

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would all the teachers who are teaching classes for the summer quarter as well as the teachers who taught during VBS last month, please meet in the south classroom #7 at 6 o'clock this evening.

The latest issue of Bible Teachers magazine is in and a hurried review indicates that it is the best one yet. All teachers, be sure to get a copy.

This next Wednesday evening at 7, there will be a business meeting for the men in classroom #7. A review of the work as well as discussion of plans will be made. All the men urged to come.

There is to be a singing at Garrett this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everyone invited.

We hear that Larry and Vicki are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Teresa Lynn (? - spelling may be incorrect) born 4 a.m. Sat. Both Larry and Vicki doing fine! We're happy with them.

Several repairs etc. need to be done around the building. If anyone wants to volunteer his services please see bro. Dean or Devon.

A 5 month old son of Richard and Judy Christiansen died last Thursday in Elkhart. The mother Judy is a member of the church. We ask the congregation to pray for this family ---- The Herrons.

The visitation groups will meet Monday evening at 7 at the church building.

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July 8, 1973

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"Go to now, ye that say, to day or to morrow
we will go into such a city, and continue
there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:
Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow.
For what is your life? It is even a vapour,
that appeareth for a little time, and then
vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If
the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or
that.
(James 4:13-15)

THE MARK ON THE FOREHEAD

Two brothers, convicted of stealing sheep, were branded on the forehead with the letters "S.T." meaning "Sheep Thief". One of the boys, unable to bear the stigma, tried to bury himself in a foreign land. But men asked about the strange letters, so he kept on wandering aimlessly and, at last, full of bitterness, died and was buried far away.

The other brother said to himself, "I cannot run away from the fact that I stole sheep. I'll stay here and win back the respect of my neighbors, and myself." As the years passed he built a reputation for integrity. One day a stranger saw the old man with the letters on his forehead. He asked a native what they signified.

"It happened a great while ago," said the villager. "I've forgotten the particulars, but I think the letters are an abbreviation for saint."

It is easy to see from this story that the way to conquer one's problems is not to run away. If we could learn to "cast our cares upon the Lord" (I Peter 5:7), we could easily overcome the mistakes we make and the difficulties of life.

(Author Unknown)

CHRISTIANITY

This old world can never be evangelized by Christians who compromise. The cross of Christ was not entwined with flowers. Those who carry that cross will feel its shape, angles and corners. Hooks baited with a soft gospel adapted to the natural senses, tastes and desires of man will never catch that type of souls of which martyrs are made. Christ is not offering pillows of ease, but calling for pillars of power.

--Selected

Answer to last weeks puzzle:Jonah 1:17 - a great fish

SPIRITUAL MATURITY

While driving through an Ohio city recently, I was struck with a scene that is duplicated in hundreds of American communities. An older man with a sign in his hand stood at a corner and halted all traffic while a smaller youngster scampered across the street to school.

I thought about this old man. Probably his vision was not as sharp as that of the youngster who depended upon him for guidance. I reasoned that perhaps his hearing was not as sensitive as that of the youngster whom he directed safely across the street, and yet we believe that it is right to have these older people guiding these youngsters in this way. The reason that these people are thus employed is not because of keener vision or more sensitive hearing, but because of their maturity. Their decisions are wiser.

And, so it is with reference to the conduct of the Lord's work. Those who are older, may not have the energy characteristic of younger people, but they have that which is absolutely vital--spiritual maturity. Because of their wisdom they are placed in positions of leadership. We are reminded of the statement in Heb. "But solid food is for fullgrown men, even those why by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil!" (Heb. 5:14) -Don Gardner

FALLING TOWARD THE LIGHT

Since the tree grows toward the sunlight, the center of gravity is naturally developed on that side. So when it falls-- and all trees must fall--it falls toward the light.

If your heart is turned toward God--if he is the focus of your attention--you need not fear the future. When you fall by reason of death, you will fall toward God, the Father of lights. (James 1:17)

--Selected.

SOME THINGS ALL CHRISTIANS CAN DO WITHOUT
BEING TOLD OR ASKED:

1. Send a card to the sick, lonely, or bereaved.
2. Visit the sick, lonely, or shut-ins
3. Visit new members - Have them into your homes.
4. Visit the absentees and encourage them.
5. Worship regularly with the saints and be on time for services.
6. Contribute regularly with the saints toward the reverence of the assembly.
7. Read and study your Bible and pray every day.
8. Distribute good literature.
9. Use your car to bring others to services.
10. Take flowers to the sick, shut-ins.
11. Teach cottage Bible classes or arrange them in your home.
12. Be friendly and greet visitors to the services.
13. Develop hospitality among one another.
14. Give as you have been prospered.
15. Use your telephone in contacting and encouraging others.
16. Take food to the sick, needy and bereaved.
17. Live Godly lives in peace and love.

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July 15, 1973

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"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and
where thieves do ^{not} break through and steal: for
where your treasure is, there will be your
heart also."

Matt. 6:20,21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We appreciate the visitors to our services and invite you to come worship with us anytime you can. Our regular services are listed on the front of the bulletin. If there are special requests or studies which you would like, please ask us.

A gospel meeting is scheduled for Angola August 12-17 with brother Jerry Sullins of East Allen Co. congregation preaching. Also the Angola congregation is having a VBS Aug. 6-10 from 6:30 to 8:30 ea. Eve. If we could support these programs they would appreciate our attendance. A newsletter from bro. Stan Day is on the bulletin board.

We are happy that bro. & sis. Fred Cox could be here for awhile and we wish them a safe return as they leave us. Our gospel meeting with Blaine Cook was arranged by the Cox's for Oct. this year.

Little Jill Pieratt is in the Lagrange hospital with possible pneumonia. Goldey Pulley also was in the hospital but released Friday. Remember these as well as the shut-ins in your prayers and cheer them up with visits whenever you can.

