

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are postal size cards out in the vestibule which advertizes our coming meeting with brother Music. Let's all feel a part of this effort by taking some and distributing to your friends. The town will be covered on Saturday the 17th, but if there is any duplication it won't hurt. Remember the dates are Oct 20 through 27th. We have so much to gain from this meeting that we should not slaken our efforts to make it the very best yet.

The monthly singing at Marks Nursing Home is to be this evening at 6 o'clock. The children's class and personal work class will not meet this evening.

The men's fellowship is scheduled this Friday evening at 7 o'clock at the Sveden House.

Some other gospel meetings are listed on the bulletin board. Also Garrett is having their last speaker this Tuesday evening in this present lectureship. Goshen is also starting one, particulars on the bulletin board.

Brother Carl Pieratt is still at the hospital. A slight complication kept him from going home this past week. Let's pray for his complete recovery soon.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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October 4, 1970

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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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### VISITATION

Well, I went to visitation--  
Against my will, I guess.  
I was hot and tired and troubled,  
And I wasn't my best;  
But they told me I was needed  
So I knew I couldn't rest,  
With my conscience making coments  
About how I'd failed the test.

First, I went to see a shut-in.  
She'd been one quite sometime.  
Oh, How she had missed the brethren,  
But she tried hard not to pine.  
Next, a brother who'd been absent  
Several Sundays in a row.  
He thought nobody missed him,  
And he said next time he'd go.

Last, I called upon a couple  
Who'd just moved into town.  
I invited them to visit  
And they said they'd come around. (Cont.)

## SOW THE WIND, REAP THE WHIRLWIND

Three months ago, I sat in a court and heard the judge say, "20 years!" He was pronouncing sentence on my 21 year old son. A punishment for drinking, gambling and robbery which ended in the shooting and near death of a man.

The sentence might have been less but my son took a sneering, defiant attitude all through the court trial, ridiculing every law officer who spoke to him. But the crowning shocking climax came when the judge sternly asked, "Young man, don't you believe in God?" He laughed long and loud and he said, "God? Who's that?" Every eye in the court room turned and looked at me.

I went to Sunday school when I was a small boy and learned all about God. After I was married I decided to go again and take my children. I went regularly for a year, then I skipped two or three Sundays, and then we went only on special days.

Soon I joined a bowling team that competed on Sunday afternoons. I couldn't go to church and get ready to leave in time to bowl and bowling was such fun!

If only I had those years to live over! Night after night, since that court trial, I have walked the floors with the words, "God? Who's that?" echoing in my ears.

My son was 13 the Sunday the police came and I was leaving with my bowling bag. I waited impatiently while he told me my son had been caught breaking a window just the night before. I practically forgot it and went on my merry way. By now, the church was a thing of the past. The years went by . . . to end up in a court room. When I think of the wasted years of "having fun," instead of meeting God at his appointed place, I am sick with shame. I'm trying to make restitution by urging other people to serve God.

So many say they do not believe in making a child go to church if he does not want to go, but how many would go to school (public) if they were not made to go? Ask any child this question.--Sel.

## WISHING WON'T

give us CHURCH GROWTH

WORKING WILL!!

Each one--Reach one

A preacher in the mid-west tells of a woman phoning him and speaking of her dissatisfaction with the program of the church. He invited her to come to his office and talk the problem over with him. She accepted the invitation and brought to his attention some of the things that were needed and could be done. He gratefully acknowledged the wisdom of her ideas. He then said, "This is wonderful that you are so concerned and interested in this. You are the very person this church needs to head up this program. Will you take the job?" Her reply was just as immediate: "Oh, no, I don't want to get too involved. With my club work and the hours that I put on some other things, I don't have time. But I will be glad to advise you any time."

The preacher's answer was classic and well put. "Lady, that's the problem now. I already have 400 advisers. I need someone who will work."

Every Christian needs to get involved in working for the Lord. Today is not too late to start. How about you? What about your involvement?

GENUINE CHRISTIANS DO NOT WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN  
HEAVEN - - - ALONE.

--Selected

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(continued from front page)

Back home again I pondered,  
Why, I was feeling fine --  
Recalling those gladdened faces,  
The pleasure was all mine!!

--Selected

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure that you read the ABC's of a Gospel meeting on the first page again. If we do these things our coming meeting with brother Music should prove very successful. Plan now to attend every night! Dates Oct. 20 through the 27th., 7:30 ea. evening.

The ladies are to have their tray favor meeting Monday afternoon (12:30) at sister Tuttle's house. Also, ladies Bible study every Tuesday evening at 7:30.

A singing is scheduled at Waterloo this afternoon 3 o'clock.

Brother Carl Pieratt is now home from the hospital. He must remain inactive for at least a week. He would appreciate your visits and prayers.

The Cox's have gone to Washington D.C. to visit their daughter. They plan to be back for our gospel meeting then leave for Florida.

The Herald Of Truth television program is not scheduled at 12 noon over channel 28 as it has been (reason at this time unknown). It is however shown at 9:30 Sunday mornings over channel 33. For those coming to Bible study this is a bad time, however we can let others know about it who are sick or otherwise do not attend bible study.

The personal work class will resume again this evening at 6 o'clock. Also the children's bible drill will be held at the same time.

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### CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 11, 1970

EXHORTER

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The largest room in the world is the room for improvement.

--Selected

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#### A B C 'S OF A GOOD MEETING

- A
1. Advertise the meeting.
  2. All members attend all services.
  3. Absorb all the lessons possible.
  4. Always pray daily for the meeting.
  5. Abound in the good work.
  6. Accept your responsibility.
- B
1. Bring many to every service.
  2. Be on time.
  3. Be reverent.
  4. Believe and apply each lesson.
  5. Be courteous to all visitors.
  6. Be enthusiastic and cheerful.
- C
1. Call your friends and invite them.
  2. Center thoughts on spiritual things
  3. cooperate in all the work.
  4. Create a friendly atmosphere.
  5. Correct things amiss in your life.
  6. Cancel all other engagements.

## MAKE IT DEFINITE

Nobody ever won just anybody to Christ! Members seldom respond to our urging that everyone bring someone. We do get results when each one selects a certain person and concentrates his efforts on that individual.

There must be a plan, purpose and prayer in successful soul winning. Maybe the following suggestions will help you:

1. Realize the importance of winning someone to Christ. Do you believe the greatest thing a human being can do is to bring another to Christ? It really is!
2. Select some person. Don't become concerned with taking the world for Christ so that you forget the individual.
3. Love that person. "Love never faileth." Remember that one soul is worth more than all of earth's treasures.
4. Teach the person. "They shall be taught." From the sermon on the mount show the kind of life Christ requires. Turn to examples of conversion in Acts (Chapters 2, 8 and 16), and show how one becomes a Christian.
5. Pray for him (or her). Pray earnestly that the soul you are seeking to win will be saved. Ask God to help you to say the right thing in the right way.
6. Persuade him. He may need only your love, encouragement and kind words of persuasion to decide for Christ NOW.
7. Bring him. Bring the person you seek to win to every service possible. You may be the only Christian who can win him to the Savior.

