

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Garrett congregation is having a gospel meeting this week with Brother Andrews (Pat Andrews father) preaching. They would like help in canvassing the town and would appreciate anyone who could give time either morning or afternoon, any day, to come. The evening services are scheduled at 7:30. Let's support the meeting, brethren, any way we can.

Also a gospel meeting is scheduled at East Allen Co. with brother Keith Mosher speaking, July 13-18. This also is to be at 7:30 nightly.

The monthly singing at the two nursing homes are to be this evening; 5 o'clock at Miller Merry Manor and 5:30 at Lagrange. We need more to help out in this.

We are happy that Jim and Diane Martin (Midge Hughes' daughter and son-in-law) and Mary Lou Hicks (Bob Hicks' daughter) put their Lord on in baptism last Sunday evening. Jim and Diane accompanied Joe Hughes to Kentucky this week. Let us show the right example in faithfulness to these new Christians as they start a new life in the Lord.

It is so good to have the Gieseke's (Earl, June and Robert Earl) with us today. Brother Earl laboured with us here for eight years before moving to Central City, Ky. just three years ago. He will be preaching for both morning and evening services. We thank those who were responsible for bringing others to hear the gospel today. We welcome all our visitors and invite you to return regularly.

As was announced before, we will meet immediately following morning services at the Parkside school park for a basket dinner. Visitors are welcome to stay whether you knew this or not. Busses will take the children home, and we are planning a picnic outing at the park especially for them on July 27.

Sister Shirley Smith is now home after being in the hospital last week. Remember her with prayers.

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July 6, 1975  
June 29, 1975

### Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Children's Bible HWur	9:30 A. M.
MORning Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
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### "THE LEAST OF THESE"

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty and gave thee drink?

When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Matt. 25:37-40

## "God requires Effort--Not Results."

"It won't do any good." This is the usual response made by many of us when we are asked to invite someone to hear the gospel preached, or when we consider trying to talk to someone about religion. This is wrong. Dead wrong. It will do good; it can do no other than good because it is what God requires. The reason behind this erroneous response is that we think God requires results" from us in the form of numbers and such like.

The only thing required of us is "effort" and lots of it. Paul said of the establishment and growth of the church at Corinth, "I planted, Apollos watered and God gave increase" (1 Cor. 3:6) Planting and watering are the duties of God's children...increase is God's business. If we are diligent about our work, God is faithful in His.

Far too often we get discouraged when God does not give us the increase we expect. Thus, we become lax in our efforts to plant and water the seed, the word of God. But to cure this evil, Paul, by the Spirit wrote: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."(Gal. 6:9).

The next time you have the opportunity to sow some seed, or water the seed, don't think of it in terms of wasted effort just because you think it won't do any good. Work and teach and invite and encourage everyone with whom you come in contact to be what the Lord would have them be. Remember, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."(1 Cor. 15:58)

- Dudley R. Spears -

## "Change Your Habits or Your Name"

History reports that before Alexander the Great was brought a soldier of his army. He was accused of having shown his back to the enemy. "His crime?" demanded the young Macedonian. "Cowardice, Sir," answered one of Alexander's generals. "His name?" "The same as yours, Sir," came back the quick reply. The mighty military leader stared a hole through the offender and then exclaimed: "You there, listen. Either you change your habits or change your name."

I was wondering too how many of us who proudly wear the name of Christ He is actually saying: "You, there, listen. Either change your habits or change your name." Divine history reminds us that this very fact actually took place when the Lord said just about the same words to an entire congregation. "...I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and are dead...Repent therefore..." (Rev. 3:1-3). The church in Sardis was wearing Christ's name, but had not Christianity in it; indeed a decaying church on the brink of eternal ruin. Justly therefore she drew the Lord's severe warning. But if the church at Sardis needed the stern rebuke, I was wondering what is really the Lord's sentiments for some of us today, and how does He really feel toward so many who although "proudly" wear the name of Christ, yet their lives betray a compromise with the world? The Word of God informs us that it is utterly impossible to pursue an aimless and careless life, and at the same time be a Christian. (Matt. 6:24) How does the author and finisher of our salvation feel when He sees a "Christian" whom neither Satan nor his angels care to disturb any longer?

- Mike Sinapiades -



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Sunday was a great day with the Gieseke's being with us again. Brother Earl gave two fine lessons. Although we felt privileged to have them, they also enjoyed coming, as is stated in a letter that brother Earl sent this week:

Dear Christian Friends;

To quote one of my favorite brothers: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Phil. 1:3  
It was good to be with you again in our recent visit. Thank you so much for your kindness toward us. Already we are looking forward to seeing you again.

It is good to see the progress you are continuing to make. We invoke the Lord's richest blessings upon all of you as you strive to serve in the Son of His love.

Pray for us.

In Christian love,  
Earl, June and Robert Gieseke

Two gospel meetings are coming up. One at East Allen Co., with Keith Mosher, July 13-18, 7:30 ea. eve. Another at East Chestnut with Frank Hughes beginning July 22. Both of these are in the Ft. Wayne area. For specific directions see the elders.

This Wednesday evening a general business meeting is to be held at 7 p.m. We would like all the men to attend this important meeting.

The area singing is at So. Side, Ft. Wayne, today at 3 o'clock. Plan to attend if you can.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EXHORTER

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July 13, 1975

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### BITS OF TRUTH

This generation is trying to drink its way to health, spend its way to wealth, fight its way to peace, and enjoy its way to heaven. It can't be done.

All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.

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

## THE VALUE OF CHRISTIAN TRAINING

We often wonder if the time taken in Bible classes will pay off. Parents wonder if home Bible study is really necessary. Children and young people wonder why they should attend Bible classes. I believe that most of these questions can be answered in the following excerpt from an unknown source.

"Max Jukes lived in the state of New York. He did not believe in Christian training. He married a girl of like character. From this union they have 1206 descendants. Three hundred of them died prematurely. One hundred were sent to the penitentiary for an average of 13 years each. One hundred and ninety were public prostitutes. There were one hundred drunkards and the family cost the state \$1,200,000. They made no contribution to society."

BUT .....

"Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state. He believed in Christian training. He married a girl of like character. From this union they have 729 descendants. Out of this family have come 300 preachers, 65 college professors, 13 university presidents, 60 authors of good books, three United States congressmen and outside of Aaron Burr, a grandson of Edwards, who married a questionable character, the family has not cost the state a single dollar. THE DIFFERENCE IN THE TWO FAMILIES: "CHRISTIAN TRAINING"

Yes Christian training is important. Christian education in a family does make a difference. Youth can be won to Christ at an early age, if the home and church will work together in this vital teaching ministry.

Parents, support the Bible School! The best friend you have in the world is your child's Bible school teacher.

Selected.

## WHAT I OWE MY HOME CONGREGATION

I am under solemn obligation to the church of my Lord in every locality. Unto my home congregation, I am under special obligation:

1. I want my home congregation to radiate a wholesome influence. Therefore I owe it the example of a good life.
2. I want strangers to feel at home and learn to love us. I owe it to them and to the church to show myself friendly.
3. I want the church to have the faithful and efficient leaders that are essential to progress. To the end that they may be stronger, I must give the elders my support.
4. I want the church to pay its financial obligation on time. Even when I must be absent, I owe it to the church to see that my weekly offering finds its way into the church treasury.
5. I know that attendance is the life of the church. For this reason, I must attend services - all the services that I can.
6. I want my congregation to grow, to multiply in numbers. Therefore, I must set myself to the noble task of winning souls for Christ.
7. I want the church to be a place where hearts are warmed. Because it cannot thrive in a frigid atmosphere, I owe it my heart, my love and my fellowship.
8. I want the church to stand for truth. Because only truth will save, I want to follow it even if it is not popular.

Being an honest man, I want to meet my obligations. I must work to build up the church of my Lord Jesus Christ.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the next two weeks (July 20 to Aug. 2) brother Norm and his family will be at Camp Indogan. Norm was selected last fall to direct the two-week intermediate session of camp for these dates. Besides Norm, Marilyn & Kim as workers, others, Sharon Simpson and Mary Ann Shears and Mary Strayer will be helping in various capacities. We'll miss them while they are gone, but know that the work that they are doing is also important. We hope the session goes well and that much good might be done.

Would you please read on page two of this bulletin an announcement concerning the recommendation by the elders for the appointment of a deacon.

Next Sunday afternoon we are planning a "picnic and game" outing at Rogers Park, five miles south of Lagrange, for all of our bible school students and bus riders. They are looking forward to this and we are expecting some 150 (or more) to be there. The food is to be furnished (hot dogs, potato chips, cookies - which many of them will bring - and kool-aid. We would like to ask for donations for this from anyone who can help furnish these items, either by bringing it next Sunday or contributing for the purchase of what we need. Please see Ellen Hostetler if you care to help. Also we need several adult couples and teenagers for chaperons and to head up the games. Let's plan for our students a "fun" day which they deserve.

A gospel meeting was announced at East Chestnut St. congregation in Ft/ Wayne ; with Frank Hughes beginning July 22, and another meeting at the new  
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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EXHORTER

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July 20, 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.
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Count your blessings - Instead of your crosses.  
Count your gains - Instead of your losses.  
Count your joys - Instead of your woes.  
Count your friends - Instead of your foes.  
Count your smiles - Instead of your tears.  
Count your courage - Instead of your fears.  
Count your full years - Instead of your lean.  
Count your kind deeds - Instead of your mean.  
Count your health - Instead of your wealth.  
Count on God - Instead of yourself.

## Recommendation for Deacon

Since the early spring of 1973 when brother Jerry Pace, one of the two men appointed as a deacon, moved to Marinette, Wisc, there has been but one deacon, brother Perry Miller for the church here.

The elders see the need for more men to serve in this capacity and are watching the growth of the many men who are developing individually. At this time the elders would like to submit the name of brother Joe Oakley as a possible deacon, based upon the approval of the church here. Brother Joe is a dedicated Christian and to the best of our knowledge would meet the qualifications for this office as laid down by the apostle Paul in 1 Tim. 3: verses 8 thru 13.

We ask that each member here give prayerful consideration to brother Joe. We would appreciate any objections to be written out and signed. Due consideration will be given any objection and if he is deemed unqualified, his name will be withdrawn. If however, after a two-week time schedule, and he meets the approval, we would like to install him on August 3, 1975, as a deacon of the church here. May the Lord guide us as we set our attention toward this important decision.

the elders,  
Dean Hoggatt  
Devon Hostetler

Another important matter was discussed at the mens business meeting last Wednesday evening, and should be presented in more detail to the whole congregation in the next few weeks.

Basically, the matter concerns the growth and the future outlook of the church here. All of us have

witnessed the growth in attendance, interest and opportunities for sowing the seed, but only a few who are more closely associated with the bible school program realize the nearness to capacity that we are now running, right now. The question which we must answer, and answer before God, is, "What are we going to do about it?"

Study has been given to many possibilities to solve this problem (if it is a problem - opportunity is a better word). At this point, as was pointed out to the men at the meeting, we would like the congregation to give thought to this matter. Within a couple of weeks, the elders would like to distribute a questionnaire to each member, giving each an opportunity to express himself/herself so that we can better able work and plan together for the teaching of God's Word to soul's in and around Lagrange. Again we ask the Lord to guide us in this matter.

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congregation (Summit City Church of Christ) was announced this week to begin July 27 to Aug. 1 with brother Booker Martin preaching. Both these meetings are scheduled at 7:30 ca. eve.

Brother Dave Leach will be a guest speaker this evening at 6 o'clock. Let's encourage this young man to preach.

Jul. 29 (Tues.) is a skating party at Holiday Rink in Elk. (Children on bus routes have been told) Bus will leave building at 5:30.

Brother Perry needs mechanics this Tues. eve. to work on bus. See him if you can help.  
Next Tuesday evening, July 29, is a scheduled work session for painting at the church building. Bring supplies.

Letter inviting families to encampment at Ball Lake is on bulletin board. Sessions run July 27-Aug. 17.



see page 3 for beginning of announcements by 4 o'clock, take them home. The busses will not be running for the regular evening services this evening.

This Tuesday evening, it was decided in the men's business meeting, would be a good time to do some much needed painting work on the building and other jobs. Men - plan to come Tuesday evening as soon after supper as you can. Bring brushes, rollers and usual repair tools.

