

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Monday evening Mrs. Grace Warner was immersed into Christ. Sisters Jo Surber and Jesse Pieratt had sown seed that had brought forth fruit in her life. We are happy for this new sister in Christ, and know that ill health will prevent her from attending all the services she would like, but hope that she will come whenever she can.

Remember the singing at the Nursing Homes, Miller's at 5 o'clock, Lagrange at 5:30 this eve.

This evening, immediately following services, Anyone willing to make one call in the church visitation work, please come to the front where a card with a name on it will be given to you. Very little time will be taken for this, and you can make the call at your convenience anytime this week.

For the men, remember the Leadership Training Class that begins this Tuesday at 7:30p.m.

Next Sunday the area singing is at Warsaw at 3.

Wednesday morning at 9:30, the ladies meet for tray favors at the building. All ladies invited.

We would like to note and express congratulations to Fred and Nonie Cox on their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 8. We have warm feelings for this good couple who helped the church for so many years in this area. They now reside at

3612 California, Kissimmee, Fla. 32714

Also sister Goldie Pulley observed her 87 th birthday on Dec. 27. She appreciates cards & visits.

Thanks to Sue Hostetler for the time given on the party for her 2nd & 3rd. grade class.

As much as possible we plan to have bible classes for every person to meet his/her needs. We urge that every person make regular bible study attendance a part of their schedule for the new year.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

January 5, 1975

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Children's Bible Hour	9:30 A. M.
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LET THE BIBLE SPEAK

The Bible is God's word
The Bible is God's all sufficient word
The Bible is God's authoritative word
The Bible is God's directive for doctrine
The Bible is God's final word
The Bible is God's guide to moral issues
The Bible is God's only guide to salvation
The Bible speaks to men today.

ARE YOU LISTENING?

"HOW READEST THOU"

It is one thing to read the Bible through,
Another thing to read to learn and do,
Some read it with design to learn to read,
But to the subject pay little heed.

Some read it as their duty once a week,
But no instruction from the Bible seek;
While others read it with but little care,
With no regard to how they read, nor where.

Some read to bring themselves into repute,
By showing others how they can dispute;
While others read because their neighbors do,
To see how long 'twill take to read it through.

Some read it for the wonders that are there,
How David killed a lion and a bear;
While others read it with uncommon care,
Hoping to find some contradictions there.

Some read as if it did not speak to them,
But to the people at Jerusalem.
One reads with fathers specs upon his head,
And sees the thing just as his father said.

Some read to prove a preadopted creed,
Hence understand but little that they read;
For every passage in the book they bend
To make it suit that all-important end.

Some people read, as I have often thought,
To teach the book instead of being taught;
And some there are who read it out of spite.
I fear there are but few who read it right.

But read it prayerfully, and you will see,
Although men contradict, God's words agree,
For what the early Bible prophets wrote,
We find that Christ and His apostles quote .

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NOTEWORTHY COMPARISONS

"Thrice was I beaten with Rods, once I suffered shipwreck, a night and day I have been in the deep."
11 Cor. 11:25 Paul
"Maybe we had better not go to services today. It looks like rain."

"And they stoned Stephen, calling on God and saying 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Acts 7:59
"I don't believe I will go church this morning, I kind of have a headache."

"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."
1 Cor. 15:58 Paul
"I've been to services once this week, I don't think it is necessary to go everytime."

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16
"I guess I'll have to start going to church sometime. A person really ought to go I suppose."

"Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor that ye through His poverty might be rich."
11 Cor. 8:9 Paul
"Every time you turn around someone is saying we ought to give, give, give."
--Sel.

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So trust no creed that trembles to recall
What has been penned by one and verified by all.
--Sel.

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Last Sunday morning two responded with the desire to start the new year off right: Coleen Robbins wanted to be recognized as a member here and Anna Oakley asked for prayers on her behalf for strength to continue her Christian life. To these as well as all members, we urge the daily reading and application of God's word to their life.

The area singing is at Warsaw this afternoon beginning at 3. See the elders if rides are needed.

Men's leadership training class was off to a good start last Tuesday evening. See write-up on inside page.

Remember:

To bring in canned food to help build-up supply.
To turn in visitation cards from last week and pick up a new one after service this evening.

Friday evening Liz Williams was admitted to the hospital and we understand Grace Warner will be in for a couple of days. Many children are out with the chicken-pox and even a case of impetigo showed up this week. Let's minister to the needs of others both in words and in deeds.

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January 12, 1975

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THINK THIS OVER - - - - -

Some folks think that they are honest; yet they rob God of their giving, rob Christ of their worship, rob the church of their service, and rob their children of their religious birthright
- - - all by not going to church.

BEYOND OUR DUTY--

Much is said about Christian duty. What is it? How far does it go and where does it stop?

I often feel that the only reason many people function is merely because of duty. Were it not for a feeling of absolute necessity there would not be a second thought about giving, Bible study, attendance, teaching, personal work, etc,

Oddly enough, some can ~~salve~~ an aching conscience by checking in for Sunday morning worship, while such repair is more complicated with others.

Robot-like action plagues the Lord's church. Consider personal work as an example. No doubt programs of personal work do much good, and organization is important. However, the idea that personal work can be done only on a specified night each month, and only on an organized basis is preposterous and dangerous. No matter what the need, some will not visit unless it is "their night". Obligation is turned on for one night, and with its passing, duty is signed, sealed and delivered for another thirty days. When another month rolls around, the personal work button is pushed, and function is based on pure necessity.

Not until we go beyond what we call duty will we know the genuine joy of service. This is true in any Christian endeavor.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus talked of going the second mile (Matthew 5:41). With the Jew, compulsion to go a mile with a Roman to carry baggage was legal duty at any time. However, Christ urged that one is not to be as concerned about absolute duty as he is Christian service.

The man who is always crying, "I've done my part!" or "I've done my duty!" will be of little value to the church. A Christian is always anxious to do more!

He wants to do ALL HE CAN DO, no matter how much or how little others are doing.

Christianity is always a "more than others" religion.

by David L. Arnold

MEN'S LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE BEGINS

Last Tuesday night, Jan. 7, a very exciting Men's Leadership Training Course began here at 7:30 pm.

Some of the benefits that are promised to the men taking part are: more self-confidence, better conversational skills, greater ability to lead and influence people, stronger problem solving and decision making skills, and the knowledge of how to set meaningful goals.