We are sorry to announce the passing away of sis. Mildred Enterline this week. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family at this time.

The visitation groups will meet Monday at 7 p.m. Come and be a part of this work and also enjoy the fellowship and refreshments afterward.

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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

July 22, 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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"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. "

Matt. 16:24,25

"Give and it will be given to you...
for the measure you give will be the
measure you get back!" Luke 6:38

THE "LIBERAL" GIVER

Who is a liberal giver? Usually, one who gives at least ten per cent of his net income is classified by the brethren as a "liberal giver". One who goes beyond this by a small margin is said to be a "sacrificial giver". The one who excels this by a substantial margin is counted a "prime prospect" by promotion artists and fund raisers.

The Bible teaches that one is to give as he has been prospered and allows latitude to the Christian's conscience in setting a figure, most wage earners figure their giving on "take-home pay", but some are not content to stop here. Where are they able to see that God has prospered them beyond the pay check they bring home?

According to a University of Michigan research center study, published in the May, 1970 issue of Nation's Business, the non-money income of the average American family is worth and estimated \$4,000 a year. This was mostly figured on the value of housework and other "do-it-yourself" activities; also the rental worth of owned homes and transportation provided by the family car.

It may well be that some of our "sacrificially giving" brethren had figured this out already.

God bless "liberal givers!".

--John Simpson
Selected Articles #1

A CHARITY CASE

Some think God is a charity case
Which is common of the human race.
Yet, in Him we live and move and have our being,
As He to all our needs is seeing.

They think that he is a charity case,
Much like the beggar, commonplace.
So they stoop to do God a favour,
Not knowing they are the owner.

Yes, some think God is a charity case
And so they choose a place
To give an alms or two,
And thus assume they're through.

Some think God is a charity case,
But never stop to trace
That all blessings come from God above,
Who bestows freely through His love,

Yes, some think God is a charity case,
So they never show their face
To praise and thank His holy name,
Neither turn they from sin and shame.

God really knows the charity case
As He identifies us in our sinful place.
That is the reason He loved and gave His Son
To try and redeem us, every one.

Truly, man is the charity case,
If we allow God His rightful place.
The most we can return to God is but small
Compared to God, who gives us all.

Robert R. Page
via Huntington Bulletin

When people hear the gospel, believe it, repent of their sins, confess Christ and be baptized, the Lord forgives their sins (Mk. 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:10; Rom. 6:3,4; Acts 22:16) and adds them to His church (Acts 2:47; Eph. 1:22,23; Eph. 5:23). These "new creatures" are called Christians (Acts 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:16). In all of their work and worship, they are guided by the word of the Lord as revealed in the New Testament (III Tim. 3:16,17).

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At the worship hour this evening brother Dick Hostetler will be bringing a lesson for us. He was scheduled last Sunday evening but was ill, so we interchanged the fourth and fifth Sunday evening services and had a singing service last Sunday. We would like to have other men agree to giving a talk for each fourth Sunday evening services. Let brother Devon know if you will.

We would like for everyone to get an outline of the series of lessons on "Discipline" which brother Herron has been giving on Sunday morning. If there are questions or further discussion needed by anyone, please feel free to see the elders or brother Herron.

The last two weeks of camp begins today - the Intermediate session - with several of our young people attending. We encourage our members to appreciate the spiritual, social, mental and physical development of young people through planned Bible instruction and Christian environment, and support the youth camp and its needs. Have you purchased a membership for the current year?

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July 29, 1973

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" I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins".

Jn. 8:24

A YEAR OF TOMORROWS

"Come no, you who say, today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trad and get gain." James 4:13

Time was valuable to first century Christians. Through anxiety they erred in human judgment while planning for future days and events. We make similar mistakes in planning ahead and also need the counsel of brother James. Planning for the future is wholesome and Scriptural, but may be right or wrong--depending upon methods and motives.

1. PRESUMPTIOUS PLANNING. This is confidence in a future from which God is excluded. With no recognition of Divine Providence we assume that tomorrow, next week, and next year are all ours without reservation. This is wrong.
2. SACRILEGE IN PLANNING." Tomorrow was created for and belongs to God. "Sacrilege" is the crime of stealing and sdesecrating that which is sacred. One may commit this crime by: (1) Pledging in good faith but neglecting to fulfill it; (2) planning without seeking the Lord's guidance and providence; or (3) planning for selfish purposes.
3. SCRIPTURAL PLANNING. God's will is to be considered in all matters. "If the Lord will, we shall both live, and do this or that" --James 4:15. "If God will"--Acts 18:21. "If the Lord will" -- I Cor. 4:19. "If the Lord permit" --I Cor. 16:7.
4. PLANNING WITH PURPOSE. The Christian goes into partnership with God and allows Him to direct the way into every tomorrow. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:6.

--John Simpson

LOVE IS THE DIFFERENCE

Where obedience is viewed as a duty, sore,
Only that and nothing more;
It falters and stalls and looks for excuse
And wonders why, and what's the use?

Where obedience is only a duty, lonely,
And based on that motive only,
The fruit of such a life is meager,
Because it makes not the doer eager.

But where love is the impelling drive,
Very strong, active and alive;
It takes up duty's task with joy
And the best of time and talent doth employ.

It looks not for excuse, but the best way to do
And stays until the task is through.
It gladly serves with a friendly smile;
And freely goes the second mile.

Love then seeks to do all the Lord's will,
And eagerly grasps every opportunity until
God takes that soul home to rest,
There to be in heaven, there to be forever blest.

--R. R. Page

--Huntington Bulletin

YOU CAN BE A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT EVER JOINING A DENOMINATION

Do you know that you can be a Christian, a member of the church of the Lord, forgiven of your sins, and assured of the promise of eternal life - all without ever joining any denomination, being bound by any human creed, or submitting to any final human authority in religion? Not only can you be, the Lord wants you to be!

