

be no less of an encouragement to us. I covet your prayers as we start a new year of work together as fellow-laborers together with God as our helper.
E. E. G.

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SINGING at Marks Nursing home this evening at 6:00 p. m. Any who can should plan to attend.

A letter from brother Paul Hosse indicates that their family has moved to Memphis, Tennessee. Their new address is:

Paul Hosse
4378 Windward Dr.
Memphis, Tennessee 38109

They indicated that they would appreciate any letters or visits by the brethren.

Youth Rally this week end at Waterloo.

A report from the ladies indicate approx. 25 present for the first ladies class last Tuesday evening. All are encouraged by this interest.

Watch Herald of Truth today at noon over channel WSJV (28)

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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

July 5, 1970

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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From the preacher's desk:

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psa. 133:1
The Lord willing, Sunday, June 28th will start the seventh year for me to serve as the preacher here at LaGrange. It has been a short six years. Many things have not been done that all of us would have liked to have accomplished, but there is much to be thankful for. We have been at peace in a brotherhood torn by strife; love has prevailed in a world filled with hate; God's Word has been taught in a community where tradition is the strongest I have ever observed personally; and brethren have dwelt together in unity.

It is this unity of purpose that has made it such a rewarding labor for me. The sacrifice that many have been willing to make has warmed my heart many times. The faithfulness of our youth has been soul-lifting. May it be God's will that it continue.

Money has gone from the church to elderships to preach the gospel throughout the world. Not only this, but individuals have also contributed to worthwhile causes above and beyond their strong support of the local work. How grateful I am that you are laying up treasures in heaven. I, personally, have never heard a word said against the church here, though I might be the last to hear, except we are quick to visit. I consider that a compliment in a world dominated by television and seekers of personal gain.

Countless hours have been given, some free and all at a ridiculously low pay for those who were paid, in constructing the new classroom addition. Although almost every bit of the labor was supplied by the men here, I have yet to see a more suitable wing of classrooms anywhere at the price we have or will pay for them. Thank God for men with talent who are not "too busy" to use it for the Lord's work. It is this kind of cooperation that makes "great works" possible with small numbers to do them. Our ladies have consistently met to make tray "favours" for the hospital and nursing home in Lagrange. We get many Good comments on these. We have had visitors at services just to see where these came from. We will never know the full results of our labors in this life.

Our personal work is becoming more consistent. At least three men have purchased their own personal equipment to use in conducting home Bible studies with the filmstrips designed for that purpose. Our personal work class has been well attended. Our educational program in general is finally getting better coordinated on Sunday and Thursday. Our last teacher's meeting indicated the interest of all the members by the number who came and volunteered for assignments.

But, we have only started to fight the good fight of faith! There is much to be done. I would like to see every member either conducting home Bible studies OR making regular home visits to help the church become known. These personal, friendly visits are a must in getting goodwill in

the area. They will pave the way for others to go in to study the Bible on a personal basis. Good and honest souls will be led to the knowledge of the saving message of the gospel.

I would also like to see a church library started. This would include books, periodicals, bulletins on special topics, good commentaries, and audio-visual materials for classroom use as well as for cottage meetings. There would be available for all to use on a "check-out" system, or here in the building. We have nice, quiet classrooms available materials to use. All filmstrips, etc., should be previewed immediately prior to showing. At least any record or written comments should be fresh in the users mind at its use. I never go out to show a filmstrip in a home without listening to the commentary just prior to going. All these things cost money, but if we all share the cost it will not be a burden on any of us.

If we keep a sharp lookout as we travel we can often buy books at a reduced price. Many would no doubt desire to give books to the church for use in the library. Let's think about this and plan to start a library in the south east room by the pulpit. Our only mistake was not starting one fifteen or sixteen years ago, when you started to meet at the church here. But it is never too late to correct our shortsightedness.

Although working two jobs is not easy, it is made worthwhile by the spirit of love and unity shown by the church. I believe we are beginning to see the results of the years of faithfulness to the cause of Christ shown by all of you who have been here since the beginning of the work as well as that of those who are more recent in the church here. I don't know what the Lord has in store for me in the future, but I am sure the church here will always be an inspiration and an encouragement to me.

Let us continue to follow the Master in all things. He will be able to do greater things through you if you will allow him to. I am looking forward to the best year yet for the church here. Our meeting with brother Meadows was a boost to all of us. I am sure that the meeting with brother Music will

NEWS AND NOTES

We are happy to have Sister Kay Eller place membership with the church here. She came forward confessing negligence in her Christian duty. We rejoice over her decision to be reconciled to the Lord, and we want to encourage her every way that we can in her striving for faithfulness.

The monthly singing which was to be held at Warsaw this Sunday has been cancelled. We might keep in mind that the singing next month is scheduled at Lagrange.

The attendance last Sunday sets a record for regular morning worship (I believe we had more when the Detroit Metropolitan Chorus came to be with us) 95 is so near to a hundred, we surely could reach 100 very soon.

It was decided in the business meeting that the Lord's Supper would be served at the beginning of worship, instead of toward the end, when there is more restlessness among the children. In all phases of the worship we should strive to be as reverent as possible.

Some difficulty was found last Sunday in the seating of latecomers to the worship services. It is suggested that our own members (especially if they do not have small children) plan to sit in the first few rows of pews so that less interruptions will occur in the future.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

July 12, 1970

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.

Earl Gieseke, Minister	Formal worship does not
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THINK ON THESE THINGS

It takes 5,000 Christians to support one missionary. Less than 100 Congregations are doing practically all the foreign mission work.

We spend less than three dollars per member per year on foreign missions.

Every five hours as many are born as are converted in a year.

Every second four people die.

For every one convert, there are 2,000 more to teach.

Two and one-half million are born every four days. This is equal to the known church.

The United States has seven percent of the total world population and 5,000 gospel preachers.

The rest of the world has ninety-three percent of the population and only 300 preachers. --Sel.

Dear Brethren:

Our President is under a tremendous amount of pressure from Catholic groups to support their schools with tax funds, and he is yielding to this pressure! He is thinking seriously about enlarged programs of federal aid. He says he has such plans. He thinks this is what the people want.

We think he's wrong. A recent poll showed 58 per cent are opposed to parochial aid!

Brethren, are you willing to contribute YOUR tax dollars to the support of parochial schools, enabling them to teach the damnable doctrines of Catholicism to innocent children?

If you aren't, by all means, write to President Nixon at once. With sufficient cooperation we can outweigh Catholic pressure.

