cigarettes for a time?

If I smoke I should not be surprised or object if my son wants to smoke. If smoking is "good and satisfying" then I should provide cigarettes and matches to all my guests, not to mention my son and his playmates. Even those who are smokers would object to me providing cigarettes for all the children who come around. Why? Because they

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### A CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

The article by Bro. Gieseke that appears in this bulletin prompts me to write a few words about our camp-site at Indogan. I concur, that the camp (at least in this area) is still one of the very few vestige points upholding Christian principles and conduct. It was designed to do this and in spite of an ever increasing tide of liberal thinking rolling in, the directorship holds to the designed purpose.

The camp has a unique advantage unequalled by any other activity for young people. They live, eat, sleep, play, study under a 24hour a day spiritual setting. Few are aware of the wonderful opportunity of such a meaningful experience for our young. It is getting increasingly difficult to obtain a staff willing to commit a couple of weeks of their undivided attention in staying at camp and working with the youngsters who will represent tomorrows "morals" in the church. If we recognize the camp as a bulwark against liberal trends, it deserves to be supported by more people than it is.

No other activity can boast of the potential that the camp has in instructing, by word and deed, the pattern of Christian living. Not the Sunday and Thursday Bible classes; not the 5 day, 2 hr. Vacation Bible School; Not the overnight youth rally; The time is appropriated, the place is in the midst of God's majestic nature, the facilities are prepared, the setting is ideal - If - a youth committed, spiritual conscience staff is found to man it. If not, the former things are of little value.

For a much less return, in other pursuits, men and women would qualify themselves for a job that paid so rich a reward. How much more should we qualify ourselves to deal rightly with God's greatest heritage-our children?

D.H.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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July 21, 1968

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Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
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#### H A P P I N E S S !!!

Happy is he who has learned the way,  
To live with others day by day.  
Whose disposition constantly,  
Reflects a mind that ere is freed,  
From pettiness of thought and deed.

Happy is he who does not frown,  
At little things that get him down.  
Who laughs it off and goes his way,  
Not spoiling other people's day  
With bitter things he has to say.

Happy is he who has such grace  
That criticism he can face  
Who boasteth not his own great deeds,  
But to suggestion always heeds, (cont.  
And sees the flowers, not the weeds. page 3)

In another article the subject of smoking was discussed. I used Galatians 5:17 as a text. In this article I am going to discuss a problem which is even of more concern to Christians because we have more people who are involved. It is not any more popular, mainly because it touches more families. This problem that afflicts all of our society is modest dress. (or lack of it.) The scanty way our society dresses makes it discouraging if not well nigh impossible to maintain a Christian viewpoint when driving or walking during the summer months. Scanty dress is not the only problem. The wearing of skin-tight clothing of any kind is just as distracting to the average person. By the time a person is old enough to stir up lust in the opposite sex they should be old enough to know it and dress accordingly. Even if they are not or don't care, we as parents have a grave responsibility of helping to control this. We know the results of overexposure of the body, either by not enough clothing or clothing being too tight.

Some may call me a sex maniac or say that I have a dirty mind, or something else for being frank and blunt, but I think it is long past time that we took a good hard look at ourself. To many parents expect their son or daughter to be able to resist temptation that they themselves could not resist. Our fashions are designed to encourage the opposite sex to be attracted. I cannot speak for the women, but I know what bothers the men, and so do all mothers and many older teenagers. The question is: What will we do about it?

Is it any wonder that the rate of sex-related crimes increases during the summer months? Mother, you know what the effect of accenting sex is on your husband; father, you know what your daughter is doing to the sons of other people by dressing

certain ways. Now, what will you do about it? I would hate to think that parents do not care about the purity of their sons and daughters, but the evidence indicates that something is amiss.

When will we wake up? When will the love for God and Christian principles overcome the love of the flesh? I have traveled a good deal in the past years and I have failed to be able to see any difference in the way "we" dress and conduct ourselves and the world in general. Except at a few camps run by Christians the "christians" swim in public pools, engage in dancing, smoking, social drinking and most of the other things that war against the spirit. What is going to be the result of this? Paul says that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Gal. 5:21b

Thank God there are a few who are attempting to hold out against the worldly things, but they are fast becoming a minority group even in the church. May you find the needed strength and courage to endure to the end. Many of the people who are responsible for the making of decisions of camp conduct are finding more and more broad-minded" liberals who think mixed swimming should be carried on. When these liberals get enough support our camps will be open to anything and everthing. This is only the first step. When they get mixed swimming they will try something else. May God give us the wisdom and strength to guide our own lives and the lives of our youth.

E. E.G.

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Happy is he whose own business he minds  
Nor dwells on others faults he finds,  
But with his own he does his best  
And helps where'ere he can the rest,  
This man I think is truly blest. --Sel.

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But this is true only if the end has been prepared for by careful planning. It is never too early or too late to start preparing for the time of old age.

E. F. G.

#### News and Notes

We continue to have many visitors from the parents who are either bringing or coming after their children at camp. We appreciate your visiting and worshipping with us here at LaGrange. One commendable thing about the congregation at LaGrange is their friendliness. Continue to come here and see.

Brother Emmitt Herr is slowly gaining strength from his recent operation, but is still unable to attend services. We do miss his presence but happy that his wife can come. We pray and trust that he will again be with us soon.

The Garrett congregation has obtained brother Junior Morgan ( a former elder of the Adrian, Michigan congregation) to be their full time preacher. We wish them the best in their work together and look forward to knowing him and his family better. Perhaps in the pulpit swapping between Brother Gieseke and Sherfield, a swap between Brother Gieseke and Morgan could be planned.

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## L A G R A N G E

### C H U R C H O F C H R I S T

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July 28, 1968

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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The highest type of education is to learn to do God's will.

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#### Why Wait

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

## FRUIT IN OLD AGE

The Psalmist, in 92:13-15, says: "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To shew that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him."