No soul can be won if no effort is made. May God grant each of us the joy of winning at least one person soon.

North Highland, California

## MY PART

God didn't put me on this earth  
To have an easy time,  
He put me here to fight a fight,  
To hold a battle line.  
He put me here to help the weak  
And myself grow strong,  
He put me here to lend a hand  
And help the world along.  
He put me here to say a word of  
Encouragement and cheer;  
He put me here to sing a song

For someone else to hear.  
He didn't put me here to shine,  
Stick out my lips and pout---  
He put me here to do His work  
And shun evil rout.  
He only asks I do my best  
To carry out His plans,  
Forget rewards and starry crowns,  
And leave all in His hands.  
----Via Tulia "Evangel", Tulia, Texas

## HOW BIG ARE YOU?

----Selected

A lad in Boston, rather small for his age, worked in an office as an errand boy. One day his employers were chaffing him a little about being so small and said, "You will never amount to much; you are too small."

The lad looked at them and said, "Well, I can do something which none of you four men can do."

"What is it?" they asked.

"I don't know that I should tell you," he replied.

"They were eager to know and urged him to tell what he could do that none of them was able to do. "I can keep from swearing," said the little fellow. That ended the conversation. (Just how big are you?)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yesterday was a very enjoyable and profitable day as several of the members here along with helpers from Pawling and So. Side, Ft. Wayne canvassed the town in preparation for our Gospel meeting this week. Except for one area in the corporation limits and a few outlying districts, the town was covered and we are happy to report at this time that there were some 50 "yes" responses in offering Bible Correspondences and several promises to attend the meeting. We deeply appreciate the sister congregations helping and we hope someday we can return the favor.

Have YOU done your part in making preparation for our meeting? Experience has shown that word of mouth beats all other means of advertising.

Announcements have been put in the paper, the canvass has been done - now it's up to YOU and ME to carry out the final phase - that of bringing ourselves and others with us. Remember this Tuesday through next Tuesday, 7:30 ea. evening.

Brother Stanley Day and family will be moving to the camp this week for the purpose of caretaking the property. Many plans regarding this is in the making and as soon as they are formulated, they will be announced.

Brother Carl Pierat's is about the same, and as yet been unable to attend services. We continue to pray for his recovery soon. We do miss him at the worship.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 18, 1970

EXHORTER

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#### FREEDOM TO CHOOSE--

(or, Man: the unfinished animal)

In all of the creating, only man was left "unfinished!" Man is the only creature left with the freedom to choose. The bird is born with the "knowhow" to build a nest in the summer and fly south in the winter. The beaver knows how to build his home with no training. The spider can spin a web that man cannot as yet duplicate. The bee can make the honeycomb and fill it with honey.

But when the bird has constructed its nest; when the beaver has built a home; when the spider has spun a web; and when the bee has made and filled its honeycomb, all are finished. That is all they can do. The bee cannot learn to build a wasp's nest, the bird cannot go beyond its inherent capacities with which it was born. But not so with man! God truly crowned his creation with the "unfinished animal"--MAN! Man cannot spin a web

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or make a honeycomb, yet he should feel no envy for the spider or bee. Being put into the world "unfinished," man is limited only by himself. In all of creation, only "unfinished man" is able to communicate with God.

In creating man, God has most fully revealed his nature to us. He wants our love and devotion, but he does not force it. We have the freedom to choose. He desires our obedience, but we must do it of our own free will. God is not willing that any should perish, but he forces no man to be saved. To force man to worship and serve him would defeat the purpose of his final act of creation. Man could have been made as the spider, with only an instinct to guide him, but God wants something more. He could have made us as robots, with no power to choose, but that is not his nature or purpose. Jesus said of the Father in John's gospel "for the Father seeketh such to worship him."

Jn. 4:23 Paul exhorts Christians--"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1) Man, the "unfinished" creature, can rise no higher than his goals in life. Therefore we must set higher standards than mortal man for excellence in the finished product. We must not judge ourselves by ourselves or we are no more than fools. The spider makes a web like every other spider; the bird makes a nest like every other bird of its kind. But not so with God's "unfinished" creature. We may achieve things far beyond what our brother in the flesh may obtain simply due to the ideals in our life.

God has not left man to wander aimlessly in life. He has communicated his desires and commandments to man in every age. He has given man the power of learning and reasoning. With this wonderful blessing, God has given responsibility to man. The greater the ability, the greater the service we are to render.

Even with a reasonable amount of intelligence, I cannot even build a nest that would pass the in-

spection of a nearsighted robin, nor could I even begin to spin a web that would even look like a spider's handiwork. I do not have a "built-in" instinct to go to a warmer climate in the winter. I do, however, have one instinct--that is to worship! All men do worship someone, or something. There are no exceptions. We have an "automatic pilot" that we call conscience. God did not, however, give us a pre-set conscience. Our conscience is trained by our environment as youth and by choice when we are older. As a child growing up in a denominational home I believed a person was "safe" as long as he or she was sincere. (Now that I am a Christian I do not believe anyone is safe.) I always heard--"you must practice what you preach." That is true, and is also a principle taught in the Bible; but those I know were misusing this principle. It was not what a person believed that was right or wrong, but whether you were willing to follow what you believed. It was the practice, not the belief, that made one right or wrong.

Let us not fall short of our potential as a child of God. It is up to you to finish the "unfinished animal". No other creature has this great opportunity. Let me leave these inspired words to clearly reveal to you your purpose. "He hath shewed thee, o man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:3

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To talk with God,  
no breath is lost  
Talk on,

To walk with God,  
no strength is lost  
Walk on,

To wait on God,  
no time is lost  
Wait on,

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

To date, we have had a fine meeting. The lessons by Brother Music has been excellent and the attendance to all the meetings have been good. We appreciate brother Music's willingness to teach extra class sessions today. This morning during regular time for Bible study he will be conducting an informal class discussion on questions we would like to have answered. Also, this afternoon after lunch, from 2 to 3 o'clock another session will be held along the same line. Bring your questions and present them at these times for discussions. We invite everyone to stay for the basket dinner following morning worship. The meeting will continue through Tuesday evening, so let's keep on bringing them in.

For those who would like contacts for visitation, please see brother Gieseke. Fifty per sons were signed up for Bible Correspondance courses and very soon these will be mailed to them. We now have much to work from - and toward.