Here's how you can help:

1. Encourage members of your congregation to write individual letters or cards to the President. Ask those who just can't spare the time to write, to sign the enclosed petition.
2. Mimeograph a supply of petitions forms and members to get signatures of their friends, relatives and neighbors.
3. Call ministers in your area, urging them to contact other preachers of their acquaintance. In this way you will start expanding chains that will eventually result in floods of mail.
4. Make the above announcement in your bulletin. Remember, it is read by a number of preachers, who send their bulletins to others, who also send their bulletins.
5. Pray for God's help and guidance in all things.

Send all correspondence to this address:
President Richard M. Nixon, The White House,
Washington, D. C. 20500

Here is a copy of the petition form that could be sent by groups:
President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned, are opposed to the use of public funds to support parochial schools; believing this to be in violation of the American principle of Separation of Church and State.

Recent Gallup Polls have clearly shown that the majority of American citizens are opposed to such support.

Name

Address

Traveling incognito?

A rather pompous self-righteous teacher was endeavoring to impress upon the class the importance of living the Christian life. He asked: "Why do people call ME a Christian?" He stood so very erect and beamed down upon his class. A moment's pause. Then one youngster said: "It is because they do not know you."

FAITH

Faith is often nourished by the very things which threaten its existence. Prosperity and ease are trying on faith while adversity and affliction nourish it. Sel.

NUTSHELL SERMONS

We must do our own growing-- no matter how tall grandpa was.

When we have done what we can, God will do what we can't.

IF YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY, DO THESE THINGS EACH DAY!

1. Give something away (no strings attached)
2. Do a kindness (and forget it)
3. Spend a few minutes with old age (their experience is a priceless guidance)
4. Look intently into the face of a baby (and marvel)
5. Laugh often (it's life's lubricant)
6. Give thanks (a thousand times a day is not enough)
7. Pray (or you will lose the way)
8. Work (with vim and vigor)

and lastly

Plan as though you'd live forever; live as though you'd die tomorrow. It isn't what happens to you that counts, it is what it does to you! It isn't the load that breaks you down, it is the way you carry it!

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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

July 19, 1970

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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To take a great
weight off your mind,
try discarding your halo.
--Sel.

SOME THINGS CHRISTIANS CAN DO WITHOUT BEING TOLD
OR ASKED

1. Send a card to the sick, lonely, or bereaved.
2. Visit the sick, lonely, or shut-ins.
3. Visit new members---have them into your homes.
4. Visit the absentees and encourage them.
5. Worship regularly with the other Christians.
6. Be on time to the services.
7. Help promote reverence in the public assemblies.
8. Pray every day.
9. Read and study your Bible daily.
10. Distribute good literature.
11. Use your car to bring others to church services.
12. Take flowers to the sick and shut-ins.
13. Be friendly and greet visitors at church services.
14. Teach cottage Bible classes or show filmstrips.
15. If not able to teach, arrange for them to be in your home.

MY HIDDEN TREASURE

"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee; In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk"
Acts 3:6

My God-given treasures of talent and faith grow as I learn about Jesus, by attending Bible study, and by encouraging others to rise up in faith and to walk with Him. My example of faithful Bible study attendance helps in five ways:

IT HELPS THE CHURCH. And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and Earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:18-20)

To be able to teach people and to help the Church grow, we will have to attend Bible study where God's word is taught and studied. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Tim 2:15)

IT HELPS THE COMMUNITY. Attending Bible study helps us grow in the knowledge of God's word, and we will become a better person for our community. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt 5:16

IT HELPS US. Bible study will make us a better Christian in every way. It will prepare us for a home in heaven where we will have everlasting life. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14

IT HELPS OUR FAMILY. We must be willing to help our family get ready for Bible study. We need to encourage all of them to do so. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for his is faithful that promised), and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works,

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:23-25

IT PLEASES THE LORD. Great famines of truth can only spring from shutting up the fountains of the water of life. If the Church will keep her Bible well read, she cannot be lead astray. The Church depends on our being well informed, to say nothing of our own spiritual growth and progress. Our decisions in matters of religion are based upon "It is written". We must please God of all the Earth, not influenced by what man may say, but guided by the principles of truth. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15)
"And he that sent me is with me: the father hath not left me alone: for I do always those things that please Him." John 8:29

Connie Landthrip
Harding College
Searcy, Ark.

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16. Develop hospitality among one another.
17. Give as you have been prospered
18. Use your telephone in contacting and encouraging others.
19. Take food to the sick, needy, and bereaved.
20. Live Godly and peaceable lives.

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PUMPING THE PEDAL OR BANGING THE BRAKE?
Which do I?

Panting and perspiring, two fellows on a tandem bicycle at last reached the top of a steep hill.

"That was a steep climb, Mike," said the first as he breathed heavily.

"Sure, and it was," said the other. "If I hadn't kept the brake on, we would have gone backward, too!"

WANTED

1. A man of faith like Enoch.
Hebrews 11:5,6
2. A man of courage like Gideon.
Judges 7:16-20
3. A man of knowledge like Timothy.
2 Timothy 3:14-17
4. A man of temperance like Paul.
1 Corinthian 9:25-27
5. A man of patience like Job.
Job 1:21,22
6. A man of Godliness like Joseph.
Genesis 39:1-23
7. A man of brotherly-kindness like Stephen.
Acts 7:57
8. A man of love like John.
1 John 3:9-18
9. A man with all the graces like the Lord
Jesus Christ.

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"Be strong! We are not here to dream, to drift;
we have hard work to do, and loads to lift."

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

July 26, 1970

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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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What I Saved I Lost
What I Spent I used
What I Gave I Have.

Give Cheerfully !

BLESSED BY CALAMITY!

The lone survivor of a shipwreck was cast upon an uninhabited island. He erected a hut and stored the little he had salvaged from the burning ship. Daily he prayed, scanned the horizon, and longed for a ship to rescue him. Returning from the hunt, he was horrified to see his hut up in smoke. To his limited vision, the worst had happened! But God saw beyond disaster. A ship arrived the next day and the captain said, "We saw your smoke signal!"

May we see good in all the calamities which befall us. They may be God's way of answering our prayers.

Selected

SCIENCE NEEDS GOD

He who held to evolution
took his son upon his knee;
"Tell me of the world's beginning,"
was the little fellow's plea.
So the theorist with his learning-
a diploma on his wall-
quoted from his many textbooks
all the things he could recall.

"At the first there was but nothing,
then there chanced to be some gas;
and with more it got together
and became a wad of mass."
Where and when the gas got started
and the way it came about,
is ignored by all the scholars,
they accept it without doubt.

"When the elements had cooled off,
and the gasses ceased their strife,
out of nothing but dead matter
came this little cell of life.

"Afterwards it had figured
to divide itself by two,
and continue multiplying
in the waters still quite new."

"This explains the fish and serpents
that inhabit all the seas;
but where started all the land-life:
men and beasts and birds and trees?"
"Where the oceans touched the beaches
tiny fish and worms were thrown,
and some saw the need for walking
so some legs and feet were grown.

