

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, the elders would like to present the proposed budget for 1974. If after you have studied the budget figures and have questions, please feel free to talk with them about it. We can look forward to a great year in 1974 if every Christian puts the Kingdom of God first in his life.

Remember the singing at the Nursing Homes this eve. 6 o'clock, Lagrange Nurs. Home; 6:30, Merry Manor.

Martin Bills returned home from Parkview hospital last Wed. and is doing fine. His wrist will be in a cast for several weeks.... Millard Hughes continues to improve at home. Remember these in your prayers.... Also Linda (Eash) Marshall, just married New Year's Day, was admitted to the hospital on Wed. morning and operated on for appendicitis late Wed. night. She's now doing fine.... Visit these and other shut-ins when you can.

The Ladies class will meet this Wed. evening at 7:30 to study lesson #4 in the classbooks.

Visitation group #2 will meet this Monday at 7p.m.

Starting next Sunday evening at 6, we will begin a quarter's study for teachers, to help all of us in our teaching of classes. Books should arrive.

Men's business meeting this Wed. at 7 p.m.

Area singing next Sun. at Huntington at 3 p.m.

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## L A G R A N G E

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January 6, 1974

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### 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.
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### SENTENCE SERMONS

Water would taste much better if it were a sin to drink it ---- Yes, it would be wonderful if everybody behaved like he thinks the other fellow ought to.... A white lie soon gets tanned from exposure.... A grouch is a guy who has sized himself up and got sore about it.... Happiness comes when we stop wailing about the troubles we have and offer thanks for all the troubles we don't have.....

Even though we can't have all we want, we ought to be thankful we don't get all we deserve...

Sel.

## THE HOPE OF HEAVEN

Is it worthwhile to be a Christian? Does it really pay to be faithful to God? The Devil suggests that there are too many things to give up and whispers that living the Christian life is too difficult. However, God holds out the hope of heaven as a reward for faithful service. The following letter was received by a minister after he had announced that his sermon would be on heaven. It is truly encouraging. Clip it and read it often.

"Next Sunday you are to talk about heaven. I am interested in that land because I have clear title to a bit of property there, and have for over fifty-five years. I didn't buy it, it was given to me, by the landlord, for some work I've been doing for him."

"The landlord bought it for me at a tremendous price. I don't care to sell it. As a matter of fact, the title is nontransferable. It's not just a vacant lot. For more than a half century I have been sending materials out of which the greatest Architect and Builder of the universe has been building a home for me. It will never need remodeling or repairing for he has assured me that it will suit me perfectly, individually, and will never grow old."

"Termites can never undermine its foundations for they rest upon the Rock of Ages. Fire cannot destroy it. Floods cannot wash it away. I'll need no locks or bolts, for no vicious person can ever enter the land where my home stands. My home is almost complete now, almost ready for me to move in. There I can live in peace eternally. I have no fear of being rejected."

"There is a deep valley of shadows between the place where I now live and the place to which I am going. I cannot reach my home in that city, without passing through this deep valley. I am not afraid, because my best friend, my future landlord, went through this same valley long long ago. I have his promise in printed form that he will never leave me alone. He has stuck by me through thick-and-thin

since we became acquainted some fifty-five years ago. He will be with me as I walk through this dark valley, so I shall not lose my way."

"I hope to hear your sermon on HEAVEN next Sunday but you see, I'm not sure I shall. My ticket to that home in Heaven has no date marked for the journey. I'm not worried tho, you see, I've been ready to go for some time. I don't even have to pack a bag. I'd like to hear your talk Sunday, but if I'm not there, you'll know I've been called home. "

Author Unknown

## TRUE BEAUTY

The beauty in any task is our pride in doing it. Everything we do can be creative and filled with beauty, whether it's cooking a meal or composing a song! The artist can have pride in the finished product when love and joy and painstaking care have gone into it.

The medium in which we work is not the important thing. The attitude toward the task and the pride we have in our handiwork makes the difference.

## REASONS

I heard of a man who said he was going to decide the question of becoming a Christian in a reasonable way, and that he would write down on one piece of paper all the reasons why he ought to be a Christian and on another he would write all the reasons for not being one. He wrote many reasons for becoming a Christian but could think of no reasons for the other piece of paper.

--Selected

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors are welcome to all services.

Brother & Sister Carl Pieratt's address is : R. R. #1  
Box 1604, Space 3, Apache Junction, Arizona, 85220.  
They would appreciate receiving letters from us.  
They will leave Apache Junction February 1 for another  
location.

REMEMBER: Area singing at Huntington. 3:00 P. M.  
January 13, 1974

Teachers class Sunday Eve. 600 P. M.

Zone #1 meets Monday Eve. 7:00 P. M.

Ladies meeting Wednesday morning 9:30 A. M. All  
ladies are invited to attend.

Sherry Stevens, daughter of sister Rita Stevens is  
confined at home with the chicken pox.

George Curtis, a resident of the LaGrange Nursing Home,  
passed away, his funeral was Sat. Jan. 12, 2:00 P. M.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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January 13, 1974

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on, or have private study.

## TWELVE ARTICLES ON CHURCH ETIQUETTE

1. Come George Washington's minister said of him, "No company ever kept him from church."
2. Come early Rushing into services at the last minute is not conducive to true worship.
3. Come with your whole family. "The church service is not a convention that a family should merely send a delegate.
4. Come to the front. Leave the rear seats for those who may come late and for mothers with small children.
5. Come to worship God - not to whisper, lounge or sleep. The church building is not a place of amusement.
6. Come with consideration for others - don't make a haystack of yourself at the end of a row so that others have to crawl over to reach a seat.
7. Help strangers find and follow the service. If they have no book, share yours. Sing! Join in the worship - don't just sit!
8. Remember that visitors are guests of the church members. Treat them with the same courtesy you would show them in your own home.
9. Give a good offering. Freely have ye received, freely give!
10. Stay to speak and be spoken to. Don't rush for the door after the benediction as though the house were on fire.
11. Never stay away for the services because the church is not perfect. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.
12. Remember at all times that you are in the presence of God.

--Selected  
via Brookston Bulletin

## IT DOESN' BELONG TO YOU

A guest said recently, upon leaving my home, "I like to come here and talk with you. It is the only place I can say anything I want to knowing it won't go any further.

The compliment should have gone to my mother. One day when I was about eight, I was playing beside an open window while Mrs. Brown confided to my mother a serious problem concerning her son. When Mrs. Brown was gone, my mother, realizing that I had heard everything, said "If Mrs. Brown had left her purse here today, would we give it to anyone else?" "Of course no," I replied. Then mother continued: "Mrs. Brown left something far more precious to her than her pocketbook today. She left a story that could make many people unhappy. That story is not ours to give to anyone. It is still hers, even though she left it here. So, we shall not give it to anyone. Do you understand?"

