

45. Rom. 10:17 46. Mt. & Mk. 47. Ph. Heb., James, 1 & 11
 Fet. 48. Lk. 23:32, 33; Jn. 19:18 49. Jn. 1:40-42
 50. Mt. 9:9, Lu. 5:27 51. Nu. 26:49 52. Ex. 31:18 53.
 Acts 7:59 54. Acts 1:3 55. Mt. 5:13, 14 56. Heb. 12:
 16 57. Rom. 6:4 58. 11 Jn., 111 Jn., Jude & Rev. 59.
 Gen. 19:26 60. Jam. 1:1; 2:26 61. Mt. 4:1 62. Rom.
 6:23 63. Acts 12:6 64. Ex. 8:3 65. Prov. 30:24-28
 66. Mk. 6:3 67. Gen. 2:19 68. Gen. 3:24 69. Acts 11:26
 70. Matthew thru Revelation 71. Mt. 25:31-33 72.
 Lu. 2:23 73. Hebrews 74. Gen. 18:22, 23 75. Mt. 3:1;
 4:21; Acts 12:12 76. Solomon 77. Jam. 3:8 78. Mk.
 16:9 79. Mt. 2:1 80. Lu. 1:13 81. 1 Ki. 10:1 82.
 Ju. 7:4, 5 83. Mt. 4:2; Acts 1:3 84. Josh. 2:1, 15 &
 Acts 9:24, 25 85. Ex. 10:1 86. Ex. 24:29 87. Rom.
 16:3 88. 1 Sam. 3:20 89. Acts 22:20 90. 11 Tim. 1:5
 91. Dan. 3:22, 23 92. Lk. 19:2-4 93. Mic. 8:24 94.
 2 Ki. 5:1 95. Lk. 17:11-14 96. Acts 1:21-26 97.
 No 98. Acts 23:6 99. Jn. 3:1, 2 100. Mk. 9:4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our song service this evening at the two Nursing Homes. Meet at 6 o'clock at Miller's, first.

General business meeting for the men this Wednesday evening at 7. Important meeting to discuss the work for 1972.

Brother Larry Hicks is expected to be released from the Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne, by next Wednesday. We pray for his speedy recovery.

Red Team meets Monday eve. (Jan. 3) at 7p.m. See Joe Hughes for details.

Earl Gieseke

Route #4, Box 46

Lagrange, Indiana 46761

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

January 2, 1972

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.

Earl Gieseke, minister
 405 South Townline Road
 Route 4, Box 46
 LaGrange, Indiana 46761
 Telephone No. 463-3571

ELDERS
 Dean Hoggatt LaGrange
 Phone 463-2794
 Devon Hostetler Topeka
 Phone 593-2142

REVENGE IS FOOLISH

"Do not say, "I will do to him as he has done to me; I will pay the man back for what he has done." (Proverbs 24:29)

People do such odd things in their frantic efforts to get even. Years have been foolishly squandered in the effort to get even with someone. The brief sweetness of revenge turns rapidly into distasteful ashes.

There are principles of justice which are necessary for society to exist. However, the biblical admonition refers to the common practice of many of us who are always concerned about "our rights" and seldom very interested in "our responsibilities".

Homes are often broken by the desire to obtain revenge for the hurt done by husband, wife, or relatives. Maturity demands the raising of standards. Revenge is childish action which creates new situations of tension.

(cont. on page 3)

PARENT'S PRAYER

Dear God, we parents humble come to Thee
With all our hearts to make this earnest plea;

O Father, in the name of Thy dear Son,
We ask Thy blessing on each daughter, son.

Help us to set small footsteps on the way
That leads to Thee, and may they never stray.

And then, by word and deed and truth
Help us to guide those in youth.

Help each one grow in body and in soul,
To be upright and clean and good--their highest goal.

Alone, we cannot do this greatest task--
To raise a family, therefore we ask:

Give us a wise and understanding heart;
Thy guidance, counsel, love to us impart.

And where we fail, then in some other way
Supply their need from day to day.

Forgive our past mistakes, and may we be
Much better parents, strengthened, Lord by Thee.

Lead us and ours by Thine almighty hand
Till, kept by Thee, before Thy throne we stand.

For this we pray: we and our family will be
At last, in heaven, forever--All with Thee.

--Selected

--Niles bulletin

We owe it to our children to see that they are
trained in the ways of the Lord. They owe it to us to
obey their parents in the Lord.

* * *

Our courage often gets the credit when our stubborn-
ness should be blamed.

MATURITY IN UNDERSTANDING

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve
- I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to
obey.

I asked for help that I might do greater things
- I was given infirmity, that I might do better
things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy - I was
given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life -
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things
I got nothing that I asked for - but everything I
had hoped for.

Despite myself, my prayers were answered. I am,
among all men, most richly blessed!

INDEED, WORDS OF WISDOM.

__Selected

Revenge is Foolish (continued from front page)

Yes, it requires courage to refuse revenge. But
then each of us must choose: maturity or childish-
ness. You are only young once but you can remain
immature indefinitely. --Virgil R. Troust

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. About 40
2. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, James, Jude
Peter
3. Malachi & Revelation
4. Mt. 26:14, 15
5. Acts 22:3
6. Jn. 18:10
7. Acts 14:20
8. 2 Kings 2:11
9. Jon. 1:17
10. Gen. 3:21
11. Gen. 1:1 & Jn. 1:1
12. Mark, Luke,
John & Acts
13. Mt. 14:17-21
14. Gen. 5:27
15. Nu. 20:28 &
Deut. 34:1-5
16. Jn. 2:1-11
17. Acts 9:36, 39
18. Gen. 3:1
19. Nu. 22:28
20. Ex. 3:1, 2
21. Lu. 1:19, 26, 27
22. Acts 9:36
23. Acts 28:3
24. Mt. 26:69-75
25. Nu. 11:4,
19, 20, 25, 28
26. Ex. 34:27, 28; 1 Ki. 1:8, 9
27. 3rd Jn.
28. 1 Sam. 10:21, 22
29. 1 & 11 Cor., Gal. & Eph.
30. Jon. 4:6-11
31. Three
32. Acts 18:3
33. 1 Pet. 3:20
34. Mt. 27:3-5
35. Col., 1 & 11 Thess., 1 & 11 Tim.
36. 1 Ki.
37. 1 Ki. 6 & 1
38. Peter & Andrew, James & John
39. 2 Jn.
40. Dan. 5:5
41. God directed them to speak or write
42. Rev. 1:11
43. Patrichal, Mosacic, Christian
44. Mt. 2:1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The area monthly singing is to be hosted by the Fast Allen Co. Church of Christ this afternoon at 3 o'clock. They have secured the Junior High school in New Haven for the meeting place.

We are happy to announce that Max Litke obeyed the gospel last Sunday evening, and we are looking forward to his being in our fellowship as we all work together in the work of Jesus Christ.

Brother Stanley Day will be speaking this evening as he brings to us a message from God's word coupled with a report on the Lord's work in Angola.

The Power For Today devotional which has been sent to many of the members of the church here is being discontinued from the church treasury. If any would like to continue receiving the guide, please see brother Devon Hostetler who will see that your subscription will continue.

Brother Larry Hicks is to undergo surgery again this Tuesday in the Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne. Pray for his soon recovery and he would appreciate letters or cards. He is in room #739.

Green team meets this Monday. See Fred Oakley for time and place for meeting.

It has become a practice to take the Lord's Supper to those who are in the hospital, nursing homes and immediate area, but sometimes the Supper could not be taken with meaning or because of illness without the ones offering it knowing. For this reason, in the future, anyone providentially hindered from attending services, but wants the Lord's Supper brought to them, we'd be happy to do so. Just let Devon Hostetler know and he'll arrange to have someone serve you.