"Others of these thought it better
to fly up in heaven's blue
and by thinking they discovered

wings and feathers sprouted through.
After this some apes decided
that brain they now would grow,
and the smartest would be humans,
this the scholars say is so."

Thus he finished his prize story
to the lad upon his knee;
He had told it like he wrote it
for his graduate degree.
"This is how it must have happened,
said the father with a nod,
and if you don't believe it,
then you must believe in God."

--- The Ypsilanti News Bull.

Gen. 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens
and the earth."

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CHEAP SERVICE

Christian: "What does Satan pay you for swearing
like that?"

Sinner: "Nothing"

Christian: "Well, you certainly work cheap -- to
violate the law to disobey God, to offend your asso-
ciates, to insult your friends, to disgrace your
mother, to cheapen your influence, to lay aside the
character of a gentleman, to advertise to corrupt-
ion of your mind, to imperil your soul ---
ALL FOR NOTHING!"

University Church
Tucson, Arizona

their hospitality. Brethren, the church in Italy is growing. We just need to send forth workers and to train them well to come and be of service to the Master. Will you pray for us that what we are doing today will provide part of the workers tomorrow?"

Our own Mary Wilson is among this group now in Italy and no doubt receiving Christian experiences that will no doubt affect her life in years to come. Pray for her and all the workers that this congregation is helping to support.

BOOSTER, BOOSTER BE A BOOSTER

Our children sing this song with such enthusiasm because it has a peppy tune but let's help them with understanding what they sing by making a special effort to bring new students to Sunday and Thursday Bible class. If children you had in Bible School are not coming make a special effort to visit them. The special attention shown by you may be just what the child's parents and the child need to interest them in establishing the habit of coming to bible class. Offer to provide transportation and invite their parents to participate in other activities of the church. Some of our lovely classrooms are not very full. Let's fill those chairs! Help children and adults realize what Christ can mean in their lives!

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

August 2, 1970

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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Lost: Somewhere between sunrise and sunset, one golden minute, set with sixty diamond seconds. There is no reward offered, for it is lost forever.

PUDDING OUT THE CHURCH BULLETIN IS FUN

Some wonder how we do it. Here are the rules we follow:

Don't use no double negatives. Make each pronoun agree with their antecedent. Join clauses good, like a conjunction should. Watch-out how you divide words at the end of a line. About them sentence fragments. When dangling, watch your participles. Verbs has to agree with their subjects. Just between you and I, case is important too. Don't use commas, which, are not, necessary. Try to not split infinitives. It's important to use your' apostrophe's correctly. Proofread your writing to see if you any words are left out. Spelen is also essential.

Arcadia, Calif.

TEACH GOD'S WORD NOW!!!!!!!

I couldn't teach when I was young,
For my time was short-I had to have fun.
I couldn't teach when I was "Just Wed"
For then I had a husband to be fed.

I couldn't teach after the babies were born,
For then I worked through night and morn.
I couldn't teach as my children were growing,
For then I had my washing, mending and sewing.

I couldn't teach after my children were grown
For then I had to sit and wait for them to come home;
I couldn't teach after my children were married;
There were grandchildren and my tasks varied.

Oh, yes, I have been asked, many times along the way
If I would teach God's word one hour - one day,
But I never had time to prepare, I felt,
And I had no experience - no heart could I melt.

So I trudged along, so busy and gay,
And in my heart I said, "I'll teach some day,"
But someday is gone and the future is here,
And the previous souls that I could have taught aren't
near.

---The Hiland Herald

*** North Highland, Calif. ***

'GAMES PEOPLE PLAY'

"Drop the Handkerchief" In this game a person accepts a responsibility, then goes around the circle until he can drop it behind some unsuspecting person. Whereupon, he runs very fast (usually out of town Sundays) so he won't get caught.

"Kick-Bawl" Purpose: To demoralize the whole church. A small team is enough to play. Kick about everything that is done and bawl if you are asked to help.

---Mayfair Bulletin
Oklahoma City

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The final program at Camp Indogan Friday evening indicated one of the best sessions yet. Of course, we are especially happy that three of our young people, Pat Hostetler, Phil Hostetler and Dee Dee Tuttle obeyed the gospel while there. We know that the camp is of great influence in the lives of the youth, and is worthy of our support. The second session of the Junior age group is scheduled this week, then followed by two weeks of Senior camp which will wind up the summer sessions.

This evening at 6 o'clock is our singing engagement at Mark's Nursing Home. Let's all plan to attend!

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock we are to be hosts for the monthly singing in the Tri-State area. Ordinarily an August afternoon of song service would be too hot but thanks to air-conditioning, it can be as pleasant as any other time. We should therefore have good attendance, and especially from Lagrange.

Gospel meeting starting at East Chestnut St. congregation today through Aug. 14. Brother Carl Taylor is the speaker. Time is 7:30 each evening.

Excerpt from PROJECT ITALY LIFELINE

"One of the things that keeps us so happy in our work is the fact that the Italian people are so enthused with the group as we travel. The young people sing in the hotels, in the bus stations, wherever we go and people love them for this. We have met so many wonderful people this way and have been able to tell many of them about Jesus who died for them.

"The brethren here in Italy have been so kind to us in offering any help they can give. We have enjoyed

(Cont. from front page)
of God go on the side track? Just what has
"priority" in my life.

--Selected
Phoenix, Arizona

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ladies tray favor session will be at sister Dorothy Pace's home at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. Also the ladies bible class is every Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the church building. All the ladies are invited to come to these sessions.

The gospel meeting at East Chestnut St. congregation will continue through the 14th, at 7:30 each evening.

Everyone is invited to stay for the dinner following the morning service today. Also be sure to attend the singing at 3:00 this afternoon. We should have several visitors from other congregations present.

Brother Ben Sherfield is scheduled to come on the 20th (Thursday evening) to talk with us about the camp and the particular problems that we are now having with outsiders using our facilities. We can prevent this to a great extent with a unified effort which he shall discuss.

The men in the business meeting voted to send \$50. for the Tent Evangelism project of the Glenwood and East Chestnut congregations in Ft. Wayne. This idea has much potential.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 9, 1970

EXHORTER

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When your conscience
is asleep you have no
alarm clock.

MAIN LINE OR SIDE TRACK?

When I was a boy, not many years ago, of course, we lived for a year at the end of a side track. Trains that were to take this side-track stopped in front of our house. I learned that certain trains had the "right-of-way" over others. Hence, they would take the siding and allow others to go by.

Recently I read this statement which brought these memories to me: "When the express comes roaring down the track, what do you put on the side track"? I know of no better test of your personal priority system than an honest answer to that question.

