

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today the Gieseke's are to be in Paducah, Ky. where Brother Earl will be preaching at the morning and evening services. This morning we have as a visiting speaker, brother Hollis McKinley, one of the deacons of the So. Side congregation in Ft. Wayne. We appreciate his willingness to share with us on a vital topic in God's Word. - Brother Dean Hoggatt will be speaking for the Angola congregation this morning.

Starting this Sunday, the Herald Of Truth program will be shown on channel WSJV (23) Elkhart at 12:30. The area congregations will work together in support of the program. It is of high quality, which will do every one of us good and its full potential can be realized only if we advertize it to the community. Be sure to see it and tell others about the program.

Ladies will meet for tray favors this Tuesday morning at Dorothy Face's home at 9:30 a.m.

Zone #1 meets this evening at 7 at Joe Oakley's home.

Sister Zoa Herr states that she would like to be recognized as a member of this congregation. We appreciate the faithful attendance of her and brother Herr in view of her inability to get around with ease, during the years they have been coming. We are happy that she has made this known to us.

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April 2, 1972

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PROVERBS FOR DAILY LIVING

Our ancestors may have given us our names; but it is from our virtues come our honors.

A slip of the foot you may soon recover, but from a slip of the tongue you will never get over. (Therefore, Let us watch our tongue.)

Great efforts on the part of mankind are seldom inspired by the glitter of gold, as a rule it is a labor of love that brings our visions and dreams into reality.

Make it a rule not only to be PROMPT in all appointments (and this includes those due to God) but strive to be a little ahead of time.

It is not the doing of the things we like to do that counts, but the liking of the things we do, that makes life blessed.

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LITTLE GEMS

When you find a person who feels that God has let him down, if you will look closely you'll see that that person has let God down.

It is amazing that a narrow-minded person can put such extra large prejudices in so small a place. Perhaps you never thought of it, but there is a big difference between "giving advice" and lending a "helping hand."

A Christian should so live that instead of being a part of the problems of the world, he will be a part of the answer to those problems.

Some children grow up to be juvenile delinquents because the parents are unwilling to bring them up in the ways of the Lord, and because they refuse to spank two grandmothers or set in their place two grandfathers who would pamper and coddle them. PAUSE-----PONDER-----PROFIT

ON GIVING

Dr. John A. Broadus did a most unusual thing one Sunday morning. When the ushers were about to take the offering, he left his seat and followed one usher. He looked at every contribution that was put in the plate. One can imagine how some of the people in that church felt. Some were confused. Others were shamefaced. All were surprised.

When the offering had been received, Dr. Broadus walked to the pulpit and said: "My people, if you take it to heart that I have seen your offerings this day and know just what sacrifices you have not made, remember that the Son of God, your Saviour, goes about these aisles with every usher and sees with his omniscient eye every cent put into the collection by his people.

Are we ashamed of our stewardship?

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." --Via Brockston Bulletin

"A workman who has no need to be ashamed." II Timothy 2:15

BUILDING GOD'S HOUSE

A builder is one who constructs by rules of art, and experiences progress resulting from patient effort. The worth of construction; the character, judgment, and motive of the builder are summed up in two categories in Scripture

Jesus contrasted two kinds of builders; wise and unwise--Matthew 7:24-27. The one had a great deal of judgment in a lasting structure; the other knew very little about it, but rushed in only to suffer calamity when his building fell under pressure. Evidently, both were skilled in the use of tools, worked by the same rules of mathematics for layout and design, and experienced progress resulting from patient effort. But the real test came in character of judgment for the proper foundation. Jesus was comparing the literal with the spiritual structure of value and endurance unless he starts upon the bed-rock of obedience to Him.

Builders are workers. God's builders are wise workers. The wisdom of God's workers is not just the use of proper materials and foundation, but the prudence of collective cooperation. This was imputed as wisdom when men were empowered with spiritual gifts--I Cor. 12:25-30; also for twentieth century Christians--II Cor. 6:1.

Our task is to BUILD! But Paul says, "take heed how you build"--in view of being a wise builder. One does not need to know any Scripture, be obedient, be dedicated to good, or possess Christian character to tear down God's house. But he must have a measure of all to build it. Our challenge is to arise and BUILD!

---John Simpson

Proverbs for daily living--(cont. from front page)

Give to the church the best that you can and you may rest assured that the best will come back to you as an eternal reward.

PAUSE-----PONDER-----PROFIT...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is to be an area singing at the East Chestnut St congregation in Ft. Wayne this afternoon at 3 o'clock.. Lagrange's time to host this is in August.

Zone #2 meets Monday evening at 7 o'clock. See brother Pace for details.

Ladies Bible Study this week (9:30 Tuesday morning) at sister Lois Oakley's home.

We have been informed that the Herald Of Truth broadcast (channel 28) usually to be shown at 12:30 Sunday afternoon will be pre-empted for the next three weeks to the 11:30 a. m. showing. After this, it will go back to the 12:30 showing. There will also be some changes in time schedule by the networks when the baseball season gets into full swing. We'll try to keep everyone informed about these changes.

Dates to remember:

Apr. 21&22 - 4th regional Personal Evangelism Clinic at Donmoyer Ave. So. Bend.

Apr. 29 - Ladies Fellowship -- Garrett -- Platters Steak House - Program begins at 10:15 a.m.

For the young - May 1 - Skating party at Rollerdome, Ft. Wayne

Michigan Christian College's Annual High School Day May 6.

Work Day at Camp Indogan April 29, to help get things ready for the coming season.

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April 9, 1972

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MAN'S HANDS

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. (Eccl. 9:10)

Man is the only animal with hands. They are a mark of power and rank. With his hands man conquers nature, cultivates the soil, tunnels the mountains, builds sky-scrappers, bridges the chasm, flies through the air, belts the earth with steel and navigates the sea. The hand gives form and reality to the dreams of man's soul. With his hands the musician interprets music; the artist places his marvelous creation on canvas; the thinker places his thoughts on paper. Our hands should be trained to do their best in gentle ministries and to be faithful in service, small or great. Every day brings opportunities to give someone the grip of encouragement to lift up the fallen and care for the dying. Someday the (cont. on page 2)

CHRISTIAN LOVE

Love suffereth long, and is kind; Love envieth not; Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. (I Cor. 13:47)

Love is the one thing all Christians need. It is of vital importance to each one of us that we examine ourselves, and see whether or not we really possess this supreme and indispensable grace.