Earl Gieseke, R#4, Box 46, Lagrange, Ind. 46761

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

January 9, 1972

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.

Earl Gieseke, Minister
405 South Townline Road
Route 4, Box 46
LaGrange, Indiana 46761
Telephone No. 463-3571

ELEERS
Dean Hoggatt LaGrange
Phone 443-2794
Devon Hostetler Topeka
Phone 593-2142

BAPTIZED ALL OVER

A young man in the Northwest was baptized into Christ unto the remission of his sins. When he started into the water the preacher noticed that he had his billfold in his pocket. "You should not take that with you or you will get it wet," he said. The young man replied, "I want my pocketbook to be baptized, too. I want to be baptized all over and give my whole life to the Lord." * * * --Sel.

A CHRISTIAN . . . is a mind thru which Christ thinks. The transformed mind is the mind of Christ the mind of humility; the mind of obedience; and the mind of self-sacrifice. The transformed mind radiates the love of Christ; the joy of salvation, and experiences the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. -Sel.

THERE GOES THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

We all have experiences in life that are sobering to us, but there is one that is very outstanding to me. While calling on a sister who was ill one afternoon, I heard the voice of a small boy behind me say, "There goes the church of Christ!" The boys

were not members of the church, neither were their families. The words drove home the thought that those boys were speaking the truth when they said, "There goes the church of Christ."

I know that I do not make up the church of Christ all over the world, but when my neighbors see me, they are seeing the church of Christ. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." (1 Cor. 12:27)

If those boys had seen me going into a domino hall down town, into a dance hall, or a beer joint, they could still have said, "There goes the church of Christ."

When your neighbors see you from day to day, they are seeing the church of Christ. Please do not forget this.

Young ladies, how would you feel if while walking down the street dressed in shorts, you would hear someone say, "There goes the church of Christ."

Parents, would it make you proud of your daughter who was parading more than half nude before a crowd at a football game, to hear someone say of her, "There goes the church of Christ?"

Personally, I am glad that those boys saw me visiting the sick, when I heard them say, "There goes the church of Christ." I hope that in case one says this about you, that you will be letting "your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16)

--From The SALUTE, Terra Haute

"Confess your faults, never defend them."

WHAT I OWE TO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

1. I want the local congregation to radiate a whole some influence in the community. Therefore, I owe it the example of a good life. Matthew 5:13-15.
2. I want the strangers who enter the door to feel welcome. I owe it to them and the local congregation to be friendly. Heb. 13: 2.
3. The local congregation needs faithful and efficient leaders and the support of every member. 2 Tim. 4:5-8
4. The local congregation has financial obligations which are due at regular intervals. I must give for the continuance of the Lord's work. 2 Cor. 9:7
5. Attendance is vital to the life of the local congregation and it is needful for me to attend all the services I can. Heb. 10:2
6. I want the local congregation to grow so I must set myself to the noble work of winning souls to Christ. Acts 4:4.
7. The local congregation cannot thrive unless it demonstrates the love of Christ to others. Therefore I must love. 1 John 4:21

My relation to the local congregation will greatly determine whether I am an Asset or a Liability to the Lord's work. THINK ABOUT IT, PLEASE.

--Selected

* * *

BUT GIVE ME NO CROSS

Many people today want a religion that offers a crown but no cross, a heaven with no hell, hope with no fear, the love of God without the wrath of God, the promises of God without the warnings of God, salvation without conversion, revival without straight preaching, knowledge without study, evangelism without work, patience without trials and victory without fighting a battle.

--Sel.

In order to have true friends, we must first learn to be one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to announce that two more precious souls have obeyed the gospel this past week. Sam and Elisha Dismore, husband and wife, were both united with Christ last Wednesday evening. We welcome them into the fellowship here.

Sister Margaret Tuttle is in the hospital for tests. Her room number is 154. Also Larry Hicks is still in Parkview hospital. At last report, the skin graft operation went well, but it will be several days before he gets to come home. Remember these two and others who are sick, in your prayers.

We would like for everyone to stay for the dinner following services today.

Jerry Pace has scheduled a private skating party for Jan. 24, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., at the Silver Moon Roller Rink just south of Waterloo. LaGrange and Ft. Wayne are working together on this activity for all who would care to go. Cost, 60¢ at the door plus cost of skate rental. Call Jerry Pace for transportation #351-2724.

Brother Phil Brust sent an appeal letter in behalf of a fellow school teacher, Robert Orr, who is badly in need of funds for a cancer operation. His left eye was removed a year ago to check the spread but now it is found that the frontal part of his skull in the sinus cavities are diseased. His letter is on the bulletin board and if you care to give, give your gift to brother Hostetler who will send them all at the same time.

The Herald of Truth broadcast is going into the five minute spot broadcast at prime time. We will keep everyone posted if and when we can receive it in this area.

Earl Gieseke
Route #4, Box 46
Lagrange, Indiana 46761

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

January 16, 1972

Schedule of Regular Services

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

Earl Gieseke, Minister
405 South Townline Road
Route 4, Box 46
LaGrange, Indiana 46761
Telephone No. 463-3571

ELDERS
Dean Hoggatt LaGrange
Phone 463-2794
Devon Hostetler Topeka
Phone 593-2142

THE BIBLE SCHOOL DROP-OUT

In a prison assembly hall a great preacher was to talk to the prisoners. One of the prisoners introduced him with these words:

"Several years ago two boys lived in the same town in Georgia, played with the same bunch of fellows, attended the same Bible class. One of them dropped out of the Bible Class because he felt that he had outgrown it, and that it was sissy stuff. The other boy kept going for he felt it really did mean something in his life."

"The boy who dropped out is making the introduction, and the boy who kept on going to the Bible class is the one who will speak to you at this time."

"I don't need to say any more."

--Selected

CONTROLLED ATMOSPHERE

Some time ago I purchased a sack of apples on which was printed the words "Controlled Atmosphere." I understand this to mean that during storage and shipment the temperature and moisture were kept just right for the preservation of the fruit. If the atmosphere had not been controlled, it is very likely the apples would not have reached the store without losing some of their firmness and flavor.

I kept thinking about the phrase "controlled atmosphere". Actually the atmosphere plays a primary role in fruit bearing, for it has to be right for the trees to bud, bloom, and produce. In different parts of the world where climate varies, the fruit is different too. For this we depend upon the workings of nature, the seasons of year, and the climate of our part of the world. This of course, we cannot control.

The Bible speaks about God's people bearing the fruit of righteousness, peace, purity, kindness, love, self-control, and joy. The production of these fruits depends entirely upon man's inner climate, and this can be controlled. There are numerous elements that compose this atmosphere, all of which we may regulate. We may poison it with filthy stories, lustful imaginings, impure conversation, salacious reading, personal resentments, envy, and hatred. Under these conditions the fruit will wither and die. On the other hand, we can make it a healthy climate with the elements of prayer, Bible knowledge, mutual exhortations, holiness and fellowship with the Lord.

What fruits do we bear? How is our inner climate???

Remember, we control the atmosphere.

--Billy Ringold

* * * *

Our courage often gets the credit when our stubbornness should be blamed.

CHRISTIANITY ON THE AUCTION BLOCK

"Going once...going twice...Sold!" This is the cry being heard up and down our land as individuals, and sometimes families offer their possessions to the highest bidder. Is not this same thing happening to the spiritual possessions of our brethren? Saints of God are trading and selling their blessings, opportunities, and promises to the world's highest bidder. Too many Christians are "selling out" to Satan.

