

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are two gospel meetings which we have received information on which are to begin this week and which is within driving distance for evening services. Brother Webb W. Hall, who used to preach for the Elkhart congregation, will be preaching for the Niles, Michigan church nightly October 3-11, 7:30 ea. eve. Also brother Foy Smith from Riverside, California will be preaching nightly Oct. 4-10 at the Mentone congregation. Time is also 7:30 ea. evening. If you would like to go to either of these places, talk it up and perhaps a carload will go with you.

Remember, our meeting begins just two weeks from this Thursday evening with brother Billy Ringold preaching.

We failed to mention that Robert Crubaugh was immersed into Christ week ago last Thursday evening. We welcome him into God's spiritual family and encourage him to grow in the knowledge of the Lord.

Singing this evening at 6 o'clock at the National Nursing Home. Some have expressed a desire to go also to the Miller Merry Manor Nursing Home on St. Rd. #9 at North edge of city. Want to try it?

Sister Pulley is recovering from an eye operation in Parkview hospital, room 240, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Men asked to be at the business meeting this Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Brother Ward Sullivan gave an excellent introductory lesson on Leadership last Thursday evening. If you missed it, be sure to attend the next two Friday evenings for more detailed studies on the Eldership of the local congregation. We appreciate brother Sullivan's services in this study.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EXHORTER

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October 3, 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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Sinners will be saved  
when Christians act as if  
they had been saved.

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### WHEN I COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

I come not because I am worthy, nor for any righteousness of mine, for I have sinned and fallen short of what, by God's help, I might have been.

I come, not that there is any magic in partaking of the symbols of Christ's body and blood, but I come because Christ bids me come.

I come because it is a memorial to Him as oft as it is done in remembrance of Him, and when I remember Him (His life, suffering, and death), I find myself humbled in His presence and bowing before Him in worship.

I come because here is portrayed Christian self-denial and I am taught forcibly the virtue of sacrifice on behalf of another, which has salvation in it.

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## DIVINE MEASUREMENT

In the matter of physical measurements we depend so much on the standards that our government has set up to regulate our dealings with each other. When ever we buy a quart of milk or a yard of goods we recognize a common standard. There is also a standard in spiritual things, which is God's word.

Not everyone who labels himself a Christian is correctly labeled. The Lord said "Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven." Man can only judge by outward appearances, but only God knows the hearts and the circumstances. We tend to establish standards based on our own reasoning and comparison with others. Having done this we are prone to boast and commend ourselves, feeling that somehow, someday we are alright. We might be saying "Lord, Lord," habitually attending the services of the church, and keeping a semblance of "Christianity", but the Lord knows. He has given us a standard that can fully show if our interest lies in serving Him. Paul said in II Tim. 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We should seek the approval of God, not man.

--Selected.

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## TRUE RICHES

It is not what we earn that makes us rich  
As riches are really known,  
But how honest we are as we lay our hand  
On what we call our own.  
It is not what we keep that gives us peace,  
In an age when peace is rare,  
But how truthful we are as we lay aside  
Our own and the Master's share.

--Selected

## BEATITUDES OF A LEADER

Blessed is the leader who has not sought the high places, but who has been drafted into service because of his ability and willingness to serve.

Blessed is the leader who knows where he is going, why he is going, and how to get there.

Blessed is the leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.

Blessed is the leader who knows how to lead without being dictatorial. True leaders are humble.

Blessed is the leader who seeks for the best for those he serves

Blessed is the leader who leads for the good of the most concerned, and not for personal gratification of his own ideas.

Blessed is the leader who marches with the group, interprets correctly the sign on the pathway that leads to success.

Blessed is the leader who develops leaders while leading.

Blessed is the leader who has his head in the clouds, but his feet on the ground.

Blessed is the leader who considers leadership an opportunity for service.

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## WHEN I COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE (Cont.)

I come because I rise from this place with new strength, courage and power to live for Him who died for me.

I come because here I have the opportunity to acknowledge my unworthiness and to make a new start.

--Via North Central Church  
of Christ Bulletin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There has been a need for some time (since the church has increased in membership and attendance) to keep a more accurate record of attendance for an efficient follow up program. For this reason, we are requesting that everyone attending please cooperate in signing the attendance sheet which will be passed down each pew on a clipboard. We feel that this procedure is in keeping with the apostle Paul's instruction in 1 Cor. 14:40 "Let all things be done decently and in order". From this information we should have a better personal work program. We'll start this very soon.

Our gospel meeting with Billy Ringold begins a week from Thursday evening. Handout announcements have been printed and we would ask that each member take at least fifteen (separated into stacks of 15 each) and see that they are handed out to your friends and neighbors. This has proven to be the best method of advertizement.

Brother Ringold is planning a morning class which will study the book of Ephesians. Anyone who can arrange to go will enjoy his class, I'm sure. A time convenient to the most attending will be set.

Tray favor meeting this Wednesday at 12:30 p.m., at the church building. June Gieseke, hostess.

Singing at Glenwood congregation in Ft. Wayne today at 3 o'clock. See bulletin board for directions.

Brother Ward Sullivan is planning this Thursday evening to discuss the qualifications of Elders and has asked that every member study the following passages, previous to the class discussion:

1 Tim 3 ; Tit. 1; Acts 20:17-38; 1 Pet. 5;  
11 Pet. 1; Heb. 13:7,17; 1 Tim. 5:17-19.

This is the last of the planned class study on this most important subject, BE SURE TO ATTEND.

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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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October 10, 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	7:00 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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Calvary is God's blood  
bank for a sick world.  
--Selected

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### THANK GOD FOR YOUTH

Thank God for youth, with the strength to lift  
And the will to serve, and the heart to pray;  
Thank God for the marvelous gift of youth---today.  
There are paths to be straightened, within our land.  
There are darkened ways that have need of light;  
Thank God for the youth of the Earth, who stand four  
square for the right.  
There is need for the vision of undimmed eyes;  
There is need for hands that are clean and strong;  
For backs that are straight, and hearts that are wise;  
for lips with a song.  
Thank God for youth with its latent powers;  
Thank God for the youth that yet may bring,  
Out of these failures that have been ours.  
Some - better - thing.                      -- Selected

## HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE TO LOSE THE TRUTH?

"Oh, God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation . . ." (Ps. 71:17-18)

How long does it take to lose the truth?

