

announcements continued

South Bend will be speaking on his "Does God Exist" series. I would encourage every member to attend at least one of these sessions. Brother Clayton has received the regional "Geology teacher of the Year" award. You would appreciate his "find": Atheist turned Christian. Notice bulletin board for time, etc.

Apr. 7 Youth meeting at Warsaw. See Bull. Board.

Apr. 23-29 Gospel meeting at Lagrange. Martel Pace preaching. Adv. and Bible Correspondances (STAR) being mailed out.

Singing at Nursing Homes this evening. Lagrange Nursing Home at 6, Merry Manor at 6:30.

Ladies "tray favor" class meets Tues. 9:30

Men's Business meeting will be postponed one week to Wed. Apr. 11.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

"We wish to thank the members of the church for the many services they rendered during the illness and death of our loved one".

Mrs. Myrten L. Gray & Family

(A contribution was given to the church by the Gray family)

Dean Hoggatt expresses sincere appreciation for cards and flowers received by Thelma this week while in the hospital. The Christian family is a wonderful source of strength. We see the divine wisdom of God in it.

Thelma's address: Room 205, So. Unit, Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Herald Of Truth starts a 13 week showing at 12 noon over So. Bend channel 22 WSBT in addition to the 10:30 broadcast at 10:30 today. Use these to win friends to a knowledge of the truth.

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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

April 1, 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 the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him". Col. 3:16,17

SOWING IN FAITH

It is comforting to know that you've had a part in feeding the "bread of life" to spiritually starved souls. The fellowship with other Christians, whom we may never know this side of eternity, in the common work of evangelizing a corner of God's good earth, is one of the most rewarding and satisfying experiences that is privileged a member of the Lord's body. It is rewarding because someone, somewhere has come to a knowledge of the truth through "my" concern and "my" contribution. Countless unsaved souls have no connection with God except through his people.

We must sow the seed. Lk. 8:11. We must sow in faith, knowing God's word "shall not return unto me void but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it". Isa. 55:11.

We must sow the seed because there is no other way. Absolutely no other way to overtake the lost souls on the highway of life and warn them of dangers ahead. God's method to reclaim is exercised through his word. His power is in the gospel. The gospel however does not become the gospel until it is taught and received. Rom. 1:16. It must be preached. It is God's last Will and Testament whereby men might be saved. It can change men's destiny only if it is learned. And it can be learned only if concerned Christians (are there really any other kind) are bent on ways and means to get it to them. Paul states the problem very simply in Rom. 10:13-15, "For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent/".

We may never know this side of heaven how much good is being done, if our money (God's money) is well spent etc., but what we can know is that God sees our efforts and our intentions, and that each Christian through

his individual contribution, however small, shall not lose his reward. This is comforting to know. Individual contributions, collectively given, is the Lord's way to attack the problem in difficult areas of the world. Christian fellowship and partnership in this the greatest of works is a great privilege. God is depending on us. There is no other way.

We have chosen as our corner of the earth, to accept the challenge of brother Truitt Adair and brother Bill Quales in supporting a native preacher in the training school in Madras, India. It was begun through the efforts of the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas (the same school, by the way, where brother Herron attended for two years, at Lubbock). Brother Johnson, the resident director of the school reports that this month they will be graduating 65 from the school who will be able to preach full time if they can get living support (which amounts to approximately \$50.00/mo.) He also reports that a third printing press has been added to help supply the demand of over 12,000 enrolled in Bible Correspondance Courses in 5 languages. As these reports come back to us, it should make us grateful and happy to be a part of this work, and to rejoice with our Lord that His great message is being preached. Happy is the one who sows in faith while he has time. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not". Gal. 6:9.

Dean Hoggatt

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Group #2 meets this Monday at 7 pm.

There are several coming events that should interest the church here:

Apr. 1-4 Mid McKnight at East Allen Co., Ft.

Wayne. Flyer on bulletin board.

Apr. 8 Singing at E. Chestnut, Ft. W., 3 pm.

Apr. 12-15 John Clayton, at Donmoyer Ave.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The monthly area singing is scheduled this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the East Chestnut St. congregation in Ft. Wayne. It is always an inspiration to attend the meeting place of our colored brethren and blend our praise to God as "one" before His throne. Attend if you can.

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

Men's business meeting will be Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. All the men are urged to attend.

The special lessons by brother John Clayton at Donmoyer Ave. congregation in So. Bend is scheduled for Apr. 12-15. The series is on the subject of the existence of God, the external proof beyond Biblical evidence. This atheist turned Christian has enrolled thousands in a Correspondence Course and is well worth your time to attend and hear these faith building lessons. Some are planning to go. If you would, let the elders know.

