

EVENTS FOR APRIL AND MAY

- 7 Melody Boys at Auburn 2:30 to 4:00.
7-12 Meeting at Niles Mich. with Richard Bonner.
14 Area singing at Angola 3:00pm.
14-17 Meeting at Coldwater, Mich. with Nolan Crawford.
21-26 Meeting at Elkart with G.P. Holt.
26-28 Meeting at Paulding, Ohio with Paul Galyan.
27 Ladies Inspiration Day at Glenwood.
28-3 Meeting at East Allen with G.P. Holt.
4 Camp workshop at Glenwood in Fort Wayne.

There will be singing at the two area Nursing Homes this evening at 5:00pm.

Visitation group #2 meets Monday at 7:00pm.

Ladies Bible Study meets Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Rodney Eller was operated on Saturday at Parkview. Infection had set in his stomach making this second operation imperative.

David Bambalough is in the Lagrange Hospital suffering from a bruised spine and twisted neck muscles (caused by rear end car collision).

Both of our sick have been in pain. Let us continue to remember them in our prayers.

Sam Dismore is recovering at home from an accident at work. His leg was broken in 3 places and is now in a cast.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

April 7, 1974

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Spiritual Food

The responsibilities of a mother are great, for more often than not it falls her responsibility to provide for whatever spiritual growth her children have. Each of you mothers should compare the amount of time which you spend in the kitchen preparing physical food for your children to the amount of time you spend feeding them spiritually.

How much time do you spend in telling your children Bible stories? Teaching them to love the word of God? Teaching them to pray? If you want them to be spiritual giants then you must feed them spiritual food from the beginning. That is what made Timothy so profitable a servant at such an early age. His grandmother and his mother instilled in him a love for God and a knowledge of His word.

Your child's soul is his most precious possession. You as a mother can help that soul to grow and develop or you can allow it to starve to death. This can be your crowning glory or your greatest shame. Which will it be?

L. Rhodes, Selected

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Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

--Selected

Hopefully within the next 2 weeks we will have our bus back from the painter and workers organized for our bus program to begin. The job of directing our bus ministry has been given to brother Perry Miller. Brother Perry's devotion to the cause of evangelism as well as his experience in sales working with the public qualifies him for this work, and it is with confidence that the eldership commends him to the church in the responsibility of director of our bus program. Today brother Perry, along with others who are interested in seeing a bus operation first hand are visiting the Huntington congregation. This evening following regular services brother Perry would like to share with us some plans as we begin this new work.

As a result of the widespread tornado damage last Wednesday evening, efforts are being made to set up a distribution center for the handling of food, clothing and other needs of the tornado victims. Several interested Christians from surrounding congregations have offered their help to supply these needs. As far as we know, no members here were victims in this disaster, however, brother Stan Day at Angola reports considerable damage at camp Indogan, and the neighboring areas. They are setting the site of the church building on N. Williams St. to collect supplies for the victims and solicit our help.

Plans are to take as much of the clothing, food, and other needs that have been brought in this morning, to the building at Angola this afternoon. More will be delivered to them at a later time as it is collected.

Boxes are provided in hallway for material that you wish to contribute for this work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was great to be a part of bus group yesterday and see the anxiety of the children as they were informed about the bus route being started Sunday morning, evening and Thursday evening. Just a few contacts were made, really, and a good number were enrolled to come. Our newly painted bus is so inviting and we hope that it will become a great tool for reaching the lost. Brother Perry Miller, our bus director, would urge you to see him for the many areas of service needed for the bus ministry: canvassing on Saturday morning, driving, secretarial work, 'singspiration' leaders, discipline helpers etc. during services. Come and join the group next Sat morning at 9 o'clock.

Lack of space will prohibit much information for these announcements, but we list them all so that you may attend any that you can:

Today, area singing at Angola at 3 o'clock.

Apr. 14-17 Meeting at Coldwater, Mich. with Nolan Crawford

Apr. 21-26 Meeting at Elkhart with G.P. Holt.

Apr. 20 Know your Bible Campaign at Auburn with Terry McGiffin.

Apr. 26-28 Meeting at Paulding, Ohio with Paul Galyan

Apr. 20 Ladies Inspiration Day at Niles, Mich.

Apr. 27 Ladies Inspiration Day at Glenwood.

Apr. 28-May 3 Meeting at E. Allen Co.-G.P.Holt.

May 4 Camp Workshop at Glenwood, Ft. Wayne.

We appreciate all you visitors today and want you to come back whenever you can. Note regular services on front of bulletin.

Visitation group meets Monday eve. at 7. (group I.)

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

Ladies volunteers needed to cook food and serve if possible at disaster area in So. Milford to volunteer workers this Tuesday. See M. Herron.

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ADDED TO THE BODY OF CHRIST

With great pleasure we announce three precious souls that were united with Christ this past Tuesday evening, shortly after 11 p.m. Sharon Simpson, her son, Terry, and Jean Bowan. Several were gathered together and rejoiced with them for this moment in their lives, and also enjoyed fellowship at sister Simpson's house following. We commend them and desire a faithful rewarding life in the Lord.

What is Stewardshi?

Stewardship is often mentioned in Christian circles, but the meaning is seldom clarified. Stewardship is basically a recognition that Christ is Lord of my life. It is acknowledging that we are only what He permits us to be and that all we possess may be called back by the Master at any time. It is a giving of oneself to Christ and admitting that we belong to Him.

It means that we admit that our time and talents are the Lord's. He has purchased us by His blood (I Cor. 6:20) and we are to present ourselves as a living sacrifice to Him (Rom. 12:1)

We face a great deficit that may curtail much of our future work unless the effort is successful in convincing you of your need to be fully involved in the work here. We believe that a member convinced of the Lordship of Christ will not waste time, talent or opportunities, but will do all he can to further the cause of Christ. --Selected

SO YOU ARE NOT A PREACHER

A minister in Washington, D. C., related the story of an elderly man who left his farm to visit his son, a popular senator, while Congress was in session. The old man, a zealous Christian, was introduced to the Ambassador of Belgim one evening. Hardly had they exchanged greetings before the Senator's father asked earnestly, "Sir, are you a Christian?" The answer never came, for the Senator, much embarrassed interrupted at the time and hurried his father away.

Not long afterward the old man took a cold, which turned into pneumonia and he soon died. Among the funeral flowers were roses from the Ambassador of Belgium. A note attached brought tears to the eyes of the Senator. The note said, "He's the only man in America who asked if I were a Christian."

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The Need for Personal Involvement

Someone has said, "That which is prefaced by prayer, should be punctuated by Practice." How often we fail to apply this principle in the church. We pray for an unsaved loved one; yet we never go to him with the Word. We pray for God to bless the work of the church and give us a great harvest of souls; but when we are asked to help in some way, we suddenly find a dozen excuses not to do so. We bend our knees in prayer for one who is in need, and then promptly refuse to give of our own abundance to help provide the necessary relief. We pray that the Lord will "send forth laborers into his harvest." but we are not willing to be one of the workers ourselves. We ask in faith that a brother who has become unfaithful might be brought back into the loving fellowship of the Lord; yet we seldom go out of our way to say a kind word, or outwardly manifest any love toward him.

It is good for us to pray for a great harvest, but the Lord's petition was for willing workers! He said "*Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest*" (Matt. 9:38) There is a time for prayer, and there is a time for action. Prayer was never intended to be a substitute for meaningful Christian action, rather a necessary adjunct.