Can it be lost in one generation? If parents fail to teach their children, and churches fail to teach members and the world, where shall we be in the next generation? It is possible to lose the truth completely in just one short generation!

This ought to be a sobering fact pressing hard upon the hearts of all sons of the Kingdom. It is understood we are to teach others so that the gospel may continue generation after generation. (II Tim. 2:2) The Psalmist in the above quotation felt this responsibility deeply, asking for a chance to show God's strength "unto this generation." The influence of Joshua on succeeding generations is seen by noting: "And Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the Lord, that he had done for Israel." (Joshua 24:31)

We may well ask ourselves what the churches are teaching in our generation, but it would be far better to ask ourselves what we are teaching our own children! For instance:

\* Can your children give scriptural evidence of the one true church?

\* Can your children express conviction that Jesus died for His church in distinction from many churches?

\* Would your children object to the use of instrumental music in the worship for any other reason than they know their parents object to its use?

\* What would your child say to a church offering fellowship to all of the pious unimmersed?

\* Does your child feel a burden of soul-saving or does he feel this should be left up to the ministers?

\* Could your child give scriptural arguments as to the Lord's Supper, its design and function, as well as the time of its observance?

\* Would your children feel any convictions as to whether a church should engage in fund-raising pursuits other than free-will giving, or should do works in the community openly secular in their nature?

Yes, we should be gravely concerned over the progress of the church in this 20th century, but how much of this concern should be directed to our own homes? If we do not teach our children love and respect for the word of God and His church, all the combined teaching of thousands of preachers and bishops will not offset it.

"Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8)

How long would it take to lose the truth?

## THINGS YOU NEVER REGRET

Showing kindness to an aged person.

Destroying the letter written in anger.

Offering the apology that saves a friendship.

Stepping a scandal that was wrecking a reputation.

Helping a child to find God.

Taking time to honor your "Father and Mother."

Accepting the judgment of God on all questions.

--Robert L. Stevenson

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If you want to keep your feet on the ground, carry some responsibility on your shoulders."

True success lies in helping others as we climb and not in using them as stepping stones across the river of selfish endeavor.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our gospel meeting begins this Thursday evening. Have you handed out your share of the invitations? There are still some to be distributed so take as many as you need.

The morning class that Brother Ringold will teach (on Ephsians) is to be scheduled at our convenience, so all who can attend, please specify to Brother Hoggatt the time that you would prefer and we'll set it up with Brother Ringold.

The meeting is at 7:30 each evening, Oct 21-28.

Brothers Fred Oakley and Brice Eller came forward and requested the prayers of brethren for their rededication of their lives to the Lord. We appreciate these brothers for sensing a greater responsibility in the Lord's work. We can never do Too much.

As we have done in the past, when we have a visiting preacher (as we do with Brother Ringold) there will be placed on the bulletin board a sheet on which a family can plan to have Brother Ringold for the evening meal. This method allows for him to get to know the congregation on an individual basis better and it works the other way around- the congregation learns hospitality by extending it. You'll be blessed by knowing Brother Billy better.

Sister Pulley is better but still unable to attend services. A call yesterday said that possibly she could come, by next Sunday.

Ladies Bible Study this Tuesday at 7:30.  
Personal Work Training class this evening at 6:30

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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October 17, 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	7:00 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

Earl Gieseke, Minister 405 South Townline Road Route 4, Box 46 LaGrange, Indiana 46761 Telephone No. 463-3571	"God will forgive those who start late in life to serve Him, but He will not forgive those who quit early. 'Be thou faithful unto death'".
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### THINGS MONEY CAN'T BUY

"We have sold the idea that if we can possess a washing machine, a television set, an electric razor, electric blanket, electric refrigerator, automobile, and the gadgets we have developed, we will have a happy and abundant life. So we set out to buy ourselves into happiness. Many people have swapped God for gadgets. We have failed to develop ourselves inside. But one day some crisis develops.

You can't meet a crisis with a Cadillac; you can't heal a broken heart with your refrigerator, or clean a guilty conscience with a vacuum cleaner. When vast numbers of people come face to face with deep human needs they have nothing with which to face it. In our rush to get things money can buy...we fail to build within our lives things money can't buy. And this lack of inner resources is one of our worries today. --Sel.

TWO CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE LAGRANGE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

It is with saddened hearts that we must see Brother and Sister Cox move to their new residence in Florida and leave Lagrange, where they have given so many years of their life. It was in the early summer of 1953 that they encouraged the starting of the church here in Lagrange. They were present on the very first meeting held in the home of their daughter and son-in-law Brother and Sister Paul Sumney. From that meeting came the dedication of two wonderful people toward the work here, and over the years has been a constant source of encouragement and example of faithfulness to those of us who worked with them.

They have had much to do with the decisions that became milestones in our history. After having met in the home of Paul and Alberta Sumney since the first Wednesday evening on June 10, 1953, the small congregation started meeting in a rented hall (then, above Yates Shoe Store; now, it is the house of Beauty). It was the first Sunday in August 1953 that the first Lord's Day worship was held in this rented hall. It took quite a lot of cleaning and painting to make the meeting rooms adequate and inviting. Many of fond memories were recorded in the minds of those who worked with Fred and Nona Cox in this initial work.

Realizing all along that the rented facilities were not entirely suitable for the needs of the church here (It must have had at least 25 steps that evoked many a quips from everyone trudging them) we began thinking about building. In the early spring of 1955 the decision was made in the business meeting that we would break ground

on a new church building as soon as weather permitted. When this decision was made, there was just \$303.00 in the treasury. On April 7, 1955 work started on the new building. From a lack of finances, it was necessary that nearly all the labor be donated. Brother Fred Cox can be remembered for the many many hours of work given to make our dream a reality. From that time to the 31st day of December that year, the building was erected, and the roofing completed so that it could be "out of the weather" over the winter. Just one year later on the day that the building was started, April 7, 1956 work was again started on the inside of the building. After a busy summer, our goal was realized. On September 23, 1956, the church in Lagrange met for the first time in the new building.

From that first meeting in the new building until now, Fred and Nona have been an inspiration for the work here. We appreciate them for the stability they have given down through the years. Their faithfulness and dedication will long be remembered. It is with sorrow that we see them leave our midst, and it is our sincere prayer that they will continue to serve the Lord where they go.

