

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember that this evening at 5 o'clock we are to meet at the Miller Merry Manor Nursing Home for singing. Then at the Lagrange Home at 7:30.

Last Monday Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Miller (Sharon Simpson's parents) responded to the Lord's command in Mk. 16:16 and were baptized. However we are saddened to report that Mrs. Miller (Deulah) was taken to the Lutheran hospital on Saturday. Also sister Jesse Pieratt was to be in the Lutheran hospital for a couple of days. Sister Margaret Tuttle was released Friday but may not be able to go back to work for awhile. Our prayer is for those that they might be restored to health again.

As we announced before, brother Jim Smith, who is to hold our gospel meeting for us Oct. 28-31, will be in a meeting at Donnayer Ave. in South Bend the week before. If any would like to go and get a foretaste, let us know, so that others might go.

This Friday evening at 7, the area fellowship is scheduled at the Gateway Plaza. Want to go?

See details for the Harding and Michigan Christian College lectureships in the foyer. Good prog.

We wish to express a big "Thank you" to brother Carl and sister Jesse Pieratt for the vacuum sweeper which they bought for the church. We really needed one and appreciate it very much.

The ladies will meet Wed. at 9:30 for tray favors.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

October 5, 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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WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION

Before the service speak to God;

During the services, let God speak to you;

After the services, speak to each other.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (Phil. 1:21) This statement by Paul is hard for some to understand, especially for those who try to read between the lines or read something into it that isn't there. All sorts of things are presumed, like Christ is spiritual, therefore our spiritual life is Christ and our fleshly life isn't involved. Just before the quoted verse Paul said "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death". (Phil. 1:20) Paul understands the essence of Christianity. It is in living Christ. Whether in life or death, Christ would be magnified. If only some way, whether by written or spoken word, we could cause men to recognize this great principle today, we wouldn't have to plead for any aspect of Christianity to be accomplished! And one thing is for certain, we couldn't keep buildings built fast enough to hold those that would turn to Christ from such an example.

"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." (Col. 3:17) This confirms that living, every aspect of living, is for Christ to magnify and glorify His name. Not just three times a week only, or Tuesday night or Saturday morning, but every minute of every day must be lived for Christ. Now how is that accomplished? By examining each word, action and thought and insure that they are for Christ and His glory. By recognizing that the reason we live is Christ because He is the difference between life and existence. And by rearranging all our ambitions, goals, hopes and achievements into an alignment that is Christ and eventually heaven.

PERSONAL WORK

A critic once told Charles Alexander, "I don't like the way you do personal work." Alexander, a well-known preacher, replied, "Neither do I. Tell me, how do you do it?" Rather ashamed that he had brought the subject up, the critic admitted that he didn't do much of it. Then Alexander observed, "I still like the way I do it better than the way you don't."

Method is not the greatest problem we face in doing personal work. A far greater problem is our timidity. We use as our excuse the fact we don't have much confidence in our ability or our method. However, if the truth were known, our "hangup" is that we are so afraid of "offending sinners," that we would rather see them be lost than to make them mad at us. Now that's putting it rather bluntly, but it is the truth nonetheless.

Personal work is not so difficult. All a person needs is a little common sense, a knowledge of God's will, and a determination to do all he can to save souls. Training in personal work so that you might develop a good method is to be desired but do not let your lack of "polish" stop you. There is no possibility of saving the sinner you do not approach with the truth.

Wouldn't it be grand if all Christians had such concern for the lost that they could say with the poet: "Lord save some soul upon my heart,

And love that soul through me;

And may I nobly do my part,

To win that soul for thee." -Sol.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES (Cont.)

Then peace, joy, love, happiness, completeness, fulfillment, all these and many more are ours. When? When we learn to live Christ. J. Harbin

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Our Gospel Meeting with brother Jim Smith starts just two weeks from today. We tried to get the advertisements back from the printers by this Sunday, but couldn't. We should have them real soon but remember to ask those you meet, to come.

Auburn is having a meeting with H.A. Dobbs Oct. 19 thru 22. at 7:30 ca. eve. Subjects on Bl. Bd.