I did. And I have understood ever since that a confidence or a bit of careless gossip which a friend has left at my house is his--not mine--to give to anyone.

--Selected

## CHURCH MEMBER BEATITUDES

1. Blessed is he who loves the church before his own business.
2. Blessed is he who invites people to church and comes along himself.
3. Blessed is he who can walk as fast to a religious service as to town.
4. Blessed is he who has prayer-meeting in his program.
5. Blessed are those who never gossip about the faults of the church but work to make it better.
6. Blessed is he who tries a little harder when all around say: It cannot be done."

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Notice the first page of the bulletin, requests for sermons or questions to be answered. If you would like some topic discussed, let it be known.

A new class on Thursday evenings for the adults taught by brother Herron is "Doctrines of Christianity". If you haven't been attending on Thursday evenings, now is an excellent time to start.

Remember the regular meetings of these groups:

Teacher's Training Class, Sunday at 6 p.m.

Visitation Group #2 Monday at 7 p.m.

Ladies Class Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. (Chap. 5)

There are still some months that have not been spoken for, for cleaning the building and preparing the communion. Check bulletin board for list.

A "Thank You" note was received from the LaGrange Nursing home for the tray favors the Ladies sent. Many other good works are being started by our ladies which can be done at home, if you cannot join them in their regular meetings. Ask them!

Sister Zoa Herr's new address is:

266 Ryason St.  
LaGrange, Ind. 46761

Larry Hicks, Jr. has had the Scarlatina and Sherry Stevens has had the Chicken-pox and also the flu. Lesly Hoggatt has also had a couple days of the flu. Mention these in our prayers.

The "Action" publication is here. Get your copy today before you leave.

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### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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January 20, 1974

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## SOMETHING WRONG

A critic of our times recently made this comment. "There is something wrong with a civilization and culture in which a man can write a dirty play or novel and be called an "artist", and a woman can rear a number of Christian boys and girls and be classified as an "unemployed housewife". Indeed there is something seriously wrong in our sense of values. The Christian evaluation of the home gives greater honor to the faithful wife and mother than to any sterile "Career" which might be offered her.

A visitor was admiring the beautiful marble statue of Lincoln in Washington, D. C. Someone said "Wouldn't you give anything to be the artist who created that masterpiece in art?" The visitor replied with keen discernment when she said, "I had much rather be the mother who created the man".

--Selected

## BIBLE ARITHMETIC

Heaven's arithmetic has some principles that seem paradoxical. One of them is contained in Christ's estimate of the widow's pennies. How can a copper cent be worth more than a gold eagle? His rule for getting rich is equally strange: "Sell and give, and thou shalt have treasure." Does it make the treasure less desirable that it is to be in heaven's bank? His get-rich-quick plan may seem strange, but it is practical. Getting comes of giving. We get mercy by showing mercy; we get forgiveness by forgiving; we get honor by yielding the place of honor to others; we become princes by making ourselves servants.

## DOUBLING ON THE TRAIL

Any organism that wishes to continue living must work--this is the law of God. If one eats less food his stomach begins to slowly shrink. If he does not use his muscles he will soon find they become useless. If he does not "think", his brain will lose much of its power to function. If an individual does not exert himself along many lines, he will expire.

On the other hand, normal use of the bodily organs increases their strength. The more problems we solve, the more capacity we have to solve problems. The more we think, the better we can think. The more responsibility we carry, the more self-reliance we acquire. The more decisions we make, the easier it becomes to decide.

All this is true of individuals, nations and CHURCHES! Thank God for His wisdom in arranging for us to "work out our salvation with fear and trembling."

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## HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

How many times have you left your job at the factory or the office dead tired and complained to some friend about your condition? "Oh, I'm too tired to make a call tonight," is the general complaint when the average church member is asked to visit someone to teach him the Way of Truth. Friend, what you are actually saying is that you enjoy sitting at home watching TV more than you love souls. Don't forget that psychologists tell us that fatigue vanishes when we engage in that which gives us pleasure. You rob yourself of pleasure and recuperation from fatigue when you refuse to do what a Christian enjoys doing. How much is your soul worth? Your brother's soul?

--Selected

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice to those receiving the bulletin by mail: If you want to continue receiving the Lagrange "Exhorter", please indicate by returning your address below (with any corrections) to Margaret Tuttle, RR#3, Howe, Ind. 46746. By this action, our addresses will be up-to-date and we'll be assured of your interest.

Next Sunday afternoon the "Silvertones", a quartet from Clawson, Mich. will be presenting a program of gospel singing at Auburn. ALL CONGREGATIONS INVITED.

This evening Huntington congregation is hosting a youth meeting, 6:30 to 9. Refreshments provided. They invite our youth to this meeting.

A letter from Elkhart congregation also invites all to a skating party at the Holiday Roller Rink this Tuesday evening. Time 6:30 to 9:30.

Brother & Sister Carl Fieratt's will be leaving Ariz. for Canton, Mo. this week. Any letters to them should be addressed to them, c/o Claude Sousley, R#1, Canton, Mo. 65020. They plan to be home, end of Feb.

A "thank you" note was received from Mrs. Glenden Sears for the memorial gift fund the church here sent to Shultz Lewis Children's Home for sis. Pearl Bozell.

Jerry Hicks Jr. is still confined at home with scarlatina. Jerry Holzer is suffering from pulled muscles in her back but is getting around slowly. Her father, John Warble, is much improved. Pray for the sick & visit.

Visitation group #1 meets Monday eve. at 7.

Ladies class meets Wed. 9:30 a.m. Tray favors & writing.

Lagrange Bloodmobile Tues. Feb. 12, Lutheran church.

Congratulations: Luella Oakley, Lakeland Kitchen Award.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### EXHORTER

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January 27, 1974

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## A CHALLENGE

WE DARE YOU TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE FOR ONE MONTH!!

1. Resolve not to miss a single service of the church unless hindered providentially. No excuses this time, but for a change make a few sacrifices for the Lord. Give up a few of those material things that we have been neglecting our duty to have.

2. Read and study your Bible every day, even if it means turning off the TV for a little while.

3. Try praying every time you have a problem or a decision to make. If you feel the slightest need, pray, and while you are at it try praying for your enemies, for those that you don't get along with too well anyway.

4. Make it your responsibility to bring at least one visitor to our services, preferably a family. Don't just invite them, make a date with them and go by and pick them up.

