

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Through an oversight, we failed to put in the bulletin last week that Lois Summey responded to the Lord's invitation the last night during our gospel meeting (June 23) with brother Meadows. We want to commend her for this decision to live for the Lord. We encourage her, along with two others who obeyed the gospel during the meeting, Jo Surber and Wanda Gray, to be faithful to their commitment. We are happy to welcome them as sisters in the family of God.

Several will be at camp this week either as a camper or as a worker from the congregation. For this reason, there will be some substituting for teachers for Thursday classes. In the adult class brother Devon and brother Perry Miller will be presenting some information and tapes which were obtained from the recent bus ministry workshop in Williamstown, W. V. This should be informative and interesting and should be of help as we continue to expand the outreach of the gospel to the community. We solicit your prayers and interest in this work.

This evening, brother Max Litke will be filling in for Norm who will be at camp this week. A Christian's love for the truth should prompt him to assemble whenever he can. Plan to be there.

REMEMBER: Singing at the Nursing Homes this evening. Miller Merry Manor at 5, and Lagrange at 5:30. Since many of our number are out of town this weekend and others being at camp, those going would really appreciate the help of all, to come. If you have not been coming, please come this evening.

Brother Luther Hall is now home from the hospital and plans to be at services this morning.

The new quarter begins today with changes mentioned in the services Thursday evening.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

July 7, 1974

Schedule of Regular Services

Childrens Bible Hour	9:30 A. M.
Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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SPEAK IN KINDNESS AND LOVE

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Colossians 4:6)

Once an old gray-haired farmer received a letter from his son and daughter-in-law asking for financial help. Since the farmer had not received any formal education and could not read, he asked one of his neighbors to read the letter. The neighbor was a rough, discordant and a harsh spoken individual. When he

WHY ATTEND CLASSES? TEN ANSWERS GIVEN

--T. Spring

1. GOD WANTS YOUR PRESENCE WHEN THE BIBLE IS BEING FAITHFULLY STUDIED. He wants us to develop the attitude of "How much can I do to prove my love to God" (Matt. 22:37), not how little can I do and still get to heaven.

2. CHRIST WANTS YOUR FELLOWSHIP ALONG WITH THE REST OF HIS SAINTS. Luke 17:10 tells us that we are still "unprofitable" servants and unworthy of heaven if we attend all classes and services. How grateful we should be for the mercy of God!

3. SOMEONE HAS COUNTED NEARLY 333 POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE COMMANDS TO THE CHRISTIAN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. John 16:13 explains that God guides us through His Word. Until one knows all there is to know in the Bible he must continue to study diligently.

4. THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FEEDING GOD'S LAMBS AND SHEEP IN THE FLOCK. The elders also admonish you to attend Bible study regularly. They must one day give an account of their leadership and prefer to do it with joy rather than grief. (Acts 20:29; Heb. 13:17)

5. THE PREACHER IS COMMANDED TO PREACH THE WORD IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON, to reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all long suffering (2 Tim. 4:14). Bible classes give all members such a rich background which is necessary to the understanding of much the preacher says from the pulpit.

6. FATHERS, OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE FAMILY, SHOULD KNOW THE VAST IMPORTANCE OF ALL MEMBERS IN THE FAMILY ATTENDING BIBLE SCHOOL. It is he who is entrusted with the headship of the home and responsibility of spiritual leadership in the family (Eph. 6:4).

7. THE DECISION TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN IS ALSO A DECISION TO HELP CARRY THE GOSPEL INTO ALL THE WORLD (Matt. 28:18-20) Since every Christian is a teacher, then he should strive to learn all he can in order to be the best possible teacher (Heb. 5:12-14)

8. THOSE WHO FALL FROM GRACE ARE THOSE WHO FALL DOWN IN BIBLE STUDY. Heb. 2:1 says, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." The punishment for neglecting God's Word is mentioned further in verses 2 and 3.

9. "HOW MUCH MUST I DO TO BE APPROVED OF GOD?" This question has a relative answer, but if we all seek first the kingdom of God (Matt. 6:33), then we must do our very best. We can stand approved of God only by long, hard and diligent study of his wonderful Word (2 Tim. 2:15).

10. YOUR COMMUNITY APPEALS TO YOU TO STUDY THE BIBLE IN BIBLE SCHOOL. The FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover, recommended Bible study as the foundation for happier homes and a stronger society. Judges of Juvenile Courts recommend a strong religious influence for all youth and adults in America. Jesus teaches all men: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matt. 22:38)

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SPEAK IN KINDNESS AND LOVE (cont. from page 1)
finished reading the letter the farmer doubled his fists and exclaimed, "I'll never send them a cent."

A few days later the farmer began to think about his children and decided to have the letter read once more. Again he approached a neighbor. As the neighbor began to read, the farmer thought, "This does not sound like the same letter." And when the letter had been read, the farmer turned to his neighbor with tears streaming down his cheeks and said, "Sell my farm and send them all that I have."

Does this not illustrate why we many times fail to make a sale, win a friend or convert a soul? We need to concentrate on speaking in kindness and in love. this is the Christian way.

"Cold words freeze people, and hot words scorch them, and bitter words make them bitter, and wrathful words make them wrathful. Kind words also produce their image on men's souls; and a better image it is. They sooth and quiet and comfort the hearer."

--Selected

N.C. Bulletin

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Last week was a busy week for many involved in the Intermediate session of camp. Nineteen from LaGrange either helped in various capacities or were enrolled as campers (two younger than camp age). We say "thanks to all" who gave of themselves to make the camp possible for the children who went. It's nice to know that the seed of the kingdom was sown and that the Lord promises it will bear fruit, it will not return unto him void. Isa. 55:11.

There is to be an area singing at East Chestnut St. congregation in Ft. Wayne this afternoon at 3.

The next challenging hurdle on this summer's agenda will be our Vacation Bible School. We now have a couple of weeks to prepare for it and give our all to make it a success. The material has been in the hands of the teachers for some time now. Brother Perry will be pushing attendance through the bus program, and with a two week session planned (pre-schoolers and first grade the first week, and second grade through Junior High the second week) we should have one of the largest VBS's ever. Our preparation and prayers should now match our expectation as we plan this yearly VBS program.

The regular quarterly meeting with all the men of the congregation was postponed because of other conflicts until this Wednesday evening. We would like to have the men meet with the elders at 7 pm. this Wednesday. The work will be reviewed to date and a revised budget presented for the last six months of the year.

We appreciate the visitors worshipping with us today and extend to you a cordial invitation to return whenever you can.

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July 14, 1974

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I shall pass through this world but once....
Any good thing that I can do,
Or any kindness that I can show to any human being,
Let me do it now

Let me not defer it

For I shall not pass this way again.

Selected

I WAS BLIND AND NOW I SEE

I noticed a man the other day;
I pitied him as he went his way.
He followed a dog and held a can;
I know he dwelt on another plane.

I thought "He can't see this world of ours;
The beautées of nature--the trees and flowers".
I thought: "To him it's a different place."
And I slowed my step to match his pace.

I talked with the man who held the cane;
As we walked together down the lane,
And found that my pity must change
To great respect and longing, strange.

That man could see far better than I!
His limit was boundless: Mine the sky.
On the road of life along I plod;
He had a helper--the Son of God.

My vision was fixed on earthly toys;
His was centered on Heavenly joys.
That man was Godly, was clean, was kind;
And I knew that I, not he, was blind.

--Selected

RULES FOR THE ROAD OF LIFE

Here are a few simple rules that will help each of
us to journey safely through each day:

Resolve that nothing is going to disturb
your day. Refuse to cross bridges until you come
to them.

Should an unhappy experience come to you,
do not let it do all the talking.

In your daily life there are bound to

"WHAT YOU GIVE....YOU GET"

In the lofty heights of the Rockies a mother and
her small son had just finished a session after which the
young man had to be punished. He ran to the edge of
the mountain and yelled, "I hate you, I hate you." to
his mother.