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Remember those who are confined to hospitals and home because of illness, or injury.

Margaret Tuttle- LaGrange County Hospital

Goldie Pulley - Home in Howe.

Zoa Herr - Nursing home on South Detroit St.

Millard Hughes - Home in Valentine

James Lee - at his Home on westler Lake

The Hoggatt family enjoyed working the full week at camp Indogan, as teachers, counselors, and cook. We appreciate their desire to do this work, so our young people may grow spiritually, socially, mentally and physically. Next week Brother and Sister Herron will be working with our young people at Camp Indogan.

Steuben County Church of Christ vacation Bible School will start Aug. 6-10, 6:30 to *8:30 p. m. each evening. Several teachers from the LaGrange congregation will help teach during this wee.

August 12-17, 7:30 p. m. Gospel tent meeting at the Steuben County Church of Christ. J. R. Sullins will be speaking.

May the congregation continue to pray for the ones that responded to the gospel this past week. Sis. Sue Hostetler on Sunday evening and Br. Richard Hostetler on Thursday evening. Pray that they may be strengthened to do the Lord's work.

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August 5, 1973

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"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

Proverbs 3: 5,6,7.

"He that beleveth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:38, ASV

L I V I N G W A T E R S

F L O W

The Christian himself should become a center and abounding source of spiritual influence and blessings to others. The Lord taught that his disciples were to be a radiating influence to the world and instruments for the glorification of God. The scriptural citation above presents the well-rounded personality of the Lord's disciple; showing that he is to be:

1. FULL OF FAITH. Acknowledging Christ as Savior and trusting Him for salvation. Faith is the means that brings him to Christ and is live and active

2. PRODUCTIVE. It is the nature of Christian character to be an ever-flowing fountain of "living water". This is the natural flow of his love and good works.

3. CONCERNED ABOUT OTHERS. No man can truly become a disciple of Christ who does not desire that others should also.

4. EVANGELISTIC. His desire is large and liberal--he desires the salvation of the whole world and seeks to fulfill the Great Commission.

5. EXUBERANT. Those who are Christians will diffuse large, liberal, and constant blessings upon their fellow-men.

"And you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not"

Isaiah 58:11, RSV

John Simpson

THE SOUL OF A CHILD

The soul of a child is the loveliest flower
That grows in the garden of God.
It climbs from weakness to knowledge and power
To the sky from the clay and the clod.

To beauty and sweetness it grows under care
Neglected 'tis ragged and wild;
Tis a plant that is tender and wonderously fair
The sweet wistful soul of a child.

Be tender, O Gardener, and give it its share
Of moisture, of warmth, and of light;
And let it not lack for painstaking care
To protect it from frost and blight.

A glad day shall come when its bloom shall unfold.
It will seem that an angel has smiled,
Reflecting a beauty and sweetness untold
In the sensitive soul of a child.

In the breast of a bulb is a promise of spring;
In the little blue egg is a bird that will
sing;
In the soul of the seed is the hope of the sod;
In the soul of a child is the kingdom of God.

Author unknown.

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"It is impossible to pitch for the devil and at the same time bat for God."

"A preacher is expected to be prepared to preach a funeral at any time; but how some of us do object when he tries to prepare us for our own funerals."

--Sel.

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The Gospel Meeting which begins at Angola today with brother Jerry Sullins of East Allen Co., Fort Wayne, preaching, will continue throughout the week at 7:30 each evening. Angola isn't very far. Let's turn out in support of their meeting as many nights as we can. The church meets at 613 n. Williams St.

Some of our members were involved with the Vacation Bible School at Angola this past week. Mary Ann Wade, Jessie Pieratt, Lois Oakley, Norm and Marilyn Herron are to be commended for their help. Also Norm and Marilyn both worked at camp this past week; Norm as a teacher, Marilyn as a craft teacher and counsellor.

The Herrons will be leaving on a well deserved vacation tomorrow for Colorado. They will be gone over one Sunday, but hope to be back with us again on Sunday, Aug. 26. We wish them a happy and safe vacation. Seems but a short time just one year ago when they started working with us and we have come to love and appreciate them very much. We pray the Lord's blessings on them always.

The cook's at camp would like to thank all the ladies for the cookies that were made and taken to camp. Another note about camp: Craig Hostetler was runner-up to Star Camper. Congratulations!

Much visitation work needs to be done among the congregation as well as visitors. If anyone can arrange to do some of this, please see the elders. Our visitation night helps, but doesn't get the job done.

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August 12, 1973

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"But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he is that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

Titus 3:9,10,11

"LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP...."

A boy is not going to enjoy swimming just by watching other boys swim. Nor is he going to enjoy swimming by going to the water and putting his foot in it for an instant. In fact, he won't get the real pleasure of swimming just by wading in the shallow water. He has to plunge in and swim, in order to really enjoy it.

Some of us have never brought ourselves to fully plunge into wholehearted Christianity. We may be "Sunday morning Christians" or "Church-roll Christians" but we do not know the joy in being wholly dedicated Christians. We need to get into the deep water and swim.

Most of us become Christians with enthusiasm. We had great plans and expectations, but, somehow we just never seemed to get really started in this new life.

But deep within us, lying latent, is that first love. It needs to be re-kindled. Like the church at Ephesus (Revelation 2:4-5), we need to hear Jesus as He says, "You have left your first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen."

Try it and see! In the language of modern advertisers: "Make the sixty-day-test." For two months attend every worship and Bible class offered by this congregation. Really take part. Study your Bible at home each day. Have a devotional service. Begin to invite people to the services of the church. Visit shut-ins. Visit the sick. Begin to speak of the church as "we" instead of "they". Give more devotedly; commune more sincerely; sing more wholeheartedly. Sit near the front of the class or worship group. Speak to the visitors cordially. Be friendly with the members. Try to learn more of their names and more about each one. In short, pitch in and really be a Christian for two months - see what you have been missing.