5. Take at least one night to go visiting people besides those ones that you know and like best. This time visit with someone that you do not know too well, perhaps someone that you feel a little "strained" towards. Get to know them and see what a difference it will make.

Yes, we dare you to follow this simple outline for just one month. If you will, you'll be surprised at its results, both in others and in yourself.

--Selected

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## SUPPOSE

Suppose you, as a church member, had to run for church membership each year and your re-election depended upon what you had done for the church during the past year, upon your attendance at all services, your contributions, your visiting the sick and new members, and your willingness to help at all times. Do you think you would be re-elected?? --Selected

## NOT WASTED

A young woman, who was a great lover of flowers, had set out a rare vine at the base of a stone wall. It grew vigorously, but it did not bloom. Day after day she cultivated it and watered it, and tried in every way to coax it into bloom. One morning, as she stood disappointedly before it, her invalid neighbor, whose back lot adjoined her own, called her over and said: "You can't imagine how much I have been enjoying the blooms of that vine you planted." The owner looked, and on the other side of the wall was a mass of blooms. The vine had crept through the crevices and flowered luxuriantly on the other side.

There is a lesson for every Christian here. So often we think our efforts are thrown away because we do not see their fruit.

--Selected

Huntington Bulletin

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## WHAT DO YOU SPILL???

If you were walking from the well carrying a bucket of water and someone jostled you, there could be spilled from the bucket only that which it contained.

As you walk along the way of life, people are constantly bumping into you. If your life is full of illnature, bad-temper, and ugly desposition, those things will be spilled from it. If it is full of Christian spirit, you will spill a smile or some pleasant remark. You can spill from your bucket only that which it contains.

--Selected

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal. 6:10



6. Most important of all: If they do something wrong, let them know its their behavior you dislike, not themselves. Remember, parents need to feel they are loved.  
--Selected  
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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Auburn congregation invites us to an afternoon program of gospel singing by the Silvertone quartette. Time 2:30 to 4:00. If you would like to go and want a ride, tell the elders.

Remember the singing at the Nursing homes this evening. Meet at the Lagrange Nursing Home at 6, and the Miller Merry Manor at 6:30.

We received a call from brother Earl Giesoke last Wednesday. They are all well, except June's mother was in the hospital as a result of a stroke. Her address would be Greenville Hospital, Rm. 144, Greenville, Ky. 42345. (Name, Lucille Hunter). Let us pray for her recovery. It is consoling to know that she obeyed the gospel last summer, if the Lord sees fit to call her home.

Keep these meetings in mind:

- Teachers class at 6 p.m., except 1st. Sun. of Mo.
- Visitation Group #2 meets Mon. eve. at 7.
- Ladies Class meets Wed. Even. this week at 7:30.

There is to be a Drug Abuse Meeting open to the public Mon. Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Max Slabaugh of the Goshen Public Schools will be speaking on this subject at the Lakeland High School.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXETER

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February 3, 1974

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It is awesome to read the severe rebuke of Jesus toward those who are only half-heartedly serving Him. He prefers open opposition to lukewarmness. Jesus must be everything to us if He is to be anything to us.

Six days a week, Christianity means almost nothing to some. On Sunday morning, however, they get up a little later than usual. They put on their best suit and enter the church building too late for Bible classes. They sing half-heartedly a few songs, partake of the Lord's supper with their minds wandering in the distance, and slip a small bill or two into the collection plate, then close their eyes while prayer is being offered, and turn toward the pulpit and endure a sermon. Hastening home, they eat the biggest meal of the week, and then lean back with a smile of satisfaction, thinking how very fortunate the Lord is to have them for his servants.

Jesus calls every such inactive, lukewarm, once-a-week church member a "wicked and slothful servant". In the judgment, He will say to all such, "I never knew you" He will no more accept that kind of service than He will accept an animal sacrifice, offered on any heathen altar to a god of wood or stone. To offer unto Him who emptied himself for us and gave up all of the glories of heaven to become our sin-offering, such empty and half-hearted service is an insult of the deepest dye!

Beloved, if this is what Christianity means to us, then surely we have been studying the wrong book. God would not even allow the Jews to bring him crippled and maimed sheep. He demanded a choice lamb, a male, one year old and without spot or blemish. He gave us His Son, incomparably the best and dearest offering of all! Can we be content to give Him less than our best?

Let us awake out of our spiritual lethargy before it is too late!

--Selected

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:58

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." Ps. 27:4

The psalmist expresses it so beautifully here his desire and his seeking to be in the house of the Lord.

Should we not have this same attitude today? And should we not pass it on to our children? They not only inherit our earthly possessions, they also inherit many of our attitudes. Going to church is a family affair; one that every family member can participate in to some degree.

We need to inculcate this desire to be in the house of the Lord in the minds and hearts of our children. And one good way to do it is to be an example to them in our own attendance.

Come, let us behold the beauty of the Lord, and worship Him together in His house!

#### HOW TO RAISE YOUR PARENTS:

Above we have pointed out some parental responsibilities toward children. Herewith are a series of tips for teenagers on how to get along with their parents:

1. Don't be afraid to speak their language. Try to use strange sounding phrases like "I'll help you with the dishes" and "yes"

2. Try to understand their music. Play Andy Williams' "Moon River" on the stereo until you accustomed to the sound.

3. Be patient with the underachiever. When you catch your dieting mom sneaking salted peanuts, don't show your disapproval. Tell her you like fat mothers.

4. Encourage your parents to talk about their problems. Try to keep in mind that to them things like earning a living and paying off the mortgage seem important.

5. Be tolerant of their appearance. When your dad gets a haircut, don't feel personally humiliated. Remember it's important to him to look like his peers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The area singing is to be in Bluffton this afternoon at 3 o'clock. If there is anyone who would like to go but does not have a way, let it be known.

A progress report was received this week from bro. Ben Sherfield in Panama. We'll try to make room in next week's bulletin for some of this letter as well as other reports from elsewhere, about the Lord's work.

The Christian Bible Teacher magazine for our teachers is in. Be sure to get your copy before leaving. Remember, teachers, the 6 o'clock meeting of your class this evening. Our study begins with chapter 3 in the book we have been using.

Visitation group #1 meets Monday eve. at 7. There are a number of studies now in progress with others, for which we are thankful. Please turn in the names of any who you know would want a study, or you feel ought to be called on for any reason.

Ladies meet Wed. morning at 9:30 for tray favors.

Some have been sick with the flu, colds etc. Jerry Hicks, Mary Shears and Anita Tuttle. We hope that they will recover and be with us soon.

It was learned that Sue Hostetler won the Homecoming Queen title at Michigan Christian College this week end. Congratulations, Sue.

