

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brother Gieseke and his family are visiting the Farmersburg, Indiana congregation today. He is speaking for them for the morning and evening services. In his place here, we have visiting today brother Ed Hanselman and his wife Joan and their two children. Brother Hanselman is planning on attending the So. Berd School of Personal Evangelism starting in September. We welcome them in our midst and wish them the Lord's blessings in their preparation to serve the Lord.

This evening at 6 o'clock, we are scheduled to meet at the Miller Merry Nursing Home to sing, then at 6:30 we are to meet at the National Nursing Home.. Please come and help in this good work.

Word was received yesterday that Mary Ann Wade's mother passed away. She has been ill for some time and had just recently fell and broke her hip. She was transferred to the Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne and other complications set in. Friends may visit from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the Sharp funeral home at Howe. Funeral services will be held in the Episcopal chapel at Howe Military School at 11:00 Monday morning.

Brother Carl Pieratt requests that for the next month, each family bring a can of fruit each week instead of vegetables,, so that we can have on hand a wider selection of canned supplies.

A business meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday day evening at 7 p.m. for the men.

Due to this week-end being a holiday, Zone #1 will not meet until next Monday evening, July 10.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

July 2, 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.

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COULD THIS BE SAID OF YOUR HOME?

A young man went home from college over the week-end. It was unexpected and rather perplexing to the parents for it was an expensive trip and money was scarce.

But they quietly welcomed him and enjoyed his visit. They received a letter from him a few days after his return saying, "I knew you wondered at my coming, but I felt that I must. Many things have been disturbing me lately, unsettling my faith, overturning my philosophy, bringing doubt and darkness to my soul. I just had to come home to get within its atmosphere and feel that sureness of everything again. And I found it."

What a tribute to a name! John Price, Spring Hill,
Tenn.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

WE ARE NOT ... Just another denomination, but the one body of Christ. (Eph. 4:3-6; 12: Rom. 12:4,5; 1 Cor. 12:12, 20,27) We are neither Catholic, Jew nor Protestant.

WE ARE NOT ... in name just a church building. No material building has ever been the church. (Acts 17:22-31; Luke 17:20,21)

WE ARE NOT ... a man made organization. (Matt. 16:18; Psalm 127:1)

WE ARE NOT ... controlled by some ecclesiastical head or body. Every member is a priest under the High Priest, Jesus Christ. (1 Pet. 2:9) We exalt Christ as the one head of the church. (Eph. 1:22,23; Matt. 16:18)

WE HAVE God as our father. (Matt. 23:9). Christ as our head. (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22,23) Christians as our brethren. (Acts 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:16)

WE HAVE No name but Christ (Acts 4:10-12). No church but His church. (Matt. 16:18) No Organization but His church. (Eph. 3:10-21). No book (or creed) but the Bible. (1 Tim. 3:16,17). No plea but the gospel. (Rom. 1:16). No aim but to save. (1 Thess. 1:7-9). No hope but heaven (1 Pet. 1:3-5).

TO US Christ is our foundation 9 1 Cor. #:11) and our authority. (Matt 28:18). We are Christ centered.

WE ARE DEVOTED To the restoration of New Testament Christianity. (Gal. 6:1-9). To the restoration of the apostolic church. (Acts 2).

WE PLEAD for the unity of all believers in Christ, in keeping with the Savior's prayer. (Jn. 17:20,21).

OUR MESSAGE is the first century message .. the gospel of Jesus Christ. "The seed is the word of God." (Luke 8:11) If planted in the hearts

of men today, it will make of them what it made in New Testament days. Sinners are converted by preaching the simple gospel of Christ as preached by the apostles of Christ in the first century. (1 Cor. 2:1,2; 15:1-4; Rom. 6:3-5. 17,18).

WE SPEAK where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent. (1 Pet. 4:11.)

THE GOSPEL preached in its simplicity and purity is God's power, and power enough, to draw men unto God. (Rom. 1:16; Jn. 6:44,45).

WE BIND NO NAME upon members of the church but Christians. Hence, we are undenominational. (Acts 11:26 1 Pet. 4:16).

IN ALL THINGS ... We speak the truth in love. (Eph. 4:15)

OUR WORSHIP is simple; patterned after New Testament example-- and is spiritual, not material. (Jn. 4:24).

REMEMBER AND FORGET

Always remember to forget the things that made you sad,
But never forget to remember the things that made you
glad.

Always remember to forget the friends that proved untrue
But never forget to remember those that have stuck to
you.

Always remember to forget the troubles that passed away
But never forget to remember the blessings that come
each day.

Short Thought

Thankfully, the value of a document (or a sermon!) is not in proportion to its length. There are 56 words in the Lord's prayer; 266 words in the Gettysburg Address; 118 words in the 23rd. Psalm -- and 26911 words in the U.S. Government Order on Cabbage Prices!

Read Mark 12:30 to learn the great commandment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the Warsaw congregation will host the area singing. If any cares to go, see brother Hoggatt for directions.

Brother Gieseke and his family are in Central City, Kentucky today. In his place here, brother Paul Himes will be speaking. Paul and Geneva have been here several times visiting so they are not strangers to us. We are happy to have them today.

The ladies tray favor meeting will be postponed this Tuesday because of several other conflicts. It is planned now for next Tuesday.

Lisa Oakley, daughter of Fred and Penny Oakley, was taken to the Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne this week for tests. They believe that the trouble she has had is due to thyroid trouble. She will be kept in the hospital until this Wednesday at the soonest before being allowed to return home. We pray for her and her parents at this time.

Zone numbers 1 & 2 are scheduled to meet this Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Announcements will be made as to places of meeting.

This evening at 6 o'clock the Personal Work Class will resume in classroom # 7. Brother Jerry Pace will be starting the new class with a Filmstrip in the Fundamentals of Faith series. We urge that all attend this session and share with others the teaching materials that will help all of us be more effective personal workers in soul-saving. There will be classes for the babies and children so that anyone can come who desires to.

Bible study courses, Christian literature, tracts etc are available to anyone who desires further study. Feel free to ask for help in these things.

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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

July 9, 1972

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A GOOD THOUGHT

If you think you are beaten, you are,
If you think you dare not, you don't

If you'd like to win, but think you can't
It's almost a cinch you won't

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man;

But soon or late the man who wins
Is the one who thinks he can. Anonymous

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The man who is forever trying to protect his reputation is often the man who has not spent much time in protecting his Character. The best way to keep a good name is to keep a good life. Righteousness is a breastplate, said Paul. --Selected

EVANGELISM

Evangelism is the evangelist thundering,
"The Bible Says!"

Evangelism is the church organizing for all-
out visitation.

Evangelism is your minister proclaiming God's
Word from the pulpit.

Evangelism is a Sunday School teacher teach-
ing a group of restless juniors!

Evangelism is a church member inviting a
neighbor to worship!

Evangelism is a little girl in Sunday dress
with a Bible in her hand and a smile on her face!

Evangelism is a strong youth refusing to
go with the wayward crowd!