The Hostetlers invite everyone out to their home this coming Friday evening at 7:30. Children as well as older children who care to are to come masked!

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 25, 1970

EXHORTER

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"Unless you bear with  
the faults of others,  
you betray your own."  
--Sel.

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## TRUST

Stand erect and do not falter.  
Do not be afraid you'll fall.  
Brother, you are no exception:  
Life has problems for us all.

When you're feeling weak and helpless,  
Just remember God is strong.  
If you'll only learn to trust Him,  
He will help when things go wrong.

So, when you can go no farther,  
When you think that you are through,  
Turn your thoughts to your Creator;  
He is ever near to you.

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The waters of God's blessings flow downward, and  
he who would drink them must stoop. --Sel.

## DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION

In the window of a grocery store was a sign: WANTED -- A DELIVERY BOY. The first applicant was a strong-looking lad who inquired about the wages, hours, vacation . . . and then asked, "Do you provide a bicycle?" "No", replied the grocer. "Well," said the boy, "I'm not going to carry heavy groceries all over town. I don't want the job unless you provide a bicycle."

Later, a scrubbed-clean teenager walked in and asked for the job. He needed the work to help support his widowed mother, he explained. The grocer asked, "Don't you want to know about the wages, hours and vacation?" "No," replied the boy, "I just want the job." "But," questioned the grocer, "don't you want to know if we provide a delivery bicycle?" "No," said the boy, "I'll deliver them on foot if necessary. Please, may I have the job?"

The grocer then told him about the boy who demanded a bicycle. "You see," he explained, "we don't have a bicycle, because we PROVIDE A NEW STATION WAGON FOR MAKING DELIVERIES."

"Now to him who . . . is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think . . . be glory" (Ephesians 3:20)

Consider the moral. We ask God for a bicycle when He has a "new car" for us. Commit yourself to His work, but leave the transportation to Him.

Think of the men who have been supreme in imagination . . . the positive thinkers . . . the men in the church who think big. We take shots at them as promoters. "Impractical and unrealistic men", we say. But Paul looks at them and says, "Boys you've been far outdistanced by the Lord. He is able to do far more than you can ask or think." We ask for a cupful, and the ocean remains. The ability of God towers above our wildest thoughts, reaching away into "the mists of the immeasurable." (cont. on next column)

## WRONG DIRECTIONS

I was going west one winter during a severe snowstorm. The train had two engines plowing through the snow. There was a woman, with a little girl, who wanted to leave the train at a certain small station. The brakeman came in and called the name of the station when we were getting near. The woman said "Don't forget me," and he replied, "Sure."

There was a man there who said, "Lady, I will see that the brakeman doesn't forget you--don't you worry." A while later he said, Here's your station." She hopped out of the train . . . into the storm.

The train had gone on about three-quarters of an hour when the brakeman came in and said, "Where is that woman?" The traveling man said, "She got off." The brakeman said, "Then she's gone to her death; we only stopped the train yonder because there was something the matter with the engine."

They called for volunteers and went back and looked for her. They searched for hours and finally found her out on the prairies, covered with a shroud of ice and snow woven about her by the pitiless storm, and with the little girl folded to her breast.

SHE FOLLOWED the man's directions, but they were wrong. She followed the wrong directions and they led to her death and the death of the little girl. Are you following the wrong directions?

--Selected

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DON'T WORRY -- (Cont. from column one)

Think big! Plan big! It will still be small compared with God's ability to give and perform. Commitment is the key . . . do you really want the job? Take hold of the task and God will provide the transportation!

Joe R. Farnett



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Our gospel meeting closed Tuesday night with four precious souls having been brought to the Lord. On Monday night, Juanita Graybill, Judy Eller and Brice Eller responded to the invitation of Christ, and on the last night, Kenneth Graybill, Jr. responded. These four did not join a denomination but were added to the church of our Lord by our Father in heaven, unto whom they were obedient. Also the following came forward to confess wrong and request prayers in their behalf: Paula Hostetler, Sue Hostetler, Hazel Miller and Riley Graybill. We have full confidence in the sincerity of these wonderful Christian people and encourage them in their rededication to a greater more joyous service in the kingdom of our Lord. ---- We thank God again and again that he has given us the power to become the sons of God (Jn. 1:12) and when we falter, the way to come back (1 Jn. 1:9).

Brother Music invites your questions and comments concerning his lessons in the meeting. If you would prefer to talk with him, see brother Hoggatt who will do some corresponding by tape (cassette).

Brother Jerry Pace will be speaking to us this evening at the regular service. This begins the practice (to continue to the end of school) of using the men of the congregation and develop their talents in handling God's word. May we all support and encourage any of our brethren to improve themselves in this way. In the long run it will help all of us.

Remember the singing this evening at Mark's Nursing Home at 6 o'clock.

Brother and sister Cox left Thursday for Florida for the winter months. We wish for them a pleasant and profitable work with the congregation at Kissimmee. We'll give their mailing address later.

GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD.  
1 Pet. 3:18.

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## L A G R A N G E

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 1, 1970

EXHORTER

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#### "A DOLLAR I GAVE TO GOD"

"Three thousand for my brand new car,  
Five thousand for a piece of sod,  
Ten thousand I paid to begin a house--  
A dollar I gave to God.

A tidy sum to entertain  
My friends in pointless chatter,  
And then the world goes crazy mad  
I ask, 'Lord, what's the matter?'

Yet, there is one big question  
For the answer I still search;  
With things so gad in this old world,  
What's holding back the Church?''

--Selected

## SHUT THOSE DOORS BEHIND YOU...

"Shut the door behind you!" my mother used to remind us as we came banging. And, "Shut the door!" I hear myself, like countless other mothers, calling out to my own flock. Shut it to cut the draft, the cold--yes that's generally what we mean. But in the larger sense, these words can be significant. For the habit of shutting doors behind us is invaluable to happiness; we must learn to shut life's doors to cut out the futile wind of past mistakes. The man or woman you didn't marry. The house you didn't buy. The job you didn't take. That longgone injury that is so much better forgotten. That loss, that devastating sorrow, that failure. Forget it. Put it firmly away. To leave the door of memory even a little bit ajar is to provide passage for grief, remorse, regret--a flock of deadly enemies that can only damage the bigger, better forward-looking people we should be today. Look ahead. Advance, proceed. Reach out your hand toward the new doors waiting to be opened, the new dreams and opportunities. They are the doors that should concern us, not those through which we've passed along the way. Shut that door behind you. Lock it and throw away the key. The only doors that matter are those that we open today!