The Bloodmobile will be in town Feb. 12 (Tues.) from 10 to 4 p.m., at the site of the Luth. church bldg.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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February 10, 1974

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## CHRISTIANITY ON THE AUCTION BLOCK

"Going once...going twice...SOLD!" This is the cry being heard up and down our land as individuals, and sometimes families offer their possessions to the highest bidder. Is not this same thing happening to the spiritual possessions of our brethren? Saints of God are trading and selling their blessings, opportunities, and promises to the world's highest bidder. Too many Christians are "selling out" to Satan.

Evidently, however, some do not value their faith too highly, for they will sell "rare" spiritual blessings for a few pennies. For instance, men, eager to be successful, will often times trade their faith for their jobs. Church attendance, worship, and fellowship are traded readily by many Christians for ballgames, longer sleeping hours, picnics, unexpected guests, or the lure of the river or lake. The virtue of our young men and women is sometimes sold for one reckless evening. Bible study is quickly traded for T. V. A single excuse is usually high bid for a congregation's failure to execute mission work or a building project. An effective teaching program is "traded" for the excuse, "We don't have the money" or "What's wrong with the one we have?"

Brethren, we must not sell out because Jesus has said, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matt.16:26

---Selected

Never put a question mark where God has put a period.

## WHAT THE WORK OF THE CHURCH IS

Paul tells us that the divine purpose of the church is to glorify God; it is not to be the means of glorifying men or illuminating some human scheme or human institution. The New Testament sets forth a three-fold responsibility for the church:

- a) Preaching to the lost. The church is the pillar and support of the truth (I Tim 3:15). The church was built that through it might be known God's wisdom. (Eph 3:10,11)
- b) Edifying the saints (Eph. 4:12-14).
- c) Helping needy saints (I Cor. 16:1-2; Rom. 15:26). I have yet to find Bible authority permitting the church to enter into other works than these.

THE LOCAL CONGREGATION IS THE ONLY UNIT OF ORGANIZATION THAT THE CHURCH HAS.

There are no arrangements made for any organization larger than the local church.

EACH LOCAL CONGREGATION IS AUTONOMOUS AND WORKS UNDER THE OVERSIGHT OF HER OWN ELDERS.

The only thing that these elders are over is "the flock which is among you." (I Peter 5:2). In New Testament times there was no combination of congregations into a "diocese." There was no extending of authority of one eldership over any other group of elders.

Autonomy consists of three important phases:

- a) INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION ---the local congregation. (I Cor. 1:2; Phil. 1:1).
- b) INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT---elders in each local church. (Acts 14:23; Tit 1:5).
- c) INDEPENDENT FUNCTION---there could be no other purpose for an independent organization and independent government than this. ---Selected

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcements begin, this week, on the first page. Please start there. We hope, next Sunday evening to meet following services for light refreshments and lay some plans for the use of the bus.

Earlier it was announced that Garden City was having bro. Toby Quin to speak on the bus evangelism ministry on Feb. 18. Some would like to go. We would have to leave by (travel time plus one hour difference in time) to make it. Would you like to go, too?

Bob and Betty Hicks were blessed with a 6 lb. baby boy Thursday. Momma, papa and Jason Michael are all doing fine. Congratulations Bob and Betty! Start him coming to church early. Is this what Prov. 22:6 says?

The Auburn congregation has invited us to attend their workshop with bro. Bob Danklefsen next Fri. eve., Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Notice bulletin board.

Sister June Gieseke expressed her appreciation for the "chain" letter which we sent. Her letter as well as one from Sandy Brovont is on bulletin board.

The elders have considered moving the Sunday evening services up to 6 o'clock. The later hour was originally set because of farmers' schedules, however now few, if any, would be benefited by the later hour. The 6 o'clock time seems to fit our needs better. Let us know what you think of this change?

A new Mental Health project in Lagrange is the ADOPT-A-PATIENT program to the nursing homes in the area. They would like to see that every patient has someone that is "special" to him/her - visitation, birthday remembrances etc. Money is not the need, but love is. If you would like to adopt a patient, let us know.

Ladies will meet Wed. evening at 7:30 for class.  
Visitation group 2 meets Monday evening.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### EXHORTER

February 17, 1974

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#### A New Ministry

This announcement is worthy of making the front page of our bulletin. The big yellow monster which you no doubt noticed parked in front of the church building (otherwise known as a bus) represents a purchase and a new ministry which the Lagrange congregation hopes to begin soon. Next Sunday evening following services, we will have a fellowship hour to review some plans for its use. It's going to be an exciting endeavor. May we dedicate ourselves to the sowing of the seed. The Lord promises the increase. I Cor. 3:5-7

## HOW TO HAVE A QUIET CHILD IN WORSHIP

It is most desirable for both adults and children to observe quietness in worship. Most children are naturally noisy, so they must be taught quietness. This is parental responsibility. Here we suggest some definite steps in teaching children to be quiet.

1. **TEACH YOUR CHILD OBEDIENCE.** This is a thing started at an early age. It must be done before worship. The home is the place to teach this. It must be a daily practice. No relaxation is in order with demand for obedience.

2. **TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHILD YOURSELF.** You are the parent. It is your responsibility. You are looked to for guidance and your child will more readily obey you before another. (Aunts, uncles, grandmothers, etc., should leave children to the parents).

3. **SET EXAMPLES OF QUIETNESS.** Not only at worship but at all times. Shouting encourages the child to shout back. If you talk during worship so will your child. Refusing to allow screaming and shouting at home will curtail such in worship.

4. **IF THE CHILD CONTINUES TO BE NOISY** in the auditorium, make use of the nursery (or another room where quiet may be restored) After quiet has been restored, return to the auditorium. Taking them out should not be permanent. (The nursery should not be used for PLAY TALK). This taking out should not be enjoyable, if necessary it should be the opposite. A little palm oil, or peach tree tea, applied in the proper place usually has a silencing effect.

5. **KEEP YOUR CHILD WITH YOU.** This is especially essential with pre-teens and early teens. At least sit where you can see and easily control your child. All noise is not made by infants. Leaving the auditorium 2,3, or 4 times a service is not necessary under ordinary conditions so keep an eye on "IT".

--Foster L. Ramsey, Sr.  
via The Communicator  
Central City, Ky

## REPORT FROM BEN SHERFIELD IN PANAMA

A four month progress report was received from Bro. Ben Sherfield from Margarita, Canal Zone. He sends their greetings and thanks to all who are having a part in their work. When they arrived in Margarita and worshipped with the brethren on Sept. 23, 1973 there were 15 in attendance (5 from his family). Through Wed. night personal work emphasis, the attendance has increased to 25 with some additions to the church. They are living in the home constructed by bro. Ted Kingery who is presently preaching and working with the Garrett congregation.