Love does not turn to wrath and bitterness in the face of injuries and wrongs, but will continue in kindness while suffering. Love doesn't envy the good fortunes of others, but can rejoice with them that rejoice; and weep with them that weep. (Rom. 12:15) People who vaunt themselves, parade their possessions, and attainments before less fortunate are puffed up and inflated with pride and arrogance. The aim of such people is to prove their own greatness and superiority over others. A lack of sympathy toward the suffering of others is becoming and offensive conduct.

Christian love lives to give not to get. Love retains its inner balance and is not easily upset by sinful conduct of others. Love does not hold grudges nor rejoice when sin is committed. It cannot be crushed under burdens, but looks with kindness toward the faults of others. If it cannot see the best today, it will hope for tomorrow. Love has great power to recover as it continues to suffer. It cannot be overcome with evil.

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MAN'S HANDS (continued from front page) busiest hands will be still and it behooves us to do with our might what our hands find to do.

--Selected

FATHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN

"And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4)

In our home, hanging on the wall, is a small paddle with these Bible verses: "He that spareth the rod hateth his son" and "Children, obey your parents." They are verses which emphasize proper behavior for our children. But there are two sides in the parent-child relationship. Parents are to be honorable--they are to be growing into the image of Christ.

When Paul wrote, "Provoke not your children to wrath or anger" he was writing to fathers. For some time this scripture puzzled me. How do we provoke them to wrath? I'm sure nagging, harshness and being overbearing are some ways. But one sure way to cause our children to react violently is to do things we tell them not to do. The task that we ask must be preceded by the right example.

Fathers as head of the house, we need to be concerned not only with physical needs but with the spiritual needs of our family and especially our children. Are we the spiritual leaders in our homes? Too often we leave spiritual training to mothers. The greatest influence we may be to our children is through our loving example that they may see Christ in us. Our loyalty to God, our patience in trouble, our forgiving nature, our strength of conviction--these our children need to see in their father.

(Power for Today)

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Life itself can't give you joy,
Unless you really will it

Life just gives you time and space
It's up to you to fill it.

Announcements

The Gospel meeting in Goshen will continue thru this evening with Brother Foy Smith preaching. Services this evening at 6 o'clock.

Zone #3 meets Monday evening at 7 o'clock at Harold Eller's home.

The Ladies will have a work session this Tuesday at the church building. Time 9:30 a.m.
Chorus

The Michigan Christian College is presenting a concert following the regular evening services at the Willowdale congregation in Elkhart next Sunday evening. Time is at 7:30. They invite us.

The Personal Work Clinic at Donmeyer Ave. congregation in So. Bend is this coming week-end. It begins on Friday evening and continues all day Saturday. Brother Mid McNight, who has written booklets on this subject and is well known in the brotherhood is to be the featured speaker. I'm sure any who can attend will feel that it's been well worth the time.

The Ladies Fellowship is Apr. 29 at the Platners Steak House near Garrett, Ind. Time 10:15 am.

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"But Thomas . . . was not with them when Jesus came" (John 20:42)

DON'T MISS JESUS!!

Thomas missed one meeting of believers and was an unbeliever for a whole week. It pays to be present when Jesus is present. He guarantees His presence where two or three gather in His Name. It pays to be at worship. Each worship service is as if the Christian had received an invitation from Jesus to worship and praise Him as the Son of God.

There are other places where Jesus reveals Himself -- the Bible and prayer. And He has promised to reveal Himself to those who keep His commandments. The place of obedience -- the temple of the willing heart -- there Jesus appears.

Don't miss Jesus! It makes for doubt and uncertainty. If we were on hand at the assemblies (page 3

HOW TIME IS WASTED

1. Lack of application. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise" (Prov. 6:6)
2. Lack of organization. "Seest thou a man diligent (skillful, footnote) in his business? he shall stand before kings" (Prov. 22:29).
3. Reading cheap literature. "For as he thinketh within himself, so is he" (Prov. 23:7) Literature directs our thinking.
4. Unwholesome recreation and entertainment. "Abstain from all appearance of evil. (I Thess. 5:22)
5. Mediating in fanciful injuries. "And if thy brother shall sin against thee, go, show him his fault between thee and him alone: if he hear thee, thou has gained thy brother" (Matt:18:15)
6. Pondering past mistakes. "One thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"(Phil.3:13-14)
7. Worrying about what may happen in the future. "And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).
8. Gossiping or lending ears to a gossip. "He that would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile" (I Peter 3:10).
9. Lying in bed longer than is needful or even help-ful. "Love not sleep lest thou come to poverty" (Prov. 20:13)
10. Unnecessarily long telep hone conversations. "In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgressions: but he that refraineth his lips doeth wisely" (Prov. 10:19). Note Ecc. 5:2. Many men and women fill their days with too many unholy useless things, leaving no time for God and His Church.

The reason that may do not have time to do church work is that they waste their time doing things not essential.

--Leroy Brownlow

Some "DO's" and Don't" for Christians

FORGETTING GOD FORGETTING GOD

"According to their pastures, so were they filled; they were filled and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me." Hosea 13:6.

Hosea the prophet paints an all too familiar picture of people who have become prosperous and have forgotten God. These words could well be a description of America today instead of Ephraim 2697 years ago.

In order to cure a disease we must treat the cause, not the symptoms. Today in our country we see the symptoms of a nation who has forgotten God. We need to look at the cause of this sinful condition in order to help it. What is the cause of forgetting God?

Generally speaking, this sin results from the intense pursuit of earthly goods and pleasures. We can see from this passage as well as from our own everyday life and observation that prosperity is too often the cause of irreligion. The more we seek after this world's goods, the more we tend to forget the Giver of all good gifts.

The symptoms of forgetting are all too apparent in our society. Moral deterioration is clearly evident in the nation that has forgotten God. The sorry condition of a large part of our society is the direct result of forgetting God. Uninhibited immorality is rampant in America. Sin and sinning are popular. Man's soul, separated from God, is degraded and ruined by the absence of the only power which can exalt and purify it. The soul dominated by sin contains a self-destructing device. Given time enough the soul is destroyed and delivered to hell. Because judgment cannot be escaped all will receive a reward. Though man may forget God, God will remember man. I will repay, saith the Lord. Romans 12:19 E.E.G.

Don't miss Jesus (cont.) of the saints Satan would not have such an easy target through the week.

Be present when Jesus is present. I don't know what other business Thomas had that evening, but it could not have been more important than being with Jesus.

If other business makes you miss Jesus you have too much business! What do you do that is more important than worshipping Jesus with other Christians? D.F. Parsons

Special Announcement: Chad and Kent Guldin obeyed their Lord in baptism on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Two precious souls!