The psalmist refers to all of God's people in these verses. He speaks of those from the time they begin (are planted-Rom 6:5) until they reach old age. I would like to refer to the latter in this article. Too many people, as they grow older, seem to feel that their usefulness in the church gradually grows less and less. I believe that these verses teach the opposite of this to be true. The writer says they shall still bring forth fruit in their old age. He says that even though they have flourished in their life that they shall still bring forth fruit in old age. This, of course, is no accident. In our orchard that we had back on the farm the old trees that still produced good fruit were those that had been cared for properly when they were young. The laws of nature work the same as the spiritual laws of God. Good things do not "just happen." They are planned.

God grants many years to many of His saints that they might study and attain knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge can, of course, be obtained by almost anyone in a relatively short time, but wisdom can only come with age. You can grow a head of cabbage in a few weeks, but it takes many years to grow the stately oak. I wish that we could take the knowledge that some of our "doctor" preachers have and add the wisdom that our elderly godly men possess. What a combination! Education alone is not the answer. I am in favor of education, but I believe just as strongly that you may easily have an educated fool." Someone has said that "horse-sense" is just stable thinking.

Wisdom is what should, but doesn't always come with old age. Some age physically, but continue to act like a novice. Some still "fly-off-the-handle" at minor incidents that happen. These would be ignored by one with the wisdom of age. Temperance, longsuffering, patience and peace should be a few of the natural qualities of the wise of old age.

From the very nature of religion, the Divine life in the soul must continue to grow, if it lives at all. Patient waiting upon God, meek resignation to His will,--these are some of the fruits of old age, and are no less acceptable to God than the strenuous activity of the young and strong.

But some have not prepared for old age. They, then, bring forth little if any fruit. They find fault with others, and complain that the former days were better than these. They try to rest on their lees. They want to live in the past or try to go to heaven on what they did fifteen or twenty years ago. They present themselves as a sad spectacle of those from whom much might have been expected, but who yield little or no fruit in old age.

The remedy for this is prevention. An ounce of prevention is still worth a pound of cure. We must prepare ourselves spiritually for old age as well as physically. Some of us are very careful to prepare our future as far as the physical things are concerned. What about the preparation for our soul in old age? We will not always be able to "get out and go" as we do now. What then? Will we have the wisdom that should come with age? Can we say at that day with Paul? "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Solomon wrote, "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit."Ecc.7:8;

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## News and Notes

We were happy to see Brother Herz back for mid-week services. We hope that he will continue to gain in health and strength and that he and his wife can attend services regularly.

Brother Earl Garner has left the Garrett hospital and is now residing at the Betz Nursing Home at Auburn, Indiana. We pray for his continued improvement. He enjoys cards and remembrances, so let us not fail to show him our concern.

Otho Penrose and his wife who attended here about a year ago, are now in a Nursing Home in Butler. Their address is: Butler Hotel, Butler, Indiana. Evidently the Butler Hotel is not a hotel any longer, but still goes by that name.

We express our thanks to Brother Giesecke for going to camp the past week to teach some classes. He also helped out during the first week of Junior Camp.

Remember the regular monthly singing at the Mark's Nursing Home this evening at 6:30. We invite all who can to join us in this song service for the residents of the home.

Don't forget that there are dozens of good tracts that are yours for the taking. We might just help to spread the gospel by just accidently leaving some in a grocery cart, the laundramat, or any other place we might go.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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August 4, 1968

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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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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#### A WARNING CALL TO CHRISTIANS

Children are you ready  
If your Lord should call today?  
Are your garments stained and dirty  
By the filth of worldly play  
Or have you kept them spotless  
In his service all the way.  
As the moments pass so swiftly,  
Towards that final judgment Day?

Life is only just a vapor  
We are here today---then gone  
Can we dare to be so careless  
With Eternity---Oh---so long?  
So let us give our time and talent  
To him where it belongs;  
And have our garments clean and ready  
To join that heavenly throng.

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## FEAR OF SIN

Psalms 4:4-- Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

There is no cowardice in being afraid of sin; no true courage in daring to willfully break God's law and defy God's anger.

I suppose that the older we get the more fears we have in many things. As a youth I did many things in which there was danger connected. I would often laugh at my dear Mother's or some other older person's fear. But as I climb toward the crest of the hill of old age I am coming to realize more and more the anxieties that naturally come with maturity. I can now see dangers that I never saw before. This is especially true regarding our youth and the road of life they must travel. I am especially concerned as I see them encouraged to sin by our society and even in the church in some places.

Our society takes a very light view of many of the sins of our age. Drinking, gambling, dancing, smoking, cheating, and many other base things are looked upon by society as "natural result of adolescence." Rather than being a result (natural or otherwise) of adolescence, it is a result of a carnally minded society and a negligent church that has little fear of God or respect for His personage..

Sin insults the majesty of God. Sin is man's declaration of independence of God. Sinful men scorn the scripture that says: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Wilful sins are tragic. They disregard the authority of God. When we take away His authority we take away worship. How could we worship a being who made laws to be kept or broken at man's pleasure, and uttered threats He never intended to fulfil.

God is grieved over sin. He would have all men and women to be like His Son. Peter said that God was (and is) longsuffering towards us, not willing that any should perish. Another has said that God has no pleasure in death of the wicked.

We ought to fear sin because of what it does to the sinner. I knew a man (if you could call him a man) who literally drank himself to death. It is a terrible thing to see a relatively young man waste away before your eyes. His family did not <sup>care</sup> as much to him as the whiskey bottle. Sin breaks the inward law of man's nature; defaces God's image; destroys man's power and desire to know God. Man is created in the image of God, but to what terrible depths he sinks in the mire of sin. We see what human nature, and, but for sin would be, in Jesus. (Rom. 8:3)

Sin is the bitter fountain of human misery; it is spiritual death. Sin must die, or we must die in our sins. People gloss over lightly the ways of sin by trite phrases as: "gay", "recreation", "sowing wild oats", and many others. The perfume of verbosity will not drown the stench of sin. That one who is "sowing a few wild oats"---where did he or she get the seed? From what Christian home did they come? What will the harvest be? and who will reap it?

