

ANNOUNCEMENTS

By next Sunday, we hope to have handout leaflets announcing our gospel meeting with brother Blaine Cook, Oct. 23 thru Oct. 31. Begin telling your friends about the meeting and support it with an invitation in printing in another week.

Other meetings in the area are:

Donmoyer Ave., So. Bend - Dale Smith, Oct. 14-17.
Kentucky Ave. Ft. Wayne - Bill Echols, Oct. 8-14.
Auburn - Dedication Services - Lucien Palmer,
Silvertone Quartette, Oct 28.

Singing at both Nursing Homes this evening:

Lagrange Nurs. Home at 6, Merry Manor at 6:30.

Pot Luck dinner and evening evaluation meeting for all personal workers and those interested. Dinner to be at 6:15, with meeting following. This meeting should be helpful in perfecting this work.

Sister Ellen Hostetler reports that the Ladies class will resume after our meeting, but individual assignments should be done before the meeting.

Would two or three volunteer to take the clothes in the back hallway over to Goshen this afternoon? Brother Maynard will be picking them up soon from Goshen.

The church is to be commended for their fine response regarding food and clothing. Also some food items from camp(left over) can be placed in food bank.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

October 7, 1973

Schedule of Regular Services

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

THE LAMB AND THE THORNBUSH

Timmy, a small boy of six, dearly loved his pet white lamb. Every free minute the boy and his pet would play and frolic in the fields. One day the lamb became entangled in a thorn bush. The more it struggled to free itself, the worse became its plight. It bleated mournfully until the child was at last able to free its wool from the thorns. The boy ran to his father, carrying the bleeding animal cuddled in his small arms. "Daddy," he begged, "Please cut down the wicked bush that caught my lamb."

The father inspected the pet, cleansed the wounds, and set the lamb free to play again. Then taking his son by the hand, he bade the child point out the bush. Just as the boy did, a small bird came and perched on the offending branch. The bird lifted its voice in song, seemingly serenading the father and child who listened enthralled. Then they watched as the bird gathered in its beak the tiny pieces of lamb's wool that were caught on the thorns and flew away.

"The thornbush caught the wool which will be used to warm the bird's nest," explained the father. "Do you still want me to cut down the wicked bush?"

"Oh, no," cried the child as new awareness lit up his face. "It's a good bush." And with that he ran off to play again.

Often we ask Our Father to remove obstacles from our path, only to discover--upon listening closely to Him--that what we need is not less hurdles, but more love and understanding of His Word.

--Selected

I WONDER

I used to think that the idea that monkeys had changed into men was absurd. I have always hooted at the idea that one specie could change into another. But having seen so many people become "night owls" on Saturday night, and "bedbugs" on Sunday morning I am beginning to wonder.

--Selected

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MAKE OUR MEETING A SUCCESS??

1. Pray for the meeting and the Preacher.
2. Talk about the meeting.
3. Concentrate on ONE person you want to lead to Christ.
4. Make all visitors feel at home when they come.
5. Resolve to attend every service yourself.
6. Bring someone with you.
7. Be on Time.
8. Sit down near the front.
9. Participate WHOLEHEARTEDLY in the worship.

--Selected

SELF DESTRUCTION

Once there was an eagle soaring high in the sky and as it flew, almost out of sight, it became unsteady and finally began to fall. It plunged to the earth in a pasture near two men. When the men went to the eagle, they found him shaking and trembling. In its claws was a rattlesnake.

The eagle had caught the reptile, soared into the sky and finally lost the battle when the snake bit it. Now, there it lay--holding onto the very thing that killed it.

So it is with many folk today. They have found something from which they hope to derive some pleasure; but like the eagle in the story, they are fighting a losing battle, and are holding onto the very thing that will mean their spiritual death.

How sad it is to think of a soul being lost simply because the person is too proud or too stubborn (or maybe just unaware of his plight) to free himself of the thing which is destroying him!

--Selected

The friendship that does not inspire you to be better and finer in every way is not worth the name.

--Selected

Announcements

- .. You may have a chance to attend one of the Gospel meetings in the area:
 - South Bend, Donmoyer Ave. Dale Smith speaker. Oct 14 thru 17, 7:30 ea. Eve.
 - Rochester, Ind. Larry Locke speaker. Oct. 14 thru 19, 7:30 ea. eve.
 - Paulding, Ohio. Terry McGiffin speaker. Oct. 21 thru 26, 7:30 ea. eve.
- .. but above all, plan to attend our Lagrange gospel meeting with bro. Blaine Cook of Winter Haven, Fla., Oct. 23 thru 31, 7:30 ea. eve.

In order to adequately advertize our coming meeting, the visitation groups which met last Monday evening decided to canvass the town with announcements and invitations. The spirit of co-operation was excellent. Any who was not at this meeting but would like to help in this work, see Joe Hughes.

The area singing is at Kendallville this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

We would like for all the members to take some meeting announcements and distribute them to their friends this week. 2500 are available to be used.

Other matters about our gospel meeting:

- .. Sunday carry in dinner following services on Oct 28
- .. Schedule to be placed on the bulletin board for members to sign for Blaine Cook meals.

All the ladies are asked to bring their Betty Crocker coupons and place them in an envelope on the bulletin board. They will be sent periodically to the Shults Lewis Children's Home at Valparaiso to purchase items that are needed at the home.

Michiagn Christian College lectureship is scheduled this week, Monday eve. through Thursday. If anyone here could arrange to go, we are sure that you would appreciate it very much.

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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

October 14, 1973

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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G O S P E L M E E T I N G

- Gather on time - be prompt
- Offer song books to visitors - be courteous
- Sing fervently - Be zealous
- Pray for this meeting - Be devout
- Encourage others to come - be sincere
- Listen carefully - Be attentive
- Make visitors welcome - be hospitable
- Every member attend - be present
- Enter quietly - be reverent
- Take a front seat - be co-operative
- Invite your neighbors - be friendly
- Mo 'off' nights - be steadfast
- Go after someone - be busy

ABSENCE IS A SYMPTOM

Fever is an easily discernible symptom of a disorder somewhere in the body. The primary problem may be hidden infection that would not otherwise be noticeable until it was in an advanced stage. The presence of fever, however, reveals that the infection exists. The fever is a symptom of an underlying cause.