LIGHT SHINE - Cont. from front page)
that makes a man do for another what you have done for me, please read it to me."
via Rochester, Mich. bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Lagrange congregation was well represented at the Personal Work Clinic at So. Bend Friday evening and Saturday, in that thirteen members attended. Brothers Larry Hicks, Fred Oakley and Joe Oakley responded to the invitation to more completely dedicate their lives in the Lord's work. We love these brethren and pray that this commitment will ever grow stronger.

This evening at 6 o'clock starts a men's training class on the public aspects of our worship services. The subject this evening deals with the Lord's Supper. The Ladies will not meet this evening at this time but will meet beginning next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock for a special class. Both classes will last for approx. six weeks duration.

Brother Bill Quayles, a teacher in the India Preachers Training School which this congregation has been helping will be with us this Thursday evening to review the work there. So that every member can hear this report, the classes will not meet this Thursday evening.

Next Sunday, a new procedure will be tried whereby all the lower age classes (up through the Junior age group) will go directly to their classes as they enter the building, on Sunday morning. The Junior High thru adult age groups will assemble as usual in the auditorium for a short devotion before being dismissed to their regular classes.. It is hoped that this procedure will allow better handling of the children as they come into their rooms, to be met by the teachers.

Ladies Bible Study Tuesday morning at 9:30.

For anyone interested here, the Michigan Christian College Chorus will be presenting a program at 7:30 (Immediately following the regular evening services) at the Willowdale congregation in Elkhart this evening. If any would care to go, see brother Hoggatt.
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EVEN SO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

A chaplain on a battlefield came to a man who was lying wounded on the ground. "Would you like me to read you something from this book, the Bible?" he asked the wounded soldier. "I'm so thirsty," replied the man. "I would rather have a drink of water." As quickly as he could the chaplain brought the water. The soldier asked, "Could you put something under my head?" The chaplain took off his light overcoat, rolled it, and placed it gently under the soldier's head for a pillow.

"Now," said the soldier, "if I had something over me . . . I'm very cold." There was only one thing that the chaplain could do. He took off his own coat and spread it over the soldier. The wounded soldier looked up into the face of the chaplain and added feebly, "If there is anything in that book in your hand (p. 4)

IS ONE CHURCH AS GOOD AS ANOTHER?

There are approximately two hundred and fifty churches in the United States. Each of these claim to be the church of the Bible or the true church. Some make the claim exclusive of all other churches, while others make the claim conjointly with other churches. The former make the divisive condition that exists among religious people very evident. The latter attempt to veil the ugliness of the situation by their pronouncement that one church is as good as another. This veil, however, becomes exceedingly thin when it is examined in the light of the realities of the situation. Each of these churches has its own distinctive teaching which represents its own selection, adaptation, and evaluation of some Bible teaching, with its own deletion and its own addition of religious ideas of human origin. Thus, the members of each church are united by means of a common doctrine, are influenced in their thinking by common preferences and prejudices, and are separated from those of the other churches by a peculiar loyalty to their own creed and membership.

Thus it appears that the claim that "one church is as good as another" is an unconscious rationalization by which the speaker assures himself that his church is not inferior to the others and justifies the tenets peculiar to his church by putting all churches in the same class. If this statement were an actual conviction of the people who make use of it, if they actually believe that "one church is as good as another" with the implication, of course, that all are right, where is their justification for dividing the Lord's people into parties or factions in the face of our Lord's plea for unity. And if the people of the respective churches believe one to be as good as another, what is the justification of the rivalry that exists among them that on some occasions has risen to a pitch that presents an unchristian ugliness?

And furthermore, if it were true that one church is as good as another, this provides no evidence that all are right. In reality it is a case of churches "measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves with themselves" as was practiced by the individual Christians at Corinth (II Cor. 10:12). And I am persuaded that the results are the same. Paul told these Christians that they were "without understanding," and the result was that they commended themselves. Since such a practice measuring the unknown by the unknown, will always leave us without understanding, we can never discover the true church by this method. We can never be sure that we have found the church that Jesus said he would build without an authentic description of it, and that can only be found in the Bible. Any church today that has departed from the practices followed by the church of the New Testament days or is teaching for doctrine that which was not taught by Jesus and his apostles has no right to the claim of being the true church.

via Swartz Creek Bul'n

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"IT USED TO BE THAT DAD disciplined his children with a stern code. Then the electric razor eliminated his razor strap, the modern furnace did away with the woodshed, tax worries took away his hair and hairbrush. That's why we have trouble with youngsters today----Dad's out of weapons."

via Cleveland, Ohio bulletin

THINK ON THIS!!! "What's your business, asked the shop-keeper.

"I came to speak to you about your soul, but I see you are busy," said the personal worker.

The personal worker put out his hand to say "Good-bye" and drawing closer to the astonished man, whispered solemnly in his ear, "Suppose I had been death?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

School

Our Vacation Bible Dates have been set for June 5 thru June 9. Morning Classes - for all ages. Plan now to be a part of it.

Keep in mind that the children's classes up thru Junior age will go directly to their classrooms upon entering the building, both Sunday mornings & Thursday evenings. The remaining classes will meet together in the auditorium before going to their respective classrooms.

Brother Carl Pieratt who is in charge of our Benevolent program requests the congregation to engage in a canned food drive. He submits a letter which says, "FOR THE BENEVOLENT PROGRAM. I request that each family bring a can of vegetables each week until further notice, so when someone is in need we will have food on hand. I will appreciate your cooperation." Not nearly enough has been done in the benevolent area, so let's get behind this program and be ready to distribute when needed.

A Skating Party is planned for all the youth (and otherwise) at the Rollerdom in Ft. Wayne for Monday eve. May 1. See Brice Eller for tickets. Time 6:30 p.m.

A men's business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 3, at 7 O'clock, to review plans and work to date, as well as future plans.

The Ladies class will meet at Mary Crubaugh's this Tuesday morning at 9:30 for Tray Favor Session. Some at the Nursing Homes have recently expressed their appreciation for this work.

Sisters Margaret Tuttle and Louella Oakley confessed wrong and asked for the prayers of the church last Thursday evening. Let us continue to pray for and help these two good ladies in their re-dedication.

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April 30, 1972

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A PARENT'S PRAYER

Oh, heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes, or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me. May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or to show my power.

Let me not tempt my child to lie or steal. And guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me. And when I am out of sorts, help me, Oh Lord, to hold my tongue.

