

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening at 6 o'clock we are to sing at the Marks Nursing Home. Let's have a turn-out, as always, to this.

The ladies will meet for tray favors this Tuesday at 12:30 (instead of Wed, because children are out of school) at the church building. Also the ladies Bible study will be Tuesday evening at 7:30. For more details for these events see sister Fiesatt.

The Ladies' Area Fellowship, scheduled at Paulding, Ohio for the 17th of this month must have reservations in by April 10. Program for this is on the bulletin board. Ladies can get together for sharing rides. See sister Hoggatt.

The area singing is to be held at East Chestnut St. congregation at Ft. Wayne next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

This past week, four more souls responded to the Lord's invitation and were added to the Lord's body, the church, at Lagrange; Richard and Mary Ann Shears and also Ben and Vicki Ross. Again, we thank God for His blessings on the work here and trust that we shall all grow to be fruitful stewards in His vineyard. Soon we hope to list all the names of those who have responded to Christ's invitation, not for glory but for thankful humility. Read Jn. 15:2. We now can do so much more!

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L A G R A N G E

C H U R C H   O F   C H R I S T

E X H O R T E R

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April 4, 1971

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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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May our spiritual growth  
match our progress in  
material achievements.  
--Selected

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### PUNCTURE PROOF

You know, I like these new fangled inventions. The puncture-proof tire is one I like especially well. If you are driving along with ordinary tires, and a nail goes through them--whis-s-s you lose all the air. But a puncture-proof tire is different. If a nail goes through it, some stuff inside runs around and stops the hole, and the air stays in.

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

--Marshall Keeble



## FORMATION OF CHARACTER

Have you ever watched the icicle as it formed? Have you noticed how it froze, one drop at a time, until it was a foot long, or more? If the water was clean, the icicle remained clear, and sparkling brightly in the sun; but, if the water was slightly muddy, the icicle looked foul, and its beauty was spoiled.

Just so our characters are formed. One little thought or feeling at a time adds its influence. If each thought be pure and right, the souls will be lovely, and will sparkle with happiness; but if impure and wrong, there will be deformity and wretchedness.

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### There Were Two Cripples

Two cripples entered the building one day.  
Crippled each in a different way:  
One had a body strong and whole,  
But it sheltered a warped and twisted soul;

The other walked with a halting gait,  
But his soul was tall, fair and straight.  
They shared a pew, they shared a book;  
But on each face was a different look.

One was light with hope and joy  
And faith that nothing could destroy;  
The other joined not in prayer nor hymn,  
No smile relaxed his features grim.

His neighbor had wronged him; his heart was sore.  
He thought of himself and nothing more.  
'Tis human to err and divine to forgive,  
But he hadn't learned how with others to live.

Two cripples went from the building that day--  
Crippled, but each in a different way.  
A crippled foot the one did mar;  
But the twisted soul was sadder--far.     --Sel.

## WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. If an unbeliever, I must "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ". Belief is expressed in obedience. (Rom 10:10, Acts 16:30,31)
2. If a believer, I must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of my sins. Having obeyed from the heart, I am assured of the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:37,38).
3. If a penitent believer, I must arise, and be baptized", and wash away my sins, calling upon His name. (Acts 22:16).
4. If a babe in Christ, I must in my faith supply virtue; in my virtue knowledge; in my knowledge self-control; in my self-control patience; and in my patience godliness; and in my godliness, brotherly kindness; and in my brotherly kindness love. (1 Pet. 1:5-7).
5. If an erring Christian, I must repent of my error (or sin) and pray the Lord for pardon. Acts 8:22, 1 Jn. 1:7:8).     --Selected

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The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you, to yourself, respect; to all men charity.

--Selected

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### PERILS OF YOUTH

P - Pride  
E - Envy  
R - Revelry  
I - Idleness  
L - Lust  
S - Sin

The pleasures of sin are  
but for a season; but the  
joys of righteous are  
unending.

Kind hearts are the garden.  
Kind thoughts are the roots;  
Kind words are the blossoms;  
Kind deeds are the fruits.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The area wide singing is to be at East Chestnut St. congregation today at 3 o'clock, in Fort Wayne. How many would like to make up a carload and go down? Let it be known if you would.

The Martin family, who has been attending the Angola services has sent a note of thanks for the food that the church here has given them.

A change of plans has been made for the next men's fellowship. The new date is set for May 14. LaGrange and Garret congregations are to be the host for this meeting. The plans are now to invite the wives and plan to meet at a restaurant somewhere near Garrett. More definite details will be worked out later, and made known.

The Paulding ladies would like to know by this evening how many women from this congregation are planning on coming to the fellowship next Saturday, at Paulding, Ohio. Give sister Hostetler this information.

On June 4 & 5, the 10th annual lectureship will be held at camp for the men. The services of Ira Y Rice Jr. (editor of the Contending For The Faith publication which we get here at the building) has been secured and he will be speaking for the Friday evening and Saturday morning programs. This should be good for all the men to attend.

Watch the Herald Of Truth television broadcast at 12 noon today over channel 23, WSBT So. Bend. Tell your friends about it.

We appreciate the attendance of all the visitors today and invite you to attend regularly.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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April 11, 1971

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Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship Service	7:00 P. M.
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#### GET SOMEBODY ELSE

The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do  
I said: "You get somebody else, or wait till I get  
through."

I don't know how the Lord came out; no doubt he got  
along.

But I felt kind o'sneakin like; I knew I done God  
wrong.

One day I needed the Lord---needed him right away;  
But he never answered me at all, and I could hear  
him say

Down in my accusin' heart; "Child, I got too much to do;  
You get somebody else, or wait till I get through."

Now when the Lord has a job for me, I never try to shirk;

I drop what I have on hand and do the Lord's good work,  
And my affairs can run along, or wait till I get through

Nobody else can do the work that God marks out for  
you.

--Selected



## EVANGELISM

Too often we get the idea that in order to evangelize we must raise support, learn a foreign language, get sea-sick pills, report to one of "our papers, and sail or fly far away to strange people and customs. I wonder how much time and money is used to prepare to "go over into Macedonia", while there is a virtual mission field in each area, in the United States. Please understand I am not against preaching the gospel to men and women of all nations, but we can do an effective work for the Lord wherever we are! There is no shortage of people who are lost. There is no language barrier to overcome. There is little, if any, traveling expense involved.

Perhaps we ought to ask ourselves the same question raised by Jeremiah of old: "Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way?" Jeremiah 2:36. Also we read in I Kings 20:40--"As thy servant was busy here and there." We need vision. Not the vision of Paul, or one of the prophets of old, but just enough to see the world as it is lost in sin, and so will we be if we fail in attempting to take the gospel to it. We have a responsibility to use our talents in whatever way we can find to save others.

Elisha prayed: "Lord, I pray thee open his eyes that he might see." II Kings 6:17 Abraham is called "the friend of God. This relation is attained through the "new birth". But Jesus said: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:14. Obedience, then, gets our friendship with our Lord.