Evidently, however, some do not value their faith too highly, for they will sell "rare" spiritual blessings for a few pennies. For instance, men eager to be successful, will often times trade their faith for their jobs. Church attendance, worship, and fellowship are traded readily by many Christians for ball games, longer sleeping hours, picnics, unexpected guests, or the lure of the river or lake. The virtue of our young men and women is sometimes sold for one reckless evening. Bible study is quickly traded for T. V. A single excuse is usually high bid for a congregation's failure to execute mission work or a building project. An effective teaching program is traded for the excuse, "We don't have the money", or "What's wrong with the one we have?"

Brethren, we must not sell out because Jesus has said, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matt. 16:26

* * * *

COULD HAPPEN!!!

Two men were floundering hopelessly in a row-boat. One was praying fervently when the other interrupted to cry out: "Don't promise too much to the Lord, - - - - - I SEE LAND!"

* * * *

--Twenty years ago people dreamed about earning the income, they can't get along on today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies' area fellowship is to be this Saturday at the St. Mary's Lodge Hall, 2339 Winter St. Ft. Wayne. East Chestnut, Ft. Wayne is hosting it. All of the ladies who plan to go, let sister Hoggatt know today so that reservations can be sent in before the end of the week.

A teacher's workshop is scheduled at the South Side congregation in Ft. Wayne this Friday evening and Saturday. Those who would like to go see brother Hoggatt.

We are happy that sister Margaret Tuttle is now home from the hospital although she is to stay home from work for at least another week -- also, Larry Hicks returned home last Tuesday from the Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne. He reports that the last skin graft operation was successful and he looks forward to being with us in the assembly again. His leg is still in a cast and he felt that he could not attend yet this Sunday.

A skating party, planned for Monday evening, is a private party at the Silver Moon skating rink one mile south of Waterloo. Time 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. All of the "young" and "young at heart" are invited. See Jerry Pace for transportation.

Brother Stan Day invites us to a dinner (pot luck) following services next Sunday. They have secured the Albion Production building for the dinner. Let's plan to attend and show interest in the new work there and meet the members. Brother Day baptized Jim Abraham this past week. We rejoice too.

Next Sunday evening (a 5th Sunday) we are to have a song service. This evening, different men of the congregation will speak at the worship period.

Earl Gieseke
Route #4, Box 46, Lagrange, Ind. 46761

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

January 23, 1972

Schedule of Regular Services

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

Earl Gieseke, Minister
405 South Townline Road
Route 4, Box 46
LaGrange, Indiana 46761
Telephone No. 463-3571

ELDERS
Dean Hoggatt LaGrange
Phone 463-2794
Devon Hostetler Topeka
Phone 593-2142

MEASURE YOUR RELIGION

We buy a television, a car and some gold,
Sterling, rare items because they are old,
Fine clothes, diamonds and much luxury;
But - we can't give much on Sunday--
No prosperity!

In winter or summer, in showers or shine,
We go to our work, and make it on time.
We give full hours and faithfully work,
But when we serve Jesus, we grumble
And shirk.

We drive many miles to a river or lake;
We buy much equipment, our meals and bait.
We patiently fish 'til the day is spent,
But fishing for men, well, that's different.

HEALTHY VS UNHEALTHY RELIGION

By Dr. Paul Southern

"Why are so many religious persons mentally unhealthy if religion is supposed to make one whole?" Religion is the very warp and woof of the human fabric, for which man is made in the image of God. (Gen. 1:26,27) Any rebellion against this characteristic causes frustration. It is eternally true that "No man can serve two masters." (Matt.6:24), for a double minded man is "unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8) No man can live against the grain of life and get by with it. God is not to be mocked, "for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap." (Gal. 6:7) It is obvious that just being religious will not make one emotionally sound. God so ordered this moral world that like begets like. The person who sows to the flesh "shall of the flesh reap corruption." (Gal. 6:8) Unhealthy religion cannot result in anything except poor mental health. God will not tolerate one using religion to bolster their ego. The scribes and Pharisees were religious but Christ exposed them to be unhealthy minds. (Matt. 23) One lady said, "Religion is aimed to pull people together, not to wedge them apart." It is frightening to know so many church members who live by fear and not by faith. The emotionally unhealthy person is at war with himself, so he looks on humanity and the Universe with suspicion and hostility. True religion begins where psychotherapy ends. Man would be in an impossible dilemma without God's grace. The healing power of heaven's therapy is abundantly available in Christ. The person who truly learns to let God rule will enjoy good mental health. His life will be one of constant progress toward infinite perfection. (20th Century Christian)

* * *

Be pure as snow, but don't drift.

"A LESSON FROM A USELESS HORSE"

A man attended a fair once and saw another man leading a fine horse. He was well groomed and his coat shined with real luster. "Is he a saddle horse?" "No sir, nothing can stay on his back." "Well is he a dray horse?" "No he was hitched up once, but he made kindlin' wood out of the wagon." "Well what is he good for, why is he here?" "STYLE, man STYLE" came the reply. "Just look at the picture he makes."

I was in a Church building later and observed folks in fine attire, coming out after the morning service. "Are these people WORKERS in the Church?" "No" was the reply. "Do they give as they are prospering?" "Seldom ever". "Do they attend all the services of the Church?" "Never regular" came the sad reply. "Can they be depended on for consistent service?" "No."

There's that useless horse, I said to myself, good for nothing but, STYLE, man, STYLE!

VIA: PAUSE--PONDER--PROFIT

* * *

MEASURE YOUR RELIGION (Cont. from front page)

We play in a contest, whatever its name;
We use all our powers to win every game,
But on the Lord's team we have no concern
Not only no practice, we don't want to learn.

We call this religion--we ought to be ashamed,
For if this is Christianity, it's only in name
When Books are all balanced, Facts are all known,
What credit is ours - and what crown can we own.

--Selected

* * *

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
I Corinthians 15:58

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today being a 5th Sunday, we are having an evening worship consisting of singing with some reading of scripture also. There is much spiritual value in just singing praises to God if we engage in this type of worship as God directs. Singing and making melody in your hearts and singing with grace in your hearts (Eph. 5:19; Col.3:16) is the command as given by the apostle Paul, and when we do this, we are able to teach and admonish one another in the very process of blending our voices in praise to God. This evening, each one who has a favorite song they would like to sing, please give this to brother Hoggatt and he'll schedule it to be led. Let's all attend this evening and enjoy a "gospel in song" service.

The Angola congregation would like for us to attend the pot-luck dinner following morning service today. For any and all, if you didn't bring anything along but would like to go, plan to go anyway. There is always plenty of food and the fellowship is "out of this world".

We are happy to see some who have been sick back with us again. Larry Hicks has been visiting in Ohio this past week and should be back tomorrow.

Another month is almost gone. Milestones are being passed which should cause us to ask often, "Have I been producing fruit for the Master?" Don't let a day go by without speaking to someone about Christ.

Earl Gieseke
Route #4, box 46
Lagrange, Indiana 46761

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

January 30, 1972

Schedule of Regular Services

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

Earl Gieseke, minister
405 South Townline Road
Route 4, Box 46
LaGrange, Indiana 46761
Telephone No. 463-3571

ELDERS
Dean Hoggatt LaGrange
Phone 463-2794
Devon Hostetler Topeka
Phone 593-2142

DON'T WAIT FOR THE HEARSE TO TAKE
YOU TO CHURCH!

for if you do-----

1. You will go regardless of the weather.
2. You will go regardless of how your family feels.
3. You will go regardless of the condition of your body.
4. You will have beautiful flowers, but you won't enjoy them.
5. Regardless of what the minister may say, it will do you no good.
6. Regardless of how good the singing is, you won't enjoy it.
7. You will never be able to attend church again
8. You may have a great need, but no one can help you.