This evening following services, everyone is invited to the back classrooms for light refreshments and plenty of fellowship.

Brother Perry has scheduled an outing for the bus children at Camp Indogan next Sunday. The children are to bring a sack lunch, and kool-aid will be provided. We'd like to have some adult chaperons, from about 12 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Brothers Perry Miller, Jim Pieratt and Jim Craig installed a loud speaker system in the 2nd bus yesterday. Also we should mention that Wade and Glova Spears and Mary Wilson are to be thanked for purchasing the speaker system in both busses. It's a big help to the leaders on the busses and we thank them very much for this useful gift.

Sister Margaret Tuttle is in the Elkhart General Hospital for treatment. Room # 280. Also, sister Boulah Miller is in the Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. Her condition is about the same. Our prayers should ascend daily to God for these and all for whom it is our privilege to pray.

The Hostettlers (Devon & Ellen) attended the Harding Lectureship this week. Pray for their safety.
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October 12, 1975

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LET US COUNT ...

No COST too great
No SACRIFICE too extensive
No TOIL too arduous
No TASK too exacting
to accomplish the

P I N N I N G O F S O U L S !

THE DEVIL'S BEAUTITUDES

1. Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his own congregation; for he is an important member.
2. Blessed are they who are too tired to go to church on Sunday night; for they are my best workers.
3. Blessed is the minister who half-heartedly delivers his sermon; for he arouses no deep conviction and putteth the people to sleep.
4. Blessed is the elder or deacon who infrequently attends church; for he sitteth an example I want other members to follow.
5. Blessed are they who are boared by the minister's mannerisms, and look only for the mistakes he makes; for they get nothing out of the sermon.
6. Blessed are they who go home after Bible school; for they force the minister to preach to smaller congregations.
7. Blessed are they who receive higher incomes but give the same amount to the church they have always given; for they make the budget of the church harder to raise.
8. Blessed are they who do not go to church on Sunday and Thursday nights; for they cause the world to say, "The church is failing",

REMEMBER - The Devil said it, NOT THE LORD.

Selected

DON'T PRAY FOR ANYTHING THAT YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO WORK FOR!

BIBLE BOOKS PUZZLE

Test your memory and skill. Hidden in the letters below are over 50 Bible books. They may be found either up, down, across, forwards, backwards or diagonally.

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 J O H N E R T E A B L O S T A L E I K E Z F
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 R E V E N E E K U K K A B A H A M U S U A R
 G L V Z A Y M O N O R E T U E D P S A L M S

YOU FINISH THIS STORY:

Once there was a congregation in which every member was just like YOU. Each one cooperated and supported every program just as you've been doing. Everyone worked as hard and attended the same services just as YOU do now. The elders, deacons and preacher were just as interested in the church as YOU are at this time. Within a year or so, this congregation

(YOU fill in the blank spaces)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GOSPEL MEETING, which we have announced, is near. We have known brother Jim Smith for years and know that he is a very capable preacher of the gospel. We urge every member to be responsible for bringing one visitor next Sunday. LET'S TRY TO HIT 300 ! We feel that if they come Sunday, they'll come to hear him some more during the week. Announcements for the meeting are in the lobby. Be sure to take some-use them. Brother Smith is in a meeting at Donmoyer Ave. congregation Oct 19-23, if any would like to attend an evc.

The ladies of the church are to be commended for the fine meal for the Milley family Friday. Our new sister Beulah Miller passed away Tuesday evening and funeral services were held Friday. We offer our sympathy and prayers that the Lord will comfort their hearts.

The bus children are to load the busses for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Camp Indogan. Thanks to all who have, and are, planning for "their" day.

Last week, sister Mary Wilson contributed \$2000.00 which was designated in the will of her parents estate. Brother Earl and sister Mae Wilson had Lagrange church in their purposing, not only in life but also in death. This is a fine example and every family would do well to return to God, what He has loaned them in stewardship, when they leave this life. This money is being used to pay off two loans; one, for the balance of purchase of bus #2 (approx. \$600. plus interest) and another for cost of leveling lot south of church building (approx. \$1075. plus interest) Both of these are related to the expansion work of the church and feel that this would meet the Wilson's approval. The estate also willed \$5000. to the Angola congregation which was close to their hearts during the last years. We are grateful for this.

