

NEWS AND NOTES

FAMILY CAMP will be in progress at Camp Indogan this week. Visitors are invited to the evening services. The MELODY BOYS are scheduled for a program Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Take this chance to hear them.

This Friday evening at 7 o'clock the MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be held at the Sweden House Restaurant in Ft. Wayne ( Gateway Plaza shopping center). The theme of the discussion for the evening will be "Christian Re-creation". All men are invited to go.

A YOUTH RALLY is scheduled at Waterloo this Friday evening and Saturday. Particulars are given on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

There is much work to be done at Camp Indogan and the last Saturday to do it is coming up. If you can come at all, it would be appreciated.

The AREA WIDE SINGING is scheduled for next Sunday at the So. Side church building in Ft. Wayne at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Can we work this in too?

This evening at 6 o'clock is our date with the Mark's Nursing Home patients for a song service. They look forward to and appreciate our efforts in this.

A new filmstrip has been received, "FIRST CENTURY CHRISTIANITY TODAY" for use by the church here. If you would either like to see it or show it to some of your friends, please let it be known.

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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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July 6, 1969

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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	7:00 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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Happiness is  
not perfected  
until it is shared.

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A group of children were telling who they would like to be like. All had given the names of their favorite hero except one little child. Finally he said, "I guess I would like to be like Jesus." "Why," sneered an older child, "He never flew in a spaceship; or built a skyscraper; or even wrote a book." "I know," said the little boy, "But I have a brother who cannot see. All the doctors have said they cannot help him. If I were like Jesus I could meke him see, and he could run and play like we do."

"And a little child shall lead them." Who do you desire to be like?

E. E. G.

The paths of glory lead but to the grave. --Sel.

## TRADITION

One cold snowy morning an old man was seen dressed only in his nightshirt, vigorously chopping kindling. His neighbor, amazed at the brevity of his dress asked him why he was out in the cold with such few clothes on. The old man never missing a lick in his chopping replied, "I've dressed by a fire every morning for fifty years and I do not intend to stop now."

To those who have been in the church very long this little story has a familiar ring. Many times we see and hear things just about as absurd as this. One preacher mentioned that as a student he had asked the church where he was preaching to move the time up to an earlier starting time Sunday evening so as to give him a chance to get back to the college earlier. One "traditional" brother said with amazement, "Why we can't have services then, it won't even be dark."

There is certainly nothing wrong with tradition as such, but the wrong comes when we make tradition God's way. Tradition is neither right or wrong; it is usually a matter of what is expedient under the conditions in a given area.

We must watch tradition very carefully because much of the error in religion has come about because of tradition. The Catholic Church makes no secret that tradition plays an equally important role with scripture. Much of the ceremony and religious observances in the protestant denominations have come through the same channels.

Many things that have resulted in divisions and dissensions have been carry-overs from denominationalism to the Lord's church. Isaiah condemned human precepts in 29:13. This is the passage quoted by the Lord in Matthew 15:9.

The rich fool in the New Testament and the modern "clergy" today; one in his purple, and one in his penguin suit make too much of the things they wear. Too much eating or too much fasting

are of no value and are actually harmful. Paul admits that they have a show of wisdom in will worship. They were not worshipping God as he had directed, and therefore not at all. These modern as well as the early elaborate religious ceremonies tend to produce self-righteousness in the individual, and especially in the leaders. Some feel that because they have covered their heads and gone to suffer through a service at 7:00 A. M. in the morning that they have worshipped God.

As believers were given freedom from the "yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1), we are free from the commandments and traditions of Catholicism and Protestantism. We are not bound to Rome or to Luther, but rather--we are free in Christ. The ceremonialism in religion is an accumulation of the commandments and traditions of men. Depending upon the authority of men, it has become and insult to the Word of God. It is a self-imposed method of worship. Paul admonishes to set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth. The earthly things are for the earthy. Our life does not have its reward in this life only.

We need to keep teaching the Bible as the only source of authority. We know that the old "two songs-prayer-third song-sermon-Lord's supper" routine is tradition. Yet when someone tries to alter it you would think they were going against scripture. Some are so afraid of breaking tradition that nothing is done. We need to keep examining ourselves to see if we have become so engrossed in tradition that we may have left the scriptural way.

E. E. G.

"There are two kinds of men; the righteous who believe themselves sinners: the rest, sinners who believe themselves righteous." (Pascal)

## NEWS AND NOTES

Today at 3 o'clock this afternoon is the area wide singing to be held in the South Side church building in Fort Wayne.

There is a gospel meeting scheduled at the East Chestnut St. congregation in Fort Wayne, Aug. 3-15. Brother Nathaniel Braden of Memphis, Tennessee will be the evangelist.

Glad to see the Carl Pieratt's smiling faces back from a two - week vacation in Missouri.

### TRUTHS TO PONDER

If we don't discipline ourselves, the world will do it for us. -- The best way to send an idea around the world is to wrap it in a man. --

The Christian life is like an airplane- when you stop, you drop.-- Some people have even tempers - they stay mad.-- If you cannot bear solitude, maybe you bore others too. -- Be slow in choosing a friend, slower in changing one.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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July 13, 1969

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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	7:00 P. M.
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If your son lost his life while saving someone else from a fire, how would you feel if that person went fishing instead of attending your son's memorial service?

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#### AMERICA'S GREATEST THREAT IS SIN

People spend eight times more hours at movies than at Sunday School. Only one out of twelve persons in our country attends church. Seven out of eight children quit church and Sunday School attendance before they reach 15 years of age.

There are more barmaids in the country than college girls. One hundred thousand girls disappear every year into white slavery. Our nation harbors three times as many criminals as college students. A major crime is committed every 15 seconds; a murder every 40 minutes. There are 60 suicides in our nation daily.

Three out of ten who start as light drinkers end up as drunkards. As a nation \$750 is spent on pleasures, sin, cosmetics and amusements to every \$1 given to foreign missions.

---J. Edgar Hoover

## SAVED BY A MATCH

A ship was crossing the Atlantic. One night someone discovered a leak. It could not be stopped, and the ship was filled with water immediately. The men scrambled for lifeboats and soon found that they were free from sinking. They saw the lights of an approaching steamer, but how could they signal it? They made a search of the boat, and found an inch or two of candle in a battered lantern; then they tried to find a match; every man felt in his pockets, but in vain. Not a match to be found. The captain bade them search again, at last out of some corner, one match was produced. The match was passed to the captain and the sailors clustered around him. They held out their jackets to keep the wind off and watched him with anxiety. The captain said that he had faced many a difficulty; but none ever bore upon his nerves as this one. The lantern was lighted, and when it was waved to and fro, the ship saw the signal, altered its course, and picked them up.