E. E. G.

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Do your faces shine so radiant

That the world sees Christ therein?

Are your hands all washed and undefiled?

Are your feet so firmly guided

They'll not stray in ways so dim?

Be it so my little children

You are ready to go in.

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But my time is short; the time won't be long,  
Before my Father will call me home.  
And as I have traveled I've tried to help others,  
For I know all I meet are my brothers,  
I have been happy and I have no regrets,  
For in my youth my goal was set.  
My son if in this life you would do well,  
The road to true success I easily can tell.  
Trust in God through out your day,  
And He will lead you in 'the Way'."  
Now what about your life my friend?  
Is your youth given to prepare for the end?  
Is your life lived with judgement in mind?  
If so, then heaven you surely shall find.  
Yes, each of you are walking a road,  
Are you trying to lighten another's load?  
If you would live with great success,  
Invest much in spiritual things--they repay the  
best. E. E. G.

#### NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations - To the Perry Miller's for their new baby girl. They named her Jencl Lynn. We are very happy with them and believe that they starting her out right by bringing her to church services the first week. NOTICE: There is to be a baby shower this Wednesday evening, Aug. 14, at 7 o'clock at sister Jessé Pieratt's house. All ladies invited.

If anyone has any fresh vegetables, Camp Indogan would be happy to get them.

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L A G R A N G E  
C H U R C H O F C H R I S T  
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August 11, 1968

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The world will be better  
either because you have  
lived in it, or because  
you have left it."  
--Sel.

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#### How are you walking?

An old man was walking down a road,  
He was stooped and bent--as from a heavy load.  
He was soon overtaken by a youth with a song,  
And he said, "Sir, may I help you along?"  
The old man turned and said with a grin,  
"I don't want you to think me ungrateful my friend.  
But I have more help than I ever can use,  
So your kind offer I must refuse."  
"But sir, you are alone and the night draweth near,  
This road goes through a mountain and for you I fear."  
The old man smiled and looked to the sky,  
And said, "My help comes from on high.  
The night for me holds no fear.  
For I know my Lord will ever be near."  
The youth said, "Sir, may I walk with you.  
I would like to know more of this friend so true."  
The old man said, "Son, from my youth I've lived  
for God,  
And long is the road that I have trod.

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## THE TWISTED SCRIPTURE

"The churches of Christ salute you if you are white, middle or upper class, speak good English, and don't need any help." from Today's Common Unauthorized Twisted Translation.

In the common view of many "white" Christians(?) Paul made a slight mistake in Romans 16:16; but it has been duly "corrected" in most minds. Those people who seem to feel that God has given His special blessing to the white, upper or middle class, American believer have never considered Acts 10:34-35.

Shortly after I became a member of the church I attended a business meeting with Dale Smith and a couple other young men our age. The problem of intergration had again reared its ugly head. In many congregations the idea of an increase in membership and attendance is not welcomed unless the newcomers meet certain requirements as set forth in the twisted translation of Rom. 16:16. Some of the remarks made in that meeting were so un-Christian as to almost drive a new convert away from the church. I wonder now, as I look back in retrospect, if this might not have been one prominent factor in my becoming an unfaithful Christian.

I heard men (supposedly Christians) make statements that made me sick inside. I had a new found love for Christ that I thought was shared by all men. I had heard the preacher talk of Christ dying for all men. What he never got around to telling me was that man was supposed to be white and from the right section of society.

They decided in that meeting that the few Negroes who wanted to come and set on the back rows would not be allowed to do so. May God be merciful to their souls. Some have gone to face judgment, but some are still alive today, and as far as I have heard: unrepentant. There will be a day of reckoning.

The cry was then as now, --If we fore intergration we will split the church. My personal feeling is: You can't split something that you don't

have. My saviour did not die for a select group. To all who would believe on Him He gave them the power to become the sons of God. My God's people are bound together by love's strong cord. This cord cannot be broken by anything. But when we quit loving we slip out side of the cord. This cord encompasses all who love God and are obedient to the Son's gospel. Any person who is unwilling to meet, worship and work with any person, regardless of race or social position has no more chance of going to heaven than an atheist. Am I setting myself up as a judge? No, I am simply repeating what the Bible has already said. Listen to John and Paul: "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar:" and, "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." and, "all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone:".

In recent weeks John Allen Chalk has been dealing with the problem: "The Sin of Racism in the Church." Although he is doing a fine job and is preaching nothing but the gospel I fear he and the elders at Highland will be "excommunicated" by some of the "aristocratic" churches. I am proud to support the Herald of Truth personally, and I am glad that the church ere is lending its support. I would not knowingly preach for a group that would not offer the hand of fellowship to any person who wanted to worship God in spirit and in truth. When the local church in any area sets itself up as a judge and jury as to who may worship God they have exceeded the limits of the Word of God. The church will never be successful in converting the world until we set our sights on the world. We are in many instances only pretending to preach the gospel to all the world. We limit the great commission to a select few. When we convert the church to Christ then maybe we can begin to convert the world to Him also. Let us here at LaGrange keep our minds free from prejudiceness as much as humanly possible. Remember: NO PERSON IS STRONG ENOUGH TO CARRY A CROSS AND PREJUDICE AT THE SAME TIME.

E. E. G.

## "PUNCTURE PROOF"

Brother Marshall Keeble, the great Negro evangelist who recently passed away, used the following example to get a vital lesson across.

He said, "You know, I like some of these new fangled inventions. The puncture -proof tire is the one I like especially well. If you are driving along with an ordinary set of tires, and a nail goes through one of them -- whiss-s-s, you lose all the air. But a puncture -proof tire is different; if a nail goes through, there is some stuff inside that runs around and stops the hole and the air stays in."