Sister Margaret Tuttle is doing some better. She would appreciate your letters. Room 280, Elkhart Gen. Hosp. See Directory for address.

Herron's say "thanks" to all who helped them move.

L A G R A N G E

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

E X H O R T E R

October 19, 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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QUOTES

You are not responsible for what people think about you, but you are responsible for what you give them reason to think.

What a pity human beings cannot exchange problems. Everyone knows exactly how to solve the other fellows.

When the going seems so easy, better check to make sure you're not going downhill.

The wages of sin is death. Shouldn't you quit before payday?.

COULD THIS BE YOU??

I'll go where you want me to go, Dear Lord,
Real service is what I like best,
I'll say what you want me to say, Dear Lord,
But DON'T ASK ME TO SING WITH THE REST.

I'll say what you want me to say, Dear Lord,
I like to see things come to pass,
But don't ask me to teach girls and boys, Dear Lord,
I'D RATHER JUST STAY IN MY CLASS.

I'll do what you want me to do, Dear Lord,
I yearn for Thy Kingdom to thrive,
I'll give you my nickles and dimes, Dear Lord,
BUT PLEASE DON'T ASK ME TO TITHE.

I'll be what you want me to be, Dear Lord,
I long to see the Church alive,
But don't ask me to come out at night, Dear Lord,
I'M ALWAYS WORN OUT AND TIRED.

I'll go where you want me to go, Dear Lord,
I'll say what you want me to say,
I'm busy just now with myself, Dear Lord,
I'LL HELP YOU SOME OTHER DAY.

Selected

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Beware of your spiritual condition when the most
pleasing part of the service is the closing song and
the dismissal prayer!

Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the
vessel in which it is stored than to anything
on which it is poured.

GOSPEL MEETING

G-ather on time---Be prompt
O-ffer song books to visitors---Be courteous.
S-ing fervently---Be zealous.
P-ray for this meeting---Be devout.
E-ncourage others to come---Be sincere.
L-isten carefully---Be attentive.

M-ake visitors welcome---Be hospitable.
E-very member attend---Be present.
E-nter quietly---Be reverent.
T-ake a front seat---Be co-operative.
I-nvite your neighbor---Be friendly.
N-o "off days"---Be steadfast.
G-o after someone---Be busy.

Selected

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THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY

God has given me this day to use as I will,
I can waste it or use it for good.

What I do to day is important because I'm
exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever,
leaving in its place something I have traded for it.

I want it to be Gain, not loss; Good, not evil;
Success, not failure - in order that I shall not
regret the price I paid for it.

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy to have brother Jim Smith here today to begin our gospel meeting which continues thru Friday evening. Brother Jim concluded a meeting last Thursday evening at the Donnayer Ave. congregation in So. Bend. Since he worked with the church there for about three years he does feel somewhat at home in this area of Indiana. We are looking forward to a great meeting and encourage every member to attend every service and bring as many others as you can. Be sure to read the write-up of brother Smith in this week's Lagrange Standard. He is staying at Carl & Jesse Pieratt's (Ph. 463-2628) and if anyone would like to talk with him or ask questions about his lessons, be sure to call on him.

A fellowship is scheduled following the 6 o'clock evening services and everyone is invited to stay. It would be a good opportunity also to visit with brother Smith inasmuch as several will not be able to have him into their homes.

We acknowledge a note of thanks from the Elmer Miller family, to the church. See bulletin board.

Sister Margaret Tuttle is much improved and exhibited a happy and grateful spirit this week. We are thankful for this and hope that soon she can be back with us again..... Sister Goldie Pulley would like to come to the meeting but it's difficult now for her to get around. Continue prayers for them.

We welcome all our visitors today. If any knows of others who would appreciate visits, please turn in their names to brother Norm.

Some of our members will be out of town this week end (the Morgans and Adams we know of) Also brother Jim Pieratt sprained his ankle, which might prevent his being here for the "morning count". Anyway, we hope good attendance will be evident throughout the meeting.