To both of you, Fred and Nona, we sincerely say "Thank You" for your labour here and pray the very best for you in time to come.

The Lagrange Church of Christ

" And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" Acts 20:32

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The gospel meeting is now at its mid-point and the lessons from Brother Billy Ringold has been excellent. The attendance has been very good. If you have been putting off inviting your friends and neighbors, you'd now better hurry. There are still several invitation brochures announcing the meeting which should be used up in the next couple of days. According to brother Ringold, the lessons planned for the remaining nights are fundamentals of the faith and should be of great benefit to any we can bring. The meeting closes this Thursday evening.

The gospel meeting which is now on in the new congregation at East Allen County, Ft. Wayne, is to continue through Friday evening, so that anyone here can attend at least one meeting after ours closes, if they so desire. Brother C.W. Bradley is the preacher, 7:30 each evening.

The personal work class will meet this evening at 6:30, since the evening services are set for 7:30, every night during the meeting. The study is lesson 12 in the book that we are using.

There is to be a Halloween Party this Friday evening at Camp Indogan. Time: Be there by 7:30. Everyone invited. Everyone must come masked or pay a fine. Games, fun, refreshments, hayride (horse drawn) devotion, camp fire, etc. Bring blanket(s) to stay overnight. Breakfast will be served on Saturday morning.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### EXHORTER

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October 24, 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	(Oct. 24) 7:30 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

Earl Gieseke, Minister "Except ye be converted and  
405 South Townline Road become as little children,  
Route 4, Box 46 ye shall not enter into  
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#### PRAYER CAN BRING RELEASE

You often hear people say that life is getting too much for them. But life has always been too much for those who try to carry all the burdens alone. God didn't intend for man to bear the weight of life's problems without divine guidance and strength.

So millions today are complaining of strain and tension, or seeking the assistance of medical science or turning to the temporary relief of sedatives and alcohol or drugs when, what they really need is to take God into their lives. For in prayer man can unload his burdens, find release from those inner tensions that feel like taut wires stretched in our brain and in our faces.

Just remember God did not intend you to carry all that load and anxiety alone. Find a place of prayer, go there everyday and you will find a lasting, refreshing comfort no drug or prescription can give. -Bel.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The gospel meeting which was just concluded last Thursday evening with brother Billy Ringold was well attended (attendance running from the low in the seventies to the high of 103, the average in the eighties). The lessons were excellent and should be most helpful to the church here in time to come. The last night of the meeting, Linda Eash, a friend of Bill Oakley, was baptised thus being added to the body of saints here at La-grange. We welcome and pray for her as she enters the Christian work.

The Melody Boys quartette will present a gospel in song program at the Kendallville church building today at 3:00 p.m. They have been here and one of the finest groups of gospel singers anywhere. If you would like to go let others know.

A gospel meeting at Elkhart with Brother Paul Galyan from Indianapolis begins today and continues through the week at 7:30 each evening. Any who can attend would enjoy his inspiring lessons.

A business meeting for the men is scheduled this Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the church building.

The women's Bible study will resume this Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the church building.

The area wide singing is scheduled at Angola on the 14th of November. More on this later.

There are several copies of names who make up the membership of the church here at Lagrange and if you would like one, please pick one up in the vestibule.

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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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October 31, 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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### THIS LIFE OF OURS

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

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

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## DO NOT JUDGE

Pray don't find fault with the man who limps  
Or stumbles along the road,  
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears  
Or struggled beneath his load.

There may be tacks in the shoes that hurt,  
Though hidden away from view;  
Or the burdens he bears, placed on your back,  
Might cause you to stagger, too.

Don't sneer at the man who's down today,  
Unless you have felt the blow  
That caused his fall, or felt the shame  
That only the fallen know.

You may be strong, but still the blows  
That were his, if dealt to you  
In the self-same way at the self-same time,  
Might cause you to stagger, too.

Don't be too harsh with the man who sins,  
Or pelt him with words or stones  
Unless you are sure, Yes, double sure,  
That you have no sins of your own.

For you know, perhaps, if the tempters voice,  
Should whisper as soft to you  
As it did to him when he went astray,  
'Twould cause you to falter too.

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## MY CHILDREN

Lord, I would not grow so busy that I cannot drop my  
task  
To answer every question which that child of mine can  
ask.  
Let me never serve ambition so selfishly, I pray,

## A SURE SIGN

When the way to meeting house seems too far;  
When the sermon seems too long;  
When singing comes hard and seems dreary;  
When you see so much to dislike in your brethren;  
When the preacher makes you angry--because he tells  
the truth;  
When the members frequently say things that offend  
you;  
When your reading of the Bible is dull and puts you  
to sleep;  
When it frets you to be called on to give;  
When you feel that there is no need to work to try  
to save sinners around you;  
When you are impatient with the short-coming of your  
brethren and feel that you have few  
When there is no gladness and satisfaction in the  
mention of God, Christ, and his church;  
When you avoid thinking of death and judgment;  
When you make excuses for your sins and try to per-  
suade yourself that God will not punish or judge--  
then, Christian, YOU ARE NOT RIGHT WITH GOD. YOU  
ARE DRIFTING, BACKSLIDING, GOING INTO DARKNESS AGAIN.

THIS LIFE OF OURS (Continued from front page)

It is a steep grade, this thing called life, and  
we should welcome every opportunity to give our com-  
rades a lift when the need it.

Sel.

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That I cannot stop to listen to the things my child-  
ren say,  
For whatever cares beset them, let them know I'm  
standing by,  
I don't want to make them orphans till the day I come  
to die.

Zone meeting for Blue team (Alan Warren's Home, Monday evening at 7 o'clock)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the monthly singing is to be held for the first time in Angola. The church there has secured the high school facilities for the meeting place. Since the congregation there is small and they are trying their best to get several local visitors to come, they would very much appreciate our support from Lagrange.

This evening is our regularly scheduled singing at the National Nursing Home. For some time, the suggestion of singing at the Merry Manor Nursing Home has come up, but nothing definite had been planned. Permission has been obtained to sing there, but in order to facilitate singing at both Homes, we would have to start a few minutes earlier to allow for traveling time between stops. Let's try meeting at the Merry Manor Home at 5:50 (10 minutes earlier than the usual 6 o'clock time) and see how the schedule works out. We can change this if it does not work out best, but let's give it a good try. When Mark's Home closed down, the patients went to both new Nursing Homes, and under this plan, we'll get to see them all again.

