

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to invite all who can to come to the Nursing Homes this evening and join with us in singing and visiting with the patients there. Be at the Lagrange home at 5 p.m. and the Merry Manor at 5:30.

Next Sunday, Lagrange is to be the host for the area singing at 3 in the afternoon. Arrange now to attend.

A men's business meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday evening at 7. We look forward to sharing plans for the work here.

We are happy that sister May Wilson is now home from the hospital. Also Rondall Conley came home Tuesday. He was expected to stay much longer. Remember these in your prayers that they might continue to improve.

We are happy that Dave and Rita Perry expressed their desire to place membership here. The Perry's live in Ligoneer. They have 3 children: Rene, 3; David, 2; Brad, 4mo.

Brother Devon expressed his thanks to those who worked at camp Sat. Next Saturday, he would like to finish the fencing job. Would others volunteer to help?

There are two gospel meetings to be announced. One at East Chestnut congregation with Paul Hubbard preaching; the other at Huntington with different speakers each eve. Brother Herron is to speak Sat. evening. The Ft. Wayne meeting is thru Fri., Huntington meeting thru Sat. eve. Both at 7:30 ea. eve.

Area events for the youth:

April 25, 26 ... Youth Rally at Mich. Christ. Coll.

April 16-20 ... " " " Paulding, Ohio

April 28 ... Skating party at North Roller Dome
(see brother Bill Oakley for details)

Michigan Christian College partnership dinner IV is to be at Cobo Hall Sat. eve. If you are willing to invest in Christian education there is room for 2 more.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

April 6, 1975

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED?

... That the people who find time to visit the sick and teach the lost have as much to do as those who do not ... That people who miss services have just as much sickness and just as many kinfolk as those who miss when they don't feel good or when company comes, ... That those who attend Bible classes regularly have just as many small children as those who don't attend regularly

WHY??? THEY JUST PUT FIRST THINGS "FIRST".

TAX EXEMPT INVESTMENTS

A tax assessor came one day to a poor Christian to determine the amount of taxes he should pay.

"What property do you possess?" asked the assessor.

"I am very wealthy," replied the man.

"List your possessions, please the assessor instructed.

"I have everlasting life (John 3:16), an inheritance in heaven (1 Peter 1:8), peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7), joy unspeakable (1 Corinthians 13), a faithful and pious wife (Prov. 31-10), healthy, happy and obedient children (Exodus 20:12), true and loyal friends (Proverbs 18:24), songs in the night (Psalms 42:8), and a crown of life (James 1:12).

The tax assessor closed his book and said:

"Truly, you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

How very few people realize that the greatest blessings are tax free! How many work and strive for more of the taxable possessions (which they must leave here) and then go from this life as a spiritual pauper with no "treasures" for eternity! Indeed, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." --Selected

HOW TO READ YOUR BIBLE

When in sorrow . . . Read John 14
Before worship services . . . Read Psalms 51
When you worry . . . Read Matthew 6:19-34
When you have sinned . . . Read Psalms 84
When you are discouraged . . . Read Isaiah 40
When you are in danger . . . Read Psalms 91
When people seem unkind . . . Read Psalms 129
For Jesus' idea of a Christian . . . Read Matthew 5
When you are out of sorts . . . Read Hebrews 12
When you are lonely or fearful . . . Read Psalms 23
When down and out . . . Read Romans 8:31-39

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THE JOY OF SPRING

A seed bursts forth with new life. A blossom appears on a once barren limb. The song of a bird lifts our hearts. It is Spring. A glorious time of renewal, when the earth awakens from its winter nap.

This physical re-awakening serves as a graphic reminder of God's abundant goodness to mankind. We are told in Matthew 5:45 that the sun and the rain come to the just as well as the unjust.

God, however, reserves His rich spiritual blessings for His children. Only those who have accepted Christ have the promise of an abundant life. Only they have the hope of eternal life.

If you are in need of a spiritual re-awakening open your heart to the seed that is God's word and let it spring forth into a life of service to the Master.

Do it even now, as nature reawakens and you will know the joy of Spring everyday you live as a Christian, regardless of time or circumstance.

-- via N. Central B'tin

How to (cont.)

When bitter or critical . . . Read I Corinthians 13
For Paul's Secret of happiness . . . Read Col. 3:12-17
When you forget your blessings . . . Read Psalms 103
When your pocketbook is empty . . . Read Psalms 37
When you need rest and peace . . . Read Matt. 11:25-30
When you can't have your way about everything . . .
keep silent and . . . Read James 3
When leaving home for travel . . . Read Psalms 121
When the world seems bigger than God . . . Read
Psalms 90

--Selected

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This afternoon at 3 o'clock we have the privilege of hosting the area singing. There will likely be several from area congregations here. We hope that all the church will plan to come to welcome our "visitors" and enjoy their fellowship.

Brother Perry Miller would like to meet with all the present bus workers and any others interested in the bus ministry, following the afternoon singing. There would be time, too, for light refreshments before the evening services at 6. Bring some finger foods; coffee and kool-aid will be made at the building.

This Friday evening, the Huntington and North Manchester congregations will co-host the Men's fellowship at the Gateway Plaza in Ft. Wayne. The announcement states however, that the ladies are also invited. Time 7 p.m. The food, fellowship and talks have always been enjoyed by those that attend.

It has been observed that due to the crowded parking condition that many are double parking which causes inconvenience in waiting for those in front. There is still room to the south of the building for parking. Please avail yourself of this space.

Sister Carolyn Mains and sister Sharon Simpson expressed their desire to be restored last Sunday morning. We are thankful that the prayers of many have been answered, and that they will continue to worship and serve with faithfulness.

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April 13, 1975

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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The fear of the Lord is the beginning
of wisdom, and the knowledge of the
Holy one is understanding.

Prov. 9:10

"MEANINGFUL CHRISTIAN LOVE"

Do the individuals in the congregation where you worship love and help one another as Christians should? (Read I Cor. 13)

True Christianity should be characterized by a forgiving, helpful and reassuring love. All too often it is just the opposite. We see criticism, jealousy and antagonism, where we ought to see understanding, appreciation and fellowship. It never ceases to be amazing how Christianity finds it possible to consume itself in this way.

We sometimes think of God as a being somewhere up above us, looking down upon us with a watchful eye taking into account every mistake that we make. Make no mistake, sin is wrong, and we should not compromise with it in ourselves or in the church. Yet the idea of God as an "all-watching eye" surely does an injustice to his love and concern for us.

God would be better understood as a loving parent trying to help a child walk for the first time. When the toddling child falls only the most unaware parent would accuse it of being stupid or doing something he should not. It is much more likely to see a loving hand extended or to hear an encouraging word spoken.

God is such a companion in the spiritual life. Rather than watching for an opportunity to condemn, He stands ready to lift up, encourage and love.