Evangelism is an assembled congregation giv-
ing voice to "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Evangelism is a housewife going about her
work with the truth of "What a Friend We Have in
Jesus", in her heart and upon her lips!

Evangelism is a Christian living day by day
for Christ!

via The Challenger

A LITTLE PUSH

I was sitting in my car the other day when
an old car stalled nearby. The driver was utterly
unable to start the old vehicle and traffic was halt-
ed for a block. Horns sounded, and angry drivers
shouted after the embarrassed man.

After a time, cars began to move around the
unfortunate owner of the old car. Finally one driver
in the long line of retarded cars drove up behind
the stalled car and gave it a push. Soon it began
moving under its own power and traffic got under-
way again.

How like life that is! Someone is halted by
circumstances. Most people shout their maledictions
upon the luckless individual and leave him to his
fate. All he really needs is just a little push to
help him get started along the way.

BUBBLES

A boy with a bowl of snow-white suds
And a very small pipe of clay,
Sat on the Steps of his humble home,
Blowing air bubbles away.

His bubbles reflected the bright-blue sky,
They pictured the clouds and trees;
He laughed with glee as they floated up
From the bowl of suds on his knees.

He laughed when they struck his small, round face.
He shouted as they sailed up high;
No thought had he of another thing
But the bowl of suds nearby.

Blowing bubbles was the greatest thing
In all his life he would see;
He need not use a philosopher's stone
To prove his philosophy.

There are men and women who go through life
still clinging to their pipes of clay,
And naught but bubbles have they brought forth
As they walk on life's highway.

--Selected

A Little Push (cont. from page 2)

Just as in any congregation, we have a few
"old cars" who need a little push in getting on
the move again. If you know of someone who is
losing interest in the church -- or someone who is
mired up to his axles in personal problems -- offer
him a little encouragement. Just think -- without
your push, he will lose his soul.

--Adapted from the Reaper

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Swallowing angry words is much easier than having
to eat them!

The waters of God's blessings flow downward, and
he who would drink them must stoop. Sel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The area singing which was scheduled for last Sunday, has been changed for this Sunday at 3 o'clock at the Warsaw congregation.

A letter from the Mentone congregation announces a gospel meeting beginning July 27 through the 30th., with brother Ed Williams of Bedford, Indiana speaking. Services will be 7:30 nightly.

Zone #3 meets Monday evening at 7 o'clock at the Hoggatt's home.

The Ladies will meet for tray favors this Tuesday at 9:30 at sister Hostetler's home.

Remember the 6 o'clock class in classroom #7. A new series is being shown and discussed by brother Page which should benefit every Personal worker. Brother & sister Larry Hicks are in charge of the children's class, grades 1 thru 6.

It's good to have the Gieseke's back after being away two weeks. Earl will be speaking both morning and evening services.

Tune in Herald Of Truth, channel 28 at noon today.

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E X H O R T E R

July 16, 1972

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H O P E

Life is impossible without hope. When one person loses hope, one loses everything. The hopeless person says, "What's the use?" and stops trying. Hope is especially essential in Christian life. Hope of future glory as much as anything enabled the early Christians to endure for Christ's sake. The Beatitudes, for example, would seem preposterous to the hopeless; for in each one man are blessed not because of what is but because of what shall be. The mournful are happy because they shall be comforted, the hungry, because they shall be filled. Let us treasure our hopes, for they are the secret of our joy.

Read : ZECHARIAH 9:12-17

MY HIDDEN TREASURE

"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee; In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."
Acts 3:6

My God-given treasures of talent and faith grow as I lean about Jesus, by attending Bible study, and by encouraging others to rise up in faith and to walk with Him. My example of faithful Bible study attendance helps in five ways:

IT HELPS THE CHURCH. And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."
Matthew 28:18-20

To be able to teach people and to help the Church grow, we will have to attend Bible study where God's word is taught and studied. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
II Tim. 2:15

IT HELPS THE COMMUNITY. Attending Bible study helps us grow in the Knowledge of God's word, and we will become a better person for our community. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

IT HELPS US. Bible study will make us a better Christian in every way. It will prepare us for a home in heaven where we will have everlasting life. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."
Revelations 22:14

IT HELPS OUR FAMILY. We must be willing to help our family get ready for Bible study. We need to encourage all of them to do so. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for his is

faithful that promised), and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."
Hebrews 10:23-25

IT PLEASURES THE LORD. Great famines of truth can only spring from shutting up the fountains of the water of life. If the Church will keep her Bible well read, she cannot be lead astray. The Church depends on our being well informed, to say nothing of our own spiritual growth and progress. Our decisions in matters of religion are based upon "It is written." We must please God of all the Earth, not influenced by what man may say, but guided by the principles of truth. "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

John 14:15

"And he that sent me is with me: the father hath not left me alone: for I do always those things that please Him."
John 8:29

---Selected

Views for Youth

FLAMES OF TRUTH

Fresh morning hours are golden nuggets for the feeding of your immortal soul. Use them tightly in prayerful study of God's word (II Tim. 2:15)

Unspoken words never cause trouble; but, words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver (Proverbs 25:11) How blessed are such benedictions!

Perhaps the worst sort of slavery is wrought by trying to live upon too much (Heb. 13:5)

No one can deprive a golden deed of its spiritual fragrance, and no one can counterfeit genuine love for God and man (Galatians 6:7-9)

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We can't change the past but we don't have to repeat it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today will be the Gieseke's last Sunday with us. (See front page). They have accepted a full time work with the Central City, Ky. congregation and will be moving this week. We pray the Lord's richest blessings will follow them and that success will attend their work. We will think of them often as they have given faithful consideration to the Lord's work here at Lagrange. We are happy to have known them and their dedication which is an example to all of us. We bid them to come "home" any time that they can. We solicit their prayers for us.

A gospel meeting which was mentioned in the announcements last Sunday at Warsaw is cancelled because of conflicting activities. As soon as a new schedule is sent, we'll announce it.

There will be a farewell get-together immediately after evening services for the Gieseke's in the south classroom. Each family should bring cookies and cold drinks.

The elders would like to meet with all the men in a short business meeting from 6:45 to 6:55 this evening. Meeting to be in room # 7 & 8.

The Carl Pieratt's are on vacation for a few weeks. We will miss them. Let's pray for their safety. Also Warren's have gone to Kentucky for a long week-end. Some sickness (also chicken-pox) has cut into our attendance. We hope soon they'll be well.

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July 23, 1972

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BID GIESEKE'S FAREWELL

The congregation at Central City, Kentucky called brother Gieseke Friday and asked that he and his family move there this Wednesday, so today will be their last Sunday with us. We regret that time is too short for a farewell get-together deserving of our appreciation for them for the eight years they have been with us. Needless to say, we have seen much growth in the church here and much of it can be attributed to the Gieseke's and particularly to brother Earl and his dedication as a preacher of the gospel. We bear record that his "speaking the truth in love", with conviction, uniquely qualifies him for greater usefulness in the master's kingdom and into this worthy work he is now entering, as a full time evangelist. Thus it is with mixed emotions that we bid them Godspeed in their new labour regretting to see them leave but knowing the Lord has opened a greater door of opportunity to them.