Now what gave that match such value? It was the only one, and your life is your only one-- do not misdirect and misuse it!!!!

## GIVING

A little girl told an older friend that she was going to give her Papa a pair of slippers for his birthday. "Where will you get the money?" asked the friend. She opened her eyes wide and said, "Why, my father will give me the money". For a moment the friend was silent as she thought that the father would be buying his own birthday present. The father loved the little girl and appreciated

## TODAY'S JACKPOT - 86,400

"If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400.00, that carried over no balance from day to day; and allowed you to keep no cash in your account, and every evening cancelled whatever part of that amount that you had failed to use during the day, what would you do? Draw out every cent of course! Well, you do have such a bank. Its name is "TIME". Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purposes. It carries no balance. It allows no overdrafts. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours!"

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## THOUGHTS

We are not right because we merely think that we are right. We are not right because we feel right. We are not right because we intend to be right. We are not right because someone, who has assumed authority, says we are right. Only and when, we are doing the will of God. This Will is revealed in the New Testament and no place else. Now is the time to be right, or if you are not right, to get right. This is the acceptable time. You can never do tomorrow what you should have done today. Each day has its own opportunities, its own obligations and responsibilities. If left undone today, they remain undone throughout a all time, for each new day brings its own problems. Each new day brings you closer to God and the judgment. Let us live each day spiritually as though it were the only day we had left.

--Sel.

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the gift, even though he paid for it himself. We have nothing of our own to give God.

## NEWS AND NOTES

An announcement is on the bulletin board regarding a gospel meeting to be held at Three Rivers with Brother Jerry Sullens, minister of the Glenwood congregation in Ft. Wayne doing the preaching. The meeting is to continue each evening this week at 7:30 (EST) The church building is located at 104 Wood St..

Another gospel meeting is at East Chestnut St. congregation Aug. 3-15. This will be announced later.

A follow up program of visitation has been started to contact those who were here during our gospel meeting and other prospects that have come. We need the help and encourage anyone who would meet with us on Tuesday evening to go out in twos or threes and make calls. This work needs to be done and it takes more than just a few to be effective toward outsiders. The time is at 7 o'clock.

If anyone would like to have the Survey Of The Bible filmstrips or First Century Christianity Today filmstrip shown in their home or the home of any they can interest in seeing it, please make it known.

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## CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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July 20, 1969

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### Schedule of Regular Service

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Worship Services	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship	7:00 P. M.
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I find the doing of  
the will of God  
leaves me no time  
for disputing about  
His plans.

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### WHY I COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE!

I come, not because I am worthy but because I have sinned and fallen short of what, by the help of God, I might have been.

I come, not because there is any magic in a partaking of the symbols of Christ's body and blood, but because the Lord's Supper is a memorial to Him.

I come, because here is portrayed the sacrifice of my Lord, who gave himself for me.

I come, because I rise from the Lord's table with new strength, courage, power to live for Him who died for me.

--Sel.

## "THEY CAN'T GET TOGETHER"

A guard was taking a group of twelve patients for a walk inside the grounds of an insane asylum. They were all big husky men and the guard was unarmed. A friend said to him, "You should not go out alone with those men. Suppose they should all get together in the woods and jump on you and overpower you. You would not have a ghost of a chance and they would get away." The guard smiled and said, "Yes, they could easily overpower me; but they will never get together--they are all crazy."

Do you think there might be a lesson there for us? The Lord's church could overpower the forces of the devil if we would just get together! If we were less concerned about fighting one another and more concerned about fighting Satan we would be more successful.

There are many things that stand between us today in the church that may seem pretty insignificant on the day of judgment. We have been so busy during my generation kicking and knocking one another that we have just about let the devil off scott free. If half the money, time, energy, publication space, radio time, and personnel used by the church in fighting over our "isms" are ever directed against the devil, that old demon will hightail it for hell and batten down the hatches. He is only as strong as we are weak; as bold as we are timid. When confronted by a praying, Bible reading Christian, the devil has no more chance than a snowball in his home.

The way some who appear pious and full of love on the outside are really full of hate and envy on the inside must make Satan chuckle with glee. Perhaps you have heard the story of the man whose wife continually criticised his driving, even though she would not or could not drive herself.

Everything he attempted to do was wrong. Finally he drove into a gas station and asked if they sold "no-knock" gasoline. The attendant said, "Yes, may I fill it up?" "No, give my wife a gallon," said the husband.

We must quit knocking one another and turn the "guns of the gospel" on the world and the sin we find there. We need to give it some of our "constructive (?) criticism." If we had "sense enough" to get together on the basis of the Bible as the word of God with the realization that God has left room for differences of opinions, then we would "go forth" in love, kindness and understanding.

But until we become "smarter" than the inmates of the insane asylum we will go on "shadow-boxing" about our differences of opinion while Satan is taking over the world at an alarming rate. I believe we all have the right to differences of opinions, but we should not make them a test of fellowship. Let's start a war against the devil, and all the vices and tragedies his teachings have brought to this world by filling our lives with the love of Christ.

E.E.G.

## SERMON SENTENCES--

Faith and obedience are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys God trusts God; and he that trusts God obeys God. He that is without faith is without works; and he that is without works is without faith.

We are building many splendid churches in this country, but we are not providing leaders to run them. I would rather have a wooden church with a splendid preacher than a splendid church with a wooden preacher.

--Sel.

## NEWS AND NOTES

To our knowledge there were two operations that should be mentioned. Sister Mae Wilson had minor surgery last Wednesday. She is home now and recovering satisfactorily. Also it was learned that Floyd Coleman (Waterloo congregation) had an operation this week. He is in the Parkview hospital, room 225, Ft. Wayne. At the present he is to have no visitors, however cards would be appreciated, according to the family.

The gospel meeting at East Chestnut congregation at Ft. Wayne will start next Monday evening ( Aug. 3-15.)

Brother Carl Pieratt left his wife again (for a couple of weeks at least). He went back to Missouri to work on his house. Hope he has a safe journey.

The last scheduled visitation night will be this Tuesday evening. We urge all who can to participate.

The Hoggatt's are visiting the home congregation of Normal today ( where Dean attended when he was a boy. A lot of water has gone over the dam since then). It is good to see old friends again.

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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

#### E X H O R T E R

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July 27, 1969

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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	7:00 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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#### "They Sat Down to Rest, and Resting, Died"

On the walls of the University of Virginia are the words, "On the plains of hesitation lie the blackened bones of countless millions, who at the dawn of victory sat down to rest, and resting, died!"