The members of a loving church should stand ready to help in the same way. Rather than watching for an opportunity to be critical or condemn, they should be ready to uplift and encourage. Only in this way can the church be the understanding, forgiving, spiritual fellowship that God intends. To be anything less permits Satan to use even the church as a tool to serve his own purposes.

--By Earle McMillan, Ass't
Prof. of Bible ACC

Via Sonora Herald

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED??

....That the people who find time to visit the sick and teach the lost have as much to do as those who do not? It is with them a matter of putting the most important things first.

....That people who never miss services have just as much sickness and just as many kinfolk as those who miss when they don't feel good or when company comes? They just put first things first.

....That those who attend Bible classes regularly have just as many small children as those who don't attend regularly? They want the children to be taught from the earliest years to behave at services.

....That if we tried as hard to be on time at services as we do to get to the ball game or other events, we would seldom come in late?

....That those who get the most out of church are those who put the most into it? If you are not getting what you think you should out of the church, take an inventory of what you are putting into it.

Selected

AN ORDINARY MEMBER

Just an ordinary member of the church,"I heard him say,
But you always found him present even on a rainy day,
He had a hearty handclasp for the stranger in the aisle,
And a friend who was in trouble found sunshine in his smile.

When the sermon helped him he told the preacher so,
And when he needed comfort, he let the elders know.

He always gave so freely and tried to do his share
In all the ordinary tasks for which some have no care.
His talents were not so many, but his love for God was true;

His prayers were not in public, but he prayed for me
and you.

"An ordinary member?" I think that I would say
He was EXTRAORDINARY in a humble sort of way. -Sel.

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For lack of space the many announcements will have to be condensed. For further info, see the elders.

A gospel meeting at Goshen, April 21-27. Bill Coss speaking. Theme, "This Crooked Generation". Time 7:30.

Info. about Camp Indogan schedule:

May 3, work day to ready camp for use

May 16-18, youth retreat for ages 14-18.

May 23-24, youth retreat for ages 9-13.

June 6, 7 Men's Lectureship

June 29 begins 7 weeks of summer camping for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Applications are available with schedules included.

So. Side Ft. Wayne informs, Bro. Zeke Maynard is again coming thru the area seeking food and used clothing help for the Appalachian people in need. This should be gathered by May 4. for pick-up.

Midwest Youth Focus at Michigan College Apr. 25, 26
Skating party at North Roller Dome, Ft. W., Apr. 28
Skating party at Holliday Rink, Elk. Apr. 29

Those attending "Old Folks Feast" (?) this Sat. eve. at Lakeland High, get reservations (Patty Hostetler)

Ladies Tray Favor meeting Wed. 9:30 at building

Ladies needed to take meals to May Wilson (T. Hoggatt)

The efforts of the church to restore sister Mary Williams have been refused. She admits to her adult-rous sin but will not repent. In keeping with II Thess. 3: 6-15 the church is commanded to withdraw from her. We pray even yet that the visits made to her home will not have been in vain, and that the Lord will spare her life that she might come to repentance.

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April 20 . 1975

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BE YE THANKFUL

I sighed because the day was dark --
and then I met a child who had no eyes.
I complained because the walk was long --
until I met a man who had no legs.
I prayed for wealth beyond my need --
and then I met a poor soul with no bread at all.
Oh, God forgive me -- for the world is mine.

THE DANGERS OF PRECONCEIVED IDEAS

Below are three phrases more or less familiar. Before you go any further, I would like for you to read them aloud. Please read them out loud or you will miss much of the effectiveness of what I've got to say.

PARIS
IN THE
THE SPRING

ONCE
IN A
A LIFETIME

A BIRD
IN THE
THE HAND

Did you read them out loud? Good, now unless you are a very unusual person (or very suspicious), you read them all wrong. Did you notice that two of them have two "the's" and the other has two "a's" But what is the point you say? I've given you this little test to illustrate the danger of pre-conceived ideas. You read the phrases as you did because you thought you knew what they said before you read them. Now this answers one of the nagging questions that people ask. How can two people read the same passage of Scripture and come up with two different meanings? No doubt there might be many factors, but the most common is that one or both had their minds made up before they read the passage as to what it was going to say.

One of the most terrifying passages in the Bible is 2 Thess. 2:10-12, which says that if we are not truth-seekers, that God will send us a strong delusion that we will sincerely believe a lie and will be lost. None of us is immune from the malady of reading with pre-conceived ideas. May God help us then to be truth-seekers--and to always ask ourselves, "Is this really what God is saying here, or is this simply what I want the passage to say?"

--David Roper

THE UNFINISHED TASK

A little boy was asked: "Who made you?" His reply was: "I'm not made yet." Think of the unfinished task of teaching and training our boys and girls. This task is urgent and it is constant. It goes on until they have matured into manhood and womanhood and become responsible for their own destiny. This challenge looms before every parent. A specialist in the field of family problems said something like this a short while back:

"Parents almost never have delinquent children who give them a value code to live by and who practice what they preach."

This value code that we give them must be those absolutes found in the Word of God.

Then there is the further unfinished task of improving and refining our own lives. Each of us was made to grow and never stop. The Word of God supplies nourishment for the soul at every age and stage of development. It will furnish us "completely unto every good work."

We therefore urge you to join us for Bible study every Lord's day. Read and meditate upon God's word in your home daily. Read and discuss it and pray together as a family and its treasures will grow richer and the way to heaven brighter day by day.

--Selected

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A CHRISTIAN should be like a good watch; open faced busy hands, pure gold, well-regulated, and full of good works.

The cross of Christ is easier to him who takes it up than to him who drags it along.

--Selected

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The boxes of clothing which was brought to the building as a result of the appeal from brother Maynard, will be taken to the So. Side church building this afternoon. Our thanks to the many hearts that responded to this need for help.

This evening brother Joe Oakley will be bringing the evening message. This is a long time desire of Joe's and we're glad to see not only him but many others develop their public teaching abilities for God.

A note from Jerry Pace's announces the birth of a new baby boy, Andrew Nicholas, born April 18.

Many adults (about 50) attended the "Old Folks Feast" which the youth group planned and prepared at the Lakeland High School Cafeteria last evening. We appreciate their thoughtfulness of us, as much time and effort was put into the program. We have a fine group of young people and desire for them to be useful as they develop in service to all people.

A Camp Workshop is scheduled for next Saturday at the Glenwood building in Ft. Wayne. An excellent opportunity for staff and all interested. See Norm.

An excellent Men's lectureship is in the making at Camp Indogan for June 6 & 7. The general theme will be Christian Evidences, with speakers John Clayton South Bend, and Terry Blake, Flint, Mich. We believe this subject will be one of the best to hear.

We believe that the interest in going to the skating party at the North Roller Dome in Ft. Wayne is good, so that the bus will be running. At least 25 needed for gas expense (25¢ ea). Bus will leave the building at 5:30, will return about 10 o'clock.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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April 27, 1975

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CHRISTIAN

Nothing is Christian which makes a person hate another
Being a Christian does not mean giving up something,
but growing up into something
No man can be a good Christian and a bad citizen.
The genius of Christianity is in the fact that it reveals to men a "best" of which they did not suspect themselves.