Saul had a vision of a disciple named Ananias coming and putting his hands on him. Yet his eyes were opened by a disciple doing the will of God, that is, obedience to a command of the Lord. Three days later he did receive his sight after having been struck blind on the road. He had his sins washed away in baptism; --from that point on he was never the same, except in zeal.

(Continued next week)

## WHAT MAKES A ROPE STRONG?

What makes a strength? Pullin together! That's the answer. Many tiny strands, each weak by itself, but united in common effort, become strong enough to bind a giant.

What makes a rope strong makes a church strong. When you take hold of a rope, you seldom think of those tiny little parts that are entwined about each other so as to give the rope such strength. When we speak of a strong church, the little things that really combine to make for unity and power are often over-looked.

The strands that make the church are individuals. Under the hand and mind of God, they are directed toward a common end, united in a common cause: God'S glory and man's salvation. That is, if the local church is a strong church. It cannot be strong unless its members are united.

Remember this---strong ropes don't just happen. Neither do strong characters and churches. It takes pulling together. The influence of every member, his thought and time, his money and his prayers should all be coordinated with that of every other member to give the church its greatest possible strength for its task. --Selected.

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## WHAT DO YOU SPILL?

If you were walking from the well carrying a bucket of water and someone jostled you, there could be spilled from the bucket only that which it contained.

As you walk along the way of life, people are constantly bumping into you. If your life is full of ill-nature, bad-temer, and ugly disposition, those things will be spilled from it. If it is full of Christian spirit, you will spill a smile, or some pleasant remark. You can spill from your bucket only that which it contains.

--Selected.



the salad and then smiled at her mother. "I guess I'll tell them I'm staying home tonight," she said as she went through the kitchen door."

--Kissimmee Bulletin

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

This past week, several of our members (new converts among them) were busy in personal studies and as a result four more obeyed the gospel. Their names are: Mike Lewis and his friend, Terry Riddlebarger, Trina Purcell and Ruth Hoopingarner. Mike and Ruth is a brother and sister to Vicki Hicks. For these and all other recent converts we extend to you a cordial welcome into the family of God and desire for you a life of faithful and fruitful work in His kingdom.

Fourteen ladies from the Lagrange congregation went to the Ladies fellowship at Paulding, Ohio yesterday and felt it to be a rewarding experience. The Lagrange congregation is to host the next meeting scheduled sometime in Sept.

Our gospel meeting with brother Billy Ringold is now set up for Oct. 21-28. We look forward to his being with us again.

Two events coming up: The area wide fellowship for men and women on Mar. 14 and the men's lectureship in June, first week-end. More on this later.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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April 18, 1971

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#### COVETOUSNESS

Once upon a time a rich, but covetous man was visiting a friend. The friend led the miser to the window. "Look out there and tell me what you see," he said.

"People," answered the rich man.

Then the friend led him to a mirror. "And what do you see now?" he asked.

"I see myself," was the answer.

Then the friend said: "Behold--in the window there is glass and in the mirror there is glass. But the glass in the mirror is covered with a little silver. No sooner is a little silver added than you cease to see others and see only yourself."

--Selected



It seems to me that our continuance in the Christian service is directly related to the vision we have. What must the vision be of? Does it have to be a miraculous vision as Paul had of the Macedonia standing before him and entreating him to come over and help him? Does the vision need to be like the one Peter had before opening the "door" of the church to the Gentiles?

We all have a vision of sorts. It may indeed be a limited vision, but nevertheless, we do have vision. Less than a year ago, one Sunday evening, I challenged the church here at Lagrange with the statement that we could double our membership in two years. When I listened to the tape of the sermon later in the week I asked God to forgive me for such a limited vision. After all, didn't that mean that each Christian only had to convert one other person to Christ to double the membership? Surely a person who loves God and is willing to do his will can be responsible for converting one other in less than a two year period! I know that there were people who heard the challenge who did not believe it could be done in five, or even ten years; but thanks be unto God, not all were doubting Thomases. I do not know what our membership was then, but I feel safe in saying that we have come close to doubling the membership already, and a year has not yet passed. In fact, in the last three months (January through March) there have been seventeen souls added to the church here.

The question that each of us must ask of ourselves is simply this: "What have I done to cause the church to increase in number? Christianity is an individual responsibility. If you profess to be a Christian, don't be surprised if someone asks you how many you have led to Christ. Christ is either applied or denied! Our religion is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions. Religion is a journey, not a destination. Monday religion is better than Sunday profession!

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It was humiliating! There I stood, perched over a saw horse, carefully marking the scraps of wood with a square, and diligently trying to saw upon the line. Others, already proficient at carpentry, were scampering here and there cutting rafters and joists, nailing down flooring and putting up siding. While they built a house, I labored over worthless scraps which my father hoped would eventually turn into stakes, and provide me with enough practice to be trusted on a real piece of lumber. He was not about to advance me to a higher position until I had given proof of my ability and faithfulness in a small task.

So it is that the Lord deals with each of us. We are apprentices here in this world. And the Lord has committed into our hands the fragmentary and perishable things to see how we will use them. But do not forget that the trivialities and temporal things have eternal consequences. The way we handle perishable things will determine whether or not we are to be entrusted with the imperishable. "He that is faithful in that which is least is . . . faithful also in much."

"Dear Lord, Save us from the danger of looking for big things to do, until we have first learned how to "be faithful in that which is least." In Jesus name. Amen."

--John Gipson

--Selected

JUST A LITTLE CONTAMINATION -- As a mother was scraping vegetables for a salad, her daughter came in to ask permission to go to an "X" rated movie.

"But all the kids are going," she said, "And their folks don't think it will hurt them."

As she talked, she saw her mother pick up a handful of scraps and throw them into the salad. "MOTHER!! You are putting garbage into the salad!"

"I know," her mother replied, "but I thought if you didn't mind garbage in your heart and mind, you wouldn't care about a little in your stomach."

Thoughtfully, the girl picked the peelings from



others may let the offspring in the house determine the foods, the music, and the spending of the household, but I am going to stay a father.

Paul Harvey.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Several of the adults were treated to a dinner by the teen-agers last night and it was a memorable occasion. Again, we say, "Thank you", to them for their expression. From this let us learn to appreciate one another more.

Brother Gieseke and Hoggatt will be switching classes starting this Sunday. Earl will be teaching the adult class and Dean the new converts class, on Sunday morning.

Brother Gieseke has requested that anyone who has borrowed any of his books, to let him know so that he may know where they are. He isn't asking for them back, but just to let him know if anyone has one or more.

On May 14th. the area men's fellowship (which this time is open to the ladies also) is to be held at Brooks Smorgasbord in Garrett. Lagrange and Garrett are to host this program this time. The speakers and subjects will be announced soon.

Again, we are happy to inform that the mother of Terry Riddlebarger (who was recently baptized) has obeyed the gospel. We are glad to welcome them into the Lord's body here at Lagrange.