The church must confront this impasse of personal reluctance. Somehow, we must help our people regain spiritual concern and the desire for personal involvement. There is only one cure for our epidemic of good mannered apathy. That is to deliberately, prayerfully and obediently involve ourselves as the Word directs. --Tom C. Brown

The Visitor, Flint, Mi

(So you are not a preacher)

Why not invite someone this week to attend Bible class and worship? LET THEM DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANT TO COME!

Via Swartz Creek Bullentin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last Sunday was a record high! 149 for the morning services. 16 new students rode on the bus and from latest reports Saturday evening, more new ones can be expected at the services this morning. Many new doors of opportunity are being opened to us, and it is a thrill to be a part of it. May we be ever ready to sow the seed of the kingdom to whomever we can, to the glory of God.

Another sister in Christ was born into God's spiritual family last Tuesday evening. Shirley Smith put on Christ in baptism. We rejoice with her and pray the Lord's blessings will attend her Christian walk.

You may be interested in attending one or more of the following events in our area:

** Gospel Meeting at Auburn, 4/21-26, Terry McGiffin.

** " " at Elkhart, 4/21-26, G.P. Holt.

** " " at Paulding, 4/26-28, Paul Galyan.

** Ladies Inspiration Day at Glenwood, 4/27. (The ladies who attended Niles' thought it was great).

** Skating party for all. Monday evening at Rollerdome, Ft. Wayne. Bus would be available for 25 or more riders. Slight charge to cover gas. Let us know.

On May 4, a Camp Workshop is planned at Glenwood for all interested in camp. Good event to attend.

The ladies received word that the meal-serving to volunteer workers in the So. Milford area would be discontinued. Brother Stan Day needs a lot of help in sorting clothes contributed by the churches (I think it is noteworthy that 35 truckloads of clothes and food were sent out from the Churches of Christ in the Detroit area to areas hit by the tornadoes). Some of the ladies are planning to go over to Angola Tuesday. If any others could plan to go, your help would be appreciated. They need clothes hangers very badly. Please bring as many as you can find to the building to be taken over.

(announcements continued on page #3.)

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED ?

1. You must first hear his word and believe it.
Rom. 10:14,15 ; Heb. 11:6
2. You must repent of your sins.
Luke 13:3 ; Acts 17:30
3. You must confess Christ before men.
Matt. 10:32 ; Rom. 10:9
4. You must be buried with Christ by baptism.
Rom. 6:4 ; Acts 2:38-41 ; 1 Pet. 3:21
5. You must be faithful till death. Mt. 10:22 ; Rev. 2:10

I AM JOE'S SOUL*

Millions have followed the popular "Reader's Digest" articles of "I am Joe's Ear, Eye, Tongue, Lung, Heart, etc..." to which we add "I am Joe's Soul."

I was with Joe when he was born. I am the only thing that exists after Joe dies. Joe's body will decay. I will go back to God who gave me to Joe. In fact, in the strictest sense, I AM JOE. All the rest is "Joe's House".

Joe spends an awful lot of money on his body. He loves to eat. He's probably digging his grave with his teeth. He loves fashion Joe spends hundreds of dollars on clothes each year. Joe loves recreation. He owns a boat, camper, and a lots of gear which he uses to relax his body and mind on vacations and "week-enders."

As Joe's soul, I hunger too. I crave the milk and meat of the word of God. I love the fashions of my original Designer. I yearn to be exercised in godliness.

Joe's body will die. Joe's wealth will perish. Joe must leave all possessions behind--I am the only thing that will face God and exist eternally somewhere. The Bible tells Joe This. Looks like Joe would show more interest in me, his most precious possession.

--Selected

Whitney Hills

WHAT MAKES A ROPE (ER, WE MEAN CHURCH) STRONG?

Pulling together! That's the answer! Many tiny strands - each weak by itself, but united in a common effort, become strong enough to bind a giant. What makes a rope strong makes a church strong. When you take hold of a rope, you seldom think of those tiny little parts that are entwined about each other so as to speak of a strong character, or church, the unity and power are often overlooked. The strands that make a church are the individuals. Under the hand and mind of God, they are directed toward a common end, united in a common cause: God's glory and man's salvation.

selected

THE GREATEST TRAGEDY

In studying the Scriptures and reading about the crucifixion of Jesus, we consider it the greatest tragedy of all times. Indeed it was a great tragedy, but Isa. 53:3 says, "He is despised and rejected of men." Really a sad day for the Jews as they had been expecting a Messiah, yet when he came they rejected him even unto death.

This isn't the end of the tragedy for not only the Jews rejected him for even in our day when we consider ourselves an educated, intellectual society, we are no better than the Jews of that day for we still reject him today. Unless we accept him today we magnify this great tragedy for the supreme tragedy was not in the Jews nailing him to the Cross of Calvary but in mankind by not accepting him as the Saviour of the World.

Are we any better than those of his day? So many times when we read of this tragedy we assume we couldn't have done that awful thing.

Will you consider your life and what your answer to this greatest tragedy will be? What will you do with Jesus? Remember, only you have the answer.

via Camelback bulletin

--Glen Hampton

(announcements continued from back page)

The Ladies will meet this Wednesday evening at 7:30 for Bible class at the church building, and invite all the ladies to come.

It was learned that Verna Thomas is still in the Elmhurst hospital in Angola because of her tonsilectomy. Hre father said that would be released today or Monday.

Following is Judy Boyle's address. We are sure that she would appreciate letters.

Judy E. Boyle 312-56-6855

H. Q. WAC - COMD.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are sorry to announce the passing of brother Earl Wilson last Friday morning. This came unexpectedly, for brother Earl was at services Thursday evening, and was his usual self, visiting and joking with different ones till nearly everyone was gone. While doing some chores about 8 o'clock Friday morning he suffered a heart attack and was found shortly after by his wife, May. The Wilson family were charter members of the church when it began meeting in the summer of 1953 in Lagrange. We have come to know and love them very much over the years and appreciated their faithfulness to the work here. When Angola started meeting as a congregation, nearly three years ago, they lent their support to the work there as needed. We will miss very much the presence of brother Earl but are thankful that he died in the Lord. We extend our sorrow to the family and encourage them to continue faithful as brother Earl would want them to do. Funeral services, 2 p.m. Monday (Carneys)

The inside pages of the bulletin explain the new Sunday morning worship and class study procedures which is made necessary by our growth here. Please read carefully, as it will, one way or another, involve all the church here.

A gospel meeting begins at East Allen Co. in New Haven with G. P. Holt from Indianapolis speaking. Brother Holt is well known speaker and preaches for the colored brethren at Kingsley Terrace.

Next Saturday, a Camp Workshop is planned at the Glenwood congregation in Ft. Wayne. Everyone is invited but those involved with camp are urged to come, as it is a preparatory session.

TRAY FAVOR MEETING WED. AT 9:30 a.m. We need to make tray favors ahead, as the ladies will not be meeting during school vacation.

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April 28, 1974

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF BROTHER EARL WILSON

" A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE A

MEDICINE " (Proverbs 17:22)

PROBLEMS WE LIKE TO HAVE

Because of the increased attendance in recent weeks, especially to our Sunday morning services, it is evident that plans would have to be made to accommodate the new students. Our facilities are limited. Last Sunday our attendance was 152. There is enough room in the assembly for this increase, but we are hurting in classroom space. For instance, brother Larry Hicks, who teaches the second and third grades, had 16 children in classroom #1 (the right front classroom off the auditorium, which is sized for 10 students at the most). Other classes are showing similar increases.