When extra bills and expenses for living come up, does my giving to the Lord go on the side-track? When company comes, or when I have the sniffles, or when the weather is bad, does my dedication to the worship (cont. back page)

"THE LOST ART OF VISITING"

Several years ago a man writing in the Reader's Digest told how on a Sunday afternoon he became lonesome, and happened to remember some words spoken by his mother a long time ago. "The world is full of folks like me," she said, "and they need someone to talk to. So when I'm lonesome I go calling." She also said to him, "People I have to make an appointment to see wouldn't be interested in me."

This man said that as he meditated on those words, he became impressed with the fact that Americans, neighborly by tradition, had just about forgotten friendly visiting and were maintaining thin social relations only through parties and dinners. He and his wife decided to try something. They decided that there must be many people at home who would enjoy seeing someone without giving a dinner or paying a babysitter. They did some further thinking. Their address book had names of over 60 they would like to see, and it would take over a year to invite them all to their home, costing about \$600.00. Some of them they hadn't seen in many months. So they decided to go calling.

At first they feared not being welcome. This is the reason so many fail to visit. If they found some too busy, they moved on to another home where this was not the case. They also took their children with them and never phoned before going. They just dropped in! A tremendous and overwhelming success.

As a Christian in the interest of the church, why don't you try this? In the main you will find friendly people just like yourself, bursting with pleasure that you thought of them. Try it!

--Selected.

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Tomorrow is the day when idler works and fools reform. Don't wait. Do your work and reforming today.

GREAT NEW MEDICINE DISCOVERED

Are you tired and run down? Do you lack pep and enthusiasm? Do you find yourself constantly fighting just to keep enough interest to worship God? What you need is B. C. (Bible Class)

When your spirit is low and discouragement is high there is nothing like a good dose of B. C. to restore you to normal spiritual health. B. C. contains a combination of ingredients designed to tone up your entire outlook. The basic ingredient is God's Word. The wonder working power of God's Word has long been recognized for its strength and ability to convert (Rom. 1:16). Another valuable ingredient is enthusiasm. Nobody has ever been able to surpass the zeal of young people and we have plenty of them. Still another ingredient is the presence of happy, smiling faces which do "Good like a medicine" (Prov. 17:22). If this does not bring joy to you and brighten each step you take, your illness is grave indeed.

We have measured ~~XXX~~ doses of B. C. for people of all ages. Don't delay! Be on hand Sunday at 9:30 A. M. and experience for yourself the marvelous benefits of B. C.

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NO APPETITE

"I see in your bulletin," the Farmer said to the preacher, "that you discuss the subject of how to get people to attend church. I have ~~xxx~~ never read a single article in a farm bulletin on how to get cattle to come to the feed-rack. We spend our time discussing the best food."

When it comes to a study of God's Word, I guess some people are just not hungry. What about your appetite?

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There are at least two gospel meetings within evening driving distance in the near future. One is at Huntington with brother Jerry Sullins preaching. Dates are August 19-26 at 7:30 ea. evening and the other is at the Glenwood congregation with brother Jim Smith of South Bend preaching. Dates for this meeting are August 31 through Sept. 6 at 7:30 ea. evening. Let's try to attend one night of each of these meetings and perhaps we'll be returned the honor during our own meeting with brother Goebel Music in October.

There is also a meeting in the new church building at Elkhart scheduled with brother Music in the near future. We'll announce this when the information is received.

Brother Bob Dankelfsen, the new personal work director of the Donnroyer Ave. congregation in So. Bend will be speaking here this evening concerning the school for Personal Work Directors starting Sept. in So. Bend. Let's give him a good audience!

Happy to see the Brust's back from their three week vacation. It is now the Gieseke's turn and then the Hoggatt's are planning to squeeze one in. Perhaps things will level off when school starts. We're looking forward to Mary Wilson's return from Italy and Ruth Wilson from Nashville. Our prayer is that the Lord will guide all of us and our loved ones safely.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

August 16, 1970

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.
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"The child who does not
have godly parents is
underprivileged!"

DEDICATION OR DOCTRINE--WHICH?

We, as the members of the churches of Christ, are extremely quick to criticize who "have not the doctrine" of the Bible. Now I want to be first and foremost among those who speak for truth in any and all religious teaching. I believe we must hear, believe and obey the truth to be freed from sin. But the tragic thing is most of us are not possessed with a strong enough dose of the truth to give us complete dedication.

I do not believe hell will be any hotter for those who have dedication but not the doctrine, than for those who have the doctrine without dedication. Jesus wanted to know why some called him Lord, but refused to do what he said! I am sure the same principle applies today.

There is surely more to the Christian life than the majority of professed Christians are willing to do. There is nothing as encouraging to others as seeing zeal and dedication in others. On the other hand there is nothing as discouraging to a congregation as people who will not get interested and involved in the work, but they spend much time and energy throwing "cold water" on the efforts of others. Diogenes, the strange philosopher who lived in a barrel, was asked by Alexander the Great what he could do for him? The reply was: "You might stand out of the light." The application for us is--If you aren't going to work, at least stay out of the way!

Too many are saying from their "smug pew, "People are not interested in the Bible" or, "People just don't want to be bothered with religion." I am sure in my own thinking at least, that these people are expressing their own views and personal feelings concerning Bible study and spiritual things. They have little if any interest in studying the Bible, and they don't want to be bothered with religion for the most part. Yet, when they become seriously ill, they are the first ones to ask for visits from the prayerful of the church. If I owned a car that could go as far on a barrel of gasoline as some "Christians" can on a cup of grape juice I would never get rid of it. Some could rightly be called "camel-Christians," because they can go for seven days or more without any spiritual "water". Some can actually go for a month if vacation comes along, and they happen to have company a Sunday or two in a row. These always seem to interfere with their service (?) to God. Like a puppy who has been gone from home for too long a time, they come in to worship services (usually late) as innocent as a baby expecting someone to welcome them back with a pat on the head. If they aren't greeted, pampered, and complimented they go away "miffed". They seem to feel that they have allowed God to have the privilege of

their presences at the church building. They may be of the type who talk "down" to the Lord by saying: "Lord, keep me humble", instead of "Lord, make me humble". One denominational writer wrote that if all of the people were tested spiritually the analysis would reveal that some would fall into one of four groups--Huffy; Fluffy; Puffy; or Stuffy. Some are so quick to take offense; others think the Christian life is a merry-go-round. Some think that God cannot do without them; and still others are so filled with doctrines they are suffering with spiritual indigestion".

Until we get a proper mixture of doctrine and dedication in the lives of all Christians we will not be successful in the mission of the church. The only time the Lord expresses a sickness with anyone he speaks of luke-warm Christians. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

E. E. G.

A BRAIN TEASER

In the paragraph below there are at least 20 PERSONS, PLACES OR THINGS. Can you find them?