Tuesday evening is also the date for a skating party for the youth and their chaperons at the Holiday Rink at Elkhart. The bus plans to run (will leave the building at 5:30). Riders must furnish own transportation to and from the building. Plan for 10 o'clock return at building.

Gospel meetings on schedule:

1. Curran Road congregation Mishawaka July 27
2. Summit City congregation Ft. Wayne July 27 to Aug. 1.

Sister Goldie Pulley is in the LaGrange hospital. Sister Kathy Hughes was admitted to the Lutheran hospital for tests but was released Thursday. Rondal Conley is in Parkview (Lutheran and Parkview hospitals in Ft. Wayne). Also Mrs. Bill Clouse is in LaGrange hospital. Remember to pray for the sick and visit when you can.

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July 27, 1975

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CERTAINLY THE KINGDOM IS FIRST IN MY LIFE

BUT ... but ...

I don't attend on Thursday nights.  
I'm very irregular on Sunday morning.  
I don't talk to others about the Lord.  
I hardly ever visit.  
I can't find time to study the Bible.

MAYBE .. just maybe... it isn't first in my life!

"T'WAS TWO HOURS BEFORE WORSHIP

"Twas two hours before worship, and all through the house,  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a spouse.  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
No visions of heaven danced in their heads.  
Ma in her curlers, and I, what a sap! Had  
Just settled down, "Dick Tracy," in lap.  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the chair to see what was the matter.  
What to my wondering eyes should appear, my  
Neighbor's lawn mower and it was in high gear.  
I thought to myself and just had to say,  
"Just a fool would save this for the Lord's Day."  
I nodded my head and was turning around,  
I looked in the mirror and saw with a frown:  
A little round mouth drawn up in a bow,  
Stubbornness, conceit, that only I should know.  
I haven't been to worship since--what was the Day?  
The day before mamma went on her good Way  
I'm part of the church, have a spouse that would go,  
And we all could have spirits as white as snow.  
I wole up my mate, and said, "How about you?"  
She smiled and said sweetly, - "Bible Study, too."  
We spoke not a word but went right to work,  
Dressed up all the kids and they were so pert.  
They heard us exclaim as we drove out of sight.  
"TWO SERVICES THIS MORNING- ANSWER TONIGHT."

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One of the most fertile fields for mission work is the use of the back seat of the automobile to bring people to the services.

The average church has too many bystanders and not enough standbys.

---Sel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brother Norm reports that the first week of Intermediate camp went well. He (with Marilyn, Kim, Melissa and Heidi) will be staying one more week with the concluding program this Friday evening. Everyone is invited to the program which begins at 7:30. Others from here who will be working the second week are Sharon Simpson, Mary Shears, Marcella Ritchie, Craig Hostetler, Jean Bowen and possibly others.

We have with us this morning brother Jeff Shumaker and his wife, Jan, and two children Evie & David. Mary Wilson is a very close friend with the Shumaker's having gone with them on "Project Italy" and to school with them in Nashville, Tenn. She is staying in their home this summer while attending Ball State. We are happy to welcome them for their first visit to Lagrange and brother Jeff will deliver the gospel message this morning.

This evening brother Dale Morgan will be bringing us the gospel message.

Last Sunday, the elders submitted the name of Joe Oakley as a selection for deacon contingent upon the congregation's approval. They ask that each member consider his qualifications on the basis of those that Paul laid down in 1 Tim. 3:8-13 and let the elders know if there are objections to this appointment. Another week will be allowed for this period of consideration to allow for signed objections to be given. If it meets with the approval of all the church, this appointment will be made next Lord's Day.

This is "The Day" that the bus children have been looking forward too - a picnic and games at the park. Following services, the two busses will transport the children to Rogers Park (south on Howpatch to road 550 then right to park). All of our children, their parents and those planning to help and chaperone are urged to come. Brother Perry plans to bring the children back to the building for a devotional period, then



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Last Sunday was another record breaker - 255 in attendance. We thank God for the opportunities that lie before us.

Friday evening Gary Pieratt completed his primary obedience by being baptized into Christ. We are happy and thankful for his obedience at an early age, and trust that he may serve the Lord always.

The song service at the Nursing Homes is this eve. We would like for others to help out, as the numbers have been low who help out in this. Meet at Miller Merry Manor at 8 and LaGrange Home at 9:30.

During the Children's Bible Hour, we request that only the adults that are involved in the regular teaching program remain in the auditorium. All others should go to regular classes.

The monthly area singing is to be at East Chestnut St. congregation in Ft. Wayne next Sun, at 3.

Few came out for the work session last Tuesday, so the painting work did not get finished. Let's make this Tuesday another work session and finish the job. We need plenty of help.

Would all those who teach follow-up lessons please meet in classroom 7 immediately after eve. service.

Ladies are to meet this Wed. morning at 9:30 at the building, and invite all who can to come.

Sister Goldie Pulley went home from the hospital Thursday, but still isn't feeling very well. Ronald Conley was also released from the Kendallville hospital last Monday... It was noticed in a Phoenix, Ariz. bulletin that brother and sister Mild McNight were seriously injured in a plane accident. Many have heard of his work in the church. Pray for all those that they may recover.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EXHORTER

August 3, 1975

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### TAKE MY HANDS

AND LET THEM MOVE

AT THE IMPULSE  
OF THY LOVE

TAKE MY LIFE  
AND LET IT BE

EVER, ONLY,  
ALL FOR THEE!





## SATISFIED CHRISTIANS

Are you a satisfied Christian? Some people are Christians and are satisfied. The Laodicean church was made up entirely of satisfied Christians. They said they had, "...need of nothing." Nevertheless, the Lord was not satisfied with them.

When there are other Christians who are not satisfied. Paul was one of them. He said, "...woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

Paul was satisfied to be a Christian, but not a satisfied Christian. Lost souls needed to hear the gospel. Paul could not rest knowing their undone and lost condition and his responsibility of having what they needed -- the gospel.

Paul was not like the selfish person the poet described.

"I had a little tea party  
This afternoon at three.  
'Twas very small  
Three guests in all--  
Just I, Myself, and Me.  
Myself ate all the sandwiches,  
While I drank up the tea,  
'Twas also I who ate the pie.  
And passed the cake to Me."

Friend, how is it with you concerning the gospel? I, Myself and Me, or that of Paul who said, "I am a debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise. So as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also."