Our meeting with Martel Pace is ^{just} two weeks away. Let's set our sights on reaching the lost with the saving message by bringing them to hear. The power of the truth will do the rest. The date is Apr. 23-29, a Monday through the next Sunday.

Thelma Hoggatt is showing improvement toward recovery. Her address is now room 112, South Unit, Parkview hospital, Ft. Wayne. She appreciates the many cards and letters from her spiritual family.

Visitation group ^{#1} meets Monday eve. at 7 at build.

Pray daily for our meeting with brother Pace, our visitation efforts, the local church, the sick, the lost; and express gratitude to God for life, for health, for blessings here and now and of a heavenly life to come.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

April 8, 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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"Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

I Peter 4:1-2

PREACH THE WORD

There is a reason for preaching the word. The primary reason given by the apostle in II Tim. 4:1-5 is "reprove, rebuke, exhort... For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine;..." The fact that men will not endure the sound doctrine now is proof that the word is not being preached as much as it should be.

Oftentimes I am asked why I do not preach certain things. There is always a reason why I do not preach certain things, and the reason is that those things are not included in the word of God. Much preaching and teaching is being done with reference to means and methods of preaching. In fact, too much time is being spent (wasted) in preaching about means and methods rather than preaching the word. Many have become so obsessed with the methods, that they are making certain methods of preaching binding as though they are matters of faith. To do this is to fail to preach the word.

"Men will not endure the sound doctrine" regarding what one must do to be saved. They will not accept the truth when it comes to the matter of worship. When it concerns the work of the Lord, many will not accept the truth. Every Christian, therefore, must be always preaching the "sound doctrine" to the limit of his ability. And every Christian should increase his ability by "growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The preaching of "sound doctrine" shall produce sound Christians and a sound church. To preach a weak doctrine is to produce weak Christians, because those who hear the preaching will become like what is taught. If true doctrine is taught men will become true Christians; if false doctrine is taught men will become false "Christians".

One cannot preach the "sound doctrine" and preach opinion. Anything that is in the realm of opinion can not be doctrine. Opinion, then, cannot be made binding upon any one person or persons. If a thing is a matter of opinion I cannot preach it as doctrine; if a thing is a matter of doctrine I dare not preach it

as a matter of opinion. For instance, the time we eat the Lord's supper on the first day of the week is a matter of opinion; the day we eat the Lord's supper is a matter of doctrine. The place where a person is buried with his Lord in baptism (creek, river, lake, baptistry) is a matter of opinion; that he be buried in baptism is a matter of doctrine. The how of preaching the "sound doctrine" (radio, television, newspaper, filmstrips, tracts, pulpit, classes, etc.) is a matter of opinion; what we preach is a matter of faith.

With reference to the above, we may eat the Lord's supper at 10:00 a. m. or 3:00 p. m. or any other time during the day as long as we eat it on the first day of the week. We may bury a person with his Lord in baptism in a creek, in a river, in a lake, or in a baptistry, but we must bury him to baptise him. We may preach the gospel by using one or all of the above mentioned, but we must preach the gospel. Now to say that we must use television to preach the gospel is like saying we must baptize in a river. Or to say we must baptize in a river is like saying we must use television to preach the gospel. There is nothing wrong in baptizing in a river; there is nothing wrong in preaching the gospel over television. But to say that one must (to be scriptural) preach the gospel over television is to bind where God has not bound.

With these thoughts in mind, let us notice that to preach "sound doctrine" is to preach that men must assemble themselves together on the first day of the week. Now, using the reasoning above, to assemble ourselves together, Hebrews 10:25, is a matter of faith; to stay home and worship is not however, a matter of opinion, for it is a direct violation of the command to assemble. We may assemble in a house, tent, or church building; this is a matter of opinion, but we must assemble ourselves together. Those who assume they can stay home and worship God acceptably have missed the meaning of Hebrews 10:25 entirely. Though they engage in every item of worship in spirit and in truth, they are worshipping in violation of the command to assemble ourselves together.

John Hollis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A gospel meeting is scheduled at Coldwater beginning today through the 18th. The evening services will be at 7:30. Brother Edwin Boggs from Glenwood in Ft. Wayne will be speaking.

Plan not to miss a single service of our gospel meeting with Martel Pace Apr. 23-29. Any evangelistic effort can be nullified by poor attendance on the part of members. This must not happen. Do your part, and it won't.

A youth meeting is scheduled at S. Side Ft. Wayne Apr. 20 & 21. All who want to go check with brother Parry Miller.

We were happy to hear that Pamela Rosendaul put her Lord on in baptism and is now a part of the Lord's body. We urge her in a consistent faithful life as she grows into maturity in the faith.

Work Day at Camp Indogan is scheduled next Saturday, Apr. 21st. See brother Devon for assignment given to the church here. It has to do with the repair of the drinking fountain damaged by winds.