CONGRATULATIONS : To Jerry and Dorothy Pace for their new arrival, Wayne Alexander. Father is somewhat shock up, but he'll make it fine. Mother also doing well. She's in room 127B at the hospital. Visit her.

Ladies tray favor meeting this Wednesday at 12:30 at Thelma Hoggatt's home. All ladies invited. Ladies Bible study Tuesday eve. at 7:30 at the church building.

Be sure to attend the Personal Work Class every Sunday evening at 6 (No class on the 1st Sunday of each month, to allow for singing at Homes)

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

November 7, 1971

Schedule of Regular Services

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

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IT FIGURES

Since the Bible compares the church to a physical body with different members performing different functions, Christians cannot all do the same work in the same way. However, the New Testament contains quite a few scriptures which make out a good case that each and every child of God, through means he finds most effective, should strive to win souls for Christ.

Even if the Scriptures did not specifically bind each one of us to win souls this is the only way any given generation can obey Christ's command to preach the whole gospel to the whole world.

At present there are 3 billion people in the world. Even if people were being converted to Christ at the rate of 1.000 per hour it would (cont. page 2)

## HIS YOKE IS EASY

A man was carrying a basket. It was heavy. His son asked to help him. The father cut a stick and placed it through the handle of the basket so that the end toward the boy was three or four times as long as the short end toward himself. Each took hold of his end of the stick, and the basket was lifted and easily carried. The son was bearing the burden with the father, but he found his work easy and light because his father assumed the heavy end of the stick.

Just so it is when we bear the yoke with Christ; He sees to it that the burden laid on us is light; He carries the heavy end.

--Selected

## IT FIGURES (continued from front page)

take 329 years to reach 3 billion and the population is supposed to double in just 30 more years!

The only way the world can be won for Christ is for each Christian to convert a soul to Christ each year. If the educated guess of some of our brethren is correct and there are 2.5 million new Testament Christians today, by this simple program in just 11 years 4.6 billion people would be converted--more than enough to keep up with the population explosion. Then our generation would have carried out the Lord's commission.

This program is plain, practical and painless, but, to be honest, not probable.

Guess where the hitch is?

What can  
DO?



## QUIZ ON EPHESIANS

1. What year was Ephesians written? (approximate time)
2. Where was Paul when he wrote Ephesians?
3. What was the mystery hidden through the years past?
4. Why are we put here on earth?
5. What is the body of Christ?
6. What names are given to the church in the new testament?
7. How do we glorify God?
8. What are the Great unities of Ephesians 4:4-6?
9. What was Paul's admonition to the wives?
10. What was his admonition to the husbands?
11. What was his admonition to Children?
12. What was the first commandment with promise?
13. What was his admonition to fathers?
14. What was his admonition to servants?
15. What was his admonition to masters?
16. What is the armour of God?

Helpful clues for finding answers to the above questions.

(Eph. 6:2,3) (Eph. 6:4) (Eph. 6:5) Eph. 6:11-18)  
(Acts 20:28, Romans 16:16, Eph. 1:23, 2:19, ICor.14:38)  
(Eph. 5:25) (Eph. 6:9) (Eph. 1:9,10) Eph. 1:12) (Eph.  
22, 23) (Eph. 3:21) (Eph. 4:4-6) Eph. 5:22) (Eph 6:1)

Location of High School -  
2 blocks So. of Circle.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We'd like to urge every member of the Lagrange congregation to attend the 3 o'clock singing at Angola this afternoon. This will be the first time that the Angola church has hosted the singing for the area congregations. They have secured the high school Auditorium which will seat some 500 people for the occasion and they hope that area congregations will turn out in number. They hope to have many visitors from the local area. Let's encourage them in this first effort.

It was decided at the last business meeting that a special meeting would be held this Wednesday evening at 6:30 at the church building to discuss further the organizational program initiated several weeks ago for the congregation here at Lagrange. We urge all the men to be present for this meeting.

Every member here should be fully aware that the church has many teaching aids at their disposal anytime they can see a need. The correspondence courses, tracts of nearly every Bible subject (if you can't find what you need ask someone and if we don't have it we'll get it) filmstrips of different kinds for everyone's needs (for the members as well as non-members), and all of these are for the use of each member as he sees the need, either for yourself or someone else with whom you are interested and studying. Or if you have a friend who wants to study and you don't feel quite capable, give the name to Jerry Pace and he'll follow it through. Let us work together for the building of the Lord's kingdom in this area.

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L A G R A N G E

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November 14, 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.
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### THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER DO

1. Don't confuse faith and opinion. Some people have never learned the difference between faith and opinion. Some think matters of faith are matters of opinion, others think matters of opinion are matters of faith. Never cause trouble over what you believe about a matter unless you are willing to say that all who disagree with you are going to hell. If you are not willing to say this, you admit that your belief about it is just your opinion, and such matters should never be instruments of strife among brethren.
2. Don't do all the talking. One should make it a rule to do at least as much listening as talking. When one wants to do all the talking and not let the other fellow get a word in edgewise, he is demonstrating a sensed weakness in his position. For it to stand up, he must keep it talked up over the opposition.

## DON'T BE A HOBO CHRISTIAN!

A Hobo can forget his responsibilities, but a christian, the true child of God, cannot. Some Christians have become Hoboes because of having forgotten some of their responsibilities. How about YOU!!! Have you forgotten any of these?

1. Assembling with the church?
2. Giving as prospered?
3. Observing the Lord's supper?
4. Studying the Bible?
5. Living a pure life?
6. Loving your neighbor?
7. Being the LIGHT of the world?
8. Being the SALT of the earth?
9. Teaching the Gospel to all?
10. Putting the Kingdom of God first ?
11. Attending every service?
12. Praying for the leaders of the church?
13. Inviting friends to attend?
14. Doing your part in everything?
15. Working toward peace and harmony?

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## THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER DO (cont. from front page)

3. Don't expect more of others than of your self. We sometimes expect others to be friendly to us, while we carry a dill pickle complex. We expect others to be forgiving and kind toward us while we are bitter and sarcastic toward them. We expect others to be tolerant of our short comings, while we constantly pick at theirs.

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HOW TO BE HAPPY--Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply, expect little, give much, sing often, pray always. Fill your life with love, scatter sunshine, forget self, think of others. Do as you would like others to do to you. These are the proven links in contentments golden chain.