--Selected.

JUST LIKE HIS DAD

"Well, what are you going to be my boy?
When you have reached manhood's years;
A Doctor, a lawyer, or an actor great,
Moving throngs to laughter and tears?"
But he shook his head as he gave reply,
In a serious way he said:
"I don't think I'd care to be any
Of them. I want to be like my dad."

He wants to be like his dad, you men,
Did you ever think as you pause,
That the boy who watches your every
Move, is building a set of laws?
He's holding a life you're the model
For, and whether good or bad,
Depends on the kind of example set
To the boy who'd be like his dad.

Would you have him go everywhere
You go? have him do just the things you do,
And see everything your eyes behold
And woo all the gods you woo?
When you see the worship that shines
In the eyes of your lovable little lad,
Could you rest content, if he gets
His wishes and grows to be like his dad?

It's a job that none but yourself
Can fill; it's a charge you must answer for;
It's a duty to show him the road to
Tread ere he reaches his manhood's door.
It's a debt you owe for the greatest
Joy on this old earth to be had;
This pleasure of having a boy to train
Who wants to be like his dad.

--Selected

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"The hardest thing in the garden of life is dig-
ging up the root of evil."
--Sel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several of our members are away this week end. The Herron family are visiting friends in Colorado, who were in Norway the same time they were in mission work..... The Devon Hostetler family are visiting the Paces in Wisconsin today. They plan to return Thursday and then take Paula to Searcy, Ark, next week end for her enrollment at Harding College.... The Perry Millers are in Nashville, Tenn. where they attended Marcella's graduation at David Lipscomb College.... Kent Hoggatt will be leaving for Michigan Christian College -- this time as a recruitment representative for the college.... The Dean Hoggatts will be accompanying Kathy this week to Ocilla, Ga. where she will be teaching.... Sue Hostetler will also be leaving for MCC for her second year there. There may be others also who will be traveling before school starts. To all these, we urge you to take the Lord with you, Fail not to attend services regularly, drive safely and enjoy the many wonderful things God has provided for his own.

On Friday, a beautiful Christian life was ended for Maxine Hoggatt, wife of Charles Hoggatt, Dean's brother. She is now at rest after several weeks of sickness and hospitalization. The funeral services will be conducted Monday afternoon at 1:30 at the Donmoyer Ave. church building in So. Bend. She will be greatly missed by the many who knew her, but the influence of her works will continue to live on. Such departing of loved ones in this life only enhances the vision of an eternal city where there will be no parting, no tears, no death. We extend our deepest sympathy to Charles as he continues on alone, but rejoice in the hope that again, someday, on that eternal shore that we all can be united again. God be thanked that he promises this unspeakable gift.

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ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR
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UP TIGHT ABOUT ANYTHING?

Who you ~~are~~? What you're doing? Where you're going?

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There's one book with all the answers - the Bible. Sure, it's been around for awhile - but your problems aren't that new either.

- Want to do your own thing? Read Gal. 5:13-26
6:1-10; Col. 3:12-17
- No purpose to the daily drag? Eccl. 3: 1-15
- The future uncertain? Rom. 8:31-39
Mt. 6:25-24; Psa. 121
- You've done something wrong? Psa. 51; Rom. 5:18
Rom. 7:19-25
- Tempted? Jam. 1:2-6; Psa. 139
Eph. 6:10-18; Mt. 4
- Facing a crisis? Josh. 1:5-9
Deut. 31:6-8; Psa. 3
- Family Problems? Jn. 15:9-17
Eph. 6:1-10
- Frustrated? Phil. 4:8-13
- Been Hurt or Insulted? 1 Pet. 3: 8-17
1 Cor. 13
- In. Love? Song of Sol. 2:10-13
8:6,7; 1 Jn. 4; Gen. 24
- In doubt about God? Acts 17:22-28
Jer. 29:11-13
- Wonder how you rate with God? Rom. 8:28-30
Jn. 14:16-31
- Want to know God's will? Mic. 6:6-8; Ljn. 4
Mt. 7:7-12; Psal 19
- Worried about money? Mt. 6:19-34; 1 Tim. 6:6-12; 2 Cor. 9:6-11
- Lonely and Afraid ? Psa. 23; Jn. 14:15-18
Isa. 40:18-31
- Discouraged? Psa. 42.43.130
- Want to be a Leader? 2 Pet. 1:5-8
2 Tim. 2:14, 15, 22-26
Mt. 25:14-30; Jam. 1:17
- Choosing a Career?

announcements continued--

Today we are happy to have a visiting speaker who will be taking brother Norm's place while he is gone. Brother and sister Bob Lindman from Elkhart will be here for both morning and evening services. We are happy to have them and glad that we can come to know those whose desire is to dedicate their services to the Lord. Bob has hopes to attend the school of Personal Evangelism in South Bend (Donmoyer Ave.) in the fall. We appreciate their coming and studying God's book together, with us.

Judy Crubaugh responded to the invitation last Thursday evening and confessed she had not held high the light of Christianity as she should, and asked for the prayers of the church. There are a multitude of temptations which can beset our young people in this day and age, and it calls for more understanding, more love, more teaching, faithful example, than perhaps anytime in the past. Our responsibility to each other in the Christian walk is ever great. Take care!

Sister Mary Schroak is still in the Lagrange hospital and appreciates the visits and concern of fellow Christians. Also John Herr (Zoa's son) is still in the St. Joe hospital. Pray for their recovery to health and remember them in your visiting.

This Monday evening at 7 is the regular visitation night. Would you come and make a couple of calls? Individual responsibility cannot be transferred. If this time doesn't suit, pick another time, but don't let a week go by that you haven't spoken to someone about the Lord.