Across the ravine came the sharp echo; "I hate you.
I hate you." In fright the little boy ran into his
mother's arms sobbing, "Who is that bad man that shouted
I hate you?" She took the little boy by the hand and
leadhim back to the edge and told him to say "I love
you, I love you". He did as he was told. Clearly and
sweetly came the echo, "I love you, I love you". "now,"
said the mother, "You have learned a very vital lesson,
what you give....you get."

If you are not satisfied with life and what you
get out of it, maybe it is because you are not putting
enough of the right things into it. When one is sharp in
tongue, ill tempered, impatient, easily frustrated, dis-
likes most people, critical and hard to please, then is
it any wonder that person is continually upset? If one
is careful to speak kind words, slow to anger, patient,
not easily provoked, loves people (especially his brethren)
does not criticize (especially his brethren) continually
then he can be spotted in a crowd as a happy man. TRY IT!!!

--Selected

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be some inherent difficulties; you are bound to meet some
disagreeable people. Rise superior to the busybody, the
envious, the mudslinger. Bend all energies to giving
superior service.

Daily use suggestions that will develop your trust
in God. Begin each day by saying over and over to your-
self, until they have entered into the core of your being,
such sayings as these:

"This is the day the Lord hath made. Let us
rejoice and be glad in it."

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom
shall I fear?"

--Selected

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Just one week remains before our Vacation Bible School begins. The VBS will run for two weeks this year, the first week being attended by pre-schoolers through 1st grade and the second week by 2nd graders through Junior High. The expected enrollment necessitates a two week VBS, so that classes can be handled more efficiently in our classrooms. Next week, more detailed information will be presented but as of now, we might keep these things in mind: Try to enlist children this week. There will be need for kool-aid (packets) and cookies and sugar, which should be brought by next Sunday. The first week of VBS is July 29 through Aug. 2. The second week is Aug. 5 through 9.

Recognition should be given to those who are involved in our bus program, for seldom do we say much about them. Brother Perry Miller, our bus director spends many hours every week in this work. Helping him on the bus route is Kim Herron, who directs the singing and teaching. Dick Hostetler has been driving, as well as Carl Pieratt (who is on vacation in Missouri for three weeks). Those who came to canvass for VBS yesterday morning were Perry Miller, Joe Hughes, Joe & Lois Oakley, Dick Hostetler, Devon Hostetler, Norm Herron, Dean Hoggatt and Kim Herron. I might add that Lucille Penn is doing an excellent job on cleaning the building this month. "Thanks" for all our workers.

The next skating party for our youth is scheduled for July 30 in Elkhart. More about this later.

Two weeks of intermediate camp (ages 12-14) begins today followed by two weeks of senior (15-high school). This will round out camp for this yr.

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The Bible contains two testaments. The Old is Law, the New is Love. The Old is the Bud, the New is the Bloom. In the Old, man is reaching up for God, in the New, God is reaching down for man. In the Old, man is in the Valley but can see the sun shining on the mountain tops. In the New, he is on the mountain top basking in the sunlight of God's infinite love.

--selected

Riverdale Bulletin.

I WISH IT WERE ONLY A STORY, BUT IT REALLY HAPPENE

A few weeks ago I visited a congregation. I was greeted warmly at the door. Everyone seemed so happy seeing one another. It was obvious they were friends and brethren.

As everyone talked, a very pleasant man arrived at the door. The preacher asked, "Do I know you?" and the fine elderly gentleman answered that he lived near and was visiting. The preacher welcomed him as best he could, with others waiting to come in.

The pleasant visitor moved inside where it became painfully clear he did not know the way to the auditorium. He inquired twice and received a rapid "that-a-way" reply as the interrupted brethren resumed their talking. While moving "that-a-way" he arrived at two doors and inquired again. When he received his third "that-a-way" I went immediately and introduced myself, asking "if I could show him into the auditorium. He was so kind and appreciative. He said he was ashamed this was his first visit for he lived very near. He said it was embarrassing not even knowing where to sit. His wife had planned to come but she was sick and he came alone.

After a pleasant exchange of words, I moved on greeting brethren. Just before services began, our visitor was still sitting alone. This moved me deeply--alone in a crowd and not a friend. I asked if I could sit with him. His face lit up and he said, "I would appreciate it. I'm feeling sorta like the lost sheep, you know how it is when you are new and don't know anyone." My heart melted because if there is a feeling I've known, this is it.

We had a wonderful visit, singing and studying together. The personal benefit from that service seemed somehow, greater than many in the past. As we worked our way out of the building ONE brother came and asked if I had met this visitor. The visitor immediately told the inquiring brother how lost and alone he felt when arriving but he had found a friend and "sorta felt at home" and would now bring his wife since he knew "folks" here.

WONDER WHY??

The New Testament refers to the Lord's Supper 22 times in all. So, all true Christians consider this an important part of their weekly schedule. This must be done. Baptism is mentioned about 120 times in the New Testament, so all sinners who realize the importance of the act comply with the Lord's teaching in order to be saved. But when Jesus teaches on another subject over 1,000 times, some members of the church just treat it lightly! This massive amount of Scriptures refers to the Christian's obligation to study and teach God's word to others. Yet, in spite of this great amount of emphasis on the need of Christians studying regularly, many treat the matter lightly. We wonder why so many members of the church are not regular in their attendance to the Bible classes. Think about it if you have been an absentee.

--Selected

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There are many strange words in the Bible. How many of these do you know?

1. Is a carbuncle---A. a kind of boil or sore?
B. a precious stone?
2. Is a fuller-----A. a cleaner of garments?
B. a man who sold brushes?
3. Is obeisance----A. bowing down?
B. obedience?
4. Is a gin-----A. something to drink?
B. a snare?
5. Is a cockatrice---A. a species of rooster?
B. a poisonous snake?
6. Is a tittle-----A. a tithe?
B. a very small particle?
7. Is Pulse-----A. amixture of edible seeds?
B. edible kind of seaweed?

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I didn't have the heart to tell this kind soul that I, too, was a visitor, much less that I was a preacher of the gospel. Please, now, never let a visitor feel all alone, without a friend.

--Selected

via Swartz Creek Bul'n

ANNOUNCEMENTS

One last plug for the Vacation Bible School starting tomorrow! An extra week that Bible school is running this time will allow for some more children to attend. Use this afternoon to make some contacts if you have meant to, but just haven't yet. Ages 2 through the 1st. grade will attend VBS this week and grades 2 thru 8 next week. Time 9:30 to 11:30 each morning. Refreshments will be served about midway through the morning session and an assembly for all the children will be held the last 10 minutes each day. Friday evening each week will be used for a final program at 7:30. Everyone invited, but parents of children especially urged to come. Pray for all who are involved in the Bible School this year that the Lord may receive praise.

A gospel meeting at Glenwood Aug. 4-7 with Gordon Smith from Detroit, 7:30 evenings.