"You know the heart of a Christian is like that puncture-proof tire: An ordinary heart may be filled with love, but when someone does something to puncture that heart, all the love runs out and hat red and hard feelings takes its place. But a puncture-proof heart is different. It is filled with the spirit of Christ; and when someone, through their words or deeds, punctures that heart, immediately the hole is stopped up tight and love stays in."

The Michiana fellowship dinner held at Mr. Smorgosbord Friday evening was well attended, some seventy people there. The next one is to be held on Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. at the same location. This is quite a distance to go but you will enjoy visiting with brethren in the Tri-state area if you can. The food is excellent and prices very reasonable.

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August 18, 1968

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If you know the  
author of the Bible  
you will love His  
book.           --Sel.

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### WHY I DO NOT ATTEND THE MOVIES

1. The manager of the theater never called on me.
2. I did go a few times, but no one ever spoke to me. . . those who go are not very friendly.
3. Every time I go they ask me for money.
4. Not all the folks live up to the high standards of the movies.
5. I went so much as a child, I've become tired of it.
6. The performance lasts too long.
7. I don't always agree with what I see and hear.
8. I don't think they have very good singing.
9. The shows are held at the only hours I have to be home with my family.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE EXCUSES PEOPLE GIVE FOR NOT ATTENDING CHURCH.

Selected

## "The End of Protestantism?"

"Before the end of this century, American protestants may cease to refer to one another as Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and other denominational names, according to Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, chairman of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU). Mathews believes the ecumenical movement is gaining strength because church leaders realize that a divided church not only is contrary to God's will, but also is less effective than it might be in speaking to the problems of modern man. Some day, says Mathews, following the unification of Protestants, Protestants and Catholics will be reconciled. "This will be in God's time and in a way he makes possible. But we can now speak of it with some confidence." (Quoted from Dateline Tomorrow: CHRISTIAN HERALD Magazine--Aug. 1968)

It is not strange that "Bishop" Mathews should make headlines by advocating that very thing which gospel preachers have been preaching for many generations? The Bible has always taught that divisions are wrong. But this braying is another link in the weak chain of ecumenicalism.

As you have no doubt gathered by now I am not a supporter of the so called movement for "religious unity". Do I believe that religious division is wrong? Definitely! But we need restoration--not compromise. All this new movement amounts to is compromise. All that are concerned in this are simply agreeing to a doctrine that is not offensive or objectionable to anyone concerned.

It seems to me the question is not whether the doctrine is beautiful and soothing, but whether it is true. When we wish to go to a certain place, we do not ask if the road goes through a beautiful country, but whether it is the right road.

I personally believe that "Protestantism" is doomed. I believe that it will be swallowed up Catholicism. The Roman church is standing by waiting for the wish-washy Protestant denominations

to compromise to the point that they will not have any convictions, then she (the Catholic church) will absorb them. You can be sure that the Roman church will not be giving in on any important ideals of their beliefs. They may appear to be giving in by letting their patrons stop doing things they usually didn't do anyway, but they will not change basically. They may give up fish sticks and salmon Friday, or a few other minor points, but don't let that lull you into thinking they have made any major concessions. Any concessions to be made will be made by the Protestants.

If you do not believe this check into some of the reports of missionaries in the Catholic dominated countries today. The Roman church has never attained the power in America that it has in many other countries, but if she ever does we will not have the religious freedom we now enjoy.

You and I of the adult generation may not live to see this come to pass, but I believe that if God allows things to go on in the natural course they are headed today that all will become Catholic or martyrs.

The only hope for the freedom loving people is to go back to the truth of God's word. The preaching of the truth is a "thorn" in the side of the Roman church. Will you help to proclaim the truth? Do the best you can to spread the gospel of Christ. Pray for unity in Christ--not in ecumenicalism. By re-establishing the truth of God we can all again be one in Christ. Many are to scared of public opinion to stand up for the truth. Will you take an unpopular stand for truth?

E. E. G.

Hem both ends of the day with prayer, then it won't be likely to unravel in the middle. --Sel.

Would you like to have Christ represent you above as you represent Him here below? --Sel.

## NEWS AND NOTES

Happy to see the Gieseke's back from their trip to Kentucky, safe and sound. His school will be starting in just a few days. We wish him well in the new school system of Westview.

Sister Phona Phoff has undergone surgery at the Bronson Hospital at Kalamazoo, Michigan. She is expected to be there for a few more days, so any cards sent would still get to her in time before she leaves. Her room number is 344.

Congratulations are in order for Dick Hostetler who was runner up to star camper at the senior session of camp which ended Friday evening.

The senior session of camp ended the summer camping program. Many thanks to those who worked at camp and those who took fresh vegetables over for their use. By the way, next week will be an excellent time to spend at the campsite since there will be no planned activity and probably not too many people there. I might mention also that Labor Day, Sept. 2, will be a fellowship day at the camp. We encourage everyone to come and enjoy the last summer holiday in a safe and spiritually profitable way.

This will be the last Sunday Sister Wade will be with us regularly. She teaches the third grade in the Wayne public school system, in Wayne, Michigan. We enjoyed her being with us this summer and hope that she can return often throughout the school year. Her mother resides in Howe, so perhaps she will see us fairly often.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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AUGUST 25, 1968

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When a man boasts of his wisdom and power, ask him to weave a spider's web or make a blade of grass.

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### THINGS MONEY CAN'T BUY

"We have sold the idea that if we can possess a washing machine, a television set, an electric razor, electric blanket, electric refrigerator, automobile, and the gadgets we have developed, we will have a happy and abundant life. So we set out to buy ourselves into happiness. Many people have swapped God for gadgets. We have failed to develop ourselves inside. But one day some crisis develops.

You can't meet a crisis with a Cadillac; you can't heal a broken heart with your refrigerator, or clean a guilty conscience with a vacuum cleaner. When vast numbers of people come face to face with deep human needs they have nothing with which to face it. In our rush to get things money can buy . . . we fail to build within our lives things money can't buy. And this lack of inner resources is one of our worries today.

