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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* We have had two additions to the spiritual family of God, Frances Hostetler and Bob Hicks. We rejoice with the angels of heaven over these conversions and pray for their faithful service in the Kingdom of God. Martin Bills requested prayers also.
- \* Two Gospel Meetings: Donmoyer Ave. So. Bend, Oct 1 thru 5 with Oliver Rogers of Bloomington, Ind. speaking. Time 7:30. Also Goshen, Oct 2 thru 8 with Ira Price of Washington, Ind. speak. Time 7:30
- \* This evening at 6 we meet at the Miller Merry Manor Nursing Home, and at 6:30 at the National Home, for our monthly sing. Let's be on time.
- \* Brother Carl Pieratt continues to improve some since his operation however he must still be confined to his home. Brother Emmett Herr is in Room 2W at Miller Merry Manor and would also receive visitors. Sister Margaret Tuttle is still in the hospital here undergoing more tests. Millard Hughes continues to improve slowly and appreciates cards and letters and visits from the church. His room number is 534, parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne.
- \* Brother Bill Oakley writes that he appreciated the many cards and letters he received while he was in the hospital in Denver. He sends his love to the church here. (Note addresses of the young college students on page #3 in this bulletin)
- \* A youth meeting is scheduled this week end at Camp Indogan. See Jerry Pace for reservations.
- \* The Camp's annual meeting of the membership is to be this Saturday at 2 p.m.
- \* The Ladies Meeting (Tray Favors) will be at Dorothy Pace's home this Tuesday morning at 9:30.
- \* We welcome all the visitors today. Some of brother Herron's family is here from the Detroit area.
- \* FINALLY! The carpet came and is installed. The pews are expected to be installed on Tuesday.
- \* See page #3 for address of students.

*sign card for Millard Hughes  
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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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October 1, 1972

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### Schedule of Regular Services

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

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### BEYOND THIS LIFE

Out of this life I shall never take  
Things of silver and gold I make.  
All that I cherish and hoard away,  
After I leave, on this earth must stay.  
All that I gather, and all that I keep,  
I must leave behind when I fall asleep.  
And I wonder often what I shall own  
In that other life, when I pass alone.  
What shall they find, and what shall they see  
In the soul that answers the call for me.  
Shall the great judge Learn, when my task is  
through  
That my spirit has gathered some riches, too?  
Or shall at the last it be mine to find  
That all that I'd worked for, I'd left behind?  
(Author not known.)

NOT YET

"Not yet," said the boy, "when I grow older I will think about my soul."

"Not yet," said the young man, "I am now about to enter into business. When I see my business prospering, then I shall have more time than I have now." The business did prosper.

"Not yet," said the man of business. "My children must have my care. When they are all settled in life I shall be better able to attend to religion." He lived to be a gray-haired man. "Not yet," still he cried. "I shall soon have nothing else to do but read and pray." And so he died. He put off to another time what he should have done when young. He lived without God and died without hope. --S.S.L.

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Answers to "Can You Find It In The Bible?"  
(From Last weeks bulletin)

1. Matthew 1:18-23
2. I Peter 2:22; Hebrews 4:15
3. Ephesians 2:15; Colossians 2:14
4. Matthew 7:24-27; II John 9
5. Ephesians 2:8,9; Acts 10: 11:14
6. Matthew 7:21-27
7. There are no instances of infant baptism in the new testament.
8. John 3:5; Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 2:38
9. Acts 8:38; Rom 6:3-5
10. Galatians 1:6-9; Jude 3: Revelation: 22:18-19
11. John 15:1-6 Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22,23; 4:4-6 I Corinthians 1:10-13; John 17:20,21
12. Hebrews 10:30, 31
14. Hebrews 9:27
13. Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 21

Addresses of young people away from Lagrange:

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Rochester, Michigan 48063

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Nashville, Tenn. 37209

Ruth Wilson  
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Nashville, Tenn. 37219

IF YOU WANT TO BE LOVED

1. Do not contradict people, even if you are sure that you are right. Let the Bible do it.
2. Do not believe all the evils you hear. "Love taketh no account of evil".
3. Do not be inquisitive about the affairs of others. "Be not meddlers in other men's matters".
4. Do not repeat gossip, even if it does interest a crowd. "a talebearer revealeth secrets; but he that is of faithful spirit concealeth the matter".
5. Do not emphasize your own troubles and difficulties. "Every man shall bear his own burden".
6. Do not believe that everybody else in the world is happier than you. "And be ye thankful".

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Tri\*state singing this month is to be held at the Glenwood congregation in Ft. Wayne at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

A gospel meeting begins Oct. 15 thru 20 at the Garrett congregation. The speaker for the series is J. Paul Brown. They would appreciate our support in attendance for this meeting.

We were very pleased to have brother Carl Pieratt at the mid-week services last week. He is slowly recovering from an operation..... Sister Margaret Tuttle is scheduled to have surgery this Monday. She asks that we pray for her specifically in our prayers. Brother Emmitt Herr is well enough to receive visitors and would appreciate anyone coming to see him.

The Ladies meeting ( Bible study) will be this Tuesday morning at 9:30 at the church building.

Zone #2 meets Monday evening at 7 o'clock. See Joe Hughes for details

Personal Work Class meets this evening at 6 p.m.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 8, 1972

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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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WHAT! STILL OBSERVING THE  
PASSOVER?

Jesus told of some scribes and Pharisees who paid tithe of mint, anise and curmin and omitted the weightier matters of the law. Yes, they "passed-over" judgment, mercy and faith to keep the minor points of the law of Moses.

When Pilate tried to let Jesus go free, the Jews "passed-over" Jesus to let Barabbas, a murderer go free, but they took Jesus and had Him crucified.

When Satan tempted Jesus, Satan quoted scripture to back up his point, but he "passed-over" other scripture that would have exposed his deception and disproved his point. Jesus quoted what he "passed-over" and did not fall into the trap.

There are people today who "pass-over" certain scripture and quote others to try to prove points which the Bible does not teach.

Some "pass-over" the first fifteen verses of John chapter three to get to John 3:16, which they say teaches salvation under the New Covenant by "faith only!"

Yet it is not fair to Jesus or His word to "pass-over" the first part of the chapter and represent Jesus teaching something which He did not teach.

Jesus said in the first part, "...Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Yes, many observe the "pass-over" when they "pass-over" the water when they should have "passed-under" the water for the remission of their sins, Acts 2:38; 8:38; I Pet. 3:20-21; Col. 2:12-13; Rom. 6:3-6, 17, 18; John 3:5.

Some likewise "pass-over" the only place the words "faith only" appear together in the Bible. That passage states, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only."

Finally some observe the "pass-over" when they "pass-over" the first half of Mark 16:16 to try to prove the last half proves salvation without baptism.

They miss out on Who is promised salvation, for the first part states who. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved!"

Notice that belief plus baptism is re-quired before salvation, because Jesus said, "shall be saved" (future tense) and He specified both belief and baptism before salvation

Thus the only promise of salvation in the passage is to a baptized believer and none other. There is no promise of salvation in the passage to the person who believes only.

Yet, many people put their trust in something that does not appear in the verse and "pass-over" the only way they could be saved as the verse promises. It is tragic how some still observe the "pass-over!"

via Huntington B'tin  
R. R. P.

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Can you find time to read your Bible for just 30 minutes each day? There is one sure thing, you have more time left today than you will have at this time tomorrow.