L A G R A N G E

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

E X H O R T E R

October 26, 1975

Schedule of Regular Services

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

God has not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through.
God has not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

But God has promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

The writer of Hebrews shows the great power of God's word by comparing the word to a two-edged sword. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (4:12) Sadly, few men are aware of the tremendous power of the word of God.

Several years ago I heard a preacher of the gospel (he was also a chemistry teacher) describing the power of God's Word. He related how that a certain professor of chemistry had spoken to a group of chemist, of which he was a part. The incident took place a few years after World War II, when people were still frightened at the thought of the atomic and hydrogen bomb. The professor posed a question to the group. The question was, "What is the most powerful thing on earth? Naturally, the men's mind turned to the nuclear bomb. But the professor replied, "The most powerful thing on earth is not the atomic or hydrogen bomb. The powerful thing on earth is the word of God." This is so true, but how many are aware of it?

The word of God is powerful in warning. Paul wrote the Thessalonians, "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." (II Thess. 1:7-8) Revelation 21:8 sets forth the impending doom of the wicked. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death."

God's word is powerful in promise. When Paul was about to be separated from the Ephesian elders he said, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." (Acts 20:32) The words of Jesus set forth a great promise in Matt. 11:28-30. "Come unto me,

all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

God's word is powerful as a standard by which men will be judged. In John 12:48 Jesus tells us, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." Another passage which reveals the word of God as the basis of acceptance and rejection is II John 9. "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

God's word is powerful in endurance. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matt. 24:35)

In view of the power of the word of God it is a tragic thing to ignore it or set it aside. In a time when the world is filled with wickedness, when there is turmoil and frustration on every hand, the only source of true hope is the all powerful word of God. People who are living a life of fleshly indulgence and enjoying the pleasures of sin for a season are passing up the greatest reward that can come from man's existence, eternal life in the world to come. They are passing it by because they are rejecting God's powerful word.

-Walter W. Pigg, Jr.
via Hickory Grove Reminder

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THE HYMN OF SOME HUSBANDS

"Take my wife and let her be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take our children as thine own...
As for me, I'll stay at home." copied

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Friday evening concluded our gospel meeting with brother Jim Smith. Much good was done toward the strengthening of the church and declaring the saving gospel to those in the community. Brother Smith was happy to see an evangelistic spirit here, and it will even grow stronger with the edification which he gave. Several responded to confess sins and rededicate their lives to God: Connie Weaver, Sharon and Terry Simpson, Carolyn Craig, Craig Hostetler, Dick & Fran Hostetler, Jean Bowen, Bob, Jerry & Larry Hicks, Jim & Diane Martin, Louella, Joe, Fred, Penny and Annie Oakley, Kim and Steve Herron, Joe Hughes, Jane Oren, Vicki and Yvonne Hicks, Max Litke, Hazel Miller, Zoa Herr, Lesly Hoggatt and two from Angola, Kent Daubenspeck and Lawrence Sattison. Also three souls put on Christ in baptism: Chery and Terry Hostetler and Jean Hoggatt. The meeting was well attended and the things both seen and heard can make us truly rejoice and praise the Lord.

Activities on schedule which are of interest:

Gospel Meeting at Huntington Nov. 2-7 with Bob Cheatham, Sr. speaking. 7:30 ea. Eve.

Gospel Meeting at East Allen Co. (New Haven) November 3-7 at 7:30 ea. Eve.

Michigan Christian College High School "Open House" on Sat. Nov. 15. See Bulletin Bd. for details.

Even though it's late, the elders would like to schedule a business meeting for the men this Wed. evening at 7 o'clock. We hope for a good attendance for this important meeting.

Those on our "sick" list: Sister Margaret Tuttle (now in a convalescent home in Elkhart), sister Goldie Pulley (about the same as last reported), brother Jim Pieratt (must stay off his sprained ankle 5 weeks). Brother Elmore Bellaire hasn't been well also. These along with others should be remembered in prayers.