May I ever be mindful that my children are children and I should not expect of them the judgment of adults.

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SLOW DOWN

The best things in life move slowly. They can hardly overtake one who is in a hurry. We are making haste to ill purpose if we "haven't time" to read good books, to think quietly, to visit our friends, to comfort the sick and sorrowful, to enjoy the beautiful creations of God and man and to lend a hand to a struggling brother.

Time is precious, but more precious than fleeting hours is truth love benevolence friendship service a serene mind a happy heart for these things are the essence of life itself.

So let us take the advice "slow down and live" and expand it to say, "slow Down and Live More". Then we'll indeed find that we do "have the time."

Think about it! Now! While you have the time!
North Central Bullentin

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ISN'T IT INTERESTING?

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

Baptism is mentioned about 120 times in the New Testament so all sinners who realize the importance of the act comply with the Lord's teachings in order to be saved.

But when Jesus teaches on another subject over 1,000 times some members of the church just treat it lightly. This massive amount of scripture refers to the Christian's obligation to study and teach God's word to others.

via The Challenger

REQUESTING JESUS TO LEAVE

It would be difficult for us to picture a whole town pleading with Jesus to get out. Yet that is exactly what happened in the town of Gadara after Jesus had cast out the demons that afflicted a man. The demons which came out of the man caused a herd of swine to perish in the sea. For some reason, perhaps the cost of the swine, Jesus was asked to depart. When such a request is made of Jesus he heeds. He left Gadara. He will leave us if we ask him to leave. And remember, there are many ways in which to ask - by neglect, indifference, by outright sin, by going where he cannot go, by remaining away from places where he may be found, by ignoring him and by disobedience of any kind. Remember, when we ask him to get out of our lives he does just that. Let us rather ask him to be with us always.

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A PARENT'S PRAYER (continued from front page)

Let me not rob them of the opportunity to wait on themselves and to make decisions.

Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests, and the courage to deny them privileges I know will do them harm.

Make me fair and just and kind. And fit me, oh, Lord, to be loved and respected and imitated by my children.
Amen.

--Selected.

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

--Sel.

Responses to the invitation of Christ - Martin Bills was baptized and Penny and Bill Oakley repented of shortcomings and asked for prayers of church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening at 6 we are to meet at the Miller Merry Manor Nursing Home for singing. Then at 6:30, on to the National Nursing Home. Let's be on time and be off to a good start.

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the South Side congregation hosts the area wide singing in Ft. Wayne. It is good to get together with those of other congregations for fellowship.

The plans are now to have both Zones 1 & 2 meet tomorrow evening with their respective groups. See zone leaders for details.

Brother Jerry Pace and Dean Hoggatt will be spending Monday through Thursday in the Evangelism Workshop at Pontiac, Michigan. Pray for their safety and growth unto greater service for the Lord's kingdom.

The Ladies class will meet Tuesday for Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. See Lois Oakley for place of meeting.

Be sure to watch Herald of Truth at 12:30 today over channel 28. Our "picture" is at the end of the program. Tell others about it.

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CAN YOU SAY "YES" TO THESE QUESTIONS?

- I am attending every service I am able to attend.
- I feel a real sense of responsibility for the spiritual well-being of other Christians.
- I can be counted on to support the efforts of this congregation.
- I am really concerned about the lost.
- I truly want to teach another person the truth.
- I am now engaged in a really diligent personal study of the Bible.
- I urge and bring my children to those classes designed especially for them.

IF WE LOVE THE LORD AS WE SHOULD WE CAN SAY "YES" TO EACH OF THESE

A SISTER CONGREGATION /

It is with regret that the following information must be composed and made known to the brethren regarding doctrinal error that is being taught and practiced by at least some of the Waterloo congregation. In keeping with the apostle Paul's injunction to "mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine" we make this known. At least one of their members has attempted to distribute this literature here, and it is not from a lack of love but rather from regard to truth that we urge our members to avoid them. Rom. 16:17.

We have checked into this matter and it was verified by at least two of the Waterloo leaders (the preacher being one of them) that they affirm that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is for Christians today and also that the manifestations of the Spirit (among them the working of miracles and speaking in tongues) are being taught as applicable unto Christians today. We deny both of these claims, as it is in contradiction to Paul's context in 1 Cor. chapters 12 & 13 and Eph. 4. that such miraculous gifts were only temporary and would be done away as the written word could be completed and delivered.

A few sentences in this bulletin cannot begin to treat the subject and is not intended to. However, some overall thoughts on the subject are in order.

Just as the Lord chose in the beginning to create the animal and kingdom full grown, to be sustained by natural laws, so also he chose to begin the spiritual kingdom, the church in a miraculous way, to be sustained by the word. The process today by which we become mature in the faith is pure and simple. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God", Rom. 10:17; "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby", 1 Pet. 2:2; "But grow in the grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ", 1 Pet. 3:18; "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the

word of truth", 11 Tim. 2:15. We have the inspired word of God which, alone, is able, sufficient to make us "perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works", 11 Tim. 3:16. In view of these passages, we see that through study and understanding of the word, God brings us unto perfection (Christian maturity or completeness) The miraculous gifts given to the early church were given for a purpose - to confirm the word. Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:3. When they served their purpose, the word being set down, confirmed and delivered, they ceased.

From the very beginning, our God laid great plans to bring us the Word. Jn. 1:1 "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us", Jn. 1:14. We will be judged by the word, Jn. 12:48. The word is our guide and is that by which we are saved. Jam. 1:21. In order to implement it and make it operational, required the temporary spiritual gifts to guide the early church until the word could be written, compiled and "once for all delivered unto the saints". Jude verse 3. To adhere to structural manifestations today day (the nine miraculous gifts mentioned in 1 Cor. 12) which the apostle said was "in part", "would be done away", (chapter 13) would be perpetuating that which Paul said would cease. In his context, we would be exchanging maturity for infancy, a clear mirror for a cloudy mirror perfection for imperfection. The word is perfect and is able to lead us unto perfection. Today we should ask or seek nothing more.

The charge against three of the Waterloo brethren does not mean to be a blanket charge against the congregation, for we have not talked to each member personally - nor do we need to. Our warning is to the false teaching. As much as we hate to see such error being taught we have no jurisdiction to tell them what they must teach. We appreciate however, the Lord's wisdom of making each congregation self-governing so that we can warn our own brethren and continue in the truth regardless of what others are teaching.

The elders, Dean Hoggatt and Devon Hostetler

It's much too easy to observe,
The other fellow's faults,
When all the while, the thing I need
Is to heed what thou hast taught.
N. Rawlins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Area Singing this afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the So. Side congregation in Ft. Wayne, 4833 So. Harrison St.