(cont. page 3)

ESCAPE - BUT HOW?

"And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away and be at rest. Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness." Psa. 55:6-7.

Though David penned these words many centuries ago, he is not the last to experience the feeling expressed here. Have not the most of us felt the same thing at one time or another? We have all sought a way to escape dreaded tasks and obligations facing us. We live in an "escape oriented" society. There is a pill for everything guaranteed to be better than any of the others.

These words picture a heart weary of the world and its corruption. Surely all of us who are maturing in the faith have felt a sickness, a weariness of soul, at the moral condition of the world. The better one knows the world the more he feels this. Peter tells us that Lot's soul was vexed from day to day by the wickedness around him.

We must not let this feeling cause us to slide into despair. We cannot give up in our own efforts to "season" the world. Things may look dark and hopeless, but what generation hasn't experienced this feeling. Read the annals of history as far back as you desire and all have despaired at their social climate. The younger generation has ever been "going to the dogs".

We need but read Isaiah, Jeremiah, Malachi, or the letter to the Romans to see these terrible sins. Look at the decline and fall of Rome and through the "dark ages." It is an old story - "The world lieth in wickedness." The Christian armor is not for flight, but fight.

But David was not a dove, and neither are we! It is vain, therefore, to hope for rest by seeking the impossible. There is a wrong way as well as a right way of seeking rest. We had better face our problems as God has made us capable of doing rather than wish for an impossible way to escape.

Many consider the dove as a sign of peace, but true peace does not come by releasing a dove into the air. Peace comes when we have accepted the grace of God by faith, and have submitted our will to his.

One who is not at peace in one place would not find peace by changing the external conditions. One may be at peace in the midst of the population, or in the lonely wilderness. We are prone to blame circumstances. We delude ourselves into thinking that if things were different, all would be well. The "imagined otherwise" is the heaven of many.

It is foolish to hope for rest by flight from duty. There are times when flight may be expedient. It may be God's provided avenue of escape. I Cor. 10:13. There are other times when flight would be a sin. Besides, flight may be a vain resource. Amos tells of one fleeing from a lion and meeting a bear, or going into the house and leaning against the wall and being bitten by a serpent.

The question is--what is our duty? The post of difficulty is often the post of duty! Jonah tried to escape his post of duty, but was unsuccessful. The post of duty is often the post of discipline.

The true way to escape and rest is through self-sacrifice. It is when we wholly surrender ourselves to Christ, to be his and his only, that we find true rest and peace. The Bible says, "as the day (or need) is so shall thy strength be." We must seek God. He will help us to a greater faith. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world. Victory can be, will be, ours through Christ, -- not through flight. Our escape is in him who loved us and gave himself for us.

EEG

(cont. from front page)

9. There will be relatives and friends, there, but you will not worship with them.
10. You will go regardless of how many hypocrites are there.
11. You will go regardless of how much you are needed at home or on the job.

The minister would rather help you now, than to try to console your loved ones, please make your choice while you still have a choice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Singing this evening at the two Nursing Homes.
We meet at Miller Merry Manor at 6 and the
National at 6:30.

The Ladies Tray Favor Meeting will meet this
Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at Doris Graybill's.

Any of the ladies who would like to attend the
Angola ladies Bible Study on Thursday mornings
each week see sister Hoggatt.

The Red Zone meets this Monday at 7:00 p.m.
See Joe Hughes for place.

We were happy to have Larry and Vicky Hicks
back again Thursday evening. Larry is doing
fine since the last operation. There seems to
be much sickness this winter - the usual ill-
ness plus the mumps - all of which has cut
into the attendance. Let's hope that we'll be
back to normal soon, for we do miss the mem-
bers when they are not here.

I'd like to challenge every member to try to
set up a Bible study with someone new, or pass
along any information of interested parties to
Jerry Pace, for scheduling by someone else.

Earl Gieseke
Route #4, Box 46
Lagrange, Indiana 46761

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

February 6, 1972

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR SERVICES

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

Earl Gieseke, minister
405 Iouth Townline
Route 4, Box 46
LaGrange, Indiana 46761
Telephone No. 463-3571

ELDERS
Dean Hoggatt, LaGrange
Phone 463-2794
Devon Hostetler Topeka
Phone 593-2142

LIFE'S BOOK

Life is a book, in volumes three:
The Past, The Present, And the Yet to Be
The past is finished and laid away;
The present we are living from day to day;
The third and last -- Volume Three
Is locked from sight; God holds the key.

* * * *

Count the day lost,
Whose low descending sun
Views not from thy hand
Some worthy action done.

"None of the rules of success will work unless you do"

COMPROMISE MEANS DEFEAT FOR ALL

For those who have the duty to lead men in paths of righteousness to compromise the ways of God before their followers is as complete a betrayal of truth as the sordid act of Judas could ever be. We have in our land a serious case of the blind leading the blind, and as surely as truth is truth, they shall both fall into the pit. Those who love the Lord and His word will have the deepest respect for His terms of morality in every way. True men of God will oppose the ways of sin and shall never fail to condemn those who support it, however "respected and pious" such supporters pretend to be.

Yes, to a great extent, religion has failed our people and continues to do so. This is not true of all religion or all religious people, and Christianity has not failed because Christianity has not been tried by most churches. Christianity has been distorted, wrested from its noble pedestal, that one can scarcely see Christ at all within many "Christian bodies.

We openly, firmly and without the slightest hesitation align ourselves with the word of God, sending forth the warning to those who ignore His word that "THEY WHO PRACTICE SUCH THINGS SHALL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM . . ."

--Selected

* * * * *

ACCEPTABLE TO GOD AND MAN

Man is born with the desire of acceptance in some segment of society. He may choose one small segment of society, good or bad, and rebel against all others; or, he may strive to be accepted in all or part to some degree. We get so anxious at times that we try to force ourselves upon others because

A NEW LEAF

To the desk of his teacher a little lad came
With his eyes downcast and his cheeks aflame;
And he said in a hesitant and trembling tone.
"I've spoiled this leaf; may I have a new one?"
In place of the sheet so stained and blotted,
She gave him a new one, clean, unspotted;
His tear-stained face she lifted; then smiled,
And said, "Try to do better now, my child."

To my Teacher I went on my knees, alone;
The days had passed by, and another year flown;
"Dear Father, hast thou not a new leaf for me?
I've blotted so badly this other, I see."
God took the old leaf, so soiled and blotted,
And gave me a new one, clean, unspotted,
And into my sorrowing heart he smiled.
Saying, "Try to do better now, my child."

--Selected

* * * * *

of this inward desire.

Acceptance is very important and fundamental in the structure of human personality. It is extremely important in maintaining good mental health and social prestige. One is literally crushed from within when he concludes that he does not have any real friends and no one cares or loves him.

If human relations are so important, what about our relationship to God? This is the most important relationship in the world for now and eternity. There is a certain magical ingredient in being acceptable to the Lord which makes one acceptable to society. The Jerusalem converts were "praising God and having favor with all the people" Acts 2:47

Real security, human integrity, and general acceptance of others come from making things right with God through obedience. Peter said: In every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." Acts 10:35 RSV --John Simpson

Announcements....

The area singing is to be held at Huntington this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The schedule of all the singings for the next year have been made out. Lagrange's time to host it is next August.

All of the ones involved in the follow-up program (teachers and those who accompany them) are requested to meet in classroom #8 at 6 o'clock this evening for a meeting. The regular Personal Work class will not be meeting this evening.