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April 25, 1971

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#### Schedule of Regular Service

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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Paul Harvey, news commentator wrote this.  
It makes interesting reading.

#### I'M GOING TO STAY A FATHER

At a time when being a buddy to one's son is popular, I am going to stay a father. I believe it may yet prove to have been a bit of sad psychology when dads are called, "Jim, Pete, Art, Tom, or Jack" by their children. When Spock, Freud, Dewey and William James have conspired to make dad a minor stockholder on the home's board of directors, when women's rights and property rights have made it wrong for fathers to speak with authority, I am going to stay a father.

If a gap exists between my sons and daughters and myself, I am going to work hard to understand. But I'm also going to work hard to be understood.

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## Evangelism - Conclusion

If we were each as concerned about our service to God as we are about our service to self we would take the world for Christ. If we need something for our ease of life we get it by some way. We are willing to launch out if it is something we feel we need or want.

How much more we ought to launch out by faith for the Lord! We are too often "buy here and there!" but not for the Lord. We, too, allow the one to escape for whom we are responsible. We are made "watchmen over Israel" by our coming to an understanding of God's Word. Each Christian is to be a teacher of God's Word. II Timothy 2:24. We often misapply the Scriptures and say that one of the differences between "regular" members and elders is that the elders must be apt to teach. But, Paul wrote: "And the Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing," II Timothy 2:24. He is not giving the qualifications for elders, but for you and me, as well as Timothy. You and I, in order to be pleasing unto God, must be in the "extension education service." These double standards exist only in the mind of fruitless Christians. The seed of the kingdom, which is the Word of God, will bring forth fruit in our life unless our mind is sterile.

Mind becomes sterile when the Word cannot find a place to grow roots. Cares of the world quickly render a mind sterile. Personal seeking for maturity will prevent this. This is best done by teaching others in personal evangelism. All of us have influence over some other! Why not use this influence to lead them to Christ. That is why we have been saved. Read Romans 7:4. There we read the verse that condemns the majority of Christians. Evangelize or die!

E. E. G.

Did you hear about the little lady who choked to death? She did! Seems she had to swallow her pride.

--Selected

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I shall try to understand why long hair, when kept clean and trimmed does not identify one as a hippy, yippie, radical or reactionary, any more than short hair identifies one as a clean, moral upright citizen. But I shall not ape my sons. I will abide by an older distinction, when long hair was a fitting symbol of womanliness. The young may refer me to Samson, to medieval pictures of Jesus, or to the powdered wigs. or braided locks of the fathers of our country--but I shall refer them to Paul, I Cor. 11:14, who said, "Does not nature teach that it is a shame for a man to have long hair?"

When they tell it like it is, I'll listen, even if I like it better like it was. If old-fashioned things as prayer, Bible study, worship, and faith in God ever seem to my children to be out of it, square, or whatever -- I trust God's help to have faith enough to yet pray for them, and I pledge with Job, to offer up additional sacrifices for them.

With love in our home, I will answer their questions about the facts of life, but at nudeness or lewdness I refuse to wink. Drinking and smoking are as out of place and unwanted in my home as profanity or the plague. And if experimentation with drugs and marijuana is ever a problem, it will be in violation of my every prayer and request. No laissez-faire attitude will be accepted here--even if the weed is legalized and social "tripping" becomes as acceptable as social drinking.

I want my children to know that I make mistakes, that I am foolish, proud, and often inconsistent. But I will not tolerate that as an excuse for my hypocrisy. I ask them to help me change as children should, and to expect me to help them change in the methods expected of a parent. Others may look to the under 30 crowd for the wisdom to throw away the past, and to say what will remain for future generations:



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are invited to attend a gospel meeting that starts at the Willowdale congregation in Elkhart today. The meeting continues through May 8th. at 7:30 ea. evening. Jim Smith, preacher at Donnoyer Ave. in So. Bend, will be speaking,

The area wide singing is scheduled next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the So. Side church building in Ft. Wayne.

Other events in the near future: Friday evening May 14th, a Christian fellowship to be held at the Brooks Smorgasbord in Garrett. The subject of the talks for the evening ( by Michael Martinko of Marshall, Mich. and Jack Simons of Plymouth, Ind.) will be the "sins of the flesh" and "sins of the heart"..... May 21st and 22nd. is the youth rally at Camp Indogan - notice the program on the bulletin board ..... and on the 4th and 5th of June, the Men's Annual Leadership at Camp Indogan - also notice program on the bulletin board.

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

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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May 2, 1971

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If you meet someone  
without a smile give  
him one of yours.

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### TWIN SISTERS -- NEVER AND ALWAYS

"Do all things without murmuring." . . Phil 2:24  
A church bulletin recently carried copy of a conversation which took place between a Georgia Deputy Sheriff and a man who came to him for advice.

"I want to find out who owns the house I live in."

"To whom do you pay rent?"

"Ain't paid none."

"How long have you been living there?"

"Nine years."

"Well, then, what's your trouble?"

The man told the Deputy Sheriff: "The roof has started to leak and if the landlord don't fix it quick, I'm gonna move."

Every organization has a few of those. Who pay no rent. . . that is, they contribute very little to the organization in time, talent, money or influence. But when adversity comes (the roof begins to leak) they want something done. . . QUICK! Their complaints are loud and bitter (cont. page 3)



## TROUBLE IN THE LAND

--Selected

There's trouble in the land. No wide awake person will deny that. Those upheavels have caused many parents to express apprehension concerning the future of their children. That's understandable. When our children graduate from high school and leave home, many of them also leave the church. Suddenly, they are exposed to the environment hostile to Christ and even to the basic principles of morality. If a young person is not equipped to handle this, he's in grave trouble.

Unfortunately, at a time when families should be doing everything in their power to beef up their spiritual defenses and intensify their fight against Satan, many are permitting the safeguards to be torn down. Neglect of Sunday evening services, absence from mid-week services, noninvolvement in progress of Christian works, and failure to encourage children to become totally involved in church centered activities are some of the more obvious evidences of this foolish neglect.

Parents need to get their priorities straight. Those of us who preach seldom have the courage or at that late date even the need to remind weeping parents of the problems. But when dads and moms begin crying over what has happened to their kids, they could be reminded of the days when they chose camping instead of worship, weekend trips instead of weekend training, and Sunday night recreation instead of Sunday night inspiration.

It only takes one hole in the fence to let the sheep out. It's amazing how prolific some people are at inventing new excuses to rationalize their habitual neglect. I would much prefer a person to be honest enough to say, I just don't want to, than to forever blame job, health, grandma, or baby. What advantage is there to covering up the real facts of the case. That only adds sin to sin.

Parents, give your kids a break! Put first things first. Let nothing interfere with regular church activities and growth, just like you would not let anything interfere with school growth. Be sure that your children are deeply involved in the work and worship of God.