Solomon said: "The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong!" Christianity is so easily understood that any person who has enough intelligence to dispose of temporal duties may also become a Christian: The weak and the strong, the wise and the simple, the rich and the poor, the prince and the peasant--each in the realm of his own ability has equal access to the greatest profession on earth Christianity.

By his providence God has kept this great Book alive--the Book that tells men how to go to heaven in peace--yet few even bother to read it. Will You? --Sol.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT - The men who move the world are the men the world cannot move. Unbelievers at the city of Thessalonica said of Paul and Silas, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also."

The distance from earth to heaven is not so much a matter of latitude as it is of attitude." --Sol.

We were made to rejoice last Sunday when Kimberly Herron put the Lord on in baptism. Also Rosie Cribbough obeyed the gospel Thursday eve. Two precious souls saved.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone #3 meets Monday eve. at Larry Hick's, 7 pm. Garrett's gospel meeting begins today and continues through Friday evening. They would appreciate our attendance. Also a letter from Tipton, Ind. congregation announces brother James Meadows is to hold a meeting there this week and invites us to come. This is quite a drive but knowing brother Meadows, it would be worth it. He held a meeting for us in 1969, and had a lot to do with the subsequent growth from his personal work series, which he presented here.

Brother Emmitt Herr would appreciate the visits of members here. He is in room 2W at Miller Mertry Manor Nursing Home. Margaret Tuttle is feeling much better since her operation Monday. She is in room 104 at the hospital in Lagrange. It is reported that Millard Hughes might be able to come home within 6 to 8 weeks. We are thankful to see all the sick feeling better.

The Ladies will meet this Tuesday morning at 9:30 at Hazel Miller's house.

There has been several sheets found torn out of our song books the past few weeks. PLEASE, PARENTS, INSTRUCT your children in the proper use of the hymnbooks. Supervise their use of them.

Recently, an announcement came out that that CBS was going to show X-rated movies on the late shows and if no objections, at other hours, too. Later this was denied by CBS. At any rate, however, there is a campaign to oppose programs that present a low moral tone to the viewing audience.

We ought to be concerned enough to cast our vote against these obscene productions. Write:

Dr. Frank Stanton, President  
CBS-TV  
51 W. 52nd. St.  
New York, New York 10010

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## L A G R A N G E

## C H U R C H   O F   C H R I S T

## E X H O R T E R

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October 15, 1972

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### Schedule of Regular Services

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

I read once where a merchant was discussing a bill owed by one of his debtors. The merchant said to the debtor, "Look here, you've been owing me this bill for a year. I'll meet you half-way. I am ready to forget half what you owe."

"Fine," replied the debtor. "I'll meet you. I'll forget the other half."

My Friends, would not this be an easy way to dispose of debts if it were possible?

Yet, is it not true that man is an extremely heavy debtor to God and God is willing, not to go just halfway, but to go all the way in forgiving man's debt if man will accept?

This extraordinary, liberal, generous, bountiful and munificent offer of love and grace on God's part was made possible because God deliberately had His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, suffer and die on the cross to pay the sin debt of humanity.

The tragedy of this life and beyond the grave is for one to reject this pardon through Christ.

'Tis a billion times better to enter the cool water of baptism for a few seconds, than to writhe in endless agony in the searing fire of hell for refusing pardon.

'Tis a billion times better to live a righteous life than to die a sin laden sinner.

Man must do four things to meet the terms of pardon as set by our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The four things man must do are: (1) believe, Heb. 11:6; (2) repent of one's sins, Acts 17:30; (3) confess with one's mouth Jesus Christ as the Son of God, Rom. 10:9-10; (4) be baptized (immersed), for the remission of sins, Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col. 2:12-13; Gal. 3:27; I Peter 3:21.

At this point one is sin debt free and the Lord adds one to the Church He built (Acts 2:47). Then live a faithful Christian life and later enjoy eternally the home in heaven prepared for the faithful.

Surely, 'tis God that is good in going all the way to forgive man's debt of sin.

My Friends, where do you stand on God's ledger book before the accounts are forever closed?

The love of God and Christ to man is perfectly prespicuous (clear). They earnestly solicit the sinner's sincere acceptance of the complete forgiveness of the whole debt, not just the half.

R. R. P.

Vial Christian Voice

## DID YOU KNOW-----

Did you know that the Bible told of the following strange things?

Snake charming? Psalm 58:5

A man with eighty-eight children? 2 Chron. 11:21

That the engaged men did not have to go to war? Deuteronomy 20:7.

That Joseph is the first man mentioned who shaved? Genesis 41:14.

That Jacob kissed Rachel the first time he saw her and cried? Genesis 29:11.

That the people wore the same shoes for forty years? Deuteronomy 29:5.

That a wicked woman painted her face? 2 Kings 9:30.

That an angel cooked a meal for Elijah? I Kings 19:4-8

That they must have played ball long ago? Isaiah 22:18.

That there were seven hundred left-handed sharpshooters? Judges 20:16

That Joab took hold of a man's beard to kiss him? 2 Samuel 20:9.

That they wore bridal veils? Genesis 24:65  
That it tells of men drying dishes? 2 Kings 21:13.

That the earth hangs upon nothing? Job 26:7

That women were not to wear men's clothing Deuteronomy 22:5.

That there are at least two ways of predicting weather? Matthew 16:2,3.

That soldiers wore blue uniforms? Ezekiel 23:6

That the white of an egg is tasteless? Job 6:6.

That they paid poll taxes? Numbers 3:47.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Sunday three responded to the invitation of the Lord. Two, Judy Eller and Mary Helmer, asked for the prayers of the church and Sunday evening, Steven Herron made the good confession and put his Lord on in baptism. Let us all work toward strengthening the family of the Lord.

Brother Dave Chancy will be speaking this evening (each 4th Sunday evening men of the congregation do this) and next Sunday evening (a 5th Sunday) the time will be devoted primarily to singing.

Sister Margaret Tuttle was released from the hospital yesterday - and happy she was! We are thankful for her recovery thus far and hope she continues to gain strength. We urge all who can to visit Emmitt Herr (Merry Monor) and Millard Hughes (Parkview-Ft. Wayne). Others have been sick with the flu (?) but are recovering. Sisters Goldie Pulley and Pearl Bozell would appreciate cards and visits as we can.

Ladies class meets this Tues. at 9:30 a.m. at the church building.

NOTE: If anyone has any announcement to be placed in the bulletin, please give it to brother Hoggatt by Sat. afternoon.

Personal Work Class meets this evening at 6.

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October 22, 1972

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Worship Service	10:30 A.M.
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### GOD'S MEASUREMENT OR OUR MEASUREMENT?

To the casual observer, the outward appearance of the nation is one of prosperity, scientific achievement, and comfortable and convenient living; but to those who dare to probe beneath the surface, there is evidence of weakness of character, poverty of spirit, and a general crumbling of moral fibre. In an age of material affluence, we are in the midst of a moral depression.

We are all concerned about this problem. Solutions are available to each of us. Read the list (next page) carefully and compare your growth and maturity with God's yardstick.

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GOD WANTS YOU TO...

- ... be faithful in Bible study - Matt.6:33
- ... be faithful in worship attendance-Heb.10:25
- ... be pure in heart - Matt 5:8
- ... have the mind of Christ- Phil. 2:5
- ... be a winner of the prize - Phil. 3:14
- ... to love his law - Psa.119:97
- ... do His will - Matt, 7:21
- ... give generously - 1 Cor. 16:2
- ... live righteously - Rom. 12:1,2
- ... be faithful unto death - Rev. 22:16

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WHAT ABOUT WITNESSING?