This does not lesson the signifigance of fever. Hospitals check a patient's temperature every few hours because the temperature gives such insight into the condition of the body. Sometimes a patient is kept in the hospital several days after he feels

well because of a lingering fever. The fever indicates that "feeling well" can be deceptive and may not reflect a person's true condition.

Unnecessary absence from worship services is a fever-like symptom. It invariably is an indication of a more basic spiritual infection or disorder of some kind. The primary problem may be deeply hidden.

As a fever may possess a man who does not know what causes it, even so a man can neglect worship without being aware of the problems that cause him to do so. He can easily camouflage his lack of concern for worship by involvement in his work, his family, or some other interest, especially a worthwhile one. He is then better able to rationalize that his neglect of worship is reasonable behavior under his circumstances.

Although the church should be more interested in causes than symptoms, it cannot avoid the implications of continued absence from worship services. This would be like a parent ignoring a high fever in his child. The fever is only a symptom, but the primary cause may take the child's life if the fever is ignored.

- Wesley Reagan

Announcements con't.

Millard and Midge Hughes along with Diane and Jim Martin (married in the church building last evening) want to express their sincere thanks for the many gifts and expressions of kindness for them from all those of the church. In turn we want to congratulate Jim and Diane and wish for them a full and rich life together. May the Lord bless them abundantly and they in turn look to him for their strength and guidance.

Lois Henson, it is reported, broke her ankle this week and is confined to bed, at home. Let's remember her in our visits and prayers. Some of the ladies are offering their help to her in this time of need. See Jessie or Sharon Pieratt if you can help.

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** Much preparation has been made for our Gospel Meeting which begins Tuesday evening Oct. 23 and continues through Wednesday evening, Oct. 31. Brother Blaine Cook is scheduled to arrive Monday afternoon from Winter Haven, Fla. We are thankful to God that we can unite our efforts with others for the great work of saving souls. Our canvassing the town has already given us several interested seekers of the truth and we are sure that the meeting will add unto this list. We must pray fervently and work faithfully that these next few days will bring many souls into the Lord's kingdom. Brother Cook has indicated his willingness to be used in visitation work while here. If anyone knows or learns of someone who desires to study the Bible, please let the elders know, or brother Herron. For transportation needs call 463-3571.

** Would the teachers of our follow-up program please come at 6 o'clock for a meeting in classroom #7.

** Carry - in dinner is scheduled for next Sunday, following morning service.

** The new congregation in Auburn is scheduling a dedication service next Sunday afternoon at 2. Brother Lucien Palmer will be speaking. Also the Silvertone quartet from Clawson, Mich. will present the gospel in song. We are invited to come.

** Remember to take some meeting invitations with you to distribute to everyone you meet. Let's put them all to use. Get them in the vestibule.

** "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it". Psa. 118:24

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October 21, 1973

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* THE TIME IS HERE *

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* GOSPEL MEETING OCT. 23 - 31 *

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* BLAINE COOK, FROM WINTER *

* HAVEN, FLORIDA, SPEAKING *

* 7:30 EACH EVENING *

* "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the *

* Lord. Isaiah 1:18. *****

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE WILL POWER

Have you heard that in time past some of the fancy cars never made it to Pike's Peak without stalling, while some of the lesser models chugged all the way to the top?

Loss of power when it was most needed was the cause. Engines are measured by output of horsepower, searchlights by candle power and human beings by will power.

What is the greatest power, will, candle power, atomic power or hydrogen power? Think twice before you answer once. The greatest is will power.

The first person from outer space to walk upon the face of the earth as a human being was Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Jesus came down from heaven to do one specific thing, that was the will of God.

God's will for Christ was to live an absolute sinless life without so much as an evil thought, then Jesus was to bear the guilt of our sins and to die on the cross to pay the penalty for them and bring redemption for man.

Jesus did God's will and God raised him from the dead and around forty days later Christ ascended to heaven, having received all power in heaven and in earth.

God measures us, not in height, weight, color, beauty, money or fame, but in will power.

If man could combine all the hydro-electric, atomic and hydrogen power in one massive thrust, it would be as worthless as a wet match to get man one inch toward heaven.

If man really wants to get to heaven, he must will to do Christ's will and then man must maintain his own will and develop it to the maximum.

The difference between faithfulness in all things and unfaithfulness is largely will power.

That extra sleep, extra money, extra amusement, extra delay and a thousand and one other excuses and temptations tries the will power of man. To which shall man yield?

A LIFE RECIPE

Plenty of patience there ever must be;
Few faults, if any--in others to see;
An armful of helpfulness one must possess
Also a cheery and gracious address.
Knack to turn out smiles by the score
Willing to utter kind words O'er and O'er.
To bear others' burden as well as your own,
Ready to suffer for truth all alone.
Courage to give to the weak that you meet;
While others are fretful--just keep yourself sweet.
These directions if followed will banish strife,
And turn out the product--beautiful life.

--Selected

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A TRUE DISCIPLE

If you will follow Christ---

When public opinion opposes,
When the church and state are hostile,
When "high society" disapproves,
When your devotion brings sneers and jeers,
When your relatives frown;
When your fellow disciples turn back,
When it means a personal loss,
When you must follow alone,
THEN you are indeed HIS disciples.

--Selected

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WILL POWER --(Continued from page 2)

Sin is the down hill road that leads to hell where the "no-willers" and the "weak-willers" jostle each other in their downward descent.

But, if any man ever expects to make it to heaven's peak above, he must have that determined and unfaltering will that just won't quit. Have you got it?
R. R. Page

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Today begins the second half of our gospel meeting. Time passes quickly and not much time left in which to bring those who have not come who we have had a special interest in. The pure and simple gospel is being preached very effectively by brother Blaine Cook. We appreciate his kindness and humility in proclaiming the message of the cross. Surely no one could be offended as the truth is presented in love. The meeting will continue through Wednesday, so let us take every advantage of advertizing it to those we meet. Any one of the remaining messages contains the gospel which is God's power to save, so let us work even to the last night that the lost might hear. We also appreciate brother Cook's visitation work along with brother Herron's every day of the meeting.

Following morning services, we invite all the congregation to stay for the dinner in the south classroom. Those who didn't get to have brother Cook in their homes, could visit with him more at this time.