By Marjorie Holmes

Editors' Note: Paul said, "NOT as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:12-14)

--Selected

## CHRISTIAN ADMONITION

- STOP - For a moment anywhere to worship God in silent prayer.
- LOOK - All around you when depressed to realize how you've been blessed.
- LISTEN - To that small voice within, before you slander, curse or sin.
- BEWARE - Of that strong urge to say, "Why does God treat me this way?"
- BELIEVE - Your Lord has done what's best no matter how severe the test.
- BEHOLD - In God a refuge, safe and strong rely on him when things go wrong.
- BEHAVE - As you think others should and you will be both kind and good.
- Rejoice - That guilty conscience cease to rob you of rest and peace.

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## "U" ARE NEEDED!

We cannot spell Bible Study without "U".

We cannot spell church without "U".

We cannot spell volume without "U".

We cannot spell support without "U".

We cannot spell unity without "U".

We cannot spell purpose without "U".

We cannot spell duty without "U".

We cannot spell build without "U".

We cannot spell soul without "U".

The church needs "U" but "U" need the church more.

--Selected

Why grumble because roses have thorns? Be thankful the thorns have roses.

News and Notes:

In the inside page of this bulletin brother Gieseke mentioned 16 responses to the invitation of Christ since Brother Meadows' meeting. We have much reason to rejoice in this. Last Thursday evening sister Eileen Brust made a public confession of wrong as she again renewed her dedication of her life to the Lord. We appreciate so much sister Brust and pray that through all of our mutual efforts that others might come to know the peace that passeth understanding that is promised to those who follow God.

Ladies Fellowship at Glomwood congregation in Ft. Wayne this Saturday. Schedule is on the bulletin board. Please let sister Hostetler know today if you desire to go, as reservations must be called in soon.

The Ladies tray favor meeting will be put off until next week. Announcement of particulars will be given later.

It has been reported that some would desire particular songs to be led during the worship services. Selections by members are to be encouraged. When you have any, please see brother's Hoggatt or Hostetler. They would welcome them.

Doesn't the outside of our building look better. Our newest members are having a big part to play in this. If the weather permits, within a few weeks, we hope to have the outside of our new addition done. Aren't you glad we went ahead with this building program?

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November 8, 1970

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In some hearts you find  
justice; in others,  
just ice.  
--Selected.

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IS IT WORSHIP?

I walked into a church one night,  
It was the hour of prayer.  
With burdens held within my breast,  
I looked for comfort there.  
It wasn't time for services yet,  
And so the members sat,  
And laughed and talked with greatest ease,  
Of some of this and that,  
I seemed to feel God's presence,  
And yet I wondered why.  
I thought the Lord would surely feel  
As out of place as I.  
The room, the lights, the pulpit  
All spoke of wondrous peace,  
But how could one commune with God  
Unless the talking ceased?

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Several months ago I challenged the church here to double its membership in the next two years. This meant that each one of us had to convert one person during the next twenty-four months. About one-fourth of that time has now passed. There have now been sixteen responses to the gospel since that time. (Three of these were at camp this summer.) Twelve of these have resulted in an increase in the Lord's church. Four were for rededication; three locally. Angles have been made to rejoice in heaven, as well as saints in the local church.

All of these have taken place since our spring meeting with brother Meadows. In that series of sermons we had him to emphasize personal evangelism. In the time that has passed many studies have been conducted in private homes. Several have been united with their Lord in baptism. Others have expressed the desire to worship with the church here by the New Testament pattern. The Word of God is still quick and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword. We can see why Paul wrote "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." 1Cor. 3:6. In verse 8 he continued-- "Now he planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour."

This verse put the emphasis of responsibility exactly where it should be--upon every Christian! But even as was declared to Solomon: "The half has never yet been told!" We have only begun to fight the good fight of faith! We have not yet striven against sin unto blood. People mistakenly say they can't do everything so they do not do anything. This is a very unrealistic attitude, and more important--it is fatal to the spiritual man!

God has never expected the impossible from his own. Name me one instance where God did not respond to the need of his servants! Give me one

example where God has ever failed to keep his end of the bargain. God provided Aaron to help Moses. There are a lot of Aarons in the church today. You do not need to hesitate because you feel you are inadequate to conduct a study in someone's home. Let it be known that you have a study you can set up and you will find those who are willing to help you.

Much good has been done in recent months. Much more good is yet to be done. YOU and I must do it with our talent or lack of talent. If you lack talent, look for an Aaron.

E.E.G.

#### IS IT WORSHIP? (cont. from front page)

Then as I sat, it almost seemed  
As if I saw the Lord,  
Come slowly through the open doors  
And pause without a word.  
He looked around so sadly,  
With eyes filled yet with love.  
His lips moved in a whisper,  
And His look was turned above.  
And as I too arose to go,  
I breathed a silent prayer--  
For those who sat and never knew  
That Jesus had been there. -----Selected

A CURIOUS THING-- It is a curious thing, but the more of others' burdens we bear, the greater is our strength to carry our own. "Bear ye one anothers burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) Christianity is outreaching! It is seen in demonstration as "faith works by love". The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." (Galatians 5:22,23).

Selected

## NEWS AND NOTES

The ladies who attended the fellowship at Glenwood congregation in Ft. Wayne yesterday reported a very inspiring fellowship and looked forward to having one here at Lagrange in the next few months. Paulding, Ohio is next, planning one in the early spring, then Lagrange, sometime in the early summer. The ladies reported more than 150 at the gathering. We encourage them in this effort.

Also the ladies are to meet Monday Nov. 16 at 12:30 in the afternoon at sister Brust's home to make tray favors. Sister Hostetler has a box given to her at the fellowship with several new ideas to try here.

Brother Stanley Day reported the first meeting in a rented hall was to be held today in Angola. They are meeting in the Ford library on the campus of Tri-State College. He asked that Lagrange send a family over each Sunday to help them get started. Brother and Sister Wilson are over there today. In a meeting yesterday with the Elders from So. Side congregation in Ft. Wayne, they agreed to sponsor the Angola work and urged the sister congregations in this area to support it every way they could. We pray God's richest blessings on this work. Presently, Lagrange is supporting Stan one day a week to work in this area and follow up some leads that we have from our last canvass.

It appears that winter is just around the corner. Let's set a day to finish up the finish work on the outside and get a concrete step in along the porch. How about this coming Saturday?

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L A G R A N G E

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November 15, 1970

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### Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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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### THIS LIFE OF OURS

It is a strenuous age in which we live; everyone tries to get ahead faster than the other fellow. Ideals are forgotten in the mad rush for supremacy. Brotherly love is something that seems to make a good subject for essays, but that is about all. Charity has been commercialized until all the sweetness has been squeezed out of it.

It seems that the greatest need of the world today is more old-fashioned character and kindness; a slowing up of the rush; long enough for some of us to realize that the best thing we can contribute to our times is tolerance and love. The surest method of receiving consideration is to give it. It is much more pleasant to slap a fellow on the back than to punch him on the jaw.