--Selected--Central Messenger

## "The King's Highway"

There are surely millions of people who are trying to find the King's Highway. There are hundreds of "roads" offered, but only one is right. Jesus did truly say, "I am the Way." There are many roads that are before us. One man says, "Come and walk with me in the way that I believe and teach." This same welcome is given at least 250 times in the U. S. alone. They offer various things to those who will "join" them. There are roads that are lined by entertainments. They offer all sorts of "modern recreation." The people are engaged in many forms of the "social things" such as drinking, dancing and other things too numerous to mention.

There is a Road that has been in the planning stages for an endless age, its structure and entrance-way; its exits and limits were fore ordained of God before the foundations of the earth. Note that I said entrance and exits. There are many false entrances. Some go almost into the Road or Way. The many exits are often disguised by Satan by calling them by delectful names. They are often enticing to us with their displays of wealth. Satan has many things to hang at the exits for Christians to grasp for in their vain search for "pleasures"

Those who were in attendance at the fellowship meal at Mishawaka in August were challenged and inspired by the three short talks. We were reminded of the many things we have that are not available to all Christians. We were asked if we hunger and thirst after the spiritual things in life. We were told of our responsibilities and opportunities to the lost as those who have the truth to offer. You and I as Christians can point the Way to people who are lost and dying in the mad rush for eternity. What have you done recently to lead one to Christ? I believe that we do have the truth as revealed in the Bible. I believe this with all my heart, soul and mind.

I believe the churches of Christ have the message that can remove the "scales" of blindness from the eyes of the world, and can lead them to the King's Highway.

The problem is not the message but the messengers. God raised the question in the Old Testament: "Whom shall I send; and who will go for us?" Our answer today is too often: "Let someone else do it because I'm too busy making my fortune." Isaiah said, "Here am I Lord, send ME. Are you like Isaiah, Moses or Lot's wife? Recall that Moses made a few excuses, but then went to do God's bidding. Once he set out he did not falter nor hesitate. Lot's wife set out on the right way immediately; then looked back. Three of the most sobering words ever spoken by the Lord were: "Remember Lot's wife." If anything can spur us on to a fruitful Christian life these three words should.

Half an effort may be worse than no effort. Jesus said that he wished that the people had been either hot or cold, but because they were lukewarm He would spew them out of His Mouth. Isaiah shows that serving God is an individual matter. The responsibility cannot be delegated to a proxy. He did not give the Lord advice on who to send, but simply gave the heart stirring answer: "Send ME."

There are those in this world whom no one can lead to Christ--absolutely no one--except you. I do not know who that person is that only I can lead to Christ, but there is one somewhere. Perhaps you don't know where the individual is that only you can lead to Christ but he or she is there waiting for you. He or she may be behind the next door you open or the next building you enter. They are waiting for their entrance to the King's highway. Will you allow them to remain on the road that leads to destruction because of your own indifference? Suppose someone had not been interested in you? Think on this!

E. E. G.



BIBLE QUIZZES

YES OR NO

1. Michal and Merab were sisters. 1Sam.14 *Yes*
2. Eldad and Medad were two of the seventy endued with power to aid Moses. Num. 11 *No*
3. David and Jonathan were brothers. 1 Sam. 18 *No*
4. Jabel, Jubal and Tubal-cain were full brothers. Gen. 4 *No*
5. Two kings of Midian were slain by Joshua for the murder of his brothers. Jud.8 *No*
6. Rupert and Alexander were two ancient kings. Mk.15 *No*
7. Claudius and Claudia were brother and sister. *No*
8. Festus And Felix were both procurators of Judea. *Yes*
9. Joshua and Caleb were brothers. *No*
10. Solomon and Absalom were half-brothers. *Yes*

ANSWERS TO BE GIVEN NEXT WEEK.

NEWS AND NOTES

We are happy to report that Sister Phoff is home from the hospital and getting along well.. In a letter, she expressed appreciation for the cards that were sent.

Remember the singing at the Mark's Nursing Home this evening at 6:30. We commend the many who support this good work.

Be careful during the overly busy week-end- the last holiday week-end for the summer. Why not enjoy a ! leisurely, safe and enjoyable Labor Day at Camp Indogan on Monday? For this day there will be very little labor involved, just relaxation, fellowship.

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The slightest mist in the lens of a telescope blurs the image of the stars. Even small deliberate sins block our view of God

HEAVEN

When I was a boy I used to think of Heaven as a glorious golden city, with jewelled walls, and gates of pearl. with nobody in it, but the angels, and they were all strangers to me. But after a while my little brother died; then I thought of Heaven as that great city, full of angels, with just one little fellow in it that I was acquainted with. He was the only one I knew there, at that time. Then another brother died, and there were two in Heaven that I knew. Then my acquaintances began to die, and the number of my friends in Heaven grew larger all the time. But, it was not till one of my own little ones was taken that I began to feel that I had a personal interest in Heaven. Then a second went, and a third, and a fourth; and so many of my friends and loved ones have gone there, that it seems as if I know more in Heaven than I know on earth.

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## "TRYING THE IMPOSSIBLE"

"Shall horses run upon the rock? will one plow there with the oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into henlock:" (Amos 6:12)

The folly of expecting real prosperity by committing acts of injustice or pursuing courses of sin is here vividly compared to running horses over rocks or trying to plow the same with oxen.

Our own times are a little like this in our attempts to make our country morally better by giving secular education. We may as well realize that education without morality is useless as far as making our country or society better. We cannot make our children better by teaching them reading, writing and arithmetic. Moral character grows out of the heart--not the brain. It has been well said that dishonesty, uneducated, may commit petty thefts; but educated it will legally swindle a nation. Knowledge of "things" is not sufficient to raise the morals of a nation. Education, to be spiritually beneficent, must be of the heart. We need to recognize the value of Bible study and teaching. This will help our society to improve. Otherwise we are trying the impossible.

