

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is wonderful to reflect on the events of last year and file them away in our memory. Many things happened, some that makes us happy, some that makes us sad. All of them, I trust, were for our good.

We know not what shall befall us this coming year, but our work, individually, is cut out for us. We must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If we do this, each day will take care of itself. No matter what happens, we will be "in Christ". Grace and peace from God and our Lord Jesus Christ, to every member of the church for the coming year.

We have enjoyed the presense of all the college people for the past two weeks. It is good to see all of the young people fellowship together. As we are separated for another length of time, we pray God's richest Blessings upon each.

This evening at 6 o'clock is our regularly scheduled singing at Marks Nursing Home. Some have to be gone but as usual, we know that we can count on nearly everyone to be there.

Are you watching the Herald Of Truth television program on Sundays at 12 noon? It comes on channel 22, South Bend. Let's make it a part of our life for 1971.

Sister Margaret Tuttle is in the hospital for some tests. Carl Pieratt's left for Missouri this week for a couple of months. We will miss them from our services.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

January 3, 1971

Schedule of Regular Services

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| 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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WOULD YOU STARVE YOUR CHILD?

Would you have the heart to put your children to bed on Saturday night, knowing that they had not had a bite to eat all day because of your negligence? You would not.

Then think of putting them to bed on Sunday night and looking into their innocent faces, knowing that their souls are starving from having missed church services because of your neglect. They are innocent victims of the one who loves them most---
The effects of our neglect may be written across their lives in later years in terms of sin, unfaithfulness, and unbelief. Parents, don't allow this to happen to your children and you.
--Selected

" FLOQUENT HEARING"

We demand eloquence in a speaker. We expect the preacher to speak well to be prepared and master of his topic at all times. Two things are indispensable to effective teaching - eloquent preaching and eloquent hearing. It is just as important that listeners be taught how to hear as it is for the preacher to be taught what and how to speak. Many lessons of everlasting possibilities have fallen short of their intent because they have fallen on unattentive or unappreciative ears. The greatest obstacle to the teaching of the truth is indifferent hearing. Give the gospel an honest hearing and the desired results will follow. HOW DO YOU HEAR? One youth thought an old preacher was dull and uninteresting, but finally the young person began to listen more carefully and discovered that actually the preacher wasn't at fault at all. The trouble had been the listener himself - he hadn't used eloquent ears. Jesus says, "Take heed how ye hear." The Master so often closed his discourses with, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Three things to be cultivated in hearing are:

1. Attention. Train yourself to follow the speaker. This is a courtesy you owe him.
2. Meditation. "Keep" what you "hear" by reflecting upon it.
3. Obedience. Act on what you hear. This will keep the soul alive and make you an even better listener next time. He who hears the truth without obeying it only hardens his own heart.

--Selected

--Newton Gribble

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

Study your Bible

Pray regularly

Visit the sick

Send a card of cheer

Encourage the weak

Commend someone's work

Count your blessings!!!!!!

TAX-EXEMPT INVESTMENT

A tax assessor came one day to a poor minister of the gospel to determine the amount of taxes the minister would have to pay. "What property do you possess?" asked the assessor. "I am very wealthy," replied the minister. "List your possessions, please," the assessor instructed.

"I have everlasting life (John 3:16), a mansion in heaven (John 14:2) peace that passeth understanding (Phil. 4:7) joy unspeakable (I Peter 1:8), a faithful and pious wife (Proverbs 31:10), healthy, happy, obedient children (Exodus 20:12) true, loyal friends (Proverbs 18:24) songs in the night (Psalms 42:8), and a crown of life (James 1:12)."

The tax assessor closed his book and said, "truly you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

How very few people realize that the greatest blessings are tax free? How many work and strive for more of the taxable possessions (which they must soon leave here) and go from this life as spiritual paupers, with no "treasures" for eternity. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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THE CHURCH is not a refrigerator for preserving of perishable piety. It is a dynamo for charging human wills with power. THE OBJECT of the church is not to tell men how to dodge difficulties, but to furnish strength and courage to meet them. THE BUSINESS of the church isn't to furnish hammocks for the lazy; it is rather to offer well-fitting yokes for drawing life's loads. THE MAN who does not support the church practically casts a vote for its abolition.

--Selected

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There has been some sickness in the congregation since the holidays, and we miss all of these from our regular services. Goldie Pulley has been in the hospital since the first of the week, bronchial pneumonia being the cause. She is about the same as of this writing. She is in oxygen nearly all the time. Let us remember all of the sick in our prayers and especially Goldie that they may be returned to health.

The ladies class will begin on a new book this Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the church building. All the ladies are invited to attend and participate in mutual discussion. If you do not have a study book, see sister Hostetler. A new method of teaching, where each will take her turn, is planned for the new study.

Brother Jerry Pace has accepted the job of coordinating the personal work program for the congregation here. If any of us has leads or contacts for Bible study, see brother Pace and he will schedule someone for study. We wish him the best in this work.

Brother Kenneth Graybill has been given the job of ushering at the Sunday services for this year. We should all cooperate with him for the best seating arrangement and convenience of, especially, our visitors. For a better planned worship service, for the most part, we should leave the back seats for late comers, visitors and mothers with small children.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

January 10, 1971

Schedule of Regular Services

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| Sunday Morning Bible Study | 9:30 A. M. |
| Worship Services | 10:30 A. M. |
| Evening Worship Services | 7:00 P. M. |
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"For every minute you are angry, you lose sixty seconds of happiness."

A critic of our times recently made this comment. "There is something wrong with a civilization and culture in which a man can write a dirty play or novel and be called an 'artist' and a woman can rear a number of Christian boys and girls and be classed as an 'unemployed housewife'. Indeed there is something seriously wrong in our sense of values. The Christian evaluation of the home gives greater honor to the faithful wife and mother than to any sterile 'career' which might be offered her.

A visitor was admiring the beautiful marble statue of Lincoln in Washington, D. C. Someone said, "Wouldn't you give anything to be the artist who created that masterpiece in art?" The visitor replied with keen discernment when she said, "I had much rather be the mother who created the man."

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

A young man working for a large department store, was told by his employer that he would be required to work on Sunday. It so happened that the hours assigned to him would have prevented his attending the worship services. The young man informed his employer that he would not be able to work under these circumstances, and his employer told him he would have to let him go.

A few days later the young man answered an ad in the paper which advertised for a bank teller. In checking the young man's previous employers, the bank president contacted the department store's head for a recommendation. The store manager replied, "Why yes, I'll be glad to recommend him. He will make you a good man. I just fired him a few days ago." The bank president exclaimed, "I don't understand. Why would you recommend a man whom you most recently dismissed from your service?" The store manager explained the circumstances under which the boy was released and remarked, "I know he will make a good man for your bank because if he won't steal from the Lord's time, he won't steal your money."

How much of the Lord's time have we stolen? Are we not stealing from the Lord when we miss the services of the church for any reason we can help? Are we not guilty of this when we stay at home to entertain our relatives, go to ball games, attend the movie, or just stay at home because we are tired?