The Margarita congregation assists sister congregations in spite of their being small in number; CRISTOBAL (about 60 in attendance) is being supplied personal work material plus bro. Sherfield is teaching a class on personal work; RIO GATUN where a bro. Menna preaches, who Ben baptized in 1963; ESCOBOL (about 18 meet there) The Margarita brethren supply support for preacher from Panama City ea. Sunday; CUIPO (a "bush" town 28 miles from Margarita, passable only in dry seasons) New meeting house being undertaken by Margarita church, as well as supplying \$50.00/mo. support of preacher; DAVID is being supplied books, Bibles, tracts, etc. Brother Sherfield also reports of the work in PANAMA CITY and assisting those in the school of preaching. The director as well as his wife were baptized by Ben during his first stay. The work in BOCAS DEL TORO was established in 1963 by brothers Sherfield and Bill Rogers. It has now grown to 6 congregations with some 500 members. A new congregation north of Panama City, served also by one of bro. Sherfield's converts in 1964, is thriving.

It must give brother Sherfield and his wife a great amount of joy in seeing the work progressing in the above mentioned towns, many which were directly started by the Sherfields. From previous ties with the work and preachers and leaders in various places, it seems wise for the Sherfields to again serve the Lord in these places. For this reason we here at Lagrange are happy to be a part of this work in supporting the Sherfields \$300.00 during 1974.

NEXT WEEK: A REVIEW OF 25 YRS. WORK IN ITALY

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you started reading the front page first you will notice that brother Robert Page will be speaking this evening. We urge all the church to be present as he admonishes us in our "first" work - that of saving souls--, and tells first hand of the results of their program which was started last summer.

Immediately after services this evening we will have a fellowship hour. Bring whatever you wish to contribute for refreshments (preferably finger foods - sandwiches, cookies, kool-aid etc.) Coffee will be made in the kitchen. We hope to cover some questions on the bus program more informally.

Brother Herron is scheduled to speak at Angola this evening.

Ladies Bible Class will meet at 7:30 on Wed. evening.

Visitation Group 2 will meet Monday evening. 7:00P.M.

Many have been having the flu, Perry Miller, Missy Herron, and Dean Hoggatt and probably others. Mary Helmer's Husband, Bob is recuperating at home after treatments at Ann Arbor Hospital.

### MAN, MYTH & MAGIC

If you have been watching TV over the last week you may have been confronted with the above ad asking you to purchase an encyclopedia dealing with the occult. Christians beware! Don't do it! Really it is simply a magazine designed to promote witchcraft and at first it may seem harmless to read this material.

Humans being a curious sort will be tempted by numerous articles to try some of the things for fun. There are numerous writings in the Old and New Testament warning God's people to avoid the occult. God specifically warns the Israelites that they will come into contact with people of this nature (Deut 18:9-14) and how to deal with them. (Ex.22:18).

Bob Danklefsen

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Norman H erron  
Church of Christ

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EXHORTER

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February 24, 1974

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### SPECIAL SPFAKER SUNDAY EVENING

Brother Robert Page from the Huntington congregation will be speaking to us this evening on their Bus Evangelism program. They are (were) about the same size congregation that we have here, but having been in the bus program since summer, they have increased in attendance. We look forward to his talk.

## (1949 - 1974) 25 YEARS IN ITALY

In 1949 a small group of American missionaries landed on Italian soil to begin the work of spreading New Testament Christianity in the very heart of the apostate Roman Catholic church.

The work began in Frascati with the opening of an orphanage to meet the physical needs of hundreds of children made homeless as a result of the ravages of World War II. From this beginning the preaching of God's word to meet their spiritual needs as well, spread to the surrounding villages. In some towns, the people listened gladly, while in others, spurned by catholic priests and nuns, the people formed plots against the preachers.

After eight years the catholic church turned its full fury on the church and with the government approval closed down the Frascati Orphan's Home, and many other meeting places. The Minister of Interior said, "The mission of the Church of Christ in Italy is finished". Little did they know that this action only served to increase the zeal and dedication of the work in Italy. In that year, 1957, 230 souls were converted from the dogmas and traditions of the Roman church to the way of the Lord.

They endured the fires and trials of persecutions when the opposition of the Roman church and Italian government was strongest. They overcame the invasion of worship services, the closing of meeting places, the trials of both American and Italian evangelists before magistrates. They could say as Paul, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37)

The church after 25 years is still alive and faithful to the Lord. Today, they are able to count more than 40 congregations spread throughout the whole of Italy. The work is still unfinished as much remains to be done, but the resolve and dedication which characterized its beginning still burns brightly in the hearts and lives of those who carry on the work.

A resume' of the Italy work by Norm Herron

## TEN IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Please read and meditate on the questions below.

1. Does my life please God?
2. Do I enjoy being a Christian?
3. Do I hold in my heart a feeling of dislike or hatred for anyone?
4. Am I daily studying my Bible?
5. How much time do I spend in prayer?
6. Have I ever won a soul to Christ?
7. What kind of impression of Christianity do people get from me?
8. Do I estimate the things of time and eternity at their true value?
9. Am I praying for anyone's salvation?
10. Is there anything I would not give up for Christ?

These are pertinent questions.

. Via Allen Park

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful!  
Ps. 149:1



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced this week that we would plan to run the new church bus this Sunday. Our intentions were good. It was learned however that to use the bus without first painting it a different color than its present school bus color would be against the law. So, it seems that first things must come first, so we are checking into the matter of getting it painted. We are hoping to get it into service in the near future. We can at this point however be lining up prospects to ride on it

If anyone cares to Adopt-A-Patient (as explained earlier) but has forgotten to yet, please get appl. from sister Hoggatt. To date only three have applied. There should be more that could be "someone special" to one of the patients of the Nursing Homes.

Remember that this evening is our monthly visit to the homes. Time, 6 p.m. at the Lagrange Nursing Home and 6:30 at the Merry Manor Nursing Home.

Beginning next Sunday evening March 10, <sup>Sunday</sup> the evening services will be moved up to 6 p.m. We are hoping this time change will suit the needs of the church better. This time change applies to Sunday evening only. Thursday evening study is still 7:30.

The area singing is next Sunday at Auburn at 3 p.m.

The Ladies tray favor meeting is Wed. at 9:30 a.m.

The visitation Group #1 meets Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Paulding congregation invites us to a teacher workshop Mar. 15 & 16 to be conducted by bro. & sis. Brad Brumley of Henderson, Tenn. Like to go? Say so!  
Carl

So happy to have the Pieratts back, but they plan to return to Missouri for another month or so.