THE PARABLE OF THE BALL CLUB

To him that hath ears, let him hear the parable of the Ball Club. Lo and behold some men found a rule book of a game called baseball so they proceeded to organize and to play games. All went well for awhile.

But eventually they drifted from the rule book and they begin to lose games and to have problems--- big problems, so they killed the manager, fired the pitcher, tarred and feathered the catcher and hung the first base man.

And then behold, by chance those remaining picked up the rule book one day and found the real problem was, that they had left the rule book and that had caused all their problems. So they got back to the rule book, then really got in there and worked with their heart in their work and went on to win the pennant!

Hear the explanation of the parable of the Ball Club. God has given man the Bible which is the rule book for the Christian game of life. When that rule book is followed in full in the spirit of the teaching and not just the letter, it provides that peace and harmony and unity God intended, that will lead to victory.

Just like the Ball Club that forgot the rule book, so it is with Christians who forget their rule book, the Bible. Problems come, big problems, even to the loss of Christians and the loss of souls.

But like the Ball Club that went back to the rule book, so it is with Christians who return to God's rule book, the Bible. It will solve all their problems and they can go on to win that eternal pennant of everlasting life with God's banner of love over them.

--R. a. Page

REFLECTIONS

An old proverb says, "Any fool can count the number of seeds in an apple; only God can count the number of apples in a seed!"

We never see the potential which God sees in a person. Still, we must believe that God can multiply our influence a hundred-fold through our children.

When the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy he said, "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother, Lois, and your mother Eunice" (2 Tim. 1:5). Who dared to dream that the faith of Lois and Eunice might someday touch the whole world? Even when Timothy was a boy, studying the Bible under the supervision of his grandmother and mother, there was no way for him to know the future God had for him.

Let's see our children as gifts of God!! We must share our faith with them, teach them the ways of God, pray with them, commit them to God for His use. Our influence in their lives can transcend our personal weaknesses. We must have faith in God, specifically the faith that He can use us in the lives of our children.

--Selected

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Be careful, little tongue, what you tell,
Many tales you could recount very well.
Some are clean and pure and sweet;
Some just funny to repeat;
Some would hurt another's name;
Some would carry needless blame.
Choose the harmless ones to tell,
The others bury, deep and well.

--Elma Garrison

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We are happy to announce that four new members were added to the body of Christ since last Sunday. Following Sunday evening services, Jim Craig decided to put on Christ and also later (after the Angola congregation came for baptismal services for six from there) Harlene Adkins responded to the Lord's invitation too. Sister Penny Oakley came forward confessing wrong and desiring prayers of the church. On Friday evening, Jeff Mead and also Stacy Holzapfel rendered obedience. All of these precious souls are now a part of the church here and we pray that their obedience to Christ is only the beginning of a happy and fruitful work for the Lord.

We invite all to come to the Miller Merry Manor Nursing home at 5 this evening for a song service, and meet also at 5:30 at the Lagrange Nursing Home.

For our Youth: Camp Indogan Spring Youth Rallies:
Senior (Ages 14-18), May 16 to May 18. Speaker Roger Hornbaker, Parkside church, Dearborn, Mi. The theme "How We Can Serve Him Now"
Junior (Ages 9-13), May 23, 24. Theme, Why Follow Jesus. CHECK BULLETIN BOARD FOR REGISTRATION.

There is a bridal shower scheduled at 2 this afternoon in room #8 for Sue Hostetler. The marriage to James McAlpin is set for Sat. May 17.

The ladies will meet (Lord willing) this Wednesday at 9:30 at the building for tray favors.

The work (contacts & follow-up) for the directory is going along slowly but surely. Hopefully - soon.

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MAY 4, 1975

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BEAUTY AIDS

A dear old lady was asked what she used to make her complexion so beautiful and her whole being so bright and attractive. She answered: "I use for my lips, truth; I use for my voice, kindness; I use for my eyes, compassion; I use for my hands, charity; for my figure, uprightness; for my heart, love; and for any who do not like me, prayer".

Selected

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO PIGS

R. R. Page

In the wooded hills of southern Ohio, there lived a farmer, who every year in the spring, would go to his neighbor and buy two pigs.

The pigs were cornered and caught with much violent and loud protest on their part. They were put in a crate and the lid nailed shut and then loaded on a wagon.

When the farmer got home the pigs were as skitterish as bank robbers who had just ripped off a bank.

The crate was unloaded in the pen, opened and the pigs crashed into the fence trying to escape. But eventually by tender voice and offer of corn and milk by the farmer, the pigs would come and eat some and then rush back.

Finally they got confidence in the farmer; they became tame and would roll over on their sides to have their tummies tickled.

Hear the explanation of the parable of the two pigs. The pigs are like many sinners before they become Christians. They don't want to be changed and controlled because they don't know how good it is for them.

Some sinners are as skitterish as the pigs. The mere mention of the gospel of Jesus Christ sends them up the wall. They run to escape.

The way the farmer coaxed the pigs is like the way God coaxes us. The farmer didn't get a club and beat the pigs, sick the dogs on them or say I will shoot you, render your lard, grind your sausage and fry your bacon, but he did show love and tenderness to them and extend good food. Now the pigs probably didn't know what piggie meant when the farmer spoke it softly,

PRAYER

Many of us lose confidence in prayer, because we don't 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 ask for COURAGE...God gives us DANGERS to overcome.

We pray for FAVORS...God gives us OPPORTUNITIES.

Pray for the ability to recognize the answers to prayer!

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THE PARABLE (cont.)

but they could see and smell the food, so the farmer communicated with the pigs and they became friends.

God is the friend of sinners. He begs them to accept salvation through His Son Jesus Christ, eat the best spiritual food possible and then come to be with Him forever in Heaven in joy and happiness.

The Great God of Heaven begs every sinner through the gospel. He extends love, forgiveness and blessing abundantly. This is the great drawing power.

Of course if the sinner all his life refuses to be a friend of God and dies that way, then the sinner will be cast into hell. And in reality God would not really be the true friend of sinners if He did not tell them what was the consequence of disobedience.

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NEWS FLASH! BUS NUMBER 2 ADDED TO OUR BUS MINISTRY

A second bus has been secured for our bus program here. It is a 1966 Dodge, 60 passenger, power steering, extra clean interior. Minor rust repair work needs to be done before painting to match our present bus. We feel very fortunate for the purchase price is far below the price of comparable busses in age and condition.

Although our present budget, presented the first of the year, calls for the purchase of a second bus, we do not have enough funds in the treasury to pay for it. Approximately \$1000.00 will be needed in addition to what we have on hand to complete the purchase, do some body work and paint it for our use as required by law.