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SO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF FAITHFUL

1. Is a car that starts once out of seven times "faithful"?
 2. Is a refrigerator that quits for a day now and then "faithful"?
 3. Is your paper boy "faithful" if he misses you with your paper every few mornings?
 4. If you fail to come to work two or three days each week would you be faithful to your job?
- NOW IF YOU FAIL TO COME TO WORSHIP GOD ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH, ARE YOU REALLY "FAITHFUL"?

___Selected

"I WANT MY CHILD TO HAVE EVERYTHING"

We shower our children with "everything" they ask for. First toys; then pocket money; then clothes; cars; then all their cultivated tastes ask for, as much as we can dig up for them. And our only excuse for this is the cry, "I love my child! I want him to have everything possible." Our children then grow up without discipline, without the will to work, without moral and religious training--without the qualities that will make them men and women to be proud of. It is strange to note that ~~the~~ of the most disgusting criminals of this decade were young men "from a good home".

I want to suggest now three new things that we can give to our children. I know they will be more useful to him than a new bicycle or wrist watch. I want to give warning that these are very expensive gifts, as were the gold, frankincense and myrrh given on another occasion to another child.

The first is called CHASTENING. "Whom the Lord loves, he chastens," If we do wrong, we are chastened. So if our child does wrong, let him be chastened. by a sorrowing, reluctant parent (by all means) but by a firm hand. This is a wonderful gift to the child and will become more precious to him as he grows older.

The next gift is EXAMPLE. I look with amazement at a parent who sends his child to Sunday School, but who does not go himself. Or, one who wilfully keeps his family home from any service of the church--thus lessening the importance of the church to his children. Does he imagine that his offspring will think such things as faith and obedience to God important in the face of his parent's practical denial? Let him show his child how wonderful God is. This is a lovely gift.

The third gift is TIME. This will perhaps be thought the most expensive, since everyone knows that time is money. Very well, spend it on the child that you love. Don't get so busy climbing the social ladder that you can't give yourself to those that you love!

If you have not given your child these things, you have not given him very much of anything.

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For the men : This coming Friday evening is the area wide mens' fellowship to be held at the Gateway Plaza (formerly Sveden House) in Ft. Wayne. Some of the brethren here are planning to go. I'm sure there can be traveling room arranged for any who would care to go, who had not planned to.

It was thought that a special class would be helpfull to the men of the congregation on the different phases of the worship service, and how we could all better serve. Time will be announced soon.

For the Ladies: Tomorrow, Monday 18 at 12:30 in the afternoon is another scheduled tray favor session at the home of sister Hoggatt. If any need rides let her know.

Also the ladies Tuesday evening class will meet at 7:30 at the church building. They urge all the ladies to attend.

Sister Pulley is still in the hospital but is improving right along. Others who we know and have been to our services are also in the hospital. We pray for the speedy recovery of each and every one.
See Herald Of Truth over channel 22 at noon today.

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

E X H O R T E R

January 17, 1971

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| Sunday Morning Bible Study | 9:30 A. M. |
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I AM GLAD I AM A TEACHER

Have you ever come from church services, saying to yourself, "Where are these great spiritual blessings they tell us Christ gives? Why don't I feel more uplifted and filled when I come home from church?" There may be reasons and our prayer to God must be that He help us to find the things we need through the scriptures. One of the reasons, possibly, is our failure to grasp the opportunity, even the responsibility that each of us is given to be a teacher of the Word of divine things. How many times have I heard a fellow Christian say, "Oh, you mean you teach a class of little kids? Oh, you poor thing, you're a **glutton** for punishment." My mental reaction to such a statement is "You" poor thing, if you haven't tried it, you don't know the wealth of the blessings you are missing!" (cont. p. 3)

PERSPECTIVE

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord,
and whose hope the Lord is. (Jer. 17:7)

In a world of materialism it is difficult to find one who fully trusts in Jehovah God! We are in the midst of an age of skepticism regarding religion. Materialism has, as always, taken its toll of pseudo-religionist. The world is filled with people who seem to be religious "loophole lawyers." They read the Bible to find loopholes that suit their taste. Their desire is not to see their purpose in life as revealed in the Bible, but to avoid their duty by applying the "loophole law." The "loophole law" lets them do anything the Bible does not specifically forbid. Instead of using the New Testament as a book of positive laws they try to find out how many things they can do because the Bible doesn't say they cannot.

Haven't you seen people (not yourself, of course! (?)) who try to justify their action by saying: "Well, the Bible doesn't say you have to do so and so;" or, "The Bible doesn't say you can't."

The Bible says we are to worship God in spirit and in truth. Instead of looking for an absence of Scripture for doing something, wouldn't it be better to look for Scriptures as a reason for doing something and calling it worship, or a good work?

Anything we can find an example of early Christians doing that was acceptable to God as worship we can feel that it will be acceptable today. As I have said many times--"We are to have a command; an example; or a necessary inference before we can do anything and call it worship to God!"

Religious people talk about the "clergy" and "laity." We must be reading from different Bibles, for I have never read anywhere in my Bible that there was ever any distinction in the New Testament church. All were Christians; brethren; disciples; saints, and children of God, but no where

do we find any artificial structure condoned by the inspired writers! No, the Bible does not say there can't be a "clergy-laity" concept, but it does give the pattern, and the pattern does not include this idea; but rather it condemns it.

Let each of us learn to speak as the Bible speaks. Let us lead the way in Bible study so that all may come to a greater knowledge of the wonderful Word of God. Knowledge of the Bible is the key to heaven.

E.E.G.

I AM GLAD I AM A TEACHER (cont.)

Poor thing indeed! There are few moments so precious as to see the dancing eyes of a little child as he sees a big fish, (made from a bleach bottle) literally swallow up Johah, (puppet) and then to see the relief come and his whole body relax and settle against his chair when he sees that, "God took care of Jonah and He will take care of us too, if we obey Him."

Me poor thing? When I hear from three seats back the loud whisper, "Mommy, that's my teacher" . . . When I receive the most moving, most enjoyable, most blest filled hour of the week? No, I wouldn't trade all of that for a comfortable chair in a quiet classroom; and who knows, that Bible class you teach may lead someone to heaven who otherwise might not have seen the way. Sorry, friend, that poor thing isn't ME!

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If you are granted all your wishes you will double your troubles.

If fault-finding were electrified some people would be a powerhouse.

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A new class is being started this evening and will continue for a few weeks as interest is shown. The subject that will be covered this evening is the subject of prayer. We hope to make this a practical class to help all the men and young men of the congregation lead in the public prayers of the church. We urge all the male members of the congregation to attend the class which will meet at 6 o'clock in place of the personal work class in the south classroom. Brother Gieseke will be the discussion leader for the subject of prayer.

There will also be a class for the teenage girls this evening at 6 o'clock with Mary Wilson leading the discussion. She invites all the young girls to attend, and we are certain that this will be a profitable class for them.

Ladies class meets this Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the church building.

Sister Pulley is still in the hospital but is feeling much better and expects to be released soon. We hope that she can soon be at the services again.

We are happy that Aaron Brovont's have moved to Lagrange and also that Riley Graybill's will be moving closer. Thanks to all those who helped Brovont's in their move.