We are trying the impossible when we attempt to find happiness from without. All mankind are in search of happiness. The Psalmist asked, "Who will show us any good?" This is surely yesterday's, today's, and tomorrow's universal cry. We as a nation are seeking happiness from things we can see, hear, taste, touch and smell. Man cannot be satisfied completely by the five senses. If man were only a body then this could be so. The dog is happy with food, shelter and a pat on the head. David said, "Thou has put gladness in my heart;" and, "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for the Lord, only makest me dwell in safety." The soul of man requires more than physical things. It requires

peace, love, someone to look up to and to worship. True happiness arise from within. It comes from love, hope, aspirations and anticipations of the fulfilment of the aims in life. Love is the well of living water that springs up unto eternal life.

We are trying the impossible when we try to convert the heathens abroad before we convert the heathens at home. We try to convert the world to Christ before we convert the church to Christ fully. We can't see the woods for the trees. We cast our eyes toward the millions and miss the single individual we work with or for; the neighbor who lives next door. We must first start to convert by one's; then by two's; then by three's until the large numbers come. You do not have to get seasick to be a missionary. Every Christian is, in reality, a missionary. If you started walking on the road where you live how many Christian homes would you pass in an hour? Jesus said in a sense: "You don't need to wait until you get to Africa to do mission work; but rather, look now, close to you and you will see the field white unto harvest. "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; Send me."

E. E. G.

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And now, when my thoughts turn to Heaven, it is not the gold and jewels, and the pearls that I think of--but the loved ones there. It is not the place so much as the company that makes Heaven seem beautiful.

--Selected

Our generation is trying to drink its way to prosperity, destroy its way to plenty . . . war its way to peace, hate its way to love, sin its way to God, and drift its way upstream.

### ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BIBLE QUIZ

1. Yes 2. No 3. No 4. No 5. No 6. No 7. No 8. Yes  
9. No 10. Yes

### NEWS AND NOTES

The annual Open House at Shult's Lewis Children's Home, in Valpariso, is scheduled for September 28th. Featured speakers will be Nick Boone and Jimmy Allen. The Melody Boy's Quartet will also be on the program. If you haven't been to one of these annual events, you cannot appreciate the great work that is being done for the homeless. Try to go if you can.

A gospel meeting begins at the Paulding, Ohio congregation on Sept. 16, and continues through the 22nd., at 7:30 (EDT) each evening. Brother Raleigh Wooten of Chattanooga, Tenn. will do the preaching. This congregation is invited.

The ladies of the congregation will meet at Sister Thelma Hoggatt's house at 1:30 this Wednesday afternoon to make tray favors. If you don't have a way call Sister Hoggatt.

There is to be a Herald Of Truth Workshop Wednesday, Sept. 11th, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Indianapolis. The address is Church of Christ, 9015 Westfield Blvd. They invite all men leaders of the congregation to come.

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The wages of sin  
have never been  
reduced. --Sel.

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### COST OF BEING A CHRISTIAN

Being a Christian requires a habit of sacrifice. This is the meaning of our Lord's words: "Take up your cross and follow me." My dear brother, taking up your cross means more than "the 20% of the church members who never pray; 25% who never read their Bibles; 30% who never attend services; 40% who never give liberally to the Lord; 50% who never attend Bible school regularly; 90% who never have family worship; and 95% who never invite others to follow Christ." Being a Christian begins a new life of service. Jesus said, "And follow me." This consists in doing the will of God every day in everything.

By Mike Sinapiades

## ARE YOU MATURE?

Many ways have been suggested for determining whether or not a person has reached maturity in the cause of Christ but here is one of the simplest tests that I believe could be taken.

1. A mature person is one who is big enough to attend services of the church without being begged or bribed to do it. Children must be awakened each morning, encouraged to prepare for school, taken to the building etc.! As long as a member must have others who are continually getting after him to be at services, he is yet most immature.

2. A mature person is one old enough to let the Lord tell him what to do and to be found doing it. He is not concerned about the praise and flattery of men. He is the one who is a careful student of the Bible, not to find in it what will prove his point, but to find in it what will prove him acceptable.

2. A mature person is one who is aware that his presence in Bible study and worship is not a great favor that he is doing for God. Being full grown, he senses his own worthlessness at being in God's company and does not desire to miss the opportunity.

4. A mature person is one who knows that everything about Christianity is good, but everyone's attitude may not be. Full growth makes the child of God acknowledge that Christianity is not popular with worldly crowds.

5. A mature person is able to forgive without retaliation.

--Selected from Harlandale  
Church of Christ Bulletin

## "JOT"

Jesus said, "think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished" (Mt. 5:17f). Jot is the transliteration of the Greek letter "Iota" which is the nearest Greek equivalent for the Hebrew letter "Yodh," the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet. The tittle is the smallest part of a letter. So Jesus thinking of the law as written out, made use of the two smallest things in the language to enforce the necessity of fulfilling the law. His hearers could appreciate how minute he was in this description, and could feel strongly the import of it as regarding His attitude toward the law, "not to destroy, but fulfill," even in the smallest detail.

Yes, Jesus came to fill up what was said in the prophets concerning Him. He did accomplish what the Old Testament said that he would do.

The law of Moses spoke of sacrifices which were designed to show in a shadow the Messiah.

The law and the prophets spoke often of what the lamb of God would set forth to do. This he did with great promptness. Jesus said he came to do the will of the Father, he came to work a work in which many would stumble. Many have and are.

--Selected

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Give me a faithful--likeness to Thee--

That each departing day, hence forth may see  
Some work of love begun, some deed of kindness done,  
Some wanderer sought and won--something for Thee.

--Selected.

## NEWS AND NOTES

THERE ARE SOME BULLETINS in the foyer concerning the establishment of a children's home at Delphi, Indiana. It is to be known as the HAPPY DAY CHILDREN'S HOME. The directors are having a grand opening and dedication service on Sept. 14 and they solicit our support for the future. Brother Paul Himes is the superintendent of the home. We ask the Lord's blessings on this benevolent work.