We have looked forward for some time to expanding our bus coverage into the Howe and Ontario areas. Our present bus leaves about 8 o'clock on Sunday mornings and rarely gets back to the building much before 9:30, which is almost too long on the road for many of the children who get on first. Our connection with the children, their parents, and other adults through the bus work is an act of faith. The Lord has said through Isaiah, Isa. 55:11, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I have sent it". Christians have a holy calling, not only among the unsaved adults of our generation but among the younger who someday will take the place of the older in guiding the destiny of many souls. There is no better place to start in redeeming a lost world to Jesus Christ and charting a course of righteousness in time to come, than through the teaching of God's word in the lives of youth.

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May 11, 1975

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PRAYER, FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I asked for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for help, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped
for.

Selected

ing the wedding a reception will be held at Devon's home. Everyone invited.

The ladies will meet this Wed. at 9:30 at the building. They invite all ladies to come.

NEW ONE - MINUTE PROGRAM OVER NBC

Starting May 5 at 8:00 p.m. a new one-minute Herald of Truth program called HEARTBEAT will be broadcast throughout the nation on 229 stations of the powerful NBC Radio Network.

The new one-minute HEARTBEAT program is a first in NBC radio history. They will be broadcast twice a day, Monday through Friday, and three times a day on Saturdays. Each individual program will reach an audience of over 1,000,000 listeners.

These one-minute messages will be like a parable designed to touch the heart of the listener, and encourage him to write. He then will receive a series of Bible teaching materials by mail.

When NBC offered to broadcast this new program, the elders of the Highland Church of Christ accepted this challenge. Over 13 million people will hear these messages each week. The elders have asked our prayers in this historic opportunity to tell people about Jesus.

Again, the messages can be heard on over 200 stations, coast-to-coast, beginning May 5 at 8:00 p.m.,

We are also happy to announce that "Insight", the new national radio ministry of the Druid Hills Church of Christ in Atlanta can now be heard on So. Bend's station WSBT at 9:00 p.m. ea. Wednesday.

Insight is a 25 minute program designed to reach the audience who usually does not listen to religious programs. The first half of the program is an interview either with a prominent individual or a person who has had firsthand experience with the subject being considered. The second half is a strong Biblical message concerning the subject.

Try to catch this program on WSBT at 9 pm., Wed.

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There is a great work ahead for this bus, and we are happy, with the teaching of souls in mind, to lead out. May our efforts be to the glory of God.

The area singing today is to be at Angola, at 3pm. They would be encouraged if some from here would plan to come.

This past week Mrs. Lillie Felfrey was in the hospital, and also brother Martin Luther Hall. Both have returned home and are doing well. Sister May Wilson is still in the Sturgis hospital. She enjoys company and letters. Our prayers continue to be for these that they may improve in health.

Brother Gene Grate called from Auburn and said that sister Dilgard passed away Friday (she attended and enjoyed the last singing here at Lagrange just last month) Services will be held at the funeral home in Auburn Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Brother Devon mentions that a final work period is scheduled at Camp Indogan on May 30 & 31, for the seven week camping season which begins in July. He is trying to coordinate the work by various congregations and would appreciate as many Lagrange helpers (both men and women) as is possible. He suggests an overnight stay for those who can arrange to do so, with fellowship and fun along with work. Basketball, volleyball, horseshoe, ping-pong are extra inviting at camp.

Next week end, the seniors are scheduled for a get to gether at camp and the following week end, the juniors are scheduled. Both these programs are well planned and would be enjoyable and profitable to any of our youth who would go. See bulletin board for details and get reservations in now.

An invitation is open to all for Sue Hostetler's wedding next Sat. at 2:45 to James McAlpin. Follow-see page #2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vacation Bible School this year is scheduled for the week of June 9 through June 13. We hope to have a tent set up just south of the building for the extra classroom space needed. Let's keep this date open for our own children as well as telling others about it.

We would like for as many as can come next Saturday, in order to canvass the towns of Howe and Ontario, to be at the building at 9 o'clock. Our second bus is scheduled to be painted by the VBS date, and it will help us establish a new route. We can use all parents and teenagers. Please help.

The total cost for our bus, repairing, painting, licenseing, etc. is near \$1500. Some have contributed for the bus, but an initial loan had to be taken out in order to purchase it. The cost of painting (\$365.) is not covered by the first loan, and it was hoped that by the time it is done, within 2 weeks, we could cover this by special contribution. If you are willing to help toward this, please do so within the next two weeks.

Next week end (Fri. & Sat.) a Junior youth program is planned at Camp Indogan, for ages 9 thru 13. Theme: Why Follow Jesus? Get registrations in now.

Brochures are printed for the Men's overnight encampment and lectureship June 6&7. We would like to urge all the men to go. Good program.

Sister May Wilson continues to have chest pains and remains in the Sturgis hospital. Please pray for her at this time. Others mentioned sick last Sunday are much improved.

Remember work day at Camp Indogan May 30, 31.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

May 18, 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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DID YOU KNOW?

... That the average American has 15 times more material "things" than the average citizen of the rest of the world?

... and that the life expectancy of the average American is 70 years, while the life expectancy of the average citizen of the rest of the world is just under 40 years?... Sobering thought! Puts new light on Jesus' statement: "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." (Luke 12:48)

HIS WORK IS HIS FIRST LOVE

A recent survey revealed that most preachers work an average of 60 hours per week, and many as much as 75 hours or more. They punch no timeclock and they cannot leave their work behind at 5 p. m. They draw no overtime pay, and few can consent to take off holidays. Their nights are spent in visiting, and like your doctor, they are available to serve day or night. They spend sleepless hours in the midst of night wrestling with your problems. Unlike normal workers, however, they are not protected by hospitalization, old age benefits, or retirement plans.

It would be difficult to define what a minister is. He combines in his qualifications and services portions of many professions. He is in part a resourceful student, a counselor, a psychologist, a teacher, an office worker, a public relations worker, a lecturer, marriage advisor, intercessor and arbitrator. In all that he is, he is always behind in his work.

His is a life mixed with emotions. At entertainments he laughs with the happy. In time of tragedy he weeps with the bereaved. He caresses the hand of the newborn and holds the hand of the dying. He knows the darkest secrets of many, and carries a heavy heart of grief for them. He seeks to strengthen the morally weak and to sustain the spiritually strong. His aim is to lead souls to Christ and everlasting salvation.

To understand the work of the minister is to appreciate him. But he asks no pity or sympathy for his work is the first love of his heart. This is why he is a minister and would be nothing else.

--Selected

Via Huntington B'tin

CROSS

PURPOSES

Many people find themselves in a strait between making a living and making a life. They realize that the real purpose in life is to live so that they may be prepared for eternity; yet the struggle to keep up with the world, to have and enjoy the modern comforts and conveniences and to make of their lives what the world calls a "success", creates a constant conflict. The logical course to pursue, of course is to sacrifice many of the worldly activities and devote more time and thought to the work of the Lord. but such a course requires a greater sacrifice than many are willing to make. Therefore with one foot in the church and the other in the world, they are very unhappy. To be at cross purposes in our lives is not conducive to a successful life, either materially or spiritually. Sooner or later we must choose between one or the other, otherwise we shall fail to gain either "success" in this life or the eternal reward in the life to come.