Ladies class meets Tues. morning at 9:30 at build.
#1 #2

Visitation Group meets at 7 p.m. Monday evening.

Plan to see the Herald Of Truth program starting today over channel WSB T at noon. (Channel 22)

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April 15, 1973

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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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" When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked of his evil way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul" Ezeiel 3:18,19

WHAT IS A GOSPEL MEETING?

Many groups call them "revivals" and most seem to understand what this is. We have generally refrained from this description because we felt not everyone needs reviving. A gospel meeting is simply a week of gospel preaching which will benefit all Christians, but is particularly designed to be of an evangelistic nature. By "evangelistic" we mean an effort to convert the lost to Christ and save their souls by presenting to them the simple gospel of Jesus Christ. Older members will be stirred by hearing again the message of the cross from an evangelist. Newer ones will thrill to hearing what they are just beginning to learn. Thus a "meeting" is intended to save the lost, strengthen the weak, and build up the strong.

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LET US GO TO CHURCH

On this beautiful Sunday we are free
To rest, relax and play
But let us not forget that we
Should go to church today
One hour more or less we all
Can very well afford
And there are blessings great and small
For which to thank the Lord
There is the precious gift of health
And in the week just past
We may have added to our wealth
Or gained some goal at last
We may have learned a lesson taught
Or made another friend
Or happily we may have brought
Some trouble to an end
And we need strength along the way
To keep with the hectic pace
So let us go to church today
And ask His guiding Grace.

--Selected

HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE

My Father's way may twist and turn
My heart may throb and ache,
But in my soul I'm glad to know
He maketh no mistake

My cherished plans may go astray
My hopes may fade away,
But still I trust my Lord to lead
For He doth know the way.

For by and by the mist will lift
And plain it all He'll make,
Through all the way, tho dark to me,
He made not one mistake.

- Author Unknown -

REASONS FOR GOING TO HELL

It requires no effort at all to get there.
You can associate freely with bad company there.
You won't have the constant watchful eyes of
God over you.
You won't be expected to attend Bible study or
worship.
You won't have to give of your means - you won't
have any.
Purity and goodness will not be expected of you.
There will be no faithful preachers or elders
there to "nag" you to greater Christian serv.
You won't have to worry about Christ coming again
he won't -- Ever.

Selected

A friend is someone who knows all about you and
loves you just the same.
Co-operation solves many problems: A bunch of
freckles would be a nice coat of tan if they
just got together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **Gospel Meeting Begins this week
(April 23-29)

The week of our gospel meeting is now here. The church has visited and secured several people who are interested in the pure and simple gospel message, and is to be commended for this preparatory work. Let us now support the meeting and bring our friends and neighbors to every service. Perhaps each of us can feel we have helped to lead someone to Christ, by advertising the meeting well. For any who would like to have brother Pace for an evening meal, please sign schedule on bulletin bd.

We welcome our visitors today and invite you to our services whenever you can come. It is good to have sister Thelma Hoggatt back again today. She expresses appreciation for the many cards and letters she received in the hospital. She looks forward to when she can return home for good.

Remember to watch the TV "special", "There's Gotta Be A Better Way" Wed. night, Apr. 25 at 10 p.m. over channel 22 (WSBT-TV).

Activities for youth:

Skating party at Ft. Wayne Roller Dome Apr. 30.

Youth Meeting at Huntington May 12.

Michiana Banquet on May 12, Niles, Mich. (See Bulletin Bd. for these last two events, and tell brother Perry Miller your plans)

A couple of events that should be of interest to some: A Tri-State lectureship in Ft. Wayne on May 4th. and a singing workshop with Ralph Casey of Atlanta, Ga. on May 20-23. More on this later.

The Herald of Truth program over channel 22 is to be pre-empted for an easter program today, but should be back on schedule next Sunday at 12 noon.

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

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April 22, 1973

Schedule of Regular Services

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

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"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that
doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven"
Matt. 7:21

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command
you" Jn. 15:14

WHAT A GOSPEL MEETING CAN DO FOR CHRISTIANS

A Gospel Meeting is not only an effective means of proclaiming salvation to those who are lost--it is also a tremendous spiritual benefit to a Christian. If you are a Christian, here are some of the things that the Gospel Meeting, April 23 - April 29 can do for you.

REVIVE YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE--Through the concentrated period of working, praying, singing and hearing messages from the Word of God you'll be strengthened in your spiritual life, lifted above the hurry and worry of this world and can know again "The peace of God that passeth all understanding."

REGAIN YOUR ENTHUSIASM--If your love and zeal for the work of the church has grown cold; the same power that moves those who are lost can stir those dying embers in your life into a glowing flame. You can be interested again in the saving of soul.