The course will meet once a week for 9 weeks, and is being conducted by Norman Herron who has had special training and is certified to conduct the course. Assisting are Stan Day, Dean Hoggatt, and Charles Cochran. Cochran, who preaches at Elkhart is also certified to teach the course.

The course was written and designed by Ron Willingham, a deacon at the Central church in Amarillo, Texas. It is a multiphased leadership development program. It helps present leaders become more effective, it helps train men to be future leaders, and trains men to support leaders.

We are very pleased at the enthusiasm of our men, and for their willingness to prepare themselves for greater roles of leadership in this congregation. There are 24 men enrolled in the program (21 LaGrange, 2 Angola, and 1 Coldwater).

N. Herron

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We were very happy to have Brent and Joyce Hines at services last Sunday evening. Especially do we rejoice, as also the angels do in heaven, in brother Brent confessing sin and asking pardon from the Lord in heaven and from the church in Lagrange. It is commendable that Monday, Brent walked out of his place of employment saying, "I can't work there and remain a Christian". They moved Wednesday to North Manchester and will be worshipping with the new congregation there. Brent will be working with his father on the farm. We pray that the Lord will richly bless them and that they continue to look to Him for guidance.

The regular quarterly men's business meeting has been scheduled this evening instead of a separate evening, because of many activities. Would the men please come to the building at 5:30 and we'll try to cover matters of interest to all.

Sister Mary Williams has been ill this week, but her daughter, Liz, was released from the hospital Thursday. Also sister Grace Warner was released last Tuesday. Keep those who are ill in your prayers.

The ladies will meet this Wed. at 9:30 a.m. at the building for tray favors.

There is a skating party on Jan. 27 at the Roller Dome in Ft. Wayne and one on Jan. 28 at the Holiday Roller Rink in Elkhart. Because of the men's leadership class on Tuesday night, if there is sufficient interest (25 or more) who would like to go Monday night, the bus could run. Let us know.

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January 19, 1975

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Have you had a kindness shown?

Pass it on.

'Twas not given for you alone ----

Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears,

Till in heaven the deed appears ----

Pass it on.

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! The 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

P R A Y E R

Many of us lose confidence in prayer; because we do not recognize the answer.

We ask for strength; God gives us difficulties through which to make us strong.

We pray for wisdom; God sends us problems to solve.

We plead for prosperity; God gives us brain and brawn with which to work and think.

We ask for courage; God gives us dangers to overcome.

We pray for favors; God gives us opportunities.

We plead for abundance; God gives us talents. --Sel.

TIME, TALENTS AND MONEY

We have time, talents and money,
In a land flowing with milk and honey;
Also spiritual riches money can't buy,
Neither meritable even if we try.

What shall we give to Him who gave?
And to Jesus who came to seek and save?
Shall our crumbs satisfy our God above?
Express our appreciation for His love?

Is pardon worth only a paltry pence?
Is Heaven valued at meager cents?
Is eternal life tagged at skimpiest time?
Can one without Jesus, to Heaven climb?

Is one too busy to rightly give of time?
Too greedy, but covet both dollar and dime?
So selfish, one can't for God, talents use?
So blind, one must talents abuse?

What a miserable miser must one be
To think such is preparation for eternity.
To let us all try to walk as our Mater trod,
And be rich in things that lead to God.

--R. R. Page

THE LITTLE WORLD OF "I"

The world of "I" is
a cozy place to be;
No one else lives there
but Myself and Me.
Me does what I bid,
Myself is Ego and Id,
And there's no room at all
for Them, They or Thee!

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every fourth Sunday evening it is planned that one of the men in the congregation speak for the evening services. This evening, brother Perry Miller will be bringing the lesson to us. There are presently about a half-dozen men who have volunteered to speak on a rotation plan. We commend them for their willingness and know that not only the church but especially they themselves benefit the most from their preparation. Others are invited to be a part of this pulpit training as soon as they feel that they would like to try it.

Sister May Wilson had surgery last Tuesday. She was beginning to feel much better yesterday and walking around some. She is in room 236 at the Sturgis hospital on Lakeview street. Her daughter, Ruth, was scheduled to leave Friday for her return trip to Italy. We pray for her safe return and the Lord's blessings on Ruth and Ron Winfree in their missionary work.

An announcement from the Donnayer Ave. congregation in So. Bend states that brother Stephen Bilak, a gospel preacher, now living in Lausanne, Switzerland, and broadcasting over several stations (Lisbon, Portugal, Monte Carlo), will be at Donnayer on Feb. 7. He is well known for his work in broadcasting behind the Iron Curtain countries. He no doubt has a wonderful message to share with those who could hear him. If you care to go, let us know.

No one has mentioned their interest in going to the Ft. Wayne Roller Rink Monday evening, so the bus will not be going unless many tell us today.

One of our members has a projector he would like to sell. If any is interested see one of the elders.

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January 26, 1975

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Children's Bible Hour	9:30 A. M.
Morning Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship Service	6:00 P. M.
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GOLDEN HERITAGE

If we work upon marble, it will perish; if on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust.

But if we work upon mortal minds and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow man we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity.

Selected

THE PURCHASE PRICE

How much did you pay for your money?
And what was the price of your wealth?
As you gathered the dross, did your soul suffer loss?
Have you squandered your honor or health?
If you've trod on the rights of another,
If of blight on your soul there's a touch,
If your brother took wrong as you hurried along,
Then your money has cost you too much.

Lad! What was the price of your pleasure?
What goods have you bartered for fun?
What sadness and woe did your conduct bestow
Ere the night of your revel was done?
If your joy has brought pain to another,
If your fun cost a heartache or tear,
If you've lost self-control, if it stunted your soul,
Then your pleasure has cost you too dear.

What trade did you make for high honors?
How high have you bid for applause?
Did the bargain bring shame to another's fair name?
Be fair in your answer because
Your renown, friend, has cost you too dearly
If installments are paid on this plan;
And your vision, alas, as you look in the glass,
Meets an image that's less than a man.

You cannot do wrong and forget it.
In the judgment you've never a pull;
For the wages of sin, when once you begin,
Must be ledgered, and settled in full.

S.C.Allman

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DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

A poor Boer Farmer struggled for years to gain a living out of his rocky South African soil, then

STRANGE ISN'T IT!

In 1829 a man by the name of Wilson was convicted for robbing the United States mail. He was sentenced to death by hanging, but three weeks before the date set for his execution, he was pardoned by Pres. Jackson.

Why did he act so strange? or was his behaviour really strange? His behaviour was strange in two ways. First, he mis-used the right to possess property and second, he refused pardon for his crime when it was extended to him.