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SHALL I FORCE MY CHILD TO GO TO  
BIBLE SCHOOL AND WORSHIP?

Yes, and with no further discussion about the matter.

Startled? Why?

How do you answer Junior when he comes to the breakfast table Monday morning and says rebelliously, "I am not going to school today. You know Junior goes."

How do you answer when Junior comes in, very besmudged, and says, "I am not going to take a bath." You know Junior bathes.

How do you answer when Junior, threatened with illness, says, "I'm not going to take that medicine." You know he takes it.

That is, You - with more mature judgment in such matters can appreciate the values that Junior cannot in his immaturity.

Why all this timidity then in the realm of his spiritual guidance and growth?

Going to wait and let him decide what church he will go to later? Quit kidding yourself. You didn't wait until he was "old enough" to decide whether or not he wanted to go to school and get an education - or until he could make his mind up about being clean.

Afraid he will later succumb to the old wives tale about "too much religion when he was young - parents made me go" sort of gag? Look about you! The story is obviously false. What should a parent say to Junior? That's easy. Be consistent.

"Junior, in our home we attend Bible school and church; and that includes you." Your firmness and example will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion may travel to rich satisfying experiences in personal religious living.

For those who have not furnished an example of consistent faithfulness to God, there can be no good answer that can be given to Junior.

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THE PESSIMIST'S CREED

What's the use of sunshine?  
Only blinds your eyes.  
What's the use of knowledge?  
Only makes you wise.  
What's the use of smiling?  
Wrinkles up your face.  
What's the use of flowers?  
Clutter up the place.  
What's the use of eating?  
Seems like such a waste.  
What's the use of hustling?  
Never did like haste.  
What's the use of loving?  
Only brings you joys.  
What's the use of singing?  
Only makes you glad.  
What's the use of music?  
Just a lot of noise.  
What's the use of goodness  
When the whole world's bad?  
What's the use of health?  
"Cause you might get sick.  
What's the use of doing  
Anything but kick?

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HOW TO SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE

S -- eriously (Acts 17:11 2Tim. 2:15)  
E -- arnestly (Joshua 1:8 Psalms 119:11)  
A -- nxiously (John 20:31 Psalms 119:9)  
R -- egularly (Acts 17:11 Psalms 1:2)  
C -- arefully (Luke 24:27 2Tim. 3:16,17)  
H -- umbly (Luke 24:45: James 1:22)

(cont. from front page) It is a steep grade, this thing called life, and we should welcome every opportunity to give our comrades a lift when they need it.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was agreed last Thursday evening at Bible Study that we would move the mid-week services up to Wednesday evening this week because several of the members will be having family reunions on Thanksgiving day. So, remember, this week, services are Wednesday eve. at 7:30.

Much outside work was done yesterday but it looks as if another Saturday might be needed to finish cleaning up around the building. We appreciate all who have given of their time in order to get these necessary things done.

Brother Phil Brust is to be speaking this evening at the regular services.

Some, but not all, of our college students will be coming home this week for the holiday vacation. Within another couple of weeks perhaps all of them will be coming home. We look forward to their coming and sharing with us their experiences while away at school.

Due to illnesses, members away over the week end and the Wilson's attending at Angola, our attendance has been down, but some of these things are to be expected. Let's support as much as possible however our regular services and our Bible study meetings in homes of prospective members.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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November 22, 1970

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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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### THE LANGUAGE OF ASHDOD

In the New Testament we find a continual emphasis on pure and wholesome words. We are told to "hold fast the form of sound words" 2Tim. 1:13. We are told to speak the things which become sound doctrine. Simply stated--we are to call Bible things by Bible names!

In the writing of Nehemiah we find children who were the result of mixed marriages. The Jews had taken strange wives. The children seemed to speak a language that was a mixture of the two languages. They were the offsprings of marriages expressly forbidden by the Law. One of the main missions of the Jewish nation was to be a sanctified, or separate, people unto God. But the result of the marriages was a mongrel race speaking a corrupt language. They were neither "fish nor fowl".

They were on the downward course that had been taken by Solomon, King of Israel during her greatest glory, which had taken him to sin and sorrow.

In our present day we find the problem of the "language of Ashdod". Although there is no such thing as "mixed marriages" on account of nationalities, (Gal. 3:28) we find many words and phrases creeping into our own language that is questionable in nature. There are so many things that we hear today that I will not exhaust the list in this article.

One of the questions I was asked by a teacher at school was: "Are you building in front of the sanctuary?" Maybe this isn't so strange since I received a bulletin which stated that the chorus would sing in the sanctuary on Sunday evening. This bulletin was from "one of our own," not from a denomination! I suppose this referred to the room of the building where the public assembly is normally held, but I am not sure. I have been in the building, but failed to see the "sanctuary". I hope I am not being overly critical, but we profess to "call Bible things by Bible names!"

People talk about "joining the church", but I fail to read of non-Christians "joining the church". I believe a person can join the church only if he or she is already a Christian. Here, I am using the word "church" as a local assembly. Acts 9:26 states the apostle Paul (Saul) tried to join the church (disciples,) but the Christians were afraid of him. Put a person who is not a Christian must be added to the church by the Lord. A non-Christian may come to the meetings, but that does not make him a member of the church. To the person observing the assembly, he may appear to be a member, but sugar and salt look the same too. You can tell one from the other by what they do.

Some people refer to gospel preachers as "church of Christ preachers," and to members as "church of Christ members". This is the language of Ashdod". We should speak of gospel preachers, evangelists, ministers, (with a small "c") Christians, brethren, sisters, etc. (Let us be careful we do

not make "Brother" a title.) We may speak of ourselves as members of the church, because the Bible speaks of the church as her members.

People today, as in the past, do not bother to find out if something is in the Bible or not, or if it is used in the same way. For example, the word "pastor" is used interchangeably in the religious world to speak of the preacher, minister, etc. Many do not know that the words "pastor", "bishop", "elder", "presbyter", "overseer" are all used to refer to the same office, but not to the preacher or evangelist. The preacher may be an elder, but not always. An elder or bishop does not have to be a preacher; only a teacher.

We hear people today speaking of "baptism" of infants when they do not mean baptism at all, but sprinkling. Unfortunately, people seem to use the dictionary rather than the Bible to find out what the word "baptize" means. Only a good dictionary is "safe" to use to find the meaning of words. Their design is not to give the meaning so much, but how they are now used in our language. A good dictionary defines "baptize" --To dip or immerse in water in a baptismal ceremony. But the same dictionary gives the following definition of "baptism". "A Christian sacrament of spiritual rebirth by which the recipient is cleansed of original sin through the symbolic application of water." One definition is correct according to the Bible, the other incorrect. The only way we can know which is true is to "search the Scriptures".