If we are wise we will have the attitude of Paul to declare the gospel unto others even also the wise as well as the unwise.

I do not believe that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ would have it otherwise; do you?

--Robert R. Page

## LAYING IT ON THE LINE

There once was a king by the name of Asa who gathered all of his subjects together, "And they entered unto a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul;" and here comes the clincher, "That whosoever would not seek the Lord God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman," II Chron. 15:12-13.

The apostle Peter said, speaking of Jesus Christ, "And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." Acts 3:23

The apostle Paul said, "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power." II Thes. 1:7-8.

It is no time for a dandruff treatment when a man is dying of a heart attack. It is no time to mince words when such weighty and extremely serious matters as a man's obedience to God and Christ is concerned.

Rebellion may be sweet, but it takes loving obedience to beat the heat. No one can win with a dying cause and following the devil is a dying cause. Only the righteous will stand in the judgment. Let us always tell it as it is. R. R. P.

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"Taking the gospel unto others is good for the soul, for their souls as well as your own. The gospel is the medicine this sick world needs. Be a practitioner."

"The distance from earth to heaven is not so much a matter of latitude as it is of attitude." --Gal.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The monthly area singing is to be at East Chestnut Street congregation in Fort Wayne today, Aug. 10, 3:00 o'clock.

Last Tuesday evening the work session was cancelled because of a hard rain. Another work session has been scheduled for Tuesday Eve. August 12, at 6:00 p.m. The trim on the South side of the building needs to be painted.

Sister Goldie pulley is reported feeling better. Also Brother Carl Pieratt is feeling better. Brother Bob Hicks is in the LaGrange County Hospital, Roo, 101A with a back injury. Remember Sister Sharon S Simpson's mother, Mrs. Miller, who has a malignancy. Please remember Brother & Sister Mid McKnight, who were seriously injured in a plane crash. Pray for all that they may recover.

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August 10, 1975

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"BLESSED ARE THE MEEK"

Lord, keep me from becoming talative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.' Make me helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom and experience, it does seem a pity not to use it all\_\_\_, But thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Sel.



## PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

To me, it is a good thing to visit a congregation of the Lord and find a large percentage of children present. We are fortunate here at LaGrange to have so many children coming, some as a result of families moving in. They are swelling our Bible classes, making our class rooms too small and proving poor planning of our facilities in the first place. It is a joy to me to see parents concerned enough to see that their children are given every opportunity possible to learn the truth. I always encourage parents who I visit, both in the church and out of the church, to attend Bible classes. If we stop to think about it the greatest possession God has given us in all the world are our children. Through them we continue to influence unborn thousands to the way of good or evil. If at times we feel our inability to accomplish great things for the Lord, don't discount accomplishing these things through our children. Never sell them short. But, they must be trained. There is no better way than a steady diet of faithful example and exposure to truth, all of which must be started early. It is best when a child does not remember when he was brought to the church services for the first time. I have talked to some parents who feel that they should not bring their children until they know how to behave. But by then the mold is made, the cast is set, and the possibility of inbred values have past. The learning process of children under three are tremendous. We must not mark time during these all important years in the life of a child.

Children give us problems and cares, but the facing of these helps to mold both the parents and the children in their respective roles. If there is anything that will develop a parents patience it's the child that puts him to the test. A child very steadily gives maturity to parents in areas of responsibility, compassion, understanding, love, tolerance, happiness and fulfillment. Being a parent, and especially a Christian parent, is very rewarding as well as trying.

Every child born into the world is a useful gift of God, a reservoir of possibilities. Only with God's help can we develop them. Our tutoring and nurturing must be constant and complete. As God has given us these gifts to be trained to His glory, so He will require it at our hand if we fail. Carlyle once said, "Good Christian people, here lies for you an inestimable loan; take all heed thereof, in all carefulness employ it. With high recompense or else with heavy penalty, will it one day be required back".

The church here has plans in the making to facilitate parents in the spiritual training of their children. Christian parents! train your children in the ways of the Lord in the home. Bring them to every Bible study and worship service of the church. Expose them to good literature, a disciplined home life. Make available wholesome recreation, companionships and every beneficial experience for good that is possible. For them it's only a fair shake, and it's our first duty to them.

When the Lord spoke through Paul (Eph. 6:4) He warned, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord!" Here is the making of a full time job; sorrow to the Christian who shirks it.

D. H.

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WE should give as we would receive: Cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation: for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.

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You are happier when you try giving people a bit of your heart instead of a piece of your mind.

Sel.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us remember our clooeege students who will be leaving soon:

MCC - Verna Thomas, Anne Oakley, Judy Eller'  
OCC Jeff Herron  
Harding College - Paula & Philip Hostetler

Brother Fred Oakley and Brother Dale Morgan, come forward Sunday Evening expressing their desire to be more dedicated in the Lord's work.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

Angola Aug. 17-22, 7:00 each evening. Area preachers have been invited to do the speaking.

North Manchester - Aug. 25-29, 7:30 each evening.

Brother Bob Barnhill from Glenwood will be the speaker

Sister Goldie Pulley is in the LaGrange County Hospital Room #152.

Kathy Sowles' two brothers are in the hospital w with spinal meningitis. Let us continue to pray for those on the sic list and in hospitals. Also pray for those who are traveling.

Allen & Susan Adams have moved into our area, t they will be living in Ligonier, Indiana. Allen will be teaching special education for the west Noble and Central Noble school districts. Also Susan's Sister is with them for a few days. Be sure to get to know each of them.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EXHORTER

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August 17, 1975

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### Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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Morning Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
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Do not reproach a man for the sin which he has committed, when God has forgiven him.



## CHRISTIAN LOVE

Christian Love is a kind that cannot be found in any other religion or society. There are three Greek words translated "Love" in English, but the one describing Christian Love is a new and unique word. Look at them briefly:

1. "Eros" is physical love, the glamorous "Hollywood" type. It lives on physical charms, and is responsible for filling our divorce courts. It is a type of life that is selfish and departs as easily as it comes.

2. "Philos" is the love of a friend, parent, child and even for God. It is a love that is willing to sacrifice, if need be, but does expect love in return. This love makes for fellowship and communion among family and friends, and in the church. It is good, but not the highest type of love.