We hear much about "witnessing for Christ" in our present day. Even some of our brethren are taking to using it. The denominational world uses this expression often to refer to "a special work of grace." BUT WHAT ABOUT WITNESSING?

1. A dictionary definition is in order. Webster's Collegiate says: "Testimony, one who beholds or has a personal knowledge of, to have direct cognizance of or to observe with one's own eyes".
2. The Greek word "Martus or Martur" is defined by Vine's Dictionary of N.T. words as "to aver what one has seen, hear or knows" or "to observe".
3. Actual usage in the Bible as in Acts 1:8,22 and 1 Pet. 5:1. These are but a few. Each time the term is used in the sense of stating what one has actually seen or observed or has direct knowledge of.

Brethren who use this term do not use it in any of the above senses. I cannot bear witness of the death of Christ, for I was not there.. I cannot testify as to the work of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost because I did not observe it. I can

pass on to others the testimony of those who did see these things. I can pass on to others the WITNESS of the apostles but it is not my testimony. In other words there is a difference in reporting the testimony of a witness and bearing the witness. When I preach I am simply passing on to my hearers (at least I hope it is passed on) the testimony of those who were actual witnesses.

We are taught to speak as the oracles of God(1Pet.4:11). For this reason we should be extremely careful in using the expression "witnessing for Christ" lest we not be using it in the way the Bible uses the term "Witness". I believe that Christ was raised from the dead but I did not witness it. Let us speak as the Bible speaks, then we can be sure of the message we bear. Brethren "we are drifting!"

J. A. Thornton

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#### DIPLOMACY

Once a mother had to plead with her children to do the dishes; she had no more trouble after she posted the following poem above the sink:

"Thank God for dirty dishes  
they have a tale to tell;  
While other folks go hungry,  
we're eating very well.  
With Home and Health and Happiness  
we shouldn't want to fuss,  
For by this stack of evidence  
God's been good to us:  
--- Van Dyke church bull.

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#### PRAYER

I know not by what methods rare, But this I know, God answers prayer.  
I know not if the blessing sought Will come in just the guise I thought  
I leave my prayer to Him alone, Whose will is wiser than my own.

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give their contribution by cash and desires a record of it, for income tax purposes or other wise. If you desire this method of giving, see Brother Al Warren or Joe Oakley and they will provide you with a supply of envelopes and explain how the method works.

Starting this month, the Gospel Vidette Magazine will be mailed directly into the homes of all our members. We believe that you will want to read these simple but informative articles by gospel writers and be built up in the faith.

Some Personal Evangelism Magazines just arrived are in the tract rack in the vestibule. Pick up a copy to help you in Soul-Winning.

We were sorry to learn that Alvin Cook (Husband to Beth, sister of Kay Eller and Riley Graybill) fell at the last skating party and it was learned later that an ankle was broken. He will be off work for several weeks. Sister Eller suggests a "board and coin" shower to help them out. Send cards and gifts to:

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Cook  
RR #2

North Manchester, Ind. 46962

There are members who are confined to their homes who would appreciate the Lord's Supper taken to them. Anyone willing to go, would you see brother Joe Oakley, who will schedule this for today.

Men, Radio Herald of Truth WMAQ, Chicago, 8:30 am.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 29, 1972

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Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A.M.
Worship Service	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship Service	7:00 P.M.
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NEXT STEP - THE APPOINTMENT OF DEACONS

It has been nearly a year since the appointment of elders for the congregation here. But the appointment of elders is only part of the arrangement that Christ would have in His church. There is a need for deacons also. The apostle Paul in writing the church at Philippi, addressed the letter to all the saints, "with the bishops and deacons". The office of a deacon was clearly set forth in Eph. 3: 8-13. It has been our feeling since the first appointment, that scriptural organization should be completed with the appointment of deacons as soon as possible. We feel that we have men in the congregation that would qualify for this office and desire at this time to consider the matter.

The congregation itself should do the selecting. (next page)

In Acts 6:1-4, an excellent pattern was given for the selection of men to assist in the work. Verse 3 says, "Wherefore brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business". The office and work of a deacon is one of high calling. The congregation should approach the matter with all gravity.

It is well to review the qualifications which are laid down. To assist us in this, brother Herron shall devote the next two or three Sunday evening lessons on this subject. At the conclusion of this series of lessons, we will ask each member of the congregation to select three men whom he feels is qualified to hold the office. The three men whose names appear most often, if they are willing to serve, will be announced as candidates for the office. We will then allow two weeks during which any member can bring a scriptural charge against any one of the candidates. These objections must be in writing and signed. Any objector should be willing to meet face to face with the candidate he calls in question and every charge will be given careful consideration. Following this two week period, the men who the congregation approves, will be announced and installed into this office. It might be well to mention that after the initial appointment is made, more men should be added to the office of deacon, as well as to the office of elder, as the men of the congregation mature and qualify themselves for the work.

It appears, using this timetable as a guideline, that by the middle of December, such appointments could be made. It would be well to go into a new year with a complete scriptural organization ready to lead forward in the good work the church at Lagrange is capable of doing. May God bless us and give us direction as we give prayerful consideration to this most important work.

The elders: Dean Hoggatt & Doron Hostetler

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today being a 5th Sunday of the month, we have scheduled a singing for the worship hour this evening. We will use several of our song leaders and ask that any who desires a particular song to be led, to let brother Hoggatt know. Come, let us teach and admonish one another in song this evening!

Our attendance last Sunday morning marked an all-time high - 136. Some of our regulars were gone too. As we go into the winter months, let's not slack up but be determined to keep the Lord's Day, starting with the attendance at the worship hour, as well as Bible study, along with all the saints at Lagrange. First things first, and we may expect the Lord's blessings.

The schedule for the ladies classes has been determined as follows: (Time set at 9:30 a.m.)

1st & 3rd. Tues. morning of month - meet to make Tray Favors for Hospital & Nursing Homes

2nd & 4th. Tues. morning of month - Bible Class.

Any 5th Tuesday Morning of the month (such as this coming Tues.), there will be a work session on various jobs. On this meeting bring your pot luck lunch. Also there is a request this time for each lady to bring a small gift for the nursery.

If you know someone who would babysit for 2 hours twice a month while the ladies are having Bible Class please tell Ellen Hostetler.

The following items are available and ready for use:

1. Namecards to announce the times of our Worship Services and Herald of Truth television program. One of these should be used for every call made.
2. Plastic Tract Holders which can be mounted to the underneath side of the sun visor on your car. Keeps a supply of tracts handy and reminds us daily to use this method of teaching.
3. Contribution Envelopes for any who desire to

ANNOUNCEMENTS cont

Zone #1 will meet this Monday at 7:00

The Men's business meeting will be this Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

We encourage all to come to the singing this evening at Miller's Merry Manor, 6:00 and the National Nursing Home at 6:30.

The ladies will meet for tray favor making this Tuesday morning at 9:30 A.M. at the church building.

Let's make Sat., Nov 11, a final work day to finish up outside work. Jobs to be done:

1. Grading work around the house and planting evergreens in front.
2. Hauling away used bricks, trash, etc. from around the church building.
3. Aluminum fascia (white) to be put on the house.
4. Corners need to be put on.
5. Shutters need to be painted and put on.