His behaviour was not strange in that his case is typical today of millions of people spiritually. Man has sinned against God. God has condemned man for the sins and has said the punishment is suffering in hell forever.

However, God has extended pardon through Jesus Christ, if man will believe in Christ, repent of the sins, confess Christ before men as the Son of God and then be baptized for the remission of sins.

Nevertheless, millions of people will go to hell for their sins because they refuse the pardon. The law will take its course and hell is the penalty! Strange isn't it that they would refuse the pardon. Yes, strange indeed! R.R.Page

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finally gave up in despair and sought his fortune elsewhere. Years later, coming back to his old farm, he found it swarming with machinery and people. More wealth than he had ever dreamed existed. His farm had become the great Kimberly diamond mine.

Many of us struggle along just like that poor Boer farmer, never dreaming of the success that could be ours if we dug a little deeper right where we are. Think for a moment if you will of the number of souls that are not yet obedient to the gospel.

Perhaps if we dug a little deeper right where we are we would have no fear when the Lord asks what we have done with our talents. --Selected

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Being the first Sunday of the month, we would again invite any who would like to meet with those who usually go out to the two nursing homes for singing and just visitation. The elderly people throughly enjoy it. We meet at the Miller Merry Manor Home at 5 o'clock, and the Lagrange Home at 5:30. If you "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" as Paul states in Rom. 12:15, You'll find yourselves concerned with people such as this.

The food bank is being built up by the many items that were broght in. If anyone has knowledge of those in need of food, please let us know. The food that was in the vestibule has been taken to Bob Sowles' basement until use. There still needs to be a greater supply for emergencies, so remember to bring a can or two when you attend services.

The ladies will again meet this Wednesday for fellowship and making tray favors. Time, 9:30 a.m., at building.

Anyone interested in going to Donmoyer Ave., So. Bend, next Friday evening to hear brother Stephen Bilak (see last weeks bulletin), and does not have a way, let the elders know. Some will be going we believe that will have room.

Sister Margaret Tuttle has been ill all week but last night was feeling much better. Sharon Simpson's father, Elmer Miller, was in the hospital but has now gone home. Much flu is still taking its toll, which keeps the attendance down. Today is "groundhog day" (whatever that means) so maybe spring is about here?

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February 2, 1975

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DEAD WEIGHT

I've been dead weight many years, around the church's neck I've let the others carry me, and always pay the check. I've had my name on the rolls, for years and years gone by I've criticized and grumbled too; nothing could satisfy. I've been dead weight long enough, upon the church's back Beginning now, I'm going to take a wholly different track. I'm going to pay, pray and work, and carry loads instead, And not have others carry me, like people do the dead.

-Selected*

WHEN WE GO THEY COME!!

Ira North is minister of the Madison Church in Nashville with a record Sunday school attendance of 6,183.

With consistent visitation program your Sunday morning Bible school cannot fail to grow; without it you cannot succeed!

It is just that simple. To grow in Sunday school attendance you should:

1. Visit every absentee - every week.
2. Visit all newcomers that enroll the week they enroll.
3. Visit every week the visitor that he comes to class.

A church in a new community had 100 in Sunday school. They made a vow to visit every visitor, every newcomer, and every absentee. They met on Monday eve. at 7 o'clock and had a short meeting in which they prayed, passed out the cards of the visitors, newcomers, and absentees of the day before (Sunday) and then went out to visit. Result - they went from 100 to 700 in three years. You may not achieve this phenomenal percentage, but brother you'll be surprised at the result if you keep it up consistently, completely and thoroughly for three years. WHEN WE GO - THEY COME!

It is the responsibility of every Christian to visit. Another can no more do your visiting than he can do your praying, your Bible reading, or your giving. Those on the left hand at the judgment bar of God shall receive the ringing condemnation - "...Ye visited me not."

The old idea that we can erect a building and thereby be relieved of the responsibility of visiting is just plain unscriptural and anti-scriptural. We cannot take the attitude: "Here is the building - come and learn or stay away and be damned - just suit yourself." Truly, none of us would make such a statement. Yet in actual practice is this not what we are doing? After all, it is what we do that counts, not what we say.

The great commission still says GO (Mark 16:15-16) We can never obey this divine command by staying. We need to go across the sea, and we also need to go across the street. Every Christian must be a going Christian.

HARD TO ARGUE WITH THE FACTS. Every excuse can be given for not having a dynamic, active visitation program. However, these excuses will not take the place of visitation. It is hard to argue with the cold facts. And the cold truth is simply this: congregations with active visitation programs grow. You go and they come - this has been the universal experience of congregations whose members visit.

The GOOD SAMARITAN. In Luke, the 10th chapter, we have one of the world's most famous short stories. It is a Literary gem. But to those of us who really believe the Bible, it is more than a literary masterpiece. It is the Word of God. Jesus tells the story of a man who falls among thieves and is robbed and beaten. The priest and the Levite passed by on the other side. Their attitude was something like this: "Poor fellow, too bad. But I did not rob him. I did not beat him. He is no concern of mine."

How easy for us to be a 20th century Pharisee. Mr. Jones has missed Sunday morning Bible school-- so what? With this attitude it might be said of us: "You are in the same boat with the priest and the Levite."

THE CASE OF CAIN. The story of Cain is another case in point. When God asked Cain about his brother Able he gave this famous reply: "Am I my brother's keeper?" In other words, is it any business of mine? Do I have a responsibility to look after my brother? To the believer, this case alone should settle for all time the attitude we take concerning a brother. Yes, we have a responsibility. It is our business. We must take it seriously! Our own soul in reality is at stake!
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Brother Charles Chchran and brother Norm are to exchange pulpits today (this morning's service only). It's good to get to know the area preacher's better, and one good way to do this is to make this change. We welcome brother Charles and his wife and daughter to the worship today and know that we are in store for a thrilling message from God's word.

Within the last week, our gospel meeting date was confirmed with brother Paul Hosse. Since he has been teaching at David Lipscomb High school, his spring break is during the week of Mar. 16. This moves the date up a month, but with publicity beginning now, we should be ready for the meeting by then. Next week we'll have more to say concerning this, but plan now to keep this date open.

The area singing is at Huntington this afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The roads are clear (main roads) but could be bad in spots. If you can go, you'd enjoy it.

The ladies are planning to meet Wednesday morning at 9:30 and to stay till afternoon for different work projects. They suggest that each lady bring a dish for noon lunch.