To the many college students, teachers, etc. who will be leaving, we wish you the very best of the Lord's blessings and may each day find you more deeply entrenched in glorious work, for the master.

A Lost opportunity never finds its way back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was a busy week for many of our members, but now that vacations are over, college students have returned, school is starting again for our children, the hustle bustle of the summer season will give way to a more ordered week to week routine for the fall, which will soon be upon us. We ought to look with anticipation to the Lord's work and the part that we individually are privileged to have. Let us consider ourselves as God's "instruments" to be used (as brother Bob Lindman pointed out last Sunday) in the hands of the great physician, Jesus Christ. The Lord, through Paul, put it this way, "But we have this treasure (grace) in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." We can make great use of us if only

we will let Him.

Mary Johnson is improving slowly but will remain in the hospital for a few days more. John Herr returned home Tuesday and is doing well.

Events coming up:

- * Singing at Lagrange Sept. 9 for tri-state area at 3 in the afternoon.
- * Gospel meeting here with brother Blaine Cook on Oct 22-30.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

August 26, 1973

Schedule of Regular Services

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

Each week the Lord is giving us 168 hours (10,080 minutes). How much of this God given time are we using for our own selfishness? Think about it!

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THE HOLY BIBLE

This BOOK contains: - the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character.

Here, heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our God its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents

" For, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."

Psalm 119:89

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" Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Psa. 119:105

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A MODERN PARABLE

A certain man and his wife went to the house of God to worship him. As they entered through heavy doors they were impressed by the beauty of the light filtering in through stained glass windows. They were early and they sat in the quietness, meditating.

Then other people entered -- and others, and still others. A great crowd was assembling and the buzz of voices rose and increased until it rivaled the marketplace. "Surely," thought the man and his wife, "soon this noise will cease in the house of God."

The minister stood before the people and pleaded for quietness, reminding them that the hour of worship had come. All was silence and beauty for a moment. But two women had met in church that morning to compare notes on the week's doings. They sat behind the man and his wife and the buzz of their stage whispers was like a swarming of bees.

The women had many interests in common, and their visit continued unabated during the hymns and prayer. Then, as the congregation prepared to remember the Lord and his table, the man could restrain himself no longer. On a small piece of paper he wrote, "If you must whisper, whisper a prayer to God!" This he handed to one of the women behind him. There was a slight, muffled sound -- then silence. Blessed silence, that lasted through the remainder of the morning.

Now what do you think? Did the man do wrong to help the women remember the reason for coming together in the house of the Lord?

Children look at adults for examples in attitude and conduct. If they are exposed to continued instances of irreverence and thoughtlessness during worship, how are they going to learn how they "ought to behave in the household of God"?

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"The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him." Hab. 2:20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have another opportunity to sing for and visit with the patients at the two nursing homes this evening. Meet at the Lagrange Nursing Home at 6 and the Miller Merry Manor home at 6:30.

We received word from sister June Gieseke that her mother obeyed the gospel on the 21st of August. She wanted to share her joy over this and wanted the church here to know. There is an added joy to having our closest loved ones obey the Lord and we share with June this happy news. The Hoggatts visited with the Gieseke's on that very day and met a mighty sweet lady - June's mother.

We would like for the men to meet for a few minutes following evening services to report their thoughts on the matter introduced Thur. evening.

Bro. John Clayton of South Bend, Donmoyer Ave. congregation will be again lecturing on the "Does God Exist" theme at Defiance, Ohio on Sept. 7 & 8. If you didn't get to hear him previously, you can plan.

Remember our gospel meeting beginning Oct. 22. We are anxious to meet bro. Cook who was recommended to us by the Cox's.

A young singing group composed of Bill Oakley (announcer) Craig Hostetler, Verna Thomas, Dee Tuttle and Kim Herron will be going to Toledo to sing at a youth program next week end. We congratulate and encourage them in the efforts they give.

A **Shults-Lewis Children's Home Annual Open House** is set for this Saturday. See bulletin bd. for det.

The area tri-state singing is at Lagrange next Sun. afternoon at 3 o'clock. Let's represent Lagrange.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

SEPT. 2, 1978 EXHORTER

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" THE FRUIT OF THE
RIGHTEOUS IS A TREE OF LIFE
AND HE THAT WINNETH SOULS
IS WISE "

Prov. 11 :30

PARENTS - BE CAREFUL

A remark recently made by one of our Bible class teachers, prompts me to write concerning a problem that is too prevalent among parents today. This concerned teacher remarked, "there wasn't one person in my class that had prepared his lesson. They just hadn't studied". I wonder why they hadn't studied. Was it because the class could not read? No, it was an older group. Was it because all of them cared nothing about God and His word? No, there very presence shows that is not the case. Is it because they cannot understand the lessons? No, much more difficult material is learned at school. Is it because each child did not allow the time necessary for study? Partly true. Is it because the parents are failing to supervise their children in bringing them up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"? Exactly! There are many contributory excuses that produces a child who could have studied his lessons but didn't, but the prevailing reason, and the very one that stands head and shoulders above all the others is that we have failed to guide our children as we should. Make no mistake about it parents, the buck stops here !!

Children are children. They have neither judgment nor experience to guide their own ways. God gave children parents to do this. The apostle Paul expressed their judgment and understanding this way, in 1 Cor. 13:11, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; But when I became a man, I put away childish things". We can only expect children to act according to their thoughts and understanding. We learn that they want to do those things that we do not want them to do, and see no sense in doing those things that we would want them to. To let them do this in view of the consequences to come, is not doing them right.

Parents, do your plans for your home include spiritual matters? God has given us the great work of molding each child into his likeness. It is a tragedy not to do so. As much as we love and enjoy our children, and provide for them abundantly for the here and now, it would be better if the child would never have been born, than to grow up unprepared to meet God.