Singing at Nursing Homes this evening: 5 o'clock at Merry Manor and 5:30 at Lagrange. Come help us out!

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

Nov. 2, 1975

Schedule of Regular Services

Children's Bible Hour	9:30 A.M.
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DON'T PRAY FOR ANYTHING YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DO:

Do you pray for people to be saved, but do not try to convert someone?

Do you pray for the church to have good attendance, but do not attend?

Do you pray for the sick, but fail to visit them?

Do you pray for the elders, but fail to encourage them?

A PRAYER WITHOUT A HEART IS HYPOCRISY!

COME DOWN
AND WE WILL BELIEVE!"

These soldiers who stood at the foot of the cross uttering their cry were sensationalists. In their eyes, Jesus could vindicate his claim on Messiahship only by the doing of the stupendous and the colossal. They were asking to see, not the picture of silent self-denial and sacrifice, obeying the will of God, but something as dramatic as loosening his hands and feet and stepping down from the cross. And when he did not do it, the whole incident became so boring that the soldiers sat down and cast lots for his garments. There, within a stone's throw of them, the greatest drama ever enacted was in progress. Yet, they were completely unaware of it because they were looking for the sensational.

Today on every hand, people are trying to find God in the spectacular and dramatic. To them, the test of every sermon is not "Is it true?" but "Does it sweep me across the whole key-board of human emotion, leaving me perched on a mountain-type high?" The test of revelation is not "Did it come from the Book?" for that is ever so undramatic; but, "Did it come by vision or by dream?" Similarly, the test of one's spirituality is judged, not by his devotion to God or his service to man, but by his amazing ability to feel overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit, while speaking in an ecstatic tongue.

People who try to find God in the spectacular and dramatic, are often likely to miss God for the very reason that there is a sense in which no one is as unsensational as God. Naaman, the leper, wanted God to cure him of his dread disease in a dramatic, spectacular way. God told him to go dip seven times in the muddy Jordan. How undramatic! Yet, he found healing. Jesus came to Matthew who was sitting at the seat of customs and said, "Follow me." It was undramatic, but Matthew, by obeying the command became a faithful disciple and apostle.

So many are missing Christ because they are expecting religion to be dramatic. They are looking for a "sign" which Jesus said was the mark of an evil and adulterous generation (Matthew 27:42) Such need to hear the statement of Abraham to the rich man in Hades: "If they heed not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if one rise from the dead" (Luke 16:31). Salvation is not sensational. Faith is not all emotion. You can sit in its very shadow, as did the soldiers, and still miss the meaning.

--Harry Gipson

Via Apache Junction B'tin

HERE IS WHAT YOU MISSED---

If you were absent from the services last Lord's Day, you missed the communion with the Lord of Heaven that can only be had by partaking of the Lord's Supper. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

If you were absent from the services last Lord's Day, you missed the edification and spiritual upbuilding of the singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. (Eph. 5:19, 20).

If you were absent from the services last Lord's day, you missed the comfort and peace that can only come from approaching the throne of God in prayer with the saints. (Heb. 4:14-16)

If you were absent from the services last Lord's Day, you missed an opportunity to "lay by in store" and thereby have a part in the "furtherance of the gospel" (I Cor. 16:1,2; Phil 1:5)

In short, if you were absent from the Lord's Day service of His church, you disobeyed God and missed an opportunity to prove your love for Him that died on Calvary for the sins of the world. (I Tim. 1:15; L John 4:8-10)

Was what you did instead of attending the services of the church more important? More rewarding? More eternal? (Matt. 16:26, 27; Rom. 8:6)

--Selected

A Gospel meeting at Columbia City is scheduled Nov. 9-15 with brother Robert Page preaching. Evening service time (except Sunday) is at 7:30. Address of the church is Jefferson & Chauncey St.

We are happy to learn that sister Margaret Tuttle is now released to return to her home. Margaret came forward during the invitation last Sunday to confess wrong and ask for the prayers and strengthening that the church can give. Sister Jessie Pieratt also confessed neglect (especially towards Margaret's needs) and asked for prayers. We believe the Lord will bless them, as was requested.