--Selected

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A CHRISTIAN should be like a good watch: open faced, busy hands, pure gold, well-regulated, and full of good works.

The cross of Christ is easier to him who takes it up than to him who drags it along.

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over one year, having died Apr. 26, last year. Earl and May will be remembered for their faithful work here, and the faithful service given to the Angola congregation in helping to establish the work there. Funeral services for sister May will be 1 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Carney Funeral Home. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mary and Ruth at this time, as we share with them their loss.

If you would like to send food for the Wilson family for Monday, see Merilyn or Thelma.

The towns of Ontario and Howe were canvassed for the upcoming Vacation Bible School June 9-13. Let's remember this date for all children thru grade 6.

Anyone desiring to contribute over and above their regular contribution toward the bus fund, it will be greatly appreciated. We have through next Sunday before the bill for painting has to be met.

On June 8th at 2:30 p.m. Jessie Pieratt and Mary Anne Wade will give a miscellaneous bridal shower for Anita Tuttle at the building. All the ladies of the church are cordially invited to attend. Please let Jesse or Mary Anne know by June 1st whether or not you can come.

May 30, 31 is fellowship day at Camp. Plan to come.

Men's lectureship June 6&7. Brochure gives details.

Skating party at North Roller Dome, Monday, May 26, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Bus will run if 25 or more go.

Tray favors for ladies Wed. 9:30 a.m. at building.

Anita Tuttle and Jeff Herron will be graduating from Lakeland and Phil Hostetler from Westview at the exercises today. Congratulations to these!

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

May 25, 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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THE PASSING OF A SISTER

We were saddened to learn of the passing away of sister May Wilson yesterday morning at 12:30 a.m. Although the doctors had indicated that her condition was serious, and that death was imminent, the news comes hard.

The Wilsons have been a part of the family of the Lord's church since the beginning of the congregation here. Brother Earl preceded May in death by a little

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SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:

"Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons." (Phil.1:1) This verse points out one of the unique marks of the church of Jesus Christ. The great majority of people do not know how to discern the Lord's body because they are unable to fully describe all the features of the Lord's body. Most know we don't have instrumental music or that we observe the Lord's supper every first day. But the above verse describes the organization of the church.

The church is autonomous, that is, each congregation is under the headship of Christ but is equal to any other congregation., large or small. Each congregation tends to it's own affairs, builds its own programs, and directs its own destiny without interference from other congregations.

This does not mean that churches can't cooperate. Several churches are recorded as helping Paul on his missionary journeys and many helped the congregation at Jerusalem when they were hungry, but each work was under the oversight of a particular eldership.

This unique quality is not understood by the world, nor by many church members. Consequently, great but subtle, pressure is being brought on the church from all sides to alter this principal of management. Denominations came into being by one church taking the authority over others and eventually one man taking oversight of that one church, thereby one man was ruling many churches and people.

Two things contribute to this situation. One is members of the church inwardly desiring to have the church ruled by anarchy, that is everyone is his own boss. These are the ones that do not have the oversight of elders and by various ways and means encourage others not to. Most of the time they complain, moan and groan about his or that decision the eldership has made, even to the point

OPTIMISM

A respected violinist, Ole Bull, gave a concert in Paris when something completely unexpected happened. His "A" string snapped in two ! Undaunted, he simply rearranged the composition and finished it on three strings.

Here is courage! Here is optimism! We, too, can make the most of life and when that "A" string snaps, simply make the necessary rearrangements and finish on the remaining strings.

Optimism always looks ahead...and up. Never behind, or down. Optimism expects the best, works for the best, believes the best. "Two prisoners stood behind bars; One looked at mud, the other at stars!" Reverses in life will prepare us for greater accomplishments, if we let them.

Optimism is the spirit of springtime, coming on in spite of bad winter, Optimism, for the Christian, says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phillipians 4:13)

Adapted

of leaving the congregation. The Bible plainly teaches that we are to submit to them that have the rule over us. (Heb. 13:17)

The second is groups of people in a particular congregation constantly planning programs that are beyond the capacity to that congregation and then encouraging and demanding that other congregations join in to make that program a success. As this is pursued, eventually everything is "area wide" and then eventually you don't need elders in every congregation, just the ones planning for area wide affairs. This is not to point out that "area wide" things are wrong, but call attention to the pressures that can be brought in this manner.

Northridge Bull'n
James Harbin

Announcements

Visiting speaker today, Rob't. Page

Several announcements below does not allow for much comment on each. Doesn't mean they're not important.

- Two gospel meetings: Elkhart June 8-13; Bob Bryson preaching. Three Rivers June 2-8; Gerald Fears preaching. Time at 7:30, both meetings.
- Our VBS June 9-13. Classes thru grade 6. We are borrowing East Allen Co. tent for classroom space. Must be erected this week. Also our newest bus will be ready for use for VBS. Much canvassing being done. Needed badly: workers Friday and Saturday for cleaning busses, replacing old seats which are bad, with newer ones, doing some last minute canvassing etc. Please see brother Perry for the things to be done. He's depending on help. Let's help him.
- Thanks to all who contributed extra for the amount needed to pay for the bus painting. Any given for the bus fund today will be applied to purchasing replacement seats on the old bus.
- For 150 to 200 children for VBS, cookies, Kool-aid, sugar will be needed galore. Anyone want to volunteer some of these things? See E. Hostetler.
- Any teenagers willing to give their services on the bus during VBS, please see Perry.
- Annual event coming up this Friday eve. & Sat. morning: Men's Lectureship at Camp Indogan. The Theme, "Christian Evidences" with speakers John Clayton and Terry Blake, should be excellent. Complete program in green brochure. See Bro. Dean.
- See Jesse Pieratt or Mary Wade about June 8 bridal shower for Anita Tuttle. See them today.
- Mary Wilson and Ruth Winfree desires to express their sincere appreciation to all who were a great comfort and help to their mother, May, before she passed away last Sat. and to themselves, during her confinement. For the dinners prepared, flowers, cards, visits and prayers, they are grate-

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

June 1, 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.
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KEEP RELIGION IN ITS PLACE

Keep religion in its place and it will take you straight through life and straight to your Father in Heaven when life is over. Religion out of its place in a human life is the most miserable thing in the world. There is nothing that requires so much to be kept in its place as religion, and its place is what? Second? Third? "First!" First the kingdom of God!