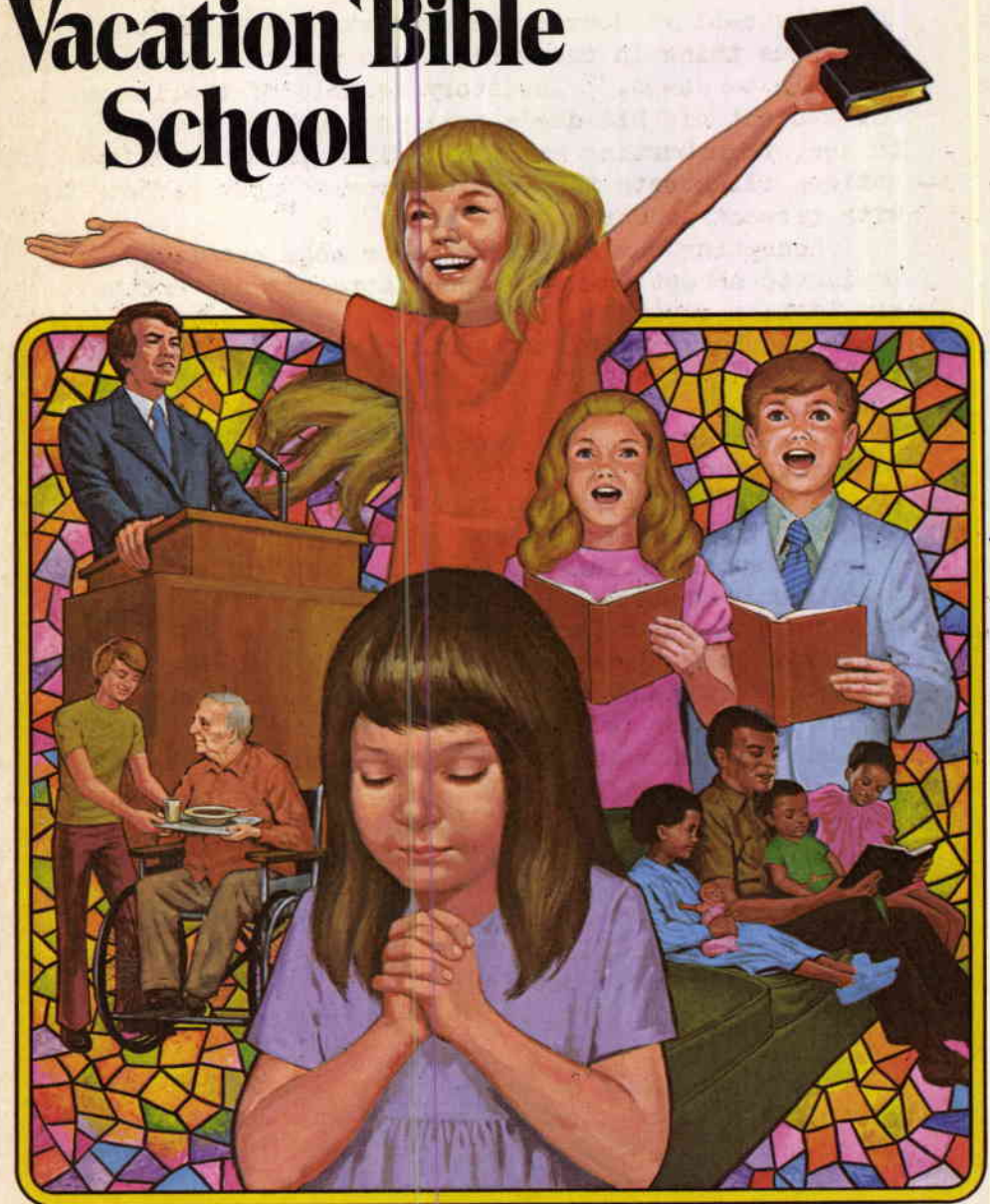
Brother Norm will be speaking at the Garden City, Mich. congregation this evening. He wanted to use this opportunity to express to them the appreciation of his family as well as the church here for the financial help over the past years while in Norway as well as here at Lagrange. They plan to return after services this evening so it will be a hurried trip. We pray for their safe return.

Tuesday evening a roller party for the youth at the Holiday Rink in Elkhart. Bus leaves at 5:00. There were 79 at the last party from Lagrange.

Latest word is that Jerry and Dorothy Pace will be here next Sunday for a visit. Let's all go to the park with pot-luck following morning services; a good way for them to get to visit with everyone.

Brother Richard Hostetler will be speaking in Norm's place this evening (regular 4th Sunday)
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Come to Vacation Bible School



CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ages 2 through grade 1 - July 29-Aug. 2 } 9:30 to 11:30
Grades 2 through 8 - Aug. 5 - 9 }

ALL, OR NOTHING AT ALL

David-Lloyd George once remarked, "The most dangerous thing in the world is to try to leap a chasm in two jumps." The story is told of the little boy who cut off his dog's tail an inch at a time to keep from hurting him too badly. These two situations illustrate the tragic error of many persons with respect to Christ.

Accepting Christ is an all-or none commitment. Trying to accept Christ without total commitment to him is like trying to leap a chasm in two jumps--you leave one bank and miss the other. Jesus said it like this: "He that is not with me is against me." Matt. 12:30.

The Lord will not share a divided heart. Look to Christ, commit your life, your talents, your service, your all. Look not for a stone or an island half-way. There is none.

The second situation above may well illustrate the other side of commitment to Christ. Commitment to one thing means forsaking other things. "You cannot serve God and mamon," Jesus said, you cannot hold to both God and the world. Sometimes a person tries to give up the world like the boy cutting his dog's tail off--an inch at a time. The result is the same, the pain multiplied!

Make clear decisions! Leave the world. "Come up all the way up to Christ! You can't leap the chasm in two jumps. Leave the shores of sin decisively and with finality, holding no momentos of a single past. Commit your all to Christ! It's worth everything, or it's worth nothing!

--Selected

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." Deut. 16:17

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give not grudgingly, or of necessity : for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

THE OLD REFRAIN

"They won't miss me," said the father as he deserted his family and left a broken home with broken lives behind.

"They won't miss me," said the policeman as he skipped a round on his patrol for a game of poker, but that night a store was robbed.

"They won't miss me," said the mother as she repeatedly left her children for rounds of teas and parties. The devil did not "miss" her children either.

"They won't miss me," said the soldier as he went AWOL. But he spent 30 days in the guard house for it.

"They won't miss me," said the man on the assembly line, as he slipped away without permission. But the airplane crashed and killed his brother because of the lack of a single nut.

"They won't miss me," said the sentry, as he slipped away from duty. But the enemy surprised and massacred his comrades that very night.

"They won't miss me," said the Christian worker as he shed his responsibility in a day of crisis. Then he wondered why his country gave way to softness and demoralization.

"They won't miss me," said the church member as he omitted one Lord's day and then another for trivial reasons. Then wondered why he no longer enjoyed a victorious Christian life.

Brethren let's remember these thoughts above. Our responsibility as a Christian is such that we will be missed if we fall down in any area of living. The Lord depends on YOU and ME. Let's work in HIS Kingdom.

--Selected

"Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty." I Sam. 20:18.

YOU ARE MISSED WHEN YOUR SEAT IS EMPTY

WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS: BUT WE DO KNOW WHO HOLDS OUR FUTURE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some statistics from last week's Bible School: The lowest in attendance was 66 and the highest was 74, giving an average of approx. 70. This was good considering just the pre-schoolers and 1st. grade students attended. This week the 2nd. week of Bible school will be held for the 2nd. through 8th graders. A Friday evening program will be held for both weeks with all the VBS students having a part in the program. All the members here are invited for this program, this Friday evening, Aug. 9, at 7:30.

The senior session (and last session) of camp will be held the next two weeks. This will wrap up the regular scheduled camp program for another year. Following this two week session, the camp will be available for the use of the members of Camp Indogan, as long as weather permits.

The E. Chestnut St. congregation in Ft. Wayne invites us to a series of gospel lessons by brother Nathaniel Braden, Aug. 4 thru Aug. 16. Time 7:30 nightly.

A youth festival is planned next Saturday at the Flanders Rd. congregation in Toledo. Any of our youth interested see bulletin board for details.

Singing at the Nursing Homes this evening: Miller Merry Manor at 5, and Lagrange Nursing H. at 5:30.

We invite all to go to the park for a dinner immediately after morning services. We are hoping that the Pace's (Jerry, Dorothy and family) as well as other visitors will be with us.

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L A G R A N G E

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

E X H O R T E R

August 4, 1974

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WHAT IS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?

Vacation Bible School is the voice of Jesus Christ saying softly in a thousand ways, above the joyful noise of laughter and singing and learning, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven".

Selected

RUST IN PEACE

Perhaps you have seen the clever sign suspended over the gateway of an automobile junk yard which reads, "Rust in Peace." Within this morgue for deceased motors are many cars that had once been polished and shining synonyms of power and speed, but now they lie here rusting and resting. Once they traveled the highways with blazing speed; once they climbed the highest hills, but now they are victims of rust and ruin.