At 6 o'clock this evening we again invite the song leaders of this congregation for a training class.

The area men's fellowship is scheduled to be at the Sweden House (Gateway Plaza) May 19 at 7 p.m.

There is a youth ^{party} scheduled at Camp Indegan for the 19th and 20th of May. Details on bulletin board.

Remember the pot luck dinner next Lord's Day at the building following morning services.

The teachers for Vacation Bible School are asked to meet next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock to discuss the June 5-9 VBS.

Zone #3 meets Monday evening at 7 o'clock. See Larry Hicks for details.

Sorry about the misinformation concerning the Herald Of Truth broadcast time. The schedule in the So. Bend paper calls for the 11:30 time again today. We'll keep everyone informed when a time change comes.

Sister Betty Crubaugh came forward Thursday evening confessing wrong and asked for prayers of the church.

A Mid-Western Children's Home Rally is scheduled for May 27th at Milford, Ohio. They invite us to come.

The Ladies meeting this Tuesday morning is at 9:30 at sister Kay Eller's home.

Brothers Pace and Hoggatt report a very profitable week at the Pontiac Evangelistic Meeting. We trust that some of this information will help to strengthen our work program here.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

May 14, 1972

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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"V O M I T"

"So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit thee out of my mouth.
Rev. 3:16.

Did you ever take a drink of a bottle of pop and find it was warm? We expect water, milk, pop or a milkshake to be cold, and if they are not we reject them. The same is true of soup or chili or potatoes on the other end of the temperature scale.

We live in a religious world today that is as lukewarm as anything you can imagine. How many times have you alibied something you have done that you have done that you know is wrong - a swear word, a lie, skipping Bible study etc." How many times have you jumped at a chance to help someone compared to the number of times you sat tight and figured someone else would do it? If these things fit you the LORD

SAID THAT YOU MAKE HIM SICK!!!! How clear could Jesus make it? How much stronger can the language get?

In the parable of the talents Jesus tells us that we don't all have the same abilities. What then is the measure of lukewarmness? If the Bible be true there is one standard - how close we come to doing what we are capable of doing. Only God knows where we stand in this respect no man does. But you and I know just as sure as we know what we're not doing that we should, and we fit the definition of lukewarm when we back off from what we could do.

Every reader of these lines has opportunity every week to show lukewarmness. We have at least three opportunities to attend services, opportunities to volunteer for all kinds of work. We may not be able to do everything, but there isn't a soul alive that can't do something.

I can understand how a person can not believe in God - through ignorance. But I will never understand how a person can believe in God - or pretend to - and then fail to follow the teachings of God. How can we be so stupid as to say I believe in God, but I don't believe a thing he says?

Jesus has taught us that we are either for him or against him. Simply saying we believe in God and/or in Christ is a fine beginning, but we will go to hell eternally if that is as far as it goes.

Won't you warm up? Won't you become an active usefull human being with a devine purpose in your life? Won't you reject the example of many adults and show that you have the ability to read God's word and to think? Give your all to God today! Take the lead in the work of the Lord. Make sure you'd go to heaven if you should die this week!!

--Selected

"An honest man alters his opinions to fit the truth;
a prejudiced man alters the truth to fit his opinions.

GRATITUDE

Gratitude is called a "double-barreled blessing." It blesses the one who gives as well as the one who receives. A very poor and aged man, busy planting and grafting apple trees, was interrupted by this question: "Why do you plant trees, for you cannot hope to eat the fruit of them?" The man replied, "Someone planted trees for me before I was born. I have eaten the fruit. I now plant for others as a memorial of my gratitude."

There is an ingredient in gratitude that works wonders. Try it! Count your blessings. Begin with being grateful for health...a sound mind...ability to work...friends...food...shelter...happiness at home...transportation...medical care. It is a simple procedure, but to count our blessings helps us to overcome our complaints.

As Christians, thank God for Christ and all of the spiritual blessings which come from God.
(James 1:17; 2 Cor. 9:15; Eph. 1:3,7).

--Selected

AN EARNEST PLEA

Lord, help me look into my life,
And find the faults therein,
Then give me strength to weed'm out.
And keep me pure and clean.

Thy guiding hand alone can lead,
Me on to daily live;
A fuller, richer life for Thee
My all to others give.

Keep me so busy with my task,
O keep ing self in line,
I'll have no time for other's faults,
Nor waste of precious time.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite everyone to stay for the fellowship dinner following services today.

At 6 o'clock this evening, we would ask that all the Vacation Bible School teachers meet (helpers also) to go over the plans for VBS. Brother Earl Gieseke will teach a 6 o'clock class for the men on the subject of prayer. Earl's class will meet in room #8, and the teachers in classroom #7.

The two meetings in the area which some of us might be able to attend are:

1. Ira Rice at Three Rivers on May 28. Time is 5 p.m. for a "mission" session and regular services at 6 p.m. with bro. Rice speaking.
2. Bill Rogers at Coldwater on May 28-30 at 7:30 ea. evening.

The ladies will meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 at the church building. Bring a luncheon with you.

We are sorry to hear that little Chris Hughes was taken to the hospital yesterday with a case of pneumonia. Also Mary Ann Wade's mother was also returned to the hospital. Pray for and visit these as you can.

Terry Graybill confessed wrong and asked for the prayers of the church last Sunday evening. May we all sense our responsibility to her in strengthening her with encouragement.

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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

May 21, 1972

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A PARADOX :

I watched him walk the way of life
With heart and head held high;
It always seemed my load grew light
Whenever he passed by.

I pattered everything I did
By what I saw him do--
That he loved God I could not doubt
Because his life was true.

I often wished that more like his
My way of life might be--
Imagine my surprise to find
That he'd been watching me!!

--Selected

THE 8-WAY TEST

1. Does what I want to do destroy my identity as a Christian?
2. Is what I want to do questionable in my own mind?
3. Is what I want to do destructive to my own body?
4. Does what I want to do have a weakening influence on others?
5. Does what I want to do conflict with my duty as a Christian?
6. Does what I want to do create inordinate affections or lusts?
7. Does what I want to do bring me under weakening association or influence?
8. Would I want the Lord as my companion in what I want to do?