A plan which has been studied and presented at a teacher's meeting on Apr. 24 would allow us to absorb this increase by rearrangement of our morning services. Basically, the change involves having two worship services. While one group (grades 1 through 6, with their teachers and helpers) are having approximately one hour of worship in the auditorium, the rest of the people would be in classes. During the second hour, the first group would be in their classes while the others would be in the worship assembly. This would allow for double use of the building (both worship and classes being held at the same time) instead of the worship following the class period, as has been the case. Going into such a program would be a great change but it is felt that there would be definite advantages for it at this time. First of all it allows us more efficient use of our facilities in handling the increase (actually some classrooms will not be used). Secondly, the worship period for grades 1 through 6, would be taught at their level of understanding, which would be better especially for the new students who get very little out of the adult level of worship. Thirdly, this change would allow for growth which we anticipate in the coming months.

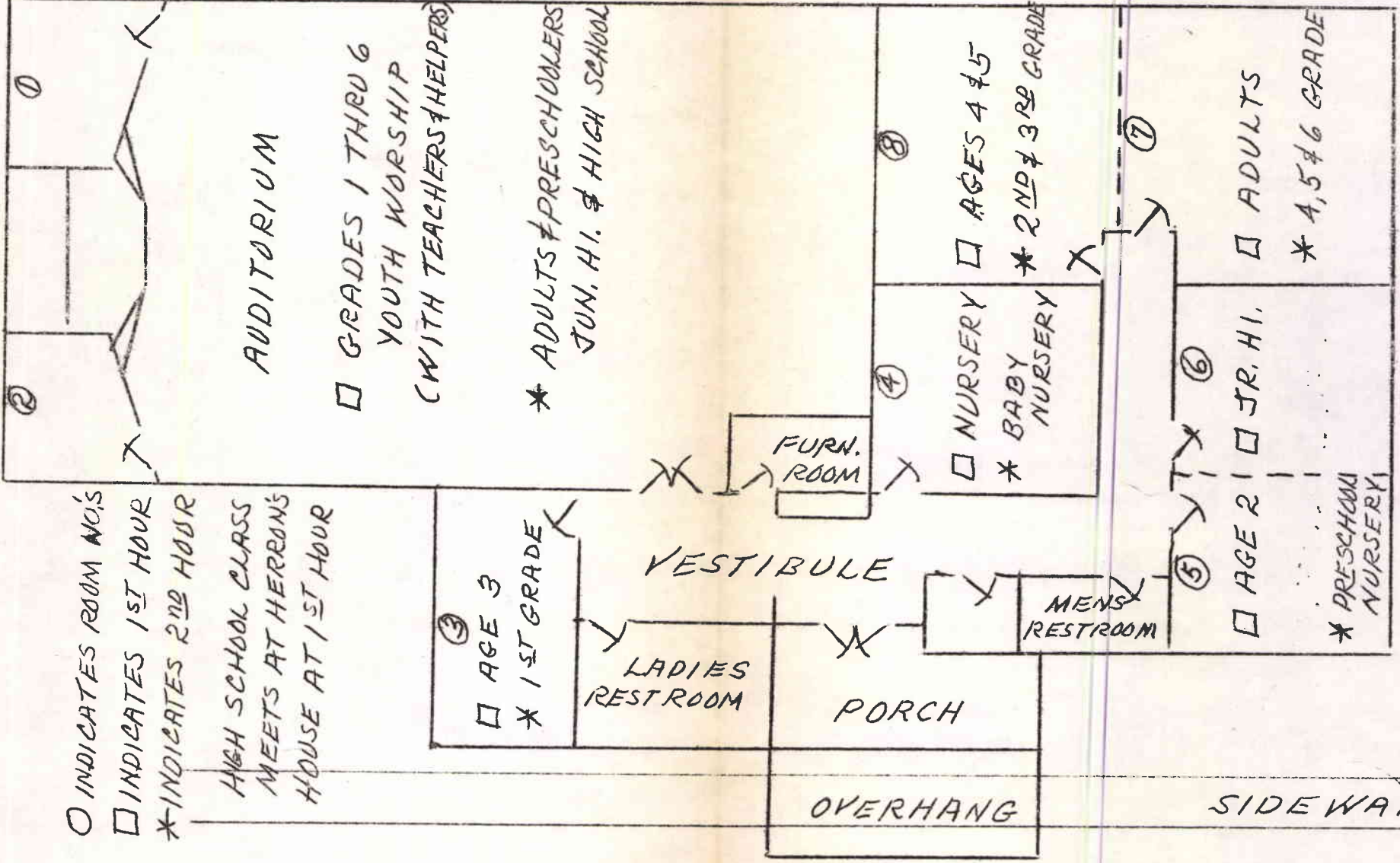
The length of time at the building would be approximately the same (2 hrs.) and the bus would run on the same schedule, allowing the children to get home by 12 noon.

The teachers are solidly behind this program for in their position, they are increasingly conscious of the needs of the many children (and parents) who must be taught the message of truth. The greatest consideration is to be the teaching of God's word to as many as possible in the best possible way. This change is designed to carry out this purpose and the many minor problems which will likely arise can and must be worked out to the best interest.

Lord willing, next Sunday, the new program will begin. For some, there will be little change; for others, considerable change. The ones most affected would be the teachers of grades 1 through 6 plus any others involved in the first worship period. For the others perhaps a change in classroom for Bible study would be the only change. The size of the assemblies would be apparent however as each would be smaller. Based on last Sunday's attendance, approx. 2/5 of the number attending would be involved in the first worship and 3/5 in the second worship. Because of our bus program, our greatest growth will likely be in the first worship age group, which at this time can easily absorb the increase. Before too long however, we might have to break the classes down into smaller groups.

On the insert sheet is a schedule of classes, room assignments, etc. for both the 1st and 2nd hours. Also, next Sunday, we will plan to have someone at the front door who is familiar with the new procedure to make the transition as smoothly as possible. We are confident of the cooperation of all as we enter into an expansion of the Lord's work here in Lagrange.

CHAIRS AND BIBLES NEEDED. These items are "musts" and the entire cost cannot be covered by the treasury. It was suggested in the meeting that each family be responsible for one chair, we would meet our needs. They cost approx. \$5.00 ea. and at least 25 are needed. Could you help meet this need?



○ INDICATES ROOM NO.'S
 □ INDICATES 1ST HOUR
 * INDICATES 2ND HOUR
 HIGH SCHOOL CLASS MEETS AT HERRON'S HOUSE AT 1ST HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sister Mae Wilson and her daughters would like to express appreciation for the kindness and consideration shown them at this time. The food provided, by the ladies, the flowers, and contributions in memory of brother Earl, and the prayers in the family's behalf are sincerely appreciated.

A good workshop was held for the benefit of camp staff yesterday at the Glenwood congregation in Ft. Wayne. Anyone desiring this informative material can see brother Herron or Hoggatt. In many cases the time for many youngsters to become interested and of age to attend camp is fast approaching and the great values that can be gotten from a Christian youth camp should be considered by the parents here. Involve yourselves early in this work.

The next few Saturdays much work needs to be done at the campsite (Tornado damage and regular maintenance) Anyone willing to help out see bro. Devon.

The Ladies will be having their weekly Bible and classwork studies on Wed. morning at 9:30 for the next few meetings.