Hope the flu and cold illnesses are about over and warmer weather returns all to good health.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EXHORTER

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March 3, 1974

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### HOW TO BE HAPPY

Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry.

Live simply, expect little, give much, sing often, pray always.

Fill your life with love, scatter sunshine.

Forget self, think of others.

Do as you would like others to do to you.

THESE ARE THE PROVEN LINKS IN CONTENTMENT'S GOLDEN CHAIN

## "YES, I'M RICH"

Some times when my children are in the "asking mood" they ask for things which the family simply cannot afford. The stock answer with most parents and sometimes with me is, "Do you think we are rich?" Since most of us are not in the higher income bracket perhaps it is reasonable to counter a child's request with that answer.

But it has occured to me that Christians too often say, "Well, you know we are not rich." This is a depressing philosophy and one which in reality does not belong to the Christian. God's children are rich! We are the richest people on earth and it's time that we came to realize it and to be thankful.

Yes, I'm rich . . . I'm very rich. I have blessings abundant from the eternal God of heaven. I claim kinship with the Creator of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them through Jesus Christ. I am a child of the living God . . . a child of his creation and his spiritual child because of the regenerating power of the blood of Jesus . . . God's Son. The mercy and grace and goodness and loving kindness of the Father of the Lord Jesus have been showered down on me. I have had my past sins forgiven. I now have an advocate, a true friend, who sits at the right hand of God and pleads my cause when I slip into sin and then seek God's forgiveness again.

Yes, I am rich. I live in a great land of great freedoms. I live in a land of material wealth and plenty. I live in a land where the impact of the gospel of Jesus Christ has been felt and is being felt. I live in a land where opportunities to do good are tremendous. I live in a land where freedom, liberty and justice for all men are at the heart of the charter of government. I live in a land where I can worship and serve my God as I believe he wants me to.

I am rich because I have brothers and sisters in the Lord who loves me and who will stand by me in a time of trouble or sorrow or suffering. I have friends who are true. I have the marvelous privilege

of living and serving and worshipping under godly men who serve as elders in the church of our Lord. I frequently have the opportunity to participate in teacher training, schools and other such efforts to help in spreading the good news about Jesus.

Yes, I'm rich and I'm thankful. I'm rich because Jesus came that I might have life and have it more abundantly. I'm rich because through the driving power of God I have been granted all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the life of Him who called us by His own glory and virtue. (II Pet. 1:3-4) Yes, I'm rich and I'm thankful.

--Via Auburn, In bulletin

## TWO BILLS THAT MAY EFFECT YOU

Recently two bills introduced in Congress (Senate Bill #S-3657 and House Bill #HR 15230) and titled Tax Policy Review Act of 1972, calls for congressional review of present tax exemptions. Section 306 of the bills would (1) terminate by January 1, 1976 the tax free parsonage allowance under the existing law, and section #312 would (2) terminate charitable deductions (this includes church contributions, gifts to colleges, hospitals, children's Homes, etc.) As an example, if you give \$1000. to the church and are in the 25% tax bracket, passage of these bills would cost you an additional \$250. a year in income taxes. Likewise, all other present deductions would be treated the same way.

You may write your protest to the sponsors of the bills Representative Wilbur Mills (D. Arkansas) and Senator Mike Mansfield (D. Montana); also to your congressman and senators. These letters should be written with a strong but courteous objection against this proposed legislation.

For your convenience we are listing the Washington D.C. addresses of our congressional delegation:

Senator Birch Byah  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Vance Hartke  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Representative J. Edward Roush  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gospel meeting at Huntington church begins March 17-20. Pat Andrews from Anderson, Ind. will be speaking on "First Principles."

Teachers Training Workshop March 15-16, at Paulding, Ohio, with Bro & sister Brad Brunley from Henderson, Tennessee. The time for these sessions are: Friday 7:30 to 9:30 pm. and Saturday 9:30 am. to 3:00 pm. Those coming from far distance will be provided with overnight accomodations.

Area Singing will be at 3:00 pm. today at the Auburn church.

It's time to start recruiting workers for this years session at Camp Indogan. Bro Herron will be directing the Intermediate session July 7-12 (one week). Any wishing to help in this good work as counselors, kitchen help or sports activities please see Norm.

It was good to have the Pieratts back with us for a short visit. We wish them a safe trip back to Missouri and God's richest blessing upon them.

## COMING EVENTS

- March 11- Area Preachers Meeting at South Side 10:00 am.
- March 15-16. Teachers Training Workshop, Paulding, Ohio
- March 17-20. Gospel Meeting at Huntington. Sun. 9:30 pm., week nights 7:30 pm.
- March 25.. Skating Party at North Rollerdom 6:30.. 9:00pm.

Visitation Monday evening 7:00 pm. Group 2.  
Ladies Bible class Wednesday evening 7:30 pm.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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March 10, 1974

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### A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE HOGGATTS

Dear ones in Christ:

Your surprise party was really a success! It surprised us and was really so much fun. We have the luggage stuffed and ready to go, and will remember all of you everytime we open it. God bless you all, always. Thank-you all very much.

Dean and Thelma

## PROMISE YOURSELF

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something special in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit trouble.

--Optimist International

NO PREJUDICE HERE! - "A CHILD'S IDEA - a little girl wrote this composition of "People."

"People are composed of girls and boys, also men and women. Boys are no good at all until they grow up and get married. Men who don't get married are no good either. Boys are an awful bother. They want everything they see except soap. My mom is a woman and my dad is a man. A woman is a grown-up girl with children. My dad is such a nice man that I think he must have been a girl when he was a boy."

--Selected--

7: "To improve your character, have your faith lifted."

## DON'T WORRY SO MUCH!

We are living in an age of apprehension. This twentieth century society has anxieties that would have dumb-founded the ancients. Nevertheless, we somehow manage to live often beyond three score and ten. Has medical technology merely lengthened the days in which we may worry?

Jesus long ago said, "Take therefore no thought (be not therefore anxious, R.V.) for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself" (Matt. 6:34). In spite of this clear instruction, we become so engrossed with vocations, avocations, recreations, politics, ad infinitum, that we often forget that the God who clothes the fields and cares for the sparrows will surely care for His offspring. Paul later restated the sentiments of Christ in these words' "Be careful for nothing..." (Phl. 4:6).

Are you so troubled with the petty cares of this life, as monumental as they often seem, that you forget with whom your true allegiance should be? Earl Riney wrote what I believe the attitude of a zealous disciple should be: "Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the daytime, and too sleepy at night." Perhaps we would have little time to worry if we were as Jesus, about our Father's business.