This afternoon at 2, the new Auburn congregation is having their dedication service with brother Lucien Palmer from Rochester, Michigan speaking. Brother Palmer is presently the chancellor of Michigan Christian College and is known well in this area because of his former work as the preacher for the Garrett congregation. Anyone caring to go will have to leave by approx. 1:15 in order to get there in time. We rejoice with the Auburn brethren over the beginning of this new work and pray that they will hold forth the truth to the people of that area.

The meeting will end on Wednesday evening but our regular Thursday evening Bible classes will resume this Thursday evening at 7:30.

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October 28, 1973

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Service	10:30 A. 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 Him and how much are we using for our own selfishness? Think about it!

Generous Love

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

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

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

Yet, it is true that man is an extremely heavy debtor to God and God is willing, not to go just half-way, but to go all the way in forgiving to those who will accept.

This extraordinary, liberal, generous, bountiful and munificent offer of love and grace on God's part was made possible by God having His beloved Son Jesus bear our sins on the cross, paying the penalty for them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AT DAY'S END

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through.
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?
Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,
That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said;
Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?
Did you waste the day, or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say,
"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today"?

--Selected

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Generous Love (cont. from page 2)

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

Do more than admit God's way is right; obey it, for the way to hell is paved with good intentions and a thousand excuses of man's invention.

--Selected R. R. Page
Huntington Bulletin

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Brother Devon Hostetler will be making out a schedule of men to assist at the Lord's table for each Sunday. This is to encourage the use of more men to take part in the worship services without so much duplication. Remember - Services this evening are at 7 o'clock.

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We have an opportunity this evening of bringing joy and encouragement to the elderly at the two nursing homes. They appreciate this very much. We invite all the church to join us at the La-grange nursing home at 6 and the Merry Manor nursing home at 6:30.

Next Lord's day the area singing will be at Columbia City at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. This is a new congregation at Columbia City and they would appreciate the encouragement if some of us could arrange to go.

Our gospel meeting with brother Blaine Cook was well attended with several visitors present. We appreciate the kind and forceful way that brother Cook presented the gospel. There were four responses: Larry Hicks and Betty Crubaugh confessed negligence and asked for the prayers of the church, and Jerry and Yvonne Hicks asked to be rebaptised having some questions as to their first baptism. We are confident that much seed was sown and that fruit will continue to come from the meeting.

Brother Miller announces that the next youth meeting will be Tues. Nov 13 at Joe Oakley's - 7 p.m.

The ladies will meet for Tray Favors on Wed., 9:30.

The gospel meeting furnished us with interested prospects for further Bible study. Let's all feel some responsibility for those out of Christ, and make personal work for the Lord part of your schedule. For those who want to do it with a team, meet with visitation group #1 Monday evening at 7.

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E X H O R T E R

November 4, 1973

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ARE OUR AFFECTIONS MISPLACED?

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Colossians 3:1,2

WILL ALL SQUARES PLEASE STAND UP

--Selected

"Square," another of the good old words, has gone the way of "love", "modesty," "patriotism," "honesty," and "virtue."

Something to be snickered over or outright laughed at.

Whatever happened to "square-shooter," a "square meal," or a "square deal". We all get a little fed up with the beatnik corrupting our time-honored vocabulary.

Today's "Square" is a guy who volunteers when he doesn't have to.

A square is a guy who doesn't want to stop at a bar and get all juiced up because he prefers to go to his own home, his own dinner table and his own bed.

This creep we call a "square" gets all choked up when he hears his children singing, "My Country, 'tis of thee..."

He even believes in God--and says so--in public!

A square is a guy who is likely to save some of his own money for a rainy day, rather than count on some of yours.

A square gets his books out of the library instead of the drugstore.

He tells his son it's more important to play fair than to win. Imagine!

A square is a guy who reads Scripture when nobody's watching, prays when nobody's listening.

He believes in honoring his father and mother and "do unto others" and that kind of stuff.

He thinks he knows more than his teen-ager knows about car freedom and curfew.

Will all gooney birds answering this description please stand up? You misfits in this brave new age, you dismally disorganized, improperly apologetic ghosts of the past, stand up!

Stand up and be counted!

You squares...who turn the wheels and dig the fields and move mountains and put rivets in our dreams.

You squares ...who dignify the human race.

You squares who hold the thankless world in place.

GOD'S AUTOGRAPH

I stood upon a hill one night
And saw the great Creator write
His autograph across the sky
In lightning strokes, and there was I
A witness to this great event
And signature magnificent!!

I stood one morning by a stream
When night was fading to a dream
The fields were fair as fields may be
At spring in golden mystery
Of dandelion-then God came on
And wrote His autograph in dawn.

One afternoon long years ago--
Where glacial tides had ebb and flow,
I found a cliff God's hand had smote;
I scanned its breast, whereon God wrote
With some great glacier for a pen
His signature for time and men.

One night I stood and watched the stars;
The Milky Way and ranging Mars,
Where God in letters tipped with fire
The tale of every tall desire
Had writ in rime and signed His name
A stellar signature of flame.

Creation's dawn was deep in night
When suddenly: "Let there be light!"
Created grass, and flower and tree;
The starry skies, the earth and sea;
Then, to complete creation's span
In His own Image, God made man,
And signed His name, with stroke most sure--
Man is God's greatest signature!

--Wm. L. Stidger--Selected

How are potatoes and corn like sinners? They have eyes that see not, and ears that hear not. --Sel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to announce that Brent Hines became a child of God Friday evening by obedience to the Lord's command in putting him on in baptism. Joyce, his wife, obeyed the gospel in July of this year, and we are glad to see this young family united in Christ. We wish for them the best of God's blessings as they serve him faithfully. They have one 2 year old girl, Lisa.

The area singing is at 3 o'clock this afternoon and is scheduled at Columbia City, corner of Chauncey and Jefferson St. This is a new congregation and would appreciate the attendance from area congregations.

A youth meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday evening at Joe Oakley's home. Time, 7 o'clock.

There are three publications which came this week: The Bible Teacher magazine for our teachers. The Personal Evangelism magazine for visitation teams. The Action publication for all. Please get your copies in the vestibule.

Would the follow-up teachers (those who met three wks. ago) please plan to meet again at 6 o'clock this evening for further planning of the follow-up program.