An accident report in the Elkhart paper said that a Blain Conley was killed. Blaine is the youngest son of Kanzie Conley who used to worship with us. Also hurt seriously was James Conley. He is in the Elkhart hospital. Pray for him.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

January 24, 1970

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| Worship Service | 10:30 A. M. |
| Evening Worship Service | 7:00 P. M. |
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"I WILL FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS"
(But, if I had planned his route)

HE most likely would have by-passed Samaria - too much prejudice there.

HE probably would have declined the invitation to dine with Levi - all people knew of the lewd character of tax collectors. Surely Jesus would not want to risk his reputation.

HE would probably have forbidden His disciples to pluck corn on the Sabbath day. To break such a custom of long standing would certainly hurt someone's feelings.

IF we follow the footsteps of Jesus, we will be led into the midst of the basest of sinners, as well as among "good" lost people. Christ's fearless, undaunted attack upon sin came about because He did not focus His eyes so much upon (Cont. P. 3)

EVANGELIZE OR DIE!

"They that win souls are wise;" is a paraphrase of Proverbs 11:30-b. We could rightly say then that those who do not win souls are unwise. I have heard all the excuses as to why we are not winning more souls; in fact as many Christians have, I also have used them. But the fact of the matter is Christians--the excuses will sound pretty flimsy on the great and notable day of the Lord! As a famous man of the past said: "We have nothing to fear except fear itself!" John settles the matter of fear when he writes to us: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." I John 4:18.

Let's analyze the situation. Has not our Lord promised to be with those who are trying to fulfill the great commission of Matthew 28:18-20? Does it follow that he is not with us unless we are trying to carry out these commands? Jesus said that we cannot serve two masters. If we are serving Christ we cannot serve Satan; but if we are not serving Christ then who else is left to serve? God has never been tried and found wanting; but many have failed to try him!

It was decided previous to brother Meadow's meeting that we would have an emphasis on personal evangelism during the early part of the meeting. Following that we started a class for those who wanted to improve their talent in the area of personal evangelism. Since that time there have been many wonderful occasions to rejoice with the angels in heaven as one after another have accepted the plea of the Bible. Since our spring meeting there have been sixteen new members added to the number here according to my figures. There have been seven additional responses of people to the gospel in a little less than a year. Isn't this great? But it has only started! At each conversion to Christ we should be opening up new avenues to other people who need to obey the teaching of the New Testament!

Brethren, there isn't any place for this to stop this side of eternity!

Brother Jerry Pace has been asked, and has accepted the great challenge, to serve as our director of personal evangelism. We have all come to know, appreciate and love dearly, this fine Christian and his wife during the short time they have been among us. (not to mention sweet little Sherry, their daughter.) Jerry will not be doing your personal work for you! He couldn't if he wanted to. "Every man must bear his own burden." (Personal evangelism is anything but a burden. It is absolutely great to teach someone the saving gospel of Christ.) He will act as a coordinator of the program we attempt. He will be responsible for records of studies, both past and present. Your full cooperation will be appreciated in this. Please give Jerry the name of anyone with whom you are presently studying. Also he needs the names of those with whom you have studied in the past. Please give any information that will be of value in future contact of the people if they were not baptized into Christ as a result of your study. We hope to have an accurate record of all contacts.

E.E.G.

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("I will follow the footsteps of Jesus") cont.

sin as upon the Sinner. His life expressed a compassion for the predicament of the Sinner. Love for Souls was our Master's motivation, and the ridding of sin became its natural by-product. When the love in our hearts for the soul of a prostitute is bigger than our condemnation of her sins; and when our love for the hypocrite overpowers our disgust for hypocritical living - THEN we will begin harvesting Souls as Jesus did.

Christ dared to be a peculiar teacher - do we dare to be His peculiar people??

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We are happy to report that a new brother and sister has been born unto the family of God and added unto the church at LaGrange. Joe and Kathy Hughes obeyed the gospel Friday evening. We have come to love and appreciate this good couple and look forward to a mutual work and fellowship with them in the Lord's work here.

If anyone has knowledge of those who would desire a Bible study or Filmstrip survey of the Bible in their home, tell brother Jerry Pace who will be scheduling those who can go.

The special class for the male members of the congregation will be held again this evening with brother Jerry Pace leading the discussion. The topic is regarding the Lord's Supper. Time is at 6 o'clock.

Also at 6 o'clock, Mary Wilson will continue her class with the teenage girls. This will probably be the last time Mary will be here for a few weeks as she will be starting her graduate work at Purdue. We will miss her and pray the Lord will take care of her in her work ahead.

Sister Pulley returned home last Thursday, but is not well enough to come to worship yet.

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

E X H O R T E R

January 31, 1971

Schedule of Regular Services

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| Sunday Morning Bible Study | 9:30 A.M. |
| Worship Service | 10:30 A.M. |
| Evening Worship Service | 7:00 P.M. |
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The best way to settle
a quarrel is to let the
innocent forgive the
guilty. Sel.

A BRAVE SOLDIER

A fine lad entered the army. On the first night in the barracks when he went to bed, he faced a real test. At home, he had the habit of reading the Bible and kneeling down to pray before retiring. In the barracks he was entirely surrounded by rough fellows. Many of them were cursing and joking loudly. The lad thought it might be wise to go to bed and read his Bible where nobody would notice him.

Then he thought and boldly decided, I'm a Christian! I ought to be an example for Jesus before the fellows. I won't pull down my colors. I will do here like I always did at home. So he took out his Bible and read it. Then he knelt down to pray. The barracks became as quiet as a church. After a while, the talk began again, but it was more subdued. (Cont.p.2)

THE ART OF GETTING ALONG

Sooner or later a man, if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take. He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul--that he should let some things go over his head, like water off a duck's back.

He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses. He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now and then, and that he shouldn't take the other fellow's grouch too seriously.

He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get into a fight. He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others.

He learns that most people are human and it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit so long as the business shows a profit.

He comes to realize that the business could get along very well without him. He learns that no man ever got to first base alone and that it's only through cooperative effort that we move on to better things.

He learns that people are not any harder to get along with in one place than in another and that "getting along" depends about 98% on himself.

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A BRAVE SOLDIER (Cont. from front page)

No one said anything about the young soldier's unusual behavior. But the next night when he opened his Bible, eight other soldiers got out their Bibles.

Within a month every soldier in the barracks would have fought for the lad. They came to him with their questions and their troubles. He influenced more men in the barracks for good than a dozen ministers could have in a year of Sundays.

Selected via Swartz Creek Bulletin

THE ONE CALLED "THEY"

There are a good many shady characters here and there. Not a few innocent people are often made the "Goat" for the mistakes of others. But the fellow called, "THEY" is about the worst I ever heard of. What I can't understand is why "THEY" every came into the church in the first place!!!!

If sin is found in the church "THEY" brought it in! If the collection is low, "THEY" robbed the Lord! If attendance drops, "THEY" is the one who caused it. If the singing drags, "THEY" is always to blame. And that man "THEY" is certainly very cold and unfriendly.

And what about personal work, "THEY" is not doing his job. And when work is to be done "THEY" is never around to do it. In fact come to think about it this fellow "THEY" has more vices than a dog has fleas.