Lets all attend the lessons which begin this evening on the qualifications of deacons, as each member will be asked to select qualified men for this serious work.

Bible concordances are available for \$1.50 each.

Let us remember Margaret Tuttle & Emit Herr in our prayers. We are happy that Millard Hughes was able to come home Friday night and is in good spirits. We understand that he will have to go back to the hospital in two weeks for more surgery.

The Dean Hoggatt family is in Georgia this week-end. Let's pray for their safe return.

Next Sunday, Nov. 12, the area singing will be held in Angola.

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

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November 5, 1972

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WONDER WHY:

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 teaching 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

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## THE BIBLE

amount of Scriptures refers to the Christian's obligation to study and teach God's word to others. Yet, in spite of this great amount of emphasis on the need of Christians studying regularly, many treat the matter lightly. We wonder why so many members of the church are not regular in their attendance to the Bible classes. Think about it if you have been an absentee.

via Springdale, Arkansas, bulletin

### WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MRS. CRAIG

A Nashville, Tenn. paper recently carried a news story about Mrs. Lila Craig, age 81, who had not missed church attendance for 1,040 Sundays — a perfect record for 20 years. It makes one wonder what is the matter with Mrs. Craig?

Doesn't it ever rain or snow in her town on Sunday?

Doesn't Mrs. Craig ever have company on Sunday?

Doesn't she ever go anywhere on Saturday night so that she gets up tired on Sunday morning?

Doesn't she ever have headaches, colds, nervous spells, tired feelings, poor breakfasts, sudden calls out of the city, business trips, Sunday picnics or reunions?

Doesn't she have any friends who invite her to go on weekend trips?

Doesn't she ever sleep late on Sunday mornings?

Doesn't she read the Sunday paper?

Doesn't she ever become angry at the minister or Sunday School teacher?

Doesn't she ever get her feelings hurt?

Doesn't she have a radio or TV set so she can stay home and hear some good sermons?

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MRS. CRAIG???

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions, are 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 traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the ways of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its designs and the redemption of man its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be open in the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a gospel meeting Nov. 12-17 at the South Side Church of Christ, Ft. Wayne at 7:30 each evening. Speaker will be Bob Bryson.

Remember to bring in cans of fruits or vegetables for our pantry.

Sue Boyle and Mary Ann Wade came forward Thursday asking for the prayers of the Church.

Anyone interested in purchasing a projector for film strips, see Norm Herron for a possible discount.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This afternoon at 3 o'clock, Angola congregation will host the monthly singing. As far as we know, they will be having it at their church building on north Williams street.

Gospel meetings in area:

\* South Side in Ft. Wayne - Bob Bryson speaking.  
Nov. 12-17, 7:30 ea. evening.

Ladies class meets this Tuesday at 9:30 at the church building. Lesson #2.

Zone #2 meets this Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

We need to build up our food bank again. Would each family please bring a can of fruit or vegetables, when you come to services.

Much work was done on the preachers house and cleaning up around the building yesterday. Many thanks to Joe Hughes, Jerry Pace Fred Oakley, Joe Oakley, Larry Hicks, Devon Hosterler, Jerry Hicks, Earl Wilson and Dean Hoggatt.

This evening brother Herron will be giving the second lesson, on the "work of the deacon". Each member should be considering the selection of three men. Those given the most votes will be considered from all standpoints scripturally. Be ready by next Lord's Day to do this.

Sister Tuttle is recovering at home and must continue to be confined for awhile. Millard Hughes is home now and is feeling better. Others who would appreciate visits are Emmitt Herr, Zoa Herr, Goldie Palley, Pearl Bozell.

Two were baptized into Christ last Monday evening. Walter Genser and Mary Genser, husband and wife. We appreciate Joe and Lois Oakley's efforts. Church of Christ RR34, Box 46, Lagrange, Ind. 46761

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EXHORTER

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November 12, 1972

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### Schedule of Regular Services

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

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## THE PADDED CROSS

"Well, here I am, Lord. You said, "Take up your cross," and I'm here to do it. It's not easy, you know, this self-denial thing. I mean to go through with it, yes Sir. I'll bet you wish more people were willing to be disciples like me. I've counted the cost and surrendered my life... and it's not an easy road.

"You mind if I look over these crosses? I'd kind of like a new one. I'm not fussy, you understand, but a disciple has to be relevent these days. I was wondering...are there any that are vinyl padded? I'm thinking of attracting others, You see, and if I could show them a comfortable cross I'm sure I could win a lot more. Got to keep up with the population

explosion and all. And I need something durable so I can treasure it always...oh, is there one that's sort of flat so it would fit under my coat? One shouldn't be too obvious you know.

"Funny, there doesn't seem to be much choice here. Just that coarse, rough wood. I mean, that would hurt! Don't you have something more distinctive, Lord? I can tell You right now, none of my friends are going to be impressed by this shoddy workmanship! They'll think I'm a nut or something! And my family will be just mortified!

"What's that?...It's either one of these or forget the whole thing? ...But, Lord, I want to be your disciple! I mean, just being with You is all that counts, but life has a balance, too...But You don't understand, nobody lives that way today! Who's going to be attracted by this self-denial bit? I mean, I want to, but let's not overdo it! Start getting radical like this, and they'll have me off to the funny farm...know what I mean?

"I mean, being a disciple is challenging and exciting, and I want to do it, but I do have some rights, You know! Now, let's see. No blood, O. K.? I just can't stand the thought of that Lord...Lord?

"Now, where do you suppose He went?

--C. L. Sayer  
via Adraian, Mich. B'tin

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B E L I E V E

The Bible says in Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved"--BELIEVE. I wonder is all fully comprehend just what the Apostle meant when he used the word here translated "believe" (Greek "Pisteuo").

The word the Apostle used means "to trust, to have all faith in, to cling to, to adhere to."

UNPOSSED POSSESSIONS

The story is told of an old man in New Jersey who discovered about five thousand dollars in bank notes in an old family Bible. It seems that his aunt died when he was just a young man. One clause in her will read, "To my beloved nephew I bequeath my family Bible and all its contents, with the residue of my estate, after funeral expenses and my just debts are paid."

The estate amounted to only a few hundred dollars which he soon spent. He then lived in poverty for thirty-five years. But one day while packing his trunk to move to his son's home, where he expected to spend the remainder of his days, he discovered the money hidden in the Bible.

But those who neglect reading the Bible miss a greater treasure than that, and those who do read it get something which money cannot buy. Do you own a Bible? If so, do you really possess it? Are you reading it and searching for the treasure which is called "the hidden treasure"? See Matt. 13:44

--Sel.

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BELIEVE--(cont)

Most men believe in Christ in the sense that He lived, that he was a wonderful man who sincerely believed Himself to be the Son of God, and that he died on the Cross hoping to save sinners.

But this is by no means the meaning of the Greek word that the Apostle Paul used. When the Apostle said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," he meant that one must give himself completely to the keeping of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Himself said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me SHALL NEVER DIE." (John 11:26) and That, friends and brethren, I "pisteuo."

--Selected

Roger and Barbara Bowman is the couple.