We must avoid teaching, by word or deed, anything that is not found in the Bible. We are all entitled to our opinions in instances where God has not specifically spoken, but where God has spoken we have no liberty of so-called "interpretation". Let each of us strive to avoid the "language of Ashdod".

E.E.G.



## NEWS AND NOTES

A note to our visitors: Sometimes we fail to mention our appreciation for your presence, however we do extend to you a cordial welcome anytime that you can come. If you have questions or would like personal study on any Bible topic please feel free to ask one of the men, who will be happy to assist you.

A letter from brother Goebel Music's secretary this week informed us that brother Music confined to his bed for a two week period, as a result of a back injury from his accident. He is in cervical traction most of the time, and allowed up only for short periods. She states that because of this any correspondence from him will be delayed during this period of recuperation. We pray that he might soon be completely recovered.

We extend our best wishes and prayers again for our college group as they return for the final couple weeks of school before the long holiday vacation.

Starting today the Herald Of Truth television program will be heard over WSBT channel 22 at 12 o'clock. We all get home in time to see this and you will see that it is one of the finest television programs that you have seen. Be sure to tell you friends about it.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EXHORTER

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November 29, 1970

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### Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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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### THE BIBLE TEACHER

The teacher sat late into the night,  
With brow furrowed by the plight,  
Asking self: "Why struggle in labor and pain,  
When I cannot see the gain?"

The eyes became heavy and head declined;  
Then sleep overcame the mind,  
And in a dream a voice clearly came;  
A voice that called the teacher's name:

"Teacher of youth; why despair?  
Do not expect all your rewards there!  
The life you guide, the clay you mold;  
Will bring to you joy yet untold."

As training a colt is fulfilled in a horse,  
Even so must you set youth on a course;  
For labor is not wasted in youth's stead;  
But you are sending treasures on ahead.

As no man lives or dies to himself;  
Even so life is not enriched by wealth.  
But labor poured out on a soul:  
Will help others to attain the GOAL!

Think of yourself; where would you be,  
If someone did not in you a soul see?  
Likewise in your teaching, if a soul you save  
Then you will be glad for the time you gave."

When the teacher awakened to his knees he fell;  
And prayed: "Oh Lord, help me to teach well.  
Help my heart feel thy love throb,  
That I may continue in the world's greatest job!"

E. E. G.

#### PERSONAL WORK

Do you believe that God is concerned about the growth of the church? Or that He cares about its spiritual strength? Yes, God is concerned. He gave His Son for it. The apostles died for it.

Are you concerned for the church? Most of us are, but how concerned are we? Enough to fill our minds with the knowledge of God's Word? To demonstrate our faith in our giving? To fill it with personal workers who long to save souls? To reflect zeal and devotion to it?

Let's show the world that we care. Do these things and the church will grow, and our blessing will be in spiritual things. We shall be strong in faith, giving glory to God

This is the work of the church!!

--Selected

#### PLEASING ALL MEN

No one has set himself to a more impossible task than has the fellow who tries to do what everyone wants him to do and keep everybody happy. It can't be done. What one person thinks to be the proper thing to do offends another.

There is an old story which illustrates this quite well. A father and son were walking down a road leading a donkey. As they passed one man they heard him remark, "It looks like one of them would ride." So, the father put his son on the donkey. They had not gone far before they met another person who was displeased with the young man riding and making the old man walk. So, the son got off and the father rode. That is, he rode until they met another person who thought it shameful that a father would ride and make his son walk. So, the father got the son onto the donkey with him and they both rode. Soon they met another man who accused them of brutality to a dumb animal because both of them were riding on such a small donkey. Seeing this would not please everyone they both got off the donkey and began to carry it, for which they were charged with being insane. Now they put the donkey down and both began to walk leading the donkey. Thus, they were back to doing what they were doing when the first one came along that they tried to please. They tried to please everyone but failed.

From a religious standpoint we cannot please all men. Men's ideas of what a Christian should be and do are so adverse that what pleases one displeases another. Insofar as is possible we should try to gain and hold the good will and respect of those around us. How? By learning what is good and pleasing in the sight of God and doing it. When God is pleased with us, a reasonable man won't find much fault in us. The unreasonable wouldn't be pleased anyway.

--Cliff Stewart

--Glenwood Herald

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is wonderful to see our mid-week services attended so faithfully by our members (plus a few visttors). There were near 60 that were present last Thursday evening. We should all be encouraged and thankful for this faithfulness.

Brother Alan Warren's brother at Manchester, Ky. was killed in an accident and the Warren's are attending the funeral and will be gone this week-nd end. We are sorry for this news and extend our sympathy to the family.

The ladies tray making session will be meeting at sister Sharon Pieratt's house this Tuesday afternoon at 12:30.

Sue and Paula Hostetler expresses thanks to all who helped them financially to make the trip to the International Teen-age Youth meeting at Memphis, Tennessee .over Thanksgiving vacation.

Mary Helmer ( who operates the Log Cabin) is in the Kendallville hospital. She had surgery Friday. At this writing we cannot report on her progress. Remember her in your prayers.

Did you see the Herald Of Truth television last Sunday? It is on WSBT, channel 22 at 12 noon.

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## LANGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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December 6, 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.'
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### PPAYING OVER THE PLATE

In a very short verse Paul tells us to: "Pray without ceasing". I Thes. 5:17. In another verse he wrote: "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away". 2Tim.3:15.

Partially, at least, I base my "opinions" on praying in public upon these two verses, and teachings of the Lord. By "public prayers" I refer in general to praying in restaurants while alone; or in cafeterias of any type where a Christian goes to eat when all are not starting at the same time, and where a general public prayer is not offered. I believe we always ought to give thanks for all things al ways; but I believe that praying in restaurants or school lunch rooms is ostentatious (that is, a pretentious display or showiness)prayer. Jesus spoke of those who "made their prayers in public to be seen of men".

If I am eating alone in a restaurant or lunch room I do not offer prayer after the food is in front of me. If the life I live does not constantly remind people that I am a Christian, then going in to a "prayerful trance" over a lunch tray or plate will hardly convince them either.

I know people who slander, gossip, backbite and tell questionable stories, etc., (you know the type) who make a "big thing" of their "prayer over their plate". If our godliness is shown for the day over a tray or plate of food it will not be sufficient to get us to heaven. As far as I know, there is no reason why a person cannot pray with eyes open and face straight ahead. We can pray while waiting for the food to be served or while walking to the table with it.