## SELF DESTRUCTION

Once there was an eagle soaring high in the sky and as it flew, almost out of sight, it became unsteady and finally began to fall. It plunged to the earth in a pasture near two men. When the men went to the eagle, they found him shaking and trembling. In its claws was a rattlesnake!

The eagle had caught the reptile, soared into the sky and finally lost the battle when the snake bit it. Now, there it lay--holding onto the very thing that killed it!

So it is with many folk today. They have found something from which they hope to derive some pleasure; but like the eagle in the story, they are fighting a losing battle, and are holding onto the very thing that will mean their spiritual death.

How sad it is to think of a soul being lost simply because the person is too proud or too stubborn to free himself of the thing which is destroying him!

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## QUIZ ON GALATIANS

1. Who wrote Galatians?
2. Why did he write Galatians?
3. Why was Titus not compelled to be circumcised?
4. How does the writer say we put on Christ?
5. What does the writer say about those who justify themselves by works of law?
6. What are the lusts of the flesh?
7. What are the fruits of the holy spirit ?
8. What is a man sure to reap?
9. We are to do good to all men, but especially to whom?
10. What man bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus?

Clues: Gal.1:6-7, Gal.3:27, Gal.1:1, Gal. 2:3-4, Gal.6: 17, Gal. 5:19,21, Gal. 6:7, Gal. 5:4, Gal.6: 10, Gal. 5:22-23.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The appointment of Elders of the Lagrange congregation was made last Wednesday evening, culminating several weeks of study and consideration of this matter. Brothers Devon Hostetler and Dean Hoggatt solicit your prayers and co-operation as they undertake this new responsibility.

Several members here are planning on attending the Personal Evangelism Director's Clinic to be held on the Harding College campus at Searcy, Ark. this Thursday and Friday. If any others would like to go, please let it be known. We pray for the safe journey of everyone and know that the spiritual help that each will receive will be worth the trip many times over. The group will be leaving Wednesday and arrive back Saturday.

Brother Mike Lewis is home after surgery in the Fort Wayne hospital. There are generally some in the Lagrange hospital that are known by most of the members and it would be a good work if they were visited when you can. This week Becky Haarer's mother and Helen Quick were in. Remember these and the other sick in your prayers.

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## L A G R A N G E

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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November 21, 1971

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#### Schedule of Regular Services

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#### IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

The church of Christ at LaGrange is happy to announce that Dean Hoggatt and Devon Hostetler are now serving as the elders.

They have as their responsibility the spiritual oversight of the local church here at LaGrange.

We as members here working under them should feel free to consult them on any spiritual matter that we have.

I know from personal experience over the past seven and one-half years that both men are fully dedicated to the cause of Christ. You can truly feel free to use them at any time you encounter a problem. I have done so and have received satisfaction in the past; therefore I know you can do the same.

Let us give these men our support and cooperation in all matters regarding the church. The success of their tenure as bishops is dependent upon each of us as individual Christians serving under them.

I believe the church here is the close knit congregation of God's people that I have had the pleasure of worshipping with since I have been a Christian. Let us continue to grow in grace and knowledge under the leadership of these two fine Christian men.

Theirs will not be an easy job. They will be saddled with heavy and heartbreaking decisions during the years to come. But their job will be made easier if each of us do our job as individual Christians serving under them.

Pray for them. Protect them from gossip and slander. Treat them with the reverence and respect due the office of an elder. Make sure that nothing you personally say or do will in any way make their job a more difficult one.

May God grant his richest blessings upon the church and her elders. In Jesus' name, A-men.

Earl Gieseke, minister

#### CONSIDER THE HAMMER

1. It keeps its head.
2. It does not fly off the handle.
3. It finds the point and drives it home.
4. It looks at the other side too.
5. It succeeds by continuous pounding.
6. It makes mistakes, but when it does it starts all over again.

#### QUIZ ON ROMANS

1. Who wrote the Roman Letter?
2. To whom did the writer feel himself in debt?
3. What is the power of God unto salvation?
4. Why did God give up the apostate world in Paul's time?
5. Is our God a respecter of persons?
6. Can you name the unrighteous things that ruined the people?
7. What advantage did the Jews have over the Gentiles?
8. Was Abraham justified by faith before the law was given.?
9. How are we buried with Christ?
10. To whom does vengeance belong?
11. What does Paul teach about our attitude to enemies?
12. What should we do if a guest has a conviction against eating meat?
13. What does Paul say about stumbling blocks?
14. Who was phebe?

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TEARS are the safety valve of the heart when too much pressure is laid on it.

NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO TAKE WITHOUT GIVING.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Six of our brethren who attended the Harding College lectureship and the Personal Work Clinic which followed are thoroughly convinced of its value in a spiritual way and they would like to encourage others to attend similar programs in the future. Brothers Joe Oakley, Riley Graybill, Everett Graybill, Earl Gieseke, Devon Hostetler and Dean Hoggatt attended these sessions, returning back yesterday, tired, but thankful that we were able to make the trip. Announcements concerning these events will be given in the future and be assured that you will feel that "it's great to be a Christian" when you are in fellowship with a host of some of God's finest people on earth.

Next Friday evening (Dec. 3) at 8 p. m. the Michigan College chorus will present a concert at the So. Side congregation in Ft. Wayne (4833 So. Harrison St.) and they invite any who would like to come. If you enjoy beautiful a cappella singing, don't miss this.

Little Fred Oakley has been admitted in the hospital for a illness that is not determined at this time. With winter coming on, we know that sickness takes its toll, but we do miss the fellowship of those not here, and urge that we not let anything short of providential circumstances prevent us from assembling around the Lord's Table every Sunday morning.

Ladies Bible class Tuesday eve. at 7:30 (room#3)

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## L A G R A N G E

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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November 28, 1971

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## WHERE WILL YOU BE?

One of the old favorite hymns is "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There." It is an impressive hymn expressive of our hope of eternal life. But how can we be so sure, when much of the time when the roll is called in Bible class we are NOT THERE, and if a roll is called on Lord's Day morning or evening in worship, many would not be there.

What makes us think we would enjoy heaven, anyway, when it is to be an eternity of worship, when on this earth it takes very little worship to do the average church member?

When the roll is called in your Bible class next Lord's Day morning, where will YOU be?