At this point Earl and June we say "thank you" for wonderful memories of our "few" years together and pray that the Lord will bless you and Robert abundantly as you serve him in love. Come back home often.
Your loved ones - Lagrange

THE SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER

The Bible teaches that the believer is secure "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Peter 1:5) It is the security of the believer which brings comfort to every child of God. He has God's promise, "If you do these things, ye shall never fall!" (2 Peter 1:10)

A believer may depart from the faith or lose his faith and become an unbeliever.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1).

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." (Hebrews 3:12).

When one believes to the saving of his soul in obeying the gospel of Christ, it is not "a once-for-all" act which brings eternal salvation which cannot be forfeited by future unfaithfulness.

The Scriptures speak of a salvation "ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1-5). The end of our faith is the salvation of our souls. This salvation is promised only to the faithful.

Selected
Springfield, O. Bul'n

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TRUE OR FALSE - Answer and then check scriptures given--

1. The soldiers cast lots for all the garments of Jesus.
2. The veil of the temple was torn from top to bottom when Jesus died.
3. After the resurrection Jesus remained on earth for ten days.
4. Jesus ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet.
5. The apostles received the Holy Spirit on the day Jesus rose from the dead.
6. The churches in Macedonia were very liberal to the poor.

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY

God has given me this day to use as I will, I can waste it or use it for good.

What I do to day is important because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something I have traded for it.

I want it to be Gain, not loss; Good, not evil; Success, not failure - in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it.

--Selected

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7. Paul and Silas were sleeping when the earthquake opened the doors of the prison.
8. Saul was blinded for seven days after Jesus appeared unto him.
9. The magicians in Ephesus believed the teaching of Paul and burned their books of magic.
10. Paul and Silas were put in jail in Philippi for healing a girl who was possessed of an evil spirit.

Now that you have finished answering the questions check your answers from the following: Lk. 23:34
Lk. 23:45, Acts 1:2, Acts 1:12, Acts 2:1-4, 2 Cor. 8:1-3, Acts 16:25, Acts 9:9, Acts 16:23, 24, Acts 19:19

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A CHRISTIAN MUST CARRY SOMETHING HEAVIER ON HIS SHOULDERS THAN CHIPS.

TO BE ON THE RIGHT ROAD IS NOT ENOUGH - WE MUST TRAVEL IT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Gieseke's got their furniture loaded up on Tuesday evening of this past week and pulled out early Wednesday morning for their new work in Central City, Ky. We are sure that they would appreciate letters from us here. Their new address is: Mr. & Mrs. Earl Gieseke

118 Reynolds
Central City, Kentucky 42330

As one of their going away presents, they were promised a large picture of the congregation at Lagrange. Today, immediately after morning services, please assemble on the lawn back of the building for this picture. If we all cooperate in this we can get it done in a very short time.

Today, visiting with us is brother Chuck Barrington and family from So. Bend. Bro. Barrington will be speaking for this morning service and give a short message for the evening service along with the song service scheduled..

August 19th is Lagrange's time to host the area singing. It will be at 3 p.m. This is an excellent time to meet Christians from other areas.

A letter from brother Norm Herron (a preacher who we are considering to take brother Gieseke's place) states that they will be arriving in Detroit on Aug. 16, and will contact us soon after this date to visit us. They have been missionaries for five years in Norway and are now returning to the states. We look forward to their visit with much anticipation.

A card from the Carl Pieratt's states that they are in Idaho and enjoying their trip. Some, like them, will not be in the above mentioned picture, which we are very sorry about.

Anyone who would like to do some work on the preacher's house, see brother Hoggatt.

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

July 30, 1972

Schedule of Regular Service

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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A DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN

You must be cleansed to be dynamic. Recently I read of a large plant which was shut down for hours because there was a small foreign substance in the machinery. Machinery must be clean to function efficiently over a long period of time. The more complicated the machinery, the more important it is to keep it clean. Electronic data processing equipment can be thrown off by a very small amount of dust or dirt.

Christ is the only one able to cleanse our souls. His blood is the cleansing agent. "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and his blood cleanses us from all sin." (I John 1:7)

One reason we are not more dynamic as Christians is because we allow dust and dirt to clog our spiritual machinery.

Only the clean can be dynamic Christians.

--M. Norvel Young

A FINAL NOTE

Solomon wrote, "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof:" Ecc. 7:8-a

As my family and I end our eight years of association with you as your preacher I pause to consider. Surely the end is the justification of the beginning. There was just no way for the church or me to know eight years ago as to whether our efforts together would be beneficial or not. But if the end crown not the beginning, then it were better that the beginning had never been made.

I am deeply grateful for the many opportunities I have had that were made possible by you Christians here. I feel much better equipped to begin a new work because you have enabled me to develop the few talents God gave me. I will always be indebted to you.

There are many things I would like to say to you, but words escape me. The feelings and emotions I have are not easily expressed in words. My family and I have invested a large segment of our lives in this congregation. We shall never cease to remember you.

We have seen many of you born into God's family. For this we are grateful. I believe I know what Paul means when he calls Timothy his "son in the faith." We have watched you grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. I pray you continue to do so.

I rejoice in the Lord as I consider the progress that has been made here, spiritually and physically. This has only come about because of the dedication of the Christians here before and during this eight years. You have shown a willingness to launch out by faith, and I pray this spirit may continue. Much good has been done by the church here in various parts of the world. Your good name is known in many places.

Many souls have been added to the body of Christ. They have been put on to the right road in their journey to eternity. May they continue!

Although I am looking forward to the challenge of a "new work", it is not without some regret. I have made friendships which I pray will culminate in eternity where we shall be together

forever.

I ask for your prayers for my family and the work we are undertaking. We invite you to keep in touch with us. If you are ever in our area of Kentucky we trust you will stop by to see us.

If I have wronged any I ask your forgiveness, even as I have already forgiven any who may have offended me.

I have tried to live a life that you could fully know my purpose and manner of life.

Submit yourselves to the elders who watch for you souls. Encourage and cooperate with the one who will be preaching for you. He will need and deserve wholehearted support from you.

In Christian love,
Earl, June, and Robert

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SOME MUST WANT JUST "DUSTING OFF"

He was only a lad of 4, so there was nothing unusual about the fact that he did not like soap and water. One day his mother, endeavoring to reason with him, said, "But surely you want to be clean, don't you?" "Yes," he replied through tears, "but can't you just dust me off?"

This is amusing when a little fellow of 4 years says it, but it is pathetic when grown up people are content with just a once a week spiritual dusting. The inner filth goes undisturbed because they do not feed on the Word which will expose their sins and cleanse them. David prayed, "Cleanse thou me from secret faults" (Psalm 19:12). The outward piety of the Sunday only Christian does not cleanse. We need more than a "dusting". We need a constant cleansing that Sunday night worship and mid-week Bible study help to accomplish.

HOLD FORTH YOUR LIGHT!!