REMEMBER the ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE at Shult's Lewis Children's Home will be Sept. 28. Try to go if you can.

THERE IS TO BE a dedication service at the new Glenwood congregation in Ft. Wayne on the 29th of Sept. Brother Jim Boyd (formerly a preacher of the Donmoyer Ave. congregation in So. Bend) will deliver the afternoon address at 2:30. Then at the evening service, will begin a series of gospel meetings with brother Phil Dunn (a former So. Side preacher) delivering the sermons.

THE NEXT FELLOWSHIP MEETING will be next Friday evening at 7 o'clock at Mr. Smorgasbord in Mishawaka.

LET'S TRY TO ATTEND ONE EVENING at the Paulding gospel meeting, dates Sept. 16 to the 22nd. Brother Raleigh Wooten of Chattanooga, Tennessee is the evangelist.

SEE THANKS to Brother Earl Cook for his report to us concerning the new Herald of Truth fall series and other plans in the making for the radio and television ministry. They ask for a special contribution this Sunday to meet a \$200,000.00 commitment for the new fall series. Will you help meet this need?

WE ASK the Lord's richest blessings for our three girls who will be leaving for college this week. Ruth Wilson and Kathy Hoggatt will be attending Michigan Christian College and Mary Wilson will return to David Lipscomb Christian College. Our prayers and hearts go with you.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 15, 1968

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A smile is a curve that  
can set a lot of things  
straight.

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#### NOW IS THE ONLY TIME

About two years ago, there passed away a man who was noted for a life of extraordinary usefulness. 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." --Sel.

From the preacher's desk

Although it hardly seems possible another year of school is here. Again we are preparing to bid a fond farewell to three of our young people who are leaving our midst to seek higher education. Two are leaving to start their college training and one to continue her's.

To you young people let me say: "I have full confidence in you!" In the more than four years I have known you I have come to feel a closeness, a fondness, a deep concern for your welfare. Through you I have come to a greater appreciation for good Christian training. (This is true for all our young people; not just the three who are going away to college.)

I hope you realize that those of us who remain behind often cannot express our true feelings in words; therefore we often try to make jokes to hid the true feelings felt in our hearts.

There are many things that could be said, but time and space will not permit. Let me emphasize to you that education is many things; three of which I will mention. First, education teaches you to walk alone. Secondly, education teaches you how to make a living. Thirdly, and perhaps most important, education should teach you how to live.

Education is not cheap; but then, neither is ignorance. The only thing more expensive than education is ignorance. Franklin said, "If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

To the parents I would say, "A man cannot leave a better legacy to the world than a well-educated family.

Education is more than learning lfacts. It is developing the talents that God has already given to serve, as well as learning to live.

I am fully persauded that wherever our young people go they will be a living testimony of the success of the church here. I believe all our young people are second to none that I have met. I am thankful to God for having given me the opportunity to be a part of their lives. I am sure I speak for all the "older" folk here when I say that I hope that my influence in all of the lives of the young people has been and will continue to be for good. May God grant the richest blessings to all of our young people, and especially to the three who are going to their respective schools.

E. E. G.

#### WHY I WAS LOST

I never learned the Bible.  
I thought on e church was as good as another.  
I compared myself with the most unfaithful Christians.  
I let my anger at others keep me from Christ.  
I was too stingy to give.  
I followed my way instead of the Lord's.  
I took the wrong people for examples.  
I kept my mouth open so much I never learned to listen.  
I thought of my glory, not of the Lord's glory.  
I spent too much time on the faults of others.  
I was too proud to confess my sins, and ask forgiveness.  
I would not take a true interest and concern in my fellowmen.  
I let my temper rule me instead of my head.  
I loved to pass judgement on other people.  
I tried to be saved outside the church.

--Selected

## NEWS AND NOTES

The contribution last Lord's Day was considerably higher, no doubt due to the request for additional funds needed for the Herald of Truth commitment for the fall series of broadcasts. The congregation here is to be commended for the support of the Herald Of Truth radio and television programs. We should be happy that today's methods of mass communication can be used to present the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Be sure to take full advantage of these messages by telling your fiends and neighbors about them.

A gospel meeting is scheduled at Coldwater for October 6-11, 7:30 each evening. The preacher for the series of lessons is brother Tune from Dearborn, Mich.  
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A youth rally is sched. at the Donmoyer Ave. congregation in So. Bend for Friday evening Oct. 4th. and Saturday Oct. 5. They invite all of the teenagers to share with them the fellowship of this occasion. Brother John Allen Chalk will be the speaker for the Friday evening and Saturday programs.

Also Donmoyer Ave. in So. Bend has a meeting sched. uled with Brother Eugene Pigg preaching at 7:30 each evening beginning October 6th and continuing through the 10th.

We were happy to have Sister Pearl Bozell back to services last Lord's Day. We hope that she insists to be picked up each Sunday. Many of the congregation would be happy to stop for her when she feels like coming.

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## L A G R A N G E

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September 22, 1968

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#### Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship Services	7:30 P. M.
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"The highest type  
of education is to  
learn to do God's  
will."

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#### GLORY TO HIS NAME

Time and again the Bible teaches us to give all glory to God. Moses failed one time to give the glory to God when he brought forth water for the needs of his People and as a result he failed to enter the promised land. If such a faithful man as Moses was called down for failing to give glory to God it certainly behooves us to be very cautious concerning glory. It is all too easy in times when we achieve long sought goals to deceive ourselves in thinking we have done a great thing. Nothing we do would be possible without the help of ALMIGHTY GOD. In all successes then let us give Him the praise and glory.

--Selected

GOD IS ?

There is one thing  
That's plain to see;  
God is an American  
Just like me.  
He couldn't be black  
Yellow or brown;  
Or He'd not be welcome  
In my hometown.  
He must wear good clothes  
And speak perfectly;  
Or He can't go  
To worship with me.  
My friends don't like  
A poorly dressed man;  
He just doesn't fit  
In with their "clan."  
He must wear good clothes  
And speak good English too;  
If He wants to worship  
With the church of the "true"  
Who can imagine God  
With skin that is black;  
And loving those folk  
Over across the track?  
The thought is revolting;  
Its so plain to see;  
That God's a middle-class American  
And white like me.

