

ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOTICE BUDGET REPORT ON INSERT

This evening at 6 o'clock we will have the song service for the LaGrange Nursing Home. Then at 6:30 we meet at the Miller Merry Manor Home.

The area singing for the Tri-state is to be next Sunday at Huntington at 3 o'clock.

WANTED: Baby Sitters, File & Records Keepers, Tract Distributors, Phone Callers, Letter & Tract Mailers, Home Visitors and Cottage Meeting Teachers - Be at the building 7:00 Monday evening, Jan. 8, for job explanations and how you can be a part of the new 1973 Personal Work Program.

The financial report for the month of December, 1972 is on the bulletin board for reference.

Today begins the first Sunday of the new Bible School for the adults and senior highs. The senior adults will meet at the back of the auditorium behind the partition. This is the above 35 age and will be taught by bro. Dave Chaney. The young adults (under age 35) will meet at the front of the auditorium. Devon Hostetler will be teacher. The senior highs will meet in classroom #7. Dean Hoggatt will teach this class. We ask that all participate wholeheartedly in their respective classes that we may come to know God's word better.

Several hundred handout leaflets advertising the movie "Special" on channel WPTA (21) on Monday evening at 7 o'clock, is ready to be distributed. We ask that every member take a dozen or so and be sure to announce it to your friends & neighbors. Remember, Monday evening, Jan. 15 at 7. Channel 21.

Every teacher please ask bro. Hoggatt for your copy of Christian Teacher Publication for Jan.

We are thankful that sister Jesse Pieratt is now home from the hospital and feeling better. Also Chris Hughes is well again.

Watch Herald Of Truth, channel 28(Elk.) at 1 pm. Church of Christ 405 So. Townline Rd. LaGrange, In.

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

January 7, 1973

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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"So shun youthful passions and aim at righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call upon the Lord from a pure heart. Have nothing to do with stupid, senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to every one, an apt teacher, forbearing, correcting his opponents with gentleness.

II Tim. 2:22-25a
Revised Standard

THE ENCOURAGERS

There is a report of a man who in time of war would go along the lines and say discouraging words to the soldiers. He struck no blow for the enemy, but he was disloyal to his country. He was a discourager! Authorities judged it a crime and sentenced him to a year in prison. Discouragement in the Lord's work is an even higher crime. The ten spies were guilty of a terrible sin when they "discouraged the heart of the children of Israel" (Num. 32:9).

There are many disappointments in church life, and things that depress us with fellow believers, yet realizing how easily we influence each other, we ought to constantly say to our fellow workers in Christ, "Be of good courage!" "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might."

A word of cheer at the right time can help mightily and can even save despairing workers from giving up. A word of appreciation to the elders of the church, the song leader, or teachers, the little noticed brother, can be like good news from a far country. Barnabas has gone down in Bible history as the foremost encourager. His defense of Paul at a time when others doubted him may be one of the most courageous acts of all time. (Acts 9:26,27).

Lord give us more encouragers!

--Selected

NOT ONLY DEAD FISH SMELL!

Take a leafy branch from a tree. Lay it carefully aside and watch! Slowly the color fades--the leaves go limp, curl up and IT IS DEAD.

Take a fish out of the lake--lay it carefully on the sand and watch! Frantically it twists, struggles weakens, moving its gills slower, then IT IS DEAD.

Take a church member, carefully allow him to be separated from God in worship, fellowship, prayer and service. Gradually his conscience quivers as it misses the Lord's table. Soon, there are many hypocrites in the church, the church is always asking for money; finally he takes a stand against Christian living and HE IS DEAD° he smells of the odor of sin. Sel.

HOW TO BE HAPPY

Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry, live simply, expect little, give much, sing often, pray always, fill your life with love, scatter sunshine, forget self, think of others and their feelings. Do to others what you would want them to do for you. These are tried links in the golden chain of contentment. Worry pulls tomorrow's clouds over today's sunshine.

via Donmoyer Digest

BELIEVE

The Bible Says in Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved"---BELIEVE I wonder if 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."

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".

George Conant, Sr.
via Adrian, Mich. Bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This afternoob at 3 o'clock, the Huntington congregation will host the area singing. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with fellow christians from a wide area. For rides see the elders.

Tomorrow evening from 7 to 8p.m. a special movie will be shown on television, channel 21 (WPTA) which is sponsored by churches of Christ across the country. If possible, plan to see the movie and invite others to do the same. A number of advertizements are in the vestibule which should be taken and handed out yet today & tomorrow.

The first visitation sone will meet this Tuesday at 7 p.m. See insert for names.

Ladies meet this Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. for a work session at the building.

Men's Fellowship for the area is this Friday eve at Ft. Wayne (Gateway Plaza) at 7 o'clock.

The young people (teen-agers) will have a get-together Friday Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at the building.

Sister Jesse Pieratt thanks all who sent her cards and letters and for visits and prayers during her stay in the hospital.

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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

January 14, 1973

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"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to Judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching.

II Timothy 4:1,2
Revised Standard

ONE SON STRAYED, ONE SON STAYED

We are familiar with the story Jesus told of a wayward boy who ran, remembered, regretted, repented, returned and rejoiced. (Luke 15). Mentioning the name "prodigal" stirs within us many feelings about this younger son. However there are two prodigals in the story: the son who strayed, and the son who stayed.

"Prodigal" means "waster". This younger of the two wasted his substance "in riotous living". His appreciation of material things was inadequate. He did not value them properly, and it was not until after all that he had was gone and he realized that he was unable to secure more, that he "came to himself," and decided to return home.

Many in the world today, who know the story and its application well, are wasting time, talents, money, opportunities, strength, yea, all that they have, only to gain the things that perish with the using. Many refuse instruction throughout life, and others do so until they are reduced to desperate straits.