The FINAL ROLL CALL for you could be on the Lord's Day.... or Lord's Day evening or on mid-week Bible study evening.

Where WILL YOU BE WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED?

--Selected

## ATTENTION ALL RUNNERS!

Among the ancient Greeks the runner who won the race was not the man who crossed the line in the shortest time, but the man who crossed it in the least time with his torch still burning. We are often so busy with life's activities that we are in danger of allowing the torch of our spiritual life to become extinguished.

A good woman once said that in the rush and hurry of her life she felt in danger of being "jostled out of her spirituality." There is a real danger of being too busy to be good, and running too fast to keep our torch burning.

--Selected

Great men are great because of the little things that they do.

## GOD IS DEPENDING UPON YOU!

"S. D. Gordon, in his book, *Prayer Changes Things*, tells a story we cannot permit to die. He pictures an imaginary conversation between Christ and the angel Gabriel following the ascension. Gabriel asks the Lord what plans He has made to let the world know that He has lived, died and risen from the dead. The Master, replies, 'I told Peter and James and John and some others down on earth to make it the business of their lives to tell others. And the others are to tell others and those others yet others, and still others beyond till the last man in the farthest reach has learned the story and has been caught, thrilled and thrilled by the power of it!' But Gabriel thinks he sees a weak point in the Master's arrangement, and voices his opinion as follows: 'Yes, Master, but suppose that after a while Peter forgets'. Suppose that John loses his enthusiasm, and simply does not tell others. Suppose their successors down there in the twentieth century get too busy with other things, some of them good things, church things maybe. Suppose they get so busy that they do not tell the others? What then?' In reply came the quiet voice of Jesus with thrilling confidence: 'Gabriel, I have made no other plans. I am counting on them.' Yes, HE IS COUNTING ON US! BEYOND ALL POSSIBILITY OF EXPLAINING IN WORDS MUST BE HIS CONFIDENCE IN US!

James Meadows

## A MAN MAY GO TO HEAVEN--

Without health,  
Without wealth,  
Without fame,  
Without a great name,  
Without culture,  
Without learning,  
Without beauty,  
Without friends,  
Without tens of thousand of other things,  
BUT HE CAN NEVER GO TO HEAVEN WITHOUT C H R I S T

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

You will notice some inserts in the bulletin today. These will be inserted once each month (the calender of church events and schedule of men to serve at worship, to be inserted before the beginning of each month; the financial report to be inserted the first Sunday of the month for the previous month). It is hoped that these will serve to inform the congregation on these matters so that better planning can be made ahead of these dates and every member can be informed concerning the financial picture of the church. It is a forgone conclusion that a working congregation is a knowledgeable congregation concerning its affairs. If there are any questions or comments about any of the contents, please feel free to discuss it with the Elders. We hope that improvements can be made on these as time goes on, however we hope they will be of service to you even now. The weekly announcements should still be given to refresh our minds and to cover those matters not known at the time of the monthly printing. Also, any announcement that any member wishes to make should be given to brother Hoggatt by Saturday morning.

This evening at 6, Miller Manor Nursing Home is the scene, and a good turnout by our members is the hope as we sing together for these people. Concluding the singing there at 6:20 and going to the National Nursing Home and starting there at 6:30 and singing for 20 minutes will still get us back to the building by the 7 o'clock worship hour.

Plan to take advantage of spiritual growth received by attending every church activity.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### EXHORTER

December 5, 97

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Read Matt. 9:31 and John 12:32  
THAT MAN JESUS

His character was flawless and his personality was radiant. His dynamics arrested the attention of every person crossing his path. His teaching was characterized by simplicity but the most profound. His arguments were predicated upon simple truth, using plain and irrefutable syllogisms. The fundamental note of his life was joy. He was compassionate and kind, but firm and fearless.

Every place that he went people thronged about him to hear promises of liberation from the religio-political system of the day. Rulers, both political and religious, feared his preaching would cause rebellion and insurrection among their subjects.

His popularity soared above that of the Caesars; his fame being the "talk-of-the-town" in every city, village and hamlet. The chamber of Commerce did not name him the outstanding young man of the year. They gave him the CROSS because he would not shut up.

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 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

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WRECKED BY IT'S FRIENDS

"The Bible can take care of itself." How many times have we heard that said! And it is true. The Bible has been described as the Rock of Ages. No enemy can overturn the Bible. But the Bible is in constant danger from its "friends." Hobbyists can misrepresent it. Sorry living can lower respect for it. People who make unreasonable restrictions and charge them to God's book can disgust thinking

"We must work the work of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work!"

--John 9:4, RSV

B U D G E T    Y O U R    T I M E

TIME, TIME, TIME! This is the most TIME conscious generation of history. TIME is the most precious ingredient with which man works--surgeons fight against it with precision; aeronautical engineers, data processing machines, and the capsule command pilot calculate it to the most minute detail in the maneuvering of space craft; businessmen and housewives are constantly watching the clock to meet busy schedules.

TIME is important to God also--only He is not limited to it as man is. God measures TIME as it is designed for man and creation. "When the fulness of TIME was come, God sent forth his Son" --Gal. 4:4. The Bible also teaches that the patience of God may wear thin because of the misuse and abuse of TIME by man. He expects us to use it wisely.

We budget our income to put it to proper use--TIME is more important and should be budgeted with more prudence. Enjoining practical duties upon followers of Christ Paul said, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord" Romans 12:11. Business matters are important and must be handled honorably, but TIME is the most precious ingredient. It is that which life consists of and with which we serve God.

Set up a schedule for your daily activities that you may serve God more efficiently. Before you say, "I don't have TIME," try to adjust your budget--you may be able to work it in.

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people with it. People who liberalize it to suit themselves can cause others to lose respect for it as a guide. Indifferent "Christians" can put a haze around it that often dims its effectiveness. How often, Oh how often the Bible is weakened and even nullified by those who claim to be its friends. -Batsell Baxter

## Announcements

Everyone is invited to the monthly singing which this time is to be held at Garrett, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. If you want to go and don't have a way contact brother Hoggatt.

Another singing engagement which the congregation here might like to attend is to be next Saturday evening at Defiance, Ohio. The Melody Boys quartet, the Wonderland quartet and another singing group from West Virginia is to present a program in song.