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A man suffering from insomnia asked a friend how  
he managed to sleep so well every night. "Do you  
count sheep?" he asked. "No," replied the friend.  
"I talk to the Shepard."

--Selected

How do you view God  
In your own mind?  
Did you ever sit down  
An image to find?  
Do you find it strange  
That He may be black?  
And lives with those folk  
Across the track?  
A respecter of persons  
God is not.  
And if you are  
You've cast your lot.  
Christ died for all  
On the brow of that hill;  
All who love Him  
And follow His will.  
I did not choose  
To be born white or black;  
But according to God  
In whom nothing I lack.  
He has made me  
As He has made you;  
As He made the Gentile  
And also the Jew.  
That I was born white  
Is an accident;  
with my lot in life  
I must be content.

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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.

--Selected

Nor as I am  
But with what God has given;  
Including His Son;  
Whose side was riven.  
The debt was paid  
For me on the cross;  
If but for Christ  
I count all things but loss.  
But I must press onward  
For that great prize;  
Promised to the faithful  
Whenever they die.  
There are no ifs,  
No buts or maybe;  
He died for all men  
On that cruel Tree.  
Let's put on the armour  
For God in this strife;  
And fight against evil  
The rest of our life.  
For those who are patient  
And die in the Lord;  
Eternity in heaven  
Will be the reward.  
Then it won't matter  
If you're brown, black or white;  
When God says on that day:  
"You've fought a good fight."

E. E. G.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

Remember the dedication of the new Glenwood congregation in Ft. Wayne is to be this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Brother Jim Boyd of Chattanooga, Tennessee will deliver the afternoon message. Then in the evening at 6:30, a gospel meeting will begin with brother Phil Dunn preaching. This meeting will continue through Saturday, Oct. 5th at 7 o'clock (note- 7 o'clock) each evening. The exact address of the new church building is not known (other than on Reed Road) but the Hoggatts have been to the building and can direct you there. They would appreciate and be encouraged, if we can go at all.

There is at least one car going and possibly two, to the young people's rally at Donnoyer Ave. congregation in South Bend this coming Friday evening. I'm sure that the youth would profit from hearing brother Chalk and we urge everyone who can to go.

A five evening meeting is scheduled at Donnoyer beginning Oct 6 through Oct. 10 at 7:30 each evening. Bro. Eugene Pigg will do the preaching.

Annual meeting to learn and discuss business relative to Camp Indogan and appoint directors, is open to all life time and current yearly members this next Saturday, Oct. 5th. at 2 o'clock in the afternoon (EST).

We urge all who have interest in the camp, who are members, to be there.

The address of our college girls are:

Ruth Wilson- Michigan Christian College, Rochester, Michigan 48063

Kathy Hoggatt- same address as for Ruth Wilson

Mary Wilson- Box 187, David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 29, 1968

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Don't be content  
with being AVERAGE.  
That just means you  
are as near the  
bottom as the top.

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#### WORRIED ABOUT THE DEVIL

A little boy of six was found crying after the preacher's sermon concerning the wiles of the devil. Upon being asked why he was crying, he replied:

"Mommie, I'm worried about the devil"

"But darling, he doesn't bother sweet little children like you."

"I know, Mommie, it's not me I'm worried about. I'm afraid the old devil will get you and daddy!"

-Sel.

Have you ever been asked the question, "Is there anyone important that goes to your church?" Of course it is not "our" church, but this is a common question. What they are really asking is if anyone in the community who might rank as a celebrity attends services at the same place you do. What is your answer? Do you hang your head and say in a half-shamed way, "No, there isn't anyone important that goes there."

Are you ashamed to admit that the gospel still isn't popular? Do you know of anyone who is more important than you are? If you as a Christian know of anyone who is not a Christian who is more important than you are you better take a look at yourself. Maybe you are evaluating yourself by the wrong standards. You as a Christian are one of the most important people in the world. You rank above John the immerser! Jesus said one time that greater man had not been born of woman than John. Knowing this, how can you casually remark that there are not any important people who worship at the church of Christ.

Knowing the purchase price of the souls of the people who attend the services at the Lord's church how can you say this? The price of any soul who would be saved is the life blood of the Son of God. Are you not saying then that the life of Christ is unimportant?

Also in this category of questions is the common: "Have any famous people ever been members of "your" church? Well, perhaps Martin Luther was not a member of the church of Christ, but the Apostle Peter was. Maybe John Wesley wasn't a simple New Testament Christian, but the Apostle Paul was. I don't believe there have been popes who have been members of the New Testament church, but the eunuch

was. I don't know of any clergymen who have been members of the New Testament church, but Philip, a preacher of the gospel was.

One of the students at the school where the preacher teaches asked one of the young ladies who is a member here if the preacher (the Science teacher) was a "reverend." Imagine the girl's surprise when she was told that a person can be a preacher without being a "reverend." I suppose this makes the local preacher a "lay" preacher. Such terms as "clergy" and "laity" are not found in the word of God. There is no hint of any difference in the members that was God-approved.

The next time you are asked if anyone important attends "your" church you can humbly answer, "Yes, I do. I know I am important because Christ died for me." If you are asked if anyone important has been a member of the church of Christ you can honestly and truthfully say, "Yes. Every person who ever became a Christian was a member of the same church that I am today." And a person could add that anyone who will become a Christian in the future will also be a member of the church of Christ.

E. E. G.

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Do you feel strongly about some issue? Write an article for the bulletin. It will be printed if it is considered proper and pertinent. You do not have to sign your name to it. Give it to the preacher or Sister Hostetler.

Do you have a topic on which you like to hear one or more sermons? Let the preacher know. If you have any constructive criticism to make on the sermons being given they will be welcomed.