What kind of Christian are you? Are you staying busy in the Lord's service, or are you resting on your reputation? America is filled with church members who used to be faithful in the work of the Lord, but they are now inactive. "I used to be a leader in the church back home and never missed a service," they say. What are we doing now? Negligent, careless and indifferent, having lost their former zeal and enthusiasm. They never darken the door and their children are reared without the knowledge of God's truth.

An energetic old gentleman, whom I once knew, was always in a hurry. He would always rush from one job to another, as if he had hardly a moment to spare. When his friends would urge him to slow down he would say, "I would rather wear out than rust out."

Unfortunately we have thousands of rusty Christians whose lives ought to be brightened and made useful in the service of God. They will never wear themselves out in the work of the church because they never intended to do anything but rest and rust. However, I do not believe they are destined to "rust in peace" very long. I Peter 4:17. ---Selected

LOST and FOUND

LOST--A golden opportunity to save a soul from death. Carelessly misplaced due to pressing engagement with the world. Should you find such an opportunity, make full use of it immediately.

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LOST - REAL CHRISTIANITY

Daily in our great newspapers are tear-filled messages of something valuable lost. The world today has lost many precious things, but the greatest is Christianity. Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, it has been found difficult and not tried!

But you say, "Christianity is all around us!" This is not Christianity. It is too mild and easy. It is neither feared nor admired, hated or loved. The greatest enemy of Christianity is "sub-Christianity". Mediocrity survives. The world rejects this weak, tepid Christianity. Being play-actors, our performance is booed by the world.

Brethren, Christianity is not the average. The average is not Christianity. Christ did not come to make men average; this is their trouble. Christianity does not need defense. It needs performance. We need men who will preach like Paul; work like Luke; do good like Dorcas; give like Barnabas; and die like Stephen. If Christianity is worth anything it is worth everything. It is all or nothing, first or last.

Christianity is real; Christianity works! Men have heard, read and talked about Christianity for 2,000 years. It is time men saw it.

Take Christianity seriously. Study and pray and live Christ. This is the best thing you can do for yourself, your country, your neighbor and your God.

---Selected- M.F. McKnight

(Lost and Found) cont.

FOUND --A release from anxiety and work. This precious possession was found in the closet of prayer on the shelf of complete trust. Anyone having lost this blessing should reclaim it immediately.

LOST--A child by parents too busy to give him spiritual guidance. Finder please return to God and receive greatest reward to be imagined.

FOUND--A precious soul by one interested in doing God's will. This would was reclaimed for the Lord by a lady who earnestly prayed over the matter. Great rejoicing now had by both parties. ---Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This last week concluded a very successful Vacation Bible School, which extended over a two-week period. The low and high in attendance this week was 45 and 52, an average of 50. This figure added to the 70 average the first week totals 120 in attendance for the entire VBS. The program Friday evening was well attended with several parents from the community present. We feel that our work with the children, especially in our busing program registers favorably with the parents, as their response indicates. As we go into the fall season, we look forward to a challenging opportunity as the doors in the area are opening to our evangelistic efforts. Praise God. Our material fields are in bad shape for lack of rain, but the field of souls are white unto harvest. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest". Matt. 9:38.

We express thanks to the following for their work in VBS: Patty & Cheryl Hostetler (age 2), Hazel Miller (3), Lois Oakley & Lesly Hoggatt (4), Vicki Hicks (5), Luella Oakley (1st grade), Sharon Pieratt & Kathy Hoggatt (2nd), Mary Wade (3rd), Marilyn Herron (4th), Dean Hoggatt (5th & 6th), Norm Herron (7th & 8th). Also for those who served refreshments, Jean Bowen, Ellen Hostetler, Sharon Simpson, Kathy Hughes, and Thelma Hoggatt. Bus drivers, Dick Hostetler, Norm Herron & Dean Hoggatt. Much work was done by Perry Miller and several who canvassed on Saturdays. For all, the church says thanks and the Lord will reward.

We are happy to announce that Glova Spears obeyed the gospel Thursday evening. Brothers Devon and Norm had taught her her duty toward God and she responded. We welcome her into the family of God's people at LaGrange.

Sorry we failed to mention last week that sisters Betty Warren and Rita Stevens were on the sick list. Betty broke her ankle and Rita has suffered back trouble. Both are improving now.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

August 11, 1974

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A THOUGHT TO PONDER

Building boys and girls is better than mending them. Once truth is firmly planted in a child, it continues steadfast through any test; but the planting has to be done early in the growing season.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6

SOFT PREACHING

Sel. from the Firm Foundation

John the Baptizer said, "Ye offspring of vipers who warned you to flee from the path to come? Bring forth, therefore fruit worthy of repentance..." John also said to Herod regarding his brother's wife, "It is not lawful for thee to have her." The Lord said, "Woe unto you, scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites! for you compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is become so, ye make him two-fold more a son of hell than yourselves". Stephen said, "Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do ye." And Paul said, "O full of all guile and all villainy, thou son of the devil, thou enemy of all unrighteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right way of the Lord?"

This was straight preaching; this was the attitude characteristic of preachers of the church in apostolic days. They stood for something--they stood uncompromisingly. This is the kind of preaching that convicted sinners and strengthened the church and converted the world. These men knew nothing about modern psychology. They knew the gospel of Christ and how to preach it. They loved the souls of men and preached like they meant what they said.

The Modern "be-broadminded," "method of approach," "go easy," "tread lightly" attitude prevalent in so many places is worse than useless. It will not condemn error, will not convict sinners, will not strengthen the church of the Lord.

Can you imagine Peter or Paul preaching in the following manner: "You must believe to a certain degree, Repent in a measure, confess something, be baptised by some mode, then you will probably be saved so to speak. If you don't, you may be in danger of hell to a certain extent."

Brethren, the time is here once again when men are "heaping to themselves teachers, having itching ears he will be asked to move on and they will get someone who will. The church faces this problem in every generation and sooner or later in the every congregation and church leaders and preachers must constantly be on guard to preach the word and keep the church pure.

THE TWO MOTHERS

Long, long ago,--so I have been told,--

Two angles once met on the streets paved with gold.
"By the stars in your crown," said the one to the other,
"I see that on earth you, too, were a mother;
"And by the blue-tinted halo you wear,
"You too, have known sorrow and deepest despair."
"Ahm yes," came the answer, "I once had a son,
"A sweet little lad, full of laughter and fun;
"But tell of your child." --"Oh, I knew I was blest
"From the moment I first held him close to my breast;
"And my heart almost burst with the joy of that day."
"Ah, yes," sighed the other, "I felt the same way."
The former continued, "The first steps he took, --
"So eager and breathless,--the sweet startled look
"Which came over his face,--he trusted me so,--"
"Ah, yes," sighed the other, "How well do I know!
"But soon he had grown to a tall handsome boy,
"So stalwart and kind,--and it gave me such joy
"To have him just walk down the street by my side."
"Ah, yes," said the other, "I felt the same pride."
"How often I shielded and spared him from pain;
"And when he for others was so cruelly slain,
"When they crucified him--and spat in his face
"How gladly would I have hung there in his place!"
A moment of silence, --"Oh, then you are She, --
"The Mother of Christ," and she fell on one knee.
But the Blessed One raised her up, drawing her near,
And kissed the cheek of the woman, a tear.
"Tell me the name of the son you loved so,
"That I may share with you your grief and your woe."
She lifted her eyes, looking straight at the other,
"He was Judas Iscariot. I am his mother."

--By Richard Maxwell
via Swartz Creek Bulletin

I was stunned after I read the above poem by Mr. Maxwell and I had to read it several times to derive a message. Have you ever viewed the life of another from the eyes of that person's mother? Have you thought of the grief of the family of Judas Iscariot? Now think of the sorrow that many mothers bear because of the actions of their children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brother & Sister Herron and family are taking a few days (part of their vacation) to visit their homes in Detroit and also visit some friends in Toledo. They plan to be back Sunday evening or early Monday morning. In brother Norm's place today, we ask brother Harvey Moad to speak. We welcome he and his family as they worship with us today.