They will be opened and tabulated and hopefully, by mid-week services, Nov. 30, the three men chosen (provided they are willing to serve) will be announced. There will then be a two-week period given for scriptural objections toward any of these men. We request that such objections be written and signed. Turn these in also to the elders and careful consideration will be given with perhaps meetings between the parties involved. Announcements will be given at that time regarding the finalizing of the appointments. Let each member prayerfully consider this selection.

Announcements

Mid-week services this week will be scheduled for Wednesday evening instead of Thursday for families traveling to family get-togethers.

Brother Herron and Hostetler have met with some couples near No. Manchester for Bible Study for several weeks. One couple responded and placed membership with the Huntington congregation (the closest one). We received this report from the Huntington church and are happy about this.

Sister Margaret Tuttle writes, "I wish to thank all my friends for their prayers, visits and cards during my recent illness".

A skating party is scheduled for the young people Monday evening, Nov. 20, at the Rollardome in Ft. Wayne. 6:30 p.m.

See Larry Hicks about Zone #3 meeting.

Ladies Tray Favor meeting this Tuesday at 9:30.

A new Magazine for all our teachers (Christian Teacher) is in. Please get your copy.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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November 19, 1972

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Evening Worship Service	7:00 P. M.
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TAX-EXEMPT INVESTMENT

A tax assessor came one day to a poor minister of the gospel to determine the amount of taxes the minister would have to pay. "What property do you possess?" asked the assessor. "I am very wealthy," replied the minister. "List your possessions, please the assessor instructed.

"I have everlasting life (John 3:16), a mansion in heaven (John 14:2), peace that passeth understanding (Phil. 4:7), joy unspeakable (1 Peter 1:8), a faithful and pious wife (Proverbs 31:10), healthy happy, and obedient children (Exodus 20:12), true loyal friends (Proverbs 18:24), songs in the night (Psalms 42:8) and a crown of life (James 1:12)."

The tax assessor closed his book and said, "Truly you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

How very few people realize that the greatest blessings are tax free? How may work (cont. )

## MENTAL ATTITUDE

Tom Jones and Sam Brown went to a church service on a Sunday morning. They arrived and entered the building side by side. They sat in the same pew. After the last song and benediction they arose and departed as they had come. Said Tom to Sam, "The service was a soul feast. The songs inspired me, the prayers comforted me. The sermon uplifted me. The Lord's Supper was a beautiful reminder of the sufferings of the Son of God. I am better because of this wonderful service."

Said Sam to Tom, "I am frank to say that no such inspiration came to me. I was not expecting an uplift and I was not surprised. As far as I am concerned that was just another religious service...a thing to be endured, and not enjoyed."

The question is, how could the same worship service be a blessing to one and a bore to another? The first man came in quest of a blessing and found it; he came hungering and thirsting after righteousness and was filled. The other found no blessing, because he had made no room in his heart for a blessing. He was like the pagan of old who went into the Holy of Holies, where God was manifestly present and came out saying, "I SAW NOTHING IN THERE."

The differences in mental attitude make all the difference in the world. What we are in heart determines what we see, what we find, what we receive and what we appreciate. Before we can get anything out of a service of the church, we must of necessity put something into that service...our love, our devotion, our undivided attention, our sympathetic attitude. In order to receive we must give. We often think that the trouble is on the outside of us. In the roll of the Book it is written, "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God", and "To the pure all things are pure."  
-- Selected

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared with what lies within us.

## THE FAMILY TREE OF SUCCESS

The father of success is WORK. The mother of success is AMBITION. The oldest son is COMMON SENSE. Some of the other boys are: PERSEVERANCE, LOYALTY, COURTESY, ECONOMY, SINCERITY, AND HUMILITY. The oldest daughter is CHARACTER. Some of the other girls are: CHEERFULNESS, HONESTY, THOROUGHNESS, FORESIGHT, ENTHUSIASM, AND COOPERATION. The baby is OPPORTUNITY. Get acquainted with the 'old man' and you will likely be able to get along "swell" with the other members of the family.  
--Selected

Tax-exempt (cont. from first page)  
and strive for more of the taxable possessions (which they must soon leave here), and go from this life as spiritual paupers, with no "treasures" for eternity. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."  
--Selected

## GETTING EVEN-----

Young Jim rushed up to his father and said, "Daddy, Tom has done me wrong and I'm going to get even with him if it is the last thing I do."

The father scratched his head and then he said, "Son, when you start to get even, why not get even with somebody who has done you a favor?"

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## Procedure on appointment of Deacons

The two lessons that brother Herron gave on the qualifications and work of a deacon were appreciated and should help us in this important matter. The elders feel that a good procedure for the initial selection of deacons would be for each member to be given an envelope and a slip of paper on which he or she can list three (3) names who he or she feels meets the qualifications of a deacon (see brother Hoggatt today for these envelopes). We request that each member turn in their envelopes, sealed, to either brother Hostetter or Hoggatt on or before next Sunday, Nov. 26th. (over)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would ask that each member who has not yet turned in three names as their choice for deacons, please do so by this evening. Give the sealed envelopes to the elders. After the names are tabulated and the three contacted, their names will be given at mid-week service this week.

For the benefit of those who receive our bulletin by mail, we are sorry to announce the passing of brother Emmett Herr last Tuesday morning. He had been in the Miller Merry Manor Nursing Home for several weeks after he suffered a stroke. We will miss his presence very much. We are happy that Zoa, his wife, is with us and plans to be here whenever her health allows. We offer her and the family our deepest sympathy at this time.

We are glad to see Sue Hostetler's smiling face but the other college students weren't quite as fortunate (That's one advantage going to MSC). It will be another two or three weeks before the rest of them will be home.

Ladies Class meets Tues 9:30 at the church building. The lesson is a continuation of lesson #2.

See the Herald of Truth at 1 p.m. over channel 28, Elkhart, today.

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## L A G R A N G E

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November 26, 1972

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### Schedule of Regular Services

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

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### TEACHERS, LISTEN!!

"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 minds and instill into them just principles, we are then engraving upon tables which no time will efface, but will brighten to all eternity."

--Sel.

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If the truth was known, and it is, our preparation for Sunday is a good indication of our preparation for Heaven. How do you measure up? --Sel/

## LAYING IT ON THE LINE

There once was a king by the name of Asa who gathered all of his subject together, "And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul:" and here comes the clincher, "That whosoever would not seek the Lord God of Israel should be put to death, whether great or small, whether man or woman." II Chron. 15:12-13.

A certain apostle said, speaking of Jesus Christ, "And it shall come to pass, that every soul which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." Acts 3:23.

Another apostle said, "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power." II Thes. 1:7-8.

It is no time for a dandruff treatment when a man is dying of a heart attack. It is no time to mince words when such weighty and extremely serious matters as man's obedience to God and Christ is concerned.

Rebellion may be sweet, but it takes loving obedience to beat the heat. No one can win with a dying cause and following the devil is a dying cause. Only the righteous will stand in the judgment. Let us always tell it as it is.

R. R. P.

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The most important business lesson is the one that teaches you what is your business and what is none of your business.

## HOW IS LOVE EXPRESSED

Love has many ways of expressing itself--but in general the ways are two--the practical and the sentimental.

Which is the higher and better way?

It is merely a question of appropriateness under the circumstances. Love must express itself very often in carrying in the coal, and preparing the corn meal or fixing the garden gate, but let it not be concluded that love may not express itself in acts of pure sentiment. The soul has needs.

Sympathy and tenderness and friendship are just as real and often more enduring, than coal or wood. Sometime a fragrant flower is more important than a bag of flour; sometime a word of cheer is better than a bag of gold.