Visitation group #2 meets Monday eve. at 7 o'clock. The names of both groups (those who have been coming) are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. If others would like to come, we would like to have you. Just add your name to one of the two groups and let brother Joe Hughes know for proper scheduling.

Women's Corner

Many of the women were busy this week zig-zagging bibs for LaGrange Nursing Home. (con't. page 3)

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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November 11, 1973

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ONE WAY TRIP

We only make a one way trip, that's final for us all,
And no one gains a second chance to either rise or fall.
We never can return again to right the wrongs we've done
Or add a kindly word we missed when life has just begun.
So every hour should hold our best for none can we recall
We only make a one way trip, that's final for us all.

I WAS RIGHT - HE WAS WRONG!

I recently finished an eight session Driver Improvement course which was developed by the National Safety Council. The course not only familiarizes the motor vehicle driver with existing laws concerning the operation of motor vehicles but also stresses among other points two major factors of safe driving. (1) Defensive Driving and (2) concerning traffic accidents - Preventable or Not? Every motor vehicle driver to be a potential safe driver, should not only know the rules (laws) of the road but also should practice the two points mentioned above. Fewer accidents and more pleasureable driving will ensue if all operators of motor vehicles observed the foregoing.

The Christian's life will be enjoyable and more influential and successful if every Christian would consider the following: (1) Know the Word of God. Know the rules (laws of Christian living and service. (2) Practice Defensive Christian Living. That is, look ahead, anticipate problems and conditions that are to be met and may be met. Prepare for these situations that when they come success may be realized. (3) Ask, Could the problems, situation or condition have been prevented? If so, how? In most instances, church problems, problems between Christians could be prevented.

Right is right and wrong is wrong. Truth is truth and error is error. The motor vehicle driver may have the right of way but if he takes it an accident may take place injuring not only another driver but himself as well. A Christian may be with-in scripture as he deals with situations. He may insist in some instances that certain procedures be followed but this insistence may become a wedge in Christian fellowship and good will not only between others but to himself as well. Insisting on our rights is not always wise, profitable and safe.

--Selected
Paul Himes
Brookston, Bulletin

A Little selfish

One old man, a fine Christian, was noted for his giving to the Lord. From his modest means, he gave liberally, and so cheerfully that he was approached and asked why he enjoyed giving so much. His answer: "Yes, I know I give more than I can afford. I know I'm depriving myself of the luxuries of life and many of the necessities. But, you see, I'm just a little selfish. I know life here on earth is, at best, not too enjoyable, and if it were, I could not enjoy my money too long. So I'm sending all I can on ahead where I'll be able to enjoy it a long time. I'M investing my money in the future. And just think, I'm having all the pleasure of seeing it work for the Lord here, so I'm really getting double for my money--more than anyone else. You see, most men lose their money when they die, but I'M MAKING MY MONEY REALLY MINE."
--SEL.

Con't. announcements

The church purchased material for 34. If anyone was missed who wants to make a bib, there is always need for more. Get instructions from Merilyn or Thelma.

It's a new season for our Women's class starting Wed. night at 7:30. We encourage, especially, women who work to come for class even though you cannot attend work sessions during the day. We will have this class twice each month, second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Fathers are asked to plan their schedules so that they can make the most of this evening with their children.

Several small items are needed in the church kitchen, so it was decided to have a "shower" for our kitchen, nursery and baptismal rooms. Dish towels and dish-washing cloths, a knife suitable for cutting wedding cakes, serving spoon for kitchen; pampers and kleenex for nursery, towels for baptismal rooms are suggested. Not necessary to be new items if you have extras of some things at home you would like to give. Bring these to class Wed. evening.

Get a study book for the class from room #7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

.. It was learned this week that brother Jerry Sullins, preacher at East Allen County, Ft. Wayne was in an accident. A call Monday evening determined that he was home then but might have to be returned to the hospital again. Let's remember brother Jerry in our prayers. We might mention also that the Eller twins has Scarlet fever which now must run its course. Hope all the family can be back with us soon.

.. Brother and sister Carl and Jessie Pieratt will be leaving this week for the winter in Missouri and Arizona. We'll miss them while they are gone and look forward to their being back in the spring.

.. A youth meeting scheduled at 6 o'clock this evening is being planned at Kendallville. Special speakers are planned and refreshments following the services..... Another youth announcement. Skating at the Roller Dome Ft. Wayne, Monday eve. at 6:30. Young people who care to go to these, please see brother Perry Miller.

.. A letter on the bulletin board from brother Stan Day expresses the church's appreciation for the support being given by the church here to the work in Angola. Please read it.

.. The Ladies will meet for tray favors Wed. at 9:30 a.m.

.. Visit Group #1 meets this Monday evening at 7 p.m.

.. A letter from Gary Johnson is also on the bulletin board. The church here helped them in the Portugal work.

.. The financial report for Oct. is on bulletin board.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

November 18, 1973

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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If I had the patience of Job the wisdom of Solomon the meekness of Moses the strength of Samson the faith of Abraham the tears of Jerimiah the devotion of David the voice of Elijah the courage of Daniel the greatness of John the Baptist the zeal of Peter the love and endurance of Paul

I WOULD STILL MEED THE SALVATION THAT IS TO
BE FOUND ONLY IN
JESUS CHRIST

We have all been horrified at events in which "civilized" people have stood by and watched as innocent victims of deranged perverts have been beaten, stabbed and raped. We have wondered how such could possibly happen in our enlightened world--yet we might ask ourselves if we are much different from those who stand and look on without lifting a finger to help the one in need. The world is being dragged into the mire, being pulled lower and lower in filth and sin as "clergymen" tell the world "God is dead" and others tell us to throw off all restraint and accept the "new morality"--and many "good" people refuse to take a stand for Christ and His Word.

We don't have to march in the devil's army and openly shout defiance in the face of God. "Good" people--either lukewarm, indifferent Christians, or those who simply refuse to accept and obey Christ, are guilty when they stand on the sidelines and watch the innocent victims, perhaps our own children, being taken by the false and evil forces of this world. We must take a stand!

We just cannot watch our children grow up and ourselves grow old without Christ. We must recognize that to stand by the sidelines is to encourage others also, especially those we are closest to, to be indifferent to spiritual matters. So really if we don't take a stand with Christ, if we don't fight for Him, we fight against Him--and in reality, against the things He died to give us, such as love, honesty, kindness, justice, hope and salvation.