Is that not too often the story of men and women who begin their Christian life, and with all past sins forgiven and victory in sight, they sit down to rest, and resting, die? In the Christian life there never is a time to rest on our past laurels. Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Amidst hardships and trials he kept the fight going. He said, "I count not myself yet to have apprehended, but this one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind, and stretching forward to the things that are before, I press on." There was no time to rest even though victory was in sight.

## WHAT IS YOUR C. E. Q.?

What is your church etiquette quotient? Are you mannerly and polite, contributing to the quiet decorum so desirable in a worship service? Parents, how about your children? Are they seated where you keep check on them? Each member of the family should score themselves on the following quiz:

1. Do you turn around when people come in late?
2. Do you whisper quietly before the service is to begin?
3. Are you often late to service?
4. Do you allow your children to leave their seats for any reason except an emergency, after the service begins?
5. If your baby begins to cry during the service, do you stay in the auditorium?
6. Do you sit as far back as possible, thus depriving late comers and mothers with small children of the back seats?
7. Do you show irreverence by chewing gum?
8. Do you refuse to sing, or singing, do you refuse to keep up with the song leader?
9. Do you ever sleep during services?
10. If you ever have to go to the cry room, do you let your child do just about what he wants to do?
11. If you ever have to go to the cry room, do you talk to the other mothers as though services were not in progress?
12. Do you enjoy writing little notes to someone during the service?
13. If your handwriting is not good, do you talk to others rather than write notes?
14. Do you shake hands with as few people as possible?
15. Do you wait for others to speak to you before you speak to them?

Your Score: Four or more "yesses" means you are in serious need of help.

Three "yesses" suggest that it wouldn't hurt you to have a better view of the worship.

## JUST ONE MISTAKE

He brushed his teeth twice a day. He went through the clinic twice a year. He wore his overshoes when it rained. He slept with the window open. He stuck to a diet of vegetables. He golfed only nine holes at a time. He got eight hours sleep each night. He never smoked, drank, nor lost his temper. He always rested all day Sunday. He was all set to live to be a hundred.

He is survived by eighteen specialists, a great host of makers of health and body building foods and antiseptics, and four health institutions.

He made just one mistake. HE FORGOT GOD! He lived as if this world were all. He is now with those who say, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. (Jer. 8:20)

--Sel.

## PHILOSOPHIZE

Just stand aside and watch yourself go by;  
Think of yourself as "he" instead of "I".  
Pick flaws; find fault; forget the man is you,  
And try to let your estimate ring true.  
Faults of others will then dwarf and shrink.  
Love's chain grows stronger by nightly ties and links,

When you, with "he" as substitute for "I"  
Have stood aside and watched yourself go by.

--Sel.

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Two "yesses"; not bad but nothing to rave about.

All "nos"; you have a very high C. E. Q.  
Thank you for being a needed influence in the congregation.

Bulletin - Clawson, Michigan --Sel.



## NEWS AND NOTES

A gospel meeting begins today at the East Chestnut St. congregation in Ft. Wayne. There is a preaching service at 3 o'clock this afternoon as well as the regular morning and evening services. The meeting will continue through Aug. 15 at 7:30 ea. evening. The speaker is N. Braden of Memphis, Tennessee. The congregation meets at 3601 E. Chestnut St.

Singing this evening at Mark's Nursing Home. Time is at 6 o'clock.

Congratulations are in order for Paula Hostetlet, who won Star Camper award Friday evening at the final program of Intermediate session at Camp Indogan.

The Hostetleters are leaving this afternoon for a trip to the south. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip.

Brother Floyd Coleman returned home from Parkview hospital yesterday afternoon. He is getting along well according to latest report.

The Junior session of camp (one more week) starts today. Starting next Sunday the Senior session will begin and last for two weeks. Let's remember and pray for these young people that they may be strengthened for the Lord's use.

Just because our "visitation program" is over does not mean that we should relax our personal work efforts. Keep us this good work on your own.

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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 3, 1969

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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	7:00 P. M.
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The world is blessed  
most by men who do  
things, and not by  
those who merely talk  
about them.

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#### A LOOK INTO THE FURNACE

An old Scotch preacher was passing a glass factory just before going to the meeting house to preach. As the door was ajar and it was some time until the services began, he stepped inside to satisfy his curiosity. One of the large furnaces had just been opened. He gazed into the white, blue and purple mass of liquid flame until it nearly seared his face. As he turned away unaware of the presence of anyone, he exclaimed aloud, "Oh, man, what will hell be like?" A stoker standing in a shadow heard him.

Several nights later at the services of the Church, a man responded to the invitation of Christ. Grasping the preacher's hand he said "You don't know me, but the other night when you stepped into the furnace room I heard what you said. (cont.P.3)

The longer I live the more I feel;  
 That the story of Jesus to most is unreal.  
 It's simply a story; but not devine;  
 And faults with its message too many find.  
 But the Bible's all true; or all wrong;  
 And the words ring true in that old song;  
 They cried for the rocks of the mountain to hide;  
 For they were not washed in the Crimmon Tide.  
 Too late! Too late! Will be the sad lament;  
 If they don't go to Him whom heaven has sent.  
 So what is your goal in this journey below;  
 Hell or heaven for the eternal soul?  
 The question I'm asked: "Whose word can I take?  
 If I would avoid that firey lake?  
 One says this way; you say another;  
 How shall I know who really is my brother?"  
 My answer is: "Friend, don't turn to man;  
 If you would reach that home so grand.  
 But look to the Lord as He calls to you;  
 It's all revealed in the Word so true.  
 You'll not be judged by what man may say;  
 You'll be judged solely by the Bible "Way."  
 Let the Bible light the "way" for your feet;  
 If in eternity the redeemed you'd meet.  
 Today there are scoffers as there has always been;  
 And as to your soul; don't trust a friend.  
 Study the Bible; be approved unto God;  
 Mark well the path that you must trod.  
 It matters little what men may say;  
 And if you're too concerned you may miss the Way.  
 Keep your eyes on the Christ of the Cross;  
 And in this life you'll not suffer loss.  
 How sweet the words that come to me;  
 My Savior died to set me free.  
 Though I may not truly understand;  
 Jesus paid my way to the promised land  
 Time is short; it slips away;  
 Set your feet on the narrow Way.  
 Walk with Christ; the world may frown;  
 In heaven you'll exchange your cross for a crown.

E. E. G.

## TEACHING THE WAY!

Before your child comes to seven  
 Teach him well the way to Heaven;  
 Better still, the truth will thrive  
 If he knows it when he is five;  
 Best of all if at your knee  
 He learns it when he is three.