If the younger brother were prodigal in life, the elder brother was prodigal in heart. His sin was of disposition instead of departure. He had remained at home with his father, as far as his body was concerned, but his heart, his love, his affections had long since wandered away. Since he evidenced no joy at his brother's return, we may safely conclude that he felt no grief at his departure. His was wholly out of sympathy with his father's will, and unconcerned about his brothers condition.

This has such a ready application to us today that it seems hardly necessary to suggest it, but each generation needs to learn the lessons here presented by our Lord.

It is terrible to think that some of God's children are wasting their material riches on those things which will only reduce them to starvation. Physical bodies are being weakened and wrecked through dissipation, drinking, smoking, and the like. Money that could be used to secure benefits is offered on the altar of lust, or consumed on trash and vulgarity. Reputations that amount to more than all the gold of Ophir are thrown to the four winds for a few minutes of stolen bliss that are regretted even while they are passing, and then forever.

Likely, however, there are more who fall from the grace of God through sins of disposition, as seen in the elder son, than through sins of lust and wantonness, as presented by the younger of the two. God's children need to love as they are loved of him, and this they show by the treatment that is accorded others.

Are we grieved because others are not Christians? Do we weep when sin is committed? Is our anxiety about the lost state of our friends and neighbors sufficient to make us refuse to let the days pass without offering to lead them to Christ.

May the Lord help us to harmonize both disposition and deportment to his will!

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ON THE SLEEPY SIDE

A man went to see his doctor for advice about how to stop snoring. "Does your snoring disturb your wife?" asked the doctor. "Disturb her! Why it disturbs the whole congregation.."

A man suffering from insomnia asked a friend how he managed to sleep so well every night. "Do you count sheep?" he asked, "No," replied the friend. "I talk to the Shepherd."
--Sel.--

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Anna Schrock baptized into Christ last Sun. eve. A series of meetings, primarily for the church, is to be held at the Glenwood congregation in Ft. Wayne this week with brother Bob Bryson speaking. They invite us to these. 7:30 nightly.

Visitation group #2 meets at 7, Monday evening. Group #1 met last week and had some good results from their visitation. NOTICE - Anyone who has the name or names of prospects to be visited, or would appreciate a visit by anyone of the church, please give this information to Jerry Pace. We are dependent upon such leads for visitation work.

Ladies class meets this Tuesday at 9:30 at build.

Sister Margaret Tuttle is in the Lagrange hospital for observation and tests. Also Merton Gray (husband of sister Baulah Gray) is in the Lagrange hospital suffering from a stroke. Several have been hit with the flu lately which is not unusual for this time of year. Let's be mindful of these and all others who should be mentioned in our prayers.

A letter from the television station WSJV (28) states that the Herald of Truth program is being moved to 10:30 Sunday morning. This will do us little good but could be a better time for those who don't go to church on Sunday morning. Make mention of this to everyone.

This past week much of the foodstuffs were used for a needy family, and we again need to bring in some canned items, mostly vegetables and fruits, to build up our supply.

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January 21, 1973

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Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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"First of all you must understand this that no prophecy of the scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but man moved by the holy spirit spoke from God."

II Peter 1:20-21

CHURCH DISCIPLINE AND DAY TO DAY
EVANGELISM

The lack of church discipline weakens and cancels an evangelist's influence. He unfolds soul-saving truths before interested minds, then worldly brethren flash hypocrisy before their eyes. These stumbling blocks in the steps of evangelism are nursed and spoiled by permissive leaders; undisciplined, therefore unloved, they mock divine essence. They introduce each "new creature" to unenthusiastic worship, poor attendance and nonparticipation.

To meet this problem leaders must re-evaluate the equation of church discipline, or as men who must give an account for these souls, they are in danger of jeopardizing their own. Satan, to void discipline, has attacked hatred and vengeance to its concept, leaving love misapplied in the formula, whereas God provides discipline as a vehicle for love to train and preserve purity. Heb. 12:3-11.

Church discipline is a command of God (II Thess. 3:6) to save sinners (II Thess. 3:14,15) and the church (I Cor. 5:6), and to eliminate stumbling blocks in and out of the church (I Tim. 5:20, Acts 5:11).

Christians without discipline allow Satan to enter the flock and devour spiritual babes and weakened brethren; as he feeds, each new convert may become a future meal. Evangelists barely bring them in or parents raise them up fast enough to satisfy his appetite. God provides and commands that discipline be used to prevent such loss. If Satan can draw a curtain of indifference within a congregation, behind that curtain he will divide and ravage the flock.

When those you convert know that humility toward God is present in each member and is preserved through discipline exercised with love, it will make a difference in your practice of day- -day evangelism.

--via The Challenger
Delphi, Indiana

THINKING

Did I make a life shine brighter,
Did I make a burden lighter,
As I passed this way?

Did I make a life more humble,
Did I help a brother's stumble,
Ere the close of day?

Did I make a life more cheery,
Did I lift a burden weary?
That is what I pray.

That my life might be for others,
That we might all live as brothers,
Helping 'long the way.

As I enter Heaven's portals,
Having lived for other mortals,
May I hear the Master say,
"Enter child, step this way."

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North Central Bulletin

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What you GIVE reflects your love-
What you LIVE reflects your heart -
What you SAY reflects your thoughts -
What you THINK reflects YOUR CHARACTER.
When you GIVE liverally, LIVE righte usly,
SPEAK words "seasoned with salt" and THINK
"on these things" (Phil. 4:8). You re-
flect the teachings of the live of Jesus
our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening brother Jerry Pace will be bringing the lesson. We encourage the men of the congregation to give talks when they can. Every 4th Sunday evening is given for this.