Don't you think we ought to do something about "THEY" - Withdraw fellowship or something???? But who is he? He is certainly a hard fellow to put your finger on. But I'll tell you how you can find him. First, get ready, a real hard look so you can immediately let him know what you are thinking about him. Show you have courage to stand up to his kind. Second, Get that accusing finger pointed straight firm and hard. Third, avoid all mirrors--because perhaps you really don't have the courage to face him after all.

Selected

IS IMMERSION BAPTISM??? Has anyone ever accused you of believing in water salvation?

Immersion alone is not baptism. Baptism is a combination of belief, repentance, confession of faith in Christ as God's Son, and immersion. Without any one of these, immersion is only immersion; one goes into the water a dry sinner, and comes out a wet sinner. Baptism is a complete obedience to each and every commandment of God. Immersion will not save one, baptism will. Immersion is not necessarily baptism, but baptism is immersion.

--by Sturgill Summers

ANNOUNCEMENTS - continued from second page

One of the best announcements and one which should have been put first is that Joe Oakley and his wife Lois obeyed the gospel last Wednesday evening. We rejoice with God's angels over these and the other recent converts and pray that they will remain true to their calling throughout their life.

Let's not forget the singing at Mark's Nursing Home this evening at 6 o'clock. A good turn-out by the church here to these singings brings appreciation from the patients there and certainly to know their appreciation brings more encouragement to all of us.

We are sorry to announce that the Country Inn (restaurant owned by Harold and Kay Eller) burned badle Friday night. It happened during the early hours of the morning so there was no one there. It is not known yet as to the extent of the damage, but they do appreciate the willingness of many to help.

Ladies Bible class will meet this Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the church building.

Watch Herald Of Truth today at noon, channel 22.

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

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February 7, 1971

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Do not expect God to use
you as a lighthouse some-
where else if He cannot
use you as a candle where
you are. --Sel.

IRONICAL, ISN'T IT??

Within the memory of our older members, men worked twelve hours a day, six days a week and still had time to be neighborly, to go to church, and actually to live. Few people went beyond the borders of their own county, some not outside of their own township. They had no radio, no television, and usually only the county paper once a week. Montgomery Ward and Sears catalogs furnished most of the reading material. Folks traveled in horse drawn vehicles, on horseback, or on foot not too hurriedly, always with time to visit. The small schoolhouse and the church house were the local points of the community interest. People had time to think, to pray, to read the Bible and to go to church.

Now we have a forty-hour week, we travel in automobiles, we have phones, radios, TV sets, books, magazines and newspapers. We have gadgets and gimmicks for easy living and we have less time than ever before. We go, go, go and having gone, find ourselves worn out and restless. The leisure time provided by the forty-hour week is dissipated in endless going and surfeited living. It doesn't make sense. The church is caught in the vertex of this whirling, feverish restlessness. A sixty minute service is too long, two services on the Lord's Day are too much. The midweek service is almost an impossibility. We rush madly from one meeting to the next, and we have not the time to read the Bible or to talk to God. It is silly and ironical, isn't it?

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A card from the Huntington congregation announced an area wide singing next Sunday, Feb. 14th at 3 o'clock. The church building is located on South Broadway St.

We have been asked by the Coldwater congregation to help collect some food items for the Mid-Western Children's Home near Dayton, Ohio. A letter is on the bulletin board as to the items which they have asked us to build up by next June. Two items specifically are Cake Mixes and Cocoa. The request is for a year's supply for 60 people. How about picking up this challenge, brethren and try to deliver this by then?

Camp application forms are here and available to any of the young people for camp registration. Also in the folder is a form for membership in the camp and also forms for staff for summer operation. If you are interested in any of these, please see brother Hostetler or brother Hoggatt.

CHURCH - A NON-RELIGIOUS WORD

The first time the word "church" appears in our English Bibles is in Matthew 16:18. Christ said to Peter, "I will build my church." The word Christ selected from the Greek language for our word "church" was "ekklesia". It appears 114 other places in the New Testament. The word was not a religious word with no religious significance at all. It only described a "group", "assembly", or congregation of people for any purpose. The word, "ekklesia" did not give any indication of the purpose for a gathering of people. The Bible makes this clear. Notice the various groups it applied to in the New Testament.

Luke used the word to identify the nation of Israel in the wilderness under the leadership of Moses as they made their way from Egypt to the Promised Land (Acts 7:38).

It is used of an entirely different gathering in Acts 19:32. Demetrius had stirred up a large assembly of idol worshippers and they were in the large theater crying, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" Mixed in with them were others who did not know what was going on. "Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused . . ." This word "assembly" is our word, "ekklesia". It described a mob of confused citizens.

A third use of the term is seen in the same context. When the townclerk learned of the confusion he calmed the assembly and charged Demetrius to settle what charge he had in a court of law. Here is what he said. ". . . it shall be determined in a lawful assembly (Acts 19:39). In verse 41, "he dismissed the assembly!" Therefore, including Matt. 16:18 the word from which we have "church" was a non-religious word used at least 4 different ways in the New Testament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the Huntington church is hosting the area wide singing. The building is located on South Broadway St.

We would like everyone to stay for the dinner following services today. We look forward to the fine fellowship with the new members today.

The ladies tray favor meeting will be held this Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 at sister Hostetler's house. Also the Bible class meets Tuesday evening at the church building at 7:30.

The high school students are invited to Michigan Christian College this Saturday for High School Day. The program begins at 9:30 a.m.

We extend thanks to sister Sharon Pieratt for the fancied container to place the cake mix and cocoa boxes for the Mid-Western Children's Home. A letter regarding this is on the bulletin board.

It has been suggested that a change in our communion service would make it more effective. After a few Sundays, we would appreciate your comments.

The Herald of Truth television was not programed last Sunday, but according to the paper, it is again scheduled for 12 noon, over channel 22. It is an excellent program, and we urge your viewing.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

February 14, 1971

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

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

The word God used in the Bible from which we have "church" in English was "ekklesia". It was not a religious word and was used among Greek speaking people to refer to any assembly of people. In the New Testament it was used to identify a mob and also a lawful assembly in session to determine a point of law (Acts 19:32,39). You could call the spectators packed in a stadium watching a ball game "ekklesia" of fans. Or you could call a chamber of Senators debating and discussing a matter of legislation an "ekklesia" of Senators. In like manner you could refer to a group of fourth grade students in school an "ekklesia" of students. The reason "ekklesia" can be used in so many different ways referring to such different groups is because the word itself says nothing of the nature, purpose, character or size of the group of people. What it does say is

that you are speaking of a plurality of people with something in common, but the word itself does not tell you what the group has in common.

HOW DO YOU TELL

So, how do you tell what group or kind of people "ekklesia" refers to? There is only one way: study the context and words connected with it. Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Mt. 16:18). Speaking of Christ Paul wrote, "the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). The way to be a part of this church under consideration is explained in the words "my" and "of God," referring of Christ. The "ekklesia" was to be the possession of Christ, by purchase. The price was His blood. Therefore, if you are going to ever be in the church belonging to Christ you must do whatever is necessary to be 'of Christ" What is so important to understand is the necessity of being "of Christ". The "ekklesia" of Christ is all the people "of Christ" wherever they may be. What they have in common is their state of belonging to Christ. When through your obedience to the Gospel, you are purchased by the blood of Christ you are necessarily among His people, His church. If you do not belong to Christ you cannot possibly be one of His, in His church. Being in Christ and His church are inseparable considerations.