Next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, we have scheduled a teachers meeting in place of the Personal Work class. We urge that every teacher presently teaching as well as those substitutes and interested, to be at this important meeting.

The green team is to meet tomorrow evening. See Fred Oakley for particulars.

We are glad to see the college students return and hope that they involve themselves in the various activities of the church while they are home.

Ladies Bible study tuesday eve. at 7:30 at the church building. ----- Personal Work class is at 6 o'clock this evening.

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## L A G R A N G E

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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December 12, 1971

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## F R E E D O M   A N D   W O R S H I P

--John Simpson

The person who is truly grateful for the American heritage of freedom of worship, is usually the one who can be depended upon to be present at all worship services and other activities of the church.

On the other hand, those who are so wrapped up in their American freedom often seek personal gratification to the point of forsaking worship.

Freedom is one of the greatest blessings we enjoy. When we exercise our freedom to worship, we use it to God's glory. When we use American freedom to satisfy our own lusts, we are worshipping freedom and dishonoring God.

Which is it with you; Freedom of Worship, or Worship of Freedom?

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:5

From the Elders--

In the soul saving work of Jesus Christ, there is much reason to be joyous. However, realizing the responsibility of overseeing this great work naturally causes some of the joy to give way to duty and humility. It is with deep humility and appreciation of the confidence which the congregation here has placed in us that we undertake a far greater burden in the spiritual oversight of the church in Lagrange. Our understanding of God's pattern that such responsibility is right, expedient and needful for the proper functioning of a local congregation, causes us to accept this new appointment with some measure of confidence that it is God's will. It will take some time however to measure up to the maturity and vision that this office requires. It is a far greater scope of work than anything we have known, for now we are directly responsible and must answer for the spiritual condition of each member. We could not approach the work without the complete co-operation of each member and that they each must sense their responsibility in co-operating with the elders in the on-going of the work here, as to both quality and quantity. In this matter we can only do our best, and hope that each member will understand that we are still human, not very much different in ability to err as before, and that mistakes in action and judgment will follow, not by choice, but by inexperience and deficiencies in spiritual maturity. There is one new element that has entered the picture however, and that is the prayers of each member in our behalf. These will be a constant source of encouragement as we believe that the Lord will answer them as we attempt to lead, guide, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. We solicit your prayers and encouragement as we work together to spread the saving message to the extent of our ability. Our constant prayers for wisdom and strength will ascend before the throne of God as we plead for help beyond the human realm.

The eldership must of necessity concern itself with the spiritual condition of the church. Because of this, time formerly given to "outside" personal work and time consuming studies must be greatly reduced. Not that we are no longer interested in reaching the lost, but our first work to "take heed to the flock", "feed the church of God", "take the oversight of the church", and "watch in behalf of souls" is inseparably bound to the church. The important job of keeping the saved saved is paramount; then, evangelization of the lost will automatically follow if Christians pursue their calling. For lack of personal time now in working with the lost we urge each of the members to assume a greater responsibility in the area of personal evangelization than ever before.

As we assess the work that needs to be done, we realize that communication with the members is essential to our understanding each other. Beginning the first of the year we would like to "make the rounds", scheduling visitation with perhaps a couple of members (or families) each evening in their homes until all have been visited. We would attempt to do this at your convenience, not ours. At these meetings we would like to discuss what we feel are important aspects of the work at Lagrange and hope to lay the groundwork for a growth of which we can all feel a part. Again, it is hoped that such a personal visitation will help us to walk together more closely and that in doing so we can more fully appreciate Christian fellowship in Jesus Christ our Lord. In the course of our meeting, we ask your suggestions for improving the various phases of the work here: Bible classes, worship assemblies, preaching, personal work program, non-local evangelization, benevolence etc. With all this information at our disposal and guided by God's word and the wisdom which he shall give, we trust that plans can be laid for a more effective work for the Lord's church in Lagrange.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to announce a new birth into the family of God this past week. We welcome Verna Thomas into the fellowship of saints at Lagrange and pray that her confession of Christ will continue each day of her life. Her baptism was last Tuesday evening. She lives at Cedar Lake and is presently coming with the Tuttles.

Teachers Meeting this evening at 6 in classroom #8. The insert in the bulletin today lists all the teachers scheduled to teach classes for the next quarter beginning Jan. 1972. We should not only know who our teachers are for the various classes but we should be ready to encourage them and commend them for the time and effort given in this important work. It has been said, "As the Bible School goes, so goes the church". A teacher in the Lord's church has one of the greatest responsibilities on earth, of communicating God's Word to accountable souls. We should esteem them highly for their work's sake. We invite not only the present teachers but those who at a later date plan to teach, to come to the meeting this evening.

Many of our members will be traveling to be with their families during the holidays. A word of caution to drive with extreme care might be in order and happiness will prevail not only during the holiday season but continue on through the new year.

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## L A G R A N G E

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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December 19, 1971

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### IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK

Some boys tinkered with the Old Grandfather clock. That night it struck 117 times! Old grandpa jumped out of bed and hollered. Sarah, get up! It's later than I ever knowed it to be before!"

As a matter of fact, when you stop to think about it, it is later than any of us (using granpa's words) ever knowed it to be before. It is safe to say that, for many of us it is later than we suppose. Our opportunities to get ready to meet the Lord are getting fewer and fewer! The time to work for the Master is one day less than yesterday. THE TIME TO OBEY THE GOSPEL, even THE TIME TO BE A CHRISTIAN is now one day later.

--Selected

## THE HOPE OF HEAVEN

Is it worthwhile to be a Christian? Does it really pay to be faithful to God? The Devil suggests that there are too many things to give up and whispers that living the Christian life is too difficult. However, God holds out the hope of heaven as a reward for faithful service. The following letter was received by a minister after he had announced that this sermon would be on heaven. It is truly encouraging. Clip it and read it often.

"Next Sunday you are to talk about heaven. I am interested in that land because I have clear title to a bit of property there, and have for over fifty-five years. I didn't buy it, it was given to me, by the landlord, for some work I've been doing for him."

"The landlord bought it for me at a tremendous price. I don't care to sell it. As a matter of fact, the title is nontransferable. It's not just a vacant lot. For more than a half century I have been sending materials out of which the greatest Architect and Builder of the universe has been building a home for me. It will never need remodeling or repairing for he has assured me that it will suit me perfectly, individually, and will never grow old."