### HOW TRUE!

The above poem stresses a fact all parents and teachers of youngsters should know. The child who is taken to Bible school and worship from infancy, who is given the privilege of hearing Bible stories daily, who is taught to pray before eating and going to bed; in short, the child who is brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" --this child is going to turn out all right!

But the child whose parents are indifferent about religion is a deprived child regardless of how they pamper him otherwise. The youngster whose parents wait until he is schoolage before beginning his religious training isn't likely to possess that faith enjoyed by those who were pointed toward God in infancy. Let us strive to introduce our children to the Lord from infancy.

--Selected

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Every time I have opened that furnace since then your words have rung in my ear - "What shall hell be like?" I have come tonight to find the way of salvation so that I will not have to find the true answer to that terrible question!!

--Selected

I find the great thing in this world is, not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

## NEWS AND NOTES

The gospel meeting at East Chestnut St. congregation in Ft. Wayne will continue through this Friday evening. If you haven't gone yet and care to go, let it be known to others. Some who are going will be glad to take you.

Brother Gieseke has asked for names of those who might be interested in receiving the Star Mailer to be handed in right away. If you have friends or prospective persons who you think would profit from this, please hand in their names.

The last issue of the Shults Lewis mailer requests donation of a stamp book (Top Value, Green Stamps, etc.) by anyone saving them. These books will be redeemed to purchase a Station Wagon for the home. If you will give a book for this, bring it to the church building and they will all be taken or mailed at the same time.

The Hostetler family returned from their week's vacation yesterday. They report a good trip and an enjoyable stay with Paul and Doris Hosse.

Also the Gieseke's returned from their Kentucky trip Friday. Earl will be preaching today at the new Warsaw congregation and in his place here, brother Tom Leach, from the Goshen congregation, will be speaking. We're happy to have he and his family with us.

This Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. the ladies of the congregation are invited to sister Hazel Miller's to make tray favors for the hospital and Nursing Home. Plan to go and pool the rides.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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August 10, 1969

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OUT GETTING A FEW  
DROPS ON YOURSELF.

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LIVE TODAY so that when it becomes yesterday--if it does--you will have no regrets.  
And LIVE TODAY so that if tomorrow does not come you will have no fear, and if it does come, have enough faith and trust in the Lord that you need have no worry. LIVE TODAY righteously, and both the yesterday and tomorrow will be taken care of.

J. B.

## VISIT

The church here has just completed a month of "planned" visitation program. For those who did not participate, they are the losers. For those who did, they can feel a little better knowing they have done what they could. The question is always asked, "Did it do any good?". The answer is "yes" on two accounts. Some attended our services as a direct result of visits and invitations. Others were made aware of our interest in them and just increased the need for more follow-up. There are ever increasing opportunities for the child of God to practice "pure and undefiled religion" (Jam. 1:27) if he would rise to the occasion. When James said "visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction" it would be hard indeed to do it from our home. The first thing that the word suggests is to leave home and to go where the need is. Some aspects of the word "visit" can be done in our home (telephone calls, letters, financial contributions, etc.) but this alone falls short of our "visiting". There is no substitute for personal involvement., to be where the need is.

A close look at new testament Christians reveals much regarding our duty. To a 20th century Christian who holds to the plea of 1st century Christianity, he is immediately confronted with this fact: The early Christians were evangelistic. Their life, their message was Christ. They went ~~everywhere~~ there preaching the word. Their jobs were where the "lost" were. To tell the message of Christ to just those whom they happened to meet was not enough. They sought the erring. Many of their persecutions came as a result of their fearless encounters with the strongholds of unrighteousness. Their "visiting" got them out in the mainstream of life and their message penetrated to the ends of the earth. (Col. 1:23). This is a picture of enthusiastic zeal, to seek and save the lost and today's child of God

who claims to have "first century Christianity" must, to be consistent, exhibit the same zeal.

For the church to have to initiate a visitation program, I fear, in most cases, is an indictment against the church. This was the very sum and substance of the first century church and if we want to be first century Christians, the work of "visiting" should have been going on from the day of our conversion. For the church to initiate this program is a step in the right direction, however, if it induces those who have not sensed this responsibility to participate in this work. Too, planned visitation allows for better control (knowledge as to best prospects, less duplication, better record keeping and follow-up), than what might be accomplished on an individual basis. In any case this work must go on. Rain or shine, in season or out of season, convenient or not convenient, Sunday or week-day, gospel meeting or no gospel meeting, "planned" visitation or otherwise, souls are dying every day, and our very salvation is at stake.

When our God "visited" His people in the person of Jesus Christ, He left for us a very vivid picture of His nature. Love, compassion, involvement and service, are a few of His attributes. He has asked us to grow in these areas, and a consideration of the effectiveness of his life among our midst, would impel us to do so.

D.H.

A string of opinions no more constitutes faith, than a string of beads constitutes holiness.

## NEWS AND NOTES

Ladies! Are you willing to part with one book of trading stamps (any kind) so that Shults Lewis Children's Home might get the new bus that's so badly needed? They can do it if we do our part and if other congregations do their part in contributing one book per family. Bring it to the building with you soon.

The planned "preacher swap" between Brothers Gieseke and Morgan of Garrett will not come about this Sunday, but will be postponed until a later date. Brother Stanley Day will be preaching today at Garrett to consider the work there. Brother Junior Morgan has accepted the work at South Side congregation in Ft. Wayne beginning Sept. 1st.

Please hand in the names of those whom you would like to have the Star Mailer sent, to brother Gieseke. He would like to make up this list as soon as possible.

Several new faces (visitors) have been to the services recently and we are very happy for your presence. If we can be of service to you in any way, please feel free to ask us. We would be most happy to study the Bible further with you, show you filmstrips in a survey of the Bible or enroll you in any one of a number of Correspondance Bible Courses available.

Tune in Herald of Truth at 12 noon today over channel 28 Elkhart for a very fine broadcast by the Churches of Christ.

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## L A A G R A N G E

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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August 17, 1969

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#### Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Services	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship Service	7:00 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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"Upon the first day of the week . . . the disciples came together to break bread . . ." Acts 20:7

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#### A little fishy?

I hate to CARP at you, but I hope you will give me a HERRING while I exhort you a little about the Bible School. Please use your BIG MOUTH to let everyone know about it. Don't CLAM up. PERCH yourself on some doorstep and keep inviting people until they say "yes". If a woman shows the slightest inclination to come, CHATTER up at once! And work on men too, because most MEN are that they should be in class and worship (we need TUNA and BASS singers). If those you ask act CRABBY or CATTY and say they have a HADDOCK, just give them a couple of aspirans and tell them to come on! We have plenty of room for everyone; we won't be packed like SARDINES for quite a while. So stop FLOUNDERING around; ask someone to come to bible class on Sunday. It will be good for your SOLE. P. S. If the above sounds a little fish, I did it on PORPOISE.