The word "church" alone says very little. But the phrase, "church of Christ" says everything. It identifies you as belonging to Christ and a part of that assembly or group of people who have obeyed the Gospel. When rightfully used and understood it clears up considerable misunderstanding on this subject.

--Selected from
Marion Messenger

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STUFF ABOUT THINGS

By Robert Turner

This little article is entitled, "How to Give, and Not even Notice I, -- Much --Hardly". It's easy, almost.

It came to me when I noticed how much more shoes cost at \$25. than a rifle scope did at \$33. That set me to thinking--and there's no telling what will come next.

If I could just love the Lord, and the work he wants done, as I loved that rifle scope--or somewhere close to that much, not to be a fanatic---I could give \$20.00 or maybe even \$25.00 for His cause, and wouldn't hardly even notice it--much.

Or take house payments as an example. Each month I dutifully write out a check--make certain "that much" is in there to cover it--and put it in the mail. I don't even count that money as mine--it has to go, no matter what else I need or want--so if I am saving for a new rifle the house money doesn't enter the picture. Now suppose, just suppose, I planned my support of the Lord's work that way? When I determine what my income will be, I set aside a certain amount for the Lord's work--as something that has to go, no matter what else I have to do. I would then plan the rest of my expenditures accordingly: buying or renting in a bracket I could afford with what was left. Soon my life would fit into this mold, and I would squeeze the new rifle scope out of this budget. (Maybe I could cut down some on the wife's shoes.)

This thing has amazing possibilities. Suppose all wage-earners in a local church would adopt my plan. Ol' Bill loves his fishing tackle almost as much as I love my rifles. And Joe takes his fancy boat payment out of his income before he gives Pam any grocery money. Even Aunt Kit cuts her beautician money out of the Social security check before she does anything else. Wonder what we could do if all of us loved the Lord and his work more than anything else in the world?

Do you suppose this is what the Lord had in mind when he said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take no thought (be not anxious) for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is evil thereof." (Mt. 6:33,34).

This is what you might call serious humor. What a point it has for all of us.

--Selected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was good to see 90 present at the worship services last Sunday morning. With very little effort we ought to be able to make that 100 very soon. Let's keep it going UP.

Today has been scheduled for families from La-grange to attend the Angola services. There are some eight to ten congregations that are helping out alternately in attendance to encourage the new work there. We miss those who have gone over and realize our attendance will be down because of it.

We are glad to have Carl and Jesse Pieratt back from their stay in Missouri since the first of the year.

Sister Mary Ann Wade has returned to her mother's home in Howe to recuperate from her fall a couple of weeks ago. She would appreciate your prayers and visits.

Don't forget ladies, to buy a few extra cake-mixes and cocoa for the Children's Home box in the vestibule.

Brother Hoggatt took some young people to Michigan College for the High School Day program yesterday. Someday all of us as parents will be faced with the question, Shall I send my child to just any college or a Christian College? There is not enough said about the value of a Christian education. Let's encourage them in the best.

Herald Of Truth, today at noon, channel 22 WSET.
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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

February 21, 1971

Schedule of Regular Services

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

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Show me a person who can not bother to do little things, and I'll show you a person who cannot be trusted to do big things.

—Scl.

"SYMPATHY OR CORRECTION"

As a child, did you ever fall from a tree and skin your knee, then turn to Mama for sympathy? Remember how her tender kiss, a bandage, chocolate cake, ice cream and baby talk soothed the pain and sent you on your way again (perhaps limping a little, knowing that Mama was still watchinh)? But what happened the next time you fell from the tree? Expecting the same sympathy you received before, Mama turned you over her knee and gave you a good old fashioned spanking! What happed to Mama anyway? What about her kind sympathy and understanding? Well, she had warned you never to climb that tree again or you could expect a spanking! Mama preceived this time it was not sympathy you need but correction and she met that need. To give sympathy when correction is needed makes spoiled children.

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HOW BIG IS A SOUL?

The soul's value is often discussed in the Bible as well as in sermons and Bible classes. We do not read or hear much about the size of a soul. The size of a soul might be visualized in the following way: Take a coin such as a half dollar and hold it up at arm's length. It does not seem very large: but bring it close to the eye and it will be able to hide objects as large as the sun.

Likewise, the soul's size will be relative to its position. If it is on the other side of the television set we often can't see it. Although we are vaguely aware of souls out beyond the television set, we are not truly concerned about them. But if that soul is standing between you and the narrow gate on the day of judgment it will be as large as the greatest mountain. If that soul points at you and says to you: "You never mentioned him to me" they will be the most terrible words ever heard by mortal man. Did you ever think that the narrow gate may be sealed off from you by the souls of lost men and women whom you might have saved by a little effort?

I have been told that I emphasize personal evangelism a great deal, but this is the mission of the Lord's church. Jesus came to seek and save those who were lost. If we are to follow in his footsteps we must be doing the same thing. We are married to Christ to bring forth fruit unto God. (Rom. 7:4, John 15:8)

I believe we are Christians for more than just "housekeeping"! I read that seventy-five percent or more of all churches of Christ never lead one soul to Christ other than their own children. They say--"Oh, I just couldn't do it; I've never done it before". That is the dumbest excuse when we analyze it that could ever be offered. At one place or another in our life we did everything we have done for the first time.

Souls can be won to Christ by the simple gospel story. People are doing it! If you are not a part of this you don't know what you are missing. More important; you don't seem to realize what you are going to miss! Eternity will be spent in one of two

groups;--the lost or the saved! There is hardly a greater thrill than seeing one put on Christ by baptism; especially if you have influenced them in some way. It is good for the soul;--theirs and yours.

The church here is starting to respond to the commission of our Lord. Don't let this great blessing pass you by. Let us leave the pool of Bethesda and move onward and upward in the Lord. Let us leave the pool to those who are weak, crippled, and in love with the things of the world.

We can do what we desire to do!

E. E. G.

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"SYMPATHY OR CORRECTION" (continued)

Some of our good elders and preaching brethren have sympathized with immature easily offended church members about as much as they can afford to. Every time some of these "babes" get their feelings hurt they run to the elders and preacher for baby talk and ice cream. But what they need is correction! To withhold correction and spread on sympathy produces spoiled members who are selfish and proud. The chastening of the Lord might not be joyous at first, but nevertheless "afterward it yieldth the peaceable fruit of righteousness". So may we prefer the chastening of the Lord and "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

--Selected

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Happiness comes when we stop wailing about the troubles we have and offer thanks for all the troubles we don't have.

You're young only once, but you can be immature indefinitely.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are made to rejoice again over three recent baptisms. Lou Oakley, the mother of Fred and Joe Oakley as well as the two younger children in the family, Bill and Annie, put on Christ in baptism. We are happy with this family that they are now united in the Lord and are greatly inspired with dedication Joe and Fred, and their wives. Also Joe Hughes and his wife Kathy, are already working to win others to the Lord. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless the work at Lagrange through our common efforts.