God's answer to preparedness is knowing and obeying truth. Jesus praying to his father as recorded in Jn. 17:17 said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth". Time and instruction given to implant the word in our children should be given top priority. See that they are prepared at every Bible class and cooperate with the teachers in this job of teaching children.

D. H.

VISITATION -- Due to the Labor day holiday, personal workers will meet Tues. instead of Monday. There will be a short meeting prior to our going out to make visits, so we will be asking that all come at 6:30 p.m. With the summer vacations over, and the schools back in session, now is the opportune time to visit some of the many prospects that we have.

Sometimes we get discouraged, or tend to, when there aren't any visible results. But just remember, if we will be faithful in doing our part - planting and watering the seed, the Lord will be faithful in His, in giving the increase. 1 Cor 3:6,7

From the Herrons

This Sunday marks the end of our first year with the church in Lagrange. We feel it has been a very rich and rewarding year of labor. When preparing to leave Norway, we asked the Lord to direct us to a congregation that was interested in doing His work. We believe that He answered this prayer beyond our fondest hopes. We have appreciated serving under two fine elders and working with some of the finest Christians we have ever met. Thank you for making this year a happy and fruitful one.

Yours in Christ,

The Herrons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFTERNOON SING ...Lagrange is to be the host for the area singing at 3 this afternoon. There are approximately a dozen congregations that take their turn to host the singing, which means that we have it here about once a year. We hope that there will be several congregations represented and certainly we should have a good turnout from here to welcome them. We all have been given so much for which we can sing praises to God.

RESTORED ... Sister Lois Oakley asked for the prayers of the church as she confessed her shortcoming in her Christian walk. We need often to ~~ascend~~ ascend our personal lives and find strength to change those things not in keeping with God's way. Continue to pray for her and one another "to provoke unto love and good works". Heb. 10:24

CONGRATULATIONS ... to Joe and Kathy Hughes in the birth of a fine baby girl. Her name? Kathy Jo, of course. Both mother and daughter and father is fine.

CLASS INFORMATION SHEET ... handed out to the two adult and high school classes Thursday evening. Please hand these in to bro. Hoggatt by this eve.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS TO CHILDREN ... is to be this topic of discussion this Thur. evening in bro. Herron's class. Parents owe it to themselves and to their children to perform their God-given role, as leaders for the family. Consider!

Each member please take ACTION and each teacher please get your BIBLE TEACHER mag. They are in the vestibule.

Are you now making preparation for our gospel meeting beginning Oct. 22? Time slips up. Keep your visitation work going and sow the seed.

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L A G R A N G E

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

E X H O R T E R

Sept. 9, 1973

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
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" Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matt. 11:28-30

HOW TO MAKE WORSHIP MEANINGFUL

1. Always pray before you come to worship God.
2. Come ahead of time and spend a few minutes in quiet meditation.
3. Come to worship God. Remember that worship is not to amuse or entertain...but to honor God and Christ.
4. Come expecting to enjoy the service and to receive a blessing.
5. Enter enthusiastically into every part of the worship. Sing from the heart, pray, study, listen, give. Be a worshipper...not a spectator.
6. When worshipping, forget the faults of others there and think of your own imperfections. Confess your sins, and forget the sins of others.
7. Give the preacher a sympathetic hearing, and pray for his success and power in the Word. Do not allow anything to detract you from getting the lesson.
8. When the service is over, be warm and friendly to those about you. Notice the stranger, make him feel welcome. He came because his soul was hungry...encourage him.
9. When listening, remember it is God's Word you are listening to and listening for. It is manna to your soul...feast upon it.

--Selected

N. Central Church of Christ

"The child is not likely to find a Father in God unless he finds something of God in his father."

--Sel.

STOMACH . . . UNFAIR!!!

It occurred one day to the members of the body that they were doing all the work and the stomach was getting all the food. A meeting was called to discuss the matter, and after much talk it was decided to stop working until the stomach could be persuaded to do its share of the work.

For the next two days the hands refused to take food, the mouth declined to receive it, and the teeth had nothing to chew. But, to their surprise, the members of the body began to find that they themselves were suffering. Their movements became sluggish; the hands could not hold things, the mouth became parched, and the legs could not support the body.

And so it was that they discovered that even the stomach was, in its dull and quiet way, doing necessary work for the rest of the body and that unless all work together the whole body will go to pieces.

Let us all meditate and consider these thoughts in connection with us as a group of Christians all needing to work together in the Lord's kingdom. Remember--God first, Others second and ourselves last.

--Selected

THE PARABLE OF THE BLOWER

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This past Tuesday evening the Lord's grace was extended to Dave and Connie Weaver (husband and wife) as they obeyed the gospel through baptism and became children of God. We along with them are blessed people upon the face of the earth for God has granted to us "power to become the sons of God" Jn. 1:12. We welcome them into the fellowship and to our "first" work - that of sowing the seed of the kingdom, so that others too might come to know Jesus the Savior of the obedient. Connie is Martin Bills' sister. They have a two month old baby boy. We welcome them among us.

Brother Herron reports that Brice Eller wanted it to be known that he confesses wrong in his life, and that he has not lived as he knows a Christian should. He wants to be restored to full fellowship and asked for prayers of the church. We want to encourage him as he renews his life to give God first place in his life.

The ladies plan to meet this Wed. 9:30 a.m. to make tray favors. If any need rides call 463-3318.

Bro. Perry Miller invites the young people to a get-to-gether Fri. eve., (the 21st) at his house.

Group #1 meets Monday eve. at 7. A reshuffling of names puts the following in group 1: Devon Hostetler's, Perry Miller's, Larry Hicks' and Joe Hughes'. Others who have not been regular attenders to these meetings are invited to come anyway this Monday evening.

A skating party for the youth at the Roller Dome in Ft. Wayne is scheduled for Monday eve. Sept. 24.