## PLANNED NEGLECT

An accomplished young concert artist was asked the reason for success with her violin. "Planned neglect," she replied. She explained: "There were many things which demanded my time. When I went to my room after breakfast I did whatever came to my attention. Then I turned my attention to my violin practice. That system failed to accomplish the desired result, so I reversed things. I deliberately planned to neglect everything else until my practice period was completed. This program of planned neglect accounts for my success."

Planned neglect may not sound good at first reading, but it is essential to give priority in the use of our time if we are to become proficient in the service of God and of man. First priority is daily Bible reading and prayer. "Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God and his righteousness and these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33.)

Let us try PLANNED NEGLECT and see if it doesn't work! Turn off the TV set, do the school work before time for the services, let the dishes go, if necessary, until after services. Try it!

TWIN SISTERS----NEVER AND ALWAYS (cont.) unless the entire organization swings into action to supply their particular need.

The church has her share of such persons. They often may be detected by their skillful and frequent use of two words--NEVER and ALWAYS.

"The church NEVER does anything for the college student" . . . or "The church ALWAYS caters to the rich and influential."

"The preacher NEVER preaches on \_\_\_\_\_" or "The preacher ALWAYS talks about \_\_\_\_\_"

"They NEVER come to see me" or "They're ALWAYS asking me to visit someone!"

"They NEVER inaugurate the programs that I want" or "They're ALWAYS asking us to give, give, give."

Two questions, "To whom do you pay rent?" "How long have you been living here?" Joe R. Barnett



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies tray making meeting will be hosted by Sandy Brovont this Wednesday afternoon at 12:30. Place to meet is at Doris Graybill's.

The Christian fellowship for men and women is to be this Friday evening at the Brook's Smorgasbord in Garrett. All who plan to go please give your names to brother Hoggatt, as the reatsurant would like to know approx. how many couples are expected. The speakers for the evening are brothers Martinko from Marshakl, Mich. and Jack Simons of Plymouth, Ind.

There is much work to be done before camp in the next two weeks. Anyone who can plan to go, let it be known, as we might have others who could arrange to go at the same time.

A Personal Work Clinic is scheduled at the Donmoyer Ave congregation on May 28 & 29. It would be helpful to any of us who could arrange to go.

Youth meeting at Camp May 21,22. ----- Men's Overnight and Lectureship at Camp June 4&5. Both of these programs are detailed on the bulletin board.

We welcome all visitors-- please come back.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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May 9, 1971

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### THE WORLD IS MINE

Today upon a bus, I saw a lovely maid with golden hair;  
I envied her, she seemed so gay,  
I wished I were as fair,  
When suddenly she rose to leave,  
I saw her hobble down the aisle.  
She had one foot and wore a crutch,  
but as she passed, a smile.  
O, God, forgive me when I whine,  
I have two feet, the world is mine.

And when I stopped to buy some sweets,  
The lad who sold them had such charm,  
I talked with him, he said to me,  
"It's nice to talk with folks like you,  
You see, "he said, "I'm blind."  
O, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two eyes, the word is mine!

(Continued page 3)



## IT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU

A guest said recently, upon leaving my home, "I like to come here and talk with you. It is the only place I can say anything I want to knowing it won't go any further.

The compliment should have gone to my mother. One day when I was about eight, I was playing beside an open window while Mrs. Brown confided to my mother a serious problem concerning her son. When Mrs. Brown was gone, my mother, realizing that I had heard everything, said "If Mrs. Brown had left her purse here today, would we give it to anyone else?" "Of course not," I replied. Then mother continued: "Mrs. Brown left something far more precious to her than her pocketbook today. She left a story that could make many people unhappy. That story is not ours to give to anyone. It is still hers, even though she left it here. So, we shall not give it to anyone. Do you understand?"

I did. And I have understood ever since that a confidence or a bit of careless gossip which a friend has left at my house is his--not mine--to give to anyone.

--Selected

## BIBLE ARITHMETIC

Heaven's arithmetic has some principles that seem paradoxical. One of them is contained in Christ's estimate of the widow's pennies. How can a copper cent be worth more than a gold eagle? His rule for getting rich is equally strange: "Sell and give, and thou shalt have treasure." Does it make the treasure less desirable that it is to be in heaven's bank? His get-rich-quick plan may seem strange, but it is practical. Getting comes of giving. We get mercy by showing mercy; we get forgiveness by forgiving; we get honor by yielding the place of honor to others; we become princes by making ourselves servants.

--Selected.

## WHY HE COBBLED SHOES

A characteristic story is told about Doctor Carey. The pioneer missionary to India, before he left this country, was a shoe-maker, or rather, as he himself put it, a "cobbler."

He used to go about from village to village preaching, with his soul filled with the love of God. One day a friend came to him and said: "Mr. Carey, I want to speak to you very seriously."

"Well" said Mr. Carey, "What is it?"

The friend replied: "By your going about preaching as you do, you are neglecting your business. If you only attended to your business more you would be all right, and would soon get on and prosper, but as it is, you are simply neglecting your business."

"Neglecting my business?" said Carey, looking at him steadily. "My business is to extend the Kingdom of God. I only cobble shoes to pay expenses?"

--Selected

## THE WORLD IS MINE (continued from page 1)

Then walking down the street,

I saw a child with eyes of blue.

He stood and watched the others play;

It seemed he knew not what to do.

I stopped a moment, then I said:

"Why don't you join the others, dear?"

He looked ahead without a word,

And then I knew he could not hear.

O, God, forgive me when I whine;

I have two ears, the world is mine!

With feet to take me where I'd go,

With eyes to see the sunset's glow,

With ears to hear what I would know,

O, God, forgive me when I whine;

I'm blessed indeed--the world is mine.

--Author Unknown



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Three coming events would be of interest to most of us: The youth rally at camp next week-end, Friday & Saturday, a good program seems to be in the making and we encourage the youth among us to go. On Friday & Saturday May 28, 29 there is a Regional Personal Evangelism Workshop at Donnover Ave. congregation in South Bend. This can be of help to us only if we go. On June 4 & 5 the Annual Men's Lectureship is to be at Camp Indogan. We look forward to hearing Ira Y. Rice and Carson Spivey on the program.

NOTICE - This evening at 6 o'clock we ask that all present teachers and all those who are interested in teaching or otherwise helping out in the upcoming Vacation Bible School in June, to please meet in the south classroom for a meeting.

The food pick-up from the area congregations for Mid-Western Children's Home is to be the fore-part of June. Many have brought in Cake Mixes and Cocoa, however we are still short of the amount we need to supply. Ladies\* Put these things on your shopping list and don't forget to bring them when you come.

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## L A G R A N G E

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May 16, 1971

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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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Doing nothing for  
others is the un-  
doing of our own  
selves.

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### BUILDING CHARACTER

Author Unknown

Did you know the little thoughts  
That flitter through your mind  
Are always either good and pure  
Or selfish and unkind?  
And did you know that what you think  
And what you say today  
Will make you what you are to be  
Because you grow that way?