Last evening Everett Graybill and Terri Swihart were united in marriage at the church building. A reception followed in the fellowship room. We also ask the Lord to bless this union and may they work and worship with us faithfully.

The mens class will again meet at 6 this evening. At least one is scheduled for a talk and further plans will be made for future studies.

The ladies class meets on Tuesday evening at 7:30, and invites all the women to come.

If you get home in time from services today, plan to see the Herald Of Truth television program over channel 22 at noon.

A note on the bulletin board asks us to announce that the bloodmobile will be at the American Legion Hall on March 8, from 10 to 4. They ask for donors.

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

E X H O R T E R

February 28, 1971

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| 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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YES, IT'S A SIN

Forsaking the assembling of God's people is a sin. Those who willfully forsake the assembling of themselves as the custom of some are lost and will be lost eternally if they do not repent.

I do not know how to say it any plainer. This is not just an opinion. It is the undeniable truth. The careful student of the Bible knows it. Yet it is obvious that many who profess to be Christians deliberately and willfully absent themselves from the appointed assemblies without the slightest feeling of remorse or recognition of their sin.

I am convinced that many who are members of the church are completely unaware of such action constituting sin. Apparently they feel that one who comes occasionally when it is convenient or nothing prevents his faithfulness to the Lord.

Absenteeism weakens the influence of the church upon the community in general and upon the lost whom we hope to reach in particular. We have no idea what we could do in this community or any other, if we could have the support of all who claim membership in the Lord's church.

We have no intentions of being unkind or hyper-critical in bringing these facts to your attention. It is our purpose to bring you to a full realization that absenteeism will cause a child of God to lose his soul. Let us hope that each one can see this and do something about it while there is time and opportunity.

The vacant pew has an eloquent tongue. To the preacher it says, "your efforts are not appreciated". It exclaims to the visitor "there is no interest here". To the weak member it says "you don't have to attend either". It is hard to preach effectively or listen profitably when the empty seat is crying out to be heard.

A strong church cannot be built of weak members, and strong members cannot be made out of those who come when it is convenient to come. Any service conducted in the name of the Lord is a good work.

--Selected.

A CONGREGATION GROWS WHEN "

Each member has a deep concern for the lost.
Each member enters into the worship service with much feeling and enthusiasm.
Each member is interested in an aggressive Bible School program.
Each teacher is interested in improving their teaching ability.
The preacher preaches the Word with love.
Each member is personally involved in the work.
Each member is willing to purpose and give as they have been prospered.
Each member lets brotherly love express itself to every other member.

IS IT IN THE BIBLE ??

Quite often we hear a statement that sounds like scripture, and yet it is not. Take a test of the following list of quotations, some Biblical, some not and check the ones you feel are Bible passages. After you have checked them all you will find the answers at the end of the article

"All men are created equal."
"An idle mind is the devil's workshop."
"Spare the rod and spoil the child."
"Give the devil his due."
"God's mill grinds slow but sure."
"Blood is thicker than water."
"Lord, what fools these mortals be."
"The time is out of joint."
"Bread is the staff of life."
"Familiarity breeds contempt."
"God moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform!"
"God helps those who help themselves!"
"To err is human, to forgive is divine ."
"Charity begins at home."
"All's well that ends well."
"As you make your bed, you must lie in it."
"Beauty is only skin deep."
"The gift without the giver is bare."
"Better half a loaf than no bread."
"United we stand, divided we fall."
"There is none so blind as those who will not see."
"Confession is good for the soul."
"Honesty is the best policy."
"Neither a borrower or a lender be"
"I am escaped by the skin of my teeth."
"Stolen waters are sweet."

Answers: Only two of these quotations are from the Bible. They are given in Job 19:20 and Prov. 9:17.
(A congregation Grows when . . cont.)

Each member is willing to truthfully say, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

We realize that so much depends on each individual.

---Selected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several of our number will be gone today, which will cut into our attendance some. The Warrens are in Kentucky, the Millers are in Iowa and the Brusts are visiting at Wheatfield today. These families as well as some sick, we hope that they can be back with us again very soon.

Goldie Pulley had an eye operation this week and she is still in the Parkview hospital in Fort Wayne, room number 227. She would appreciate hearing from any of us, whoever would like to send a card or letter.

Ladies..... A day to remember and plan on is April 17. A tristate ladies fellowship is being planned at Paulding, Ohio on this day and they would like to have a good number from Lagrange to attend. More details will be given later.

Also for the ladies: Tuesday evening Bible Study at 7:30 at the church building and also meeting is scheduled this Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 to make tray favors for the Nursing Homes and Hospital. Place will be announced by this even.

We invite all the men to the 6 o'clock class this evening in the south classroom. Brother Jerry Pace is in charge of the class this evening.

Let's all remember to bring some cake mixes and cocoa for the Children's Home box.

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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

March 7, 1971

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| 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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I JUST COULDN'T MAKE IT

Brother and sister Enrich Zellner live 20 miles out of Munich, Germany. They arise at 4a.m. each Sunday morning to get ready for the regular worship service of the church. They walk 45 minutes to get to the station and leave on the 6:55 train for Munich, arriving there at 7:45. Then the streetcar takes them to Laim for the 8:30 service. The worship service is at 9:30. Then they make the return trip, including the 45 minute walk and get home about 1:30pm. Sister Zellner is 61 years old. Now let's see. . . what is your reason for not being present last week?

--Selected

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"Men have to find truth, not because it is lost, but because they are.

WHAT IS A MINISTER?

--Taken from "The Messenger", S.H. Mich.

Somewhere between the call of God and the heart of the hospital there exists a specialist in every thing and variously called a minister or a preacher. He is a hero to his wife, a stranger to his own children, a fine boy to his mother and an easy touch to the down and outers; a name on the mailing list of hundreds of agencies and organizations, an example to the flock.

To some he is fuddy-duddy, to some he is a stuffed shirt, to some he is a character who never enjoys life by "living it up". To some he is a guy who has nothing to do but preach two thirty minute sermons a week. To others he is a person in whose presence you must not cuss, drink or smoke. To some he is a dear friend, a johnny-on-the-spot.

When death hovers near he is the one whose ministry continues when the medics have done all they can do. He is the one who marries young lovers, prays with the sick, and buries the dead but can't find enough time to mend his wife's iron. He is a promoter, a public relations director, a public orator, an errand boy, typist, file clerk, a writer, business executive, prophet, counsellor, bookworm, diplomat, human being (believe it or Not), singer, planner, pusher and puller.

Many nights are spent visiting and doing "little" things that need attention. He is concerned about the church, about its progress, its faults, its failures, and how he, as a preacher can do a better work in the task he is undertaking. The preacher has many headaches and problems which do not concern the average member, and of which they never do know. He wrestles many times for a solution to the problems of others who have come to him for help and advice. So the preacher is many in one. He is supposed to know what to do, what to say, when to say it and how to say it on all occasions. To understand the work of a preacher is to appreciate him. He wants no pity, but please be patient, understand, helpful.
REMEMBER, HE DOESN'T HAVE A MINISTER!!!!!!

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO LOSE YOUR SOUL??