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Pride is to character like the attic to the house--
the highest part, and usually the most empty.

Because of the work that needs to be done right away on the preacher's home, the elders suggest that the zone teams meet there for work sessions for this month only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were two gospel meetings scheduled in the area for this week, however one has been cancelled because of the conflict. The one cancelled was at Glenwood congregation Ft. Wayne. It is to be scheduled later. East Chestnut congregation is holding their meeting as scheduled with Paul Hubbard from Grand Rapids, Mich. preaching. The time is 7:30 ea. Eve., Aug. 6 through 10th.

The time is drawing near for our meeting which is scheduled for Sept. 18 through 24th. Gene West from Moundsville, West Virginia will be preaching. Let's each make an effort to lead someone to Christ before or during this meeting.

The Nursing Home song service is this evening. Miller Merry Manor at 6 and the National at 6:30. Let's try to start with everyone on time.

The ladies are meeting at Mary Ann Wade's home in Howe this Tuesday morning at 9:30 to make tray favors. If transportation is needed call 463-2794.

Next Sunday at 3 o'clock is the area singing. LaGrange is the host for this.

We have visiting today brother Ernest Scarbrough from So. Bend, Ind. Brother Scarbrough preached for the Donnoyer Ave. congregation for a number of years. His family could not be with him today but we do appreciate his coming.

Any couple who would like to be responsible for painting one room of the preacher's house, please see brother Hoggatt.

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August 6, 1972

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THE CHURCH AND THE HOME

There is no greater influence in our lives than that exerted by our mothers and fathers, and all that can be said about important influences is intensified in the home. Yet there is an unprecedented pull away from these home influences in our world. Father is increasingly involved in business and civic affairs, Mother is away at PTA, worthy civic affairs and club commitments. Teenagers are involved in athletics, dramatics and necessary school functions. And children are caught up in story hours, play time, little league, day-camp and a thousand-and-one other involvements invented especially for them.

Home has become a "filling station" -- a place where families meet only to tank up on sleep and food. Under such arrangements, it is utterly impossible for the home to exert the tremendous influence which is potentially here

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HE SAID IT - HE MEANT IT!

There are some religious modernists who reject many of the plain teachings of the Bible and select only those few passages that please them.

They affirm that in many places in the Bible God never said what He meant to say or mean what He did say.

They want the blessings of God without their obedience to God; God's love without their love; God's charity without benevolence.

They want freedom without restriction; greatness without humility and sin without condemnation.

They want to write their own laws; proclaim their own righteousness and approve their own perversity.

Now if God didn't say what He should have said, when He said what He said, or mean what He meant to say, when He said what He said; then what did God mean when He said what He said and why did God say what He said, if what He said, wasn't what He wanted to say, or mean, if what He said wasn't what He meant to say or mean?

And how could God have said what He wanted to say, and mean what He meant to say, if what He said wasn't what He wanted to say, or mean, if what He said wasn't what He meant to say and mean?

If this sounds redundant, it is redundancy with a purpose.

God is all wise. He made man, including man's brain. Therefore God knows the capability of man's mind. It is ridiculous and absurd to even infer that God would be guilty of giving man a Bible that man could not understand correctly and alike. Or God being all wise could not convey His laws to man in such a way that man could not understand them correctly and alike.

Surely a God that is all wise and all powerful and sent His beloved Son, Jesus Christ to the earth and let him die on the cruel cross for the sins of man has enough intelligence to write a book that man is capable of understanding correctly and alike.

The overwhelming conclusion is -- God said what He said. He said what He meant. He meant what

He said.
Therefore, whosoever does not follow the wisdom of God is not wise, but otherwise!

Robert R. Page

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The Church and the Home (cont. from front page)

Christian parents have no greater opportunity for good than the opportunity to develop their own children.

Daniel Webster said, "If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal souls, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of the Creator and love of fellow men, we engrave on those tables something which will brighten eternity."

The greatest need in our modern world is for every person to learn to live an ordered life in which first things are really first. May God help us to recognize the importance of our homes and to bring up our children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Carl Breecham
South Side Bulletin

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Unless there is within us that which is above us, we shall soon yield to that which is around us."

"When the last moments approach, you will wish for those moments you are now wasting."

If you follow Christ six days a week, you will find more people willing to follow you to church on the other day.
--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to have again today brother Ernest Scarborough to speak to us during the worship. Also, if the Lord wills, next Lord's day, brother Robert Page (former missionary and also preacher for the Garrett congregation) will be the visiting speaker. The next Lord's day, we hope to have the Herron family visiting with us in consideration of the work here. Pray all of these men as they serve the Lord as evangelists.

we were made to rejoice last Sunday evening as Judy Boyle was baptized into Christ after a study following the evening worship. Also, her sister, Suzie Boyle, was baptized on Monday evening following a study. Many members, working on the preacher's house, witnessed Suzie's baptism and had a wonderful fellowship together. We welcome these two precious souls into the family of God and pray that their lives might influence many others who as yet cannot know the hope that is in Christ.

There was much anxiety over the condition of Joe and Cathy Hughes' new baby boy, Timothy Paul, Wednesday. After being transferred to Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne, it was determined that he had a calcium deficiency. We are thankful that the trouble can be corrected and he will probably come home the first of this week.

Zone #1 will meet Monday evening to work at the preacher's house. (Zone 2, which was to meet, got ahead of themselves and met last week.)

Hopefully by next week, we'll have our carpet laid and the new pews installed. We appreciate any who can arrange to come in in the next week (men and women) for cleaning work, especially at the preacher's house. Many jobs are yet to be done.

Church of Christ, 405 So. Townline Rd., LaGrange

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

August 13, 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.

ELDERS

Dean Hoggatt - LaGrange Phone 463-2791	-	Devon Hostetler - Topeka Phone 593-2112
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TIME TO PRAY

I got up early one morning,
And rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled upon me,
And heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
But the day toiled on, grey and bleak.
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."

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THIS TOO SHALL PASS AWAY

Have you ever found consolation in a time of trouble in this thought, "This too shall pass away"? We are aware that storm is followed by sunshine, sorrow by joy and darkness by light. Each day is different and the present fades into the past.

No life is all storm and darkness, neither is any life all sunshine and joy. Life is tempered by the various cycles of these opposites.

The optimist concentrates on the good and emphasizes it, knowing that what darkness may try to dim each day that, "This too shall pass away."

The pessimist concentrates on the storms of life. To him, sunny days are only mirages on the road of gloom. Already he sees on the horizon an approaching storm cloud more ominous, dark and horrible than any he has ever known. Thus he sinks lower and lower in gloom and despair, even on a bright and sunny day.

Some has well said, "If it wasn't for the pessimist, the optimist would never know how unhappy he wasn't." To that could be added, "If it wasn't for the optimist, the pessimist would never know how unglorious he wasn't."

The optimist makes mountains of sunshine out of the blessings of life and these radiant mountains light up the valleys below. The pessimist makes mountains of gloom out of the molehills of trouble and in these selfmade darkened valleys bemoans his own despair.