Our special appeal for each family to contribute the cost of a chair (\$5.00) because of our increased needs in two classrooms (not used on Sundays, but needed on Thursday evenings) would be appreciated. Could each family do this either by an increased contribution today or giving it to bro. Jim Pieratt who will collect this amount for this purpose.

We are looking forward to the new program of worship and bible study today. We trust it will be effective in relieving crowded conditions.

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

E X H O R T E R

May 5, 1974

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LORD, YOU CAN
COUNT ON ME
... EXCEPT WHEN IT RAINS, OR
IS HOT, COLD, WHEN COMPANY COMES,
OR WHEN THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE I WANT
TO DO, OR I WANT TO SLEEP IN, OR
(WHAT DOES THE FINE PRINT IN YOUR
COMMITMENT SAY?)

A CHALLENGE TO PARENTS -
what you owe your child

YOU OWE HIM, FIRST OF ALL, A CHRISTIAN FATHER AND MOTHER. This will be his most priceless heritage. Unless both father and mother are faithful Christians, it is not likely that the child will be.

Secondly, you owe your child a knowledge of God's Word. God's word was intended for him, and you are the intended teacher. "And these words which I teach you this day shall be upon your heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to your children." Less time for television, comic books, and the like and more time for Bible reading and preparation of the Sunday school lesson is a brand of parental oversight we need to inculcate. Bring up the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

THIRDLY, YOU OWE YOUR CHILD THE RIGHT EXAMPLE. The old axiom, "like father, like son," is an everlasting truth. If the father drinks whisky or beer, smokes cigarettes, or uses profane language, it is likely the son will too. If the mother is unchaste, immodest, or indiscreet, it is no strange thing if daughter is the same. The right example must inspire the right conduct. Fathers, and mothers, what pattern are you making for your child? Can you hear your child say, "Here I come in your steps"?

FOURTHLY, YOU OWE YOUR CHILD LOVE AND AFFECTION. Not a love expressed by lollipop and unrestrained activities, but a love that instills a feeling of being desired, a sense of security in the home - a love that touches the soul, drawing out its values and recognizing its glorious potentialities.

FIFTHLY, YOU OWE YOUR CHILD DISCIPLINE, Let the child go unrestrained and you sin against him. Give way to his every whim and fancy and you curse him into a life of rebellion, misery and shame. "Spare the rod and spoil the child" is too much a philosophy and not enough a rule.

SIXTHLY, YOU OWE YOUR CHILD COMPANIONSHIP. Parents, take time for your children! The Lord says "Teach and nurture." Teaching is like planting seed;

THE BIBLE IN THE WALL

Many years ago a lady in Spain wanted to do something special for the Lord and decided to give away Bibles. While seeking possible recipients she came upon a man building a wall. When she discovered he had never owned a Bible, she offered him one, writing his name in it.

The man was too embarrassed to refuse it but when she left, he resolved, "I will never read this and I'll make sure no else will either." He placed the book behind one of the stones and finished the wall, certain that at least this copy would be hidden forever.

A few years later an earthquake hit that area and an inspector, looking for damage found a crack in the wall. He peered in and to his amazement saw the book. He carefully removed it, hurriedly turned the pages, and decided to take it home. That evening he was found earnestly studying the Word of God. Soon the inspector was on his knees thanking Jesus for dying for him. He yielded his life to his new-found Savior and became a distributor for the Bibles in Spain, selling God's Word from town to town.

It was not long before he came upon a stonemason and offered him a Bible at a very low cost. The man told him he had sealed in a wall the only Bible he had ever owned. The distributor drew from his pocket the very Bible and glancing at the fly leaf told the man his name. The startled laborer sat down and listened to the distributor's story. Then he too decided to have a closer look at this strange book.

The power of the printed Word of God was again made manifest as the stoneworker also became a Christian and eventually a missionary in a foreign land where for many years he labored faithfully for his Savior.

--Selected

nurture is like cultivating plants. This requires time, companionship, and guidance. NPG

via East High St. Bullentin
Springfield, Ohio

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS-

So many activities, etc. in the area has caused very little attention to two very important things which are close at hand: The coming Vacation Bible School on June 3-7, and our gospel meeting with brother James Meadows on June 16-21. Our VBS material has been ordered and within a short time we should have things in order so that a good VBS can be held this year. Actually, we are better equipped with the bus program to enroll students for VBS. We would like to have a meeting of all teachers and others who want to help in VBS next Sunday evening after evening worship.

GOSPEL MEETING - June 16-21 are the dates for our meeting with Bro. James Meadows. Bro. Meadows encouraged us in getting started with our personal work program which has resulted in so much of the growth here. We know that you will be blessed by his coming.

GRADUATES* Congratulations to all of our graduates! Sue Hostetler from MCC last Saturday and four high school graduates, Brice Eller from Westview and Annie Oakley, Pam Rosendaul, and Susie Boyle from Lakeland. See bulletin board for announcements about dates and invitations.

THANKS- for all the willing workers at camp on Saturday, for those who helped Linda Bumbalough get her moving truck loaded, and bus workers.

MEN'S ENCAMPMENT- June 7&8 the annual overnight stay at camp for men only. Three outstanding speakers and fellowship with men from many states make this a treat every year. Plan now to attend!

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"Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." And he took them up in his hands and blessed them. Mk.10:15,16.

ARE YOU PROVING YOUR LOVE

We hear a lot about the word "love" today. Most of what we hear are just words. Someone well put it when they said, "Talk is cheap". Talk only, is not love, for the essence of love is action! Love must be demonstrated! We prove our love by our actions.

God commands and deserves our love (Mark 12:30; John 3:16) The New Testament reveals four ways that we demonstrate our love for God.

First, we put our love for God in action when we obey His commandments. Not some, but all of His commandments! The apostle John wrote, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." (I John 5:3) Some fail to attend the services of the church (Hebrews 10:25), others refuse to do good works (Galatians 6:10) and still others have no desire to be baptized (Acts 22:16). All of the preceding obligations are commandments of God. Are you really demonstrating your love for God? Is it showing by your willing obedience to all of His commands?

Second, our love for God is proven by how much we give. God gave all (John 3:16). Paul said that we are proof, before the churches, of our love (2 Cor. 8:24). The inspired apostle was speaking of giving. How much do you give in time, talents, money and bodily service?

Third, our love for God is demonstrated by how little we love world (I John 2:15-17). There are certain things in this world we must deny ourselves because they cause us to depart from God's way. John outlines three of them: "the lust of the flesh", "lust of the eyes", and "the pride of life", saying "they are not of the Father but of the world". We prove our love to God when we separate ourselves from all worldliness.

Fourth, we put love for God in action when we love our brother (I John 4:19-21). Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:32). If you love the Creator you will love His Creation.

THE GREATEST TRAGEDY

In studying the Scriptures and reading about the crucifixion of Jesus, we consider it the greatest tragedy of all times. Indeed it was a great tragedy, but Isa. 53:3 says, "He is despised and rejected of men." Really a sad day for the Jews as they had been expecting a Messiah, yet when he came they rejected him unto death.

This isn't the end of the tragedy for not only the Jews rejected him for even in our day when we consider ourselves an educated, intellectual society, we are no better than the Jews of that day for we still reject him today. Unless we accept him today we magnify this great tragedy for the supreme tragedy was not in the Jews nailing him to the Cross of Calvary but in mankind by not accepting him as the Saviour of the World.

Are we any better than those of his day? So many times when we read of this tragedy we assume we could not have done that awful thing.