--Selected

SOME PEOPLE ARE --

- Like dogs - always growling about something. (Jude 16)
Like cats - always wanting someone to pet them (I Tim. 4:13)
Like groundhogs - hibernate in the winter (Heb. 10:25)
Like cows - not particular where they walk. (Eph. 4:17; 5:15)
Like wolves - always trying to devour somebody. (Gal. 5:13-15)
Like mules - sometimes kicking when they ought to be pulling. (Acts 26:14)
Like squirrels - always digging up a nut to be cracked. (Jude 10)
Like opossums - play dead when others are stirring. (Eph. 2:1; Rev. 3:1)
Like rabbits - go by hops and jumps. (Gal. 3:1-5)-Sel.

THIRTEEN YEARS OLD AND STILL AN INFANT --

I read the article and shook my head. How pitiful! In the newspaper there appeared a picture and article of a little girl 13 years old who had the body of a nine year old and the mind of an infant. She still wore diapers. Why? Her parents kept her locked in a room with no contact with the outside world. They fed her only once a day, occasionally twice, and only on a few occasions was she allowed on the back porch. I know every parent's heart, who loves his children, went out to such a one as this with the cry of compassion.

Then it dawned on me! I have been seeing this for years. Thirteen year old baptized Christians with the spiritual mind of an infant. The same things which prevented the growth of this child prevents the growth of Christians. Why are there still Christian infants? No contact with the church. No fellowship with the saints. A lack of spiritual food. You see, they don't attend Bible study and they miss worship often. They stay out of the sunlight of the Word. They never read their Bibles.

Yes, Thirteen years old and still a baby. The age might be a little younger, or (sorry to say) many times older.

--Selected

Larry Acuff- Allen Park

FOOD FOR THOUGHT--

He that never changes his opinion, and never corrects his mistakes will never be wiser on tomorrow than he is today.

An awareness of God's presence purifies the thought, bridles the tongue, and controls the hand.

My aim in life is always to get up one more time than I have fallen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The work of lengthening the auditorium by removing the partitions at the back is well under way. At this point there is a mess on the floor which can easily be tracked everywhere and make cleaning of the rest so much harder. Perhaps by another week, the worst part will be over and we can begin to use the extension as needed. Pews have been ordered which will increase our seating capacity by another 50. The classroom off the vestibule will be the nursery room and adequate speaker equipment will be placed in there very soon. We trust that we might continue to grow as the Lord works through us in reaching those who are unsaved.

This week found three children of our members in the hospital: Chris Hughes, Elisha Hicks and Lisa Oakley. They all are reported to be improving at this writing. Pray to God for them and their families, that they may be united again soon.

We would like for the classes which meet usually at the 6 o'clock period, to devote this evening to visiting (those who are shut-in, sick, or those who can be interested in the coming Vacation Bible School) Let's put to practice what we have been studying in our personal work class.

The Ladies work session is scheduled for Tuesday morning at 9:30 at the church building. Everyone is to bring a luncheon with them.

Finally! The Herald Of Truth program is to be shown at 12:30 over channel 28, Elkhart., so perhaps we can get home in time to see it.

Brother and sister Gieseke are Visiting Coy, Ark. today. Pray for their safety.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

May 28, 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.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 5 through 9

Once again the church has the opportunity of teaching the word of God in a Bible School to those of all ages, not only of our number but also any of the area who would care to attend. The theme of this year's series is JESUS NEVER CHANGES. In today's world when change is expected it is reassuring to the Christian's faith that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Heb. 13:8. In the midst of ethical, moral and social decay, there can be, and is, a stability as well as a renewal of faith in a never changing Christ. A person taught to look to Christ for life and direction in the perplexing situations of this modern life has a valuable anchor for the soul and has no need to die
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for lack of personal and spiritual direction.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the many teachers who are willing to give of their time for this cause. For the benefit of everyone to see the scope of the VBS this year we list the various teachers and their classes:

<i>Room #</i> 4	AGE 2 & under	3	Ellen Hostetler Kathy Hoggatt, assist Thelma Hoggatt Vicki Hicks, assist
3	AGE 3	4	Lois Oakley Elise Dismore, assist Pam Day (from Angola) Penny Oakley, assist
2	AGE 4	2	Dorothy Pace Sandy Brown, assist Kay Miller
5	AGE 5	8	Louella Oakley, assist Jessie Pieratt June Gieseke, assist
7	GRADES 1&2	7	Stan Day (from Angola) Dean Hoggatt
6	GRADES 3&4	6	
<i>Principals</i> <i>Hooper</i>	GRADES 5&6	P.H.	
8 <i>and</i>	JUN. HIGH & TEENS ADULTS	5	
<i>Hall</i>	REFRESHMENTS		Mary Crubaugh and Yvonne Hicks

Let us all pray and work for the success of the Vacation Bible School. Enrollment cards are available so that pre-enrollment can be made at any time. The school will be held in the mornings of June 5 thru 9 at 9:30 to 11:45. Transportation will be provided for anyone who does not have a way. For questions regarding any part of the VBS or transportation arrangements call Dean Hoggatt, phone # 463-2794.

It is our hope that much good will come from our united efforts together and that when Vacation Bible School is over, not only the word of God will have been taught, but many opportunities for follow-up can be made. Let us work to the saving of souls.

The elders

C H A R I T Y

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

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

Don't sneer at the man who's down today,
Unless you have felt the blow
That caused his fall, or felt the same
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, yea, doubly sure,
That you have not 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,
It would cause you to falter too.

--Author Unknown

O When you're forming your opinions,
"p Do it carefully -- go slow
i Hasty judgments oft are followed
n By regretting -- that I know.
i And in arguments be careful
o Not too quickly to decide --
n Try to look upon the subject
s From the other fellow's side. N. Y. Sun

COME TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our regular monthly sing at the two Local Nursing Homes are scheduled this evening at 6 o'clock (Miller Merry Manor) and 6:30 (National). These patients look forward to our coming as we ourselves might do when we are in their situation.

The Vacation Bible School will be given our full attention this week. All who are not working and can arrange to participate in it can be enrolled in one of the classes. The teachers for the respective classes were given in last weeks bulletin. Because of lack for room, the teachers and helpers who have small children are requested to take them to Mary Shears' house at 109 E. Wayne St. where she will take care of them.

Due to the classrooms being undisturbed for the VBS this week, there will not be regular classes but rather a Thursday evening singing in the auditorium. Pick out your favorites and let's teach each other through songs this week.

REMEMBER! To bring a can of vegetables to build up the grocery pantry.

Zone #1, which was scheduled to meet this Monday evening, will meet next Monday June 12 at the regular time. This change is because of VBS this week. Zone #2 will also meet on the 12th.