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September 16, 1973

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Hebrews 10:25,26

THE SEED OF THE KINGDOM.

In explaining the meaning of the Parable of the sower, Jesus said, "The seed is the Word of God, (Luke 8:11).

There must be a sowing of seed in order for a harvest to be produced. The Word of God must be planted in the hearts of individuals if we are to have Christians today. The Holy Spirit convicts sinners through the preaching of the Word. On Pentacost, the Holy Spirit worked through the preaching of Peter and caused the people to be "pricked in their hearts" (Acts 2:37) and to ask what they should do for salvation. It is no wonder that the Bible gives great emphasis to the importance of the Word in conversion. For example, we read in I Peter 1:22, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." And James teaches us, "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).

Since the Word is the seed, we must be busy planting the seed. The church must never lose sight of the fact that its primary mission is to teach the Word of God. That is the reason why we should be interested in every effort to preach the gospel throughout the world.

It is our conviction that the seed of the Kingdom will produce the same harvest it produced in New Testament times. William Jennings Bryan once secured some grains of wheat which had been left in an Egyptian tomb for over 3000 years. He said, "As I looked at them, this thought came to me.: If one of these grains of wheat had been planted on the bank of the Nile the year after it grew and all of its literal descendants planted and replanted from that day until now, its progeny would be sufficient to feed the teeming millions of the earth today. If the invisible germ of life of the grain of wheat can pass unimpaired through 3000 resurrections, I shall not doubt that my soul has the power to clothe itself with a new body suited to its new existence when this earthly frame has crumbled into dust."

THOU ART NOT ALONE!

O child of God, wait patiently
When dark thy path may be,
And let thy faith lean trustingly
On Him who cares for thee.
Though the clouds hang drearily
Upon the brow of night,
Yet in the morning joy will come
And fill thy soul with light.

O child of God, He loveth thee,
And thou art all His own.
With gentle hand He leadeth thee
thou does not walk alone.
And though thou watchest wearily
The long and stormy night,
Yet in the morning joy will come
And fill thy soul with light.

O child of God, how peacefully
He calms thy fears to rest
And draws thee upward tenderly
Where dwell the pure and blest.
And He who bendeth silently
Above the gloom of night
Will take thee home where endless joy
Shall fill thy soul with light.

--Selected
Danville Reporter

Mr. Kryan expressed a beautiful thought concerning the resurrection, but the wheat which he found produced the same thing 3000 years ago which it produces today. Furthermore, the gospel of Christ which produced Christians 2000 years ago will produce only Christians today. Ours is a plea whtt men and women obey that simple gospel and be just simply undenominational Christians.

--Selected
Paulding Bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- .. Keep in mind our gospel meeting Oct. 22-30.
- .. Visitation Group #2 meets Monday eve. at 7. The new grouping (among those who have been coming) is Joe Oakley's, Fred Oakley's, Jerry Hicks', Mary Wade and Dean Hoggatt. Others who would like to come, please do so. You are needed.
- .. Ladies Tray Favors meeting Wed. 9:30 a.m.
- .. Bro. Carl Pieratt informs about immediate needs for food items for a family. Would you rally to the need today? Bread, milk, cereal, canned meats, fresh vegetables as well as canned foods can be used. Please bring one of these items by this evening if you care to contribute.
- .. Please inform the elders about your work to restore bro. Everett Graybill, by next Sunday.
- .. Youth Activities:
 - ... Skating at Roller Dome Monday eve. at 6:30.
 - ... Youth Rally Oct. 5&6 at Camp Indogan.
 - ... Work Party around the building Sat. Sept. 29th. See Bill Oakley for details.
- .. Our thanks to Joe Oakley for replacing old broken glass in the windows in the church building. Also thanks to Harold Eller for the log stops in the parking lot and for cutting up tree south of the church building.
- .. Kathy Hughes has been in Parkview hospital, Ft. Wayne this week but hopes to return home today.
- .. Mary Schrock reentered the LaGrange hospital yesterday with infection in her leg. Let's visit these and others confined, when we can.
- .. Charles Hoggatt, Dean's brother from So. Bend, passed away Tuesday this week, just one month and a day following the death of his wife Maxine On Aug. 17. They are now resting from their many years of labor in the Lord's kingdom but their influence for good continues to live on. We thank God for inspiration from these two lives.

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

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September 23, 1973

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HOME-KEEPING MOTHERS

There are some scene's oft-witnessed which excite pity and concern. A child comes home from school and calls, "Mother!...Mother?..." No answer. Or of greater import, the little girl does not call for mother, for she knows by now that mother won't be home. More touching yet is the lad who more readily identifies another woman as mother than his own parent. For the other person has shown more love and invested more time in his actual care than has his mother.

This scene is clearly familiar in our generation. And it daily becomes more a part of the lives of those professing reverence for the Word of God. Yet He who created us, planned for family living and desires our good and our happiness, has ordained "that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the home give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully." (I Tim. 5:14) He further commands, "the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, KEEPERS AT HOME, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus. 2:4-5).

There are occasions when the mother must secure the bread by her own industry. Sickness or death may occasion such need. Yet in our affluent society this is not ordinarily the motive which prompts the forsaking of the home. It is the love of things, the desire for more, the love of money. And a distaste for the noble art of home-keeping (oft sneered at by the "in" crowd), also plays a part with some. "I just work so as to give my children what they need." Sound familiar? Children can live w/out wall-to-wall carpeting, their own telephone, or a Honda. But can they live without the constancy of true motherhood? Or do they just grow up?

Some Christians stood talking recently of some young people who grew up without a mother or a home. The brief conversation ended when one inquired, "Has it occurred to you that in these cases the mothers had little to do with the training and welfare of these young men now in trouble?"