Anonymous

## "BROKEN VOWS"

Vows are sacred. God requires that man keep their promises. For example: In Numbers 30:2 we read, "If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a band; he shall not break his word, he shall do all that proceedeth out of his mouth." Also in Ecclesiastes 5:4 we read, "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed."

Yet, notwithstanding these and many in like manner, we are constantly faced with the stark reality that vows are broken everyday. We promised to meet our friends at such and such a place at at such and such a time. We show up late or not at all, but we never think to give advanced notice of the change of plan.

Two people stood at the marriage altar and pledged their faith and fidelity to one another. Today that home no longer exists for one or the other forgot his promise and broke his vows.

You have been missing church services for a long time. Do you not remember the day that you stood before the Lord and said, "forsaking all others, I take thee Lord to be my sovereign ruler." But somewhere along the way you have broken your vows and forsaken the Lord.

Broken vows. What a tragic thought! If you have broken yours Christ still pleads for your return. He waits with open arms ready to receive you back if you will only repent. We stand amazed in the presence of such divine love. Yet he patiently waits for your return.

--Curtis E. Sampley  
via Brookston Bulletin

## GLAD YOU ASKED THAT . . .

Preachers are often asked about things that bother them while preaching. Of course it bothers a preacher when children are noisy while he is preaching; but they don't bother him as much as the sleepers or the empty pews. Children are noisy because they don't know any better. The other things are due to those who don't care! Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. I would rather have a crying baby come to services and see it grow into a dedicated Christian, than to see it left at home until it is old enough to behave by itself. By then it is nearly too late. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it"

--Solomon  
EEG

## PRAYER FOR A BABY BOY

Dear Lord, till time shall pass that he  
Can lisp his own at Mother's knee,  
Hear Thou our prayer when day is done  
For him who is our little son.  
He is too tiny yet to ask  
For guidance in a daily task;  
Or pray each night that angels keep  
Their kind watch while he's asleep.  
Help us, O God, this little child--  
His heart and mind all undefiled,  
Not yet can aught of evil know--  
Help us, we pray, to keep him so.  
Help us to teach him day by day,  
To tread the strait and narrow way,  
Keep soul and body clean and true,  
Just as they came, Dear Lord, from you.  
Father, who hath Thyself a Son--  
Extend thy hand to lead our little one.

- Kissimmee Bulletin  
The Friendly Messenger

## News and Notes

The area wide singing is to be held at Lagrange for the month of September. More to be announced later.

Happy to have Ruth Wilson back from the summer school at David Lipscomb college. She will be home for about a month before starting back for the fall quarter. Mary Wilson left directly from school to attend a campaign at Rockville, Maryland, which will last approximately two weeks. Then she will return home.

Kent Hoggatt was named as runner up to the star camper at the senior session of Camp Indogan Friday evening. Congratulations, Kent.

We're happy to have the Paul Himes with us today. Brother Paul is beginning his work with the Delphi congregation a week from Sunday. We wish him and Geneva the best in their new work.

A gospel meeting will be held at Warsaw the latter part of September. More will be announced later.

A youth meeting is to be planned for the 5th and 6th of September at Camp Indogan. Program is to be announced later.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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August 24, 1969

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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	7:00 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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holiness.

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#### The Preacher is Human Too!

A preacher needs a head of rock;  
So each will have someone to knock.  
He also needs a skin so thick;  
So all will have something to kick.  
But friend my head is of skin and bone;  
It's not really made of stone.  
And my skin is not so thick;  
That I'm not hurt by your kick.  
But if someone a "goat" must be;  
Leave others alone and pick on me.  
And if that's the only good I can do;  
I'm happy to be of service to YOU.

E. E. G.

## CHANNEL 23 PSALM

The TV set is my shepherd, My spiritual growth shall want. It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for the cause of Christ, because it requireth all my spare time. It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian, because it presented so many good shows that I must see.

It restoreth my knowledge of things of the world and keepeth me from studying God's word. It leadeth me in the paths of failing to attend worship services, and doing nothing in the kingdom of God.

Yea, though I live on to be a hundred I shall keep on viewing my TV, as long as it will work. For my TV is my closest companion. It presenteth entertainment before me and keepeth me from doing important things with my family. It filleth my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the word of God.

Surely, no good things will come of my life, because my TV offereth me no time to do the will of God: and I will dwell with the devil and his angels forever.

--Selected

### A GRUDGE IS HARD ON HIM WHO HOLDS IT

A man leaned on the rail fence watching the farmer plow. "I don't like to tell how you ought to run your business," he said, "but you could save yourself a lot of work by saying 'gee' and 'haw' to that mule instead of just jerking on the lines!"

The farmer pulled a big handkerchief from his pocket and mopped his brow. "Reckon you're right," he agreed. "But this mule kicked me five years ago and I ain't spoke to him since." --Selected  
Isn't this silly?

## HOW'D YOU ANSWER HIM?

He was just a little lad and it was on the Lord's Day, wandering home from Bible school, and dawdling on the way. He scuffed his shoes into the grass, he found a caterpillar;

He found a fluffy milkweed pod, and blew out all the filler.

A bird's nest in a tree overhead, so wisely placed and high,  
Was just another wonder that caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zig-zag course and hailed him from the lawn,  
Asked him where he had been that day, and what was going on.

"Oh, I've been to Bible school," (He carefully turned the sod,  
And found a snail beneath it.) I've learned a lot of God.

"M'm a very fine way," the neighbor said, "for a boy to spend his time;  
If you'll tell me where God is, I'll give you a brand new dime."

Quick as a flash his answer came. nor were his accents faint.  
I'll give you a dollar, mister, if you'll tell me where God ain't.

---Selected

Dust on your Bible is not evidence that it is a dry book

What an absurd thing it is to pass over all the valuable parts of a man, and fix our attention on his infirmities.



## NEWS AND NOTES

The next area wide singing is to be held at Lagrange and is scheduled on the second Sunday, Sept. 14th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Let's plan now to be here.

The schedule for the youth meeting planned at Camp Indogan on the 5th., 6th. and 7th. of September is on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Notice, reservations are to be sent in in advance, so you should make plans right away if you plan to go.

The gospel meeting at Warsaw, scheduled for Sept 22 to 28, is the first one for this new congregation. A brother Don Kessler is to be the preacher.

Tomorrow (Labor Day) a family fellowship is being held at Camp Indogan as is common for this holiday. Come and enjoy the last holiday of summer with fellow Christians. Make this day a safe and memorial one.