We are happy to report that Christi Hughes, Elisha Hicks and Lisa Oakley are home from the hospital and doing well. The Herald Of Truth is scheduled at 12 today (?)

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LACRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 4, 1972

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, June 5 thru 9-9:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Classes for all Ages. For transportation call 463-2794

Thanks to all who helped paint the auditorium and clean-up yesterday. Looks nice!

Psalms 66:16 -- "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul."

How much the Christian has to declare! One who has been saved by the blood of Christ has much to be thankful for and to tell others about. It is no wonder to me that "they which were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." Those who are truly converted can no more keep from telling others about their good fortune than a proud parent can keep from announcing their firstborn!

Just as the works of the flesh are manifest so are the words of the Spirit. A life that has been changed by receiving Christ cannot be hid. It will be plain to observers that something has happened. When our soul has been transformed by the power of the gospel we will be living evidence of Christ.

Christians know salvation to be a reality. It is not something he has heard about or seen in others but something God has done for his own soul. The soul has been transformed into a Christ-ruled rather than a self-ruled being. The Christian lives with the hope of heaven in his heart. In spite of the opposition of Satan the new life prevails.

Wherever we go we find brethren in Christ who are like minded. You cannot be in the presence of true Christians without feeling that you are among friends. The love of God in Christ binds their hearts together.

We will declare constantly what God has done for our soul by consistent Christian living. The blood-bought soul is no longer content to live in sin. His life is a living testimony of what God has done for his soul. His lips cannot help but tell the gospel to others.

Are you declaring what God has done for your soul? Do you find it natural to speak up for Christ in your daily opportunities? Do you find it easy to choose the right things in life? Is Christ your first consideration in the decisions you make, in the places you go, and in the company you choose.

The psalmist said, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." (107:2) May it never be said that anyone would have to ask you if you were a Christian! Let us at every opportunity tell others what God has done for our soul. Let us assure them that he will do the same for them. Aren't you glad you're a Christian? Don't you wish everyone was?

E. E. G.

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C R E E D

I have to live with myself and so
I want to be fit for myself to know.
I want to be able as days go by
Always to look myself in the eye.
I don't want to stand with the setting sun.
And hate myself for the things I've done.
I want to go with my head erect.
I want to deserve every man's respect.
I never can hide myself from me,
I see that others may never know.
I never can fool myself, and so, whatever happens
I want to be
Self respecting and conscience free.

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The area singing this month has been changed to June 18 at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon at Paulding, Ohio. They are on "fast" time so this is 2 o'clock our time.

Zones # 1 and 2 are to meet this Monday evening at 7 o'clock. See Joe Oakley for team #1 and Jerry Pace for team #2 for details of meeting.

The church at Three Rivers, Mich. is having a gospel meeting June 18-23 with L. O. Sanderson from Decatur, Georgia preaching. Brother Perry Miller sends a special invitation.

We feel that the Vacation Bible School which was held last week was profitable. We had well over one hundred for an average attendance and some of the students plan to come back for regular classes, they liked it so well. We extend thanks for the many teachers who prepared for this school. They worked hard and the church here ought to be proud of them.

While the events of the VBS are fresh in our minds, we would like to have a VBS teachers meeting at 6 o'clock this evening in classroom number 7.

The Ellers extend an invitation to all the congregation to their place for home made ice cream on Friday evening this week. See them for details.

The men who missed the men's lectureship surely missed a wonderful program. Similar next year.

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June 11, 1972

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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,

Did you bring a can of vegetables with you today?

and fellowship are traded readily by many Christians for ballgames, 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?" Matthew 16:26. --Selected.

LIFE'S CLOCK

The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more;
To lose one's soul is such a loss
As no man can restore.

The present only is our own,
Live, love, toil with a will,
Place no faith in tomorrow--for
The clock may then be still.

-Author unknown

If you didn't start out the day with a smile,
it is not too late to start practicing for
tomorrow.

STOP THE CAR!!

A small boy, new to the Sunday school, was greatly pleased with his picture cars and its text-- "Have Faith in God". On the way home, however, the precious possession slipped from his fingers and fluttered from the street car. Immediately a cry of distress arose, "Oh, I've lost my 'faith in God'! Stop the car please stop the car."

The good-natured conductor stopped the car, and the card was regained amidst the smiles of the passengers. One of them said something about the 'blessed innocence of childhood', but a more thoughtful person said "There would be many happier and truer lives if only we older ones were wise enough to call a halt when we find ourselves rushing ahead on some road where we are in danger of leaving our faith in God behind us."

--Selected THE RAPER

MISTAKES

"The sins I see in Other folk
Are the only ones I mention--
Any mistake that I might make
Is justified by Good intentions!"

--Sel.

DESTINATION? PLEASE?

How often on a plane I have heard the hostess ask, "Destination please?" And always the passengers had an answer. How true it is that each moment of the day is asking that question of us: "Destination. Please?" Where are we going in life?

--Roy Burkharz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A gospel meeting is scheduled at Three Rivers on June 13-23 with L. O. Sanderson preaching.

The area singing is today at Paulding, Ohio (if this can be considered in the area) at 3 o'clock EDT or 2 o'clock EST.

The Melody Boy's Quartette will be presenting a "Gospel in Song" concert at the Forchester, Ind. High School auditorium this afternoon at 2:30.

The Next Ladies Bible Class is scheduled on June 27 at 9:30. This lesson is the last one in the book and will finish that series of study.

Zone #3 will meet Monday evening at 7:30 at Bro. Earl Wilson's home. See Larry Hicks for details.

It is the desire of the elders to resume the personal work class at 6 o'clock on Sunday evenings, which we would like to begin on July 9th. Other necessary classes and meetings have cut into this class period, but it is hoped that we can get on schedule this class, beginning on the 9th of July. Next Sunday evening at 6, we plan a teacher's meeting for the next quarter of Bible school. Then the next Sunday, being the first Sunday, we have the regular Nursing Home commitments to keep.

The Herald of Truth is rescheduled for 12 noon (as was mentioned last Sunday) over channel 28.