How long has it been since you have attended an old fashioned tent meeting. The Angola Church of Christ is having one this week (Sunday through Friday) with brother Floyd Denton from Paulding, Ohio speaking. The subject titles for each service is listed on the bulletin board. Pick out a convenient time to go and support the work this week.

Good News For Michigan Christian College -

Michigan Christian College, located in Rochester, Michigan, has just been fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and secondary Schools according to Don Gardner, President. This has great meaning to those who plan to go on to college, as many have from here, and more will be leaving within a few weeks. (Anna Oakley, Verna Thomas and Paula Hostetler, in her second year) We are happy they have chosen MCC to further their education.

Sister Shirley Smith entered Lagrange hospital Thursday and will likely be released today. If not, her room # is 165. Give her a visit.

A note from the Paces is on the bulletin board. They returned home safely, and enjoyed their visit.

An "open house" is planned by the Mishawaka church on Aug. 25 in their new building. Note bulletin bd.

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August 18, 1974

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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Let's quit:

- Missing so many of the services of the church
- Being such poor contributors of our money
- Missing the Bible study and causing our children to miss also
- Being late for the church services
- Making noise during the time of the services
- Complaining about what the church is not doing and get to doing something ourselves
- Putting things ahead of Christ

MAKING YOUR LIFE RICHER

In his book, How to Live 365 Days a Year, Dr. John Schindler, gives several suggestions on how to make life richer, fuller, more enjoyable. Among these suggestions are the following.

1. KEEP LIFE SIMPLE. We ought to keep ourselves responsive to the simple things that are always near at hand and readily accessible. We should not depend entirely on the unusual for enjoyment in life. Do you enjoy the blue sky, the green grass, the rising and setting of the sun, the cloud formations?

2. DON'T LOOK FOR A KNOCK IN YOUR MOTOR. Some people are always looking for trouble to occur. They are sure that if they get through this day, something terrible will happen tomorrow. They are like a driver in a car listening for a knock in the motor. Don't be a constant complainer. Be optimistic. Look for the best to happen. Chances are it will.

3. LEARN TO LIKE WORK. Most all of us have to work. We spend a large part of each day at work. If we just don't like work, we will be miserable a large portion of our lives. If you are working at something you don't like, you might want to consider a change. But do this very carefully. However, some people just do not like work at all of any kind. If they were asked what kind of work they would enjoy, they would be at a loss to tell you. They just don't like work--period! This is unfortunate in view of the great amount of time we must all spend at work.

4. HAVE A GOOD HOBBY. A fascinating and creative interest apart from your work is an absolute for happy living. Two of our basic needs are the needs for new experiences and for creative effort. A good hobby supplies both of these things. Without a hobby, spare time becomes a boring span of time during which our minds are more and more apt to cogitate on our troubles.

5. LEARN TO BE SATISFIED. You can do nothing about the weather. Why make yourself miserable worrying about it? Living in chronic dissatisfaction is tragic. It is so useless and unnecessary. Don't let

a series of misfortunes sour you on life. Everyone has trouble. How we react to it is the key to whether or not we will be its master or let it be our master.

6. LIKE PEOPLE. People are all around us. They are next door. They work at the next desk. They are bumper-to-bumper in the traffic jam. We rub elbows with them in the shopping centers. If we don't like people, we are going to be in for a lot of difficulty inasmuch we come constantly in contact with them. Some people dislike everybody. How much better it is to like nearly everyone. You will be happier for it.

7. GET THE HABIT OF SAYING THE CHEERFUL, PLEASANT THING. We should get up on the right side of bed every morning. We have another day that God has given. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. We should make a special effort to be pleasant with our family. Do not, for your own welfare and that of all others concerned, make the family dinner table a place of recitation of troubles, anxieties, fears, warnings and accusations. Use a sense of humor. Say the thing that is courteous, nice, pleasant, and cheerful.

8. MEET YOUR PROBLEMS WITH DECISION. Many of the decisions we have to make are not of far reaching consequence. It matters little whether we buy a blue or green car. The best rule to follow, therefore, is to make your decisions without a long huffing, puffing, fussing. Some decisions are of a far reaching nature. They should be made carefully. Afterward, we live with the decision we have made, or determine, where possible, to make a readjustment.

10. MAKE THE PRESENT MOMENT AN EMOTIONAL SUCCESS. Make your attitude and thinking as cheerful and pleasant as possible--right now. The only moment you ever live is the present moment. It is the only time we have to be happy. Some people live for tomorrow. Tomorrow may never come. Live today as happily as you can. Then tomorrow, if it should come, will have a happy background. This will make for happy tomorrows.

Life is pretty well what we make it. Your life can be full and content. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced last Sunday evening, but some may not yet know that Mary Williams obeyed the gospel last Sunday afternoon and gave her life to Christ. She had come with Lois Summey and resides in Howe. We welcome her into the fellowship here and pray for her new Christian endeavor, that the Lord might bless her in His work.

An "open house" is scheduled this afternoon by the Mishawaka Church of Christ for their new church building at the corner of Currant and Jefferson road. See bulletin board for time and program.

On Sept. 14, an "open house" is scheduled at the Shults Lewis Children's Home near Valparaiso. This is an annual event with many hundreds of Christians attending. The congregation here helps the home on a monthly basis (\$50.00). It would be good to have several from here to attend this year's event.

There is planned a Labor Day fellowship at Camp In-dogan, Sept. 2. Some are planning to go over after next Sunday's evening services to stay all night. For some fun and relaxation, try it. All of the camp sports equipment is available as we bring to a close another summer's activities at camp.

For the youth, there is to be a skating party this Tuesday evening at the Holiday Rink in Elkhart. As usual the bus will be leaving at 5:30. The bus will not pick the children at home (they should meet at the building) but we'll see everyone gets home after we return.

Some of our members are still on vacation, others have had theirs. In any case we pray that all will have a safe return and that soon, after vacation time is over, we'll be in "full strength" in serv.

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August 25, 1974

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THE TEACHER

The teacher took a child while it was short and small,
To build it for Christ big and tall,
To keep it from pollution of soul and mind,
To make it pure and sweet and kind.

The child grew into a man big and strong,
Trained and taught against the wrong;
A tower of strength for truth and right,
And a blessing to all both day and night.

Robert R. Page

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ELDER

Doctors say many business men have ulcers. Among the causes are labor management problems, competition, high overhead and other expenses. While sympathy is in order, what would happen if they worked under circumstances such as elders face?

Suppose you have to try to "please" 165 people, yet you must first please God. That all your workers were never on the job at one time. That a slight headache or "company's coming" justified a worker's taking the day off without letting you know. That rain kept from 30 to 40 percent of your workers at home.

Suppose your workers only worked if they liked and when kindly questioned would threaten to quit . . . that when dissatisfied with some minor things they would quit and become members of another company, and, that after you are committed for thousands of dollars only a few stood by you. That some employees would actually misappropriate funds belonging to the owner. . . that your business was the largest in the world, but was financed by free-will offerings.

This may be supposition to business men; it is a reality to elders. No wonder Paul said, ". . . esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." (1 Thess. 5:13.)

I hope all of us will remember that the elders watch for our souls. These good men have tremendous responsibilities. Let us then serve with dedication and cooperate in brotherly love so these godly men may do their work with joy and gladness.

Pray for them. Express your love to them. Commend them. Encourage them. Do these things and the church will have better leadership and supervision.

Adapted
via Swartz Creek Bulletin

(from page 3)

Don't judge a man by the house he lives in. The leopards and the rats often inhabit the greatest structures.

--Selected

NO PLACE TO COAST

Some way, some how or the other, many members of the church have obtained the idea that although there is no place to quit, it is all right to "coast" a little once in a while.