The new time schedule for the Herald Of Truth is on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock over channel 28, Elkhart.

If you have not turned in a book of stamps yet and care to do so, please do it today, as the ones that have been turned in will be sent to Shults Lewis Children's Home this week.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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August 31, 1969

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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	7:00 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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#### Ten Most Wanted Men

1. The man who tries to be the right example to every child rather than talk about it.
  2. The man who has a passion to help rather than a passion to be helped.
  3. The man who is willing to say, "I was wrong. I'm sorry."
  5. The man who puts God's business above any other.
  6. The man who throws himself totally into a project then gives credit for its success to his helpers.
  7. The man who has a ready smile and a pat on the back for others.
  8. The man who brings his children to church rather than sending them.
  9. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.
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## NOT WHAT I ONCE WAS

The apostle Paul made the following statement at one time - "But by the grace of God I am what I am." (1 Cor. 15:10) The following is related concerning John Newton, in his old age, at the time when his sight had become so dim that he was unable to read. When he heard the above passage from the Corinthian letter repeated, he said: "By the grace of God," then he paused for some moments of time and then he uttered this effecting soliloquy, "I am not what I ought to be. Ah! how very imperfect and deficient! I am not what I wish to be. I abhor what is evil, I strive to cleave to what is good. I am not what I wish to be. Soon, yes soon, shall I put off, with mortality, all sin and imperfection. Though I am not what I ought to be, what I wish to be, yet I can truly say I am not what I once was. a slave to sin and Satan; and I can heartily join with the apostle, and acknowledge, "By the grace of God I am what I am." NOW FOR A QUESTION: Can each one of us as God's children say as much?

--Frank B. Guyer

### " A PRAYER "

The story is told concerning a farmer whose barns were full of grain, and it was his custom when attending the services of the church to pray God that the needy be supplied in all of their wants; but when those in need asked for a little of his grain, he always replied that he had none to spare. One day after hearing his father pray for the poor and the needy, his little son said to him: "Father, I wish I had some of your grain." "What would you do with it?" asked the father. And the child replied: "I would answer your prayer on be half of the poor and needy."

--Selected

(Cont. from front page)

10. The man who gives his money, time and talent without thought of return. --Sel.

## WHY NOT BE HAPPY?

One of the most important things in this life is to keep yourself in the proper attitude toward those you come in contact with. What you decide in your heart will influence your life. For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he (Prov. 23:7). One can think himself into being miserable. I knew a fine young man one time who would become sick with just a suggestion that he looked sick. His fellow workers tricked him into becoming sick many times. This reminds us of the man who said, "When I feel good I always feel sad because I know that I am going to feel worse later." Men need to control their minds because as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. We can have happy thoughts, we can live happy lives, there is no sadness or unhappiness in Christ Jesus.

--Selected

## TEN THINGS I WISH I HAD KNOWN BEFORE I WAS 21

1. That it was really important to be a Christian.
2. What I was going to do for a living--exactly what my life's work would be.
3. That my health after 30 years depended in a large degree on what I put into my stomach before I was 21.
4. How to take care of money--that I was really a trustee of what I had.
5. The asset of being neatly and sensibly dressed.
6. That habits a mighty hard to change after age 21.
7. That worthwhile things require time, patience and hard work.
8. That the world would give me just about what I deserved.
9. That a thorough education not only pays better wages than hard labor, but it brings the best of everything.
10. The value of absolute truthfulness in everything.

## NEWS AND NOTES

There has been a change requested in regard to the area wide singing that was to be held at Lagrange next Sunday. The new congregation that was recently started in Warsaw would like to have the September singing since they are having a gospel meeting starting September 22 and would like to acquaint everyone to the location and existence of the church there. This puts Lagrange's time to host the singing the second Sunday in October (Oct. 12). The singing this month at Warsaw is moved up to Sept. 21. It would be good if some of us could arrange to go.

A gospel meeting begins at So. Side Ft. Wayne Sept. 7 through the 14th, 7:30 each evening. Brother W. H Rogers of Flint, Michigan will be preaching.

Approximately a dozen and a half stamp books were sent to the Shults Lewis Children's Home this week to be used toward the purchase of a bus. Thanks are in order for all who contributed toward this and we know that the Home will appreciate our gift.

Two new families have moved into the area and we look forward to their worshipping and working with us at Lagrange. Brother Jerry Pace and wife Dorothy, who hails from Lansing, Mich. and Brother Phil Brust and wife Eileen, who moved here from Wheatfield, Ind. The Paces have one child and the Brusts have three. We welcome them to this area.

The ladies will have a tray favor session at Sister Hostetlers this Wednesday afternoon at 12:30.

Sister Margaret Tuttle's father is in Cameron hospital in Angola, seriously ill. He has undergone several operations in the last few days, and the last word was that he was slightly improved.

Glad to have Mary Wilson's smiling face with us again.

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## L A G R A N G E

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### EXHORTER

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September 7, 1969

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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	7:00 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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Salvation, like  
education, cannot  
be bought; it must  
be earned. --Sel.

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#### Prayer for Today

Grant me, O Lord, the strength today  
For every task that comes my way.  
Cover my eyes and make me blind  
To the petty faults I should not find.  
Open my eyes and let me see  
The friend my neighbor tries to be.  
Teach me, when duty seems severe,  
To see my purpose shining clear.  
Let me at noon time rest content  
The half-day bravely lived and spent.  
And when the night slips down, let me  
Unstained and undishonored be.  
Grant me to live this one day through  
Up to the Best that I can do.

--Anon.

## IT WORKS LIKE AN X

I have recently purchased a new typewriter. One of the features it has is the repeating X. If I make a mistake instead of erasing it I can just go over the same place with the X depressed and cover it over.

As I considered this feature I thought that this is the way that the blood of Christ works. He is not able to change the thing we have done, but He is able to cover it for us. Once He covers it He forgets it; never to bring it up against us in the future. This typewriter has other "features" that I enjoy and use, but the one I find myself using the most frequently is the X.

The reason I use the X so much is because I make a lot of mistakes. For the same reason I find myself using the blood of Christ frequently.

I am glad that they put the repeating XEs on this machine. But I am more grateful that God has provided a cleansing agent for my sins.

Christ can cleanse you from all sins. He will remove them from your record if you will allow Him to do it for you.

I suppose the X is one of the keys that most people use the least on their typewriter unless like me they make lots of mistakes. Some people have never used the blood of Christ to take their sins away. Have you make a recent or long-past mistake? God will cover it by His Son's blood.

E. E. G.

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The doing of the will of God will leave us no time to dispute over the methods .....