Think seriously about this. The devil would like nothing better than to have death find us on the sidelines, sorry--perhaps even horrified at what is happening, but doing nothing about it. Don't forget, the one you listen to and whose instructions you will follow is the one who will pay your wages. "His servants ye are, to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness," Rom: 6:17. D. Smith,

We should never let a friend go out of our lives if we can possibly help it. If slights are given, let them be overlooked. If misunderstandings arise, let them quickly be set aright. Friendship is too rare and sacred a treasure to be thrown away lightly.

And yet, many people are not careful to retain friends. Some lose them through inattention, failing to maintain those little amenities, courtesies, and kindnesses which cost so little--hooks of steel to grapple and hold our friends.

Some drop friends for new ones. Some take offense easily at imagined slights, and ruthlessly cut the most sacred ties. Some become impatient of little faults, and discard even truest friendships. Some are incapable of deep affection of permanence, and fly from bough to bough, to make no heart rest in any.

When we have once taken friends into our lives, we should cherish them as rarest jewels.

--Selected
Brookston Bulletin

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NOW IS THE ONLY TIME

Some time ago there passed away a man who was noted for a life of extraordinary usefulness. Many people were interested in knowing something of the motives which had impelled this person in his unselfish pursuit of opportunities for doing good. A clue was discovered when they found in one of his pockets the following poem, crumpled and underscored, and embroidered with marginal notes:--

"The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own,
Give, love, toil with a will,
Place no faith in tomorrow,
For the clock may then be still." --Sel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

.. Brother Herron has been asked to speak for a four night gospel meeting at East Allen County congregation in Ft. Wayne, beginning next Sunday and continuing through Wednesday evening, Dec. 2 - 5. Perhaps we can pool our cars and attend some for the meeting. Because Norm will be gone next Sunday, he will be speaking this evening (usually reserved for others on the 4th Sunday evening)

.. This Saturday evening at Defiance, Ohio the congregation is having their 3rd. annual singing concert, with the Melody Boys, Silvertones, and other singing groups participating. Time, 7 p.m. If anyone is interested in going see one of the elders. Further information is on bulletin bd.

.. Also, next Sunday afternoon at 2:30, the Melody Boys Quartet will be presenting a special program of spiritual songs. Everyone invited.

.. Visitation group #2 meets Monday evening at 7.

.. A letter from Aaron and Sandy Brovant is on the bulletin board. They would appreciate some here writing them. Their address is:
Star Route
Box 32A
Floral, Ark. 73534

.. Ladies class meets Wednesday this week, 7:30 p.m. Assignment, chapter 2 in books.

.. Many left town to be with their families over the Thanksgiving holidays. We'll miss them here but hope that they arrive home safely and can meet with us at the next services.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

November 25, 1973

Schedule of Regular Services

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

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Thanksgiving Day is past
Will your 'thanksgiving' end?
Or by your faithfulness
Will the 'season' last?
He is not a God of 'days'
But of Eternity!
Show it now, then forever
He wants your love and praise!

CROSS WORDS

The cross word never made a friend,
It never earned a cent,
It never made a house a home,
It never bought content.
It never made a poor man laugh,
Nor made a rich man grin;
It never caused an honest act,
Nor kept a soul from sin.

It never made a baby coo,
Nor made a sick child smile;
It never pleased the virtuous,
It never pleased the vile.
In fact, the cross word is about
The one thing on this earth
That we can get along without,
Because it has no worth.

-- Selected.

When the German army, during the Franco-Prussian War, was proceeding toward Paris, they passed through many villages. At one of these villages the inhabitants went out to resist their progress, armed only with crude weapons of various descriptions. An old woman came out with a crutch which she swung in the air.

"Go back. They'll think you're crazy," the villagers told her.

"I don't care what they think," said the woman, "As long as they know whose side I'm on."

We could do with some of that fearlessness in Christian living. Do all our relatives, friends, and neighbors know which side we're on?

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ALL IN THE WAY YOU LOOK AT IT

A number of times during my life as a preacher of God's word, I have heard of those who have stolen from the treasury of the Lord. In several cases it has been one whom I have counted as a friend, one whom I had considered as a child of God. When this person has been confronted with the evidence of his dishonesty and confessed his fault, I have been shocked. It is hard to believe, hard to realize; but it has been true, so I have had to accept it.

A few days ago, discussing such matters with fellow saint, the remark was made: "Well, it is all in the way you look at it. What about the one with a good income who is content to limit his giving to three or four or five percent of his income? Isn't he robbing God? What is the difference between taking it out of the plate after it has been put in by others and not putting it in the plate yourself, when you are well able?"

Stealing is stealing, or robbing is robbing, whether the money is taken out of the collection or withheld from the collection. The Holy Spirit calls it robbery to withhold. In one case we are shocked; in the other we take it as a matter of course. It is all in the way you look at it.

I WONDER HOW GOD LOOKS AT IT?

*****F.B. Shepherd

12 CASSETTS ON SERIES "DOES GOD EXIST"

There is now available brother John Clayton's material on the subject "Does God Exist" which he has put on cassette's. It follows rather closely the lectures which he presents at his workshops. Some of the topics are: Why I left Atheism, Design's Proof of God, Evolution's Proof of God, God Man and Caveman, The Problem of Human Suffering and others. Some of the young people have used it already, but is available for all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember the gospel meeting that brother Herron is preaching at the East Allen County congregation in Ft. Wayne. It begins today and continues through Wednesday evening at 7:30 ea. evening. If any would like to go that does not have a way please see one of the elders. We pray that brother Norm will be blessed abundantly for this most important work to the glory of God.

At 2:30 this afternoon, the Melody Boys from Farmersburg, Ind. will be presenting a special program of spiritual songs at the congregation in Kendallville. Everyone invited.

This evening at 6 o'clock, will be our regular sing at the LaGrange Nursing Home. Then at 6:30, at the Miller Merry Manor Nursing Home.

The Ladies will meet this Wednesday morning at 9:30 at the building for work projects. All the ladies of the congregation are invited.

An announcement from the Niles congregation informs of an "Adult Winter Banquet" to be held at a local restaurant next Sat. night, Dec 8. for any in the congregations who would like to come. This is quite a distance away, but if there are any who is interested, ask for more information.