This isn't referring to those who gave up long ago and never darken the doors of the building. But refers to those who are fairly consistent in their attendance as somewhat of a sacrifice on their part as a simple fulfillment of a duty and not a blessing.

Such have begun to "Coast." There inlies a great danger. You know how it is when one rides a bicycle downhill. He coasts along without any effort on his part. But, after he comes to a level place he begins to slow down and go slower and slower until he finally comes to a stand-still, unless he begins to apply himself to the pedals.

So it is with church members who are content to "coast". They seem to think that everything is fine: that they are getting along nicely without putting forth any effort. But they fail to foresee the time when it will be necessary to start pedalling or stop altogether.

The lesson is this: You can't keep on coasting. The time will come when one must put oneself into the work or stop deadstill. In the Christian life, there is little or no time for coasting. Most of the way is uphill and those who want to coast soon become weary and drop out of the race altogether.

Those who have their gaze firmly on the goal, keep applying their feet to the pedals.

Reprint via Defiance Bull'in

HOW DO YOU JUDGE??

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears. God made the one and the tailor made the other. Don't judge a man by his family, for Cain belonged to a good family. Don't judge a man by his failure in life, for me a man fails financially because he is too good and too honest to obtain success at the price asked.

"And that," the man replied, "is exactly your trouble. You are not willing to hurt yourself for the good of the boy."

"You allow your feelings to keep you from doing what needs to be done. You are too selfish. You think you are showing love for the boy, but genuine love is willing to suffer for the good of others. You think a whipping will hurt you, but it will help your boy. A diamond to be of value, must be cut and ground and polished. There are many diamonds in the rough at San Quentin prison today just because they were not polished in the home.

Every day some shamefaced mother with a broken heart and bowed head sits in a court room and hears the judge pronounce sentence upon her son...she hears a judge making her son mind, the son she couldn't make mind."

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The last holiday of the summer season, Labor Day, is Monday. There would be no better way to spend it than with Christians. For this reason Camp Indogan is the place and Monday is the time. In fact if you want to have an extra good time, plan to go over this evening and join the fun and stay all night.

A holiday weekend does not change the situation of many people. Remember the patients at the Nursing Homes and plan to sing and visit with them this evening. Merry Manor at 5 and Lagrange Home at 5:30 p.m.

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

Mary Helmer's father, George Warble, underwent surgery at Parkview, Friday. He is in rm 913.

Before cold weather comes, we would like to plan a picnic for our Bible school children on Sept. 15.

This Sunday marks our second year with the church at Lagrange. We thank the Lord for making it possible for us to work with such a wonderful group of His people. The Herron's.....

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 1, 1974

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The Extravagance of God

More sky than man can see,
More seas than he can sail,
More sun than he can bear to watch,
More stars than he can scale.

More breath than he can breathe,
More yield than he can sow,
More grace than he can comprehend,
More love than he can know.

Ralph W. Seager

MUST I ALWAYS WORSHIP?

In every church where spiritual immaturity exists, some^{one} is always to issue the Pharisaical challenge, "By the scriptures show me where I have to attend every service of the church."

The problem of people absenting themselves from worship and Bible study assemblies is not new. But it always hurts to have many who continue to be absent for no apparent reason. But it is not the church that is hurt the most. It is the absentee. If you miss a service, you miss the encounter with God in the company of other worshippers which builds you up and serves to strengthen your faith. By being absent, you are less able to overcome the temptations to sin that beset us everyday of our lives. Without Bible Study and contemplation, you are not equipped to deal with sin.

And our Lord is hurt when you slight him by choosing to be absent from worshipping him. He died on the cross for you. Can you not serve him occasionally in this special way? As you develop a pattern of spasmodic attendance and worship, you are saying to your Lord that he is not really important to your living and thinking.

Thirdly, your Christian brother and sister are hurt by your absence, for they lose the influence of your association, and they are concerned for your spiritual health. Those who may be visiting the church wonder how the church could be of much importance if so many of its parts (members) habitually absent themselves for no good reason.

But again...the greatest harm is to the individual. For absenteeism is the symptom of a far more serious problem, that of spiritual decay. When the way to the meeting-house seems too far; when the singing comes hard and seems dreary; when the sermons seem much too long; when you see so much you dislike in the brethren; when the preacher's lessons make you mad; when the members frequently say things that offend you; when prayer is a burden; when the

reading of the Bible is a dull activity that puts you to sleep; when you fret as you are called upon to give of your money into the church treasury; when you try to make excuses for your sins and try to persuade yourself that God will not punish you or make a judgment.. WATCH OUT, SPIRITUAL DECAY!!!

Heb. 10:23, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near," In I Cor. 13 the apostle Paul emphasizes that love of Christ is essential in our relationship to the church. It is not enough just to do his commands out of duty. If one is truly converted to the Christ, he will welcome opportunities to assemble with him and with others who love him.

--Selected
Via Donmeyer digest

"I CAN'T MAKE HIM MIND"

A mother came to a well known educator with the complaint, "I don't know what to do with my boy; He won't mind a word I say."

How old is he?"

She replied. "He is four, going on five."

The educator retorted, "If you can get along with him three or four years longer the state will take him off your hands and try to make him mind. They have detention homes, reform schools, and later on, penitentiaries to help them make boys mind."

An ex-judge said that about 98% of the tens of thousands now in the penitentiaries of this country were boys whose mothers could not make them mind in the home. The educator questioned the mother if she ever punished the boy when he disobeyed.

"Punish him! I don't believe in punishing children. Why it would nearly kill me to punish him."

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See front page about Shults Lewis)

It is worthy of note that last Sunday morning the combined attendance was 196. This is well over the previous record attendance early last month. We did have several visitors from Muncie and Ft. Wayne, but we also had some of own members gone. Perhaps as the fall season comes upon us, the attendance will tend to be more stable. We hope so.

Thus far we have received announcements of two gospel meetings in Oct. Bro. C. W. Bradley from Memphis, Tenn. will be preaching at East Allen Co. in Ft. Wayne, and brother Jack Gray will be preaching at Mishawaka. The Ft. Wayne meeting begins October 13 and the Mishawaka meeting begins Oct. 20. We'll have announcements about these on the bulletin.

As was mentioned last week, we wanted to have a picnic, especially for the bible school children, before cold weather. Next Sunday, the bus will take the children and their teachers, if they can come, to Camp Indogan for this picnic. Anyone else can come, however there probably won't be room for all to ride on the bus. Some of the teachers have agreed to pick up the cost, but they would appreciate anyone bringing cookies to donate for this meal. If you can do this, bring the cookies by next Sunday.

A letter from the town board urges us to clean up the property south of the church building. The debris left from the tearing down of the home is to be burnt before any grading can be done. We'd like to have as many men as can come Monday evening to meet at about 5 o'clock, to get this work started. The fire chief has been contacted and the burning can be done in the basement. Please help.

A correction: John Warble is in rm 319 at Parkview.

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OPEN HOUSE DAY AT SHULTS LEWIS
CHILDREN'S HOME, SATURDAY, SEPT. 14.

To many in the church here the name Shults Lewis has little meaning. To others, the name has been one often spoken. This home has for many years taken in and provided housing for homeless children, being supported by individual Christians as well as congregations of the church. The annual Open House is planned next Sat. We'd like to urge more interest in this good work. Read James's definition of "Religion" Jaml:27.

"I SIT ON THE BACK SEAT BECAUSE..."

The back seats are the most popular pews in the church building. There is rarely a service in which you can find an empty back seat by the time worship is ready to start. Have you ever wondered why?

There are a few who have a justifiable cause for sitting back there: Mothers with wee babies, folks with certain physical ailments, and certain ones with particular duties to perform. But why do so many others seem to prefer the back pews?

Some "unknown assailant" must have had the same problem since he assaulted it in the following manner:

"I SIT ON THE BACK SEAT BECAUSE..."