Rodney Eller is in the hospital with flu and pneumonia. Others sick are Perry Miller, Dave Chaney and Grace Warner. Others, too, have missed services so no doubt winter still is the culprit. Don't neglect our Christian service to those who need us.

Would like to remind everyone that brother Norm would be glad to receive sermon suggestions (Bible questions). If you have any, please feel free to write it down and hand it to him.

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February 9, 1975

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When Tom Paign was about to publish his infidel book, "The Age of Reason" he sent the manuscript to Benjamin Franklin, who at that time was a doubter of some of the essentials of Christianity, and asked his criticism. Benjamin Franklin returned the manuscript with this appendage: "Burn it: never unchain that tiger: if the world is so bad with Jesus Christ, what would it be without him?"

This affords an unanswerable argument to the people who are opposers of Jesus Christ.

WHEN WE GO THEY COME!!

(Continued from last weeks)

AN EXAMPLE. A few years ago a Christian, who we shall call Mr. Brown, quit the church. He lost interest. He did not mean to desert the Lord's army. Yet he did. He was overtaken in a fault. Another Christian in that same congregation was not overtaken. We shall call him Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones visited Mr. Brown periodically for many months. Sometimes he would just stay a couple of minutes. Before he left he would say: "We miss you. We need you. We want you to come back."

After a few months Mr. Brown did return and was restored to his first love. Today he is an elder in the church. His family is respected. He is serving God faithfully and is loved by the entire community. He is bringing forth fruit a hundred-fold. Yet, he gives credit to Mr. Jones. Of him he says: "He kept the thread of faith alive in my heart. His sincere concern brought me back to the fold." This is an actual case. Only the names have been changed.

7 OUT OF 10 LOST. The other day the author read these figures: "Seven out of ten children in the Bible Schools are lost to the church by the time they are 18." In churches of Christ the figure is estimated to be 5 out of 10. Each soul is worth more than the world. Yet, how many thousands slip away without a single visit. This is not only tragic, but sinful and useless.

PAUL'S INSTRUCTION. In Gal. 6:1 Paul gives this instruction: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thy self, lest thou also be tempted."

Suppose I should come into your home and have a meal at your table. Suppose further that you had a precious and beautiful little three year old girl named Susie. Three years later I visited your home again. At the dinner table I remarked: "Where is

Susie?" To this I hear you reply: "I don't know for sure. I saw her about six months ago. Mother, where is Susie?" "I haven't seen her this year," retorts mother. What am I to conclude? There is just one conclusion to reach. You just aren't concerned about Susie and her welfare, regardless of what you say.

Yet in the family of Christ we commit this same sin so often. An evangelist comes to the local congregation and twenty souls are converted. Next year someone asks about one of them. Faithful members look at one another and remark: "I saw her about six months ago." "I don't even know her." The Lord must conclude that we just are not concerned about our fellow-members welfare regardless of what we say.

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS IS NOBODY'S. The job of visitation will never be accomplished until there is a specific plan. The hit-or-miss system just doesn't work-it is always too little and too late. Unless there are definite, specific, concrete assignments, it is the old story-what is everyone's business is nobody's. The job is not done.

"Gentlemen, after all, this business of succeeding narrows down to one thing...just one thing...seeing the people! Show me any man of ordinary ability who will go out and earnestly tell his story to four or five people very day, and I will show you a man who just can't help making good!" (Article by W. R. Bumpas entitled "Leading Adults to Visit.")

THERE IS NO SHORT CUT. There is no short cut. There is no gimmick. There is no scheme that will take the place of visitation. We can hardly imagine Jesus in any other picture than out in the highways and byways standing at the door and knocking. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Encourage your local congregation to select the most capable and energetic among its number to lead your visitation program. A good leader is essential. Give the work your support. Remember, it is persistence that gets the job done. Stay with it. Remember there are three good rules for a growing Bible school. Rule 1 - Visit. Rule 2 - Visit. Rule 3 - Visit.

Ira North

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As was announced last week, a former preacher for the Lagrange congregation (the first full time minister for the church here) will be holding a gospel meeting Mar. 16 through the 21st. He presently preaches for the Shelby Ave. Church of Christ, in Nashville, Tenn., and also teaches in the David Lipscomb high school in Nashville. Sister Hosse as well as two of their children will be coming with him. This couple are very dedicated workers and it will be an inspiration to have them with us again. Please keep these dates open to attend.

We would like to set an attendance record especially on the Sunday of our meeting. With little effort on the part of all of us, we ought to be able to hit 200. Let's do it!

The second men's fellowship (one was held in January) is to be this Friday evening, at the Gateway Plaza in Ft. Wayne. It's good to meet the Christian men in the tri state area. Let's take a load.

It was announced to those attending Thursday evening that Sister MacDonald's husband is in the Cleveland hospital. She is presently with him. Also, Betty Hoppingarmer's husband was pinned between two cars, his wrist was torn badly, with other injuries, and had to be taken to the Mayo Clinic. Please remember these in your prayers.

A letter from the Picratt's (on the bulletin board) tells about their travels in Florida and that they had a pleasant surprise when Harold and Lucille Pean knocked on their door one Saturday evening. The Pean's have arrived home safely this week.

Next Sunday evening, brother James MacAlpine (Sue's husband-to-be) will be speaking for the pm serv.

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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

February 16, 1975

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"I know men; and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I have founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded his empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for him."

--Napolion Bonaparte--

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:

"Behold, the fields are white unto harvest." (John 4:35) Jesus uttered many statements of a similar nature but the saddest part is when our Lord had to indicate that laborers are few (Luke 10:2). Personally, I believe that it is always an indication that the Devil is being very successful at his job, that of deceiving christians. Are we not deceived when we ascribe to the situation that we have hired people to do our soul saving for us? Are we not deceived when we must wait for the elders to generate or adopt some special, unique, or eye and ear appealing program to capture souls? Are we not deceived when we indicate that the gospel just doesn't appeal to modern man?

Who is the commandment "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" written to? Whose responsibility is it to spread the good news and glad tidings? How many have taken the position they just don't want to get involved? Where is first century Christianity? Where are those people who believe so strongly that they would gladly die for the gospel?

The real reason the church is not growing is because the salesmen are not sold on the product! Do you love Jesus and his church enough to try to influence someone else to love Him and be his disciple? Do you love Jesus' way enough to live it in such a way that others would be influenced to live that kind of life? Do you love heaven enough to want to share it with someone?