A brochure explaining the history and future plans of the East Allen County church of Christ has been received (posted on the bulletin board). They solicit our help in the immediate plans for a building in which to meet. Please read the request and let the elders know your desire in the matter. The present treasury balance will not allow for a contribution, but a personal collection would be appreciated.

The green zone meets Monday evening at 7. See Fred Oakley for details.

Ladies, remember the Bible class on Tuesday evenings at 7:30. Also a ladies class at Angola on Thursdays at 9:30, if you can go.

There is so much work to be done in the Lord's Kingdom that every member can keep busy. Attend all the classes, worship services, try to set up Bible studies with others, hand out tracts for specific needs, study daily, pray often and work as if your salvation depended on these things. Soon, you'll find doors of opportunities opening which will amaze you.

Earl Gieseke, Route #4, Box 46, Lagrange, Ind.

L A G R A N G E

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

E X H O R T E R

February 13, 1972

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.

Earl Gieseke, Minister
405 South Townline Road
Route 4, Box 46
LaGrange, Indiana 46761
Telephone No. 463-3571

ELDERS
Dean Hoggatt LaGrange
Phone 463-2794
Devon Hostetler Tappan
Phone 593-2142

"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water." Jon 7:38, ASV

LIVING WATERS FLOW

The Christian himself should become a center and abounding source of spiritual influence and blessings to others. The Lord taught that his disciples were to be a radiating influence to the world and instruments for the glorification of God. The scriptural citation above presents the well-rounded personality of the Lord's disciple; showing that he is to be:

1. FULL OF FAITH. Acknowledging Christ as Savior and trusting Him for salvation. Faith is the means that brings him to Christ and is live and active.

(cont. page 2)

AT LAST, A CURE FOR TENSION

One day a very wealthy industrialist, prominent in the civic affairs of his community, walked into the psychiatric clinic of Doctors Fink and Gibson. His problem was tension, and after the usual generalized discussion, he said, "Dr. Fink, can't you and your big clinic find some button I can press or some magic key that will relax me of the tension under which I live?" The doctors felt this to be a challenge. They took all of their case histories of the past two years and divided them into two great haystacks to hunt for a needle. One of these stacks had all the tension cases; one had no tension cases. Slowly there emerged one single common divisor, just one. There was a single fault, one trait, one habit which every person who lived under tension had, that was not present in the other haystack. It was being hypercritical. It was being a "faultfinder". They then tested 100 people by giving them a trial recipe, free of criticism. Seventy came out splendidly, and twenty-two admitted they hadn't tried. "Cast out the beam . . ." (Matt. 7:1-5).

LIVING WATERS FLOW (cont. from front page)

2. PRODUCTIVE. It is the nature of Christian Character to be an ever-flowing fountain of "living water". This is the natural flow of his love and good works.

3. CONCERNED ABOUT OTHERS. No man can truly become a disciple of Christ who does not desire that others should also.

4. EVANGELISTIC. His desire is large and liberal --he desires the salvation of the whole world and seeks to fulfill the Great Commission.

MISSING VERBS

This failure of the church is described by a remark made by the former governor of New York, Averell Harriman. While serving in a diplomatic position and aide inquired as to the fluency of his French. Mr. Harriman replied, "It is excellent, except for the verbs." The church is excellent as the nouns are concerned: baptism, music, the Lord's Supper, elders, prayer, but all of the verbs are missing: GO, FOLLOW, SERVE, LOVE.

___Selected

* * *

INQUIRE

Faith has its difficulties, but before you doubt take the trouble to inquire. The more you inquire the more you will find that the difficulties of doubt are greater than the difficulties of faith. Believe your beliefs and doubt your doubts. Never make the tragic blunder of doubting your beliefs and believing your doubts.

--Frank L. Cox

* * *

E V A N G E L I S M Is an "every member"
BUSINESS!

5. EXUBERANT. Those who are Christians will diffuse large, liberal, and constant blessings upon their fellow-men.

"And you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not" Isaiah 58:11, RSV.

John Simpson

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would invite everyone who can, to stay for the lunch together following services this morning.

A letter was received from sister Nona Cox in Florida that she must have an operation to have a growth removed from her thyroid. She asks, and we should be forward to pray for her speedy recovery. She also would appreciate cards & letters.

Due to some conflicts, the Blue Team will meet next Monday evening, the 28th. instead of the 21st.

A skating party is scheduled from 7:30 to 9:30 tomorrow evening at the Roller Dome Rink in Ft. Wayne. See Jerry Pace for transportation and costs.

After a week of consideration of the request from the East Allen County congregation and the information on the bulletin board, anyone who would like to help toward the initial funds for their building, please call brother Hostetler today. Any size personal contribution will show our interest here.

So many letters come across the attention of the elders that are worthy of consideration, and it is not our intention to withhold knowledge of any, but may we recommend one in particular: The government of Spain has given permission for one non-Catholic religious broadcast and the offer was presented to brother Juan Morrey with the Herald of Truth program, because of his contacts with the Spanish government. Other religious groups would have taken this radio time gladly, but we have first chance. The station is Spains second most powerful station giving coverage to all of Spains 32,000,000 people. The time is 9:45 to 10 p.m. just preceeding the 10 o'clock newscast which is prime time. The budget of Herald of Truth sponsors (Herald Church of Christ) is strained and a special appeal came for the needed cost of only \$1.00 per broadcast. Earl Gieseke, R#4, Box 40, Lagrange, Ind. 46761

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

February 20, 1972

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.

Earl Gieseke, Minister
405 South Townline Road
Route 4, Box 46
LaGrange, Indiana 46761
Telephone No. 463-3571

ELDERS

Dean Hoggatt LaGrange
Phone 463-2794
Devon Hostetler Topeka
Phone 593-2142

"The Yardstick"

It isn't the size of the car you drive,
Your money or clothing or house,
It's the way you think, the life you live,
That makes you a man or louse.

If there's no room in your heart for love,
You don't know the joy of living
You've missed your goal - make a new start
Begin by loving and giving.

--Selected

* * *

The wise carry their knowledge as they do their watches -
not for display but for their own use.

CHRISTIAN

Who says I'm not a Christian? Well sir, I'll have
you know
That every Sunday morning to church I always go.
And I sit still and listen, as quiet as a mouse,
To every word the preacher says, I don't get mad and
pout-
Why, he's paid to say them things, they don't apply
to me.
I need my money for myself, I've got some debts you
see.
I owe a little on my farm, and on the tractor too,
And there's some things around the house
The wife wants me to do!

He says the orphans need our help, and we should
give them more
I'm not again folks givin' - them that can afford.
He says the missionaries need money and our prayers!
To help them preach the Gospel, and I always say a
prayer!
He says the building-fund is low and God says we must
give.
But brother, I need my money, who's gonna help
me to live?

Oh, yes, I now God gives me my life and health and
all
The blessings I enjoy, and I'm thankful for them all!
I'm glad the preacher preaches for the other folks
to give
But brother, I need my money to pay my debts and live!

And then there's other things the preacher says we
ought not to do
Like telling tales and spicey jokes--I guess I tell
a few-
But a feller's got to have some fun sometimes, and
besides
What's the harm, I ask you, haven't I been baptized?
(cont. on next page)

ARE YOU RICH???