1. "I am extremely zealous and enthusiastic about Christianity, and I think I can generate more enthusiasm on those seats.
2. I want to help the song leader. There are some who make his a hard job by dragging the singing. I can help him most by sitting in the back.
3. I really enjoy encouraging the preacher, for his is a difficult task at best, and I know it will encourage him for me to sit just as far away as possible.
4. I believe it is a Christian's responsibility to encourage the young people and to serve as an example to show them how to be better Christians, and I am sure I accept my share of this responsibility if I sit on the back seat.
5. I come through sheer joy of worship--it inspires me. I sit on the back pew because there is so little distraction and confusion there, and I can hear better.
6. I want Christ to know I love Him and His church and I want my light to shine for Him as He has taught (Matt. 5:16). I am sure that sitting on the back seat is a good way to demonstrate this."

Dr. Lawrence Gould is a consulting psychologist, who, according to the daily newspapers, was asked the question: "Is it modesty that makes one take a back seat in church?"

Mr. Gould answered: "I very much doubt it. Any minister who knows psychology has long ago realized

that the reason why so many people do this is through fear of committing themselves too completely to what being in the church stands for. After all, nobody takes a back seat at a ball game if he doesn't have to. At a ball game no one expects you to be anything more than a spectator. No doubt, people take front seats in church for various reasons, but the ones who do are usually those who are willing to work hardest and make the most generous contributions."

--Selected--

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PONDER THIS - - - When a wife saw her husband trying to sew a button she told him that the thimble was on the wrong finger, "I know," he replied, "It should be on yours."

This funny little story makes a point worth our consideration. Many times we find ourselves being critical of the way someone else is doing some particular job. He doesn't do it like we would if the task was ours to do, so we begin to point the finger of criticism in his direction. Perhaps the answer to the problem would be found if we would do our fair share of the work and take some of the burden from our brother's shoulders. The work of the church is never going to be easy, but it could be more effectively carried out if the work were distributed evenly among all members. Brethren, it's easy to sit idle on the sidelines and criticize, but it is something else to get in the game. Why not let's each one put a thimble on our finger and let's sew on the buttons together.

--Selected

"DO YOU"

Do you send a sick friend a card of good wishes,
When you should have gone and washed her dishes?
Do you pick out a card with a cheerful red rose,
When you could go over and iron her clothes?
Do you spend time and money, a card to buy,
When it'd mean more to bake a pie?
Though cards are selected for humor and beauty,
They often substitute for doing one's duty!! -Sel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

According to our count there were more than twenty from Lagrange who attended the Shults Lewis Open House yesterday. It is good to be reminded often of the work that is being done for homeless children and the obligation we have as Christians toward them. We also had the pleasure of meeting the little boy who we are sponsoring on a monthly basis. His name is Danny Davis, a seven year old boy. (Birthday is Nov. 21) He is an interesting lad but deprived of the usual homelife because of circumstances beyond his control. We hope that sometime he may be able to come to Lagrange and meet the church here. No one could help but love him.

Information about gospel meetings in October will be mentioned soon. Your attendance to any of them will be a great inspiration, not only to yourself but to the congregation you attend.

Another annual event which we would encourage anyone to attend would be the Michigan Christian College lectureship to be held Oct. 14-17. The theme of the lectureship this year is "The Year of the Yes".

Topics include: Demon Possession, Leadership by Example, What will make the church grow, Worldwide soul saving and Preparation for Retirement. Truly, an enjoyable time awaits those who would make arrangements to go.

As was planned, a picnic for our bible students is to be held at Camp Indogan today. Any others of the congregation is invited also to enjoy the get-together. Come and enjoy it with them.

We appreciate the turn-out to clean up the area south of the building. More needs to be done to get the land so that it can be mowed, however. Estimates are to be sought for some bulldozing.

Last Sunday sister Judy Eiler, Steve Gill and Bill Eiler were in an accident. By now, they are recovering at home and doing well.

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E X H O R T E S

September 15, 1974

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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P R A Y E R

I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know: God answers prayer
I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the guise I thought,
I leave my prayer to Him alone
Whose will is wiser than my own.

-sel.-

THE WORD OF LIFE

No scientist of earth is able to define, much less to explain, the thing we call life. The best definitions stand as much in need of explanation as that which they purport to explain. What a marvelous thing life is, transcending far beyond the comprehension of man, who has learned very many facts concerning life, but can give us no intelligible explanation of them! But if none of us can say what life is, we can all distinguish between that which is living and those objects which have no life. Between the two there is a great gulf which only divine power can span; only the living God can impart life to that which is lifeless. The written Word of God contains the characteristics found only in living things, as it exhibits not merely the perishable life that we are familiar with, but life of a different order imperishable and incorruptible.

The Bible differs from other books in its perpetual freshness. This characteristic will be recognized by those who know the Book in that intimate way which comes from living with it as with a member of one's family. The Bible never becomes exhausted, never diminishes its power to quicken the soul who comes to it--like a fountain of living water always fresh and always refreshing. The most familiar passages yield as much (if not more) refreshment at the thousandth reading as at the first. Like the living companion to whom we go for help and fellowship, this living Book adapts itself to every new phase of our experience and new conditions of life. From the most familiar passages, there comes again and again a new message, just as our most familiar friend or companion has something new to say as new situations require it. This is true of no book of man from which we obtain the writer's message on first perusal. However beautiful its language may be, the second reading is seldom enjoyed.

The difference is between the living and the dead, for the Bible is the living Word. Like the mechanical processes which generate electricity, this Word of Life, if received and kept in the human heart, generates the spark and spirit of immortality which shall one day

ANYBODY COULD, NOBODY DID!

Fred SOMEBODY, Thomas EVERYBODY, Pete ANYBODY and Joe NOBODY were neighbors, but they were not like you and me. They were old people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was a shame. All four belonged to the same church, but you could not have enjoyed worshipping with them. EVERYBODY went fishing on Sunday or stayed at home to visit with friends. ANYBODY wanted to worship, but was afraid SOMEBODY wouldn't speak to him, so NOBODY went to church. Really, NOBODY was the only decent one of the four. NOBODY did the visitation, NOBODY worked on the church building. Once they needed a Sunday School teacher. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY would do it, and SOMEBODY thought EVERYBODY would do it. Guess who did it finally? That's right--NOBODY! It happened that a fifth neighbor, (an unbeliever) came to live among them. EVERYBODY thought that SOMEBODY should try to win him. ANYBODY would have at least made an effort, but guess who won him to Christ? That's right --NOBODY!!

--Selected

WHAT ARE YOU WORTH??

A six pound bar of iron is worth about \$3.00. This same bar of iron when made into horseshoes is worth \$50.00. If made into needles is worth \$5000. If made into balance wheels for watches, it becomes worth \$250,000. This is true in another kind of material...YOU! Your value is determined by what you are made into. Why not let God make you into the image of Christ? Why not become a Christian. -Sel. bring that soul still alive into eternal glory.

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke in the midst of a crooked, and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." (Phil. 2:15,16.)

--First principles of Faith
Frank Winters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Gospel meetings scheduled:

- East Allen Co. congregation in New Haven, Oct. 13th with C. W. Bradley of Memphis, Tenn.
- East Jefferson congregation in Mishawaka, Oct. 20th with Jack Gray.

Youth activities on schedule:

- Youth Rally at Camp Indogan Oct. 4&5. Program of activities is on bulletin board.
- Youth Rally at Fairlawn Church of Christ, Muncie, Ind. Oct. 18&19. See bulletin board.
- So. Side in Ft. Wayne announces a skating party at the Roller Dome Monday evening. Also Elkhart announces a skating party at the Holiday Rink in Elkhart Tuesday evening. Unless we have 25 or more who want to go, the bus will not be running either place. Some are planning on going in cars. Any who would like to go and do not have a way, let Perry Miller know and arrangements will be made for you.