Make it so that it will be natural to you to think about that the very first thing. Selected

QUALITIES FOR CHRISTIAN MOTHERS:

1. Love and patience.
2. Teach children love for God.
3. Exercise discipline.
 - a. So that children may have respect for parents.
 - b. Apply discipline immediately.
 - c. Make the discipline be appropriate to crime.
4. Teach children the standards of Christian living as early as possible.
5. Remember to set a good example, the example of Timothy's mother and grandmother, and also Ezk. 16:44 "as the mother so is the daughter".
6. Talk across to the child, not down to him.
7. Treat the child like a person.
8. Let the family sit down to the table to eat rather than all going separate ways or eating in front of the television set.
9. Teach the facts of life to children at home.
10. Teach children to love and appreciate father.
11. Pay attention to questions; give answers even if you have to say, "I do not know".
12. Deal with your child's request like God deals with us; sometimes the answer is yes, sometimes no, and sometimes wait a while.
13. Teach some economic values; try to help them understand about your budget.
14. Do not let them date until they are old enough.
15. Teach them:
 - a. Not to date a person they would not marry.
 - b. To date a person who will help them go to heaven.
 - c. To memorize scripture.
 - d. To dress in modest and sensible apparel.
 - e. Not to compromise principles.

A POEM TO PONDER

Yes, we came to church on Sunday to worship didn't we?
We came to study together and discuss the word of the Lord.

I'm sure we joined together to sing all the songs with glee.
We took of the communion and gave all we could afford.

We listened to the sermon and joined together to pray.
We greeted each other in joy and friendliness.
Yes, we came to church this Sunday, for this is the Lord's day.

Oh yes, we came to worship, the Lord will surely bless.

Now what about on Monday. Did we sow the seed?
Or look all around about us to see another's need?
And on Tuesday did we read God's word? and kneel down to pray?
This is really something we should do every day.

And Wednesday before we ate did we remember to say grace?

Oh we must truly be thankful if we would see his face.

Oh did we try with all our might to go to Bible study on Thursday night?

And on Friday did the devil enter in and bring on us just one little sin?

Were we so very busy on Saturday, so much to do for us?
We couldn't even invite a child to come ride on our bus?

Oh yes, we come to worship on Sunday;
But if God's blessings we would seek,
Remember we must be a Christian,
Every day of the week.

Anonymous

WISDOM SERMONS

1. That is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.
2. If you lived as though Christ never lived, you will die as though Christ never died.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A meeting with Bob Bryson at the Willowdale congregation in Elkhart begins today. Brother Bryson is doing full-time evangelistic work and has conducted campaigns in Europe, Asia, Canada and in the states. Some here have heard him and attest to his unique presentation of the old gospel. We would encourage you to attend the meeting. June 8-13.

Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow. Remember it runs one week this year, the 9th thru the 15th, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. morning. Classes through grades 6 (Children over 12 in the class they were in last year at school.) We have tent set up in back to accommodate all who come. There will be a Friday evening program at 7:30 for the school, their parents and others who desire to come. All the church invited. Other things: Because of rooms being cluttered with VBS things, this Thursday evening, all the classes will meet in the auditorium for singing and possibly a filmstrip. Secondly, anyone desiring to contribute cookies etc see Ellen Hostetler.

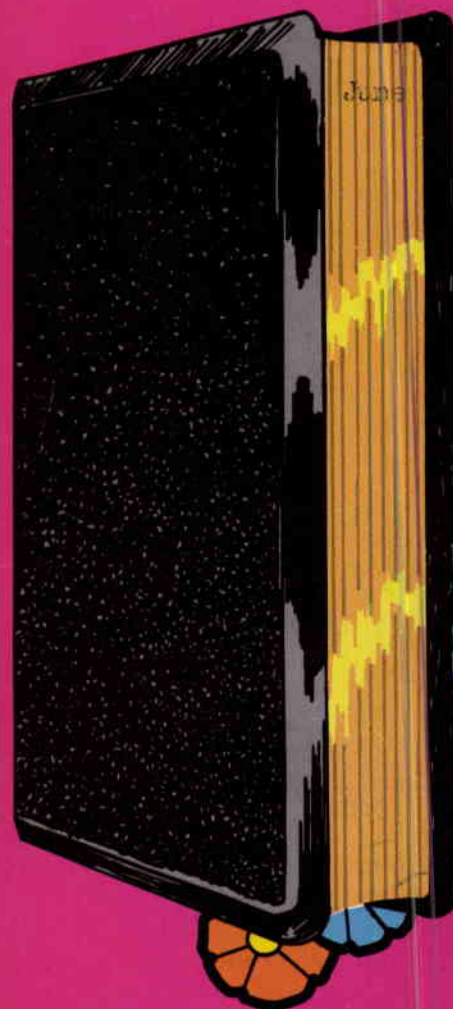
Our youth group: Monday evening June 16, the "1000 Singers" will be here. It is suggested that we invite area congregation youth groups and use of the tent while we have it.

Other Norm makes a request to any who can work camp in capacities of Counsellors, cooks for the July 20 to Aug. 1, please see him.

More bus helpers needed on routes this week!

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"He is calling you"
Mark 10:48

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V A C A T I O N - B I B L E - S C H O O L
June 9-13, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Classes thru 6th grade
For transportation call 463-571

"FINDING VALUES"

A diamond in the rough
 Is a Diamond sure enough,
 For before it ever sparkles
 It has the diamond stuff,
 Of course someone must find it
 Or it should never be found,
 Then someone must grind it
 Or it will never be ground,
 But when it's found and when it's ground
 And when it's burnished bright
 That diamond everlastingly
 Keeps sending out the LIGHT
 A teacher in the Bible school
 Don't say "I've done enough".
 That worst boy in your class maybe
 A diamond in the rough.

Selected

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VBS Schedule of Teachers

CLASS	TEACHER & HELPER	ROOM
Grade 2	Jean Bowen Sharon Simpson	5
Grade 3	Hazel Miller Marcella Ritshie	3
Grade 4	Lois Oakley Lesly Hoggatt	8
Grade 5	Thelma Hoggatt Vicki Hicks	7
Grade 1	Louella Oakley Annie Oakley	Aud.
Grade 2	Marilyn Herron Kim Herron	Tent
Grade 3&4	Jessie Pieratt Mary A. Wade	Tent
Grade 5&6	Norm Herron	6

Allen Hostetler Will take care of Refreshments
 Jess Pieratt and Dick Hostetler will drive busses.
 These listed and others also who will be giving
 their time and energies this week in this the
 Lord's work, we say many thanks, and may the Lord
 bless you in this great opportunity to spend His
 word.

WHAT IS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?

It is girls and boys - paste and paint and noise.
 It is sandpaper and scissors, lessons and workbooks
 and noise. It is fun and refreshments, prayer and
 singing. It is the church planning and working in
 advance to get ready for the girls and the boys and
 the noise. It is meetings, ordering of supplies,
 hoping we have enough; Men and women giving cheer-
 fully of their time and talent because they love God.