Did you ever stop to think that you do not have the right to be lost as far as your obligation to others is concerned? Fathers, can you honestly say, "I have the right to lose my soul if I want to," when that boy or girl is following the footsteps of daddy, thinking he is grandest man to walk on the earth? Do you think it is right to lose your soul when it may cause them to lose theirs too?

You wives, do you have the right to lose your soul when son or daughter loves mother and respects her above all others on the face of the earth.

Husbands and wives, do you have the right to lose your soul when you realize that the one you love more than anyone else on the earth may follow in your steps to destruction too? What father, mother, husband or wife would argue that they had the right to harm themselves or commit suicide when they know what it would influence and harm the lives of their loved ones?

Friends, I want to tell you that you don't have the right to lose your soul when it becomes your responsibility to those you love. Your being lost may cost the soul of your husband or your wife, your son or your daughter, your father or your mother.

---Selected

Brookston Bulletin

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THIS CHURCH IS BEING RUN BY A CLIQUE!

In fact, every congregation is run by a clique. This clique is composed of those who are present for all services, willing to shoulder responsibility, give sacrificially and never complain. In other words, this congregation is being run by those people who are always ready to do their part and more. Would to God that every member were a part of that clique!!

---Selected.

and unreprouvable in His Sight" and hear Him say,
"Well done!"

Become a sheep! Live as a sheep. Then you can
die as a sheep. --Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *****

This past week the congregation in Lagrange has
been increased by four. Again we rejoice over
the new additions: Larry and Vicki Hicks and
Jerry (Larry's brother) and Yvonne Hicks were
united with Christ in baptism. We welcome these
into the fellowship and pray that we together
may work to extend the borders of the kingdom
to many more out of Christ.

Sister Pulley is home from Parkview hospital and
is recovering well from her eye operation. She
hopes to return to services soon.

The area wide singing is scheduled at Kendal-
ville this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

There are gospel meetings scheduled at Hunting-
ton, and Portland as well as a Ladies day sched-
uled at Paulding and Lafayette. Anyone interest-
ed in these, see the bulletin board.

We are glad that some of our college group are
home at the end of this term. They will be leav-
ing again in about a week.

We encourage all who will, to be engaged in teach-
ing those who are out of Christ, his will Will
you offer your services? If so, see brother Jer-
ry Pace, who will schedule you to help with some
others who are doing this.

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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

March 14, 1971

Schedule of Regular Services

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| Worship Services | 10:30 A. M. |
| Evening worship Services | 7:00 P. M. |
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ISN'T IT INTERESTING?

The New Testament refers to the Lord's Supper 22 times
in all. So, all true Christians consider this an
important part of their weekly schedule. This must
be done.

Baptism is mentioned about 120 times in the New Test-
ament, so all sinners realize the importance of the
act and comply with the Lord's teaching to be saved.

But, when Jesus teaches on another subject over 1,000
times some members of the church just treat it light-
ly. This massive amount of scripture refers to the
Christians's obligation to study and teach God's word
to others. Yet in spite of this great amount of em-
phasis on the need of Christians to study and teach,
many treat this as insignificant. --Selected

Here are some words worth considering:

"A careful man I want to be,
A little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray,
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes,
Whatever he sees me do, he tries:
Like me he says he's going to be,
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine;
The base* in me he must not see,
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go
Through every year of life below;
I am building for the years to be
That little chap who follows me."

If you don't love the Lord enough to put spiritual things first, you surely love your children enough! Certainly, between the two of them you should have no problem.

* inferior quality, low, greedy, contemptible.

TEMPER

When I have lost my temper, I have lost my reason too; I'm never proud of anything which angrily I do.

When I have talked in anger, and my cheeks are flaming red I've always uttered something which I wish I hadn't said.

In anger I have never done a kindly deed or wise, But many things for which I felt I should apologize.

In looking back across my life and all I've lost or made, I can't recall a single time when fury ever paid.

--Selected.

SOFT SOAPING GOD??

Duz you DRAFT along with the Tide? Vel, it is time for all to Cheer up. For real Joy the Trend is the Breeze to Church on Sunday morning. But too many Woodbury their head in the pillow or work in their yards like Handy Andy... Forgetting the Lord's Day was made for Lestail. When our Lord reigns, the Dove of peace never needs to send out an S. O. S. Don't trust to Lux by neglecting worship on Sunday. Shall we Dial to remind you of the Ivory palaces? This isn't just idle Babo. Worship will add to your Life Boy so be faithful and Wisk your self and your family out of bed, wash up Spic N Span and Dash like a Comet to God's house of prayer for all people. Singing -- Praise to God will bring a New cleanser to your soul. Pledge yourselves, your souls and bodies and life will be full of Zest.

--Selected.

YOU CANNOT LIVE A GOAT'S LIFE AND DIE A SHEEP

The Bible makes it quite clear that we are going to die just as we have lived, and as we die, so we must face God in the judgment. As we face God in judgment, so shall we spend eternity.

In spite of this plain teaching, many are living one life and hoping to die another. They live the life of the unrighteous, but, like Balaam of old they pray, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like His" (Nu. 23:10)

We are like the little boy who listened to his Bible class teacher tell the story of the Rich man and Lazarus. The teacher then asked the class, "Which would you rather be, the Rich man or Lazarus?" This particular boy very honestly replied, "I would rather be the Rich man while I live and then be Lazarus when I die."

Perhaps you are trusting in being able to make last minute preparations. Remember the parable of the Virgins (Mt. 25:1-13). Don't count on burning your candle in the service of the Devil and blow the smoke in God's face with any hope of being found "Holy and unblameable

Announcements

It might be that some would like to attend the gospel meeting at Huntington on March 28 through April 4 with brother Paul Galyan of North Central in Indianapolis preaching. The time is 7:30 each evening. Those who have heard brother Galyan have appreciated his friendly but inthusiastic way of presenting the gospel.

The men's fellowship was attended by six men from the congregation here. The next meeting will combine the men's fellowship (with ladies invited) and a youth meeting at Camp Indogan on May 21,22. Lagrange and Garrett is to work out the portion of the program for Friday evening.

The ladies of the congregation are having a baby shower for Betty Warren's sister, Patricia Eash, this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. Because of this extra meeting this week, the ladies have decided not to have the regular Tuesday evening Bible study this week.

It was good to see the attendance at the 100 mark last Sunday. That was our immediate goal, now we ought to set our sights for the 125 mark. Considering some of our number being absent last Sunday, this new figure should not be too hard to reach very soon. We urge every Christian to get involved in building up His kingdom.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

March 21, 1971

Schedule of Regular Services

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| Worship Service | 10:30 A. M. |
| Evening Worship Service | 7:00 P. M. |
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When we have done what
we can, God will do what
we can't.

--Sel.

CHRIST AND CHRISTIANS

Christ has no hands but our hands to do his work today;
He has no feet but our feet to lead men in the way;
He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help to lead them to His side.

We are the only Bible the careless world will read.
We are the sinner's gospel, we are the scoffer's creed;
We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and word;
What if the life is crooked, what if the type is blurred?

What if our hands are busy with other work than His?
What if our feet are walking where sin's allurements is?
What if our tongue is speaking things His lips would
spurn?