THE TIME OF TEMPTATION

Selected

We are told that the devil roams the earth (Job 1:7) as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (I Peter 5:8), and that he is powerful (Eph. 6:12) subtle (Gen. 3:1), and wise in the ways of men (Job 2:45) but not unbeatable.

He sends the time of temptation at a time when he lies will be effectual. It was after Jesus had fasted forty days and must have been very hungry, that Satan said, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." Jesus used the same weapon to defeat Satan that we have today: "It is written.. (Matt. 4).

When a Christian seeks the comforts of this life beyond his power to afford, and gets indebted to the users above his ability to pay, then Satan says, "Steal, rob, cheat, forsake the assembly to work, don't give..."

When a wife does not fulfill her duties as a wife, Satan points to the strange woman with the fluttering eyelashes and unholy skirts, and the man sometimes fails to realize that "her feet go down to death; he steps take hold on hell" (Prov. 5:5).

When the alcoholic turns from his way and becomes a babe in Christ, then fails to have the help and encouragement he needs, or fails to take it, then Satan says, "One drink won't hurt." "But at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Prov. 23:32).

When a preacher, teacher, or elder does his best, but without results or encouragement, then temptation comes.

Every Christian needs to realize that our labor is not in vain in the Lord (I Cor. 15:58) We need to put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:11-18) to worship every time the saints meet, to study and pray, both privately and in the assembly, to exhort, reprove, and rebuke (@Tim. 4:2) We shall reap if we faint not. (Gal. 6:9)

The mother who is not a "KEEPER AT HOME" need not be surprised if she is not able to keep her home, her husband, her children and herself from shame.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

.. All teachers, would you please meet in classroom #7 at 6 o'clock this evening for a meeting.

.. This evening at the regular worship hour we will be teaching one another through song. Each 5th Sunday eve. is reserved for this. If you have a particular song request, tell bro. Devon.

.. Wednesday evening at 7, the men are invited to meet in classroom #7 to review the work, progress and future plans of the Lord's work here. Many things are on the agenda. Please come.

.. A plea was made by brother Perry Miller in behalf of a brother Zeke Maynard, last Thursday eve. Brother Maynard was an evangelist in the Detroit area several years ago and is now located in Kentucky. He has distributed much clothing to needy families and requests our used (but good) clothing. Boxes are in the hallway to collect clothing if you would care to help out in this need.

.. Brother Carl Pieratt reminds us that our food supply is getting low for our benevolent work. As the one responsible in looking out for this work, he requests that canned meats, peas and instant potatoes (which will keep better) be brought by members until our supply is built up.

.. Visitation group #1 meets Mon. Eve. at 7.

.. Pot-Luck for groups 1&2 Mon. eve. Oct. 8. This meeting is to evaluate the present visitation program and make plans for our upcoming with Blane Cook. Anyone desiring personal work help, come.

.. An invitation from Mr. & Mrs. Millard Hughes is given to the church to come to Diane's wedding (to James Edward Martin) on Sat. Oct. 13 at 7p.m. Reception following ceremony at the building.

.. Work Day needed, by any willing to work. Could we plan on Sat. Oct. 13. At least in the morning?

.. Youth Rally - Come and get acquainted with other young people from the Tri-State area at Camp Indogan Oct. 5&6. There will be plenty of good con't on bottom of page #2

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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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"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

Hebrews 10:25,26

God Will Not Forgive The Unforgiving

How strange that Jesus taught us to leave the place of worship and set things right with our brother before ^{we} come back to offer our worship. The only petition in the Lord's model prayer for his disciples, which carried a condition was the plea for forgiveness; "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who sin against us."

Are you tempted to think there is no relation between your holding a bitter grudge and your love of God? The man who refuses to forgive another destroys the bridge between himself and heaven. The only person who reaches glory will be those who have forgiving spirits--those who forgive those who trespass against them. The unforgiving are doomed to be unforgiven.

Lord, help us see ourselves as others see us and forgive. Grant us the humility to give others the benefit of the doubt. Enable us to be gracious toward those who criticize us. Grant us the grace to be more than just-- Help us to follow our Lord in being merciful. When we are tempted to consider forgiveness as a sign of weakness, may we remember our Lord on the cross praying for those who killed him. When we are tempted to think our unforgiving spirit is a sign of strength, remind us of our weakness and of your strength which has saved us by grace through faith!

Ministers Monthly
M. Norvel Young

Announcements con'd.
food and Christian fellowship. The program will feature Wes Whitt from Pontiac, Mich. and entertainment from Mich. Christian College. Cost \$5.00. Registration begins 4p.m. Fri. Rally ends at 2 Sat. Bring overnight bedding and plan for a fellowship to be remembered.

Adult Bible Classes for Fall Quarter

A few weeks ago a questioner was given to the teenage, junior and senior adult classes asking their evaluation of the Bible classes over the past nine months. Of the number of sheets handed out, less than one half were returned, but of those returned, the following was indicated:

1. Regarding the study material: Most would prefer direct Bible study or a workbook as a guide.
2. Regarding the division by age of adult class: Most indicated a desire for a single class because of the problem of noise in auditor.
3. Regarding rotation of teachers quarterly: Most indicated a desire for the rotation plan.

It is our desire to promote the best Bible program that we can, one which answers your needs and serves you best.

There is a need for a basic fundamentals class which should be attended by those who have become members within the last year. Bro. Herron will be teaching this class, and will meet in classroom #7. This class will consist of those of various ages, because a person of any age can be a babe in Christ. We also would ask that the teenagers meet this quarter in brother Norm's class.

The two adult classes will be combined into one and will meet in the auditorium. A workbook of a question and answer nature which requires direct Bible study and application and thought questions over each lesson is being ordered. A study of 1st and 2nd. Cor. was chosen, as it deals with so many areas of need in the church today. We believe that this study will prove profitable. Bro. Hoggatt will teach the first quarter, with a rotation of teacher for the next quarter.