Your life is built just like a house.  
The things you think and do  
Are like the bricks the builders use,  
For they are building you.  
The bricks that crumble, none would want  
To build into a wall,  
Because when winds begin to blow  
The house would quickly fall.  
And so, to build your character  
And build it strong and sure  
Use pleasant words, do kindly deeds,  
And let your thoughts be pure.



## THE FOLLY OF FELIX

When Paul plead for the soul of Governor Felix (Acts 24:22-26), the governor made the mistake that many make now. As Paul reasoned of "righteousness, and temperance, and the judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee". So Paul left Felix, and the foolish Felix, waiting for a "convenient season", spurned the opportunity to save his soul. To those who have learned the truth, and have not obeyed, we ask, "What are you waiting for?" You probably intend to be a follower of Christ some day, but now something hinders you, you say. What is it? Why wait?

Are you like Felix in his folly waiting for a convenient season? When do you think it will be any easier to obey Christ than now? When will you have more time? When will you need saving more than now? Your days of opportunity are swiftly passing by. Some day it will be too late. ". . . ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." (Jas. 4:4).

You are acting unwisely if you wait until some future time before you do what God tells you that you must do in order to go to heaven. Satan will never let you come to the Savior without opposition (IPet. 5:8).

Honestly and frankly, there is no good reason for not obeying God. Wait no longer. Be honest with yourself, your soul, and your God. Think it over before it is too late. Not only think, but act! "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:15, 16). "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38). Then live faithful as a Christian. Will you?

---Selected.

## BRING BACK THE SHEEP

It was a sheep not a lamb that strayed  
In the parable that Jesus told.  
A grown up sheep that had gone astray  
From the ninety and nine in the fold.

Out on the hillside, out in the cold,  
It was a sheep the Good Shepherd sought.  
And back to the flock into the fold  
It was a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.

And why for the sheep would we earnestly long,  
And earnestly hope and pray?  
Because there is danger if they go wrong  
They will lead the lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep you know,  
Wherever the sheep may stray.  
When the sheep go wrong it will not be long  
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

So for the sheep we earnestly plead  
For the sake of the lambs today,  
If the sheep are lost what terrible cost  
The lambs will have to pay!

### Comments--

Obviously the SHEEP are the parents and of course the LAMBS are our children. Many parents do not feel their responsibility and obligation to set a straight course for their children. They are leading their off-spring into dangerous situations. They are going in a wrong direction and leading their children to go wrong.

Paul urged fathers to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Eph. 6:1-4) We parents need to remember that the life which we live is a sermon. If you are wrong, it will not be long until your lambs will go wrong.

Taken from the Friendly Messenger  
KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

One of the main events coming up in the near future is the Summer Vacation Bible School. This year it is to be held the week of June 21 (9:30 -11:30 Monday through Friday) We are trying to accommodate every age level into a class ( even through the adult class this year). Let's get behind the school this year and publicize it so that much good will be done.

MEN .... The lectureship is less than two weeks away. I'm sure every man would profit from hearing brother Ira Rice speaking on the subject "Dangers confronting the church". See brother Hoggat for reservations.

All who are interested in how to be a better personal worker for the Lord, has a feast in store for him at the Donnoyer Ave. Personal Evangelism Clinic in South Bend this Friday and Saturday. Also there is a youth program that looks to be inspiring. Young people who desire to go see brother Pace. (Adults, see Jerry also).

Mid-Western Children's Home has a Rally Day on the 29th of May. Details of this is on the bulletin board for those interested.

The Gieseke's are planning a trip to Arizona this week. We wish them a safe and enjoyable vacation.

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## L A G R A N G E

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### EXHORTER

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May 23, 1971

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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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It may be well to remind ourselves that we can't go the second mile until we have gone the first!!!!

--Selected

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#### LEISURE TIME AND THE LORD

As warm weather settles upon us, we start thinking about vacations, weekend outings, camping trips, and various other recreational activities.

"Recreation" is basically a "re-creating" process whereby our physical bodies are built up again so that we may perform our daily routine tasks with greater efficiency. It is a necessity for man to take this "time off!"

But let us use good judgment when planning these leisure time activities. Don't leave out the Lord! He recognized our need to "get away from it all" because He went away to be by Himself on occasion during His ministry.

Be thankful for the leisure time we have. . . . use it constructively. . . . and include the Lord in all your plans!

--Selected.



## SEEKING THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT IS IRRATIONAL

Disputing the meaning of a single word in I Cor. 13:8-10 is not the only way to establish the fact that miraculous gifts of the Spirit have long since ceased to be possessed by men. Those who presently contend that such gifts are still with us argue that I Cor. 13 "says nothing about their cessation in this life" (INTEGRITY, p. 134, Feb., 1971). Such a view totally ignores the very basic relationship between revelation given through men in the first century and the spiritual gifts also bestowed.

Revelation and gifts were inseparable. Gifts were bestowed to verify the revealed message. Consequently, if the gifts (such as tongues) continue into our time then so must special revelation. On this stumbling block all proponents of modern miraculous gifts trip themselves. The message of God and Christ was first presented through inspired men, but now is given to us in an inspired Book--the written New Testament. Confirmation of the truths of that revelation were abundantly given in the first century (Hebrews 2:4; Mark 16:20). The spoken inspired word was confirmed through such gifts and the word once revealed remains confirmed in our time.

Each of the ages of the Bible began with great miracles. The first period began with the miracles of creation performed directly by God. Man was created (or made) fullgrown as were the animals and plants. Adam was never a baby nor the first oak once an acorn. Great miracles accompanied the time of Moses and the giving of God's new laws through him. Similarly our age of Christ began with miracles abundantly presented to establish the truth of God's new revelation to man. God did not keep on creating man full-grown from dust, nor did he continue to make an opening in seas as in the time of Moses. Just so, Jesus does not still miraculously heal the blind, multiply loaves and fishes, walk on water, nor raise the dead. Neither does he enable his followers to do these things.

Those who contend for the continuation of miraculous gifts of the Spirit do not know what they seek. The gifts

were but the scaffolding that is removed when the building is finished. Why would any want to continue the scaffolding when it is unnecessary? Who would want or expect Christ to return and be born of a virgin because he once did this? Who wants him to be crucified again and then raised in our time? Likewise, to contend for the continuation of Spiritual gifts would mean the necessity of having new apostles and prophets as spokesmen for the new revelation to be given? All of this is but the scaffolding of the church which was removed when it was able to stand on its own.

What enabled the church to stand alone without the scaffolding? It was the completed revelation of God's word! We can now speak the truth in love and be no longer carried about by every wind of doctrine if we diligently and fairly study that Word (See Ephesians 4:14-15). If it is possible to know and speak truth, to stand firm and unwavering for that doctrine, then the "gifts unto men" (Eph. 4:8) need no longer be with us. Can we not agree that what God no longer needs to give his children He does not bestow?