Will you consider your life and what your answer to this greatest tragedy will be? What will you do with Jesus? Remember, only you have the answer.

Selected
Glenn Hampton

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Here is a fourfold test of your love for God.
(1) Do you love the world? (2) Do you love your fellowmen? (3) How much do you give to God? (4) Are you willing to be obedient to all of God's commands? "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."
(I John 3:18).

B. Watkins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The teachers meeting which was planned following evening services will have to be put off until next week. The graduating exercises at the schools with so many of our members involved, presents a conflict.

Brother Jim Pieratt reports that \$85.00 was given to him for the chairs which was needed, besides some who contributed through the regular contribution. We appreciate the response of the church to this need.

Another word of appreciation which all of us should be aware of. The many weekly jobs of cleaning the building, preparing communion, maintenance as needed, etc. Those who have done these know what a job it is. Those who haven't - we could sure use your help. Right now, the usual lawn mowing and outside work is a chore. If anyone can work a couple hours any evening, let us know

So. Side congregation in Ft. Wayne will be having a gospel meeting with Jack Evans (Pres. of So. Western Christian College) May 31 to June 2

Our gospel meeting with James Meadows will be June 1 through June 21. We look forward to a great meeting. Many adult contacts have been opened up through our bus program, and we need workers to begin studies. Our Monday evening general visitation program has given way to more specific studies, with individuals. If anyone desires to help out, see brother Perry Miller.

Stating party Monday eve. Get info. sheet for details.

Ladies Class Wed. 9:30 a.m. Study book of Job

Millard Hughes reentered Parkview hospital for surgery (rod replacement on right leg) and also bone graft. Likely be there 2 weeks this time. He is in rm #519. He would appreciate cards letters & prayers. New visiting hours for friends are from 6:30 to 8:30.

Camp Indogan fellowship day May 27.

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EXHORTER

May 19, 1974

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Youth Worship	9:30 A. M.
Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship Service	6:00 P. M.
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"HE IS NO FOOL WHO GIVES
WHAT HE CANNOT KEEP
TO GAIN WHAT HE CANNOT
LOSE"

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Removing the label or placing a false label on a bottle of potassium cyanide does not make it less poisonous. To remove the railroad crossing sign will not eliminate the danger that exists at the intersection. In our country today there is an effort under way to place a false label on sin, to minimize the effect of sin on the soul of man. Many pulpits do not declare that sin is sin and that man will lose his soul in the eternity to come unless he realizes his condition and turns to God in obedient trust. Why is it that preachers do not call sin what it actually is and let men know that it will destroy their souls from the presence of God for all time? Many preachers proclaim what they think instead of what the Bible says. But what does the Bible say about sin?

In I John 3:4 we find out what sin is as the writer there tells us: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." Man is restricted by divine law to certain territory. Sin is overstepping the boundary. John states it this way in II John 9: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he had both the Father and the Son." Then we might say sin is missing the mark.

Some might need to realize that the origin of sin was by the first man and woman God ever made. Sin came by temptation of the devil. It was the woman who was beguiled and it was Adam who sinned through deception. But both had violated the law that God gave them and both were guilty of transgressing the law. Sin had its beginning in doubting, denying, and disobeying the word of God. Sin continues to be prevalent today because people no longer look to the Bible as the authority in religion and their lives. When one disobeys the precepts of the New Testament he is in sin. He must then obey the terms of pardon laid down to find forgiveness of that sin.

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All men, without respect of condition or class, and who are mentally sound are sinners before God (Romans 3:9-10, 22, 23). Men are helplessly captive to sin and satan until they look to Christ and obey His will. The entire nature of man, mental, moral, spiritual, physical, is sadly affected by sin. Christ says: "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6) So if man is to rid himself of sin he must come to Christ.

But How can one come to Christ to find forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternal life? Christ said that the word He spoke would judge us at the last day so through obedience to these words can we find safety. Christ said we must believe that He is God's son, repent, confess Him before men, and be baptized for the remission of our sins. (John 12:48, John 8:24; Luke 13:3 Matthew 10:32-33; and Mark 16:15-16).

Friends of mine, both the horror of sin and the wonder of the Grace of God are seen in the Cross of Christ. Turn from sin to the cross in obedience to the words of Christ.

--W. C. "Bill Johnson"
White's Ferry Rd Bulletin
West Monroe, Louisiana

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COMPROMISE --- A man starting in the fish business hung out his sign, "Fresh Fish For Sale Today," and invited his friends to the opening. They all congratulated him on his enterprise, but one suggested that his sign might be improved. Said he, "Why the 'Today'?" Of course it's today--not yesterday or tomorrow." So the fish salesman removed the word. Another said, "Why the 'For Sale'?" Everbody knows that, else why the store?" And off came the words. Another complained, "Why the word 'Fresh'?" Your integrity guarantees every fish to be fresh." Finally only "Fish" remained but an objector said, "Why the sign? I smelled your fish two blocks away! The church that tries to satisfy everybody ends up pleasing nobody. Put up your sign and stand by it!"

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A letter from brother James Meadows this week ask if we could begin our gospel meeting with him a day later than we had scheduled and continue it through Sunday. We saw no reason why this could not be done. The new dates will be June 17 thru June 23 - a one week meeting - should be great.

Camp day Monday, May 27. Bring 'pot luck' and enjoy fellowship with others. Also at least half dozen lawn mowers are needed, also rakes - for cleaning grounds. See Devon Hostetler for other jobs.

This evening following services, we would like to meet with the teachers and others who might be interested in teaching in Vacation Bible School. Please come to Room 7.

Men's lectureship will be June 7&8 at Camp Indogan. Brochures in the vestibule.

Area Singing next Sunday June 2 at Southside. Also the Silvertones Quartet will be there at 2 P.M. to sing before the 3 P.M. Singing.

Camp Indogan stills needs workers each Saturday. Only **four** more Saturdays before the opening of Junior Camp.

Ladies will meet Wed. morning at 9:30 A.M. for Study in the book of Job. Each lesson shows how up-to-date this ancient book really is.

Perry Miller will be the speaker at this evening's service. Subject: Who is a Christian?

A gospel meeting at So. Side, Ft. Wayne with Jack Evans, May 31 to June 2.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

May 26, 1974

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Youth Worship	9:30 A. M.
Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship Service	6:00 P. M.
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"A GIFT"

My gift was delivered at seven,
Just as I woke where I lay,
A gift that was postmarked "heaven",
My gift was this beautiful day,
One wonderful, shining, "good morning",
Entrusted by God to my care,
It came bearing only this warning,
Fragile - Handle with prayer.

FIGURE IT OUT

When a boy gets up at four o'clock in the morning to deliver his papers, people say he is a go getter. If the church were to ask this boy to get up at four o'clock to do some work for the Lord, they would say, "That's asking too much of the boy." If a woman spends eight hours away from home working in a factory or an office she is called an energetic wife. If, however, she is willing to work the same amount of hours for the Lord people say "her religion has gone to her head."

If the employer asks and expects a man to be at work every day without being tardy, he is regarded with honor and glory for being a sensible business man. If you ask the same people to attend services three times a week you are being inconsiderate, (especially if you ask that they be on time).

If one ties himself down to make payments of from \$50.00 to \$100. a month on a car or other items of personal pleasure, he is really "getting ahead" but if that same person dropped that amount into the collection plate each month, many people would think they had gone completely out of their minds.