"Obedience to Heaven's will is the full responsibility of the human family. Keeping the commandments bring untold blessings, and will never mar that plan God has for your life. May your seeking for divine truth never stop. Eternal revelation provides that the diligent student shall find answers to his ultimate good. Put aside all sham, anger and greed from your heart forever, for death comes at a night or day you may not expect. Through divine grace every evil plot you can surmount. O live to meet your Maker in peace, and not as one who denies his Master so bitterly to weep at most regret. The certain sentences for a life of sin will be unending darkness in Hell's bottom below."

--Sel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The gospel meeting in Huntington will continue through Aug. 26th. Brother Jerry Sullins of the Glenwood congregation is the speaker. Time, 7:30.

Gospel meeting at Glenwood, Ft. Wayne is to begin Aug. 31 and continue through Sept. 6. Bro. Jim Smith of South Bend (Donmoyer Ave.) will be the speaker. 7:30 each evening.

The Gieseke's will be in Kentucky most of this week but should return toward the end of the week. We are thankful that we have able men who can bring us messages from God's word and are willing to do it. We appreciate this very much. Brother and sister Hoggatt are planning to be away for a couple weeks on the west coast. Also the Pieratt's (Carl and Jesse) are planning another trip to Missouri around the 1st of Sept. for three weeks or so. We hope that all who will be journeying will have a safe and enjoyable trip.

The Hostetler's invite all the church out to their house this Wed. evening (time- 6:30 on) for a going away party for Richard. He will be leaving for Colorado the end of this month. Perhaps before the other young people leave for college we can again have a get-together for them.

LADIES - Remember Tuesday evening class
REMEMBER- Herald Of Truth, Sunday 12noon, 28 TV.

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EXHORTER

August 23, 1970

Schedule of Regular Services

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

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SEVEN THINGS I HAVE TRIED

1. LAUGHING AT DIFFICULTIES...and found them disappearing.
2. ATTEMPTING HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES...and found them growing lighter.
3. FACING A BAD SITUATION...and found it the easiest way.
4. TELLING THE TRUTH ...and found it the easiest way.
5. DOING AN HONEST DAY'S WORK ... and found it the most rewarding.
6. BELIEVING MEN TO BE HONEST ...and found them living up to my expectations.
7. TRUSTING GOD EACH DAY ... and found Him surprising me with His goodness.

--Selected

HOW LONG THE TRIP?

Anyone who has ever planned and helped pack for a trip recognizes the need for preparation. Usually, the longer the trip the more careful the planning! If this practice is, in general, true; I wonder how long people think eternity is?

The journey to eternity is one trip for which most people don't do much preparing. Most people, including many of my brethren, are making little if any plans for the trip! Like the foolish virgins, men are asleep even while the end draws near. Some say: "Why, preacher, you don't know when the end of the world is coming! Why I might die before then." THAT'S RIGHT! It won't matter to us whether the end comes as death or the consumation of the age; we will be in eternity thereafter!

So the question is: "How well are you planning for your "long home?" How often we hear people say by way of excuse for not studying the Bible as they should: "The Bible is too big a book for me to ever understand". Many who read this will be college graduates, some high school graduates plus some college. All who read this for themselves will be junior high or equivalent in reading experience. Now just suppose that all the books you were going to read, and partly master, during your total education was staked before you the first day of school. If the teacher had said that you had to study all of them before you were through your formal education you would probably have answered: "It is ^{humanly} possible to learn all of that". But gradually, over a period of years, you did, are, will have gone through them and mastered them to the satisfaction of your various teachers. Now, I ask: "Why?"

I'm sure there are different reasons different ones did it. At first it may have been to please a teacher or parents. It may have been to avoid the

consequences of not learning. For some, and they are the lucky ones, it was for the sheer joy of learning. The point is you did master these books to a degree at least.

By the time a student of "average" intelligence completes the eighth grade they have mastered problems and concepts much more complex and harder to understand than the Bible as a whole, as it relates to salvation. The scriptures dealing with salvation in primary obedience are so simple that a young child can grasp the meanings. (That is if the child isn't prejudiced by previously conceived ideas.) Those dealing with Christian living or duties are also quite simple. We teach them to our small children in classes.

The Bible is nothing more than a plan book that is already written out for us. All we have to do is to read and apply it in our lives. It is a roadmap that must be studied and followed. No amount of following others will suffice. We must follow Christ; Our Redeemer; our Savior; our Passover; our Sacrifice for sins; our All. If any will come to him in true obedience, he will in no wise cast them out. He asks not for the intellect; the brilliant; the well educated;-- he asks for the obedient. Behold, to obey is better than . (You put any word in the blank and obedience is better than it is.)

My friend, how long a trip are you planning? How carefully are you making your plans? God's Way is revealed in the Book! There is no other. Won't you plan more carefully to follow God's Way toward eternity. It is only one heartbeat away!

Plan well;

Avoid hell!

E. E. G.

(Spinning youu wheels--cont)

and apply yourself to the simple things God has asked and your spiritual life will change for the better. --Selected

MY BOOK OF LIFE

I closed another chapter
In my book of life today,
And paused for meditation
as I laid the book away.
I thought of smudgy pages
Where the record was not clear,
And dreary lines of trouble
Clouded o'ver by doubt and fear.
I asked the Lord to pardon
The mistakes that mar the book
And give me grace and courage
By a hopeful, Christ-ward look.
So now, there lies before me
A new chapter clean and white;
And I hope to write its pages
So the plot will turn out right.
I trust the final chapters
Will the Master's plan reveal,
And weave the many fragements
To depict a life that's real.

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EXHORTER

August 30, 1970

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

An irate executive asked three of his employees why it took three men to change one lightbulb. With a ready answer one of the men spoke up, "Why sir, Bill has to hold the bulb while Jim and I turn the ladder".

The above may stir a smile but if it does there is reason for it. It is so true to life. When you find yourself spinning your wheels it could be you are trying to do a good thing the wrong way. If you "have tried everything" to become a stronger Christian maybe you have been going at it the wrong way. Try two simple suggestions: apply with diligence your mind to regular daily prayer and personal Bible Study. If you sincerely try you will see things change for you. Stop spinning your wheels (cont. on back page)

SHORTSIGHTEDNESS

"Oh they that were wise, that they would consider their latter end." (Deut. 32:29)

The people had departed from God at Mt. Sinai to engage in a drunken orgy of eating, drinking, and dancing. God had punished them severely. Knowing their fickleness, Moses is giving them the certain consequences which will follow their departure from God. The "germ of sin" soon blossomed into full development and God's people refused to "walk in the old paths". (Jer. 6:16)

We must all learn personally that "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," both in this life and in that which is to come. It is a mark of shortsightedness to take no heed to a path of conduct as far as its consequences are concerned. Many today are doing their thing, with no regard for the end. If we take no regard for the latter end we are being most unwise. We must not regard the present appearance and disregard all preparation for the future. Jesus asked--"What shall it profit a man"? Paul, speaking to Christians, said --"Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." II Cor. 13:5-a

We must take a good look at ourselves as believers in the Bible. We have been redeemed that we might be trained; we are trained that we might redeem others. We are blessed that we might be a blessing to others. We are saved to save; led to lead.