Ladies are to meet this Tuesday. Bring pot-luck and plan to do various jobs. 9:30 at church bldg.

Sister Pearl Borrell is now residing at a private Nursing Home at 517 So. Detroit St. She is well enough and would appreciate visitors.

Myrten Gray is in about the same condition at the Lagrange hospital. The family expresses their sincere appreciation for the food that the ladies took over for the family.

There has been quite a lot of winter sicknesses especially among the children. The spring-like weather has not helped the situation either. Continue to pray for and help those in need.

Brother Riley Graybill and family left this week for their move to Houston, Texas. We pray for their safety in travel, & happiness in Texas.

Please continue to bring in canned goods for our food bank. Mainly fruits and vegetables.

Sister Mary Shears is moving next Saturday and would appreciate the help of the men. Plan for it.

Skating party for young people Monday evening at 6:30 at the Roller Dome in Ft. Wayne.

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January 28, 1973

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The saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men.

Titus 2: 819

THERE WAS A MAN

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

John 12:32

More than nineteen hundred years ago there was a Man born contrary to the laws of life. This Man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in childhood.

He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, uninfluential, and had neither training nor education.

In infancy He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled the doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon billows as if pavements, and hushed the sea to sleep.

He healed the multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His service.

He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the song writers combined.

He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students.

He never practiced medicine, and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.

He never marshalled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun, and yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack arms and surrender without a shot being fired.

Every seventh day the wheels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wend their way to worshipping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The names of the past proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone; but the name of this

TRUTH AND FREEDOM

Men have long realized that truth and freedom are inseparable. That is why dictators never love truth; and it is why falsifiers hate freedom. Jesus Christ is, on the other hand, the very essence of Truth, and in His service is the highest form of Freedom. Hark to the ring of Holy Scriptures:

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32

The Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:2

God shall send forth His mercy and His truth. Psalm 25:10

Speak every man the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of peace and truth in your gates. Zech. 8:16

O send out thy light and thy truth. Psalm 43:3

I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Jn. 14:6

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Psalm 85:10.

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THERE WAS A MAN --- (cont.)

Man abounds more and more. Though time has spread nineteen hundred years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion, yet he still lives. Herod could not kill Him, Satan could not seduce him, death could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, feared by devils, as the living personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour. -Sel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening is the regular first Sunday of the month song service scheduled at the nursing homes. The time schedule is 6 o'clock at the Lagrange Nursing Home and 6:30 at the Merry Manor Nursing Home. We will remind the nurses and the patients early enough this time so that they can be ready for us. Some suggestions for the improvement of our singing:

1. Please be on time, early enough to meet in the group singing your part.
2. Stand up with the group, leaving the seats for the patients
3. If you sing bass, group with the basses, tenors, with the tenors, altos, with the altos, sopranos, with the sopranos. Perhaps this arrangeing together will make for a better service.

With a more orderly service, we could add scripture readings along with our singing and be even more meaningful to the patients.

The ladies tray favor session is Tuesday morning at 9:30 at the building.

Timothy Hughes and Lisa Shears are still in the hospital, but feeling much better. Myrten Gray shows some improvement also. We are thankful for these reports. Continue to help as you can.

Millard Hughes had the cast removed from his right leg and is getting therepy treatments. He is scheduled for another operation on his left leg this week, with a few more weeks stay in the Parlvievw hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Don't forget to bring in canned goods for foodbank

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

February 4, 1973

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"Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father; the younger men as brothers, the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters in all purity.

I Timothy 5:1,2

YOU DON'T SEE IT? . . WELL, IT'S THERE!!

1. There is contained in the above space all a sinner has to do to be lost.
2. It contains all that the church member has to do to become a backslider and be lost.
3. It contains all the church work one needs to do to become useless to Christ's cause.
4. It contains all the rich man did to help Lazarus.
5. It contains all the good God withholds from man.
6. It contains all that God gets from many members of His church today in the way of giving and labor.
7. It contains what the preacher often sees when he looks for certain members in attendance at the services of the church.
8. It contains all that the Bible and its promises mean to some people.
9. It contains all the mansions prepared for many of the church.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!!!!!!

Let us all wake up to our responsibility.

--Selected

RESIST THE DEVIL

"Be subject therefore unto God but resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7

A man, who spent many years of his life in capturing wild beasts, says of the wolf, that when attacked he first takes note of the earnestness with which his enemy presses the attack, and if he shows great determination, he quickly scampers away. But if he detects fear in his enemy's movements he will defend himself with remarkable bravery--he may even attack his enemy. The same way with the devil; he tempts us by first placing some trivial object in our path; and if we offer no resistance, he then attacks with all of his power and overcomes us. Give no place--no place--to the devil!

---Selected

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FROG??

It has been said that one could try this experiment: Take one plump frog; one pan of water; put the frog in the water and place the pan on the stove; gradually increase the temperature of the water. See for yourself if the frog does not become relaxed and contented as the water becomes warmer. The frog will eventually become so comfortable in the warm water that he will allow himself to be cooked.

As we laugh at the stupidity of the frog, let us note the analogy between the frog and man. The devil has his own experiment for man. He merely puts man in the pot of temptation and increases the temperature gradually. Eventually, man becomes accustomed to many situations that the Bible has condemned. Many accept the theory, that if everyone is doing it, it must be okay. The devil, by his subtle approaches, continually softens man. So many have been softened today that they have an indifferent attitude toward the decaying moral standards of our nation. Through the mass media of today, the devil persistently engulfs unconscious man. Many preoccupied men are unmindful that the moral standards are being degraded through our movies, magazines, books, T. V. fashions and advertizing. Man becomes contented in the warm water of sin.