Group #1 meets Monday evening at 7 o'clock, for personal work.

We appreciate brother Kent Hoggatt and brother Max Litke who will be speaking in brother Norm's place today at morning and evening worship.

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L A G R A N G E

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

December 2, 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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Since we are to be aware of the energy crisis and conserve fuel, electricity, etc., this suggestion was passed on to us through another bulletin. One way to "save" electricity is by turning off the lights and television set on Sunday night and Wednesday night, and coming to church. You might even "save" something more important than electricity by doing so -- like your souls maybe! Why not try it? Come and worship with us this week.

AN EXTRAORDINARY INVITATION

Most people appreciate an invitation, especially when it leads to something exceptionally good. There is a classic example of such spoken by Moses to his father-in-law Raguel. "We are journeying unto a place of which the Lord said, I will give it to you: come thou with us and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." Num. 10:29

We would like to adapt the above invitation to all today who are not following Jesus that they would accept Jesus and journey with us to heaven. For we are journeying to a home in heaven of which Jesus has said, "I go to prepare a place for you," come thou with us and we will do thee good: for our Lord Jesus has spoken well concerning His church.

Baptism puts one into the body of Christ. Of course it must be preceded by faith, repentance, and confession of Jesus Christ as the Son of God; without such, baptism would not be valid. If you have not been immersed in water for the remission of your sins, then why not do so and journey with us to heaven?

--Selected

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We today, often depend too much upon our own power; our own knowledge and intellect; our own devices and wisdom. Success in living the Christian life is attained by trusting in the Lord to the extent that whatever He says and commands, we do because of his grace being sufficient for us.

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Before you speak, listen. Before you write, think.
Before you spend, earn. Before you criticize, wait.
Before you retire, save. Before you die, give.

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What is the longest word in any language? Ans. The Word of God. It takes sixty six books to contain the whole.

WHAT CAN WORRYING DO?

Worry? Why Worry? What can worry do?
It never keeps a trouble from overtaking you.
It gives you indigestion, and wakeful hours at night,
And fills with gloom the day, however fair and bright,
It puts a frown upon the face, and sharpness in the tone

We're unfit to live with others, and unfit to live alone.

Worry? Why worry? What can worry do?

It never keeps a trouble from overtaking you.

Pray? Why Pray? What can praying do?
Prayer really changes things, arranges life anew,
It's good for your digestion, gives peaceful sleep at night,

And fills the grayest, gloomiest day with rays of glowing light.

It puts a smile upon your face, the love note in your tone,

Makes you fit to live with others, and fit to live alone.

Pray? Why pray? What can praying do?

It brings God down from heaven, to live and work with you.

--Selected

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'Taint what we have,

But what we give;

'Taint where we are,

But how we live;

'Taint what we do,

But how we do it;

That makes this life

Worth goin' through it.

--Selected--

ANNOUNCEMENTS

.. This afternoon at the Warsaw congregation, the monthly area sing is to be held. They have sent out announcements and invite all the congregations in the area to come and enjoy fellowship together.

.. The gospel meeting at East Allen County held by brother Herron last Sunday through Wed. was well attended. One responded. (One soul saved is worth more than the whole world). We appreciate the fine lessons by brothers Kent Hoggatt and Max Litke last Sunday in Norm's absence, and are glad to have Norm back with us again today.

.. We appreciate the cleaning work that brothers Jerry Hicks and Jeff Herron did on the baptistry. They plan to repaint the baptistry and the steps this week.

.. Several members were sick this week with the flu, cold etc. but we hope that all will be well soon and back to services again.

.. The latest report from the Pieratt's (Carl & Jess) is, they have left Missouri and are now in Arizona. We'll keep all informed when we hear from them, so we can keep in touch.

.. The Ladies study class meets Wednesday evening at 7:30. Lesson #3.

.. Group #2 meets Monday eve. at 7 for Per. Work.

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L A G R A N G E
C H U R C H
C H U R C H O F C H R I S T

EXHORTER

December 9, 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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~~Ph. 5:19 " .. making melody in your hearts to the Lord". All of us as individuals and as Christians should be making melody in our lives as we work together. The first scale learned by the beginner on the piano starts with C. No sharps, no flats, just a steady climb on the white keys - CDEFGAB and C again. Let's follow this simple scale as we try to make melody in our lives wherever we are.~~

C-stands for CHRISTIANITY; D-DEVOTION TO DUTY; E-ENTHUSIASM; F-FRIENDLINESS; G-GIVING; A-ATTITUDE; B-BIFOCAL VISION(FAR & NEAR); C-CHRISTIANITY.

THE BIBLE FIRST

Physiology shows us how inevitably the food on which one subsists determines the texture of his flesh. Can the daily newspaper, the light romance, and the secular magazine, build up the fiber and tissue of a true spiritual character? We are not putting any surly prohibition on these things; But when we think of the place which they hold in modern society, and with how many Christians they constitute the larger share of the daily reading, there is suggested a very serious theme for reflection. As the solemn necessity is laid upon the sinner of choosing between Christ and the world, so is the choice pressed between the Bible and literature--that is, the choice as to which shall hold supreme place.

--Selected

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TWO BEARS

In a village there lived an old couple who often had sharp quarrels. Everybody in town knew how much they quarrelled. Suddenly they quit quarrelling, and they were never heard to dispute after that. The townfolk wondered what made the change. Finally one brave woman asked. "Two bears did it." ... "Two bears?" ... "Yes, two new bears we found in the Bible. ... 'BEAR ye one another's burdens' (Gal. 6:2), and 'for BEARING one another in love!' Eph. 4:2

--Selected

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Keep under control the three T's--Thought, Tongue, and Temper--and you will be saved from many sorrows.

A NEW START

I will start anew this morning with a higher fairer creed;
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear;
I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;
I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze.
I will try to find contentment in the path that I must tread;
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.
I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;
I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own;
I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine;
I will cease to preach your duty, and be more concerned with mine.

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TEACHING

Before your child has come to seven,
Teach him well the way to heaven!
Better still the truth will thrive,
If he knows it when he's five!
Better yet if at your knee,
He learns it when he's only three!
Best of all is when you've begun
To teach him of Jesus before he's one!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Word was received Friday that sister Pearl Bozell passed away at the Friendship Nursing Home in Fairmount, Indiana. Her daughter, Crystal Sears, said that the funeral services would be held at the Rybolt Funeral Home in Swayzee, Indiana, possibly Monday, but she wasn't sure, immediately following her death Friday. If this information is learned by this evening we'll make the announcement.