Man receives the channel he is tuned in to. The optimist is selective. He sees the majesty of God written in the heavens and His handiwork in nature. The flowers bloom, the birds sing, friends smile and bountiful blessing flow from God. All things work together for good. The optimist is a person of strong faith.

The pessimist, however, is constantly tuned into the frequency of trials and troubles. His ears hear only the static of storms; his eyes see only the sorrowful and seamy side of humanity. And his mind wanders tormentedly in his own grotesque world of despair.

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Who is the true optimist? The true optimist is the faithful Christian who knows, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28)

The faithful Christian, by faith, knows that beyond this life lies the city of God, Heaven itself. In that eternal city there will be no more pain, death, sorrow, crying or tears. Yes, "These too shall pass away," forever, but Heaven with all its good things shall abide forever. What more could man ask for or expect than to be with God and Christ eternally in Heaven?

Robert R. Page

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TIME TO PRAY (Cont. from front page)

I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My Child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning,
And paused before entering the day.
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.

Author unknown

PAYING AND PRAYING

I paid for my hat, and I paid for my gown,
And I paid for the furs I purchased downtown.
And when I looked at the boxes that lay on the shelf,
One for my Lord, and one for myself,
The contrast was grim! It was plain as could be
A mite box for Him, a handbox for me.
I tossed in a dime, but it didn't seem right,
And I couldn't be proud of that curious sight.
So I took out my check book and tried to be square
For I wanted my gift to look like my prayer.

---Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we are happy to have the Robert Page family with us. Brother Page will be speaking at the morning services and again this evening. We appreciate their work in the past especially in the missionary field in Australia and also they lived and worked with the Garrett congregation a few years ago. We welcome into our area again the Page family and want them to feel right at home today.

A call received from brother Norm Herron indicated that they returned home to Garden City, Mich. last Wednesday evening. He and his family are coming down to talk with us this week and will plan to speak to the church here this Thursday evening. For this reason, we will not have regular classes but will meet in the auditorium. From our communication with the Herrons previously, we have learned to appreciate their commitment to the Lord and needless to say we are anxious to meet them personally. We urge everyone to be present for this Thursday evening services.

There is much cleaning work to be done in the preacher's house. Not only zone #3 which is scheduled to work Monday evening but anyone else who can arrange to come in, there is work to do.

Timothy Paul Hughes is still in the Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne. They have learned of a gland deficiency and he is to be scheduled for a transplant operation. We are sorry to learn about this but perhaps it is best to learn about it at this early stage. We pray for his operation and also for the family at this time.

Sorry that the carpet has not been received yet. Hopefully next week.

Lagrange Church of Christ, Lagrange, Indiana 46761

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

August 20, 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.
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THE SECRET

I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best;
And His presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er many a troubled sea.

So I think I know the secret
Learned from many a troubled way:
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day.

---Selected

THE OLD REFRAIN

"They won't miss me," said the father as he deserted his family and left a broken home with broken lives behind.

"They won't miss me," said the policeman as he skipped a round on his patrol for a game of poker, but that night a store was robbed.

"They won't miss me," said the mother as she repeatedly left her children for rounds of teas and parties. The devil did not "miss" her children either.

"They won't miss me," said the soldier as he went AWOL. But he spent 30 days in the guard house for it.

"They won't miss me," said the man on the assembly line, as he slipped away without permission. But the airplane crashed and killed his brother because of the lack of a single nut.

"They won't miss me," said the sentry, as he slipped away from duty. But the enemy surprised and massacred his comrades that very night.

"They won't miss me," said the Christian worker as he shed his responsibility in a day of crisis. Then he wondered why his country gave way to softness and demoralization.

"They won't miss me," said the church member as he omitted one Lord's day and then another for trivial reasons. Then wondered why he no longer enjoyed a vigorous Christian life.

Brethren lets remember these thoughts above. Our responsibility as Christians is such that we will be missed if we fall down in any area of living. The Lord depends on YOU and ME, Let's work in His Kingdom. —Selected

"Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty." I Sam. 20:18.

YOU ARE MISSED WHEN YOUR SEAT IS EMPTY.

LOVE IS THE BOND OF THE HOME

What is the strong bond that holds a home together in peace and harmony? It is something we describe with the word "love" There must be love between parents, and love between parents and children, and love between brothers and sisters to keep order and happiness in the home.

The kind of love that keeps a home together is a love that overlooks faults, that forgives injuries that forgets self, and seeks only the good of the entire household. It is such an easy matter to become selfish and self-centered. But such an attitude - the attitude of "I got there first" is an enemy to the perfect home. The attitude Paul mentioned, "Each counting another better than himself," is the proper attitude that each member must have.

Where love is there is trust and confidence. Each member of the family has at heart, the interest of all the others. Remember the story of the boy who came carrying another boy to the doctor? As he stood there holding the boy with the injured leg, the doctor said "Get the boy down!" Later he asked if the boy was tired from such a heavy load. The boy answered "aw, he's not heavy, he's my brother."

When real love exists between brothers and sisters, they do not "give" things to each other, sharing God's blessings, and forgetting themselves. Such a family may be poor in this world's goods, but they are rich in the blessings that money cannot buy - love that will last forever.

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ENTRANCE EXAM Every time a little boy went to a playmate's house, he found the friend's grandmother deeply engrossed in her Bible. Finally his curiosity got the better of him, "Why do you suppose your grandmother reads the Bible so much?" he asked.

"I'm not sure," said his friend, "but I think it's because she's cramming for her finals."

—Selected

Are you prepared to meet your Judge and take the final examination. COME TO BIBLE STUDY AND PREPARE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to announce the coming of the Herron family to LaGrange. Please read the insertion in the bulletin today concerning this. They do plan to enroll their children into classes this Tuesday. Brother Herron has a preaching appointment near his home today but expects to be here next Lord's day.

We welcome brother Paul Himes again as our speaker at the worship hour. At last report his wife couldn't come because of a conflict, but we do appreciate his coming and visit with him.

Life is so uncertain and this week proves it. Brother Emmett Herr had a stroke last Thursday afternoon and is in the Kendallville hospital. His son reports a paralysis on the left side but he can speak at times Midge Hughes' husband, Millard, was crushed between two cars by a auto which hit one of them. He is in the Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne in critical condition Brother Ken Graybill's mother passed away Friday. We don't have the details as to funeral arrangements, but we'll try to find out and announce it. Timothy Paul Hughes remains in the Parkview hospital but will likely be released next week. We are sorry to learn of this kind of news. We are made to realize the cares that can soon arise in a person's life. In contrast, we can prepare our spiritual lives to live in a place where these cares never come. Pray for those who are sick and those in sorrow at this time.

Perry and Hazel Miller & family are moving to LaGrange this week. . This, we like to print.