The devil is smart enough that he does not increase the temperature all at once. If he did, man would be overwhelmed and horrified at the consequences. Generally, the devil begins in a mild way to cook his prey. To the gullible Christian he simply says, "don't attend church services tonight." "skip your daily Bible reading" "no need to pray today," etc. Thus he continues tempting the naive soul until he has him in a helpless state of unfaithfulness. The devil is an energetic chef that forever is seeking an unwatchful mortal. Let us all adhere to the wise exhortation of the apostle Peter as he says in I Pet. 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." --Bill E Freeze

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Willowdale Church of Christ in Elkhart is having a special study on "GIVING", as follows:

- Sun. 6:30 Eddie Cassetty
Growth thru Giving
Mon. 7:30 Ernie Scarbrough
Motive for Giving
Tues. 7:30 Carroll Harkness
Evaluation of our Giving

These would be informative lessons for any who can arrange to go. See bulletin board for address.

Our spring gospel meeting is scheduled for April 23-29 with brother Martel Pace from Swartz Creek, Mich. Let's plan ahead for this opportunity.

Ladies class meets 9:30 Tues. morning at building.

This week the monthly publication "Action" came for all the membership as well as the monthly publication "Christian Bible Teacher" for the teachers. Be sure to get your copy(ies)

NEWS ABOUT THE SICK

Lisa Shears is now home from the hospital and doing well.....however, Mary Ann Shear's father is now in the hospital with pneumonia and possibly other complications. His name is Fred Swartzentruber..... Timothy Hughes is scheduled to be released today..... Myron Gray remains about the same..... Willard Hughes had another operation on his left leg and will remain in the Parkview hospital for awhile yet. All of these and their families would appreciate our prayers and interest.

The January financial report is on the bulletin bd.

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I Timothy 4:11-13

"Prescribe and teach these things. Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching."

THEY WATCH FOR OUR SOULS

When Garfield assumed the awesome office of the Presidency of the United States, he resigned as an elder. At the time of this transition, he observed "I am stepping down out of the eldership into the presidency." He probably never fully understood nor appreciated the penetrating appraisal of his own statement.

There is no higher calling nor noble work on God's earth than being and performing as an elder. They are commissioned by our Heavenly Father to know us, to feed us and to be watchmen on the walls of Zion on behalf of our souls.

If the elders had only to care for the souls of the faithful, then their task would be one of absolute joy. But they are charged to care also for the weak, the worldly and the apostate.

(I Thess. 5:14) God's stewards must cope with the modern day Demas, Korah, Diotrophes, and Baalin. This means they must doctor the ill, rescue the perishing, lift up the fallen and amputate the infecting members who live in open rebellion (II Thess 3:6; Romans 16:17). They must not only inspire us by their example, indoctrinate us with discipline.

These grave responsibilities often present the eldership to vulnerable attacks by the thoughtless throng. Elders, being human, are far from perfect and, on occasion, even deserve criticism. However, this doesn't license children of God to an "open season" on God's shepherds. When an elder seeks to strengthen or correct us, it is because God has charged him with doing it. It should give no offense to any child of God, and should not be the occasion of strife.

The future of any church is predestined by the men it chooses as elders. The shoes they wear are mighty big ones and the load they carry is heavy. If we will only put ourselves in their shoes and feel the weight of their load, it will drive us to our knees on their behalf.

MEDDLING PREACHERS.

No person is more despised than a preacher who meddles in the private affairs of others. After all, liberty is not delegated to him to invade the privacy of church members without limitations. He should stay within the proper bounds of his ministry to seek the good will of all persons, and not antagonize them with "witch hunting" where he has no business.

Now take that Preacher Paul, for instance. He encroached upon the academic freedom of those at Corinth without any apparent reluctance. He took second-hand information from the house of Chloe and proceeded to legislate about their religious beliefs, telling them they could not believe different things, but all had to believe the same things. (I Cor. 1:10,11) He tried to regulate sexual behavior in one family, telling a son that he could not have relations with his step-mother (I Cor. 7:2). He insisted on marriage and condemned mate-swapping (I Cor. 7:2). He censored divorce and told widows to marry Christians only (I Cor. 7:39). He even told the Corinthians when, with what attitude, and how much MONEY to give (I Cor. 16:2; II Cor. 9:7). He did it, and told another preacher (Timothy) to try to tell the women how to dress (I Tim. 2:9).

"MEDDLING PREACHERS" will save the church! We had better do less criticizing and start shouting "AMENS" to this "out dated" preaching. And we had better start it now!

John Simpson
--Swartz Creek Bulletin

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They watch for our souls. (cont.)

To our elders we say -- "We love you and esteem you highly for your work's sake, and sympathize with you in your herculean task."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a welcome to all the visitors today. Many times we fail to mention it but we appreciate your presence and encourage you to ask questions on any Bible subject which you might have.

Would the visitation groups (1 & 2) which meet on Monday evenings, please meet at 6 o'clock this evening to go over information on current calls.

Ladies tray favor meeting will be Tuesday morning at 9:30 at the building.

The Willowdale Church of Christ in Elkhart will host a Youth Program of song and fellowship this afternoon, starting at 2 and continuing to 4 o'clock. All youth invited..... Also a skating party at the Ft Wayne Roller Dome is scheduled for Monday evening at 6:30 for the youth especially.

Mr. Fred Swartzentruber and Mr. Myrten Gray are still in the Lagrange hospital. Millard Hughes is still in the Parkview hospital in Ft Wayne. The condition of these are about the same.

The Herald Of Truth television program is now being shown at 10:30 Sunday mornings on station WSJV, channel 28, Elkhart. Be sure to announce this program to your friends and visitation contacts.

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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

February 18, 1973

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"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden." Gal. 6:1-5

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE CHURCH?