God has set the universe in motion. No one knows how tight he wound the spring, or when it will run down. Vengeance may be delayed, but it won't be postponed forever! He is longsuffering, unwilling that any should perish; but some day God's Spirit will no longer strive with man. Time is on God's side. In our "journey to eternity", there is never a pause or hesitation for even a second. The clock is steadily ticking toward the day of our reckoning! Character is ripening for

good or ill, and great issues are gradually being worked out at every tick of the clock. Insurmountable problems are being solved or overcome. Evil men and seducers are waxing worse and worse. Men are deceiving and being deceived. There has been a falling away as foretold by Paul.

Surely few Bible students could doubt that the end could be at any time! Thus it behooves us to watch! The refuges to which so many have fled will prove of little value when the great and terrible day of the Lord shall come. There will be the bitterness of disappointment in the things that perish. All their accumulation of "things" would be traded for a "second chance". But God has spoken. Men will come to a true understanding of repentance, but it will be of no value then.

There should be a shaping of our present life with this end in view. When we seriously consider the end we must think of it (life) as a means to an end, and not an end in itself. Sin is the absolute un wisdom. Could man but truly see the result of a life of sin; the end of "the soul that sinneth" without regard to God! Sin will substitute a false end for the true end of life. Our life is to be for the honor and glory of God, but sin leads us to be foolishly independent of God. Instead we are encouraged to use our God-given talents to serve self.

The rebuke from heaven to the man who would devote his life to himself is "Thou fool!" How pathetic that a sinless Savior would die for those who will not even take the trouble to "consider their end!" In the poet's words:

"Then let us, passing o'er life's fragile arch,
Regard it as a means, and not an end;
As but the path of faith on which we march
To where all glories of our being tend."

E. E. G.

NEWS AND NOTES

Josephine Brust, mother of Phil Brust, has been in the hospital for sometime and would appreciate cards: Her address is:
Mary Serman Hospital, Room 158
Sullivan, Indiana 47882

Brother Royce Evans of Fort Wayne South Side will speak, Sunday evening, Sept. 20th, 1970, at 7:00 His topic will be on benevolent work.

Gary Wycoff, of the Warsaw congregation will speak, Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, 1970 at 7:00.

The Childrens class will resume, Sunday evening, Sept. 13, 1970, 6:00 p. m. for 1/2 hour. Children!! Invite your friends.

GARRETT FALL LECTURESHIP EVERY TUESDAY EVE. 7:30 P.M.

Sept. 8 "The Christian Home" Phil Dunn
Sept. 15 "The Christian Life & Prayer" Bud Dixon
Sept. 22 "Christians relationship with others" F. Denton
Sept. 29 "Rightly Dividing the Scriptures" Jack Simons
Oct. 6 "Christian & Scientific Age" Ted Kingery

Meeting -- Fort Wayne South Side Sept. 13 thru 20 with Bill Rogers speaking.

SINGING Marks Nursing home 6:00 p. m. this evening.

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EXHORTER

September 6, 1970

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"DON'T WAIT TILL ITS TOO LATE"

A man's house was burning, At the first sign of smoke, he rushed out to buy a fire extinguisher. Before he returned the roof and the walls collapsed in flames on his goods.

A man's doctor warned him of a bad heart condition. From the doctor's office he went immediately to the insurance broker. He was refused in his attempts to provide financial protection for his wife and children.

When the operation begins, it's too late to take vitamin pills! When the battle begins, it's too late to train the troops! When the flood waters rise, it is too late to find a rock foundation! When Satan attacks, they only can resist who have put on the whole armor. (EPH. 6:10-17) --Sel.

THE DISGRACE OF ABSENTEEISM

Absenteeism is indifference, indifference is ingratitude, and by any standard, ingratitude is a disgrace. This language may sound a little pointed and plain--it is intended to--absenteeism IS a disgrace.

Draw a straight line to its cause. Why does a person want to miss an opportunity to worship the the Living God? Why the lack of desire to study His word? Why the failure to strive for His cause? Why thus discourage the faithful and set no example for the lost and wayward? Why? That's right, exactly right--indifference! Excuses are but feeble crutches to try to justify the indifference, to hide and all but deny it. Wilful absenteeism springs from one source when all is said and done-- "I didn't want to come." Excuses are invented to soften the sound.

Whence cometh indifference? It is the product and companion of ingratitude. The heart that has trembled in fear of dying unprepared, that has quaked at the thought of eternity in hell's endless agony, should not easily forget the Christ who, in scenes of pitiless humiliation and excruciating pain, turned our empty despair into a living hope. His love constrains us to serve Him, and gratitude must respond. It is base ingratitude to profess that Savior and to claim His hope, but to be void of a desire to serve Him faithfully. Yes, claim his name and covet His blessings, but render a bare minimum of service and let it be only a small concern (if any at all) whether many or few come to the church assemblies. "He only died for me," is a pretty good companion for the equally selfish remark, "I don't have to go." Minimum service; "do I have to?" and "must I? Such an attitude is ingratitude.

--Selected

GOSSIP TOWN

Have you ever heard of Gossip Town?
On the shores of Falsehood Bay:
Where Old Dame Rumor, in a rustling gown
Is going the live long day?
It isn't far to Gossip Town
For those who want to go;
An idleness train will take you down
In just an hour or so.

The thoughtless Road is the popular route,
And most folks start that way;
It is steep down grade - if you don't watch out,
You will land in Falsehood Bay.
The principal street is called "They Say",
"I've Heard" is the public well,
And the breeze that blows from
Falsehood Bay
Is laden with "Don't you tell".

Just back of the park is "Slander Row",
T'was there a good name died;
Pierced by a shaft from Jealousy's Bow,
In the hand of Envious Pride
The people who live in Gossip Town
All reap the seed they sow;
And you will find what they have found
If ever you chance to go.

--Selected

THOUGHTS

"Your morning thoughts may determine your conduct for the day. Optimistic thoughts will make your day bright and productive, while pessimistic thinking will make it dull and wasteful. Face each day cheerfully, smilingly and courageously, and will naturally follow that your work will be a real pleasure, and progress will be a delightful accomplishment.