A letter was received from Carl & Jesse and they were just about to enter Arizona on Dec. 10. They are fine and ask that we write them. Their address is: RR#2 Box 29A
Apache Junction, Arizona 85220
(Send in care of James Pieratt)

*RH#1 Box 1609
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The elders are working on a proposed budget for 1974. If any of the members have suggestions for the betterment of the work here, please feel free to talk with them. A meeting with all the men is being planned shortly after the 1st of the month.

We want to thank Ellen Hostetler for the fine job she did on making drapes to replace the brown ones in front of the baptistry. The new green ones goes nicely with the green carpeting.

Ricky Shears is in room 154 at the hospital here, with pneumonia, but feeling some better. He appreciates our visits. Remember to pray for him.

Ladies session Wed. morning at 9:30. Work includes tray favors and letter writing to various ones. All ladies invited to come.

Skating party Monday the 17th at the Roller Dome in Ft. Wayne.

There will be a fellowship dinner planned for the 30th of Dec. immediately following morning services. This date will allow our college students to be with us.
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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

December 16, 1973

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Daily living seemeth weary
To the one who never works
Duty always seemeth dreary
To the one who duty shirks
Only after hardest striving
Cometh sweet and perfect rest
Life is found to be worth living
To the one who does his best.

AMIDST THE BEAUTY

Amidst the beauty of mountain, river, flower and shrub
And the noise and excitement of the city's hubbub,
There lurks a stark tragedy of which all should beware,
A fate so horrible, yet many shall share.

The loss of a soul, it is hard to weigh.
To put it in words, it is hard to say.
It could be like a beautiful vase shattered to bits,
Or like a tree the lightning hits.

The soul is more precious than gold.
That in the Bible we plainly are told.
To gain the whole world would be nothing but loss,
For without salvation, nothing but cross.

The lost soul does not end at death's cold grip
As living soul from the body doth slip.
But it goes on to torment's way,
The first taste of the penalty to pay.

In endless agony there is only a pause;
It is at the bar of judgment to try the cause.
There the Almighty God passes His decree,
"Punishment in hell for eternity."

The soul is now at the end of the line,
And with countless souls will writhe and whine.
A more hopeless picture could not be painted.
To grasp its horror, we might have fainted.

All hope ends, when the soul in hell is cast,
Even when ten thousand years in agony have passed.
It's like locking the door and throwing away the key,
For punishment in the fire goes on eternally.

Yes, the loss of a soul, it is hard to weigh.
As to the remedy, I have but one thing to say,
If in this life, one does not Christ obey,
One then must forever in hell the penalty pay.

Robert R. Page--
Huntington Bulletin

A LITTLE SELFISH

One old man, a fine Christian, was noted for his giving to the Lord. From his modest means, he gave liberally, and so cheerfully that he was approached and asked why he enjoyed giving so much. His answer: "Yes I know I give more than I can afford. I know I'm depriving myself of the luxuries of life and many of the necessities. But, you see, I'm just a little selfish. I know life here on earth is, at best, not too enjoyable, and if it were, I could not enjoy my money too long. So I'm just investing my money in the future. I'm sending all I can on ahead where I'll be able to enjoy it a long time. And just think, I'm having all the pleasure of seeing it work for the Lord here, so I'm really getting double for my money--more than anyone else. You see, most men lose their money when they die; but I'm making my money really MINE."

--Selected

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I cannot do everything, but I can do something. I cannot repay God for the sacrifice He has made for me, but I can express my appreciation by trying to be found faithful. I cannot atone for all my sins, but I can accept the sacrifice made and do my best in faith and love to render an acceptable service. I cannot undo the mistakes made toward others, but I can confess them. I may never become great, but I can be too big to act little and cheap.

--Selected

Neither the authority of years, the weight of numbers, nor the intensity of sincerity can make a thing right if it is fundamentally wrong.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening brother Dick Hostetler will be speaking as a part of the fourth Sunday evening training of the men of the congregation.

Next Sunday evening being a fifth Sunday, we will have a singing along with scripture reading for the evening worship.

Next Sunday following morning services, we will have a pot luck dinner and enjoy as usual, fellowship with all the church as well as those who have been away to school.

The ladies will not plan to meet this Wednesday but will plan to meet the next Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 9:30 in the morning for tray favors and other projects.

The visitation group #2 also will not meet this Monday evening, it being Christmas eve and families having get-togethers.

A letter from Carl and Jesse Pieratt to the young people, is on the bulletin board.

Ricky Shears was released from the hospital on Friday and is getting along fine at home. He must be kept in until next Wednesday.

Anyone who cares to contribute to a memorial fund for Pearl Bozell, please give your gift to brother Devon. The amount collected will be sent to the Shults Lewis Children's Home in her memory.

This evening at 6:30, we would like to play a tape from the 5th and Highland Church who programs the Herald of Truth series. This tape is about 15 minutes long and could be heard by the church before the evening services.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

December 23, 1973

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Thursday Evening Bible Study	7:30 P. M.

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While You Slept Last Night ...

1318 Divorces were Granted
13785 Arrests were made
2895 of those Arrested were under 21
241 persons were Sentenced to Prison
2359 were Committed to Mental Institutions
62 Persons committed Suicide
28 were Murdered

A DISMAL PICTURE ISN'T IT?

Christ can change this picture. Will YOU help Him?

ARE YOU RICH?

They huddled inside the storm door -- two children in ragged out-grown coats.

"Any old papers, lady?"

I was busy. I wanted to say no--until I looked down at their feet. Thin little sandals sopped with sleet.

"Come in and I'll make you a cup of hot cocoa," I said. Their soggy sandals left marks upon the hearth-stone.

Cocoa and toast with jam to fortify against the chill outside. I went back to the kitchen and started again on my house-hold budget. The silence in the front room struck through to me. I looked in.

The girl held her empty cup in her hands, looking at it. The boy asked in a flat voice: "Lady---are you rich?"

"Am I rich? Mercy, no!" I looked at my shabby slip-covers.