The following article is a thought provoking one. It should cause us to take a long, serious look at ourselves. We are blessed with a wonderful group of young people seated in the auditorium. This shows the interest they have in worshipping the Lord.

The God fearing serious-minded Christian does not concentrate on what's wrong with the church or someone else, but he spends time correcting his own life. It is easy to detect the problems in the world. What are we doing to bring about a solution?

Thank God there are many people, young and old, who are challenged by the opportunities presented to them. A better world, church, or home begins with each one of us doing what we can. Jesus complimented the woman who anointed Him by saying, "She hath done what she could." (Mark 14:8) Could he say the same about us?

The preacher's phone rang. At the other end of the line was one of the good sisters. "What's wrong with the church?" she asked. "Our young people just don't seem to be as interested in spiritual things as these young people from denominations."

"Well, now wait a minute," said the preacher. "That's a pretty strong statement." "Well, isn't it true," she countered, "that we're losing half or more of our young people? I think that one of the reasons is that we just don't have good teachers. Why, the kids know more than the teachers and besides their tired of studying Daniel and the lion's den. They've studied that all their lives. They need something to challenge them."

"What would you suggest?" "Oh, I don't know. But Brother So and so said a few weeks ago that the elders of the congregation had better wake up and challenge the young people or we're going to continue to lose them."

"Well, Mildred, it is true that we've lost some of our teenagers. But we've tried every way in the world to interest these very ones that were losing. I don't really believe that the fault lies

IN CHRIST WE HAVE

A love that can never be fathomed;
A life that can never die;
A righteousness that can not be tarnished;
A peace that can not be understood;
A rest that can not be disturbed;
A joy that can not be diminished;
A hope that can never be disappointed;
A glory that can never be darkened;
A happiness that can not be interrupted;
A strength that can never be enfeebled;
A beauty that can never be marred;
A wisdom that can never be baffled;
A purity that can never be defiled;
Resources that can never be exhausted.

--Selected

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For lovely lips: "Use the delicate lipstick, 'Silence'. This is particularly recommended for lips that have been distorted by uncharitable gossip." --Selected

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What's Wrong (Cont.)

with the church or its teaching program but at home. The attitude of these kids toward the church is not what it ought to be because of the attitude of the parents toward the church is not what it ought to be. What attitude can you expect a teenager to have when he ^{never} hears his parents say a complimentary word about the church or its program? If the parents are constantly talking about how poor the preaching is, or how boring the classes are, or how little vision and ability the elders have, can you honestly expect the children to be interested in the church?"

via Swartz Creek Bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Group #1

*Millard Hughes - walking
Timothy Hughes - home
Napoleon Spady*

*Assoc. member
Hoggatt
Pace*

We are sorry about the passing away of Mr. Fred Swartzentruber (Mary Ann Shears' father) last Thursday night. We extend our sympathy to the family at this time. The body lies in state at the Recreod Funeral Home at Centerville, Mich. Funeral services will be conducted Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the Babtist church building across from the court house, in Centerville.

This evening at the 7 o'clock services, Kent Hoggatt will be speaking. We encourage regular attendance to hear the men who are willing to develop their speaking abilities on each fourth Sunday evening of each month.

A letter from brother Stan Day on the bulletin board asks for our help in the purchase of an adjoining lot next to their building and some paving work for parking at the building. Please read, and if you are able to contribute some toward this expansion, tell brother Perry Miller.

The ladies class meets this Tuesday morning at 9:30 at the building. All are invited.

For our gospel meeting scheduled April 23-29, we need to advertize it well. A method used before was to mail the STAR mailer to every household in and around Lagrange, invite them to the meeting and offer free Bible Correspondance courses to those interested in Bible study. Several were enrolled through this method. With our active personal work teams, this would be an excellent sourse of leads. Would you be willing to support the financial cost and launch out in faith?

The local Bloodmobile wants donors on Tues. Feb. 27, hours 10 to 4 at the Lag. Lutheran church Bldg. Announcement requested by Red Cross.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

February 25, 1973

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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"Let him who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:6-8

AND IT WAS SO DARK . . .

I knew I should have turned on the light, but I didn't want to take the time. I was in a hurry that day so I attempted to get things done in the dark. Somehow I got hold of the wrong bottle. As soon as I had taken it I began to wonder if I had taken poison. But after all, everyone has probably gotten a little poison into their system at one time or another. Anyway, I could always see about it just before going to sleep. I lost some friends too. They told me that I looked ill and urged me to see the best Physician in our community for treatment. The nerve of those people! They probably needed to see the Doctor as much as I did. If I'm going to meet that type of person at our gatherings, I might as well stay home.

The day grew later and it almost seemed darker. I felt a few twinges of pain and actually became a little frightened. I even checked the antidote for the poison I had let into my body. When I read the antidote, however, it was so bitter I decided not to take it . . . I just couldn't! Besides it was just a careless mistake. I really hadn't meant to take that poison. I decided that I needed something to take my mind off my problem so I turned on the television, the phonograph, and the radio, completely surrounding myself with activity and sound. I even read the Medical Book a little. (Although just the introduction at the front of the book. After all, I couldn't understand all those medical terms and they disturbed me.)

I began to feel thirsty, but it seemed I just didn't have the strength and courage to move toward the water. The pain was gone now, but I felt completely numb. I began to get very sleepy. I felt myself slipping into darkness, my breathing was short and labored. "NO," I screamed, "I'm not ready to go to sleep yet. I've got to do something about this poison. Going to sleep like this isn't fair. I didn't know I'd go to sleep so quickly. Please-give me one more chance. I'll take the antidote..honest I will."..But sleep came..and it was so dark. -Star

GIVING AND GETTING

Several years back, so the story goes, a preacher and his son were passing through a very small community and they stopped to worship at the local church.

While they were waiting for someone to arrive they found an offering box on the door. The father dropped four dollars into the box.