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At least two gospel meetings are scheduled to begin this week: One starts today at the Southside congregation in Ft. Wayne with Bill Rogers preaching. To continue thru the 20th., 7:30 ea. evening. The other starts tomorrow evening at the Elkhart congregation (probably in their new building) with brother Gobel Music preaching. It's to continue thru next Sunday. Time, 7:30 ea. evening. Also Oct. 16 is the scheduled date of our meeting, also with brother Music preaching. If anyone would like to attend the Ft. Wayne or Elkhart meeting, let it be known.

Shults-Lewis Children's Home Open House is Sept. 19th. Jim Bill McInteer of Nashville-Speaker.

A new class is being started on Sunday morning for those who feel they need a better understanding of the fundamental teachings of the faith. Brother Gieseke will be teaching this class, which will begin next Sunday. Give brother Earl your name if you would like to attend.

We are happy to have had all our young people who are college age with us this summer, and wish them God's richest blessings as they prepare to leave us for a season. The addresses will be given as they are known. The first one is Dick Hostetler, 1860 So. Pearl St. Denver, Colorado 80210.

Sister Mae Wilson is in the Sturgis Hospital, Room 104. She's some better at this writing.

LADIES: TRAY Favor meeting Monday, 1 p.m. at the Country Inn in Shipshewana. Bible Class, Tuesday evening at 7:30: Mary Wilson to talk about her trip to Italy this summer.. All ladies invited. Earl Gieseke RR#4, Box 46, Lagrange, Ind. 46761

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

September 13, 1970

Schedule of Regular Services

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Worship Services	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship Services	7:00 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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LaGrange, Indiana 46761	fore God.
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"ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?"

"Are all the children in? The night is falling,
And storm-clouds gather in the threatening west:
The lowing cattle seek a friendly shelter;
The bird flies away to her nest;
The thunder crashes, wilder grows the tempest;
Come shut the door and gather round the hearthstone;
Are all the children in?"

"Are all the children in? The night is falling,
When gilded sin doth walk about the streets.
'For, at the last it biteth like a serpent;'
Poisoned are the stolen sweets,
O, parents, guard the feet of inexperience,
Too prone to wander in the paths of sin!
O shut the door of love against temptation!
Are all the children in?"

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SPIRITUAL MATURITY

While driving through an Ohio city recently, I was struck with a scene that is duplicated in hundreds of American communities. An older man with a sign in his hand stood at a corner and halted all traffic while a smaller youngster scampered across the street to school.

I thought about this old man. Probably his vision was not as sharp as that of the youngster who depended upon him for guidance. I reasoned that perhaps his hearing was not as sensitive as that of the youngster whom he directed safely across the street, and yet we believe that it is right to have these older people guiding these youngsters in this way. The reason that these people are thus employed is not because of keener vision or more sensitive hearing, but because of their maturity. Their decisions are wiser.

And, so it is with reference to the conduct of the Lord's work. Those who are older, may not have the energy characteristic of younger people, but they have that which is absolutely vital--spiritual maturity. Because of their wisdom they are placed in positions of leadership. We are reminded of the statement in Hebrews. "But solid food is for full-grown men, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil."

(Heb. 5:14)

--Don Gardner

ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN? (Cont.)

"Are all the children in? The night is falling;
The night of death is hastening on apace;
The Lord is calling, 'Enter thou thy chamber
And tarry there a space.'
And when he comes, the King in all his glory,
Who died the shameful death, our hearts to win,
O, may the gates of heaven shut about us,
With all the children in."

--Elizabeth Rosser.

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE??

I read recently about a polio victim in South Bend, Indiana, who lives in an iron lung and is permitted by his doctors to spend only four hours a week out of this life-saving instrument. Each Sunday morning this young man is taken out of the lung and goes to Bible School and church. He has chosen to spend his hours of freedom from the lung attending to spiritual matters. After I read this article I began to reflect on some of the excuses that I have heard for not attending the services of the Lord's church. Those of you who do not attend our Bible School, the Sunday or Wednesday night services, what is YOUR excuse? It seems such a shame that we fail to show God how grateful we are when we consider how many wonderful things He has given to us. If this young man cares enough about spiritual things to spend his only hours of freedom from the lung attending to spiritual matters, then it seems to me that each one of us should be more grateful to God for what we have, and show our love and gratitude by working for His cause and by attending every service that we can. How about it? Will you promise to be more active in the Lord's cause?

--Selected and Adapted

WAYSIDE PULPIT

A poor discouraged lad, finding it hard to sell his papers, confided in his minister who gave him a magic word. It was "TIGAPA". He also whispered the meaning of it. When the boy felt like giving up, he must say this word resolutely, and watch for wonders. It worked. Later on in manhood, he still used it. A neighbor, overhearing the man one day, asked why he used that foreign word. "That is no foreign word. It's a hundred per cent American." "What does Tigapa stand for?" "Trust in God and Push Ahead' That gets things done."

--Sel.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Volunteer needed! Sister Goldie Pulley has for nearly four years been responsible for sending out our bulletins to a mailing list of some forty individuals. Due to failing eyesight, she requests to be relieved of this responsibility. Would someone come to the forefront and volunteer for this job? The church furnishes the stamps and bulletins are sent out approximately once a month. All other requirements can be furnished by sister Pulley. May we take this opportunity to say MANY THANKS to her for a job well done.

Recognition should also be given to brother Phil Brust for the excellent painting job given to the trim on the new addition. We appreciate his willingness to do this.

We are going to miss the many college students who have left or are leaving. Now that school has started, let us all resign to establish a pattern of spiritual growth for the months ahead and build up the church in this area. Are you now trying to reach someone for Christ? (Kent says "thanks" for the attache case.)

The correct dates for our GOSPEL MEETING is Oct. 20 through the 27th. Plan now to make the best advantage of these dates. Come and bring others with you.

Sister Wilson should be released from the hospital within a couple of days.

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Sept. 20, 1970

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

Earl Gieseke, Minister 405 South Townline Road Route #4, Box 46 LaGrange, Indiana 46761 Telephone No. 463-3571	"Often, the best way to correct your children is to correct the example you are setting for them" ---Sel.
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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

The preacher had just concluded a hot and scathing sermon on the sin of swearing. He had stated several times that he knew that one of his hearers was guilty.

The service ended. The worshippers one by one filed out the door. The first to go was a woman never suspected of using foul language. With a red and angry face she exclaimed, "I'll never darken this door again."

Before the astonished preacher could recover from this blast, another said, "Well, brother, if I had known you were near last week, I would have been more careful of my language."