STRENGTHEN YOUR CONFIDENCE--There's nothing better than plain positive Gospel sermons, with emphasis of fundamental principles, to strengthen your confidence in the church and in simple New Testament Christianity. You are taken back to the "bedrock" of Christianity and are therefore strengthened and prepared to teach others these fundamental truths.

HELP YOU RESIST TEMPTATION--When you have grown discouraged in the continual struggle against the temptations of the world; a period of spiritual feasting on God's Word will give you a new strength and determination to live the victorious Christian life.

--Selected

IT PAYS TO ASK

Jack LeVein, film biographer of Sir Winston Churchill, once asked him, "Sir, why did you choose me to be your film biographer?" The former British Prime Minister answered frankly, "No one else ever bothered to ask me." Imagine! No one had bothered to ask the celebrated statesman for the rewarding privilege of filming the inspiring story of his life. If they thought

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BOILING HOT

The word "zealous" in Titus 2:14 comes from the same root as the word fervent in Romans 12:11. They have almost identical meanings and so can be used interchangeably. The word translated "fervent" means "to burn, to be hot, to GLOW with heat as molten metal." It may also be translated "to boil." Paul says that a Christian is to be "hot" for the Lord. When something becomes hot, it begins to radiate heat to every object near it. When water begins to boil, it creates steam not only to blow a whistle, but to get things moving. Does the world recognize that we have within us a burning power and a boiling urge to share with them the blessings of salvation?

When you meet a person, does the thought come to you; "I wonder if he is a Christian?" Multitudes are waiting for someone to show a little interest in them. One Jew explained to an evangelist in Miami Beach, Florida, "I have never attended a Christian meeting? Do you know why? Because I have never been invited before. I thought nobody cared. However, since you have taken such an interest in me, I promise I will come." How long since you have spoken to someone for Jesus?

--Selected

It pays to ask con't. _____
about it at all, they probably decided quickly that it would do no good. But one man had the courage to ask, and was handsomely rewarded.

We would experience a "new day" in the church if only we could learn that "it pays to ask". There are many people in our area who would attend Sunday School if only they were asked. We assume people will not come... so we make their decision for them. Is it really right for us to say "No" to Bible study for someone else? The least we can do is ask. If they say "No", at least they've said it for themselves.

Oh, yes, there is something personal here, too. There are blessings available to you from the Father when you ask. Why are some of the richest blessings not granted? Perhaps we never bothered to ask.

Joe R. Barnett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting with brother Pace this week has been most profitable and the attendance has been excellent from the members and also, several from the community and sister congregations have come. Even today, we hope that some will respond to our Lord's invitation as we look forward to some fine lessons from Martel to conclude the meeting. On behalf of the church here, we express our appreciation to him for his labour with us.

Following the morning services today, we will enjoy a basket dinner and fellowship together in the south classroom. We want everyone to stay and enjoy it with us, whether you knew about it or not.

The members here are invited to the following area events this week: at Warsaw, Chuck Smith, a Greek professor will be speaking on "The Purpose of Tongues", May 1 at 10 a.m. Also at Glenwood, on May 5, there is scheduled a Tri-state lecture-ship on the theme, "Issues and Answers of the 70's" Various men are on the program. Please see bulletin board for particulars.

A skating party is planned for the young people Monday evening, Apr. 30 at the Roller Dome in Ft.W. Also for the young: a meeting at Huntington on May 12, and also a annual banquet for the Michiana juniors and seniors on May 12 at Niles, Michigan. See bulletin board for details and inform Perry Miller if you desire to go

The Ladies will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 at the building for trav favors.

Visitation group #2 meets Mon. eve. at 7.

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April 29, 1973

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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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"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

"THAT GIRL IS A SQUARE"

That girl is a square. Yes, I guess that is what some folks would call her...a "square". Why?

Well, she reads the Bible every day, says a prayer before she goes to sleep at night; she does not "pet" nor dance; has never tasted beer nor drunk a cocktail; she tries to learn her subjects in school and shows respect for her teachers; she prepares her Bible lessons; she has no cigarette stain on her fingers nor odor on her breath; she actually enjoys good clean fun; she tries to choose whose-some associates; she avoids filthy literature and movies; she finds no pleasure in vulgarity or smuttiness; she tells her mother and father, "I love you"; she even irons for the family and has been known to mow the lawn and wash the car; she is not swept overboard by prevailing immodest fashions; she believes it is wrong to lie...even when the truth may hurt; she is thoughtful to elders and is at ease in their presence; she has the courage to say "no" when the crowd decides to go the wrong way.

Yes, she is sort of a "square"...but what a wonderful sweet, little lady she is growing up to be.

--Selected--

B L A C K E N E D

The story is told of a daughter who asked her father for permission to visit a worldly girl and the father refused. The daughter said, "You must think me exceedingly weak."