Maybe the problem is that we don't believe we are saved and that heaven is our home!! If we have doubts, there is no way we can convince anyone else. When Peter saw the boisterous waves, he took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink. If we are looking at the waves rather than Jesus, no one is going to come join us but will laugh and mock us for our lack of realism in not recognizing that we couldn't walk on

on water. But the true, real situation is that all are sinking into the waves if they are without Jesus.

Isn't there anyone you know who is not a Christian that you love enough that you don't want them to spend eternity in hell? You know you can start by inviting them to attend worship services with you. Then through a faithful life, longsuffering, patience and your love demonstrated over and over, you can convert one soul for Christ Jesus!!

Jim Harbin
Via Northridge Fullentin

"WILL DADDY GO TO HEAVEN???"

Some of you have heard of the store keeper whose little boy said to his mother, "Mother, will daddy ever go to heaven?" "Yes, son, what makes you ask such a question?" "Well, Mother, how can he ever leave the store?"

That father couldn't leave the store to go to church and worship God, so the little boy wondered how he could leave the store to go to heaven. But rest assured that papa will leave the store when death comes and calls his name. Yes, and you may get too busy with your affairs, but when death calls you are going to give up your little affairs and you are going to find out after all that they are not so important.

--Selected--

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

Matt. 6:20,21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DINNER - Everyone is invited to stay for dinner today following morning services.

EVENING SERVICE - This evening James MacAlpine is speaking. He is a student of Michigan Christian College, and we are glad to have him with us.

SICK - Brother Perry Miller was admitted to the Lagrange hospital Thursday evening with pneumonia. Yesterday, he was feeling better but still under the oxygen tent.

GOSPEL MEETING - Brochures are being printed and should be ready for handout next Lord's Day. In the meantime ask your friends to our Mar. 16 thru Mar. 21st meeting.

NEW ADDRESS - A card from Jerry and Dorothy Pace informs that they have bought a home and their new address is: 2109 Shore drive
Marinette, Wisconsin 54143

SKATING PARTY - One at Ft Wayne (North Roller Dome) Monday, Feb. 24. Time 6:30 to 9:00 pm.
On Tuesday, Feb 25, one at Elkhart at the Holiday Roller Rink. Time 6:30 to 9:00 pm.
The bus will not be running this time, but anyone wishing to get a ride, see brother Bill Oakley.

WEDDING - An invitation was sent to the church to attend Suzy Boyle's marriage to Gabriel Daubenspeck on the 22nd of Mar. at 7:30 p.m. The card is on the bulletin board.

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C O N S I D E R

" I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he can look up into the heavens and say there is no God"

- Abraham Lincoln -

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:

In Exodus 20:5 God stated "I thy God am a jealous God." Prior to this event, when Moses asked God who should he say sent him to the children of Israel and the Pharaoh, God replied that "I AM" sent him. Ex. 3:14) Upon placing his hand in Jesus' side, Thomas confessed "MY Lord and My God" (John 20:28) The sum and substance of these passages are that God is God and not man. Yet when we come in the presence of God and Christ.... "Wheretwo or three are gathered together in my name, there will I be in the midst of them (Matt. 18:20 --we think and act as if we are in the presence of a man, not God! Our God is a King, ruler of the universe, magnificent, glorious. Yet in His presence we ho-hum. We are disrespectful, uninterested and unbelieving. How dare anyone appear before the King in anything but his best! How dare anyone appear before the King in any not give their full, undivided attention! How dare anyone appear before the King and show a lack of reverence! Everyone would deny being guilty of any of these. but when we come to services sometimes our dress is positively immodest, if not indecent, and we are before the King! Our dress may not be the finest, but if it is kept nicely and is our best then we can approach the King with gladness and joy.

Some come to services to play with babies. These are generally not the mothers and fathers whose job it is to train the child to be in God's presence and are doing a fine job. But other adults who are interested in any and everything besides worshipping God. Talking, laughing and all actions that indicate a lack of recognition of the King.

Evidently many members of God's family must have some dreaded diseases. Whatever it is we can't sit in the King's presence very long without having to get up and go out. It must be serious for some of us stay out a long time. (I wonder if parents know how long their children are staying out of the services?) And to think we call ourselves reverent when we come before the King. J. Harbin

Via Northridge B.

THE BEST MEMORY SYSTEM

Forget each kindness that you do, as soon as you have done it.
Forget the praise that falls to you, the moment you have won it.
Forget the slander that you hear, before you can repeat it.
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer, wherever you meet it.
Remember every kindness done to you whatever its measure:
Remember praise by others won and pass it on with pleasure;
Remember every promise made and keep it to the letter;
Remember those who lend you aid and be a grateful debtor;
Remember all the happiness that comes your way in living;
Forget each worry and distress: be hopeful and forgiving;
Remember good, remember truth, remember Heaven's above you,
And you will find through youth and age, that many hearts will love you.

Author unknown-

WHAT A POWER THE CHURCH WOULD BE

If all the sleeping folk would wake up-
And all the lukewarm folk would fire up- And all the dishonest folk would confess up- And all the discouraged folk would cheer up- And all the estranged folk would make up- And all of the gossipers would shut up- And all the dry bones would shake up- And all the true soldiers would stand up
What a POWER the CHURCH would be in the world.

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember the singing at the two Nursing Homes this evening. Meet at Miller Merry Manor at 5 and Lagrange Nursing Home at 5:30.

The Brochures for our gospel meeting were picked up at the printers yesterday. They are in the foyer. Please pick up several and start handing them out. Only two more weeks. Also, a sheet is on the bulletin board for families who will take the Hosse's for a meal. Brother Hosse, his wife, and two daughters are planning to come.

Friend Day is scheduled for the beginning of our meeting, on Sunday, Mar. 16. Our goal is for 200 for that Sunday morning. Bring at least one.

Applications for camp are at the building. Ages for this year's camp range from 9 to 18. (or thru high school) Dates are on application form.

Perry Miller is home from the hospital but is still confined. His recovery is slow. We miss his presence and especially his work with the bus program.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND HAND IN

Information for Church Directory

Family Name _____

List First Names (check (✓) if member of church)

Husband _____

Wife _____

Children _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone _____

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

March 2, 1975

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From lack of room on the announcement section, we place the following here:

We are sorry that the Al Warren family, Al, Betty, Bobby, David and Dallas is moving to Jackson, Kentucky. Brother Al has secured employment there and the family will be joining him this week. We wish the Lord's blessings on this family as they leave our area.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:

"And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and who marryeth her which is put away doth commit adultery" (Matt. 19:9). When so many marriages end in divorce (1 of 2) it is very easy to talk about the whys and wherefores that cause the problem. Divorce is deplorable! It violates what God has specifically ordained for mankind and destroys the very basis of the home.