They huddled inside the storm door--two children in
ragged out-grown coats, "Any old papers, lady?"
I was busy. I wanted to say no--until I looked
down at their feet. Thin little sandals sopped with
sleet.
"Come in and I'll make you a cup of hot cocoa," I
said, Their soggy sandals left marks upon the
hearthstone.
Cocoa and toast with jam to fortify against the
chill outside. I went back to the kitchen and start-
ed on my house-hold budget again. The silence in
the front room struck through to me. I looked in.
The girl held her empty cup in her hands, looking
at it. The boy ask in a flat voice: "Lady are you
rich?"
"Am I rich"? Mercy, no!" I liked at my shabby
slip-covers.
The girl put her cup back in its saucer carefully.
"Your cups match your saucers," she said. Her voice
was old, with a hunger that was not of the stomach.
They left then, holding their bundles of papers
against the wind. They hadn't said thank you. They
didn't need to. They had said more than that. Plain
blue pottery cups and saucers. But they matched.
I tasted the potatoes and stirred the gravy. Po-
tatoes and brown gravy...a roof over our heads...my
man with a steady job...these things matched, too.
I moved the chairs back form the fire and tidied
the living room. The muddy prints of the small
sandals were still wet on my hearth. I let them be.
"In everything give thanks" (I Thess. 5:18)
"Forget not all his benefits" (Psalms 103:2)
*-Selected
* * *
And if everybody went to church as faithful as I do--
On Sunday morning there wouldn't be hardly a vacant
pew.

continued from page 3

Brother Robert Waggoner will be speaking on the subject "Christian Education" for the Sunday evening worship period on March 19th. The principles of this subject is found abundantly in God's Word and all parents as well as teen-agers will appreciate the warm and kindly presentation on this subject by brother Waggoner. He has also suggested that a 6 o'clock class with the high school teen-agers might be helpful to them, especially those that are thinking about college. So, teen-agers, get your questions ready and be sure to not miss this session which will be an informative one for you.

We are glad to have Carl and Jesse Pieratt back-we hope, to stay from their trip to Missouri.

Men's business meeting this Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. We urge all the men to attend.

It was thought best by the ladies that a morning class might be better than the present evening class for their Bible study and tray favors. It is set up for each Tuesday morning at 9:30. One session a month is to be devoted to a different kind of work - all of which will be suggested in the first session Tuesday morning. If you need transportation call Ellen Hostetler.

A call from James Lowry (former preacher at Plymouth) came with regard to getting the Herald Of Truth back on Chammel 22 So. Bend. A meeting is planned at 2:30 at Niles and all congregations are invited to attend.

Special thanks for those who are busy in Bible study, the follow-up program and teaching. It is good to see the growth evident.

Earl Giesecke
Route #4, Box 46, Lagrange, Indiana 46761

L A G R A N G E

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

E X H O R T E R

February 27, 1972

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.

Earl Giesecke, Minister
405 South Townline Road
Route 4, Box 46
LaGrange, Indiana 46761
Telephone No. 463-3571

ELDERS
Dean Hoggatt LaGrange
Phone 463-2794
Devon Hostetler Topeka
Phone 593-2142

W H A T I S L O V E ??

It's silence when your words would hurt.
It's patience when your neighbor is curt.
It's deafness when the scandal flows.
It's thoughtfulness for another's woes.
It's promptness when stern duty calls.
It's courage when misfortune falls.

--Selected

* * * *

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice and be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another." Eph. 4:31,32

" THAT I CANNOT ANSWER"

I am happy that I am a member of an institution that does not fear investigation. I am happy to be a part of an organization that will invite others to measure its teachings by what the New Testament teaches. but there are many things that I just cannot answer.

I cannot defend the practice of brethren being indifferent to the church in their attendance. When one says "Mr. Doe attends the meetings of the civic clubs on Monday's or other nights, or some sisters attend the weekly bridge club on Tuesday night-- why do they not attend Bible Classes on Thursday nights? This I cannot answer.

I cannot defend the brother's lack of interest in the salvation of others. Fathers and Mothers would extend their energies, their money, Yea, their very lives to protect the physical welfare of their children but will not take the time to set the example of Christian living before them. They will pursue a course of protection for the body but none for the soul? Why? This I cannot answer.

I cannot answer for the actions of but one person. God holds me responsible for the actions of one. He has given assurance that someday each must answer to Him and that according to the deeds done in the flesh. We must respect the Word of God.

--Selected from the
Cleveland, Miss.
bulletin

* * *

PREJUDICE ___ Prejudice is a robber which many of us entertain in our hearts. It robs us of generous feelings which we should have for others, and leaves us the tormentings of hate; by shutting our eyes and stopping our ears it robs us of many precious truths, and leaves us the dress of our distorted opinions; it robs us of light, and shuts us up in the darkness of our own ignorance. No other robber can leave us so poor.

--Sel.

IT'S HOW WE MEET OUR PROBLEMS THAT COUNTS

No man or generation dwells in an ideal situation. Each has special problems, weaknesses, sorrows, and sources of embarrassment. When things go wrong in your life, try to separate quickly, what you can help from what you can't. Accept what you can't help as inevitable, and turn in on what you can help with all your might. You are not responsible for special weaknesses and problems but you are responsible for the way you deal with these things in your life. God and good men will judge men by what they do with what they have to do with in this life.

The Jews meant to disgrace Jesus forever, by nailing him to a Roman Cross, comparable to our hangman's rope. That cross, intended as His mark of shame was transformed into the glorious insignia of His cause. Don't tremble in fear before your problems. Face and overcome them. Remember, the victory belongs to him that overcometh".

--Selected

Two special events which will be coming up in March will be the Teachers Workshop, to be held on Saturday March 25th and a visiting speaker from Michigan Christian College (brother Robert Waggoner) for the evening services on March 19th.

Sister Gerri Little from Tipton, Indiana will be presenting this study for the benefit of the teachers, especially those teaching the junior age on down. Sister Little has gathered much information from experience and study on methods, techniques, etc, all of which can be very helpful to the many teachers in the educational program here. We believe that you will appreciate the many new ideas and the humble deportment of this Christian lady. Plan now to reserve this day for this workshop. Let's have 100% representation from our teachers.

Devon and Ellen Hestetler are visiting in Mich. today. Pray for them and Gieseke's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening at 6 o'clock, the patients at the Merry Manor Nursing Home will expect us for our regular singing there. Then the National Nursing Home at 6:30. Let's try to be prompt at these appointments, for the time is tightly scheduled.

Several months ago the congregation was divided into three smaller groups (called zones) for the purposes of fellowship and personal work information. It was thought that a shifting of members between these groups should be made occasionally, so this has been done for the meeting dates coming up this month. Instead of the old names, red, green and blue, reference will be made by numbers, #1, #2 and #3. Enough copies of the new zone groups are in the vestibule. Please get one and plan to meet with your group once a month for fellowship and encouragement. Zone #1 meets Monday (Mar. 6) at 7 p.m. at Carl and Jesse Pieratt's home. See Jerry Pace for details.

The Ladies class will meet on Tuesday morning at 9:30 for tray favors at Vicki Hick's home in Topeka. It is hoped that a morning class will work out better for attendance than the regular Tuesday evening class did. For transportation, call or talk with Thelma Hoggatt.

Bro. Gieseke and his family are in Springfield where Earl is preaching today. In his place, we have the James Curry family, and James will be speaking for us at both services. He is now attending the So. Bend School of Personal Evangelism. We welcome them to our services today.

We are happy that Bro & Sis Chaney (Dave and Martha) have expressed their desire to place membership with this congregation. They have two sons, Johnny and Donald. We welcome them to the fellowship here. Earl Gieseke, Route #4, Box 46, Lagrange, Ind 46761

L A G R A N G E

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

March 5, 1972

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.