Sister Josse Pieratt is visiting in Missouri for a couple of weeks. We pray for her a safe and enjoyable time with her family.

Singing today at 3 o'clock at Auburn. Church meets at 10th and Jackson Streets.

An important matter needs to be brought to the attention of our teachers and bus workers. Would you please all meet 1/2 hour before evening service (at 5:30) in the house, to discuss this.

Lately, several pieces of legislation has brought concern, and rightly so, to families in general, and Christians in particular:

1. A MOTION TO BAN RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING - Bill # FCC-RM2493 to the Federal Communications Commission, a ban for both radio and TV.
2. A REFUSAL TO ALLOW DEDUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCHES, MISSIONS, CHRISTIAN COLLEGES, ETC. after Jan. 1, 1976 if bill HR 636 and SR3657 passes (both are under consideration).
3. BILL S262 and HR2966 TO ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO LEGISLATE ON THE REARING OF OUR CHILDREN. Please notice article in last weeks LaGrange Standard entitled 'CHILD' LEGISLATION CAUSES AMISH CONCERN. This is a government encroachment on the God-given authority of the home. Please read it and write your representatives recommending "NO". Address is on bulletin board.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

November 9, 1975

Schedule of Regular Services

Children's Bible Hour	9:30 A. M.
Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
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"IF MEN WOULD PRAY AND NEVER CURSE, THOUGH THINGS
DO GO FROM BAD TO WORSE.
LOOK UP TO HIM WHO PAID THE COST, WHEN CARES PRE-
VAIL AND ALL SEEMS LOST.
IN FAITH AND REVERENCE BEND THE KNEE, TO HIM WHO
CALMED THE RAGING SEA.
HIS PROMISE IS THAT MORTAL CLOT, SHALL COMFORT
GAIN IN PRAYER TO GOD"

G. N. Safford

WHAT IS YOUR SPIRITUAL TEMPERATURE?

98°	Blood Heat	Very much alive; faithful in attendance; gets others to attend; works everywhere in a consistent manner, agreeably.
60°	Lukewarm	Usually late and on a back seat; never attends Bible classes and prayer meeting; talks about what we ought to do.
40°	Chilly	Careless in attendance. Thinks more of Sunday fishing, movies, baseball, and pleasure trips than of church and worshipping the Lord.
32°	Freezing	Drifting from God; scarcely ever attends services; never speaks to others about the Lord and his salvation. Finds it difficult to pray.
Zero		Dead. Drifting back into the world and sin; avoids the association of zealous Christians. Lost to the church and GOD.

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Via Apache Junction B*tin

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AS A STEWARD

Does the generosity of my gifts to the Lord reflect the zest of the Christian's happy heart?

Is my conviction that Jehovah is the true owner of heaven and earth accurately reflected in the bounty of my contribution?

Does the liberality of my offering demonstrate my awareness that I am not my own, but have been redeemed with the priceless blood of my Lord?

Is my effort to seek first the kingdom of God and

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

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We may not be responsible for all the things that happen to us but WE ARE responsible for all the way we behave when they do happen. Let us not be guilty of allowing the unChristian attitude of another to cause us to be unChristian. * * *

Whether a fellow goes to church services or not does not depend so much on how far he lives from the church building, as how far he lives from God. *

When right, you can afford to keep your temper; when wrong you cannot afford to lose it. Temper gets you into trouble but it's pride that keeps you there. * * *

LOVE: The real language of love is not words and phrases of endearment; it lives in deeds of sacrifice and surrender.

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"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy one is understanding (Proverbs 9:10)

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and His righteousness effectively undergirded by the ample nature of my giving?

Do I sacrifice to give a strong expression of the love I profess to feel for my God and my fellowmen.

Is my heart open in giving to manifest my grateful response to the gift of God which has no price and is beyond words to tell?

Does the free spirit of my giving really indicate the seriousness of my desire to spend eternity with God?

AM I FAITHFUL??