I surely do not want to belittle the importance of prayer, but if private prayer is cheapened by public displays, then I do not believe we are in the attitude of "praying without ceasing". People who do this are drawing attention to their outward religion. If our prayer life is done to be seen of men then when we have been seen we have our reward. We are to "let our requests be made known unto God"; instead we are often saying to men; "Look how religious I am"! This is coming pretty close to "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof". Jesus taught that our private prayers were to be done in secrecy. It is to be a "going into our closets" instead of a public display like the washing of hands before we eat. Read Mt. 15:1-9. Again, in my opinion, we need not feel the need of "prayer over a plate" to have a meaningful prayer life; if so then perhaps we need to "examine ourselves whether we be in the faith". 2Cor. 13:5-a).

This is not written to force my opinions on you, but to get you to think. Prayer is a privilege, but I do not feel we need to "prove our love to God" by praying over a plate. I do not kiss my wife in public to prove I love her. People who have to kiss and lollygag around in public to

"prove their marriage" have a very shaky marriage. The married couple who spend much time kissing in public may soon be kissing goodby! If your wife or husband doesn't know you love them without you kissing them in public, then your kissing them in public is ostentatious and hypocritical!

Jesus said: "Let your light shine before, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. I do not list my prayer to God through Christ among the "good works" of my life. Do YOU??????

E.E.G.

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At eight or nine, if he were wise, sat still and seldom ran,  
Had weariness within his eyes, like you, he'd be a man.  
And if he ate with proper grace, the best of manners knew,  
Washed willingly his hands and face, he'd be as old as you.  
'Though fond of candy, cake, and pie; if he were strong of will  
And let a little satisfy--lest much make him ill--  
When playing, if he didn't shriek, as youngsters often do,  
But always softly thought to speak, he'd be as old as you.  
Time was you raced the place about, with strength and ardor fired,  
And just as loudly used to shout; time was you seldom tired.  
Why now command in manner grim, a grownup he should be?  
Remember, you were just like him, when you were as young as he.

Author Unknown

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following last Sunday evening services in which Kenneth Graybill, Sr. asked to be restored and placed membership in the congregation, his son

Iverett, Terry Swihart and Sandy Brovont was baptized into Christ. Also Sandy's husband, Aaron was restored and placed membership. We are made happy by these responses to our Lord's invitation and look forward to the fellowship with them.

There is a carry-in dinner planned for next Sunday, the 20th, in the south classroom. We hope that everyone can plan to stay and enjoy the dinner and fellowship together.

We are happy to welcome home all our college students. Congratulations to Mary Wilson on her graduation from David Lipscomb College.

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December 13, 1970

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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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Telephone No. 463-3571	us, and sink into that
	which is BENEATH US.

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### HAVE YOU HEARD??

That the three subjects about which Christ spoke the most were: money, hypocrisy, and the kingdom of God?

That three of the Ten Commandments deal with money?

That sixteen of the thirty-eight parables in the New Testament deal with money and stewardship?

That one verse out of every six in the Gospels deal with stewardship?

That the great question is not "HOW much must we give?" But, rather, "How much do we keep for ourselves?"  
--Selected

## GOD HAS NO GRANDCHILDREN

The parallel between the human family and man's spiritual relationship to God is limited to the first generation only. A man is God's son, or he is no kin whatever. There are no second or third generation descendants.

Jesus Christ has spiritual brothers and sisters only. He has no nieces, nephews, or cousins once or twice removed.

The reason for these interesting facts is that, whereas our physical birth is an involuntary event in which we are totally passive, having no voice whatever in the choice of our ancestry, the spiritual (new) birth is a matter of our active and deliberate choice of God as our father.

And this is a choice which each individual in each succeeding generation must make for himself. Thus no man or woman can be saved through the faith and obedience of earthly parents, however godly; nor will our love and prayers on behalf of our offspring suffice to save them, no matter how fervently we yearn for their souls.

We hear the current childish protest: "But mother, I'd rather do it myself!" In religion, this is the only way it can be done. Mother and Dad may teach junior how to obey God; they may motivate him to want to obey God; but they can never obey God for him!

And when God's children's children are born again through gospel obedience, they, too, become God's children - the brothers and sisters of their own fathers and mothers!

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I In respect of physical kinship, this may sound a little confusing, but it keeps one's spiritual pedigree very simple indeed. For as a Christian, your family tree is never longer than two generations: God and You!

## THE LORD'S CHURCH

This church pleads for the restoration of the New Testament church; practices the unity of all Christians on the basis of God's word; has no creed but Christ; and preaches no "isms".

This church seeks to present Christianity, as intelligent as science, as intimate as home, and as inspiring as love.

The foundation - "Other foundations can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." I Cor. 3:11

The creed - "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." Matt. 16:16

The rule of Faith and Practice - Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction, which is in rightness; that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work." 2 Tim. 3:16-17

The name - "The disciples were called Christians the first at Antioch." Acts 11:26. "The churches of Christ salute you." Romans 16:16

The worship - And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers." Acts 2:42

The mission - "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matt. 28:19-20

The prayer - That the disciples of Christ: may all be one that the world may believe God sent Him. John 17:21

The invitation - We earnestly invite the cooperation and prayers of all who endorse these principles.

--Selected

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE:** This Tuesday evening the Southside congregation in Ft. Wayne invites all the young people to a pot-luck supper for the benefit of the returning college students that are home for the holiday season. Time is at 7 o'clock. \*\*\*\*\* Also, next Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6, the young people are invited to a private party skating party at Eby Pines Roller Rink. To get the details on this see either Perry Miller or Jerry Pace.

Approximately 20 youth, including teachers for their classes are visiting the newly established church in Angola this morning. We miss them very much here in the assembly but know that brother Stanley Day and his wife are happy to have them come over.

Everyone is invited to stay for the meal following the morning services today. Whether you planned to stay or brought anything along for dinner makes no difference - please stay anyway.

It has been suggested that we change mid-week services this week to Wednesday night. This decision should be made by this evening if everyone is in favor.

Herald Of Truth-Today, 12 Noon- Channel 22- See!

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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December 20, 1970

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#### Schedule of Regular Services

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Preaching fails that  
only charms, not changes.  
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AS A CHILD, we were told the story of a little train going up a hill. This little train had a high hill to climb and was rather weak in power but was very optimistic and with every huff and puff it said, "I think I can, I think I can," until finally it reached the top of the hill.

This story was told us while little, to teach us the principle of endurance until a job is accomplished. Why is it that when little trains grow up to be big trains they get sidetracked, then when you go by and say, "Let's go to Bible study," they will sit there spinning their wheels saying, "I know I should but... I know I should but..."

It is high time to get off these sidetracks that are keeping our attendance down and get back on the main line to heaven by being present at every service to do what we can.

Grown-ups know the value of teaching these principles to children, but they would be a hundred times more valuable if they would practice them in their own lives, pointing out to the young how they work as they go along.