This is a mixed up world, isn't it? Now when we have finished squandering God's gracious gifts on the things that are temporal, and fading, and when we have wasted all that he has given us on things that are worthless, what will we have left to offer for that which is priceless? What will we use to build for ourselves treasures in Heaven?

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It is in loving, not in being loved, the heart is blessed: It is in giving, not in seeking gifts, we find our quest; Whatever be your longing or your need, that give; So shall your soul be fed, and you indeed shall live.

THE WAR OF WORDS

"Let not your mouth lead you into sin...why should God be angry at your voice..."

(Ecclesiastes 5:6,7).

Words have unbelievable power. Listen! "Death and life are the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21). Words heal or hurt, save or slaughter.

Words tighten the tension between classes, races and nations. They fill the world with the vomit of suspicion. Irresponsible talk cannot be lightly regarded.

Before civilization came of age one proved his manhood by burying his hatchet in the other fellow's skull. But we became civilized and learned how to butcher our opponent with caustic words. Such may be witnessed in the political campaign, the secretarial office, the bridge party, or the church business meeting. The tongue is a sharp weapon.

Gossip is "a beast of prey that does not wait for the death of the victim it devours." To enjoy discussing the weaknesses and sins of others is a pitiful pleasure. Nor does it dignify the gossiper to say, "I hate to have to say this, but-". Larry Fluvitt observes, "The chronic gossip cannot plead pain, for if such hurt him he would refrain from destructive tales, accusations and innuendos. Truly, 'the scorers delight in their scorning' (Proverbs 1:22)".

Love is always absent in gossip. "A lying tongue hates its victims" (Proverbs 26:28). Paul insists that, "Love keeps no score of wrongs, does not gloat over other men's sins" (1 Corinthians 13:6).

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said that Christians have the continual ministry of "holding one's tongue."

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In any controversy the instant we feel anger we have already ceased striving for truth, and have begun striving for ourselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The brevity in wording announcements today does not indicate their unimportance. Read them carefully.

1. Announcements of our gospel meeting will be ready by this Thursday evening.
 2. Mentone is having a meeting with Ermil Norman (former preacher there) on June 9-14.
 3. This coming Friday evening and Sat. morning, the men's lectureship at Camp Indogan. 3 subjects will be discussed: (1) Bus Evangelism (2) Training Evangelists (3) "Know Your Bible" Evangelism. This lectureship theme is "Building Up the Church" and should be valuable to all the men.
 4. Area singing at So. Side, Ft. Wayne next Sunday at 3 p.m. Silvertones will sing at 2 p.m.
 5. Picnic at new Rogers Park next Sunday for all Bible school children. Bus will leave following morning services. List of picnic needs in vestibule, if you can help, sign your name.
 6. Next Sunday evening following services, the "Autumn singing group (five singers) from Michigan Christian College will present a 20 minute prog. of religious songs. They will be staying overnight. If you would like to house one or two, please see sister Hoggatt.
 7. The Wed. Morning Ladies will meet at the building to go to camp to clean kitchen and wash equipment. Meet at 9. Bring sack lunch.
 8. Mary Wilson leaves this Monday for her summer's work with "Project Italy". We wish for Mary and all the project group a very successful summer for the Lord's work in Italy.
 9. A letter from the Bumbalough's extend their thanks to those who helped them move. Their address is R#1, Box 80, Losantville, In 47354.
 10. Notes of "thanks" from our graduates from high school are on bulletin board.
 11. Millard Hughes is home from the hospital now. Also Geoffrey Hostetler is home from hospital.
 12. A schedule for "Bus Workers" is on bulletin board. Please sign if you agreed to help.
- Norm Herron, RR# Box 15, Lagrange In 46761

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

June 2, 1974

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Youth Worship	9:30 A. M.
Morning Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship Service	6:00 P. M.
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THE WEAVER

We are weaving the webs of eternity day by day
If we make our pattern beautiful, as we may,
The Master Weaver will, one by one,
Test our glowing colors and say, "Well done".
Our weaving days will vanish by and by
The shuttles will then motionless lie,
God grant that each one may do his best
And his "finished product" stand the test.

--Selected

A person may give without loving since ulterior motives may prompt his giving. However, a person cannot love without giving. The Golden Text of the Bible declares, "For God so loved the world; that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16) The first verb of the "Little Bible" is loved. The next verb vividly portrays love in action and describes God as having given us his only begotten Son. Love and giving are inseparably linked in the Father's relationship to his creation. Jesus loved and Jesus Gave. "and walked in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of sweet smell.... Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it;"(Eph.5) In Jesus' relationship to us love and giving meet, merge and become inseparably linked. Paul desired in II Corinthians 8 that saints in Corinth demonstrate the sincerity of their love and present before the fact of the churches the proof of their love.(v. 24) How were they to do it? The context answers by linking inseparably love and giving. If the Godhead does not love without giving, neither can Christians. Night is no more certain to follow day than giving will follow real love.

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Niles Bulletin

YOU ARE PREACHING

There isn't a word that a preacher can say
No matter how lovely or true;
Nor is there a prayer that his eager lips pray,
That can preach such a sermon as you,
You vowed to serve Christ and men know what you did,
They're watching the things that you do;
There isn't one action of yours that is hid,
Men are watching and studying you.
You say you're no preacher? Yes, but you preach
A wonderful sermon every day.

In a city far away from where you live, there once were two men. Both were religious men. Both were God-fearing. But neighbors would confide to a stranger that both of them were rather peculiar. And the popular religious leaders disliked them both.

They tried to trap the first one in his words (Luke 11:54). They misjudged his motives (John 8:48, 10:20). That man was the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally they nailed him to a cross and left him to die.

The second fellow lived some years later. He got off to a bad start when he switched religions. And such a pity--he had studied for the ministry under the best professors of the day. His former churchmen, more concerned with party politics than truth called him their enemy (Galatians 4:16). They tried more than once to kill him (Acts 23:12). They hounded him all over the Roman Empire. Some said he was beside himself (II Cor. 5:12). He was the Apostle Paul.

Both Jesus and Paul would have had popular careers had they only conformed. But truth was more important to them than popularity. The person who is convinced of that today is sometimes lied about too. He is often slandered and misjudged. Truth is not always popular. It is always truth. What is more important to you?

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HOW WOULD YOU ACT? How would you feel? What would you do?
If on Sunday-Jesus sat down by you? Would you sleep
or talk, or listen and pray?
Would your children sit quietly or scream, cry, & play?
How would you act-you'd better prepare.
Jesus will sit next to you-He's already there.

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You are preaching--cont.
The acts of your life are the things that you say.
So Christian, remember you bear his dear name;
Your lives are for others to view.
You are living examples, men praise you, or blame
and measure ALL CHRISTIANS BY YOU.

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL MEETING- Announcements are here, take some and invite your friends and neighbors. June 17-23.

SIGN UP - A paper is on the bulletin board for you to indicate when you would like Bro. Meadows in your home for a meal.

AUTUMN- The singing group from Michigan Christian College will be here for a program after evening services.

SINGING- at Southside today at 3P.M. also the Silver-tones Quartet will sing at 2P.M.

???????- If you have Bible questions you would like Bro. Meadows to answer during the meeting he has expressed a willingness to answer these each evening. He would like to have these written out ahead of time if possible.

LADIES- This Wed. at 9:30 will be our last lesson on the book of Job.

CLEANING THE BUILDING- If each family would sign up for just one month to do this no one would have to do it more than one month a year. July is one of the months needing a volunteer. Can you help in this?