Earl Gieseke, Minister
405 South Townline Road
Route 4, Box 46
Lagrange, Indiana 46761
Telephone No. 463-3571

FLDIPS
Dean Hoggatt, Lagrange
Phone 463-2794
Devon Hestetler, Topeka
Phone 593-2142

TEN MOST WANTED MEN

1. The man who puts God's business above any other.
2. The man who brings rather than sends his children to services
3. The man who is willing to be the right example to every boy....
4. The man who thinks more of the Bible Class than of Sunday sleep....
5. The man who measures his giving by what he makes, rather than the amount he has left over....
6. The man who attends services for Christ's sake, rather than for himself or someone else....
7. The man who has a passion to help, rather than to be helped....
8. The man with a willing mind rather than a brilliant mind....
9. The man who sees his own faults before he sees the faults of others....
10. The man who is more concerned with winning souls than winning worldly honor.

"Hundreds would never have known want if they had not first known waste"

LEST WE OFFEND

J. Curtis Maner, Downey, Calif.

Some time ago I received a letter from an out-of-town visitor who had brought several denominational guests to our services. This member always feels "on guard" when visiting a strange congregation, lest the preacher say something that might offend a nonmember. The letter was to compliment me for not having done so.

I know that there are hundreds of church members that feel the same way as this visitor, therefore I want to share with you a part of my reply:

"I appreciate your comments on the sermon, and I understand your concern for the feelings of your friends. However, it may be that you are overly sensitive about these things. Take care that your concern for feelings does not cause you to be more sympathetic for error than you are for the truth.

No preacher can cover the whole scope of God's truth and Satan's falsehood in any one sermon, but I try to cover all of it that I know in the course of time. Therefore, if ever you visit us again it could be at a time when I would be warning people against some denominational error and showing its divergence from gospel truth. Whatever my subject, I can promise you that it will be presented, to the best of my ability, in love, courtesy and good taste. Even so, people being what they are, I can never guarantee that any given person will not take offense. Many people simply refuse to give graceful consideration of anything with which they disagree.

Nor can a local preacher afford to plan his

sermons in view of the stranger who may happen to be present. Attending one service only, they cannot connect the truth of the day's topic in its proper perspective with other teachings, and so many misunderstand, or even take offense. If he constantly tried to avoid the sensitive spots of possible visitors, a preacher could never give God's flock the solid indoctrination they must have for healthy spiritual growth and effective service.

I write these things, not to justify a mean or abusive spirit in preaching, but to suggest that there may sometimes be two sides to the matter of offending strangers. You see, just as God expects preachers to love souls, he also expects hearers to love truth".

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

The singing of a hymn should be a great experience for us. Someone has written some comparisons on the hymns we sing:

1. We sing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and wait to be drafted into His service.
2. We sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and content ourselves with fifteen seconds a day.
3. We sing "There Shall be Showers of Blessing" but do not come to worship when it is raining.

Monroe, Michigan

"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." 1 Cor. 14:15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance record broken last Sunday. See inside.

The area wide singing is to be at Kendallville this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Keep in mind these events coming up: Brother Robert Wagoner from Michigan Christian College will speak for us next Sunday evening at 7 p.m. on the subject of Christian Education. He invites all the teen-agers to a class at 6 to answer any questions about MCC or general questions..... also the Teachers Workshop coming up Saturday March 25th with sister Gerri Little of Tipton, Indiana. This should be especially helpful to us.

Keep in mind these other events elsewhere: Gordon Smith at Glenwood, Ft. Wayne on March 17, 18 & 19.
..... Jess Nutter at Warsaw on Mar. 22 thru 26.
..... Men's Fellowship at Ft. Wayne on Mar. 31.

A mistake was made last week that Zone #1 was to meet on Monday evening. Instead, Zone #2 met as had been previously arranged. So, tomorrow night this week, Zone #1 will meet. (Perhaps starting next month we can schedule in the order given on latest Zone lists). See Jerry Pace for info.

Ladies Class is to be this Tuesday at 9:30 at sister Hoggatt's home. Lesson #11, page 81- Mary of Jerusalem and Rhoda. There will be a class for children (21 children present at the last class).

Would all the teachers of filmstrips, Bible Cottage meetings and Follow-up lessons please see brother Hoggatt about recording this information for future reference.

Earl Gieseke
Route #4, Box 46
Lagrange, Indiana 46761

L A G R A N G E

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

March 12, 1972

Schedule of Regular Services

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

Earl Gieseke, Minister	ELDERS
405 South Townline Road	Dean Hoggatt - LaGrange
Route 4, Box 46	Phone 463-2794
LaGrange, Indiana 46761	Devon Hostetler - Topeka
Telephone No. 463-3571	Phone 593-2142

CHRISTIAN ADMONITION

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

THE SAME OLD IDOLS

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

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

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

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

--Selected from
Firm Foundation

DO YOU CUT OFF THE BUTTONS?

An agency, that received clothing to be shipped to the needy overseas, found people were cutting the buttons off coats before turning them in to the organization. This is not a new thing--people have through the years been selfish in their giving.

David said he could not offer a sacrifice that cost him nothing. (II Samuel 24:24). What does your giving cost you? I am not only thinking of money, but other things as well. For instance, does it cost you anything to give your time to the services of the church? The boss offers you time and half to work and miss service, do you sacrifice the money in the interest of spiritual things?

You attend a club meeting and then you are too tired to be present for Bible study. Would you give up the club work? What of your talents?

Many men will spend time and money to learn how to be a good member of an organization, but will not attend a men's training or study class or buy helpful books.

Do you cut off the buttons?

RECORD ATTENDANCE

According to our records, last Sunday's attendance broke the previous record of 113. We had 115 present for the morning worship period.

We should be cautious about reading too much into the attendance figures but it does however show the interest level toward the worship of God and the desire to learn more fully His will. It is probably a more accurate way of determining the spiritual temperature of a congregation by comparing times when it is "convenient" to come to worship to times when it is "inconvenient". To attend the worship and study periods of the church is for our own good and our lives should be arranged around them as much as possible. We pray for continued numerical growth but be careful to not neglect the growth that is more important, and that is our spiritual growth. Read 11 Pet. 3:18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 122 RECORD ATTENDANCE LAST SUN.

On the inside page of the bulletin, there is a schedule of next Saturday's program with sister Gerri Little of Tipton, Indiana. This teacher Training Workshop was conceived with the hope that it would be not only helpful to those who are presently teaching but an encouragement to others who would like to equip themselves to teach in time to come. We hope that this would include all of us, so that everyone who is interested is invited to attend. The starting time is 9 o'clock next Saturday morning, March 25th., and will continue to 4 o'clock in the afternoon with an hour and a half break at noontime. We look for visitors from other congregations to be with us. If you would like to help with food for the noon meal, contact sister Hostetler.

Ladies tray favor meeting this Tuesday at sister Hostetler's house at 9:30. All ladies invited.

Due to the special class with teenagers at the 6 o'clock period with brother Waggoner, the personal work class will meet to discuss and assess the program to date. We will not go into lesson #12 since Bill Oakley is to teach it and he will be attending the MCC class as well as some other teenagers and parents. Also next Sunday evening at the 6 o'clock period, there will be a teacher meeting to line up the next quarter's work & VBS.

Gospel meeting at Warsaw, March 22 thru 26. Jess Nutter preaching. ----- Gospel meeting at Paulding, Ohio, Mar. 19 thru 24, Ivory James preaching. ----- Men's fellowship Mar. 31 at Ft. Wayne.

Earl Gieseke
Route #4, Box 46
Lagrange, Indiana 46761

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

March 19, 1972

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.