The subject for discussion is much bigger than just I Cor. 13 and the single word "perfect" (although I believe the cessation of gifts in this world is taught therein). One changes his whole view of the Bible and its purpose when he expects miraculous spiritual gifts in the modern world. The Bible loses its position of prominence and importance as final authority if gifts are yet with us. It is no wonder that those who espouse such gifts see little importance in Bible doctrines, and that they desire to ignore doctrine for the sake of the "unity" fashioned by their whims.

--Martel Pace  
--Swartz Creek Bulletin



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we are happy to have some of our college students back with us; Marcella Ritchie, Nancy Ford and Kent Hoggatt. Two things should here have special notice: Nancy Ford is one of God's family, having obeyed the gospel while at MCC; also, we want to congratulate Marcella for her graduation at MCC. These young students along with two others, Mary and Ruth Wilson, who plan to come back from DIC this week, we thank God for your safe return with us again.

The ladies (all ladies) are asked to meet at 6 o'clock this evening in regard to the fellowship that is scheduled to be held at Lagrange later on in the year.

Earl and June Gieseke returned from their Tulsa, Okla. trip Friday. We are glad to see them home safe and hopefully, refreshed. The Hostetler family are planning on leaving this Wed. for Denver, Colo. to visit Richard, their son. They plan to return within two weeks. We wish for them a safe and enjoyable trip.

There is to be a carry-in dinner next Sunday, possibly outside if the weather allows, otherwise it will be in the south classroom.

The men of the congregation will be viewing the second of the "Now that I'm a Christian" series at 6 o'clock in the back (south) classroom.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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May 30, 1971

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#### Schedule of Regular Services

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

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'Taint --Sel,

'Taint what we have,

But what we give;

'Taint where we are,

But how we live;

'Taint what we do,

But how we do it;

That makes this life

Worth goin' through it.



## NO TIME FOR GOD?

It's a busy world teeming with millions of busy people. . . . coming and going, eating and drinking, laughing and crying, being born and dying.

Most folks in our age find themselves engulfed in extremely tight time schedules. . . involving many and varied activities . . . and the tempo of such a busy, hurried life seems to increase each day. Some can't take it and crack under the strain. Others seek refuge through tranquilizers and still others through alcoholic drink.

Time is the most precious commodity on the market in such a swirling civilization. Who has enough time? Most readily confess to lacking the time to accomplish the really important things in life. Yet many of us do have plenty of time but never seem to get around to doing the things we know we ought to do.

Many resolve to seriously read the Bible to learn of its truths, its commands, and its promises-- but the sacred volume is seldom investigated and rarely picked up. . . except at dusting time. Not enough time.

Many express an interest in becoming a Christian but to date remain out of Christ. Too busy. Not enough time.

Many parents want to become closer to their children and take more of a personal interest in them. . . only to see the little ones grow up and go away with the best time for real understanding and companionship gone forever. Too busy. Not enough time.

The Bible was written for the present. No man knows what tomorrow will bring. One thing the Bible does not promise any man is another day. . . or even another hour. . . or even another minute.

Man's most important mission in life is to learn the will of God, to submit completely to its teachings, and to be governed by the eternal spiritual values rather than the fleeting material things of life. This is our supreme challenge..

## DOES JESUS LIVE AT YOUR HOUSE

There is a very unique picture on walls here and there. A lonely stranger stands from without knocking at a heavy wooden door securely shut with vines overhanging its sides. The concept came to the heart of the artist from Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock, if any man hear my voice, and open the door I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." That stranger from without is Jesus.

This is a story quite similar. One evening upon his arrival home from work, a wife informed her husband that the new minister had called that day and had asked a very strange question. "What did he ask?" queried the husband. "Does Jesus Christ live here," she replied. The husband retorted, "And what did you say?" "I didn't know what to say," she answered. "Didn't you tell him we were responsible, respectable people?" asked her husband. "But he didn't ask that. Once more the interrogating husband asked, "But didn't you tell him we go to church occasionally, and couldn't you tell him we read the Bible occasionally "But he didn't ask that", she said. "He asked if Jesus Christ lived here."

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Peter wrote, "But even hereunto were ye called, because Christ suffered for us, leaving an example, that ye should follow his steps.

CHRISTIAN, DOES JESUS LIVE AT YOUR HOUSE,  
DOES HE REALLY WALK WITH YOU--OR DO YOU MERELY  
WEAR HIS NAME? -----Sel.

Do you have time to learn of God? Do you have time to obey his will and thereby glorify your maker? Every man will have time to die and to be judged by Christ. To be prepared will require time, our best time. To such a covetous farmer, the Lord once said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee. . ." (Luke 12:20) -Sel.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening at 6 o'clock we are to meet at Mark's Nursing Home for singing. We hope as usual, there will be a good number present.

Today immediately following morning worship, we plan to have a carry-in dinner. At this writing the location has not been determined, but it was hoped that a nearby park area could be secured, and if the weather permits, we hope that all who are at worship can stay for the dinner.

This Sunday, we are glad to have all our college students back with us. This Wednesday, three of them, Mary Wilson, Ruth Wilson and Kathy Hoggatt will be leaving to work with the "Project Italy" group this summer. These girls have most of their funds and express their sincere thanks to all who have contributed to their travel fund. We send our love and prayers that the Lord will be with them and the whole group as they work in this mission effort. They will be gone approximately 6 weeks.

It was learned this week that Pearl Bozell had fallen and broke her Hip. She is in the Marion General Hospital, room 448. We are sorry to hear this kind of news. Write her and cheer her up! We pray for her a quick recovery and return home.

REMEMBER - VBS- JUNE 21 thru 25 \* ALL AGES.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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June 6, 1971

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#### COMMERCIALS FROM THE BIBLE

- I. The blood of Christ----The big stain remover.
- II. Life----It's not how long you make it; but--  
how you make it long.
- III. Living----Come all the way up; taste the  
goodness of God.
- IV. Light----The Christian is ever ready--to shine  
his light.
- V. Living waters----The big thirst quencher.
- VI. Satan----Has the hottest brand going.
- VII. God----You're in good hands.
- VIII. Bible----In this you gotta have a gimmick  
world; there's one that doesn't try to please  
everyone.
- IX. Gospel----Tells it like it is.

X. Word ---- The power of the Word.



LONG HAIR LIKE JESUS  
By Clyde P. Findlay

When a long-haired television entertainer recently announced his marriage he commented on his hair, saying that Jesus appeared to him and told him not to cut his hair, and this, he said, accounted for his "miraculous" success. But then comes a nationally-known evangelist, who should have known better, saying that the hippies want to wear their hair long like Jesus did! Now the evangelist calls attention to his own hair growing out "like a prophet." Both men seemed to have gained their idea of the appearance of Jesus from Sunday school literature.