But what I really wonder today is how many of us are willing to do those things that prevent divorce. Of course, the very first thing is a sound teaching program in the home. Our children must be taught God's plan for them and His laws concerning marriage. (II Tim. 2:2). In addition they must witness marriages that work, that are happy, that are God centered!

How many of us have the opportunity to witness the first halting steps toward breakup and not recognize it or ignore it. The first step is when a young married couple fall away from the church, become very irregular in attendance and do no work for Christ. This very definitely points out that their thoughts are turning inward, they are becoming selfish. No marriage can be successful when one or both think of self only or to the greatest extent. Many of us witness this beginning and do nothing to prevent it. How many have witnessed acts that demonstrate a lack of love in a couple. Rather than follow Titus 2:1-7 we tend to defend or uphold the partner that is of the same sex as we. How often it is that young girls do not know how to cook; how to keep a clean house; how to tend a baby; or how to love their husband or children and the older women do nothing to help. Then we all shake our heads when divorce comes and say "I saw it coming". Why don't we try to prevent it?

How often do we see young men insist on their night out, or weekly recreation, or what not when they leave their wives for extended times and the older men do nothing. Then when the marriage goes by the boards say "wisely," "I saw it coming". Why don't we use our experience, our abilities, our love to help the young married to learn to love and live; and prevent divorce??

Jim Harbin

Copied and adapted

EVERYBODY'S 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 that you did.
They are watching the things that you do;
There isn't one action of yours that is hid,
Men are watching studying you.

You say you're no preacher? Yes, but you preach
A powerful sermon each day.
The acts of your life are things that you teach;
It isn't just things that you say.

So, Christians, remember you bear the Lord's 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

BABIES are in the news this week. Fran and Dick Hostetler are the proud parents of a new girl, Jenifer Lynn, born Friday; Penny and Fred Oakley are the parents of a new boy, Andrew Micheal, born Saturday. Also Mrs. Roger Nettcour, mother of Christiana King who attends services every Sunday, gave birth to a girl on Friday. Name- Mindy ELizabeth. She is in the same room that Fran Hostetler is in... Kathy Sowles is in Sturgis hospital, room 297... May return home Mon. Both Perry and Hazel Miller are returning to normal since their hospital stay. --- For all the above mentioned, we pray the Lord will bless them according to their needs.

FRIEND DAY next Sunday. Help us reach 200 on the first day of the gospel meeting. TRY TO BRING AT LEAST ONE FRIEND! The meeting with brother Paul Hosse will continue through Mar. 21 at 7:30 ca. eve.

We have reserved the Albion Production building for a pot-luck next Sunday. It's a little crowded in our facilities and with the visitors, we'll hopefully need the extra room. Ask your friends to stay also.

Previous to the evening services of our gospel meeting, brother Hosse will have a half hour class for the teenagers on the series "Young People Make Moral Decisions". Also sister Hosse will hold a class for the ladies on the theme "Patterns For Life". We hope these classes will be well attended for this dedicated couple.

The area singing today is at Bluffton at 3 p.m. Next month, Apr. 13, LaGrange will host the area singing.

Announcements about the gospel meeting are in the vestibule. Be sure to take several and distribute. There are also several other kinds of literature which should be picked up. Lock them over and take your copies, so we can clean up the vestibule.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

March 9, 1975

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OUR-PIFA

You may expect to hear a gospel preacher pleading for all who would follow Christ to return to the original pattern of Christianity as revealed in the New Testament. It is our conviction that since the Word of God is the seed of the Kingdom, if it alone is planted in the "good and honest" hearts of men, it will produce the same fruit today as it did in the first century! This product is Christians only!

We extend to everyone a most cordial invitation to meet with us. We promise you a friendly welcome.

HORRIFIED ON THE SIDELINES

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

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

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

Think seriously about this. The devil would like nothing better than to have death find us on the sidelines, sorry--perhaps even horrified at what

is happening, but doing nothing about it. Don't forget, the one you listen to and whose instructions you follow is the one who will pay you your wages. "His servants ye are, to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness," Romans 6:17. -----Dale Smith

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THANK GOD FOR LITTLE THINGS

Thank you, God, for little things
that often come our way -
The things we take for granted
but don't mention when we pray -
The unexpected courtesy,
the thoughtful, kindly deed -
A hand reached out to help us
in the time of sudden need -
Oh make us more aware, dear God,
of little daily graces
That come to us with "sweet surprise"
from never-dreamed-of-places.

---Helen Steiner Rice---

IT IS HARD

. . . To convince your children that the church is the greatest institution in the world when you permit them to miss services to go elsewhere.

. . . To convince your children that the church is to be held higher than anything when you insist that they do their homework for public school but permit them to neglect their Bible study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is a day that we have been looking forward to, since it's the beginning of our gospel meeting. The preacher for this series of gospel messages is brother Paul Hosse. Brother Hosse and his family were the first "full time" minister for the congregation back in the late fifty's. We welcome them again to Lagrange, and especially in this gospel effort. Beginning Monday evening, previous to each evenings service, Paul will be speaking to the teenagers on the subject "Young People Make Moral Decisions" Also Doris, his wife, will be having a class for the ladies on the subject "Patterns For Life". These classes will begin at 7 o'clock, each evening, Monday through Friday. Two of the Hosse children are here, Rebecca and Rachel. Two boys, Daniel and David, were unable to come because of school. We thank Paul and Doris for their willingness to work while here. They will be an encouragement to us; let's encourage them by attending the classes and gospel meeting ea. evening.

A pot luck dinner is scheduled following morning services at the Albion Production Credit building at the corner of Hawpatch and Union Streets. Plan to stay and enjoy the meal and fellowship whether you have brought anything or not.

Did we make our 200 in attendance today? We hope so. But if not, we can see how with a little effort we can reach it. Numbers in themselves, are not important; they are, only as they represent the souls that hear the soul saving message of Jesus Christ. The Lord in one of his parables said, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled". The Lord is asking "us" to do this. Doesn't it make you feel good knowing that you've tried?