The father picked up a coal from the fire and handed it to the daughter, but she hesitated to take it. When the father said, "It won't hurt you," she took it, but her hands were blackened. She said, "Father, you can't be too careful in handling coals." "That is right," said the father, "For even if they do not burn, they blacken."

So it is with evil companions. "Be not deceived, evil company doth corrupt good manners." I Cor. 15-33

--Sel.

"PRIME TIME"

To radio and TV stations "prime time" is the most valuable, the most effective and the most sought after of all time.

Centuries before radio or TV was ever thought of King Solomon knew about "prime time". He said, "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh; for childhood and youth are vanity.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" (Eccl. 11:9-12:1)

Several centuries later, Jesus spoke of "prime time". After He had mentioned the necessities of life, Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33)

About three decades later, the Apostle Paul wrote, "At an acceptable time I hearkened unto thee, And in the day of salvation did I succor thee: Now is the 'acceptable time', and this very day is the 'day of salvation". (II Cor. 6:2 Phillips trans.)

Yes all godly men know about "prime time". Statistics show that most of the people who give their "prime time" to the devil, never give the left-overs to the Lord.

After death and the judgment, the p"prime time" for the rithteous will be "everlasting time" in heaven.

But for the wicked who give the devil their "prime time" and never turn to the Lord, they will "do time" eternally in hell with the devil. Now is the time for man to wake up and see where he is going.

R. R. Page

Huntington Bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We were made to rejoice last Sunday when many responded to the invitation. Sunday morning Jeffery Herroon was baptized into Christ. Also, Suzie Boyle, Bobby Hicks, Jerry Hicks, Larry Hicks, Craig Hostetler, Annie Oakley, Bill Oakley, Fred Oakley, Penney Oakley, confessed wrong and asked for the prayers of the church. Sunday evening, Lesly Hoggatt obeyed the gospel and Mary Ann Wade asked for the prayers of the church for her. Thursday evening, Judy Boyle responded saying her life was not what it ought to be and asked forgiveness and prayers. The meeting with brother Pace was rewarding in so many ways, and these mentioned are now reconciled to God by the preaching of His word. We rejoice also that brother Jim Pieratt asked forgiveness for a negligent life and desired to again be united in full fellowship with the church. May we show our love to God by loving one another.

Brother Herroon will be conducting a gospel meeting this week May 6-12 at Goshen. Evening services are at 7:30. The Goshen brethren would appreciate our support of the meeting and we can show our appreciation to brother Norm for his efforts.

----- Vacation Bible School----- June 11-15 -----
We solicit help from every member to secure enrollment of ages 4 up. Younger children of members will also be included. Pre-registration forms will be available soon.

The area singing is to be at Glenwood next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

We have a youth singing group emerging, who are presenting several songs at the Michiana banquet and would like to "practice on" anyone who would like to stay after services Thursday evening.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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May 6, 1973

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"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

James 4:10,11

WHO IS ON TRIAL??

A young man visiting an art museum came before one of the famous paintings, painted by one of the great masters. He stood before this masterpiece of art which had been praised for centuries and proceeded to make fun and ridicule it.

The curator of the museum, annoyed at his ignorance of value and arrogance of heart, said, "Sir, that masterpiece is not on trial, but you are."

It is tragic, sad and deplorable that scoffers and sinners put God and Christ on trial as though they were given the right to judge them and pass sentence and what they decreed carried.

God, Christ and their word, the Bible, is not on trial, but man is, very much so. The skeptics and sinners can ridicule the sacred things, but not without suffering the penalty.

Where were the skeptics when the flood came? They didn't have a log to stand on. Where were the sinners when God rained fire and brimstone down from heaven and destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah? They didn't have a shovel to lean on, as some make light of hell as a place to "shovel coal".

My friends, when God tends the everlasting fire of hell, He doesn't need any help. The sinner still sings a different tune when he finds it out too!

The apostle Paul said, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." II Cor. 5:11

Let every man be persuaded that God is, and that Jesus Christ is His only begotten Son and that the Bible is their law to every person and it is us who are on trial and not them.

Our final hearing will be on the day of judgement. Are we all, ready?

Huntington Bulletin
R. R. Page.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

The church is not a refrigerator for the preserving of perishable piety. It is a dynamo for charging human wills with power. The object of the church is not to tell man how to dodge difficulties, but to furnish the strength and courage to meet them.

The business of the church isn't to furnish hammocks for the lazy; it is rather to offer well fitted yokes for drawing life's loads. The man doesn't support it, votes for its abolition.

--Sel.

'BUILDING CHARACTER

Oh, did you know the little thoughts
That flutter through your mind
Are always either good and pure
Or selfish and unkind?