The girl put her cup back in its saucer carefully. "Your cups match your saucers," she said. Her voice was old, with a hunger that was not of the stomach.

They left then, holding their bundles of papers against the wind. They hadn't said thank you. They didn't need to. They had said more than that. Plain blue pottery cups and saucers. But they matched.

I tasted the potatoes and stirred the gravy. Potatoes and brown gravy...a roof over our heads...my man with a steady job...these things matched, too.

I moved the chairs back from the fire and tidied the living room. The ruddy prints of small sandals were still wet on my hearth. I let them be.

"In everything give thanks" (I Thess. 5:18)

"Forget not all his benefits" (Psalms 103:2)

LOOSE TALK

"Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people." (Lev. 19:19)

"A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." (Prov. 11:13)

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".....he that repeateth a matter separateth chief friends." (Prov. 17:9)

"The words of a talebearer are as wounds....." (Pro. 18:8)

"if any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue,this man's religion is vain." (James 1:26)

I CAN'T GIVE AS I SHOULD

- In January because of Christmas Hills and taxes.
- In February because of fuel bills and car upkeep.
- In March because of income taxes.
- In April because of new spring clothes for Easter.
- In May because too much rain threatens crops.
- In June because too little rain threatens crops.
- In July because of vacation expenses.
- In August because of unexpected bells.
- In September because of school needs.
- In October because of new winter clothes.
- In November because of the Thanksgiving trip.
- In December because of Christmas buying.

This is a perpetual calendar; if it works for you this year it will work next.

TAKE TIME FOR GOD

Someone has said that in an average life of 70 years, the time would be used somewhat as follows:

- 3 years in education: 8 years in amusement:
- 6 years at the dinner table: 5 years in transportation:
- 4 years in conversation: 14 years in work: 3 years in reading: 24 years in sleeping: 3 years in convalescence

But how much time does a man give to God? If he went to a 45 minute religious service every Sunday and prayed five minutes every morning and evening, he would be giving five months to God out of 70 years!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many activities by families are the usual thing this time of year, and because of this, the visitation group which would meet this Monday night, will not meet. Also the men's business meeting will be planned for a week from Wednesday evening, Jan. 9... Devon & Ellen Hostetler invite any and all to their house for a New Years Eve get-to-gether Monday evening... At this point, may we the bulletin editors, wish all the church a very happy and profitable new year in the Lord's kingdom.

This evening, we will enjoy a song service at the regular worship hour. We have this every 5th Sunday eve.

We invite all the church to stay for the dinner and fellowship planned immediately following morning worship. We have enjoyed the college students being home over the holidays and wish for them a safe return.

Would the teachers for the new quarter plan to meet this evening at 6 o'clock for a teacher's meeting.

The ladies are planning to meet this Wednesday morning at 9:30 for tray favors and other work projects. (When the tray favors were delivered Dec. 24 at the hospital, the lady receiving them said, 'Thanks so much. These are the only ones that we have received for the patients'. The ladies plan to expand their work in 1974 to include many other good works. They invite all the ladies who can to come.

Bro. Gieseke has sent several bulletins from Central City, Ky. which indicates the good work that they and the church there are doing. We pray the Lord will continue to bless them and their efforts.

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December 30, 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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WE CAN DO MORE IN '74

It was good to see 103 present last Thursday evening for mid-week services. This was a record attendance for Thursday evening and strikes a clear note as to what can be done as we start a new year.

Attendance to the regular services of the church is a very simple but effective way of helping to keep oneself built up in the holy faith,

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GOD IS OUR MAKER

I seriously doubt whether most of us fully comprehend what is entailed in God being our maker. As is stated in Gen. 1:26, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness". He created man. And God placed within every living creature seed after its kind so that it could reproduce. He continues to create through reproduction. Even now the living, which enjoy the present breath and heartbeat are at the mercy of our maker. Psa. 104:29. Paul stated in Acts 17:25 "... he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things". Thus, God is also our sustainer.

In, Prov. 22:2 it says, "The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all".

If I would build a house (and had everything paid for) I would be its maker and own it. If you took it from me without purchasing it, you would be stealing it, and the laws would prosecute you.

Likewise, we have been made and we are bought with a price. I Cor. 6:19,20 "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's".

Isaiah explains this relationship to our maker. In Isa. 64:8, "But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand". Any clay that fails to mold or crumbles is useless to a potter, and is cast away.

We are not to resist the molding process. Isa 45:9 states, "Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker". Have we ever considered ourselves as clay in the hands of our Maker? to use us, and make us in His image? 1 Jn. 3:2 "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is".

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But aren't all of the Lord's ways simple? Someone has said, "the best things in life are free" and this is certainly true when it comes to the way of Christianity that the Lord has ordered. The apostle Paul declares, "that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, he lived his life. I Cor. 1:12. Even the simple preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness". I Cor. 1:18 but in it lies the power of God unto salvation. Rom. 1:16. What God has declared important is not to be taken lightly. Let's not underestimate the good that comes from meeting together with other Christians. When the Hebrew writer states "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together", Heb. 10:25, is in keeping with the simple way of God in building us up spiritually.

At the beginning of every year, we notice slogans for various things. One I think appropriate is, "We Can Do More in '74." I wonder how many of us truly share this sentiment? Are you really convinced that 1974 can be the greatest year in the history of the church here at Lagrange. I am convinced that we can do more for Christ in '74. Our first thought might be "money" Not so! Rather, it should be "work". The growth of the Lord's church in Lagrange depends not on money (it costs very little to teach the gospel to your neighbor) but upon the conviction that the lost in our area must obey the gospel to be saved. The church grows only as individuals grow spiritually. The church can do more only if individual members are willing to do more - more praying, more studying, more worshipping, more teaching, more loving. Are you willing?

During 1973 we lost some families but we also gained some. The records show 43 responses of which 12 were baptisms. Our attendance averaged 106 Sunday mornings, 74 Sunday evenings and 86 Thursday evenings. We are thankful for every soul that was won to Christ this year, but let's resolve to do more in '74.

Let me suggest some beginnings for a greater work in '74. Plan to attend every public assembly of the saints, Bible study as well as worship periods. Pray every day that God will help you do more for him. Make daily Bible study a part of your life. Resolve to lead at least one person to Christ in '74. May the Lord bless you abundantly in 1974.

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