According to Phillip Vollmer's Modern Students of Christ "Archaeologists object to the conventional pictures of Christ because they are not true to history. A German painter, L. Fahrenberg, says, 'Christ certainly never wore a beard and His hair beyond doubt was closely cut. For this we have historical proofs. The oldest representations, going back to the first Christian centuries, and found chiefly in the catacombs of Rome, all picture Him without a beard. All the Christ pictures down to the beginning of the fourth century at least, even later, are after this kind. The further fact that Christ must have in His day worn short hair can be proved by the Scriptures. Among the Jews none but the Nazarenes wore long hair. Christ was indeed a Nazarene, but not a Nazarite, then, like the rest of the Jews He wore His hair short. Further evidence is furnished by Paul in I Cor. 11:14, where it is expressly declared that it is a dishonor for a man to wear his hair long, something that no apostle would have said had his Master worn it thus.'"

Vollmer continues, "Even from Leonardo da Vinci and Michael Angelo we have pictures of Christ. . . according to this older type. The conventional face . . . not a very intellectual face except in Holman's pictures. . . not a happy one. . . but very sad. . . not a strong face, such as a man of the Lord's force and determination must have had."

--Taken from Camden, Arkansas, Mave Rd., bulletin

TRUANCY: Try this telephone conversation on for size: 'Hello . . . yes . . . oh, you're Johnny's teacher. I've been meaning to call you . . . no, Johnny isn't planning to be in school this year. You see, he has so much work to do at the church -- church school lessons, church services, youth activities and such to take up his time; then there are daily devotions at home and other interests, so that there isn't any time left for school . . . Well, yes, I know that you are doing a fine job with the kids in the community -- and I've been intending to write a letter of appreciation to the school about it. I surely would hate to live in a place where there were no schools. . .

"To tell you the truth, though, Mr. Earnest, Johnny didn't like school too well last year. Besides all those examinations, having to bring a report card showing his progress was very embarrassing to him. He suffered some psychological effects for so many girls were attending school, he thought it was 'sissy' to go. So he decided that he just wouldn't attend school this year . . .

"Am I going to make him go? Of course, I'm not! I knew a family once that made their child go, and he wound up hating school. No, I don't think his educational growth will be harmed. I will use my influence to get him to attend football games, class plays, musicals, and other special events of the school. When hunting season is over, his father will be able to take him, and that will be further encouragement to him. I really do think the old methods of education are out of date now anyway . . .

"Yes, if he were to decide that he wanted to return to school, it would be all right with me. I just want to make sure that the decision is his."

--From GLENWOOD BULLETIN, TYLER, TEXAS

This is how my Father's glory is shown: by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples.

John 15:8 (TEV)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

An announcement came from the Buchanan, Mich. congregation of a gospel meeting to be held by Bro. Aleck Dickson (who has held a meeting for us) June 14 thru 23. Details on bulletin board.

Paulding, Ohio congregation invites us to their area singing today at 3 o'clock.

Brother Larry Hicks is in Parkview hospital for corrective surgery. We miss him from services and trust that he will be home soon.

Congratulations to Joe and Kathy Hughes! They are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Christopher David. We rejoice with them on the new arrival. He has already been to church services, which indicate the way he will be raised.

Sister Jesse Pieratt and June Gieseke invite all the ladies to a baby shower Monday evening June 14 at 7 o'clock at the church building (the south classroom). The shower is for Terry Graybill's week old daughter, Wanda Jo.

Our VBS begins on the 21st. Any of the ladies who can help furnish Cookies, Kool-Aid, Sugar, etc., please see sister Nonie Cox. LET'S EVERYONE TRY TO ENROLL A FRIEND, AND COME WITH THEM. THERE ARE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES. PROMOTE IT!!

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# Come To...



# THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

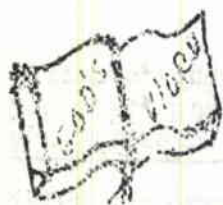
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## Vacation Bible School

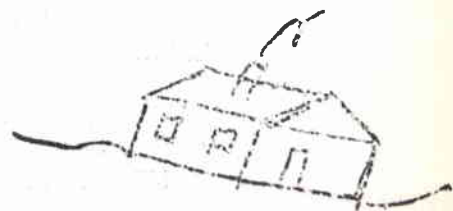
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June 21 thru 25  
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"THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY"

JUNE 21 THRU 25

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CLASSES FOR NURSERY <sup>THRU</sup> ADULTS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are two gospel meetings within driving distance and each of them have for the speaker men who have held gospel meetings for us at Lagrange. Buchanan, Michigan has one scheduled June 14-20 with brother Alex Dickson preaching. Also, Mishawaka has one scheduled June 21 - 25 (the last date might be wrong) with brother Joe Hazelbaker preaching. I'm sure that each of these men would appreciate any of us coming to the meetings.

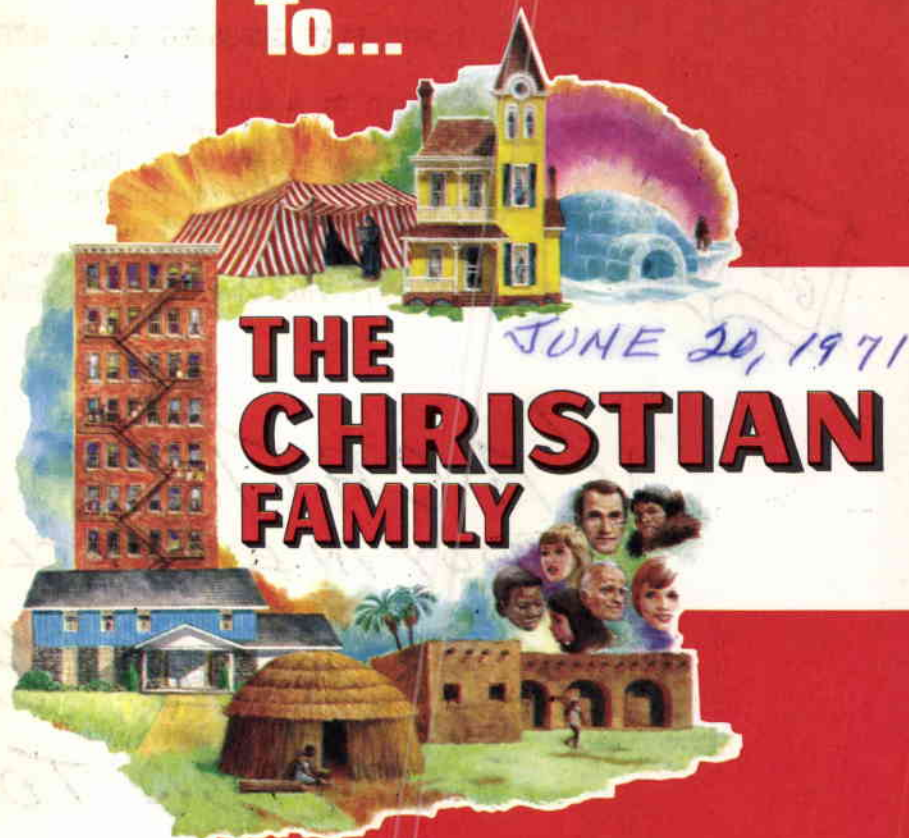
Brother Larry Hicks is still in Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne, but is scheduled to be released early this week. Many of our members have been missed from services and each of us should feel some responsibility to check on our brothers and sisters in Christ, to find out if we can help them in any way. It might be just what they need.