Vacation Bible School is a young child learning
 to pray. It is a girl realizing the Maker and Father
 of heaven and earth loves her. It is a boy hearing
 for the first time the name of Jesus Christ spoken
 in reverence. It is parents seeing for themselves
 that men and women are concerned for boys and girls
 --- concerned enough to give freely of themselves
 and their time to teach boys and girls to know and
 to love the heavenly Father and His beloved Son, Je-
 sus Christ. It is a young person coming to know Christ
 as the precious Lord and Savior in and through obed-
 ience to the gospel.

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 of such is the Kingdom of heaven".

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SENTENCE SERMONS

The innoculation of society with a mild form of
 Christianity has made the world immune to the real
 thing.

Man is free to do what he likes and free to do what
 he ought. The latter is true freedom.

Hell is for two classes of people: Those who will
 do anything, and those who will do nothing.

Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss
 events, small minds discuss people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Vacation Bible School is now history, and we can say "Whew"! The daily attendance ranged from 135 to 193, which averaged near 190 per day. The Friday evening program brought many parents and although the teachers were exhausted, along with those who run the busses, we feel that much effort was put forth that will bear fruit to the glory of God. Many thanks to everyone that had a part in the school this year. Your full payment of reward will be given later, by the Lord.

There were some forty persons who rode the bus to Elkhart Thursday evening for their gospel meeting with brother Bob Bryson. They appreciated it and an enjoyable and profitable time was had by all. The moving lesson presented by brother Bryson caused many to respond at the invitation. Five from LaGrange: Mary Shears, Dick Hostotler, Marcella Ritchie, Steve and Kim Herron asked for prayers and confessed sins. The spirit of fellowship is strengthened between congregations when interest for each other is present. We could and should do this more often.

For the youth of the congregation: The Singing group "Autumn" from Michigan Christian College will be here Monday evening at 7:30 for a program. Some from Elkhart and South Bend indicated they would come. The plans are right now to use the tent, unless the weather does not permit.

Also, the last Roller Skating party is Monday evening at the North Roller Dome, Ft. Wayne. We would like to know today how many wants to go, to know whether the bus will be sent.

The Area-Wide fellowship will be this Friday evening at the Gateway Plaza in Ft. Wayne. The ladies are invited along with the men. Speaker will be Frank Hughes from Grand Rapids. Subject: The Christian Home. Reservations asked by 13th.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

June 15, 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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A Short Course in Human Relations

The SIX Most Important Words:	I ADMIT I MADE A MISTAKE
The FIVE " " " "	YOU DID A GOOD JOB
The FOUR " " " "	WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?
The THREE " " " "	IF YOU PLEASE
The TWO " " " "	THANK YOU
The ONE " " " "	word: WE
The LEAST important word:	I

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The following write-up is to appear in a historical survey by the local Bicentennial Committee. It was thought that the church here might enjoy reading it, and to know that as of this Sunday, we begin the 23rd year for the congregation here in Lagrange.

Church of Christ Lagrange, Indiana

The nucleus of the Church of Christ now meeting at 407 South Townline Road had its beginning in 1953 when a few friends began meeting in the home of a Christian family. Within a few weeks a meeting place was secured on Detroit street, above Yates Shoe Store, and this was used until such time that a meeting place was built at the present site at 407 So. Townline Road.

The first meeting of the church was on June 10, 1953, on a Wednesday evening, in the home of Paul and Alberta Sumney, on the site where the Stoper Studio is located. There were 22 in attendance. They were: Earl and May Wilson and their three children, Millard, Mary and Ruth (the first three of which are now deceased); Fred and Devona Cox (now living in Kissimmee, Florida); Carl and Jessie Pieratt and their two sons Bill and Jim (all living in Lagrange; Paul and Alberty Sumney (daughter and son-in-law of the Cox's) and their two daughters Ann and Paula (all living in Florida); Dean and Thelma Hoggatt (living in Lagrange) and their two children, Kathy (in Ocilla, Georgia) and Kent (in Rochester, Michigan). For the first meeting we also had three visitors: One a minister, Doyle Earwood, and a friend, Leon Green, both from Elkhart, and another minister, Lucien Palmer, from Garrett.

The first Sunday in August, 1953, we began meeting at the rented hall on Detroit street. In the spring of 1955, a building site was purchased from Noel and Georgia Rowan at the present location,

and construction, from donated labor, was begun. An auditorium and classrooms were completed and first services were held in the new building on September 23, 1956. The church realized a steady growth through the years in addition to many coming and going as employment demanded. Because of increased size, a new educational addition was added to the building in 1970 and auditorium space was increased to fit the needs. The balance of the ground owned by the Rowan's has been purchased with plans being laid for future expansion with more classrooms and new auditorium. The church has now an average attendance of 175, for Sunday morning.

In April of 1974, the church began a bus ministry. This made it possible to expand our evangelistic outreach and to provide a greater service to those in the community rural areas. A year later, a second bus was placed into service. The church appreciates the opportunity to serve the community in this way.

Various ministers have served the church over the years: Paul Sumney, Bill Stowers, Paul Hosse, Earl Garner, Earl Gieseke and presently, Norman Herron. Mr. Herron and his family were missionary's in Norway for six years previous to their coming to Lagrange in August of 1972. They reside in the church home just north of the church building.

The church has supported evangelistic and benevolent works over the years. The nationwide Herald Of Truth radio and television broadcasts are supported on a regular basis. Various T.V. and radio "specials" as well as missionary appeals receive assistance as needed. They are presently supporting one child at the Shults Lewis Children's Home at Valparaiso, Indiana. A food bank is maintained at the building to help in time of need. The ladies make monthly tray favors for patients at the hospital and nursing homes as well as meeting regularly for special projects.

(Additional information will be given concerning Children's Bible hour, services etc. but space here will not allow)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a bus evangelism workshop at the Williams-town, West Virginia Church of Christ this week-end. At least three of our members are planning to go. It is a very profitable workshop that covers all phases of the bus ministry. We pray for Perry Miller, Joe Hughes and Joe Oakley a safe trip as they take time off to learn how better to serve the lost and the children by "bringing them in".

Brother Dick Hostetler will be bringing the evening message at 6 o'clock.

Brother Earl Gieseke, June and Robert Earl will be visiting here over the 4th. He had consented to speak for us on Sunday the 6th. It will be good to hear Earl again since they left here in July 1972. It would be good to have a pot luck dinner on the 6th. Place will be determined and announced later.

Because of small enrollment for the first week of Junior camp, the camp board decided to cancel the session beginning June 29. The Juniors (Ages 9-11) can enroll for the week of July 13th, however.

Anita Tuttle's wedding to Greg Wood is to be this Saturday at 3 o'clock. Reception following at the Albion Production Bldg. Everyone invited, to the wedding and to the reception.

Ladies will meet this Wed. for tray favors (9:30am.)

Skating party at the Holiday Roller Rink this Tuesday, 6:30 to 9:00. If enough interest is shown (25 or more) the bus will be going. Let Perry know.