Church of Christ

RR#4

LaGrange, Ind. 46761

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

August 27, 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.
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MORE PEOPLE LIKE THIS ARE NEEDED

A servant girl, with many chores, was asked how she could "Pray without ceasing" and she answered, "The more work I have to do, the more I can pray." Her explanation follows:

"When I open my eyes in the morning, I pray, 'Lord, open the eyes of my understanding.' While I dress, I pray, 'May I be clothed with robes of righteousness'; as I begin my work, I pray, 'May my strength equal my day'; while I kindle the fires, I pray, 'Lord kindle up the fires in my soul'; as I sweep, I pray, 'May I be cleansed from all impurities'. While I prepare the meals, I pray, 'May I be fed with the hidden manna'. When I am busy with the children, I pray, 'Father may I be a worthy child.' Everything I do furnishes me with a thought for prayer."

MY LAST SUNDAY

A BEAUTIFUL ANSWER

One day a little girl in a white dress and with a bunch of flowers passed a boy who was playing in a dusty street. Somehow the sight of that dainty figure stirred the mischief in the boy's heart. He threw a handful of dirt which struck the white dress and fell in a shower upon the pretty new shoes she was wearing.

The little girl stood still. Her face flushed pink. Her lips trembled as if she would cry; but instead a smile broke over her face, and taking a flower from the bouquet, she tossed it to the boy who was waiting to see what she was going to do.

A more surprised little boy no one could have seen, nor one more genuinely ashamed. He hung his head and his cheeks reddened under their tan and coat of freckles. His unkind fun was quite spoiled, just because in turn for a handful of dirt someone had thrown him a flower.

What a changed world this would be if everybody, large and small, were as wise and as prudent as this little maid. How quarrels would go out of fashion if for angry words we threw back gentle answers.

Remember what Solomon said in Proverbs 15:1. "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger." Verse 32 says "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." See also Ephesians 4:26 and James 1:19-20.

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THAT DEAD SEA

I looked upon a sea, and lo, 'twas dead,
Although by Hermon's snows and Jordan fed.
How came a fate so dire? the tale soon told.
All that it got, it kept, and fast did hold.
All tributary streams, found here their grave,
Because that sea received and never gave.
O sea that's dead, teach me to know and feel
That selfish grasp and greed my doom will seal.
And help me, Lord, my best, myself to give,
That I may others bless---and like thee live. ---Sel.

I am a Christian, long ago I was convinced of my personal, sinful, condition and recognized that only through reliance upon Jesus Christ as my Savior could I hope for heaven and avoid hell.

Yes, I was baptized but since that time I have been busy with things not pertaining to the Lord or His church. Oh, I didn't quit and I've gone to Sunday assemblies occasionally, but I've had word that this Lord's day will be my last on earth.

Funny how things change in importance when we recognize the approach of death. Before I got "the word" I could think of MANY places to go next Sunday. Now I'm thinking of only ONE place. It will be my last chance on earth to worship Christ.

MY LAST SUNDAY: WHAT A STAGGERING THOUGHT! COULD BE.

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ISN'T IT STRANGE

That some who claim to have an open mind do not have it open wide enough for all truth.
That some people are more careful about the deed to their house than they are about the security of their soul.
That little things that keep one from worship on Sunday does not keep him away from work on Monday.
That many men who will not obey the gospel themselves want their children and wife to be Christians.
That men who will not attend services of the church would refuse to live in a country where the church did not exist.
That men will live unprepared to die and meet God when they know that they must do so and that the time may come any minute.
That many confess that when they were young that their parents took them to church and they are thankful for it; yet to their own children they are not being faithful in taking them to church.

---Selected

A. C. Hobbs, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today will be the Herron's first Sunday here. Bro. Herron will be speaking for us for the morning and evening services. A former commitment of a gospel meeting starting next Sunday will prevent him from being here next Lord's Day, but we do look for his being with us after that. Next Sunday Bro. Robert Page will speak for us again. We are happy that Norm and Marilyn and children are situated here (even though their furniture will not catch up with them for at least a couple of weeks) and we want them to feel welcome and become an active part in the work of the church here.

Bro. Perry Miller wants to convey his thanks to everyone who helped them move last Tuesday. Also the Millers request that they desire to be identified with this congregation and place membership here. We appreciate this move and warmly welcome them back, knowing that they will bring a rich commitment as they exhibited when they were here before. They live at 417 Grant St. in Lagrange.

The regular monthly singing at the two Nursing Homes will be thus evening . 6 o'clock at the Miller Merry Manor and 6:30 at the National. Try to come and join us in this work.

Brother Emmitt Herr is still in the Kendallville hospital. His condition is the same, in that he sleeps nearly all the time and does not respond to those around him. Brother Carl Pieratt remains in the Elkhart hospital and his condition is satisfactory. Sister Verna Thomas is now in the Lagrange hospital with a lung infection and in an oxygen most of the time. Timothy Paul Hughes is now home but must be kept from possible sources of infection, so will not be allowed to leave home for awhile. The report about Millard Hughes is that he had skin graft
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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

Sept mber 3, 1972

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
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TOMORROW'S OPPORTUNITY

If we might have a second chance
To live the days once more,
And rectify mistakes we've made
To even up the score.

If we might have a second chance
To use the knowledge gained,
Perhaps we might become at last
As firm as God ordained.

But though we can't retrace our steps,
However stands the score,
Tomorrow brings another chance
For us to try once more.

--Sol.

SATISFIED CHRISTIANS

Are you a satisfied Christian? Some people are Christians and are satisfied. Laodicean church was made up entirely of satisfied Christians. They said they had "...need of nothing." Nevertheless, the Lord was not satisfied with them.

Then there are other Christians who are not satisfied. Paul was one of them. He said, "... woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

Paul was satisfied to be a Christian, but not a satisfied Christian. Lost souls needed to hear the gospel. Paul could not rest knowing their undone and lost condition and his responsibility of having what they needed -- the gospel.

Paul was not like the selfish person the poet described.

"I had a little tea party
This afternoon at three.
'Twas very small--
Three guests in all--
Just I, Myself, and Me.
Myself ate all the sandwiches,
While I drank up the tea,
'Twas also I who ate the pie.
And passed the cake to me.

Friend, how is it with you concerning the gospel? I, Myself and Me, or that of Paul who said, "I am a debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also."

If we are wise we will have the attitude of Paul to declare the gospel unto others even also the wise as well as the unwise.

I don't believe that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ would have it otherwise, do you

R. R. Page

operation Friday and must undergo a series of operations from the bone injuries. We are hoping and praying that all these can be restored back to health again.

Brother Richard Hostetler and Francis Schaeffer were united in marriage yesterday. We wish for them a life of happiness and service in the Lord's work.

September 16 (Saturday, 9 to 5) the Shults Lewis Children's Home is having their annual Open House. They invite the surrounding congregations to attend this event and see the operations of the home first hand. The Melody Boys Quartette and Steve Boyd of Bedford, Indiana will be among the many attending.

A gospel meeting scheduled for Sept. 7 thru 10 is to be held at Mentone. The preacher is Edwin Williams of Bedford, Indiana.

REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING APPROACHING WITH BROTHER GENE WEST OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA ON SEPT. 18 THRU SEPT. 24. Brother West has been here twice before in gospel meetings and is a capable evangelist. He has confirmed this meeting and looks forward to it with great anticipation. Plan as much as possible to be at every service and invite your friends to come.

Letters from the Gieseke's and bulletins from Central City, Ky. indicate that they are busy in the new work there. They would appreciate letters. Their address is 118 Reynolds, Central City, Ky 42330

Zone #1 meets Monday even. See Joe Oakley for details.

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Announcements Continued

A new time schedule for the Herald Of Truth television program was sent this week. Sept. 10th program would be shown at 3:30 p.m. and Sept. 17 through Jan 28th. the time will be 1:00 p.m. Remember this change and try to see this fine program which we are helping to support, when you can.

Brother Carl Pieratt is recuperating at home after his operation, but will be unable to attend services for awhile. Brother Emmitt Herr remains about the same in the Kendallville hospital... Verna Thomas is still in the Lagrange hospital but is well enough to appreciate visitors. Timothy Paul Hughes is still confined at home and thus Kathy also. We miss her at services. Thelma Hoggatt has pneumonia and must remain in bed, at home. Brother Bill Oakley who made the trip to Denver, Colo. last week had an emergency appendectomy. His hospital address is: Room 372, Lutheran hospital, Wheatridge, Colo. 80033. I'm sure he would appreciate letters from home. The latest report on Millard Hughes is that an infection in his graft area showed up. He remains in the Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne. Remember to pray for, visit and send cards and letters.

We will miss Sue Hostetler as she begins her college work at Michigan Christian College. We are happy for this choice of colleges she has made and wish for her God's richest blessings. She responded to the invitation last Thursday evening, and asked that the congregation would pray for her for a strengthened Christian life.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING BEGINS SEPT. 13 AND CONTINUES THROUGH THE 24th. Take advantage of every night!

Announcement for zones will be given pertaining the distribution of meeting announcements.

Ladies Tray Favor Meeting- Tues. at 9:30--L. Oakleys.
Church of Christ, RR 31 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

September 10, 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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GOSPEL MEETING

G-ather on time---Be prompt.
O-ffer song books to visitors---Be courteous.
S-ing fervently---Be zealous.
P-ray for this meeting---Be devout.
E-ncourage others to come---Be sincere.
L-isten carefully---Be attentive.

M-ake visitors welcome---Be hospitable.
E-very member attend---Be present.
E-nter quietly---Be reverent.
T-ake a front seat---Be co-operative.
I-nvite your neighbor---Be friendly.
N-o "off days"---Be steadfast.
G-o after someone---Be busy.

--Selected

A DISEASE CALLED SIN

"...and sin when it is full grown brings forth death" (James 1:15)

Sin is a term that refers to everything which is opposed to the perfection of God. When we compare ourselves to God's perfect model of humanity we see sin. The deadliest sin is the consciousness of no sin. In the simplest terms, sin is a departure from God. Sin is man's declaration of independence of God.

Nothing is more urgent or needed in this day than for man to face up to what he believes about sin. It is time we call sin a sin. As modern man moves further away from God, sin gets lost from his vocabulary. One hears such terms as "evolutionary lag," "anti-social behavior," "unconventional personality," or "inherited behavior patterns".

Having dropped sin from our vocabulary the world is sick from a disease without a name. UNTIL WE CALL IT WHAT IT IS, WE WILL NOT DEAL WITH IT FOR WHAT IT IS!

The Bible speaks frequently of the "deceitfulness of sin!" Sin deceives man into making vices out of virtues. Somebody has said: "The Devil is a clever fellow, he uses the means of grace as the means of disgrace!" Just look at ourselves for example.

WE HAVE THE VIRTUE OF LOVE AND PERVERT IT INTO PROMISCUITY; PIETY INTO FANATICISM; THRIFT INTO STINGINESS; SELF RESPECT INTO CONCEIT.

There is a spreading, growing epidemic. A disease cannot be cured until it is acknowledged. Sin is rampant and is ravaging people. This is the reason for the cross. At the cross God not only spoke forgiveness---he acted it out. It is the death of Jesus that makes possible the only cure for sin. Jesus Christ has done everything necessary for your forgiveness. Just believe! Just obey! Be human and respond!

---Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brother Norm Herron left yesterday afternoon for the Detroit area in order to begin a gospel meeting with the Centerline congregation. The meeting is to begin today and continue through Saturday evening. Let us pray for his welfare and that much good might be done and many souls come to a knowledge of the truth through this effort.. He left this note to be put in the bulletin:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I will be thinking about you while preaching in Detroit. I pray that each of you will work hard this week for the success of our meeting with brother West. This may be the best opportunity you will have to reach some of your friends and relatives with the gospel of Christ. I ask for your prayers in the meeting in Detroit.

Yours in Christ,
Norman Herron

Today in brother Herron's place will be brother Robert Page from the Huntington congregation. Brother Page has been here before and we welcome him back again. He will be preaching for both morning and evening services.

An announcement from brother Page this week indicates a Personal Worker's Workshop to be held Sept. 15 thru Sept. 17 at the So Broadway congregation in Huntington. They invite us to come and be with them in this workshop. Brother Bob Dankelfsen from Denoyer Ave. congregation in So. Bend will be conducting the meeting. For those who would like to go see the information sheet on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

The Open House & Family Day at Shults Lewis Children's Home is to be Sept. 16th. See information on bulletin board.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

As at this writing, (Sat. evening) brother Herron plans to drive back from Detroit early Sunday morning (this morning) and preach here today. He has just finished a weeks gospel meeting at the Centerline congregation, and no doubt has had a busy week. His furniture also had to be moved this week (it came in on the 3rd of Sept. and he didn't know it). We are glad that these obligations have been taken care of and that he will now be with us, and especially as we all work toward the gospel meeting starting Monday evening.

Our Gospel Meeting with brother Gene West will start tomorrow evening and continue through next Lord's day. We do have quite a lot of sickness in the congregation, however indications are that the meeting will be well attended, and especially visitors. There are advertizment folders on the table in the hallway to distribute. Please use these as you contact others.

A carry-in dinner is planned for next Sunday, following morning worship. Hope all can stay.

A letter sent by the elders at the Wayne Church of Christ, Wayne, Mich. advises that sister Mary Ann Wade desires to transfer her membership to Lagrange. They state that she has been a "dedicated Christian since her baptism at Wayne on June 14, 1967 ...and we therefore commend her to service within your congregation". We have to come to love and appreciate sister Mary and are happy to have ^{her} as a beloved sister in the Lord at Lagrange.

At this writing Chris and Timothy Paul Hughes are in the Lagrange hospital. They are both running fever. Brother Emmett Herr is about the same in the Kendallville hospital.
Church of Christ, 405 S. Townline, Lagrange, Ind.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

September 17, 1972

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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CAN'T CATCH UP

"You're all out of date," said young "Pastor Tom
To one of our faithful old preachers, Tom
Who had carried for years, intravail and tears,
The gospel to poor sinful creatures.