3. "AGAPE" presents a type of love that is holy and overwhelming that the word is used when we are told that "God is Love." It is used in John 3:16 A self-giving love that knows no limits, and loves whether or not there is any response.

The word is found 198 times in the New Testament referring to God's Love to us, our love to God. And our love for our brethren.

"Agape" (Pronounced: Ah-gah-peh) LOVE IS THE KIND RECEIVED FROM GOD as we meditate to comprehend His love for Lost sinners and for erring Christians.

During the communion service our love may deepen. This kind of love must underlay our stewardship, our service and our worship.

A member

### "CHRIST SEARCHES MEN'S HEARTS.

He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, feared by devils, as the living, personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

--Selected

## THERE WAS A MAN

More than nineteen hundred years ago there was a Man born contrary to the laws of life. This Man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived: that was during His exile in childhood.

He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, uninfluential, and had neither training nor education.

In infancy He startled a king: in childhood He puzzled the doctors: in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon billows as if pavements, and hushed the sea to sleep.

He healed the multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His service.

He never wrote a book and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the song writers combined.

He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students

He never practiced medicine, and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.

He never marshalled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun, and yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack arms and surrender without a shot being fired.

Every seventh day the wheels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wend their way to worshiping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The names of the past proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone: but the name of this Man abounds more and more. Though time has spread 1900 years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion, yet he still lives. Herod could not kill Him, Satan could not seduce Him, death could not destroy Him and the grave could not hold Him.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alan and Susan Adams have expressed their desire to work with the congregation here at LaGrange. We welcome them and wish them very best while they are with us. Brother Allen's work will be in special education in the Central and West Noble School Districts. They will be living in Ligonier, Indiana, R. R. #1 Bonnell A Apt. #4.

Gospel meeting at North Manchester Aug. 25-29, & 7:30 p. m. Brother Bob Barnhill from the Glenwood, Fort Wayne Congregation will be the speaker. This will be a tent meeting just west of State Road 13 @ 14 intersection.

YOUNG PEOPLE: Roller Skating Party at the Holiday Roller Rink, Elkhart. 6:30 -9:00 p. m. Aug. 26, 75

Among those on the sick list, is Goldie Pulley -- LaGrange County Hospital in Room #152 May we visit and pray for her

We want to express our thanks to Brother O'Beng who was with us Thursday Eve. telling about the Lord's work in Ghana, Africa. Thanks to Brother Ellis Crum who brought him. Let us continue to pray and support the Lord's work in this mission field.

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*fellowship following evening services*

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

August 24, 1975

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If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the fater is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1:26-27



## IT ISN'T THE CHURCH, IT'S YOU

When you criticize the work of the church,  
And think its members untrue;  
Have you taken the time to make a search,  
To see if the fault is with you?

Have you been to the erring member,  
And in kindness pointed out his mistake,  
Or, have you failed your Lord's words to remember  
How that Christ bled and died for his sake?

Whenever the Lord's work is left undone,  
And the world at the church points with shame  
Have you stopped to see if you are the one,  
Who is bringing reproach to His name?

If you are not doing your share of the work,  
Eager to walk with the chosen few;  
Don't blame the church for the duties you shirk,  
It isn't the church, it's you!

Selected

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## ROBBING GOD

A Chinese preacher, speaking of robbing God used this illustration: "It came to pass that a man went to market with a string of seven coins and after seeing a beggar in great need who was asking alms, he gave him six of the seven coins, keeping only one for himself. Instead of being grateful, the beggar went after him and stole his seventh coin."

What an abominable wretch! Imagine how vile and selfish must be the heart of such a man.

YES, but would YOU, to whom God has given six days, steal the other day also?

Where do you plan to be next Lord's Day? "For-  
sake not the assembling of yourselves together.."

Heb. 10:23-27

## 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. (Exodus 20:4; Daniel 3:41)
3. Men of courage, like Joshua. (Numbers 14:6-9; Joshua 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. (Genesis 22; Prov. 10:21)
7. Sisters, who like Mary, sit at Jesus' feet. (Luke 10:38)
8. Heads of families, like Caleb. (Acts 10:2; Numbers 14:24)
9. Wives, models in their lives. (Proverbs 31:10-31)
10. Christians, who are willing to put the Lord at the first of everything in their lives.

--Sel.

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## WHAT ABOUT IT?

When a farmer stops plowing his land, planting his seed, cultivating his crops---he has ceased to be a farmer. These things make him a farmer.

When a Christian stops attending the services, giving studying, taking the Lord's Supper, talking to the lost---he has ceased to be a Christian because he has stopped doing the very things that show he is a Christian. The Lord is only going to take the faithful to live in those mansions he is preparing. Are you a faithful Christian?

Selected

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Being a holiday week-end, many will be gone today, as several will be going to college, and family get-togethers marks the last summer week-end of the year. Those going to college are: Phil and Paula Hostetler, Annie Oakley, Jeff Herron, Judy Eller, Verna Thomas and Jeff Meade. We are happy to know that each one will be instructed at a Christian school. We wish for them a good year with God's blessings.

In brother Norm's absence, brother Dale Morgan has consented to speak during the morning worship. This being the 5th Sunday, our evening worship period will be mostly devoted to singing. If there are requests for certain songs, please let brother Hoggatt know.

This Friday evening, Sept. 5, there will be an area fellowship at the Gateway Smorgasbord in Ft. Wayne. These gatherings are great, and we encourage any from here to go if they can at all.

On Sept. 14 the area singing is at Glenwood congregation in Ft. Wayne. at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Sister Goldie Pulley is home and doing well except it's hard for her to get around. Wayne Lewis (Vicki Hick's father) is now home, but now Don Hostetler (Devon's brother) is in the hospital after falling from a ladder, and Jim Craig's brother-in-law had to undergo surgery. All of these would appreciate our visits and concern.

Shults-Lewis Open House is scheduled for Sept. 13. A good program is planned this year, and your attendance will allow you to visit the fatherless and get a first hand look at the home operation.

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## L A G R A N G E

### C H U R C H   O F   C H R I S T

#### E X H O R T F R

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August 31, 1975

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#### 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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What a wonderful thing,  
A very wonderful thing,  
To be free from sin,  
And have Christ within.



## TAX EXEMPT INVESTMENTS

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

"What do you possess?" asked the assessor?