When the people arrived he was called upon to preach which he did. After the services were over the officials in charge said, "It is always our custom here to give whatever is in the offering box to the speaker." So they gave him all the money that was in the box.

As he and his son went on their way, he counted the money and it was exactly four dollars.

Then he began to complain about how little it was, but his son said to him, "Daddy, if you had put more into the box, you would have got more out of it."

How true this is of life. It is especially true in the spiritual realm. God does not want a half a man, two thirds or three fourths, but the whole man. One has to give one's self completely to the Lord.

To get more out of the Bible, put more study into it. To get more out of a Bible lesson or worship put more into it. To get more out of the Christian life, put more into it. The disappointed person is the person who doesn't put much into it but, in turn expects the most out of it.

There is a sowing and there is a reaping. Sow bountifully that you may reap bountifully.

One great reason a rabbit out runs a dog, is that the dog is running for it's dinner, but the rabbit is running for it's life. We are running for our lives so let us all give the Lord our best.

--R. R. P. Huntington
Bulletin

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening at 6 the patients at the Lagrange Nursing Home will be looking forward to our song service. Last month our singing was better by grouping the different parts. Also at 6:30 we sing at the Miller Merry Manor nursing Home.

A letter from the elders at Elkhart congregation mentions a meeting at 2 o'clock to evaluate the Herald of Truth television program over channel 28. All who are interested are invited.

We are happy to report that Millard Hughes is now home from Parkview hospital, Ft. Wayne and is doing some walking now with the help of a walker. Anita Tuttle is still in the Lagrange hospital following surgery last Tuesday. Myrten Gray's condition is about the same. There has been a lot of flu going around also. The last few days has suggested spring in the air, so perhaps the winter's seige is about over.

The ladies tray favor session is this Tuesday at 9:30 at the building.

The area singing next Lord's day is at the So. Side congregation in Ft. Wayne. Time, 3 o'clock.

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

E X H O R T E R

March 4, 1973

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all."

Romans 12:15-17
Revised Standard version

BARGAIN HUNTERS

Most people want the most for the least, but most people get the least for the most.

The devil gives man the least for the most and the Lord gives man the most for the least.

The devil offers man the pleasures of sin for a season and God imposes the penalty of everlasting punishment in hell as the end result for such a choice.

Hell is not a bargain at any price, but the horrible penalty for sin. When man sells out to the devil, (the loss of the soul for a few sinful pleasures) the devil has really deceived and defrauded man. What appears to be a bargain is really a horrible trap at a terrific cost to man, because man never gets through paying the penalty for sin because hell is everlasting. Yes the devil is a bargain hunter too! Has he got your soul?

The Lord Jesus Christ offers man the most for the least. The Lord offers forgiveness of sins, abundant - spiritual blessings, Divine providence working for you, and at last a home in heaven where there is no pain, sorrow or death and everything is ideal eternally.

The cost to man is obedience to the gospel: faith, repentance of sins, confession of Christ as the Son of God and immersion in water for the remission of sins and then living the faithful Christian life.

Salvation is a gift. It can not be earned. It cost God the death of His Beloved Son Jesus Christ on the cross.

Salvation is a bargain. Man gets the most for the least through Jesus Christ. It would be a bargain through Jesus Christ just to escape from hell, but the obedient get that and heaven too! What more could one ask for so little? Surely it is the bargain of all bargains -m - Don't pass it up!

--Robert R. Page
--via Huntington Bulletin

THE RELUCTANT LOVER - A MODERN-DAY PARABLE

Once upon a time there was a young man who was in love with a certain young lady. At least that is what he told her, but he acted very strangely.

He never mentioned her among friends, except to criticize her. He begrudged any money he had to spend on her and resented giving her his time. In fact he only called on her once a week, on his day off - that is if he didn't have a headache, feel tired, have somewhere else to go, or have an opportunity to work that day.

They really had very little in common. She loved great literature, and good music, but he cared little for these. When she desired him to sing or read with her, he just wouldn't do it unless he was put on the spot.

Now the real trouble with this young man was that he was still carrying a torch for his old sweetheart. Though he had vowed to the young lady he now claimed to love that he had finished with his old girlfriend, he was still spending most of the hours of each week in her company. It seemed they had so much more in common, they loved the same things and the same people and time together was always exciting.

Despite his obvious affair with his old flame, he still pretended he was in love with the other lady. One day she figured she'd had enough and told him it was all over. Don't you think she was justified?

He was sort of playing both ends against the middle don't you think? Perhaps he had never heard that "no man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6:24 --Sel.

Days of youth will soon be gone,
Hence we should take care today,
As young lives move ever on,
Train them now without delay.
--Sel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The funeral service for Mryten Gray will be this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Williams Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Burial will be at Ormas, near Wolf Lake, Ind. We express our sorrow to the Gray family at this time.

A Gospel meeting is scheduled at Huntington Mar. 11 to 16 at 7:30 ea. eve. Hohn Payne is speaking.

The Michigan College Chorus, directed by Ed Ritchie will be presenting a concert Mar 16 at 7:30, at the Donmoyer Ave, congregation in So. Bend.

The film "There's Gotta Be A Better Way" will be shown over TVchannel 22 (WSBT) Apr. 25 at 10 p.m. If you missed it the first time around, be sure to see it this time. Also inform your friends.

Dick and Fran Hostetler have been blessed with the arrival of Geoffrey Michael (spelling?) a near 8 lb. baby boy Thursday afternoon. Everyone doing fine (except possibly Grandpa Devon seems shook up-can't get his name straight. Ha.) We congratulate the parents and urge them to train the child in the way that he should go, as God directs.

Area singing at So. Side Ft. Wayne this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Ladies class this Tuesday Morn. at 9:30 at Building.