## "SORRY ABOUT THAT, DAUGHTER"

A young lady came home angry and excited. She told her parents how a man had insulted her in town. She and her mother demanded that her father do something about it immediately. He did, he talked to his daughter.

"Darling, let me tell you a thing or two that will help you see this matter in the proper perspective. You are young and attractive and your new short dress displays the beauty of your face and figure. Your arms are bare on the shoulders and the low cut blouses you wear leave little to the imagination. Your skirts are scant and narrow; and your hem lines are such that modesty is hard to maintain when you are standing and impossible when you are seated. I have talked with you, my daughter, before about the nature and ways of men and boys, so you knew better than to dress as such. You obviously did not present a picture of a careful, chaste Christian girl. Had you done so you would have received the careful, considerate and respectful treatment usually given to the obviously CHRISTIAN woman."

Selected via the Vincennes  
Central Church of Christ  
Bulletin

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"There is a destiny that makes us brothers;  
No one goes his way alone;  
All that we send into the lives of others  
Comes back into our own."

Via Lafayette Bulletin  
Contributed by Odessa Tynan

## News and Notes

Remember the change in the area wide singing this month. It is to be at Warsaw next Sunday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Lagrange will host the singing for the month of October, Lord willing.

A series of meetings is scheduled at the Willowdale congregation in Elkhart for Sept 28-Oct. 5th. The plans call for a different speaker each evening. Brother Gieseke is scheduled for Wednesday evening October 1. This is a good chance to get acquainted with many preachers in the area.

A notice about the Open House at Shults-Lewis Children's Home is on the bulletin board in the vestibule. The schedule points to a very inspiring program, with brother G. P. Holt, minister in Indianapolis and Judge William Sharp of Indianapolis. Also the Detroit Youth Chorus as well as the Melodey Boys Quartet are to be on the program. This is a wonderful opportunity to see first hand the children and staff of the home the many improvements and facilities for the operation.

A note of thanks came from the Shults Lewis Home for the 18 books of trading stamps that were sent last week.

We welcome our visitors and want you to know we appreciate your presence. We would be happy to study with you God's Word at your convenience.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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September 14, 1969

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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	7:00 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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To hear the truth  
and not accept it  
does not nullify  
truth.

--Sel.

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### "THE DEVIL LAUGHS"

To hear a man say he has no way to come to church services when he can attend all the sports events held within miles! To hear a woman say she can't attend services because she has nothing to wear when she can parade before thousands in any uptown bargain sale or picture show. To hear a man say he doesn't have money to give to the Lord--as he breaks open another pack of cigarettes. To see how fast the preacher loses popularity when he begins to preach the whole truth. To see some women try to put on airs when they really didn't put on much else. To hear a spineless church member excuse sin by saying "Oh, I guess there's no harm in it just this one time."

--Selected.

"From the preacher's desk"

I am now well into a new year with the church here. Believe it or not, this is number six! Things look better now than at any time since I have been here. We are having more visitors than usual, especially from the local area. The contributions for the past weeks have been consistently higher. A number of new families have moved into the area recently. There is a possibility that another may move if things "work out."

Plans are being initiated to increase the physical plant. There is a need now for additional classrooms, and as the Lord continues to bless us there will be more need.

As new people are absorbed into the local church we naturally get new talent. We need to use this talent. The local church needs the support of every Christian in the area. As new members move in I believe personally that it is good for them to identify with the local church. Sometimes this is done by having the "home" church write a letter to the "new" church. It may be done also by letting one of the men in the congregation know that you wish to be identified with the local church to work and worship. This will be announced publicly. This assumes that you are a faithful member of the church. That, of course, is between you and God.

If you are not a faithful member the matter can also be handled by giving the information to the preacher or one of the men in the congregation. Prayer will then be offered on your behalf at the public service. Or if the person chooses he or she may go forward at the singing of the invitation song and express their desire for the prayers of the church. The important thing is not the method in which this is done because this is

tradition; the important thing is for the matter to be taken care of as quickly as possible. This then gives peace of mind to the fallen saint as well as the family and the Christian friends who are also concerned.

Life is uncertain at best, and no one wants to die with the slightest doubt in their mind when it can be handled so easily.

It is my prayer that all will desire to serve God as faithfully and as effectively as possible. The church is here to serve. It can only serve as well as you and I as the local members are willing to serve. May we be successful in this endeavor!

E. E. G.

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TRUE OR FALSE?

My conscience --

Pricks and Sticks me,  
Jabs and Stabs me,

Jolts and Bolts me,  
Bewares and Scares me,

Bops and Whops me,  
-----But seldom stops me.

--Sel.

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Conscience takes up more room than all the rest of a person's insides.

Mark Twain

## NEWS AND NOTES

Remember that today at 3 O'clock is the singing at the new Warsaw congregation. If you can arrange to go at all, it will encourage them and give them the enthusasm they need for the gospel meeting to begin tomorrow evening. The preacher for this series of meetings is Don Kester, minister of the East Gary congregation. The meeting will continue through Sept. 28. Time is at 7:30 ea. evening with a children's program beginning at 7:15. The church meets at Beyer St. off of McClellan. Directions to the building is shown on the bulletin board.

The meeting at Elkhart is scheduled Sept. 28 - Oct. 5. Let's make a "Lagrange night" for this meeting.

We were sorry to hear that sister Margaret Tuttle's father passed away Friday morning. The body will be ready for viewing this afternoon at the Kistler Funeral Home at Hudson, Ind. The funeral services is to be held at the Salem Presbyterian church at Salem, Ind., at 2 O'clock Monday afternoon. The church here extends their sympathy to the Tritch family during this time.

Our thanks to the Hostetlers for the wonderful evening of fellowship at their house last Friday evening. This is a good way to get to know the new families better.

Our "girls" are leaving for college again today. Mary and Ruth Wilson are leaving for David Lipscomb and Kathy Hoggatt and Marcella Ritchie are leaving for Michigan Christian College. We will miss these good girls very much and pray that the Lord will guide and direct their paths until they can return home again.

It is encouraging to the church here to see so many new families attending. It seems that our prayers have been answered for numerical growth. Many we now set our minds on spiritual growth that the church here might become strong.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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September 21, 1969

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#### Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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When you have to  
make a choice and  
don't--you did!  
--Sel.