How could one hope to help Him, unless from sin one
turns?
---Drl ---Selected

ARE YOU A SOUND CHRISTIAN?

Congregations are correctly concerned about having a "sound" preacher. In planning gospel meetings, brethren want a man who will come and do some sound preaching. If a congregation is looking for a located preacher, they will ask if brother so-and-so is "sound".

This is as it should be, because the word of God teaches us the importance of sound doctrine (teaching). Paul commanded a young evangelist to "speak the things which befit the sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1). That which led to a falling away from the faith was that people could not endure sound doctrine, and turned aside to fables (2 Timothy 4:3).

The word "sound" in this context means "wholesome, healthy". Sound preaching is that which makes people more spiritually healthy and wholesome. It consists of rebuking, reproofing and exhorting in love.

All Christians, not just preachers, must be sound. (Titus 2:2,8). Are you a sound Christian? Do you have a healthy regard for righteousness and hatred for sin? Is your life wholesome and good? Are you sound enough in the faith to attend every service because you want to, read the Bible daily because you hunger after righteousness, seek to be helpful and useful in the Lord's work, use your tongue to edify instead of to tear down, guard jealously your example and avoid questionable activities, etc?

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TRUTH

Investigation finds it (2 Timothy 2:15).
Faith accepts it (Hebrews 11:6).
Obedience honors it (Hebrews 5:9).
Faithfulness guards it (2 Timothy 2:2).
Evangelism spreads it (Mark 16:15,16).

--Selected

THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's message to mankind. It is the sword of our warfare; the light of life's pathway; the lamp to our feet; the source of the true wisdom; the best book of ethics. In it we find the best law--the Golden Rule; the best philosophy--a contented mind; the best statesmanship--self-government; the best war--that against one's own weakness; the best medicine--cheerfulness and temperance in all things; the best music--the laughter of an innocent soul; the best science--the extraction of sunshine from gloom; the best telegraphy--the flashing of light into a gloomy heart; the best treaty--the effecting of a treaty of peace with our conscience; the best biography--the life that writes LOVE in the largest letters and holiest deeds; the best engineering--the building of a bridge of faith across the river of death. It teaches us how to multiply joy, subtract sorrow, divide suffering, add to the sum of happiness, and cancel selfishness. Read it, believe it, love it, obey it, and it will lead you into the garden of God, where the wealth of the eternal ages will be your portion.

---Author Unknown

"I AM A JUNIOR BOY"

Last night my buddy stayed at home and watched TV. He wanted me to stay and watch it with him. I did not think I ought to. So I went to the worship service of the church.

I looked for my Bible School teacher, but he (she) wasn't there.

I looked for a couple of deacons I know, but they were not there.

I looked for one of the elders, but he was not there.

I looked for the Christian family that lives near us, and not a one of them was there.

I guess they don't think the church services on Sunday night are important; if it isn't necessary for them to go, why wouldn't it have been all right for me to have stayed at my buddy's home and watched TV with him?

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Three gospel meetings begin - take your choice;

1. Huntington, today through April 4, 7:30 ea. evening. Paul Galyan of Indianapolis (North Central congregation) preaching.
2. Portland, today through April 2, 7:30 each evening. Jack Vancil, former preacher at Portland, is holding the meeting.
3. Adrian, Michigan, today through April 1, 7:30 ea. evening. Hugo McCord (Dean of Bible at Oklahoma Christian College) preaching.

The Ladies Bible class will resume again this Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the building. For current class material see sisters Hostetler or Hoggatt.

Men's training class will be at 6:00 o'clock in the south classroom.

Brethren, we have just two months to gather up a year's supply of cake mixes and cocoa for the Midwestern Children's Home as we have undertook to do. Don't forget to bring some to fill the box, made for this purpose. Can we do it? Yes!!

Parents ! Don't forget that there is a class provided for your children at 6 o'clock this evening as well as a teen age girl's class which sister Pace is teaching. Take advantage of these.

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Schedule of Regular Services

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Bible Thought: "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time" (Colossians 4:5).

FOR ALL, ESPECIALLY TEACHERS!

NOT EMBARRASSED!

A Bible Class teacher was visiting some of her close relatives in a city some distance from her own home. Since these loved ones were not Christians she wanted to be the best influence possible upon them. During the course of her visit she was invited to go along with others to a place where she, as a follower of Christ, would not feel comfortable. She knew they were trying to show her a good time and, most certainly, she did not wish to offend them. Yet, she felt that she must take her stand for Christ. In declining to go, she very kindly explained: "I would not want to go anywhere that I would be embarrassed to have one of the children in my class come up and speak to me."

Perhaps there are few places more difficult to take one's stand for spiritual living than in the midst of relatives who do not understand or (cont. p.2)

A SETTIN HEN NEVER LAYS

A "settir" hen is miserable. She goes around with her feathers ruffled. Her disposition is reflected by her grumpy "cluk, cluck". She doesn't want to be bothered. She just sits all day long. If you bother her she pecks you. This makes a "settin hen" very unattractive. But worse than that, she is miserable. The cause of her misery is simple. It can be explained in two words--no rproduction, You see, a "settin hen" never lays.

Unproductive Christians are also miserable. I have never known a happy unfaithful Christian. To them service is a duty and going to church is a drudgery. Their unhappiness is reflected in their complaining. Their misery is shown in their excuses. Too often they don't know that the cause of their misery is their own lack of productivity. They are doing so little for the Lord that they have lost their enthusiasm for the work.

Have you found Christian service a burden? Don't lay the blame on others. Take a look at your own life. Ask yourself, "What in the world are you doing for heaven's sake?" Is your answer "nothing" or "very little?" No wonder, then you are unhappy. The abundant life is only for the productive. The joy of service is only for those serving. Spiritual contentment is only for those who are getting the job done. --Selected

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appreciate such a life. Jesus realized this and gave great emphasis to it. He urged our confession of him here as in all other places. If we will stand up for Christ, he will surely and truly stand by us. Though a bold stand for Christ, taken with love may run the risk of alienating some dear one this is far better than alienating ourselves from Christ.

Copied--Power for Today

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

Can we see the positive attitude of Christ, as he spake to his disciples after his resurrection. (Matt. 28:18-20). Quote: And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, all power is given unto me in Heaven and in 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 alway, even unto the end of the world.

Do we see criticism or do we see a positive or negative attitude in this statement? The positiveness of Jesus stands out--GO, TEACH! all nations and baptizing them in the name of the Father and Son and Holy Ghost.

John 3:17 for God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Let us notice the attitude of God. He did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it.

Can we see the example of Jesus as he taught his disciples to teach them to observe all things, whatsoever I've commanded you.

Teach What? Teach Christ's baptism, repentance--the will and Testament of Christ.

We as Christians are expected to fulfill the command of Christ to teach, why? To fulfill all righteousness. All power and authority was given to Christ in Heaven and on earth.

The condemned will be judged in the judgment day by the Lord. Christ did give us a command to go--teach-- the will and testament of Christ. DTH

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Happiness comes when we stop wailing about the troubles we have and offer thanks for all the troubles we don't have.

Discouraged hearts should be encouraged by observing that the darker it gets the easier it is to see a light. --Selected