"Termites can never undermine its foundations for they rest upon the Rock of Ages. Fire cannot destroy it. Floods cannot wash it away. I'll need no locks or bolts, for no vicious person can ever enter the land where my home stands. My home is almost complete now, almost ready for me to move in. There I can live in peace eternally. I have no fear of being rejected."

"There is a deep valley of shadows between the place where I now live and the place to which I am going. I cannot reach my home in that city, without passing through this deep valley. I am not afraid, because my best friend, my future landlord, went through this same valley long long ago. I have his promise in printed form that he will never leave me alone. He has stuck by me through thick

## THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Paul declares, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:17

Wouldn't you feel silly going into the battlefield in a war, without your weapon to fight the battle with? You cannot hunt big game for meat for table without a weapon to take the game. You cannot pit your wits against the fish of the streams and lakes without the proper equipment. How then is it that so many think that they can fight the good fight of faith and never carry with them the weapon with which to wage the battle? You do recall that the Father through Paul tells us to "fight the good fight of faith" - to lay hold on eternal life, don't you? Well, one thing is certain, you will never be successful in the warfare of Christ when you are not even carrying the only weapon that you have!

You may have all the rest of the armour of God, but if you leave at home the Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, you will surely lose the battle.

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and thin since we became acquainted some fifty-five years ago. He will be with me as I walk through this dark valley, so I shall not lose my way."

"I hope to hear your sermon on HEAVEN next Sunday, but you see, I'm not sure I shall. My ticket to that home in Heaven has no date marked for the journey. I'm not worried tho, you see, I've been ready to go for some time. I don't even have to pack a bag. I'd like to hear your talk Sunday, but if I'm not there, you'll know I've been called home." I

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84. What two times were men let down thru windows?
85. Who was Moses' father-in-law?
86. Whose face shown because he had been with God?
87. What husband and wife were workers with Paul?
88. What cities marked the extreme South and North of Israel's land?
89. What did Saul do at Stephen's death?
90. Who was Timothy's mother and grandmother?
91. Name the three men thrown in the fiery furnace?
92. Who climbed a tree to see Jesus?
93. Who saw men as trees, walking?
94. What captain was a leper?
95. How many lepers did Jesus cleanse at once?
96. Name the man who took Judas's place?
97. Was Paul one of the original 12 apostles?
98. To what religious sect did Paul belong?
99. Who came to Jesus by night?
100. What two Old Testament characters appeared with Jesus at the transfiguration?

ANSWERS WILL BE GIVEN NEXT WEEK

ONE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE APOSTLE PAUL WHICH WE WOULD DO WELL TO IMITATE AS WE CONCLUDE THIS ANOTHER YEAR:  
 "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."  
 Phillipians 3:13 & 14

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Evening Worship Services	7:00 P.M.
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TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. Whatever your score might be, take the advice of the apostle Paul (1 Tim. 2:15) and Peter (1 Pet. 3:13) and resolve to increase your Bible Knowledge in 1972.

1. About how many men wrote the Bible?
2. Who wrote five books of the New Testament?
3. Name the last book of each Testament?
4. For how much did Judas betray the Christ?
5. Where was Paul born?
6. Whose ear did Peter cut off?
7. What Bible city bears the name of a hat?
8. What prophet disappeared in a whirlwind?
9. Who learned a great lesson in the body of a whale?
10. Of what and when did God make clothes?

11. What two verses of the Bible begin with "In the beginning?"
12. Name the next four books following Matthew?
13. How many people did Jesus feed with five loaves and two fishes?
14. Name the oldest man in the Bible?
15. What famous brothers died on mountain tops?
16. Name the first miracle performed by Jesus?
17. What was Dorcas known for?
18. Name two Bible animals that could talk?
19. On what mountain was the burning bush and who saw it?
20. Who lost his life for going to sleep at church?
21. Name the angel that announced the birth of John and Jesus?
22. Where did Dorcas live?
23. What apostle was bitten by a viper?
24. Who denied Jesus three times?
25. Who were to eat quails for a month?
26. Who died on mount Hor?
27. Name three persons who fasted forty days?
28. What New Testament book is addressed to Gaius?
29. Who was the tall king?
30. Name the next four books following Romans?
31. Who was taught a great lesson by a gourd?
32. How many missionary journeys did Paul make?
33. In addition to preaching what did Paul do?
34. How many people were saved from the flood?
35. What New Testament character hanged himself?
36. Name the next five books following Phillipians?
37. Who built the first temple?
38. Name two sets of brothers of the apostles?
39. What is the shortest book of the Bible?
40. Who saw the handwriting on the wall?
41. When Bible writers wrote or spoke by inspiration, what is meant?
42. To how many churches in Asia did John write?
43. Name the three religious dispensations of the Bible?
44. Where was Christ born?
45. How does faith come?
46. Name two gospel books containing the great commission?
47. What five books follow Titus?
48. How many others were crucified with Jesus?
49. What other two names were used to refer to Peter?
50. Give Matthew's other name?
51. Who was the sister of Moses?
52. On what mountain was the ten commandments given?
53. Name the first Christian martyr?
54. How many days did Christ show himself alive to the apostles after his resurrection?
55. What are Christians to the world?
56. Who sold his birthright for a mess of meat?
57. How is one scripturally baptized?
58. What four books follow first John?
59. What happened to Lot's wife?
60. Who said, "Faith without works is dead"?
61. Who tempted Jesus in the wilderness after his baptism?
62. What is the wages of sin?
63. What apostle was bound with two chains?
64. When did frogs interfere with cooking?
65. Name four small but wise things upon the earth?
66. What was the occupation of Jesus?
67. Who named all the animals?
68. What was the purpose of the first mentioned weapon in the Bible?
69. What new name was given to Christ's followers?
70. Give the names of all the New Testament books.
71. When will people be classed as sheep and goats?
72. How old was Jesus when he began to preach?
73. What book of the Bible was named from a people?
74. What city was destroyed for lack of 10 good men?
75. Name three Johns of the New Testament.
76. Name the son of David who build the temple?
77. What cannot be tamed by man?
78. To whom did Christ first appear after resurrect?
79. Who was king of Judea when Jesus was born?
80. Who were the parents of John the baptist?
81. Who came to prove Solomon with hard questions?
82. Whose men lapped water like dogs?
83. Mention two forty's associated with Christ?