And did you know that what you think
And what you say today
Will make you what you are to be,
Because you grow that way?

Your life is built just like a house;
The things you think and do
Are like the bricks the builders use,
For they are building you

The bricks that crumble; none would want
To build into a wall,
Because when winds begin to blow
The house would quickly fall.

And so to build your character
And build it strong and sure
Use pleasant words, do kindly deeds
And let your thoughts be pure.

--Sel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The area singing this month is to be held at the Glenwood congregation this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The address is 2800 Reed Rd., Ft. Wayne.

Activities in the area:

Men's Fellowship at Gateway Plaza, Ft. Wayne, at 7 p.m. this Friday evening. Topic to be discussed: "Peace Within".

A singing workshop at the Southside congregation May 20-23. Brother Ralph Casey, the instructor, has been working full time conducting singing schools, workshops, etc. in many states. This would be good training for anyone wanting to improve his(or her) singing.

A youth Rally at Camp Indogan is to be held May 25, 26. Mail reservations by May 21. See bulletin board for information.

Our own Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of June 10 (Mon. thru Fri., June 11-15). There will be classes for all ages so plan now to attend and bring a friend with you.

We were happy to see Joe & Kathy Hughes back after their two-week vacation through Kentucky and on to Florida. The Gieseke's and Cox's plan to be up this way within a month or two.

Sister Jesse Pieratt left for Missouri this week and plans to stay a week visiting her family. We hope for her a good trip.

From the reports of the Goshen members, brother Herron gave fine lesson in his gospel meeting with them this past week. The attendance of the Lagrange brethren was excellent and was a great encouragement. We trust that the meeting will continue to bear fruit to the glory of God.

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EXHORTER

May 13, 1973

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"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

II Tim. 4:1,2

YOUR CHILD DESERVES THE BEST

Your child deserves the very best. Here are ten things which your child certainly deserves:

1. Your child deserves to hear you pray earnestly and often.
2. Your child deserves to go to worship and Bible study with you regularly.
3. Your child deserves to see you sacrifice for the Lord.
4. Your child deserves to hear you talk to others about their becoming a Christian.
5. Your child deserves to go with you to visit the sick and bereaved.
6. Your child deserves to be taught the Bible by you.
7. Your child deserves to hear you praise the church and her leaders.
8. Your child deserves to be encouraged by you to always seek and obey the truth.
9. Your child deserves to see you putting the Lord first in your giving.
10. Your child deserves to know Christ, first of all, as He lives in you.

--Harvie M. Pruitt
via Gospel Digest

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:

THE CHALLENGERS

I met a man some time back who would box anybody and had never lost. In fact at the right time he would be glad to box me.

I also know of a Judge who will judge anybody. He likewise, has expressed intentions of judging me.

Who is the boxer that will box anybody? It is the undertaker. Are you prepared to die?

Who is the judge that will judge anyone? It is our Lord Jesus Christ who will judge everybody. Are you ready for your case to come up?

Victory over the boxer is through Jesus Christ the Judge. Jesus takes the sting out of death to those who obey Him. The sting of death is unforgiven sin, but there is no sting in death to those who have obeyed Christ and had their sins forgiven before they die.

Defeat is letting the boxer get you before you get to the Judge. You must accept and obey the Judge before death.

When Jesus gives His decisions on Judgment day, the victors will be His faithful followers.

Jesus has already pronounced the devil a loser. Why then go to the boxer on the loser's side?

Get on the winners side, the right side, the Lord's side. The boxer is ready and waiting and so is the Lord. What thou doest, do thou quickly.

R. R. Page
Huntington Bulletin

"O Lord, please take away my bad temper. And while you are about it you might as well take Mother's too."

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please notice on the bulletin board a newsletter and also a personal handwritten letter from the Paces (Jerry and Dorothy) in Marinette, Wis. Write them and let them know our concern and prayers are for their welfare. Their address is:

1002 Elizabeth Ave.
Marinette, Wis. 54143

Sister Pearl Bozell has moved to Fairmount, Ind. We wish for her happiness in her new resider. Her address is:

Friendship Heights Nursing Home
Fairmount, Ind. 46928

A letter from the Southside congregation in Ft. Wayne informs us that the singing workshop that was to be held on May 20-23 with brother Ralph Casey has been cancelled. It is now scheduled in 1974.

We would like to congratulate the High School Seniors who are graduating: Judy Boyle, Linda Eash and Paula Hostetler. We trust that their post school days will be anchored in Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life.

The youth Camp fellowship is to be next Friday and Saturday. Those who would like to go see Perry Miller for arrangements. Cost \$4.00. Gary McLachlan and Wes Whitt are speakers..... Roller Skating Monday evening 6:30 to 9:30 at the Rollar Dome in Ft. Wayne. All invited.