David M. Mosley--

## HOW MANY CHURCHES DID JESUS BUILD

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said: "I will build my church." In Ephesians 1:22,23 Paul said that God has made 'him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body...' In Ephesians 4:4, we learn that there is but 'one body'.

In our country alone, there are over 300 different churches, all claiming Jesus as their head, and yet with different names, organization and teaching. Can you imagine what a grotesque figure it would make to draw a picture of a man with but one head, and 300 different bodies of all sizes, shapes and colors? And yet, this is what man is claiming of the body of Christ, the church! Jesus said, 'I will build my church', and I believe that he did!

In the New Testament, we may read of a church that bears the name of it's head. It's told to, 'speak the same thing, and that there be no division among you!' (1 Corinthians 1:10) In other words, here Paul tells that church to be united, and to all teach the same doctrine. We couldn't all agree on any MAN'S doctrine, so it behooves us to speak the 'oracles of God'. (1 Peter 4:11).

If we do these things, we'll be just Christians and members of the church we read about in the New Testament. Won't you investigate the Church of Christ. (Romans 16:16)

--Selected  
Via Ypsilanti News

## HOW MANY TIMES?

How many times did Adam and Eve have to eat forbidden fruit to surely die? (Gen. 3:3)

How many times did Cain have to kill Abel to become a murderer? (Genesis 4:14)

How many times does a sow have to return to the mire to become filthy? (2 Peter 2:22)

## NEVER WRONG

If there was a doctor in your town who never was wrong in diagnosing a patient's illness and in telling him what to do about it and there were 20 doctors who sometimes made mistakes, which one would you go to? If there was a weather forecaster on channel 5 who was always right but the one on channel 11 was sometimes wrong, who would you watch and listen to? Or suppose there was an investment firm who always helped you make a profit every time you went to them and three other firms in town who sometimes caused you to take a loss, which firm would you do business with?

If there was a God who had never made a mistake, had never told a lie, always diagnosed man's problems accurately and given the right remedy, had never made a false prediction, and was now telling each man how to make a profit greater than the total worth of all the world by saving his soul, while the ways of men were always wrong in religion who would you go to, do business with and listen to??? Yes who??

--Selected  
A CURIOUS THING--It is a curious thing, but the more of others' burdens we bear, the greater is our strength to carry our own. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2). "Look not every man on his own things but also on the things of others." (Phil. 2:4) Christianity is outreaching! It is seen in demonstration as "faith works by love." The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." (Gal. 5:22,23)--Sel.

## HOW MANY TIMES? (cont.)

How many times can a Christian forsake the assembly without sinning? (Hebrews 10:25)

We would do well to study and meditate upon the four statements above, if we as Christians are to save our soul and those of others.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will miss the Gieseke's today. They took this opportunity to go home for the holidays, with Earl being out of school for a couple of weeks.

In brother Gieseke's place in the pulpit this morning will be brother Phil Brust. We appreciate Brother Phil's willingness to to speak in Earl's absence. Also this evening, brother Jerry Pace will be giving the lesson. As you remember, Jerry was the one who started the evening rotation of speakers and we have concluded one round. Now would be a fine time to say "thanks" to everyone who gave a lesson in "round one". Many good lessons were given.

There were some sixty present last evening at the Eby Pines Roller party planned for all the "young" people. Besides a few aching muscles, a good time was had by all. We wish to thank Perry and Hazel Miller for the wonderful "eats" at their house after the skating session.

### A NEW YEAR!

As we ponder over the accomplishments of the church here during the past year, we can only thank God for the new opportunities that have opened unto us. May this past year serve only to awake us to the wonderful blessings that belong to those who are busy in the Lord's work.  
So long to the old year!

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Most of us don't mind what we OUGHT to do--If it does not interfere with what we WANT to do.

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#### THE FAMILY TREE OF SUCCESS

The father of success is WORK. The mother of success is AMBITION. The oldest son is COMMON SENSE. Some of the other boys are: PERSEVERANCE, LOYALTY, COURTESY, ECONOMY, SINCERITY, AND HUMILITY. The oldest daughter is CHARACTER. Some of the other girls are: CHEERFULNESS, HONESTY, THOROUGHNESS, FORESIGHT, ENTHUSIASM, and COOPERATION. The baby is OPPORTUNITY. Get acquainted with the "old man" and you will likely be able to get along "swell" with the other members of the family.

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Truth and Service

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The waters of God's blessings flow downward, and he who would drink them must stoop. --Sel.

## FRACTIONAL DISCIPLES

In a national magazine I recently read a concise description of the average American voter. He is 45, had 2.5 children, 1.3 cars and .7 of a lawnmower. I am not sure how a man can have .7 of a lawnmower, or .5 of a child, but people who own Renaults can understand having .3 of a car.

These figures set me thinking about the average Christian. If we could conduct a poll, what would the statistics show? Would we have fractional disciples like:

The average member of the church is 43.  
He attends 2.7 services a month. His contributions represent 1.8% of his income. He offers 5.3 prayers a year (excluding grace at meals). He had invited .4 of his neighbors to worship with him, and has taught .017 persons the gospel of Christ.

Our fractions are crimping the church. This fictional characterization of Mr. Average Christian may be fanciful, but I suspect, comes closer to the truth than we care to admit. And, it certainly is contrary to the description of the Bible.

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine. . . ." "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul. . . ." "And everyday, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and to preach. . . ."

Down with fractions! Up with wholeheartedness. It is the better way.

Lakeland, Florida

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MOTTO OF A PREACHER -- I'd like to dress and act in such a way that no one would suspect that I was a preacher but yet so that no would be surprised if he was to find out that I was one.

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## WHERE REAL RELIGIOUS UNITY IS--

Unity among the followers of Christ can be found only in the church revealed in the New Testament. Jesus proposes the one church of the Bible, "that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross." Ephesians 2:16.

The fundamentals of this unity are found clearly set forth in Ephesians 4:4,5. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Unity will be found and enjoyed only when we come to have these seven basic elements of unity:

1. One God, the unity of worship.
2. One Lord, the unity of authority.
3. One Spirit; the unity of revelation.
4. One faith, the unity of belief.
5. One baptism, the unity of practice.
6. One body, the unity of organization.
7. One hope, the unity of destiny.

For this unity every person should strive, through sacrifice of personal preference for the preference of God, through study of the word of God and a faithful pursuit of the revealed will of God, "with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." Philipians 1:27.

The beautiful picture of New Testament Christianity was described: "And all that believed were together and had all things common." Acts 2:44. "And how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalms 133:1.

--From Moment of Cheer

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None can comprehend eternity but the eternal God. Eternity is an ocean where we shall never see the shore; it is a deep where we can find no bottom; a labyrinth from where we cannot extricate ourselves and where we shall never lose the door. --Sel.