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Is Doctrine Important?

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds". 1Jn. 9-11.

YOU CAN BE BEAUTIFUL!
(a parable of seeds)

Early in the spring I spaded up the flower bed on the east side of the house, where I had the tulips last year, and went to town for some seeds to plant in it. On each pack of seeds I purchased there appeared pictures of flowers those seeds would produce. But much to my disappointment, there have been very few flowers, and none at all like the pictures on the packs.

My first thought was to be realistic--after all one just would not expect flowers as beautiful as those pictured. But then, one would expect some flowers! And other people do grow flowers as pretty as those in the pictures. What could possibly be wrong with the seeds?

But the reason for failure was not in the seeds at all. Part of it was in the soil. I should have bought some fertilizer and prepared the soil better. Too, I became involved in other things and did not work the soil as others do who grow beautiful flowers. I was more interested in my studies, our vacation Bible school and neglected the flower bed.

Anyway I have learned a lesson from it all. The Word of God is the seed of the kingdom of heaven (Luke 8:11). The Bible pictures the kind of person this seed will produce. It is a realistic picture and some people have been very successful in developing that kind of personality.

Any failure on my part may prompt me to ask, "What is wrong with the seed?" But the cause of failure is not in the seed. There is life and power in that seed to produce the kind of life pictured in the Book. The cause of failure lies somewhere else.

Perhaps it is in the soil again. In his parable of the sower Jesus speaks of four kinds of soil representing four kinds of hearts. One is a hard heart, another is a light heart, the third is a worldly heart and good heart. Seed sown in the first three will produce about like my flower bed, but seed sown in the honest and good heart (cont. p. 3)

will produce like the picture. It is being done every day. The kind of heart into which we plant the seed is so very important in Christianity.

Then, there is that other factor. People who grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ, do not become so involved in other things that they neglect the seed. They take time every day to cultivate it, water it, fertilize it. They have time for daily study and prayer. They do not let "other things" keep them from the worship. They take the time to be helpful to others to minister to those less fortunate than they, and to teach others the way of salvation.

Yes--those who grow lovely flowers have good soil and work at the job--and they enjoy it. So it is with those who live beautiful Christian lives and grow in Christian personality.

Mack Lyon
Via Rochester B'tin

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A LITTLE MORE

"We recall the kind old grocer,
When sugar he would pour,
How he'd tip the scales to balance
Then he'd add a little more."

"And his business, How it prospered
Folks were always in his store,
For he gave an honest measure,
And he'd add a little more."

"So it is with life, my brother,
We would write a better score,
When we've done what is expected,
If we'd add a little more."

"If anybody forces you to go a mile with him, do more--
go two miles with him." (Matthew 5:41 Phillips)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

As was announced last Sunday, brother and sister Gieseke and their son Robert, will be with us over the 4th and a few days following. On the 6th (Next Lord's Day) Earl will be speaking for us in Norm's place. Earl, June and Robert moved from here just three years ago, and it will seem good to have them here for a visit again.

We'd like to propose a rally day next Sunday and see if we can top our previous record in attendance - 233. So many know the Gieseke's, they having been here for eight years, that it is well within reach. Plan to invite as many as you can for next Sunday's services.

A carry-in dinner is planned at the park next Sunday following morning services, for everyone to get to visit with the Gieseke's. Due to the number of serving all children, the busses will take the children home as usual and have a picnic at the park for especially them within a few weeks.

Any rice which you find at the building is just a reminder that Greg Wood and Anita Tuttle were married here yesterday afternoon. We wish God's blessings on them.

This evening, a fifth Sunday eve singing is scheduled, at 6 o'clock. Let brother Hoggatt have your selections.

Would the teachers please plan to meet at 5:00 in room number 6, to go over next quarters work.

Sister Ruth (Wilson) Wintree will be returning to Italy this Monday. She and her husband Ron will be moving to Naples soon. The address will be given when we receive it. We pray the Lord will bless their work in Italy.

Word was received by the Orons Thursday that Mick's brother and his wife were killed in a plane accident. Our sympathy is extended to the family at this time.

We look forward to a report from Perry Miller, Joe Oakley, Joe Hughes and Bob Hicks about their Williamstown, W. Virginia trip at the Bus Workshop. Pray for them.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

" Drive carefully, Death is permanent." Driving here referred to can be applied to all phases of life, not just highway driving. THINK and BEWARE, for Satan is ever present "seeking whom he may devour".

"A Beautiful Picture"

No picture, however beautiful, can be so great as a congregation of people loving, influencing, and helping each other. This beauty will transform the world. It will raise the moral plane of our culture to an all time high. It will furnish the magnetic power that will draw others to Jesus Christ.

But so many of us are spiritual adolescents. Our biggest mistake is our failure to pray. We have left Spirit inspired, Hell shaking, world breaking prayer to so few people. A congregation who is not praying is playing and straying. Due to this failure we are letting the wicked world transform us. We are letting the moral plane of our nation drop to an all time low. Our magnetism is getting too weak to draw people to it.

The people of the world are looking for guidance NOW. They know this world is not right. The sadness of the picture is that we Christians will let them be hood-winked again by some ism that may appear over the horizon. We have asked far too long as to what people believed. We have nodded our head for so long the devil has rocked us to sleep. Sleepers cannot show the faith to this lost generation of people. If we just give accent to what the Bible teaches and continue to fail to express our love and concern for the lost we cannot be an instrument in the saving of souls.

The Bible is our guide. It is Gods message. Let us never be guilty of questioning our message. Let us rather show its teaching of compassion on our dying and lost neighbors. We need to know the Bible well. Uninformed sincerity will not substitute for its Holy word. But neither will knowledge of the Bible substitute for sincerity. We must be honest with ourselves, our fellowman, and our God.

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"The Need for Individual Action"

We are in the throes of a spiritual indifference and gross materialism that robs the church of much of its glory and, in some instances, of its power. We are content with church going and sermon listening and with a program of activities carried on. We are not set on fire with a zeal to save the souls of men.

We talk about some of the denominations growing and wonder why it is that they, teaching error, can grow. This is why: They work at it! Every man preaches his doctrine. The spirit of defeatism sweeping the brotherhood is understandable, but it is excusable! If we fold our hands because it exists, we will shrivel up and die. The Bible does not know about defeat. The people of God, when they are right, were never defeated in the his history of the world. They did turn the world upside down!

Reuel Lemmons.

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A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE--(cont. from page 2)

We MUST NOT continue to say we are preaching the truth, IF we are doing so only in word. God said, the truth would make us free. It will let us live a life of boldness in Christ Jesus. It will unlatch us from the living of a life by the letter in our mind only. "Our get up and go must get up and vent." Our lives must show that the letter of the law is not for the worship hours only but that letter relates to our daily living also. Without this daily living others will not be able to see the beauty of baptism, the Lord's supper and singing.

Lester Allen