A third said, "I think that you might at least have come to me privately about it, rather than telling it to the whole church." A fourth remarked angrily, "I was never so embarrassed in all of my life." (cont. on page 3)

SOFT SNAPS DO NOT MAKE A MAN

One who was in the habit of making applications out of ordinary incidents was watching some plumbers at work on a new house. One, with a simple little cold chisel, had, by dint of numerous brisk taps in a circle around it, cut in two a large iron pipe. Another was busy with a similar chisel, cutting in halves a large piece of lead. "Easy work," he remarked to the workman as he watched the latter drive the chisel into the soft metal. "Yes," replied the workman, "but this work spoils the chisel." "Lead is not hard enough to spoil a chisel," observed the observer. "No," replied the workman, "but it takes all the temper out of it so that it is good for nothing else. To cut much lead will spoil the finest cold chisel." Soft seats, easy tasks, and pathways strewn with roses take the temper out of character, and produce good-for-nothing lives. Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Daniel, Paul and Jeremiah are illustrations of the way sacrifices and hardships crystallize character.

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When we see people deliberately ignoring God's law on morality and marriage, when the fulfillment of love within marriage gives way to lust outside marriage, we know those people are heading for unhappiness, days of remorse and sorrow, and perhaps eternal ruin. The justice of God demands that "he that soweth unto his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." (Gal. 6:7)

All the sinners at colleges and universities and everywhere else who subscribe to the so called "new morality" should read Hebrews 13:4

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The narrow way is wide enough for a person who is not given to wobbling.

--Sel.

WHY DON'T YOU GO TO WORSHIP??

Too busy Heb. 9:27
Too tired. Matt. 11:28
Too far. Rom. 8:38,39
Too many hypocrites Rev. 3:4
Feelings got hurt. Matt. 6:15
Clothes not good enough. James 2:1-5
Church not popular Matt. 7:13,14
Had company. Luke 10:10-42
Weather too bad. Rom. 8:35
Don't want to. Heb. 4:1

Save this, and the next time you plan to miss a service find the reason and read the passage.

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FALLING TOWARD THE LIGHT

Since the tree grows toward the sunlight, the center of gravity is naturally developed on that side. So, when it falls--and all trees must fall--it falls toward the light.

If your heart is turned toward God--if he is the focus of your attention--you need not fear the future. When you fall by reason of death, you will fall toward God, the Father of lights. (James 1:17) Minister's Monthly

They'll do it every time--(Cont.)

Then came the real culprit--the one at whom the preacher had aimed all his remarks. With a bland and innocent smile he grasped the hand of the preacher and said, "Brother, that was what I call a real sermon. You certainly did pour it on them today!"

--Sel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE TEACHERS - Starting next Sunday, a new quarter will begin. Since there needs to be some changes made in the classes, we would like for all the present teachers and all those who would like to teach this coming quarter to attend the teacher's meeting this evening at 6 o'clock. Following this meeting, whatever time is left before the regular 7 o'clock services begin, will be taken up in the personal work class.

The last of our college students are being delivered today. Again we say, students, "May the Lord bless you and keep you".

Brother Carl Pieratt is in the hospital in room 103. He took ill on returning home last week and an operation was necessary. He is doing fine and should be released within a few days.

The annual meeting of camp Indogan is to be held this coming Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All those who have memberships in camp and are interested in its operation should be there.

Our gospel meeting date is drawing closer. A canvass of the town is being planned the last Saturday before our meeting (Oct 17th). Everyone who could should help in this canvass. We expect some outside help from other congregations. Material is being ordered for this work.

A gospel meeting at Donmoyer Ave in South Bend and one in Niles, Mich. is in the near future. Announcements will be made from the pulpit regarding these.

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ISN'T IT STRANGE??

Some Christians can be pushed, shoved, and insulted in a ticket line at the ball game, ignored in the beauty salon or barber shop, and bawled-out in the grocery store, but they never cease to frequent these places--But, if they feel that they are slighted at the services of the Church, THEY REFUSE to attend for weeks, or sometimes quit for good--Yes, it is strange, isn't it? Not only strange, but it is inconsistent. Being peeved at the brethren and forsaking the Lord is about as logical as being angry at the dog and kicking the cat.

--Selected
Marion Messenger

Just remember when you quit working for the Lord the devil puts you to work for him.

THE SAME OLD IDOLS

Long ago Solomon observed that "there is no new thing under the sun." All that would be created had been created. All that would be done had been done. Everything that appeared to him, and now to us, is not new, but is really just a modification or a different combination of existing things or thoughts. Atomic energy, space travel, communications are simply modifications of elements that existed before even Solomon's time. Reduced to their basics one can honestly ask with Solomon "Is there anything whereof it may be said, 'See this is new?'"

If man's progressions may not honestly be termed new, then likewise man's digressions may not be called new either. Modern man has simply found ways to disobey God faster, more luxuriously, and do it over a wider expanse of geography than before. Eve's, Adam's, Cain's sins are as readily recognizable today as they were then.

In Israel's darkest hour, Amos prophesied, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion," and branded the lazy, indolent Israelite women "cows of Bashan" representative of a whole nation of easy-come, easy-go people. He observed that a pair of shoes was more important to God's people than was helping those in need, that the house of God was profaned by silly ritual, worthless as worship. Modern man is fully entitled to share Amos' rebuke as he sits in air-conditioned luxury, feasting sumptuously, riding comfortably, worshipping ritually, caring pitifully.

It is altogether possible that God things our worship services are as silly and useless as Israel's. Quite simply, our sins are caused by our devout worship of and obedience to the same old idols, luxury, comfort, laxness, laziness. The people who call themselves the body of Christ, professing to be a part of his bride, by their attitude proclaim to God and man that they really do not care!

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THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Some time ago I attended a P. T. A. meeting--the subject for the evening was--The Effect and Influence of Television on your Children. "During the evening one of the ladies asked, "How many of the parents had written any letters to the T. V. Stations?" I haven't! Yet there are programs I won't watch, or let my children watch.

Matthew 10:28 "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hel."

Television can be good and educational, or it can destroy the moral fiber of old and young alike, by letting it appear that what is abnormal and unacceptable is normal and acceptable.

We should never turn over to others the whole responsibility of what will be on our teevisions. The man at the meeting from the TV station said, "The station tries to please a lot of people, but don't use the TV as a baby sitter." "Know what your children watch.

If you see a program you enjoy write the station a letter letting them know. If there are programs of which you believe are not good, or there are questions you wish to ask let the people at the station KNOW.

The children God gave us to love, it is our job to look over and protect.

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WHO IS SITTING IN YOUR SEAT?

"Well, my seat was empty again yesterday," said the member. "Oh, no," replied the preacher, "It wasn't empty at all." "What?" asked the absentee, "who was there?" The preacher replied, "Satan was there in your seat leering up at me and saying, 'I've got him again preacher!'"

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