Would all the teachers meet this evening at 5 O'clock in classroom #7 to discuss the next quarters material, assignments, etc. If any teacher would like to make a change, please see brother Dean before this meeting if possible.

Keep in mind the Lectureship at Michigan Christian College Oct. 14-17. Some from here are planning to go. It is a good one to attend and our interest and prayers for those who are attending from here should cause us to think of MCC as "our" college.

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September 22, 1974

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ME, A TEACHER?

Read in ACTION how you can assist in teaching the Word of God to a Bible student in another country. You, in the privacy of your own home may carry on a study by mail with one or more of many thousand who have indicated a desire to be taught what to do to become a Christian. Lightweight study material is available, or you may use any BCC material that you prefer. Are you interested? Read latest "Action" publication.

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly" (Proverbs 18:24)

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE
LIVE HERE ? "

If you are short on friends you don't need a change in location...you need a change in disposition!

There's an old legend of two wagons. The first stopped in a valley where a farmer was working.

Shouting to the farmer, the driver questioned, "What kind of people live in the village?"

"What kind of people live where you've come from?" asked the old farmer.

"Ah, the best people in the world," replied the driver. "They were good neighbors, friendly, kind, and considerate. We would never have left but for the health of our youngest child."

"You're in luck, friend," said the farmer. "That's exactly the kind of people who live in this village. You'll like it here."

Soon, the second wagon approached the farmer.

"Hey, old man," shouted the driver, "what kind of people live in the village?"

"What kind of people live where you've come from?" responded the farmer.

"The worst people in the world," bitterly replied the driver. "Selfish, inconsiderate, and unfriendly. We could hardly wait to get away."

"It's no better here," said the farmer. "That's exactly the kind of people who live in this village. You'll not like it here."

Likely, the farmer answered correctly both times. What we see in others is generally a reflection of what they see in us. Our own disposition is usually mirrored in them. When we are unfriendly, discourteous, and selfish, we find others the same way. When friendly, courteous, & unselfish, we find them the same way.

Boys love dogs! But the dog that bristles, growls, and shows his teeth receives good treatment from a kid...no matter how impressive its pedigree. However

the old cur pooch that wags his tail and "shows himself friendly" receives a loving pat from the boy. If a person snarls and approaches us with clinched fists, we immediately become defensive. But if he warmly smiles and extends his hand in a gesture of friendship, we place our hand in his in a friendly shake.

Some people always have an abundance of friends; others enjoy being around them. Conversely, some people can never keep friends; others avoid them like they had a contagious disease. Why the difference? One is friendly; interested in others. The other is unfriendly; interested only in himself.

Everyone needs a friend...someone who believes in him...someone in whom he can place his confidence, knowing it is in good hands. An Arabian definition of friendship says:

"A friend is one to whom we may pour out the contents of our hearts, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will sift it, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away!"

You can be that kind of friend...and when you are, you'll have friends.

--Selected
Joe R. Barnett

MEDICINE CHEST--

For the blues, read Psalms Chapter 27.

For an empty purse, read Psalms Chapter 37.

If discouraged about work, read Psalms, Chapter 28.

If people seem unkind to you, read John Chapter 15.

If you are losing confidence in people, read I Cor. Chapter 13.

If you cannot have your own way, read James Chapter 3

If you are all out of sorts, read Hebrews, Chapter 12

For a traveling Companion, read Psalms, Chapter 121.

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church here has an opportunity this week of instructing the community about the teachings of Christ with a booth exhibit at the Corn School exhibit tent. We will have a display presented with electric Question and answer boards, sound movie films, and all the usual fair exhibit material (Tracts, Bible Correspondence Courses, information displays, etc.) We would like to have help from members in staffing the booth. If you can do this, please sign when you can come, on the sheet on the bulletin board. This will be much work but hopefully it will bear much fruit.

Remember this evening our services will consist of singing and scripture reading.

Brother Dave and sister Martha Channey came forward Thursday evening expressing their sorrow for things they said and did when they left several months ago to worship with the Goshen congregation. They now repent of these things and wish to be restored to full fellowship with the church here. We are happy that they have chose to come back and look forward to a renewed effort together as we strive to teach others.

Sister May Wilson underwent surgery Thursday and is recovering satisfactorily. She is in room 236 at the Sturgis hospital. Visits are to be limited for awhile but she would appreciate your cards and prayers.

Many thanks to Perry Miller, Bob Sowles, Carl Pieratt Larry and Jerry Hicks for mechanic work done (even to the wee hours of the morning) on our bus Friday night.

Ladies meeting this Wed. at 9:30^{a.m.} various projects.

Youth Rally at Camp Edogan next Friday & Saturday. Looks like a good program. See bulletin board for det.

The month of Oct. for cleaning the building has not been taken. Who would care to volunteer for it? Sign your name on sheet on bulletin board.

Teachers! Please pick up new booklets in classroom 7.
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September 29, 1974

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

- Between an atheist who supports no church, and a member who will not support the one he belongs to?
- Between the sceptic who does not believe the Bible, and the negligent member who never reads it?
- Between those who do not believe in Bible classes, and those who do not attend them?
- Between a man of the world, and a member who lives like a man of the world?

There Is No Place To Hide

In the 139th Psalm King David talks about God's Omnipresence and Omniscience. He points out that it makes no difference where one goes be it into the heavens, the unseen world, the uttermost parts of the sea, or wherever, one cannot get away from God. He also observed: "Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance; And in thy book were all written, Even the days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was none of them.

These are sobering thoughts. A man cannot run from God. Some have tried it but none succeeded.

Jonah ran from God and found that it was much easier to do whatever God wanted, be it ever so unpleasant a task, than to run from it.

Moses fled to the vastness of Midian and became a shepherd for his father-in-law when God wanted him to lead his people out of the bondage of Egypt. When God needed him, he came after him; answered all his excuses; and sent him on his way as he did Jonah to Nineveh.

Saul of Tarsus was on his way to Damascus breathing out threatening and slaughter when God would have him before kings and the Gentiles and his own people leading them to Christ. He arrested him in his flight and sent him out to show him how great things he could suffer for the kingdom of heaven's sake.

Some of the Lord's apostles forsook him when he needed them the most.

This seems to be a common failing of humanity. Today many of God's children are places other than where they should be when he needs them. This means that the program of the church suffers greatly. Many worthwhile programs are not attempted, many wrongs are not righted, many tasks go begging, many responsibilities are neglected because we like Jonah run from our responsibilities.

Good Brothers and Sisters, there is no place to go, there is no place to hide. When we refuse to do our duty, our responsibilities, live beneath our

potential, we are fooling no one but ourselves.

"To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." May God help us to put first things first and not chase off after some will-o-the-whisp- of our own choosing when we should be doing the things of God. May we emulate Isiah rather than Jonah. This great prophet deposed: "Here am I send me."

WML

Selected

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A small boy knocked with all his might on the door of the white mansion. As the door opened before him, he looked up to see the owner's frown and heard these words "What do you want?" The little boy replied, "Doesn't that sign say PUPPIES FOR SALE?" "Yes, but you couldn't begin to pay for our puppies." The determined lad held out his hand with 16¢ in it and said, "Is this enough? And if it isn't I'll pay you for the rest of my life!" Just then a proud spaniel mother came leading her puppies. The last puppy was slowly making his way with a noticeable limp. The boy cried out, "That's the one I want!" The owner tried to discourage the boy, telling him he wouldn't want a crippled dog but the boy would not listen. He picked up the dog and started down the walk. The owner noticed one truser-cuff pushed up on his leg and beneath it a brace. The compassionate boy related to this little puppy better than any other buyer could have.

Jesus knows our insecurity and guilt and anger. He understands! He was tempted, He was rejected, and He knew the joy of giving himself. There is someone who needs Christ - through me. At Corn School a few of us will find that person. Others are finding them at work or school or in our families.

Everyone interested in working at Corn school please check the bulletin board in the back hall way and sign your name when you can help out. The dates are Oct. 1 thru Oct. 5.