(Steven Goad)

Just suppose the Lord should begin tomorrow to make people as sick as they say they are on Sunday? Just suppose the Lord should take away the children whom the parents use as an excuse for staying away from church? Just suppose the Lord should make some people as poor as they say they are when asked to finance his program?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* There is a gospel meeting beginning today and continuing through the 20th at Huntington with brother Pat Andrews of Anderson speaking.

\* Other events in the area:

March 25, skating at Rollerdom, Ft. Wayne

March 31, MCC chorus at South Side following 6:30 evening services.

Apr. 7, Melody Boys Quartette at Auburn in after.

Apr. 14 area singing at Angola

\* Note from Linda Marshall:

Dear Members of the Church,

I would like to thank all of you for your gifts especially those of love and understanding. May God bless you and prosper you always

love,

the Marshalls, Linda & Mickie

\* Rodney Eller was in the hospital the past week. He was operated on for appendicitus. He has returned home and is progressing well.

Sam Dismore fell and broke his ankle and was in the Parkview hospital, but has now returned to his home.

(Let's remember these in our prayers and visits)

\* Copies of Action and Christian Teachers Magazine are here. Also there are several Camp Indogan registration booklets ready. Please take these as they apply to each.

\* Visitation Group #1 meets Monday eve. at 7.

\* Ladies class meets Wed. morning at 9:30

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#### A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS AT LAGRANGE

May God bless each of your individual homes into which this little paper comes. We trust that He will encourage you, strengthen you, and bless you as only He can, and that you'll make every honest effort to make your home a place where the name of Christ is loved, honored and respected.

Zoa Herr

## A MODERN MARTYR

I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord;  
Over mountain, of plains, or sea.  
What! Go to church four times a week, you say?  
Lord, that is too much for me.

I'll say what you want me to say dear Lord;  
The world I'll tell about thee.  
What! Speak to my friends about Jesus, you say?  
Lord, what would they think of me?

I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord;  
Say it and it shall be done.  
What! Sing in the worship or teach boys and girls?  
Lord, please get some other one.

I'll be what you want me to be, dear Lord;  
I yield my life unto thee,  
What! Give up my worldly pleasures and joys?  
Lord, they are precious to me.

I'm afraid you misunderstood, dear Lord;  
I'll live for you every day,  
And serve you always in word and in deed;  
If I can do it my way.

-Selected-

### SYMPTOMS OF FALLING FROM GRACE

1. When the distance to the meeting house is too far.
  2. When a 30 minute sermon seems like a hour.
  3. When everyone seems to be out of step but you.
  4. When prayers become a burden, or are completely forgotten.
  5. When you sing, but without the heart and understanding.
  6. When you fret and moan when you are called upon to give.
  7. When sermons make you angry instead of penitent!
  8. When it takes prodding to get you to attend church services.
- (cont. on next page)

I HAD.....

I had a dog once. I often sat down beside my dog and petted it, trained it to chase a stick, and even took it with me hunting and fishing. I loved that old dog.

I had a car once. It was a good old car. I took care of it, always making sure it had the proper fuel, oil, and other necessities. It took me a lot of places. I loved that old car.

I had a set of golf clubs once. We spent many happy hours together. I always took care of them after every round, cleaning and scrubbing them. I loved those old clubs.

I had a child once. Very seldom did I sit down to talk and play with the child. I didn't take him fishing or hunting with me. I was too tired or busy. I didn't see that he was fed the correct spiritual food either. After his daily rounds, I seldom asked him how his day went, as I was too busy griping about my day. Did I love my child??

My dog died! My car wore out! My golf clubs broke! These did not bother me, for they were replaceable. But my child...I lost him, too!!! This is something that can never be replaced by anything. Parents, our children are children but once. Be sure they go the right way.

-Via Ferriday bulletin-

"Don't mind criticism! If it is untrue, disregard it; if it is unfair, keep from irritation; If it is rant, smile; if it is justified, learn from it."

(cont. from other page)

9. When you try to find excuses to keep from doing something the elders or deacons have called upon you to do.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the Angola congregation is having Bro. Floyd Denton of Paulding, Ohio speak on the subject "Foundations for a Christian Marriage". Again at 6 this evening, he will speak on "Christian Marriage and the Family". They would invite and appreciate any from here who could go.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock, we would like to call a teachers meeting with all our present teachers. Our topics will include next quarters classes, lesson 4 from our Bible Class Teaching study and a resume' of the Teachers Workshop at Paulding this past week with the Brumley's from Henderson, Tenn. (A lot to cover, but let's give it a try.)

There is scheduled on Apr. 6 at the Watervliet, Mi. High School at 7:30, three quartettes, the Silver-tones, Melody Boys and Harbour Lights for a gospel sing. It's quite a distance, but if any cares to go, let it be known.

Our new bus is now in the paint shop. Has been promised within three weeks. We look forward to this means of reaching the lost. May the Lord bless our efforts.

### Activities for young:

- Skating at Roller Dome, Ft. Wayne, Mar. 25(6:30)
- So. Side, Ft. Wayne, MCC Chorus, Mar. 31 (6:00)
- Meeting at Fred Oakley's Apr. 2 (7:00)

Mrs. Ron Frazier's little girl Joanna is in the hospital with pneumonia, room #165. She likes visits. Also Sam Dismore's condition is about the same. Some flu, etc. still plague a few, but hopefully the warm weather (?) right around the corner will bring us all back to health again.

Bro. Max Litke will be presenting our lesson this eve. at 6 o'clock service.... Visitation group #2 meets Mon. eve. at 7.... Ladies class Wed. at 7:30.  
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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### EXHORTER

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March 24, 1974

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#### WHAT WILL YOUR ANSWER BE ?

You are the fellow who has to decide  
Whether you'll do it or toss it aside  
You are the fellow who makes up your mind  
Whether you'll lead or linger behind  
Whether you'll try for the goal that is afar  
Or be content to stay where you are  
Take it or leave it, there's something to do  
Just think it over; it's up to you.

Selected

## COUNT TEN !

When angry, count ten. A moment of reflection can often save years of regret. It was said of Julius Caesar, that, when provoked, he used to repeat the whole Roman alphabet before he suffered himself to speak. Squelch the tendency to "pop off" under provocation. "Anger," says the familiar Latin proverb, "is a short madness." And when one has lost control of himself, he is apt to say and do things rashly without considering the results. In the wake of anger is often found battered feelings and broken friendships.

Any fool can become angry...that's easy. But it takes a wise man to defer his anger, overlook a wrong, or practice patience and forgiveness. Ralph Waldo Emerson once spoke of a man whose "heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong." What a glowing tribute to pay any man!