Hostetlers (Devons) are visiting Rochester, Mich. where Sue attends worship regularly.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

March 11, 1973

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"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution; whether to a king as the one in authority; or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men."
I Peter 2:13-15

THE PARABLE OF THE CRACKED CISTERN

Once a man had a real good overflowing spring of the very best water, but eventually he got tired of it and abandoned it.

In its stead he dug a cistern to hold surface water, but he had a problem. Whatever he put in always leaked out the cracks in the cistern. So his net result was no water and a useless cistern. Sounds silly doesn't it?

Consider this statement God made about the nation of Judah through the prophet Jeremiah: "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." Jer. 2:13

When man turns from God and puts other things first and trust and confidence in them then spiritually that man has a broken cistern empty of righteousness.

Jesus said, "...whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14

Let each Christian beware today that he not be caught in the same trap the nation of Judah was. Let us hold fast to the water of life and accept no substitutes.

R. P- Huntington Bulletin

A LESSON FOR ALL OF US

A little boy who had been punished for displaying an ugly temper was sent to bed with instructions to pray that he might be a better boy in the future and his temper might be reformed. His mother stole to the door of his room to make sure that her commands were carried out, and this is the prayer she heard: "O Lord, please take away my bad temper. And while you are about it you might as well take Mother's too." --Selected

GREATNESS IN LEADERSHIP

Hebrews 11 gives the honor roll of leaders of God: Noah, Abraham, Gideon, David, Samuel, etc. There is a common denominator, a quality of greatness to all...implicit trust in God.

FAITH

Noah undertook a tremendous task for which there was no precedent. Abraham went out not knowing where he was going. He offered up Isaac not knowing how God could fulfill His promise concerning his descendants. Moses moved the people forward at the Red Sea and through the wilderness when only God knew the path ahead.

Joshua took them through the flooding Jordan, led them in the conquest of Jericho in defiance of all human reason. Gideon defeated impossible odds with a handful of men.

These men all launched out upon an endeavor when success could not be seen by human reason. They stepped out into the dark with only faith to light the way. Human logic said, "NO," but faith said "Go." It was this faith, trust, that made them great leaders and models for us today.

The church cannot be operated like a business always. We also must walk by faith and not by sight. God is still alive and active. He is just as powerful and effective as His miraculous care was centuries ago.

The church needs leaders who will launch upon faith to lead God's people to the promised land to fulfill her purpose.

Selected - Garrett Bulletin

"It will cost something to be religious; it will cost more to be not so."

"The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none." --Sel.

that's not all. He was an old man and retired. Could he do something? He decided that he could. He began showing Bible filmstrips. Within 2 years he had led 20 people to Christ, and he was 75 yrs. old. (via M-21)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEACHERS .. This quarter is rapidly coming to a close. Plan to meet next Sunday evening (Mar. 25) at 6 o'clock to discuss next quarters material.

This Friday evening a "going away" party is scheduled for the Paces. Children are going to be taken care of at the church building by the teen-agers and the adults are to meet at Fred Oakley's.

Men's Fellowship is also scheduled for this Friday evening at the Gateway Plaza, Ft. Wayne., 7 p.m.

Worship class meets Tues. at 9:30 A.M. at the building.

St. Luke congregation, Ft. Wayne is having an "open house" of their benevolent facilities on Sunday afternoon, Mar. 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. They invite all.

We had to get in a good lick, as was evident yesterday. We are glad to report that Fran Hostetler and his wife, Geoffrey Michael is now home. Sharon Brown is still in the Lagrange hospital following the birth of a baby girl, Jill LeAnn. Most of those with the flu or colds are back to normal again. Spring is just around the corner(?)

Our gospel meeting is just a little over a month away. Apr 23-29. Plan to attend every service. Plans for publicizing the meeting will be announced in bulletin soon.

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"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents".
Hebrews 13:8,9 - RSV

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose ...

"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out". 1 Tim. 6:7

GO YE UNTO ALL THE WORLD

Continually the Christian must remind himself that the responsibility of carrying the gospel to the countless millions of the world rests squarely upon him. On the home front it is rather a simple matter to discharge this responsibility as we live our lives and declare the gospel truth in full view of our neighbors. The lost of this area can have the opportunity to hear the saving message through our dedication and either accept or reject it as they desire and it costs very little on our part financially to do it. What about those, however, who are not fortunate enough to live in a "Bible" land? The hundreds of million souls who are just existing and have never once heard what life is all about. Souls that have never heard of a Savior and likely never will. Souls that are untaught, unfit, unprepared for eternal habitation with God; lives unfruitful, having brought no honor and glory to the God of all the earth; souls whose reward is the vengeance of God because they know not God and obey not the gospel? 2 Thess. 1:8. What about these people? Can we forget about them? Can we close our eyes and hope they'll go away? Can we wash our hands of the whole matter and smugly say "that's tough"? We can't, if there is any possible way to get the message to them.