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#### BELIEF AN EVERY-DAY CREED

I believe in my job. It may not be a very important job, but it is mine. Furthermore, it is God's job, for me. He has a purpose in my life with reference to His plan for the world's progress. I believe in my fellow-man. He may not always agree with me. May he never lose faith in himself, if he does, he may lose faith in me, and that would hurt him more than the former. I believe in my country. I believe in it because it is made up of my fellow-men and myself. I can't go back on either of us and be true to my creed. If it isn't the best country in the world it is partly because I am not the kind of man that I should be. I believe in my home. It isn't a rich home, wouldn't satisfy some folks, but it contains jewels which cannot be purchased (cont. on page 3)

Summer is about over; most vacations are now history and school is in session again. In a few days our young people will be going to or back to school. We wish them the best year yet!

Meanwhile back at the local scene:

Our "scheduled visitation" is over, but the regular visitation should be a year round project. The success of the church depends upon each of us as members doing our best in whatever capacity we can. We need to find time to do some visiting in the county.

There is no "best" night or time to visit. There may or may not be a best person to make the visit. I feel that some of our best visitors and best visiting opportunities are not being utilized. I believe the ladies of the church here can do effective visiting during the day. Many mothers are at home all day. Some have one or two, and in some cases no children, at home.

A visit from a couple of ladies might do a lot more good than a visit with the same lady and her husband at night. I need not tell the mothers that there is hardly a good time to visit in the evenings. The responsibilities of the Christian mother also increases when the husband and children are at home in the evening.

I know that small children at home make it hard for mothers to visit. I have a simple, but yet workable plan to suggest. If each Christian wife would volunteer to baby sit periodically so that others may visit for a couple of hours one afternoon many visits could be made. If the wives would do this no one would babysit very often and yet every wife would have an opportunity to visit once in a while.

There is no reason why the building facilities could not be used for this purpose. We do, or can have, the necessary nursery facilities for this at the building. I would also suggest that at least two mothers work at babysitting each time, but not the same ones. As we have a few new faces around it will also give time for getting better acquainted.

I hope the ladies will consider this as a suggestion for a more effective program in the congregation. Let me make it clear that I do not want us to make this a substitute for our evening visitation; rather I would like to see it as a supplement to it. There will still be evenings when the men should visit. There are some visits that cannot be made except at night. But usually two men can visit at night because the husband and family will usually be at home then. This again points out the fact that women will find a lot more "open doors" than men will. Let us visit and invite. This is a work of the church.

E. E. G.

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in the stores of the world. When I enter its secret chambers and shut out the world with its care, I am a lord. There is no other spot in all the world which fills its place, and heaven can be only a larger home, with a father who is allwise and patient and tender. I believe in Today. It is all that I possess. The past is of value only as it can make the life of today fuller and freer. There is no assurance of Tomorrow, I must make good today!

--Selected

We must not judge a man's merits by his good qualities, but by the use he makes of them.



## NEWS AND NOTES

The meeting at Elkhart is to begin today and continue through next Sunday. A listing of different speakers is on the bulletin board, so if you can arrange to go on any evening, you might know who the speaker is for that evening. Brother Gieseke is scheduled for Wednesday evening and possibly others will go on other evenings also if anyone cares for a ride. The church meets at 1421 Willowdale St, just one block south of the by-pass, north of town.

The area wide singing is now scheduled for Lagrange on the 2nd Sunday in October.

Following is a note from sister Margeret Tuttle:

My family and I would like to express our appreciation for the sympathy, kindness and flowers given to us during the loss of my father. Thank you so much.

Sister Goldie Pulley is in room 159A at the hospital since her fall about a week ago. She is some better but still sore from the fall. She appreciates visitors if you can arrange to go.

Are you setting aside an evening for visitation each week?

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If you can't change  
facts, try bending  
your attitudes.  
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#### WHY PEOPLE WILL BE LOST!

The seriousness of being lost can hardly be overemphasized! When we stand at the bar of judgment and give an account of the deeds done in this body we will also be giving account for the deeds not done at all. I know that there are many "big sins" that will cause people to be lost, but I believe these are obvious to all concerned. I feel that we need to put more emphasis on the minor things that more of us are probably guilty of.

First in the list I must list pride. Pride in the right things of the right kind is good and necessary. I take pride in my clean-living brethren here at LaGrange. We do not have the "halo of smoke" to cough through in front of the church building. Yet I do not brag about this because

I don't think that this is any more than should be expected from those who are God's children.

Many will be lost due to pride. There are those with whom I have opportunity to talk who realize that the church to which they give their allegiance is "man-made". These same people know that many of the things they practice are wrong according to the Scriptures. As far as the Bible is concerned they are unable to find "book-chapter-and-verse" for much that they do or leave undone. But due to pride they are willing to go on in error. Many of these good people continue in a certain denomination because their parents attended that particular group. I wonder if they have ever read the story of the rich man (so-called "Dives") in hell who suddenly decided that his family religion was no longer satisfactory. I am sincere in saying that millions are going to find that the "old family religion" was not adequate.

Secondly, I must mention a condition that touches even more people; that is the sin of indifference. This will be the cause of more of those who are members of the Lord's church to be lost than any other single thing. This will also include those who have not obeyed the gospel. They may be indifferent to the known truth, or they may be indifferent to learning the truth, as revealed in the Bible. While many know the truth who never obey it, there are also many who obey the truth who never "live it out" in their lives. There are those who "lean toward the church of Christ". As one well known preacher said: "Hell will need to be built on a "slant" for those who lean toward the church of Christ." (We might add that there are those who lean out as well as toward.)

There are those indifferent members who try to "run with the hare and the hounds" at the same time.

Indifference is the reason "Christian parents are too doting towards their children. I am afraid

that there are parents who prefer to let their children be lost in hell than to correct them. When parents allow their children to do things they shouldn't they are saying very plainly: "I don't love your soul." If not; why not? We have a tendency to turn our children loose in high-powered cars before they are ready for it simply because other parents are doing it.

Later parents "wake-up" sadder, but wiser. Many times they find themselves prospective grandparents much before they had planned to be. Also the future of a bright boy or girl, or both, is drastically and permanently changed. They cannot go to college, as planned for many years, and maintain a family at the same time.

How many heart aches and tears could be avoided by a little more firmness on the part of parents at the right time! Even more tragic is the tremendous number of teen-age divorces that result from the immature individuals getting married several years before they had planned to. Our children are our heritage from God. Let us not waste our heritage by indifference to responsibility.

E. E. G.

#### PREACHING OR MEDDLING?

I surely enjoy a sermon or two;  
While the preacher preaches to YOU.  
But when he begins to mention my sins;  
Then preaching has stopped and meddling begins.  
So preach on preacher; you're doing fine;  
Just don't mention faults of mine.  
To preach to others you may feel free;  
But don't direct your sermon at me.

E. E. G.

The doing of the will of God will leave us no time to dispute over the methods . . . . . Sel.