"I am very wealthy," replied the man.

"List your possessions, please," the assessor instructed.

"I have everlasting life (Jn. 3:16), an inheritance in heaven (1 Pet. 1:8), divine love which never fails (1 Cor. 13), a faithful wife (Prov. 31:10), healthy, happy and obedient children (Ex. 20:12), true and loyal friends (Prov. 18:24), songs in the night (Psa. 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 soon leave here) and then go from this life as spiritual paupers with no "treasures" for eternity! Indeed, where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

(Author Unknown)

## OUT OF LIFE

Out of this life I shall never take

Things of silver and gold I make.

All that I cherish and hoard away

After I leave, on this earth must stay.

Tho' I have toiled for a painting rare

To hang on the wall, I must leave it there,

Tho' I call it mine, and boast its worth

I must give it up when I leave this earth,

All that I gather, and all that I keep

I must leave behind when I fall asleep.

And I often wonder what I shall own

In that other life when I pass alone.

What shall they find, and what shall they see,

In the soul that answers the call for me?

Shall the great judge learn, when my task is through,

That my spirit has gained some riches too,

Or shall at last, it be mine to find,

That all I'd worked for I'd left behind?

Selected

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By next Sunday the elders would like to submit a questionnaire to the members to get the thinking of each one concerning the expansion of the work here. The church bulletin dated July 20, gave the picture that now exists of overcrowded conditions in our classrooms, having to use two rooms in the preacher's home on Sunday mornings, and of course the likelihood of having to divide the larger classes, which are growing even larger because of the busing program, all of which presents a condition which must be dealt with.

There are some options available to us in dealing with this matter as well as planning the overall work. These options range from cutting back on our evangelistic work to building additional classrooms for our present and future immediate needs.

We need the best of our thinking, from every member, but too, we need our thinking to be safely guided. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" as expressed by the apostle Paul (Acts 9:6) is a correct approach to every matter.

"A sincere concern for the lost is an attribute of a growing Christian. He prays, gives, works, and lives to win others" are the opening remarks in chapter 13 of the Christian Growth booklet which is used in the basic doctrines class on Sunday morning. We learn this early and we grow individually and unitedly.



Great things are happening during the months of September and October. We wish that every member of the church could attend many of these activities, but of course, working schedules and other obligations will prevent it. If any can arrange to go, let it be known as others will likely be attending some events:

. North Manchester church this afternoon is hosting a Gospel Sing Concert from 2:30 to 4:30. The Harmony Four and Touch of Sunshine groups will be there and there will be congregational singing.

. Next Saturday Shults Lewis Children's Home is having an Open House with full day's activities.

. Next Sunday, Glenwood congregation is hosting the area singing in Ft. Wayne, 3 o'clock.

. On Sept. 19, 20 & 21, the Niles, Mich. congregation is holding an evangelization workshop with brother Alan Bryan

. October 13-16 is the date for Michigan Christian College's Bible Lectureship. (Wish every member of the church could go to this. Our many students from Lagrange would like to see us come)

\*\* All of these events are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Foyer. See them for specific details and directions \*\*\*

This evening we sing at the Lagrange and Merry Manor Nursing Homes ( 5:00 o'clock and 5:30 respectively) Hope many can be there at 5 o'clock sharp.

\*\*\* A fall gospel meeting here at Lagrange is scheduled for Oct. 26 thru 31, with brother Jim Smith from Ethridge, Tenn. Let's plan now to take the greatest advantage for this meeting, and work for it.

The elders would like for every member to have and fill out the questionnaire inserted in the bulletin today. Please hand them in as soon as you can, and no later than by next Sunday.

Ladies will meet for Tray Favors Wed, at 9:30 (bldg)

LAST MINUTE NEWS! Elmore Bellaire and his wife, Zella, rendered obedience to the Lord through baptism Sat. morning. We rejoice with them in their new life in Christ.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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September 7, 1975

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Schedule of Regular Services

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THOUGHT !

To Be Your "Brother's Keeper"  
Means That If He's Lost,  
You'll Be His SFFKFR !

THE BIBLE

SOMEONE, JUST ANYONE

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the door of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is Holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be Holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven is opened, and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the Highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

STUDY to show thyself  
(2 Tim. 2:15) Approved

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CHEAP SERVICE

CHRISTIAN: "What does Satan Pay you for swearing?"

SINNER: "He pays me nothing."

CHRISTIAN: "Well, you certainly work cheap--to violate the law, to disobey God, to inflict so much pain on your associates, to insult your friends, to disgrace your mother, to cheapen your influence, to imperil your soul--all for nothing." --Sel.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT "When the last moments approach, you will wish for those moments you are now wasting."

--Selected

She sat alone in an old people's home,  
Lonely, and old and gray;  
She wished that someone, just anyone,  
Would call on her that day.-----Did you?

He lay for days on his hospital bed,  
The hours were long and hard;  
He wished that someone, just anyone,  
Would send him a cheery card.-----Did you?

He was far from home on foreign soil,  
Feeling homesick, lonely and blue;  
He wished that someone, just anyone  
Would write him a letter, too.-----Did You?

She felt a stranger, that little bride,  
Her husband with her to church came  
She wished that someone, just anyone,  
Would stop and call her by name.-----Did you?

Her loved one had died, a few weeks ago,  
All sad and broken hearted she sat;  
She wished that someone, just anyone,  
Would come to her house and chat.-----Did you?

He hoped he had recited his verse real well,  
That little fellow you know;  
He wished that someone, just anyone,  
Would smile and tell him so.-----Did you?

That matter of Christian service--  
We are living it day by day;  
When we help someone, just anyone,  
As we walk along life's way,-----WILL YOU?  
--Ted Kell--Sel.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to announce the addition of four more precious souls to the Lord's kingdom. Mary Hart and three of her children Claudia Debbie and Ty. Please and these and other additions to your directory:

HART, Jim & Mary\*  
Claudia\*, Debbie\*, Tammy  
Ty\*, Dolla, Edward  
RR#2  
Lagrange, Ind. 46761

BELLAIRE, Flmore\*, & Zella 463-3121  
410 So. Sherman St.  
Lagrange, Ind. 46761

ADAMS, Alan\*, Suzan\* 894-4647  
RR#1, Bonnell Apts. #4  
Ligonier, Ind. 46767  
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Area singing is at Glenwood, Ft. Wayne at 3 this afternoon.