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GOSPEL MEETING BEGINS TODAY

The theme for the series of gospel messages this week (Sunday through Friday) by brother Paul Hosse will be

A WONDERFUL SAVIOR

Some of the more specific subjects he will discuss will be : A Wonderful Promise, A Wonderful Day, A Wonderful Family.

Be sure to come to every service !!!!!

THE ANT'S EVANGELISM

The story is related of a gentlemen who laid a piece of sweetmeat on the table and then picked up an ant and placed it on the sweetmeat. He was astonished to see the little creature rapidly descend, by one of the legs of the table, and seek his fellows. He then turned back at once, followed by a long line of his fellow citizens, and conducted them to the prize.

Are there not many who know the sweetness of the gospel, who might learn this lesson from the ant? If we have tasted and seen that the Lord is good, let us do what we can to lead others into like blessings.

Until we learn this important lesson, we will not see the world (or even Lagrange) led to Christ. Just think of what could be done here ... If we all sound out the GOOD NEWS ...

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

Are you telling others?

Selected and adapted

CHRISTIAN CLIPPINGS

You may be able to load the bases every inning- But if you don't cross home plate you don't score a run: THAT'S WHAT COUNTS!

You may have the best car and win all the trial heats - But if your motor fails in the big race, you don't get the checkered flag. THAT'S WHAT COUNTS!

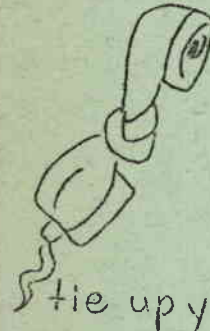
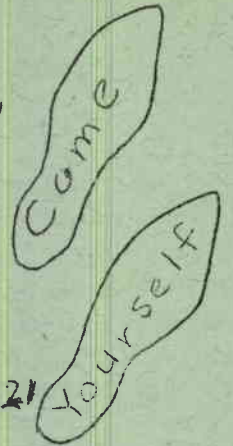
You may have an excellent education - you may have a host of friends, - you may have a top paying job- you may have a good reputation - you may give much to charity - you may have perfect health ...But... If you haven't settled your account with God - if you haven't accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour - if you haven't been born again - You won't win the prize! You won't have real peace! You won't get to Heaven! AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS !!!!!



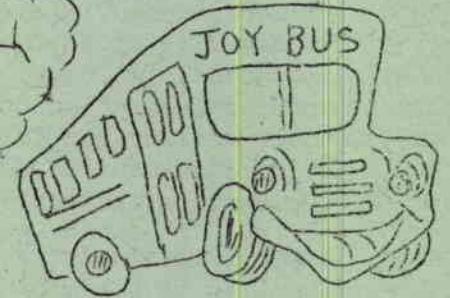
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Gospel
Meeting

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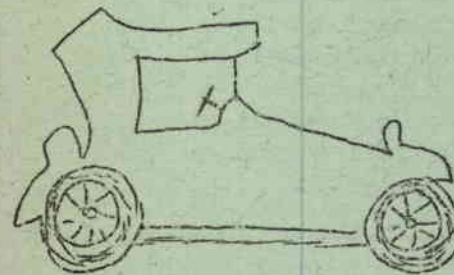
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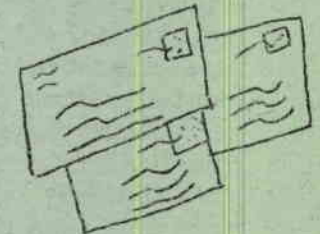
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call for a bus
ride



fill your car



write letters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Another good gospel meeting has just concluded. The effort that both Paul and Doris Hosse put forth is commendable. Besides the fine lessons that brother Paul gave each evening, he conducted a well attended teen agers class on the subject of moral decisions. So many of the ladies in sister Doris's class felt and expressed an appreciation for her coverage of "patterns for life". Besides the usual desire that visiting preachers have for the upbuilding of the church, they expressed a special interest because of their former work with us. We appreciate it, and wish for them God speed in their work at Shelby ave. in Nashville.

Please note inside pages about attendance last Sunday and recent Men's Leadership Training Class.

We are sorry to report that sister Mary Ann Wade fell last Thursday and fractured her left shoulder. She is in room #105 at the hospital and possibly will remain there till Monday. Sister Connie Weaver's sister, Sylvia, is also in the hospital. Remember these in your visits and prayers.

Ladies will meet this Wed. at 9:30 am at building.

Note from So. Side announces a skating party for youth at North Roller Dome Ft. Wayne. Mon. at 6:30.

A letter from Carl & Jesse Pieratt to Zoa Herr says they will be starting back on the 27th of Mar. Also that sister Jesse isn't feeling well. Pray for their safe journey and return to health.

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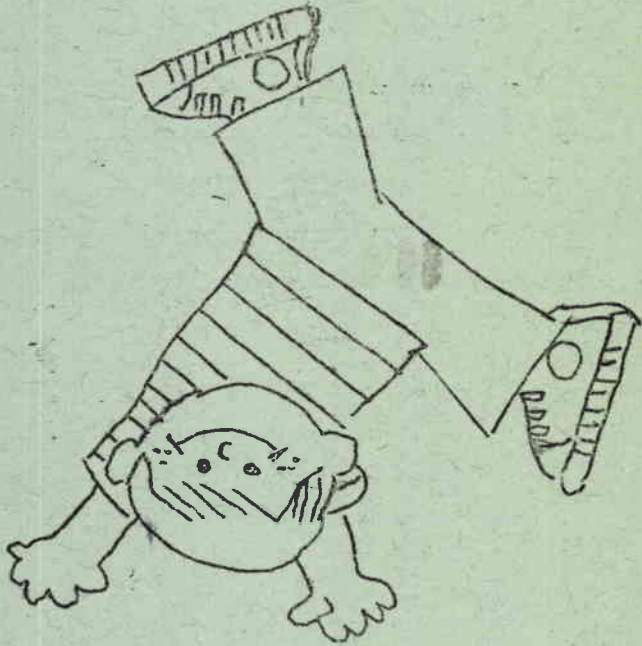
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PROVERBS 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it".

Some parents say, "We will not influence our children in making choices in the matter of religion!

WHY NOT? The news ads will. The press will. The whiskey industry will. The movies will. The schools will. We use our influence in training flowers, vegetables and cattle. Should we ignore our children?

LOOK WHAT WE DID!!



HAD 233 AT SERVICES SUNDAY

WE AIMED FOR 200 BUT MISSED IT COMPLETELY. THE 233 THAT WE HIT SHOWED OUR SIGHTS WERE TOO LOW.