Earl Gieseke, Minister	Elders
405 South Townline Road	Dean Hoggatt - LaGrange
Route 4, Box 46	Phone 463-2794
LaGrange, Indiana 46761	Devon Hostetler - Topeka
Telephone No. 463-3571	Phone 593-2142

Visiting Speaker this Evening

Brother Robert Waggoner, who is director of admissions of Michigan Christian College, will be speaking for us at the evening worship hour. His topic will be on "Christian Education". In this day and age, education seems all important - it teaches us how to make a living. But what's even more important and should be coupled with this is an education that teaches us how to live. This can be furthered through a christian education, and appreciate brother Waggoner's coming here to tell us and especially the young people about it.

An MCC announcement

MCC's annual "High School Day" is scheduled this year for Saturday, May 6. Students, parents and teachers are cordially invited to attend. A detailed program will be forthcoming soon.

TEACHERS WORKSHOP

Teaching got you down!!!!
 Up against a blank wall!!!!
 Don't be discouraged.
 Your teaching has probably come down with what is
 known as tired teaching.
 We may just have the cure you are looking for. Call-
 ed 3-Z's, Zest, Zeal and Zip.
 We invite you to come and try our free sample, which
 will be administered by Gerri Little on March 25, at
 the LaGrange Church of Christ at 9:00 A. M.
 If satisfied we will give you FREE of any CHARGE a
FULL DAY SUPPLY.

INGREDIENTS

LECTURE	B	DEMONSTRATION
Love and Desire for Teaching	R	
Preparing to Teach	E	Attendance Charts
Purpose and Responsibility	A	Posters
	K	Flip-books

LUNCH 12:00 NOON TO 1:30 P. M., FURNISHED

LECTURE	B	DEMONSTRATION
Techniques of Teaching	R	Visual-Aids
"ME" The Teacher	E	V-A's Bought and Made
Proper Planning	A	
	K	Songs, Finger-plays, etc.

Please come and bring a friend you would like to inter-
 est in teaching.
 Help us to make this a most enjoyable day of Christian
 Fellowship, Learning, Sharing and Inspiration.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!!!

COMMANDMENTS FOR WIVES - Selected from Christian Reminder

Thou shalt honor thy womanhood that thy days may
 be long in the house which thy husband provideth.
 Thou shalt not expect thy husband to give thee as
 many luxuries at first as thy father hath given
 thee after many hard years of labor and economy,
 neither shalt thou become extravagant with thy
 charge account, for verily the day cometh when
 thy husband shall have to see them. .-then the
 deluge.
 Thou shalt not forget the virtue of good humor,
 for verily all that a man hath will he give for
 a woman's smile.
 Thou shalt not nag.
 Thou shalt coddle thy husband, for verily every
 man loveth to be fussed over.
 Remember the frank approval of thy husband is
 worth more to thee than the side-long glances
 of many strangers.
 Thou shalt not forget the grace of cleanliness
 and neat dress, nor good house-keeping.
 Thou shalt permit no one to assure thee that
 thou art having a hard time of it, neither
 thy mother, nor thy sister, nor thy maiden
 aunt, nor any of thy kinfolk.
 Thou shalt keep thy home with all diligence for
 out of it cometh the love of thine old age.
 Thou shalt commit thy ways with all diligence unto
 the Lord thy God, and thy Children shall rise
 up and call thee blessed.

* * * *

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was a very profitable experience to be able to attend the teacher's workshop yesterday and gather in the many ways that our young children can be taught God's word. We are happy that some, like sister Little, are dedicated to this instructive work and hope that she can enjoy health and strength to fulfill this need in years to come. We are happy that both brother and sister Little can be with us this morning. Sister Little is teaching a class on "Christian Character" for the young ladies and brother Little has been asked to teach the adult class. We thank them both for their good work.

A gospel meeting begins April 3 and continues through the 11th at Elkhart. Brother Foy Smith from Riverdale California will be the speaker.

The men's fellowship will be this Friday evening at the Gateway Plaza in Ft. Wayne.

The 4th Sunday evening is set aside to allow some of our own brethren^{to} speak at the evening services. This evening brothers Max Litke and David Chaney will be the speakers. We appreciate them and encourage them to grow in this ability.

Ladies bible class is to be this Tuesday at Penney Oakley's home. Time 9:30 a.m.

Earl Gieseke
Route #4, Box 46
Lagrange, Indiana 46761

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

March 26, 1972

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.

Earl Gieseke, Minister
405 South Townline Road
Route 4, Box 46
LaGrange, Indiana 46761
Telephone No. 463-3571

ELDERS
Dean Hoggatt LaGrange
Phone 463-2794
Devon Hostetler Topeka
Phone 593-2142

TODAY IS T H E DAY

There is a day into which no man can step. It is a day into which too many tasks are assigned. There is a day which belongs only to God; therefore, only God can give it. That day is tomorrow.

Today is the day for all things to be done! God has given it to us. He has promised no other. Today only can be lived. God gives us one breathe at a time. We must use each day as if it were the last day. Some day will be! If you have some good deed which needs doing, do it today. EEG

Although the morning attendance was down to 103 did you realize the Sunday evening attendance was 101? In my opinion this mark is more important than the 122 we had a few Sundays ago. This shows the continued growth that the church is making here. The strength of a congregation must be measured by those who attend the evening services.

During the almost eight years of my stay here I have been thankful for the consistent attendance. We have always had a good percent coming back on Sunday and Thursday evening. I want to commend all of you on this fine attendance. This is encouraging to the elders as well. This makes their job a little easier.

I hope that those who are not taking every opportunity to assemble will endeavor to do so in the future. It means so much to everyone involved to see faithfulness in attendance. Keep up the good effort.

E.E.G.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH????

The Church is never a place, but always a people. It is never a fold, but always a flock. It is never a sacred building, but a faithful assembly. The church is not a refrigerator for the preserving of perishable piety. It is a dynamo for changing the human will with the power of the Gospel. The object of the church is not to tell men how to dodge difficulties, but to furnish the strength and courage to meet them. The business of the church is not to furnish hammocks for the lazy; it is rather to offer well-fitting yokes for drawing life's loads. There is in this world NO sanctuary for God but the human soul. The man who does not support the church with everything he has, practically casts a vote for abolition.

* * * *

Humility is to make a right estimate of one's self.

COMMANDMENTS FOR HUSBANDS -

Thou shalt honor thy wife that keepest the house thou providest, that thy days may be happy ones. Thou shalt recognize that thou hast a wife to provide for and thou shalt see to her needs to the best of thy ability.

Thou shalt not forget that thy wife loveth a cheerful husband and will respond to his smile and approval.

Thou shalt not be a "boss" but a loving husband that is head of the home.

Thou shalt continually court thy wife, for she verily loveth to be pursued by her husband.

Thou shalt have eyes for no other woman, she is thy wife and needs thy constant attention, love and affectionate glances.

Thou shalt dress and act in such way as to give thy wife happiness that she married such a fine man, clean in mind and body.

Thou shalt never allow embarrassment to be placed on thy wife, neither by thy father, thy mother, relative or friend for she is thy sacred trust to have and to hold, to love and protect from all hindrances to her happinesses, for verily her unhappiness will be thy unhappiness.

Thou shalt look to the welfare of thy wife with all diligence, for this shall lead to a happy old age when thou shalt be able to look back with contented memories and not unhappy memories.

Thou shalt lead thy wife and children into the ways of the Lord, thy God, in family worship, in public worship, in all ways seeking to be acceptable to the Lord thy God.

* & *

I have many things for which to be thankful, but I am especially grateful to the Lord for not answering some of the foolish prayers I have prayed.