Altogether, about seventy men attended the men's lectureship Fri. & Sat at Camp Indogan. The talks on bus ministry, training evangelists and Bible Correspondance Course (literature) evangelism were good on the theme "Building up the Church". Wish all of our male membership could have been there.

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June 9, 1974

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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Morning Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
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PICNIC TODAY

12:00 to 3:00P.M.

For all, bus riders and especially our regular class attenders. Come along and get acquainted with the new ones and enjoy an afternoon at Rogers Park on Rd 550 South to the west of Hawpatch Rd.

SEE YOU THERE!

"Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment." (Ecc. 8:5).

". . . The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to the all" (Ecc. 9:11).

"For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14)

Man spends his time making money, accumulating things, caring for his property. Or perhaps he worries about things over which he has no control, plotting to avenge another, or simply "whiling away his time" to no avail.

Time seems so plentiful when we are young---it even seems to drag, or hang heavy. It seems that birthdays never come!

We plan big things for the future, but time slips by and we fail to reach our hopes and goals. "the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20).

I grew to respect and appreciate most highly a young man who was out of Christ. The proper time would come, I told myself, for me to introduce the subject of salvation. I waited for a convenient opportunity rather than sense the importance and urgency of the matter. He was suddenly taken from this life by an auto accident. Time had run out!

A mother and father are blessed with a healthy, normal child---and eternal soul. There are so many things they plan for the child and must accomplish. But then---"Oh, it seemed like only yesterday!" Where did time go? The things that should have been done---but it's too late now.

Other opportunities may come other blessings may enter your life, but those that are gone will never return. How well are you using your time?

Lost: Somewhere between sunrise and sunset, one golden minute, set with sixty diamond seconds. There is no reward offered, for it is lost forever. --Sel.

1. Remember that all are subject to failings of one kind or another.
2. Bear with each other's infirmities (Gal. 6:1-2)
3. Pray for one another in our assembled meetings, and particularly in private (James 5:1-6)
4. Avoid going from house to house, or using the telephone, for the purpose of bearing gossip or interfering with other people's business (II Thess. 3:11; I Tim. 5:12)
5. Always turn a deaf ear to any slanderous report, & lay no charge against any person until well founded. Do not take pleasure in what is evil, but in what is good (I Cor. 13:6; Phil 4:8).
6. If a brother is in fault, tell him of it in private, before it is mentioned to others (Gal.6:1; Matt. 18:15).
7. Watch against shyness of each other, and put the best construction on any action that has the appearance of opposition or resentment.
8. Observe the just roles of Solomon, that is, to leave off contention before it is meddled with (Proverbs 17:14).
9. If a brother or sister has offended you, consider how Godlike it is to forgive, and how unlike a Christian to seek revenge.
10. Remember that it is always a great device of the devil to promote distance and animosities among brethren in the Lord, and watch against everything that furthers this end.
11. Consider how much more good we can do in the world at large, and in the church in particular, when we are united in love, than we could do when acting alone and indulging in a contrary spirit (Rom 15: 5-7; Phil. 1:27).
12. Consider the express command of the Scriptures, and the beautiful example of Christ, as to these things (Eph. 4:32; I Peter. 2:21; John 13:3-15)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The gospel meeting beginning Monday evening has been planned since brother Meadows was here the last time, in 1969. We have looked forward to this time since then because of the fine presentation of the gospel by brother Meadows as well as his inspiration to the church here in the first of all her works, that of the salvation of souls. This time, in addition to his lessons each evening, he has agreed to a 20 to 30 minute session in which questions can be given on any Bible subject. This will be following the dismissal prayer of the regular preaching service, and as many as can are invited to stay for this session. It should be an interesting and profitable time in which a more informal discussion of Bible questions can be held. Brother Meadows would prefer questions to be handed in ahead of time, but for those who are visitors, etc. he will take questions from the audience. We appreciate his willingness to do this and his desire to help the church as much as he can while here. Please bring your friends and neighbors as often as you can.

Brother Dick Hostetler is speaking for the Goshen congregation this morning.

The Christian Bible Teacher magazines are here. All teachers, be sure to take your copy. Also the Action publication is to be taken by any who would like a copy.

A skating party conflict (June 17) with the gospel meeting causes us to seek another date. The Elkhart congregation invites us to theirs on the 24th of June. Are you interested, young people?

Remember Camp schedule dates: *

Junior (Ages 9-11) June 30-July 5

Intermediate (12-14) July 7-12 (brother

Herron will be directing this session)

* Other dates will be given later

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June 16, 1974

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WELCOME BRO. JAMES MEADOWS

Again, our efforts are united, by the grace of God, to strengthen the church in LaGrange and to proclaim the saving message to the lost of this and surrounding areas. May the Lord bless Bro. Meadows and his message to the glory of God and His church.

Note special question and answer session as explained in announcements.

Plan to come every service June 17 thru June 23

WHY HAVE A GOSPEL MEETING?

Tomorrow evening we begin another series of gospel meetings. These meetings, like so many other things, are often considered as just part of the routine and taken for granted. But an effective gospel meeting can have immeasurable spiritual significance. Just notice a few of the reasons why we have gospel meetings:

(1) A time of fellowship with members of the local congregation is provided. Because of services each evening, we are able to get closer to new members and strengthen ties with older ones.

(2) We can also enjoy the fellowship of Christians from surrounding congregations. There definitely needs to be closer ties among the various congregations in our area.

(3) This a time to strengthen the members of the church. Christians are often made more aware of their own shortcomings during an intensified session of gospel lessons.

(4) Of course a gospel meeting provides a great opportunity for saving the lost. Many times people who will not come to the regular weekly services will come to the meeting. Once they are here they can be taught the gospel story.

(5) The gospel meeting helps the church obtain a good name in the community. The advertising, etc. shows people that the Lord's church is active and involved in a good work.

(6) During this week we have a chance to associate with one who has experienced years of service in the Lord's work. Such an association ought to prove spiritually uplifting.

Considering these things can you afford to miss a single service of this meeting?

--Selected and adapted

AND THEN SOME

A retired business executive was once asked the secret of his success. He replied that it could be summed up in three words..."and then some!" "I discovered at an early age," he declared, "that most of the difference between average people and top people could be explained in three words. The top people did what was expected and then some. They were thoughtful of others; they were considerate and kind---and then some. They met their obligations and responsibilities fairly and squarely--and then some. They were good friends and helpful neighbors---and then some. They could be counted on in an emergency---and then some."

I am thankful for people like that, for they make the world more livable, for their spirit of service is summed up in the three little words--"and then some!"

--Selected

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Once ... A boy cheated on a test. He got a good grade on the test, and passed the course. He told his friends..."I had no choice."

Later ... as a man he took a job that denied another's need, but the money was good and he had his family to think of, and he told a friend..."I had no choice."

Later ... The man denied his calling ^{and chose} a different role and it made him quite famous and he became well thought of. He told a friend, "I had no choice."

Later ... The man reviewed his life before God, The Almighty God. He shrugged his shoulders as he told God, "I had no choice."