David, of old, had to contend with those who were constantly setting snares for him, speaking mischievous things about him and endeavoring to take away his life. What did he do? He said, "But I, as a deaf man, heard not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs" (Psalm 38:13). Such self-restraint is admirable. David refused to give in to the boomerang of retaliation.

Abraham Lincoln said once to a friend: "You have more of that feeling of personal resentment than I have; perhaps I have too little of it, but I never thought it paid." He was right. It doesn't pay.

No provocation whatsoever would cause Christ to retaliate in word or action. On trial for His life, with false witnesses speaking against Him, "Jesus held his peace." Peter points out His uncomplaining submission to unjust suffering by saying, "Who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not: but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously" (1 Peter 2:23). He left it

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all to God. And in so doing, He provided a pattern for us. When next you are tempted to be vindictive, to strike back, or "get even," turn the matter over to God. He "judgeth righteously."

JOHN GIPSON  
Little Rock, Arkansas

### YOU NEVER MENTIONED HIM TO ME

When in a better land before the bar we stand,  
How deeply grieved our souls may be;  
If any lost one there should cry in deep despair,  
"You never mentioned Him to me."

"You helped me not the light to see;  
You met me day by day and knew I was astray,  
"Yet never mentioned Him to me."

O let us spread the word wher-e'er it may be heard,  
Help groping souls the light to see,  
That yonder none may say, "You showed me not the way,  
You never mentioned Him to me."

A few sweet words may guide a lost one to His side,  
Or turn sad eyes on calvary;  
So work as days go by, that yonder none may cry;  
"You never mentioned Him to me."

--James Rowe

### A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS AT LAGRANGE

May God bless each of your individual homes into which this little paper comes. We trust that He will encourage you, strengthen you, and bless you as only He can, and that you'll make every honest effort to make your home a place where the name of Christ is loved, honored and respected.

Zoa Herr



*Keith Hughes (Treadapoe)*

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The area singing is scheduled at Angola on Apr. 14th at 3 p.m.

Niles, Mich. is scheduling Richard Bonner for a gospel meeting Apr. 7-12.

There are activities coming up at Camp Indogan which will be of interest. On May 4, a Workshop especially for the staff for the summer sessions as well as any others who are interested, is scheduled. Brother Heron is scheduled to direct the one week Intermediate session July 7-12. If you would like to work in his session or any other, please get and fill out an application form (in the vestibule) so that it can be processed by camp time. Working at camp is an enlightening and rewarding experience..... May the 27th is a general work day at camp. See brother Devon Hostetler for various jobs to be done.

Teachers, remember to meet at 5 this eve. for review of lesson #5 in our study book.

Visitation group #1 meets Monday evening at 7.

Ladies Bible study meets Wed. evening at 7:30.

**SICK or SHUT-INS**

- Sam Dismore, at home, steadily improving.
- Mary Schrock's father, in Lagrange hospital, at this time showing no improvement.
- Suzy Boyle's mother, in hospital, hopes to be released Saturday or Sunday (today)
- Dave Bumbalough, in an accident this week, was in hospital, released and re-admitted for observation for a neck injury.
- Millard Hughes, continues to improve at home from his severe leg accident.

PRAY FOR AND VISIT THESE WHEN YOU CAN.

Norman Herron  
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*Young People - Tues  
after the service*

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KEEPING OUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT

The Lord's Day has much to offer the Christian. It is also a day in which we can review our priorities and keep them straight. We are called into Christ's service to win souls. Can we confidently say, as we recall our past week's activities, "Lord, I have tried to win a soul to you" or must we hang our head in shame knowing that we have not mentioned Him to anyone? The word teaches, "HE THAT WINNETH SOULS IS WISE" (Prov. 11:30)  
Let us be about our Father's business.

Bible study attendance is important to all of us. This article by Joe Barnett is revealing REASONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH

I have made mention recently of Dr. Elmer Towns book, THE TEN LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOLS. We have had a great deal of mail asking about the book, and our analysis of it. While there are many elements in the growth of these groups which fit no pattern, there are, on the other hand, some common characteristics. I'll mention a few.

1. These churches without exception, are conservative and strongly evangelistic.
2. They make maximum use of media ministry. Seven of the ten use radio and television, most of them airing on several stations simultaneously.
3. They have superb visitation programs. They make immediate contact with class absentees and make hundreds of calls weekly on those who are not members.
4. They place much stress on "soul winning". Their services are evangelistic; they have active mission programs, both locally and abroad.
5. They work their cities for increasing numbers of students. Nine out of ten have busses running in towns.
6. They stress the Sunday School teacher. Seven of the 10 write their own Sunday School literature. That requires a large staff, but they believe it pays. Each of them has a teacher's meeting each week to discuss the Bible class lesson. Later departmental meetings adapt the materials to the proper age level.
7. They are well-staffed. Some of them have full-time employees over each department of the Bible school.
8. They place much emphasis on adequate buildings and parking facilities.
9. They stress a contagious friendliness. All of them are recognized as friendly churches, deeply interested in each other and in their visitors.
10. They stress long tenure of staff members. Preachers of these churches have been with them an average of 22 years and 1 month.

I'm sure there are other factors, but these are the ones which seem to emerge from the study. I hope they will be of value to us and to the brotherhood.

Joe Barnett

#### HATE AND LOVE IN THE SAME PERSON

As a group of college students toured the slums of the city, one of the girls, seeing a little girl playing in the dirt, asked a guide, "Why doesn't her mother clean her up?"

The guide replied, "That girl's mother probably loves her, but she doesn't hate dirt. You hate dirt, but don't love her enough to go down there and clean her up. Until hate for dirt and love for the child are in the same person, that little girl is likely to remain as she is."

Until hate for sin and love for the sinner get in the same person we will do little about the plight of the lost, and will never come to really know him who came to "minister and give his life a ransom for many".

-William F. Walker-

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We look forward to the time when the entire worship hour is devoted to singing. We will have this occasion this evening (being the fifth Sunday). There will also be scripture reading and prayer, all of which can bring us close to God.

For those of our youth, who might be interested, the So. Side congregation in Ft. Wayne invites you to a youth fellowship; regular services at 6, the Michigan Christian College Chorus at 7:30 and a fellowship of eating together and devotional to conclude the eve.

A business meeting for the men is scheduled this Wednesday evening at 7. We hope that all the men can come.

Activities in and around the area:

A gospel sing at Watervliet, featuring the Melody Boys, the Silvertones and the new quartet, the Harbor Lights. See bulletin board for details.

April 6 beginning at 6:30 Indiana time.

The Melody Boys will be at Auburn next Sunday, Apr. 7, from 2:30 to 4. See bull. board.