It may be further observed:

That some individuals function best when first inspired by visible expressions of sentimentality. It sets them on fire to act vigorously. It supplies the motivation for and desire to accomplish, worthwhile tasks.

While others have a deep sense of duty and cannot take time for sentimentality unless everything has been done first. Even then it may be difficult for them to allow for sentimentality--for duty is a never ending responsibility.

Take TIME to love fully.

AND SOMETHING ELSE:

How much time do you spend with your family each week? Do you know the reason why there is so many problems with our youth? Most fathers do not even spend "8" minutes a day with and for their child.

--Selected

announcements continued

Next Sunday morning following services there will be a pot luck dinner. We encourage all to stay and enjoy the meal and fellowship together.

adult

Look for a new program in our bible classes, personal work areas and zone meetings beginning the first of the year. Each teacher is encouraged to build up the class in size as we go forward in reaching the lost.

Schedules for janitoring and preparing the communion are on the bulletin board. Would each family willing to do these jobs sign up on the months that they prefer.

Ladies meet for Tray Favors this Tuesday at 9:30 at the church building.

Zone #1 meets at 7 o'clock this Monday evening. Announcement will be made as to time & place.

The appeal that was made to help Brother Bill Gayles in his travel fund to Nigeria should be considered and acted upon by next Sunday. All who feel that they should do more toward taking the gospel to the whole world and would like to contribute to his needs, please give your contribution to brother Joe Oakley, by Dec. 10th.

Some teachers who have gone to a lot of time to display grafts, posters and teaching aids on the classroom walls are only discouraged many times by having them torn down or taken by children having play access to the rooms. Let's all cooperate with our teachers and instruct our children to leave this displays alone and not destroy.

Attendance for Nov. (Sun.) 11/5 11/12 11/19 11/26  
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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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December 3, 1972

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Schedule of Regular Services

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

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TRAGIC BUT TRUE !!

There are thousands of parents who have given their children everything but God. They have provided them with good food, fine clothes, and a liberal education BUT NO SAVIOR. They have read to them Dick Tracy and Superman--BUT NOT THE BIBLE. They have taken them to picnics, sports events, and movies --BUT NOT TO BIBLE CLASSES. They have cursed before their children--BUT HAVE NEVER PRAYED. Shame on such parents! Pity such children! Such parents are on the downward path and their children are following in their footsteps!

--Selected

## CAN THE LORD DEPEND ON YOU?

Employers in the business world are always looking for workers they can depend upon. The worker who shows up four out of five days is not dependable. One who takes an hour for lunch one day, and an hour and a half the next is not dependable.

Generally speaking, all of us require dependability in the different phases of our life. The car that will start only half the time is repaired. The alarm clock that only rings two out of six mornings is thrown away. The refrigerator that quits two or three days every month is repaired or replaced. And yet all of these things pertain to our physical life. Just how exacting are we about spiritual matters? Are we satisfied to attend only one out of four services of the church? Do we only study our lesson half of the time? Can we be counted upon in our giving and our work in the vineyard of the Lord? Many times the same person who expects 100% dependability of his car, alarm clock, and refrigerator will be satisfied with less than dependability on his part.

Have you noted how often we start late with our services? Have you wondered why? It is because so many cannot be depended upon. If I had my way those who are absent without giving prior notice would be removed from the list after the second time. Why should many people have to wait to see if Mr. Undependable is going to honor them with his presence? Why should we violate the scripture which says, "Let all things be done decently and in order" (I Cor. 14:40), when we could remove the cause for such disorder? What good is a list of those to serve when it remains a guessing game from week to week?

God, who made the heavens and the earth, requires that the earth make a trip around the sun each year. This journey is so exact that we reckon time from it.

Doesn't this same God require dependability of His greatest creation - man? Do we actually feel that the Heavenly Employer does not expect His workers to be dependable? His is the greatest work in the world, with unequalled reward. Hence, the greatest work, and the highest pay, demand the greatest dependability. Those who serve the God of the universe cannot be slack nor inefficient.

Let's all take an account of our own lives and ask this question. Can the Lord depend on you?

\*\*\*\*\* --via Phoenix Bul'n

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening at 6 o'clock we will meet at the Lagrange (formerly National Nursing Home) for our song service. NOTE THIS CHANGE - Heretofore we have met at the Merry Manor Home first, but they have requested a 6:30 time, so our meeting this evening will be at the Lagrange Nursing Home first. Then we can sing at the Merry Manor Home at 6:30 p.m.

The schedule for the appointment of deacons is being followed, as was given in an earlier bulletin. This past Thursday evening the names of the three men were given that the congregation initially selected: They are Perry Miller, Joe Oakley and Jerry Pace. We appreciate the prompt return of these names submitted by nearly all of the congregation. At this time we would request that the members look to the lives of these three particularly to determine if they meet the qualifications laid down in 1 Tim. 3:8-13. Since the Bible does not <sup>tell</sup> exactly how this is to be done, we feel that the church here should be given a couple of weeks to give any objections to these men. In order to establish and pursue every objection, we ask that each objection be written and signed and handed to the elders. When, after two weeks from today, the congregation is satisfied as to the fitness of these men, an announcement will be made toward their final appointment.  
the elders

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following morning services, we will have a fellowship dinner in the south classroom as announced. We hope that all will plan to stay.

This afternoon at 3, the Garrett congregation will host the area singing. Anyone care to go?

We would like to remind the church that another week will be given for scriptural objections to the three men that were selected, Perry Miller, Joe Oakley and Jerry Pace for the office of deacon. The elders would request these as soon as possible to meet with these men again. Next Sunday has been set for appointments to this work.

Those desiring to help in the Bill Quayle travel fund, please give your contribution to J. Oakley.

Zone #2 meets at 7 p.m. Monday eve. (To be announced.)

Ladies Bible class this Tues. at 9:30 (church Bldg.)

Treasurer's report for month of Nov. on bulletin board.

All teachers please pick up your copy of the Christian Bible Teacher issue. --- also, there is a copy of "Action" for each member to take.

We welcome brother Bill Oakley home. It's good to have him back. We also look forward to the visits of college students for the holidays.

**SPECIAL --** On Monday Jan. 15, from 7 to 8 p.m., a television special will be shown over channel 21 (WPTA). The title is "There's got to be a better way". It will be sponsored by hundreds of Churches of Christ and will be the first of its kind, being a movie which teaches true doctrine. Please advertize it and be sure to watch it.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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December 10, 1972

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Evening Worship Service	7:00 P. M.
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### DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit--  
Rest if you must, but--don't quit.  
Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As everyone of us sometimes learns,  
And many a fellow turns about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out.  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow--  
You may succeed with another blow.  
Often the goal is nearer than  
It seems to a faint and faltering man;  
Often the struggler has given up  
When he might have captured the victor's cup; (page 3)

## BEYOND OUR DUTY--

Much is said about Christian duty. What is it? How far does it go and where does it stop?

I often feel that the only reason many people function is merely because of duty. Were it not for a feeling of absolute necessity there would not be a second thought about giving, Bible study, attendance, teaching, personal work, etc.

Oddly enough, some can salve an aching conscience by checking in for Sunday morning worship, while such repair is more complicated with others.