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June 18, 1972

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

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THE BIBLE

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, and its histories are true and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, Heaven is opened and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our goal, its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is a mine of

THIS IS OUR CONCERN

George Brown heard the clatter of a wheelbarrow in front of his house. He stepped to the window, wondering who it could be. It was Manley Strong, his wheelbarrow loaded with all manner of garbage. He turned into the yard and approached the front door. His collection of rotten apples, tin cans, ashes, and what not, contrasted strongly with the neat lawn and beautiful flower beds. "Good morning, Mr. Brown. I've brought you a load of garbage, and I'm wondering where you wish to have it dumped." George Brown's eyes opened widely with surprise. "Where do I wish that stuff? Have you gone crazy? Do you see any signs telling you to dump garbage here?" Manley pointed to a beautiful flower bed. "There is room for it there," he suggested, "I believe that's a good place to dump it" George Brown gasped. "You dump that stuff here and see what happens," he threatened. "Would you prefer it in the middle of the lawn?" Manley asked. "Say what's the meaning of all this?" the irate owner asked. "The best thing you can do is get that stuff out of here. Manley nodded. "I really believe this stuff should be taken to the garbage dump," he agreed, "but I thought if you could dump your garbage where you pleased I certainly should have the same privilege. What do you mean?" George Brown asked. "Let me refresh your memory. You'll understand what I mean. Do you remember talking yesterday afternoon with a group of boys? Before you left them you dumped a foul story on them, and also some profane language. Two of those boys are in my Sunday School class. I spend time and effort to keep their lives pure and clean, and they are as much a source of pride to me as your beautiful lawn and flowers are to you. Yet, you dumped your foul garbage there to breed evil thoughts and possibly evil deeds. You do not wish your flowers buried beneath a pile of garbage; neither do I wish the purity of these boys spoiled by your offensive language. You could remove this stuff from your lawn, but it is more difficult to remove evil thoughts which have been sown in the mind"

Bible Study attendance is not an elder problem. True, it is under their direction. They attend and urge others to do so, but it's not primarily their problem. Neither is it a preacher problem. He attends and urges others to do so. It is not a teacher problem. They are present having prepared a lesson from God's Word to impart to others.

IT IS A HOME PROBLEM! PARENTS will solve it if it is ever to be solved. The elders may plan, the preacher may urge, the teachers may prepare, equipment may be provided, rooms can be arranged; but, unless, and until, parents themselves attend and see that their children do so, it will be a Bible School only as a vain wish. BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE REFLECTS INTEREST OF THE HOMES IN THE CONGREGATION.

"Train up a child in the way he should go"...and GO WITH HIM.

-Exhorter, Valdosta, Ga.

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wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be open at the judgment and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

--Anchymcus

The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

William James

Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.

Thomas Fuller

Summer Camp begins next Sunday for Juniors-July 2-8. Get your reservations in!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Sunday evening four of our young Christian ladies, Anna Oakley, Sue Hostetler Judy Ellier and Linda Bash responded during the invitation. They expressed a lack of commitment which they understand the Lord has asked of them and asked for the prayers of the church in their behalf. We commend them for this rededication and pray and work for their spiritual growth. May we with them resolve to do more for Christ.

Only one life, 'twill soon be past
Only what's done for Christ will last.

We would appreciate if all of the teachers for the next quarter (3 months) meet in classroom number 7 this evening at 6 O'clock. There have been some changes in classes as well as new teachers being added which should be the concern of all. Please - all teachers- attend at 6.

The Ladies class will meet this Tuesday morning at 9:30. Announcement will be made as to meeting place.

There are monthly publications such as the "Action", "Gospel Vidette", "Contending for the Faith" which are in the entry or hallway which we would encourage our members to take and read. Also a selection of tracts which are free to be used in our personal teaching. Let's not forget the Herald of Truth on channel 28 at noon on Sunday. Bible Correspondance Courses are available as well as Bible lessons in filmstrip form. Please let the elders know if any of these are needed personally or for teaching of others.

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Something is Wrong!

Something is wrong, bad wrong, when we can't have all the members and their own children in attendance at Bible Study. Is it the preacher's fault? The Elders? It must be someone's. Yes, something is wrong when members refuse to attend Bible Classes.

If a person is too sick to go something is wrong with his health. He should consult a doctor.

If he thinks he does not need the help that comes from Bible study, something is wrong with his education.

If he sleeps too late, he is too lazy. He needs to study, Proverbs 6:6,11.

If he doesn't have the interest to go, something is wrong with his attitude. Indifference causes people to be lost.

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IGNORING THE CHURCH

Recently someone gave me this statement:

"Anybody who ignores the church is like a person who builds a house without windows, then blames God because he has to live in the dark."

Some people ignore the church all the time while others ignore it part of the time. Some members may be called, visited, written to and otherwise encouraged to be in their place by many people, but they never respond. Some say they are "going to get started," but we know they will not make an effort to do so. If you are among this group have you considered what you are doing?

When we ignore the church we ignore the Son of God. The church is the body of Christ, the bride of Christ, the family of the living God. We cannot separate Christ and the Church. One might ignore a man-made organization and not be harmed, but we can't do that to the church. Christ will be our judge in the final day, and we will have to face Him whose body we have ignored.

The church is not just a group of people. It is a gathering of people with Christ in their midst. To stay away is to stay away from Christ.

I think sometimes people believe that those who encourage them to worship God are doing it for their own good. This is not true. Those who work for the Lord can get to heaven if you never get there, but they cannot go without trying to take you with them. Some people act like they are doing some human being a favor when they go to worship but this is not true either. We worship God.

When we ignore the church we ignore the blood of Christ. His blood was poured out for our redemption. No one can be forgiven of his sins without the blood of Christ. The Lord placed His supper, composed of His body and blood, in His kingdom or church. He said if we fail to eat His flesh and drink His blood, we have no life in

in us. The Lord's supper does not belong outside the church. It is to be eaten on the first day of the week. No man can live spiritually and ignore it. When we do ignore it we separate ourselves from any possibility of being saved eternally.

When we ignore the church we ignore the only institution that Jesus promises to save. In the fifth chapter of Ephesians Paul said Christ "is the Savior of the Body". You may read all the Bible and you will not find any promise on His part to save any other institution.

How people believe they can be saved while ignoring the only institution Christ promised to save is beyond me.

Many people who ignore the church have no intention of continuing to do so until death, but many a person has found himself looking death in the face before he had any idea it would come. A person may be able to take chances in business and suffer little harm. He may even take some chances with his health and be little worse because of it, but when one starts taking chances with his soul he is acting worse than a fool. This is a price we cannot afford to pay. If those who are ignoring the church will only think seriously about what they are doing they will see the folly of it.

When we ignore the church we ignore everything that is precious to our Lord. He died for the church. Of all the creations of God the church, His people, is all that he plans to keep. Others will be cast away. For your own salvation please don't go on ignoring the church.

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Cleon Lyles

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If he is too busy to go, something is wrong with his schedule. The person who is too busy to serve the Lord is too busy to go to heaven.

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