Niles, Mich. Evangelism Meeting with Alan Bryan  
Sept. 19-21. Would be well worth attending.

Fellowship following evening services in back rooms. We plan these every 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings, so if the ladies would sign up to furnish fingerfood refreshments for these, please do so. List is in the vestibule, on bulletin board.

Everyone invited to wedding shower honoring Kent and Deb Hoggatt, Sept. 21 at 3 o'clock at bldg.

At the fellowship, the elders will announce the results of the questionnaires handed in concerning the expansion program. If you haven't handed yours in, please do so today.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### EXHORTER

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September 14, 1975

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#### T I M E

Time is written in Volumes Three  
The past, the present, and yet to be.  
The past is written, then laid away  
The present, we're living day by day.  
The yet to be, greatest of Volumes Three  
Is hidden from sight, God holds the key.

-Anonymous-



## GENUINE CONVICTION ALWAYS COST

I am thinking of some examples:

1. The little Jewish girl in Ft. Worth who lives in the Y.W.C.A. ... disowned by her parents for embracing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. The boys and coaches in the little league play-off in Houston ... forfeited a championship game because it fell on Wednesday evening, and they chose to be in worship services at the Church of Christ where they were members.
3. The teenage girl in Oklahoma ... punished by her mother because she refused to attend dances and insisted on attending every service of the Lord's church.
4. The businessman in Midland ... missed a much needed sale to be at prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.
5. The brother who could have made \$50 last Lord's day by working, turned it down to be in the worship services and Bible classes.

I gave my life for thee,  
My precious blood I shed,  
That thou might'st ransomed be  
And quickened from the dead;

I gave, I gave my life for thee;  
What hast thou given for me?

Beloved, has your conviction cost you anything? Are you willing to pay the price? God loved us and gave his son on the cross. (Rom. 5:8; 5:6-10). Jesus says if we love him we will keep his commandments... Let us give of our time, ability, money and our all to him who gave Himself for us upon the cross.

Robert F. Howard

## GOD NEEDS MY LITTLE BIT

When I was in the process of growing up, one of the difficult things for me to understand was how a snow could blanket the ground. I would watch the first flakes fall, and immediately upon touching the ground, the flakes would melt. I thought to myself, "If the first ones melt and the second ones do the same, how can it blanket the ground?"

What I didn't understand was that each snowflake cooled the ground just a little and then each one would prepare the ground just a little and then each one would prepare the ground just a little more for the ones that would follow. If one snowflake began to melt, it would leave enough of itself that, added to the thousands of others, it would blanket the ground. So it is with your small efforts to convert the world to Christ. You may never convert a soul to Christ all by yourself, but what you say and how you live, coupled with the same from others, will eventually convert someone to Christ.

Walnut Street  
Texarkana, Texas

## POSSIBILITIES

- Rookerfeller could sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth a million dollars. That is CAPITAL.
- Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem and make it worth \$6000. That is GENUIS.
- A mechanic can take materials worth \$5.00 and make an article worth \$50.00. That is SKILL.
- Uncle Sam can take gold, stamp an eagle on it and make it worth \$20.00. That is MONEY.
- An artist can take 50 cents worth of canvass, paint a picture, and it is worth \$1000.00. That is ART.
- God can take a worthless, sinful life, wash it in the blood of the lamb, put His Spirit in it, and make it a blessing to humanity. THAT IS SALVATION.

Selected



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be several gospel meetings in the sister congregations in the next few months which will be announced when the time comes. Those received which are soon are:

- ..Goshen, Bro. Ira Price preaching, dates Sept. 22 through 28, 7:30 ea. eve.
- ..Glenwood, Ft. Wayne, Bro Bob Danklefsen speaking. This is primarily a Personal Evangelism Workshop, Sept. 29 through Oct. 3. See schedule on Bull. Bd.
- ..OUR OWN MEETING is scheduled Oct. 26 through 31. Brother Jim Smith preaching. Plan for it early.

Fall Youth Rallies are scheduled at Camp Indogan:

- ..Ages 9-12, Sept. 26,27, Ron Miller speaker.
  - ..Ages 13-19, Oct. 3,4, Charles Barrington speaker.
- Both of these rallies address the theme, Today's Youth: Problems and the gospel  
(We need adults to staff these events: Cooks, Counsellors, etc. If you can help, see Brother Hoggatt). For more info. see Bull. Bd.

The church is planning a booth display in the tent at Corn School, scheduled for Sept. 30 - Oct. 4. Workers also needed to staff the booth. Volunteers?

all teachers should plan for a meeting next Sunday afternoon at 5 O'clock. Following next Sunday, pupils will be moving up and other changes to be discussed concerning use of preacher's house for classrooms, so this is an all important meeting.

As was announced at last Sunday evening's fellowship, the result of the questionnaires returned (over thirty), all but two indicated a preference to build permanent classroom facilities rather than temporary ones. On this basis we are asking brother Dave Snyder (architect & engineer) to meet with a building committee to proceed with plans. In the meantime, to alleviate overcrowded classes and rooms, the Herron's will be moving to their home on Spring street, and we'll use their house as an annex. They plan to move back when new facilities are completed.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

September 21, 1975

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## DR. QUACK'S PRESCRIPTION

TAKE THIS AND NEVER REACH HEAVEN

- .. DO NOT READ, STUDY OR OBEY THE BIBLE.
- .. MISS BIBLE CLASSES AND WORSHIP AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.
- .. NEVER GIVE VERY MUCH
- .. DON'T TEACH OR VISIT OTHERS
- .. JUST THINK OF SELF



## IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

Ingratitude is very common, but a very ugly sin. We have never been so richly blessed - materially and spiritually. But we so infrequently tell God that we are thankful and grateful. Many times a day we may say, "Thank you," to a friend or loved one, and yet we take God for granted.

Jesus told the story of the ten lepers to help us resist the tendency toward ingratitude. When only one of the ten turned back to be grateful, the Lord phrased an embarrassing question: "Were not ten cleansed; but where are the nine?"