Robot-like action plagues the Lord's church. Consider personal work as an example. No doubt programs of personal work do much good, and organization is important. However, the idea that personal work can be done only on a specified night each month, and only on an organized basis is preposterous and dangerous. No matter what the need, some will not visit unless it is "their night". Obligation is turned on for one night, and with its passing, duty is signed, sealed and delivered for another thirty days. When another month rolls around, the personal work button is pushed, and function is based on pure necessity.

Not until we go beyond what we call duty will we know the genuine joy of service. This is true in any Christian endeavor.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus talked of going the second mile (Matthew 5:41). With the Jew, compulsion to go a mile with a Roman to carry baggage was a legal duty at any time. However, Christ urged that one is not to be as concerned about absolute duty as he is Christian service.

The man who is always crying, "I've done my part," or "I've done my duty" will be of little value to the church. A Christian is always anxious to do more! He wants to do ALL HE CAN DO, no matter how much or how little others are doing.

Christianity is always a "more than others" religion.

--Selected

## TO PARENTS

Has your child ever tossed a doll back two rows during the services while you stared ahead wishing you were invisible?

You have probably heard the voice of your own young one in the pause of "Rock of Ages" sing in an off key; "Jesus Loves Me". You have heard in the interlude of announcements a little prayer in the loudest voice praying for the dogs, cats, or such like.

Incidents such as these make one wonder "Why am I here"? No sooner do you sit down than you reach out, get up, take out, and on and on. You want so much to keep your children quiet and not distract others.

Everywhere there are mothers. They pick up toys, dry eyes, wipe noses, and bow heads. They swat, spank, scold, and wonder, "Oh, why am I here?" BUT THEY COME. A pattern is being set and the had that threw the doll may someday sow the seed of salvation.

Many times we wonder, we sit embarrassed, but always we're there. We have our moments of discouragement, hushing and coralling. Please pray for us. When you see a young mother, tell her you are glad that she and her family are there. Encourage her, for there goes tomorrow's church.

Many times older people forget how their children mis-behaved and acted out in public. Hats off to the parents who will bring their children because they desire that they grow up with a GREAT FAITH IN GOD AND THE BIBLE.

--Selected

Dont Wait (continued from page 1)

And he learned too late when the night came down,  
How close he was to the golden crown.  
Success is failure turned inside out--  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Immediately following the morning services there will be a short service devoted to the appointment of deacons. Brothers Perry Miller and Jerry Pace are the two men to be appointed at this time. Upon counseling with brother Joe Oakley, he concluded that he was too young in the faith to fill such an office. ~~Someday~~ he hopes that he can. The appointment today of the two men marks a milestone for which the church in Lagrange can rejoice.

A teacher's meeting is scheduled this evening at 6 o'clock. Please all teachers be present to go over the teaching program for the next quarter.

The mens' teacher training session scheduled with brother Jesse Clayton yesterday (cancelled because of bad weather) is rescheduled for Jan. 6th.

The congregation is to be commended for the wonderful response to brother Bill Quayles request for help in travel fund to Nigeria. \$300.00 was sent to him last week. In this way we have a very important part in taking the gospel to the world.

A shower for Fran Hostetler is scheduled for Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at church building. Ladies invited.

An announcement will be made by this evening concerning the Zone #3 meeting Monday evening.

Catch the Herald of Truth over channel 28 as soon as you get home today. Time 1 o'clock. REMEMBER THE TELEVISION SPECIAL JAN. 15, WPTA, CHANNEL 21.

Teenagers are invited to Garrett New Year's Eve party. Details are on bulletin board.

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December 17, 1972

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*Schedule of Regular Services*

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

The affluence of our times may prove the undoing of the church. And the larger a church is the more easily it can fall. There is sound economics behind this view. In post war years it has been easier to get people to enlarge their contributions to hire another man than it has been to get them to actually do the work that needs to be done. Another dollar in the plate cannot substitute for personal involvement.

There is nothing more clear than that the size of the budget does not measure the strength of the church. It may measure the weakness. We hear with increasing frequency the expression "we can pay for it out of the treasury," which is almost invariably

another way of saying that dollars are more plentiful than willingness to work.

There is a tendency to water down our sense of guilt by making liberal contributions to hire someone to work in our stead. There is a very real sense in which we must do our own work; we can't hire someone else to do it for us. If we could--we could hire someone to go to heaven for us.

We wonder sometimes if it would not be a good idea to do away with the church treasury, and raise funds when needed for the purposes at hand. When people give in an off-hand way to a general budget, with no sense of personal commitment and conviction it does little good.

With increasing regularity we hear of the people who are "withholding their support" because they do not like something being done in the congregation. Financial support given in a casual way, just as another part of our "belonging" to a congregation, can be withdrawn very easily. And it often is.

It is the blood, sweat and tears that one puts into a congregation--not money--that makes it dear to him. Say all you please about the blood, sweat and tears being first exchanged into money and the money given to the church, but the fact still stands that the easiest thing in the world is to give money. The hardest thing to give is self. This is why little churches often grow swiftly; the members had to work at it because they didn't have the money to pay their way. And this is why big churches often fade away; the people didn't do the work; their money did. The ultimate success of a congregation depends not upon what its members can be persuaded to give, but upon what they can be persuaded to do.

Pardon us if we do not get too excited over big congregations and "mergers". Mergers are not designed to put more people to work as a rule, but to put more money together so we can hire more men. The mortality rate of huge conclaves of people, we think, is higher than that of little congregations. A shortage of funds more often than not is a blessing in disguise. When we rely on dollars rather than on people the foundation can crumble more easily.

Our human resources are almost beyond our imagination. With a shorter work day and a shorter work week, and with gadgets galore, we should have more time to give to the Lord. It is our time the Lord covets; not our money. We have trained people whose skills are the best in the world. Why should they feel that after they have followed their profession for the week they have drained themselves and should not be called upon by the church to use their talents for it? Or, how many public school teachers, professionally trained to teach, excuse themselves from teaching a Bible class, saying "I have taught all week and I don't want to have to teach on Sunday." Who better than they do we have to teach? These skills developed at great pain and cost are allowed to lie idle while the willing souls among us who were never trained to teach must step in to teach the Bible classes. It is the person with skills the Lord needs; yet these very skills we often withhold from him that we may exhaust them upon ourselves.

Members of the church have all the abilities that the church will ever need. Our problem is to get those abilities geared to what the church is trying to do. The job before the church, and before the elders in elders' meetings, is not to get the members of the church to give more money, but to challenge the imagination of the people until it will surmount them to spend themselves on tasks that are worth doing. We feel that there is no question but that the life and health of a congregation depends upon what it can get its people to do. A sense of personal commitment, and of personal involvement on the part of every member is the thing that makes a strong church. Money will automatically flow when we first put our hearts into it. It isn't what we can hire done, but what we are willing to do ourselves that counts in the end. And a tragedy of our time is that more and more of us are willing to do less and less.

--Reuel Lemons  
via Swartz Creek Bulletin



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As is customary on the fourth Sunday evening of each month, we encourage the men of the congregation to give talks for personal training. From these talks have come some good lessons for the congregation. This evening, brother Max Litke will be speaking. We look forward to this.

There is the desire to, this year, have a fellowship on New Year's Eve (next Sunday evening) following the services. Come with your cookies and kool-aid and plan to stay for the evening. Games and singing should take care of most of the eve.

Next Sunday's bulletin will have information regarding the next quarter's classes and also the planning for the personal workers and zone teams beginning the first of the new year. Let's plan to make 1973 the best year for the Lord's work here at Lagrange.