LADIES! Check with sister Cox if you can help furnish cookies and kool-aid for VBS. Also, there will be some cars needed to hauling youngsters. If you can furnish one and drive, see brother Hoggatt. REMEMBER -- THERE ARE CLASSES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS. TRY TO COME EACH DAY AND BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU.

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## Vacation Bible School

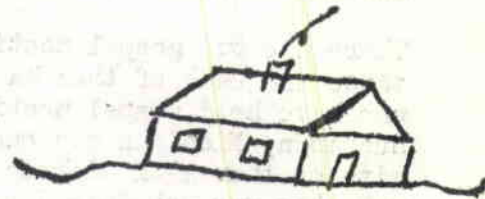
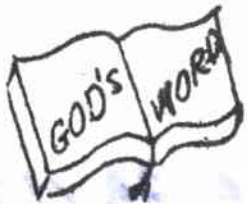
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are two gospel meetings within driving distance and each of them have for the speaker men who have held gospel meetings for us at Lagrange. Buchanan, Michigan has one scheduled June 14-20 with brother Alex Dickson preaching. Also, Mishawaka has one scheduled June 21 - 25 (the last date might be wrong) with brother Joe Hazelbaker preaching. I'm sure that each of these men would appreciate any of us coming to the meetings.

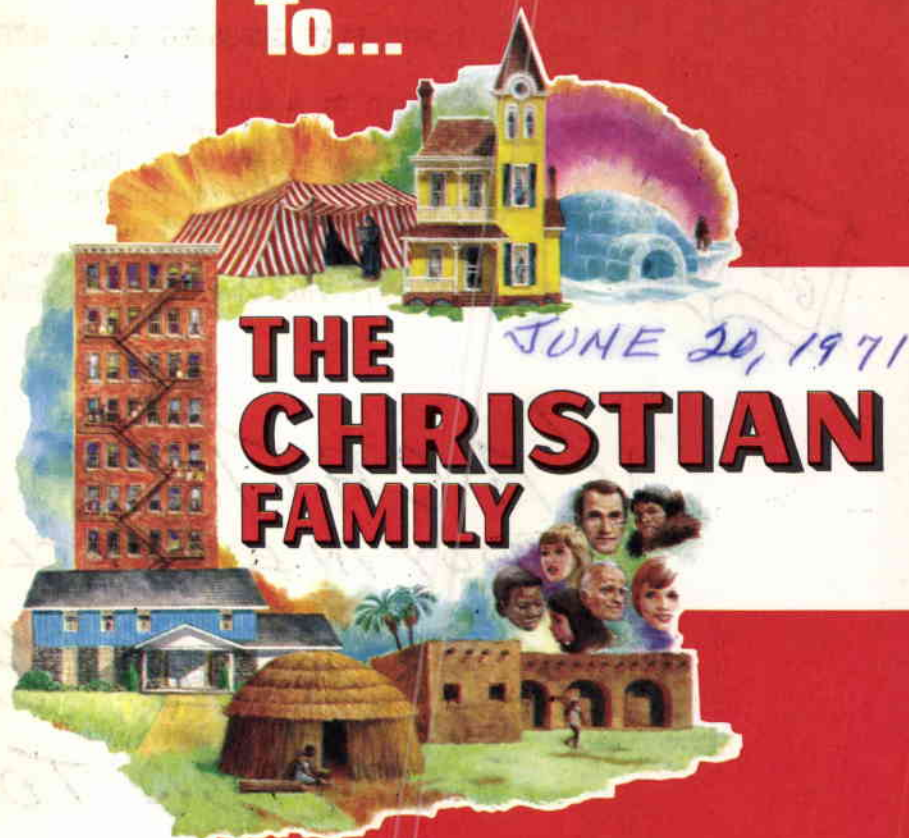
Brother Larry Hicks is still in Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne, but is scheduled to be released early this week. Many of our members have been missed from services and each of us should feel some responsibility to check on our brothers and sisters in Christ, to find out if we can help them in any way. It might be just what they need.

LADIES! Check with sister Cox if you can help furnish cookies and kool-aid for VBS. Also, there will be some cars needed to hauling youngsters. If you can furnish one and drive, see brother Hoggatt. REMEMBER -- THERE ARE CLASSES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS. TRY TO COME EACH DAY AND BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU.

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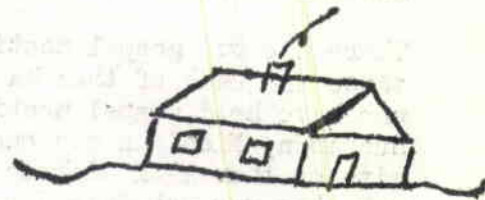
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All of our members should be happy to know that our Vacation Bible School last week was well attended (average 100, each morning) and we trust that much good has been done. We thank all who was a part of this endeavor.

Sister Goldie Palley entered the Lagrange hospital Friday. She needs encouragement. Visit her and pray for her, which is a privilege and duty.

Ben and Vicki Ross have a new son. This couple, too, would appreciate our visits.

We are happy about Larry Hick's return home and hope that he will recover the use of his leg very soon. We've missed him at church services.

The ladies class will resume this Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the church building. If any needs a ride, to come, call sister Hoggatt 463-2794.

Volunteers are needed for two jobs:

1. Someone to sign up for janitoring and preparing the Communion for the month of July.
2. Willing workers to give the grass one more mowing at camp next Saturday (the regular summer sessions begin Sunday and will continue for approx. two months) It should be cut before camp opens. If you can go - and take a mower - please let brother Hoggatt know, for planning.

Classes for preschoolers, and grades 1-6 and mens and womens classes this evening at 6 o'clock.

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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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"For we cannot but speak  
the things which we have  
seen and heard."

Acts 4:20

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### CHRISTIAN DRESS

I suppose more has been written with less results on the topic of Christian dress than about any other topic. At the risk of being called "old-fashioned" I am going to devote some time to another unheeded article on dress. Preachers, as well as all Christians, have an obligation--we have no option--to discuss this vital topic!

Most of you remember the old days when we used to dread warm weather because of immodest dress. Well, we do not have that problem anymore. Now most girls dress immodestly the year around. In an effort to be "modern" the Christians have ignored the codes of decency in regard to dress, generally speaking. Modernism has always been a pitfall for people who profess to be Christians. Seneca has well said: "What before were vices are now right manners." We must not allow