And God said as he turned his back and walked away from the astonished man ... "I have no choice.."

from the book:
GOD IS NO FOOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening will conclude one of the best attended gospel meetings that we have had. Our attendance Monday through Saturday evening for the week was 110, 144, 127, 161, 120, and 115. Guess this answers the question about the scheduling of summer gospel meetings. Our air-conditioning of the auditorium makes the hot summer nights more inviting. The lessons that brother Meadows gave were varied, aimed that not only the outsiders but the church would benefit. We appreciate not only his excellent evening lessons but his interest in the children's class at 7:15, his question and answer sessions following services each evening, his personal visits with Norm and others, and especially the ladies class that met Friday morning at the park. Truly it has been a good week. Wednesday evening, Jo Surber put her Lord on in baptism, and Thursday evening, Wanda Gray did the same. We are happy with them for this and hope that even yet others will obey the gospel. The meeting will end this evening. We pray for brother Meadows, as he plans full time meeting work and workshops on various phases of the Lord's work. His booklets are good study guides. Be sure to get those that interest you most, before he goes.

Dave and Connie Weaver are the proud parents of a 7 pound baby boy, born early Thursday morning. His name is Christopher David. Hope to see him soon.

As announced, a basket dinner is planned at the town park following morning services (if weather permits). Otherwise we'll stay in the building.

Mary Schrock is home from the hospital now and is able to get around some. She appreciate visits.

Dick & Fran Hostetler's new address is:
Lagrange Apts. #11
RR#1, Lagrange, Ind. 46761

NOTE: Ladies plan to go to Angola Wed. morn at 8 to work on clothes at clothes center.

Norm Herron, RR#5, Box 15, Lagrange, In 46761

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

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June 23, 1974

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
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TO AVOID MAKING A FAST DECISION ABOUT A
COMMITMENT TO SERVE THE LORD, SLEEP ON
IT. THEN ... IF YOU WAKE UP IN THE MORN-
ING, DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

(better yet, why not today)

THE GREATEST TRAGEDY

In studying the Scriptures and reading about the crucifixion of Jesus, we consider it the greatest tragedy of all times. Indeed it was a great tragedy, but Isa. 53:3 says, "He is despised and rejected of men." Really a sad day for the Jews as they had been expecting a Messiah, yet when he came they rejected him even unto death.

This isn't the end of the tragedy for not only the Jews rejected him for even in our day when we consider ourselves an educated, intellectual society, we are no better than the Jews of that day for we still reject him today. Unless we accept him today we magnify this great tragedy for the supreme tragedy was not in the Jews nailing him to the Cross of Calvary but in mankind by not accepting him as the Saviour of the World.

Are we any better than those of his day? So many times when we read of this tragedy we assume we couldn't have done that awful thing.

Will you consider your life and what your answer to this greatest tragedy will be? What will you do with Jesus? Remember, only you have the answer.

--Glenn Hampton

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IS THE OLD TESTAMENT OUR LAW TODAY?

Old law was given to the Jews -	Exodus, 20
	Deuteronomy 5
Old law was given for a limited <u>Time</u> and <u>Purpose</u> and that time and purpose have been fulfilled.	Galatians :16-25
Old law was taken away.	Heb. 10:1-10
	Heb. 8:6-13
	Eph. 2:11-17
	Col. 2:12-17
It is wrong to obey the Old law.	
Cuts us off from Christ and causes us to fall from grace.	Galatians 5:1-4
Causes us to commit spiritual adultery.	Rom. 7:1-4
We are to hear Christ only.	Matthew 17:1-8

IS THE SABBATH DAY BINDING TODAY?

God said He would destroy the Sabbath - Hosea 2:11
The people asked when - Amos 8:5
God told them the time - Amos 8:9
When it happened - Matthew 27:45
Paul confirms this - Colossians 2:14, 16
The Ten Commandments were a part of the Old Law - Deut.
* * * * * 4:13

CHRIST IS WORTHY

He is worthy; Christ who reigns
Far above the earth and plains,
Rules his kingdom from above,
Spreads his gracious truth and love.

He is worthy; Christ who gave,
Shed his blood, our souls to save;
Gave his life to pay the price,
Turn us from all sin and vice.

He is worthy; Christ who loves,
Fed the hungry with the loaves,
Healed the sick and raised the dead
And feeds us with the heavenly bread.

He is worthy; Christ is pure,
Made a way so right and sure;
In his steps we are to walk
And for evil never talk.

He is worthy; Christ is great,
He who opened heaven's gate;
He's the way the truth and life,
Bids all turn from sin and strife.

He is worthy; Christ who calls
For the sinner: he who falls,
Turns from God and does the wrong,
Calls him back to make him strong.

-Robert Page-

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Many thanks to the ladies who prepared food for the Griffin family. May our prayers be with them during this time of sorrow.

A note to the ladies that have been gathering up material to be used during intermediate camp, please bring what you have and place in the box provided in the back hallway of the building.

Summer address listing for project Italy 1974 is on the bulletin board. Also check there for Rusty Winifree address.

Fifth Sunday singing tonight June 30, 1974

Junior Camp session starts today.
Intermediate Carp session starts July 7th.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. & Mrs. Wade Spears on their 35th wedding anniversary.

Brothers Dean Hoggatt, Norm Herron, and Perry Miller journeyed to a bus evangelism workshop in West Virginia.

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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Matt. 28:19,20

WHAT I COULD DO IF I WANTED TO

1. If I wanted to, I could help make this church the most wide-awake and working church in the world.
2. If I wanted to, I could visit members who are sick and possibly find other ways of helping them.
3. If I wanted to, I could attend Bible classes regularly, and encourage others to attend.
4. If I wanted to, I could show more devotion in worship services, and receive much more good from them myself.
5. If I wanted to, I could profit more from the sermon by not resenting the truth when it reveals some of my weakness.
6. If I wanted to, I could tell others about Christ and His church and lead them to salvation--at least my actions could always speak for him!
7. If I wanted to, I could use my efforts to help promote the greatest possible harmony in the church.
8. If I wanted to, I could give back to the Lord each Lord's day as I have been prospered; thereby helping to spread the Gospel of Christ into all the world.
9. Of course, this all depends on what I want to do about it. I have the ability to be an honored servant of the Greatest of all Kings, but the question is, "What Do I Really Want to Do?"

Selected

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VACATION TIME (continued from page 3)

with clean hands, a clear conscience, happy and glad to take your place in the work of the church.

So, have a good vacation. Enjoy yourself. Meet new friends. Yes, take a vacation - but NOT FROM GOD.

Selected

"IT'S UP TO YOU AND ME TO WIN A SOUL IN '74'

VACATION TIME

Vacation time is here and most of us are breathing a sigh of relief, busily making plans where we will go and what we will do. Unfortunately, the past has revealed a slump in attendance and interest in spiritual things during this time of the year. It doesn't have to be that way. In fact, the genuine Christian is going to place God first, and especially at the time of vacation. By all means, take a vacation, - you need it, you deserve it and it will invigorate you anew to take up the remaining year's activities. But don't take a vacation from God.

Let us suggest some vacation tips:

1. If you have a regular duty in the church, be sure your place is filled before you leave.
2. Take your "roadmap to heaven" (Bible) with you and read and pray every day.
3. Attend the services of the church along the way, and plan your trip so that you will miss not one service, including the mid week service. Meet the members of the congregations where you visit, learn about their work, and bring home all the good ideas and methods for development and growth of the local church. Your suggestions on how this can be a better congregation is always appreciated.
4. Remember the financial burden of the church continues even when you are away. Mail or bring your contribution before you leave so the local congregation's responsibilities will not suffer.
5. When meeting new friends on your vacation, look for opportunities to tell them about Jesus and His Church.
6. Remember that wherever you are, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN, a member of the church, a representative of Christ in the world, and keep your light shining. Do not do one thing or go one place Christ or you would be ashamed of, but be sure to conduct yourself so that you can come back and work

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