Kathy and Kent Hoggatt would like to visit with all the church, however, time is short. They would like to invite any over to their house this afternoon.

The Garrett congregation is having a youth program (teenagers) New Year's Eve, and invite our teens to come. We also would like them to stay here for our fellowship however.

The Personal work class will meet this evening and next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. After the first of the year, we will not meet at the 6 p.m. period. This will be explained in bulletin Sunday.

We are happy that Millard Hughes' condition is good, after the leg casts were taken off. We continue to pray for his recovery.

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## L A G R A N G E

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December 24, 1972

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### Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship Services	7:00 P. M.
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*"All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."  
II Timothy 3:16-17.  
Revised Standard*

## "THE SCARECROW OF NEGATIVISM"

The dictionary gives one of the definitions of "scarecrow": "Anything that frightens one but is not harmful."

The power, the scare-power, of the fear of being "negative" is an amazing thing to behold in present-day American thinking, including many in the church of our Lord!

But this great amount of talk and emphasis on the supposed awfulness of being "negative" comes from God's word, but from man's modern psychological theories and notions. It is a part of the evil fruit of the present intellectual fad (to say crazy) for man's psychology (versus God's psychology in the Scriptures). To those who are obsessed with the fear of "negativism", will you offer me a good-will challenge? Will you give me book, chapter, and verse in God's Word where God instructs us to be "positive" and "negative"? Will you give me just one passage? Once in the standard translation of God's Word the terms "positive" and "negative" even mentioned.

From the constant stress some give to these things, one would be led to believe that God in his Word is constantly warning us to be "positive" and "negative". This is just a sample of how seriously brainwashed many leading brethren are by the man's and false notions that abound in the "foolishness" of man's wisdom (I Cor. 3:18-21). The simple truth is that God's Word, from Genesis to Revelation, is composed of a constant and thorough mixture both of the many good things which God commands to be believed or done, and of the bad things which God has warned man against believing or doing. Was God far to "negative" in the contents of the Bible? Shall we tear the Scriptures to shreds, and throw away a large percentage of God's Word, to try to make it conform

to our faddish notions of what it ought to be, and of what preachers ought to preach. The truth is, that God is very "negative" (as man calls it) in one of the major passages in the New Testament on the subject of what preachers ought to preach, (II Tim. 4:1-8). God commands "Preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching (doctrine)...." This passage is contradicted by all this talk about alleged evil of being "negative".

My brethren, I plead with you by the plain teaching of God's Word, to stop all of this contradicting of God's Word and all this attacking faithful gospel preachers who are earnestly striving to "preach the word" and to "reprove, rebuke, and exhort as God has solemnly commanded us!

Troy Curring - Sword & Shield  
via Ypsilanti News

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### I HAVE NEVER KNOWN

In spite of the thinking of many of my brethren-- I have never known:

1. A farmer who failed in life because he quit early to attend mid week Bible lessons.
2. A farmer who became poverty stricken because he refused to plow on Sunday but chose to worship.
3. A business man who ever lost his business because he closed on Sunday.
4. Anyone who was too tired to go to worship on Sunday and also too tired to go to work on Monday.
5. A Christian to ever be strengthened by engaging in recreation--when he should be worshipping God.
6. Anyone ever being made better by staying away from whorship because they do not like someone who is there.

HAVE YOU?

--Selected

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This being a 5th Sunday, the services this evening will be devoted primarily to singing. This occasion furnishes us an opportunity to teach each other by the various hymns that are selected. Any who would like to read a scripture or give some comments, please tell brother Hostetler.

Following services this evening, we will remain at the building for a New Year's Eve fellowship together. There will be fun, activities, refreshments, slides (Wilson's trip to the Holy Land), and comments on some of the plans for 1973. We hope that all will plan to spend this last evening with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

This evening at 6:00 p.m. the last personal work class will meet. A new program for personal work appears on the inside page.

**MEN** - The training class by Jesse Clayton of Donmoyer Ave, which was postponed two weeks ago due to bad weather, will be this Saturday, Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. We urge all the men to take advantage.

The Ladies will again meet this Tuesday at 9:30 at the church building for Tray Favors.

A business meeting for all the men is scheduled for this Wednesday evening at 7. An outline of the various church programs will be presented for the new year. Please be present.

Remember the Monday eve. television program over Ft. Wayne WPTA (channel 21) at 7 p.m. The title is, "There's Gotta be a Better Way". Look for it.

Sister Jesse Pieratt was admitted to the Lutheran hospital in Ft. Wayne Friday because of chest pains. It is not known at the time of this writing, any new information. Will be announced.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EXHORTER

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December 31, 1972

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Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
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"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. Avoid such godless chatter, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, and their talk will eat its way like gangrene.

II Tim. 2:15-17  
Revised Standard

## Bible School Program, beginning 1973

For the past two years, the lower grades in our Bible school have been using the 20th Century graded Bible lessons. This series coordinates the Sunday morning study with the Thursday evening study, and is designed to go through the entire Bible every three years. This material is now being used from age 2 class through grades 7, 8 & 9. With little exception, it proves to be quite satisfactory, and will continue to be used for the present.

The senior high and adult classes has not used this series but has used various kinds of workbooks, as well as studies directly from the Bible. It was felt that we could coordinate some studies in these classes, using a rotation plan for the teachers. For this plan the Sunday morning adult class will be divided into two classes, (.35 years being the approx. dividing line) so that there will be three classes and three teachers. The teachers will be Devon Hostetler, Dave Chaney and Dean Hoggatt. Each of these teachers will be with one class for one quarter (13 weeks) teaching topic studies which will be assigned. After one quarter, the teacher will rotate to a second class and teach the same material, then to the 3rd class for the 3rd quarter. Thus in 9 months, each teacher will have taught the same material to all of the three classes. This method is experimental, but it is hoped that in time, the subjects that are needful might be taught to each of the high school and adult members of the church.

On Thursday evenings, the two adult classes will again be combined for a study by Norm Herron on the "Church". Also the senior class will be divided, with the girls being taught by Mary Wilson and the boys being taught by Perry Miller. The materials to be covered will be presented at the first class period.

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## Personal Work Program

The year 1972 is rapidly coming to a close and soon 1973 will be here. The elders have been prayerfully considering and planning the future work of the Lord's church in this community. Their desire is to improve every phase of the Lord's work in Lagrange. One of these areas is the personal work program. Although much has been accomplished in the past, there still remains much to be done.

Thus in 1973 we shall launch a new and revitalized personal work program. The goal of this new program will be twofold. First, to better organize and coordinate the work and second, to involve more members in the work of saving souls. Some of the various types of workers who will be needed are: personal workers, phone callers, letter writers, baby sitters, hospital callers, visiting shut-ins, and the placing and maintaining of tract racks.

Those interested in participating will be divided into two groups that will meet twice a month on alternating weeks. Each group will be given assignments to make that night and then report back to the building for a period of evaluation and fellowship. In order to acquaint the church more fully of the details of this program, there will be a brief explanation after the Sunday evening services.

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest." (Lk. 10:2)

Jerry Pace

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A disadvantage at present will be that a divider screen will have to be used to divide the two classes in the auditorium. It is hoped that the carpeting at the back of the auditorium will cut down the noise level to allow for two classes. The new classes and meeting areas will be presented following the Sunday evening service.

The elders