DO YOU AIM TO TALK TO YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS ABOUT CHRIST? WHEN YOU DO, YOU WILL SEE RESULTS!!

MENS LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

The Men's Leadership Training Course concluded in a very exciting way on Tuesday evening, March 4, at Eby Pines Restaurant in Bristol. The forty seven people who attended the special awards banquet were also treated to a tasty chicken dinner. The special nine week course was written and designed by Ron Willingham of Amarillo, Texas and was conducted by Norm Herron.

The following 21 completed the course:
Jim Abraham (Angola), Jim Craig, John Garrison (Angola), Bob Hicks, Jerry Hicks, Larry Hicks, Jeff Herron, Devon Hostetler, Dick Hostetler, Marvin Keifer (Coldwater), Joe Lovall, Perry Miller, Dale Morgan, Bill Oakley, Fred Oakley, Joe Oakley, Vern Oren, Orcie Rontsong (Angola), Bob Sowles, Wade Spears, Dave Weaver

Some of the benefits mentioned by those who took the course were:

"I've learned the best way to deal with fear of speaking is to do more speaking and learn to live with some fear."

"I've gained greatly in the ability to think on my feet and in self confidence"

Many expressed regrets that the course was over and wished they could just go on meeting together on Tues.

After each man had addressed the group the class voted for the one who had made the most improvement during the course. The book award went to Jerry Hicks.

Those who served as assistants and contributed greatly to the success of the course were: Stan Day, Angola, Charles Cochran, Elkart, and our own Dean Hoggatt.

All these men are to be commended for their willingness to participate in this program, and for their desire to develop themselves for greater service to the church.

Norm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It was good news to hear that brother Carl and sister Jesse Pieratt was back from their winter stay in Florida. They are always active in the work when they are here, so we're glad to have them home.
- Now that winter is over (the calendar says so) and we plan for a many activities this year, please don't forget the personal teaching efforts each of us should make as our exercise of stewardship. Many contacts were made during our meeting and more Bible studies can be set up than any two or three persons are able to handle. Are you willing to help in this? Regular calls (sick, hospitalized, absentees) must continue too. See Devon following eve. services.
- Brother Benny Baker, assistant to the president of Michigan Christian College, has requested to speak at the evening services. MCC has had a great part in guiding the lives of many of our children here. We see the value of Christian education and the work that MCC contributes in Christian lives.
- Sister May Wilson will be admitted to the Sturgis hospital today for further surgery tomorrow..... Rondall Conley is in Kendallville hospital as a result of a heart condition, and expects to remain at least three weeks.... Sister Mary Ann Wade returned home Tuesday from Lagrange hospital. Her broken shoulder is mending satisfactorily.... also last week we reported that sister Jesse Pieratt wasn't feeling well, but since they get home she is better. Remember these in your prayers & visits.
- To start the new quarter off right, we would like for all teachers to come to classroom #7 this evening at 5 o'clock for a meeting.
- Area singing at Lagrange, April 13, at 3 o'clock.
- Workday at camp Indogan next Saturday. Time to get roadway, repairs, painting, raking etc. started.
- See bulletin board - letter from the Cox's.
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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

March 30, 1975

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A.M.
Children's Bible Hour	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship Service	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship Service	6:00 P.M.
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When the church seems dead and the work is slow
When the attendance is off and the songs too low
When the prayers of the saints lack fervor and power
When the preacher's sermons seem stale and sour

Why not pause with self-examining eye, and ask
LORD, IS IT I ??

WHY ARE YOU JEALOUS?

"Let us conduct ourselves properly, as people who live in the light of day; no orgies or drunkenness, no immorality or indecency, no fighting or jealousy."

From the above passage and many like it, we learn that jealousy is something that God does not want his children to have. Jealousy has caused or expressed itself in murder and violence from the time of Cain on, and continues to be a major problem in the world today. We would suggest that a lion's portion of the problems that come up in the Church today are as a direct result of childishness. A child is jealous when another child has a new or pretty toy. Many people in and out of the Church today have not done what Paul said he had done: "When I was a child I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man I put away childish things." I Cor. 14-20- see also I Pet. 2:2) Many people today are so selfish and childish that they can't stand for a preacher, elder, or a Christian of any type--especially a teenager, to receive any praise of any kind. This kind of jealousy is condemned by God, and is a result of a man or woman who simply has not grown up.

When you get right down to it, it is the failure of adults to grow up that causes most of the things that we find regretful. Prutting, uncooperative, retiring adults are found everywhere. Their hypocrisy and their lack of involvement betrays their basic nature and their basic weakness - a rejection of the Bible and its teaching, and a failure to mature to the point where they can do God's will - rather than just play at Church. We as teenagers need to profit from this pathetic example and gear our lives so that we will be outgoing, mature soldiers for Christ.

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via Views for Youth

WATCH

Things to watch:

- W--orship and Work (John 4:23-24; Phil. 2:12)
- A--ims and Actions (Phil. 3:13; James 2:18)
- T--ime and Tongue (Eph. 5:16; James 3:2)
- C--ompany and Character (I Cor. 15:33; 15:10)
- H--eart and Home (Proverbs 4:23; Isaiah 39:4)

LAY MEMBERS

We are persuaded that we have entirely too many of them. Some LAY up in bed on Sunday Morning until they are too late for Bible School. Others just LAY out and do not attend at all. Some who attend church on Sunday morning LAY out on Sunday night. Some Ladies LAY out of the Ladies Bible Class. Some men LAY out of the Men's Training Class. Some folks LAY out on the Prayer Meeting. Some young people LAY out of the Young People's activities. Some members LAY by in store as though they had not been prospered at all.

Say, brother, are you a LAY member???

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WANTED FOR THE LORD'S SERVICE

1. Men, Like Daniel, who dare to do right Dan. 6:10-16
2. Men, like Shadrach, ready to suffer. Ex.20:4; Dan.3:41
3. Men of courage, like Joshua. Num. 14:6-9; Jos.6:16
4. Men like Elijah, bold to proclaim the truth.
I Kings 17:1
5. Brethren, like Aaron and Hur. (Exodus 17:9-12)
6. Fathers, like Abraham. Gen. 22; Proverbs 10:21
7. Sisters, who like Mary, sit at Jesus' feet Lk.10:38
8. Heads of families, like Caleb. Acts 10:2; Nu. 14:24
9. Wives, models in their lives. Prov. 31:10-31
10. Christians, who are willing to put the Lord at the first of everything in their lives.

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