Concerned Christians in years past have faced up to this dilemma and led the way in taking the gospel into areas that could otherwise never be reached in our generation. Their method was to use radio, television and mass communication of the printed page with every conceivable opportunity given them. We honor their vision and pioneering and know that God smiles on their labours and gives the increase for the seed that is sown. Broadcasting the seed in this fashion is not an easy or inexpensive task and requires much planning and competing of time and means to do it. It cannot be a "one man effort" but rather a united effort of the whole

church of our Lord Jesus Christ. We here at Lagrange have contributed regularly to support the ways and means to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". We appreciate the groundwork that has been laid and quality programs which are being produced to answer this need. We must be ready to move and lend support when the opportunity presents itself, for in some cases the doors are too soon shut. A case in point is a letter dated Feb. 26, 1973 from brother Juan Monroy. He states, "I am sad to report that for a time the Herald Of Truth will not be heard on the radios in Spain. There was a pressure put on the government by persons very high in the Catholic church and the government stopped our broadcast... But there is no reason to remain downcast. In this past year, over 65,000 people in Spain and Portugal have written to tell me their joy in hearing the Word. I myself have baptized 83 persons. And now there are 19 congregations here! The work of Christ will go on in Spain-- because you helped us bring Him to the people while the door was open. The silent Spain radios cannot stop this work... Elsewhere, my brother evangelists continue to broadcast the Herald Of Truth. In Mexico, in Canada, in China, and in many other places where the door is open, they are bringing the truth to waiting millions. As long as Christians.. provide the funds, their work will go on". We here at Lagrange can rightly rejoice with brother Monroy and all others who had a part in leading these precious souls to Christ.

NEVER TOO LATE

Dean Hoggatt

The late T. R. Stewart was sprinkled a Presbyterian. Later on, he became disgusted with denominationalism, threw away his Bible, then announced that he was an atheist! After completing his service as a railroad engineer he retired. One Sunday, after his retirement, he turned on his TV and heard a sermon on the Herald Of Truth. After the lesson he declared, "That's what I have been looking for!".. He called the phone company, and was directed to the church in New Braunfels, Texas. There he was baptized that very day, by Buford Pitman. But

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teachers meeting tonight 6:30 pm
April 1-4 Gospel Meeting with Mid
Mc Knight East Allen County Fort Wayne
April 7 State Youth Rally at Warsaw High
Lester Allen speaking. 1:00 - 6.00 pm
April 20 - 21 Youth Rally at South Side
Fort Wayne. Tom Sibley, speaker
April 23-29 Gospel Meeting, Lagrange
April 30 Skating party at Roller Dome

Sick

Millard Hughes is at home
Thelma Hoggatt - Fort Wayne at Parkview.

PACES PARTING PARTY

About 30 Christians gathered for a "pot luck"
supper at the Fred Oakleys to honor Jerry
and Dorothy Pace. Jerry has accepted a new
position in Wisconsin, and Jerry will
begin Monday April 26. Dorothy and children
will follow as soon as Jerry finds housing.
We love this family and pray Gods richest
blessings upon them as they begin a new
job and especially as they will be the
beginning of a new church in that area.

Orchids to our Young People

A big thank you to our wonderful teen agers.
who cared for our our children while we were
enjoying ourselves at the party. They decorated
the room with balloons, crepe paper, imagination
and love. They served food with dispatch and
intertained 33 youngsters for 3½ hours.
Lets be sure to thank them personally.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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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"And hereby we do know that we know him, if
we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know
him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar,
and the truth is not in him. But who so keepeth
his word, in him verily is the love of God per-
fected: hereby know we that we are in him."

I John 2:3-5

This article was written after hearing a sermon on I Kings 20:40. While stressing the fleeting nature of life, it offers a sober word to parents that time for training their loved ones is limited. What is done to teach God's Word at home, in Bible classes, and in other ways must be done NOW.

The rooms in our house sound completely empty, although they are filled with beautiful furniture. There is no patter of little feet in the long hallway. The little cradle, the playpen, the highchair, and the baby bed are stored in the attic. There are no toys scattered over the floor for us to pick up. A rag doll a set of toy dishes, a ball, a glove and a cap are piled in the corner of a closet. Some soiled storybooks gather dust on the shelf.

We hear no cry of fear in the night caused by a troubled dream, or a plea for a drink of water at the midnight hour. There are no little voices asking a thousand questions or begging for a Bible story. There are no little warm bodies cuddled close in our arms seeking comfort and safety, or to have a childish heartache eased. There are no little curly heads bowed in prayer beside the bed at night. There are no "good night" kisses.

There is no sound of laughter in the yard from the children playing. There are no little faces to wash, ears to inspect and hair to brush in preparation for school or church services. There are no scuffing of shoes on the front walk and slamming of doors as they rush in from school to raid the icebox. "While thy servants were busy here and there, they were gone!"

We hear the postman's whistle, but we do not rush out expecting a letter from a boy or girl who is away at college. We receive wedding invitations and attend weddings, but they only remind us that while we were busy here and there, our own children had slipped away and built homes of their own.

All we can do now is wait day after day listening and hoping that one or more of our grandchildren will come to visit us; then again we can hear the patter of little feet and childish laughter throughout the house. But we realize with sad hearts that again

DOES THIS PICTURE YOU?

'Twas two hours before worship, and all through the house.
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
No visions of heaven danced in their heads.

Ma in her curlers, and I, what a sap!
Had just settled down, "Dick Tracy" in my lap.
When out on the street there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my chair to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Threw open the curtains, up went the sash.
The sun on the snow of the new covered sod,
Gave a luster of nature, the brilliance of God.

And what to my wondering eyes should appear,
My neighbor's power saw, and it in high gear.
And I thought to myself and just had to say,
Just a fool would save this for the Lord's day.

And I nodded my head and was turning around,
I looked in the mirror and saw with a frown,
A round little mouth drawn up in a bow,
Stubbornness, conceit, that I should know.

I haven't been to church, since---what was the day?
The day before mama went on her way.
A cozy home, but a life that was smelly,
And a will power that's just like soft jelly.

I'm part of the church; have a spouse that could go.
We all could have spirits as white as the snow.
I woke up my mate, and said, "How about you?"
She smiled and said, "Bible Study, too?"

We spake not a word, but went right to work,
Dressed all the kids; and they were so pert.
They heard us exclaim as we drove out of sight,
"Two services this morning, and another tonight!"

-Huntington Bulletin

while we are busy here and there, they, too, will
slip away and be gone from us forever. Donmoyer Digest