Ladies meet this Tuesday at 9:30 at the building.

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May 20, 1973

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"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness"

Eph. 4:22-24

ARE YOU LOST IN THE WOULD'S?

Some folks are "lost in the would's". We hear them say, from time to time: "I would go to church, but it is my only day off; I would stay for Bible Study on Sunday morning, but I have to eat lunch early. I would come to Youth Meeting, but I have to get up early on Monday morning and I must get to bed early on Sunday evening. I would give more, but I can't afford it. I would attend Mid-week meeting, but I always have another engagement; or I would visit for our church but I don't have the 'knack' for meeting strangers." And there are many more "would's".

If these people were lost in the "woods" they would be concerned about their condition, but too often they are complacent about being lost in "would's". How sad it is these people are not giving their very best, and too, they are robbing themselves of the joy of giving Christ to all.

If you are lost in the "would's" we would be very glad to help you chart your course to the trail that leads to happy Christian living.

--Selected

A Letter From the Paces

A newsletter from Jerry and Dorothy Pace this week contains good news. They have started meeting in their home with others from the Marinette, Wis. area to hold church services. Already, their dining room is too small and they are planning on using the living room and other rooms of the house for classrooms. They have listed several things that are needed right away, and would appreciate anyone receiving the newsletter to offer to supply any of these needs. We appreciate Jerry and Dorothy for their desire to help start the church there, and pray that the Lord will bless the efforts put forth to do so. They would appreciate letters from "home", so get their address from the newsletter on the bulletin board and write them.

CONCLUSION JUMPING

Once there was a faithful dog, the constant companion of a small child. One day they both disappeared and a search by parents, friends and neighbors was fruitless.

After several hours the dog returned, covered with blood. Naturally, the father jumped to the conclusion that the dog had killed the child. The dog must be destroyed, so he killed it.

A little later, the child was found in the woods, unharmed. Nearby was the body of a panther the dog had killed in his struggle to protect the child.

So often we are guilty of conclusion jumping. We take action or express our opinion before considering all the facts. The result is usually unpleasant and at times irreparable damage is done.

So be careful about what you think, say and do. You might be guilty of shooting a dog that should be praised.

TROUBLED WITH RISING PRICES?- How would you like to obtain some things of immense value, at the same low cost (to you) that they were over one thousand nine hundred years ago? How about pardon for past sins? It is free to those who obey the gospel of Christ and are baptized for the remission of their sins.

A long distance call to heaven is still free and God always answers the prayers of the righteous.

Even a home in heaven is free to those who are 'faithful unto death.' Aren't you thankful that the greatest things in life are free to us because God and Christ give freely at great cost to them."

--R. R. Page

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Vacation Bible School begins in just two weeks. We have arranged to get a bus which can be used for pick-up of those attending, especially of the new ones who chose to come because of the bus. This will be an experiment to see how a bus affects our enrollment. We would like to have as many preregistered as we can in order to make up the classes. Perhaps each of us can spend some time the next two week ends in doing this.

We would like to have the teachers for VBS meet this evening at 6 o'clock to discuss the VBS program.

Since several have expressed desire to contribute for the Marinette, Wis. work (as Jerry Pace listed some needs in his newsletter) please let brother Devon know today, so that the Paces can be notified.

An announcement from Warren Campbell at Warsaw congregation informs that they are starting a new work at Columbia City, Indiana. They will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday at Glen Law's home. His address is RR#9 Lawrence St in the West Gate Addition, just two blocks south of U.S. Bus. 30 West. They would appreciate our attendance if we could go once in a while.

Our group visitation teams will not meet this Monday but will meet next Monday evening.

The program for the men's lectureship at Camp Indogan June 8,9 is posted. We hope that several here will plan to attend this annual event. Good fellowship enjoyed.

The ladies will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 for class, the last one of this current study. Classes will be discontinued for the summer.

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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

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"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

Ecc1. 12:13,14

"HOW READEST THOU"

It is one thing to read the Bible through,
Another thing to read to to learn and do.
Some read it with design to learn to read,
But to the subject pay little heed.

Some read it as their duty once a week,
But no instruction from the Bible seek;
While others read it with but little care,
With no regard to how they read, nor where.

Some read to bring themselves into repute,
By showing others how they can dispute;
While others read because their neighbors do,
To see how long 'twill take to read it through.

Some read it for the wonders that are there,
How David killed a lion and a bear;
While others read it with uncommon care,
Hoping to find some contradictions there.

Some read as if it did not speak to them,
But to the people at Jerusalem.
One reads with father's specs upon his head,
And sees the thing just as his father said..

Some read to prove a preadopted creed,
Hence understand but little that they read;
For every passage in the book they bend
To make it suit that all-important end.