"You still preach on Hell, and shock cultured
ladies
With your barbarous doctrine of blood!
You're far behind and won't get in line;
You're a flat tire stuck in the mud."

For some little while, a wee bit of a smile
Played over the old preacher's face.
Being made the butt of ridicule's cut
Did not ruffle his sweetness of grace.

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A PREACHERS DREAM

The preacher began a new work. He dreamed that he was a horse and the congregation had put a shiny new harness on him and hitched him to a brand new wagon. They all gathered about to admire the new outfit. Some of them stroked his mane and patted his neck, "Good old horse," they said. They all looked pleased.

The horse was impatient to start. He tossed his head, stamped his feet and champed at the bit. Finally, the start came with the "leader" in the driver's seat and many of the members running along beside the wagon, shouting and encouraging him. The horse did his best and they shouted with one voice, "We have a wonderful horse!" When they came to a hill, the horse easily pulled the wagon over the hill, but soon they came to another hill and then a third. Sometimes the road was rough and muddy. Finally, they came to a mud-hole in the road and the wagon stuck fast. Try as he would, the horse could not pull the wagon out.

Everything was quiet then. There was no encouraging him now and in his desperation the horse turned his head and looked back. There was the whole congregation riding. Some were asleep; and some were letting their feet drag in the mud. Then they awoke and blamed the old horse. Some had lost confidence in him and others criticized him for trying to pull the whole load by himself. "He was taking too much authority", they said. Even though there was plenty of room for all to take hold and push the wagon out of the mud; it was much easier to stand back and gloomily blame the old horse for the mess they were in.

Whereupon, they all cried, "All we need is a new horse!"
--Copied--

CANT CATCH UP--(continued from page 1)
Then he turned to young Tom, so suave and sedate,
"Catch up, did my ears hear you say?
Why I couldn't succeed if I doubled my speed;
My friend, I'm not going your way." --Sel.

THE PARABLE OF THE BLOWER

Behold, the blower went forth to blow, and as he blowed, some seeds of gossip fell by the wayside and foul ears picked it up and devoured the good brother of whom it was spoken.

Some fell to the phony Christian, and not having much worth, straightway he sprang up out of his chair of do-nothing and telephoned his neighbour, and when he hung up, his neighbor was scorched and his love withered away.

And his brother, who fell among the thorns, not knowing how the tale grew up, was choked and perished. But luckily some fell to the good man and brought forth pity so he squashed it, and continued to gather of the blessings an hundredfold, sixtyfold, and thirtyfold. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear, but he that hath a tongue to wag, let him keep his mouth shut. --Sel.

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HERE IS WHAT VISITATION WILL DO

- V italizes the work of the church.
 - I ncreases the attendance.
 - S ecurres more cooperation.
 - I nspires Regular attendance.
 - T rains a better membership.
 - A ffordes a soul-winning opportunity.
 - T ypifies the interest of Christ in people.
 - I nsures a better fellowship.
 - O pens the doors of the new homes.
 - N urtures friendliness and good will.
- Selected

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"God will let nothing come to me today that he and I together cannot handle."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our gospel meeting ends this evening and we are grateful that brother West has been with us and presented God's word so ably this past week. As we are again separated, we wish for him God's richest blessings to continue in His work.

We encourage everyone to stay for our fellowship dinner following morning services.

A gospel meeting is scheduled at Donnoyer Ave. in South Bend Oct. 1 thru 5 with Oliver Rogers from Bloomington, Ind, preaching. Time 7:30 p.m.

The mens area fellowship is to be this Friday evening. Lagrange is the program planner for the fellowship this time, and we will meet as usual at the Gateway Plaza in Ft. Wayne at 7 o'clock.

We are thankful that both Chris Hughes and Timothy Paul Hughes are home now, although Timothy must be kept in for some time.... Margaret Tuttle has been in the hospital for some tests. It would be good to visit her. Carl Pieratt is still confined to his home and is about the same. We especially missed him during this meeting.... Millard Hughes is slowly progressing and remains in the Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne. Do what you can for these and especially, pray.

Some activities for our youth: A skating party is scheduled for Monday eve. (Sept. 25th.) at the Hollerdome in Ft. Wayne Time 6:30, cost 65¢. Also a youth program is planned at Camp Indogan for Oct. 6 & 7. More on this in next week's bulletin, but plan now to go, young people!

Brother Pace will not be meeting at the 6 o'clock class this evening so that we can use this hour to invite others to the last service of bro. West.

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September 24, 1972

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CAN YOU FIND IT IN THE BIBLE?

The Bible is the most widely read book in the world. Its ethical standards are the highest known. Through the centuries its religious precepts have appealed to the best instincts within man. Most of us have read it and respected its authority from childhood. How much do you know about what the Bible really teaches? Answer Yes or No

1. Was Christ born of a virgin?
2. Did Christ ever do anything wrong?
3. Is the OT law of Moses still in effect?
4. Is there an absolute, unchanging standard of right and wrong?
5. Can a man be saved by his good works alone?

FOLLOW THE LEADER

6. Will the good people of all churches be saved?
7. Does the Bible teach that babies should be baptized?
8. Is it necessary to be baptized in order to be saved?
9. Is sprinkling taught in the New Testament?
10. Does man have the authority to revise and modify the original Scriptures as time passes?
11. Are the denominations branches of the one church?
12. Does the Bible teach that each person will be individually judged by an all-wise God?
13. Does the Bible teach that every man will spend eternity either in heaven or hell?
14. Will man have a second chance after death?

Jesus Christ, our divine Savior, has declared, "all authority has been given unto me in heaven and on earth..." The New Testament is the revelation of his will for man. To those who believe and obey him he promises freedom from the guilt of sin, help and guidance through life, and an eternal home with him in heaven. Why not enter into a meaningful personal relationship with God's own son? Learn his will and walk wholeheartedly in his way.

--Selected

Answers to be in next weeks bulletin.

A platoon of rookies were running an obstacle course when the leader accidentally slipped off a swinging rope and landed in a mud hole. The remainder of the platoon, thinking that he had done the correct thing, man by man, slipped off the rope into the mud also. In the field of religion the same thing is forever happening. Through misunderstanding or prejudice or vain tradition, religious teachers often leave the true course which is clearly marked for us by Christ and their followers stream after them, never once doubting whether they not be in the right way. It is of such that Jesus said, "They be blind leaders of the blind, and if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

Caterpillars can be made to follow one another endlessly, each one with his head against the tail of his predecessor. In writing about them, one writer tells of a French naturalist causing caterpillars to form a circle around a vase which he had put in their way. The naturalist expected that after a while they would get tired of their useless march and start off on their own. But that never happened. They were following instinct so blindly that for seven days and seven nights that circle slowly continued to move around the vase.

FOLLOW THE LEADER? my friend, but make sure he is following Christ, Christ thereby becoming your leader also. When we follow men, we can never be sure we are safe. But we can follow Jesus with confidence for he knows the way and HE IS THE WAY!

Are you following Jesus? Is your heart fixed on him through his word? Vain worship comes from following men, but true worship comes from following our leader--Christ!

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