Before we are too critical of this ungrateful majority we need to take inventory of our personal prayer habits. Think of what God has done for our lives! How long has it been since you paused to express genuine gratitude for the "things" which make your life so comfortable - your health, food, clothing, and shelter? How long since you fell to your knees in thankful remembrance of the loved ones that enrich your life? How long since you talked with God about the spiritual blessings which you enjoy in Christ Jesus?

It is tragic that we frequently do not properly appreciate what is ours until it has been threatened, crippled, or taken away. Your health will some day fail; the comforts of life are not permanently guaranteed; at any moment your family circle could be shattered; and without thankfulness of heart, even our spiritual blessings will lose much meaningfulness.

Of course, the nine lepers were glad to be healed. But in their haste to enjoy their new blessings, they forget to be thankful. God gives us the grace to be thankful while our "cups" runneth over! And may he help us to slow down in our haste to enjoy our abundance, that we may say as just never before, "God, I thank thee."

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## WHO ARE WE KIDDING?

When a man says he can't keep awake through the 30 minute sermon, and stays home with his 700 column newspaper, who is he kidding?

When a man says Sunday is his only day of rest and gets up at 4:30 A. M. to go hunting, fishing or drives 200 miles to visit his aunt who is he kidding?

When a man says he doesn't have time to go to church, but works every day, goes shopping on Monday night, bowling on Tuesday, watches the fights on Wednesday, goes to his club on Thursday, goes to ball games on Friday, plays golf or fishes all day Saturday then plays rock until late Saturday night, who is he kidding?

When a man says he cannot teach the Bible but can stand up in his civic clubs and give appeals and make reports in a public way in this business life, who is he kidding?

When a man says he cannot afford to give to the Lord, but who gives \$2,000 for a boat and motor, gives \$4,000 for a new car, gives \$25,000 for a new home, and spends hundreds of dollars for guns, golf clubs, football tickets and fishing equipment, who is he kidding?

He is not kidding people, for most people are wise enough to see through these things.

## DOES HE THINK HE IS KIDDING GOD?

Selected

Announcements cont.

Wedding shower honoring Kent & Dora Hoggatt is at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Everyone invited.

Ladies will have Tray Favor making this Wed at 9:30.

Those who have been confined to their home this week has been sister Zoa Heri and sister Margaret Tuttle. Also Jim Henson is in Lagrange hospital.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Keep these gospel meetings in mind: First of all
- Our meeting with Jim Smith Oct 26-31
  - Glenwood, Ft. Wayne. Sept. 28-Oct. 3, Bob Danklefsen (Per. Evan. during daytime) and Edward Myers, preaching at night. See Bull. Bd.
  - Doanmoyer Ave. Sn. Bend, Ind. 19-25, Jim Smith.

Our booth display will be set up in the tent for Corn School, Tues. thru Sat. If you are willing to work at the booth, see Bro. Norm.

This evening brother Wray Newkirk, resident at Camp Indogan, and preaching Sunday mornings at Garrett) will be speaking for us.

This evening, will the teachers please meet in room #6 for review of Ed. program for next quarter.

Following evening services, we invite everyone to enjoy light snacks in the fellowship room.

Other Events in the area:

- Skating Party at Holiday Rink, Elkhart this Tues. eve. Bus will run if 25 or more go. Furnish own ride to bldg - leave at 5:30.
- Youth Rally- Senior (Ages 13 -18) next Fri. and Sat. See Bull. Bd.
- Area Fellowship at Gateway Plaza, Ft. Wayne Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. Ladies also invited to this.
- MCC Lectureship Oct. 14-16, Rochester, Mich.

Sister Margaret Tuttle entered the LaGrange Hospital Thursday for tests. Also Wayne Lewis is again admitted. Jim Henson was released Wed.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 28, 1975

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#### ARE YOU WASTING YOURSELF?

Have you heard it said that you can't waste time or spend time, or save time. To tell a man not to waste time is like telling a fish in the ocean not to waste water. Actually we have no influence on time at all. What we can waste and do waste is ourselves. The tragedy and real waste lies in what we could do and become, and do not.

Next time you say, "I'm wasting time", change that to say, "I'm wasting myself".

## FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE ESSENTIAL

Becoming a Christian is a matter of choice. No one is forced to follow Christ. However, when the choice is made, man has no choice in laying down the conditions of acceptance. Christ gives the terms and man must lay aside his own wishes and surrender his will to the Lord's will. Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mk. 16. Jesus also taught that one must repent or perish. Luke 13:3. In order to become a Christian, one must hear and believe the gospel of Christ, repent of his sins, confess his faith in Christ, and be baptized for the remission of sins. Acts 2:38. Man does not have the right to submit to his own terms but must submit to the terms of the Lord.

After becoming a Christian, man has no right to decide about attending church. If he is to be a faithful follower of Christ, obedient and loyal to him, he must attend church services and worship God scripturally, observing the Lord's supper on the first of the week, singing and making melody with the heart, giving, praying, and studying the word of the Lord. Obedience to Christ requires it; Obedience to Christ is essential to salvation. Heb. 5:9. Therefore faithful church attendance is essential to going to heaven.

What about the week-day meetings of the church? Is it essential that I attend? The week-day services are held for the good of the church--to help strengthen the members and carry on the work of the church in its various activities. If a person's heart is right, he is going to see how much he can do for the Lord rather than argue for doing as little as possible. The Lord has not set the time and place for all services that can be maintained to edify the

church, but when a time and place is set for that purpose all who are vitally interested in growing and developing spiritually and in doing all they can to advance the greatest Cause on earth will make a special effort to be there--to help and be helped.

"Put them in mind . . . to be ready to every good work." Titus 3:1. Is the mid-week service a good work? Is the Sunday night preaching a good work? These questions carry their own answers--all in the affirmative. Then the Lord places upon each member the responsibility to be ready unto every good work.

Attend church services where you can worship God as directed in the New Testament. Is it not enough to just worship. Heathens worship. We must worship as we are commanded. The church of Christ is the only religious assembly that worships scripturally--without either addition or substitution or subtraction.

Yes, CHURCH ATTENDANCE IS ESSENTIAL to being a faithful Christian.

---Earl West  
Hickory Grove Reminder

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THINK

"It is impossible to pitch for the devil and at the same time bat for God."

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"A preacher is expected to be prepared to preach a funeral at any time; but how some of us do object when he tries to prepare us for our own funerals."  
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