Some people read, as I have often thought,
To teach the book instead of being taught;
And some there are who read it out of spite,
I fear there are but few who read it right.

But read it prayerfully, and you will see,
Although men contradict, God's words agree;
For what the early Bible prophets wrote,
We find that Christ and His apostles quote.

So trust no creed that trembles to recall
What has been penned by one and verified by all.

-Sal.

COMPROMISE MEANS DEFEAT FOR ALL !!

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

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

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

WORK

Work is man's greatest function. He is nothing,
he can do nothing, he can achieve nothing, fulfill
nothing, without working. If you are poor--work.
If you are rich--continue working. If you are
burdened with seemingly unfair responsibilities--
work. If you are happy--keep right on working.
Idleness gives room for doubts and fears. If
disappointments come--work. When faith falters--
work. When dreams are shattered and hope seems
dead--work. Work as if your life were in peril.
It really is. No matter what ails you--work.
Work faithfully--with faith. Work is the greatest
remedy available for both mental and physical
afflictions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young people's skating party Monday evening at 6:30 - Roller Dome, Ft. Wayne.

We were very happy to witness the confession and baptism of Ramona Gerring last Wednesday evening. Initial contact was made because of her response to a Herald of Truth program. Bro. & Sis. Herron has studied with her in recent weeks and was priveleged to see her knowledge increase in God's Word. We are indeed happy to have sister Gerring a part of God's family of saints here, at Lagrange.

Monday evening at 7 p.m. the Huntington congregation is having bro. Toby Quinn to speak on the subject of "Bus Evangelism". There has been some thought given to this kind of ministry here and this would be a good opportunity to hear a man who has be instrumental in this kind of ministry for several years. Can we get a car load to go hear him?

Bro. Herron is planning on teaching at the senior session of camp for the next two weeks. We hope for them the best senior session ever.

Sis. Mary Wilson left this week for Purdue where she will be taking some summer courses. We appreciate her teaching a class the last quarter and will miss her while she is away.

Sister Pearl Bozell has for a new address:
Friendship Heights Nursing Home
Fairmount, Indiana 46928

Sister Zoa Herr has for a new address:
511 So. Detroit St. Lagrange, Ind.
(She would appreciate visitors)

Bro. Devon would like to turn over to the treasurer all money collected for the Marinette, Wis. work. If you plan to contribute, do it today.

Because of the Bus Workshop at Huntington on Monday eve. the two visitation groups will meet on Tuesday of this week.

L A G R A N G E

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

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June 17, 1973

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"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us
go into the house of the Lord"
Psa. 122:1

"Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from
the heavens: praise him in the heights"
Psa. 148:1

GOD'S LOVE

God's love is the golden theme
That winds its way through His word.
It brings blessings to the redeemed;
Those that obey our precious Lord.

God's love melts the heart of stone;
Will turn the darkness into day.
Along our path His flowers are strewn,
And with His love, He lights the way.

God's love brought His Immanuel
Down to the world of sin and shame,
That nations on the earth, who dwell,
May be saved through his name.

God's love brings everlasting life
To every creature of the flesh
For those who will accept the Christ,
And live a life of righteousness.

God's love is the eternal thread
That binds our hearts to Him above.
Some day His love will raise the dead,
And take us to His home of love.

-J.E. Luttrell via Gospel Light-

"A river is powerful because many drops
of water have learned the secret of cooper-
ation"

Many good works can be done through co-
operation that could not be done individually.
Let's continue to work together for Christ's
cause.

"He Took the Whole Box?"

One time a salesman stopped at a business
place and offered a sample bar of candy to each
employee. One employee when the box came to him
(not knowing what others had done) took the whole
box!

He wasn't dumb; he recognized something good
when he saw it! Now if we could just get people
to accept the gospel of Christ in the same way,
wouldn't it be wonderful.

There is an old saying, that is very fitting
here, "If a little bit will do you a little bit of
good, then a whole lot will do you a whole lot of
good."

My Friend, if you have never got beyond the
sampling stage of Christianity, then why not
accept the whole lot? You will never get done
enjoying it. Pleasures of sin are only for a
season, but a home in heaven is everlasting. Those
people who go all the way and accept and obey
Christ fully are not dumb. They know a good thing
when they see it. How about you?

-RRP-

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL --- 1973

Last week was a good week for the church in La-
grange. Our VBS was well attended (110, 120, 121, 115
and 115) and many parents attended the final program
on Friday evening. The bus which was secured from So.
Side congregation, Ft. Wayne added an incentive for
youngsters to attend as well as providing some adver-
tizing for the church here. We want to express our
thanks to the So. Side congregation for the loan of
the bus. Also we commend the teachers for their time
and efforts that made this VBS the best yet. We look
forward to building upon the foundation that was laid
in the lives of many who attended.