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sad news was received Thursday morning. James Summey, Jr., son of Jim and Lois Summey (Lois became a member and resides in Sturgis, Michigan) was asleep in a mobile home which was destroyed by fire. His brother, Phil and Unkle, Henry was also in the mobile home, but were able to escape unharmed. The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 1:30. Brother Herron conducted the services. It was learned that all of Phil and Henry's clothes were destroyed in the fire. If any would like to give clothing please see brother Norm who has the sizes needed.

Sister Mary Wade confessed sin towards the church last Sunday evening, and asked for prayers in her behalf. The Bible says, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed" Jam. 5:16.

Next Saturday, our bus workers will be called on to present a workshop on the entire bus program here. We want to give recognition to the fine work being done, inasmuch as those from other congregations (East Allen Co. in New Haven) and Donnayer Ave. in So. Bend and possible others) are wanting some pointers on this ministry, and have heard of the LaGrange work. We commend all those involved and their dedication.

The youth group should meet a few minutes after evening services to report on the work project among them. Meet in classroom #7.

Remember the following, in your prayers, for the sick:
Sister Goldie Polley, The Bellaire's (Elmore and Zella) and the Hall's (Martin and Nannie).

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November 16, 1975

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SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:

How can one know one is right, religiously? Doubt and indecision have characterized a number of people, if not about themselves, then about others. How do you know if a preacher or teacher is teaching the truth? Most don't bother and dismiss it from their minds by stating, well that's his opinion or interpretation.

Did you ever stop to think that there is a way to prove all things? Paul teaches us to "prove all things". I Thess. 5:21 Therefore, one has within his grasp the ability to discern whether one is right or wrong in religion. Now, whether one exercises this ability is another matter, but he can't deny that it can be done. How??

Jesus said "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free". John 8:32 God said, .. "Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: ..." Gen. 3:22 John wrote by inspiration, "...that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." I John 5:13 Now if these statements are true, and they have to be since they came from God, then one can know good and evil, right and wrong, truth and error!! John stated in the first of I John 5:13 "These things are written...". In John 20:30-31 it is pointed out that Jesus did many things, but these things are recorded, or written, that ye might believe. Paul stated that he wasn't ashamed of the gospel because it is God's power of salvation to the Jew and to the Greek, for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith...? Rom. 1:16-17 Therefore one can know from the word of God whether a thing is good or evil, right or wrong.

Again you say how?? By following the admonition of the scripture in II Tim. 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We are told in Acts 17:11 that the Bereans were more noble than those in Thessalonica because they searched the scripture to see if what was preached was truth. Consequently we can take the new testament and prove all things, even prove if we ourselves are saved or not!!

--Jim Harbin

--Northridge Bulletin

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A man was once asked to tell his most interesting experience and he related the following story:

"I was out hunting one day when a storm came up. Looking about for shelter from the rain, I found a hollow log and crawled into it. It fit rather snugly. The rain lasted for hours and soaked the wood through. The log began to contract. When the storm was over, I was unable to move. I knew that I would starve to death. As I lay there waiting for death to overtake me, my life flashed before me. I remembered clearly how I had failed to attend the church services and how little I had been giving to the Lord. Remembering these things made me feel so little that I crawled out of the log without any difficulty.

--Selected

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Some people have the attitude that what is yours is actually mine and I will take it. Others have the attitude that what is mine is mine and I will keep it. Christians say: "What is mine is the Lord's. I will share it". Which attitude do you have.

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those who attended the workshop yesterday, who were visiting, expressed how much they had learned and appreciated in the efforts the bus workers made for them. Everyone concerned had wonderful fellowship with all others who attended. We thank our own members who did so much for this program.

We are sorry that brother Steve Herron broke his leg yesterday. He is in the Parkview hospital in Ft. Wayne, and at this writing, it isn't known how long he will be there. More information will be given at morning services.

There will be a get-together following evening services in classrooms 7&8. This fellowship is now planned for the fourth Sunday evening of every month. Hope "you" will meet with "us" there.

This evening brother Joe Hughes will be speaking for the evening services. The fourth Sunday evening of every month, any of our men who would like to speak, can do so. Just let brother Devon know. Brother Adams is scheduled for Dec. 28th.

The bus will be running to the skating party this Tuesday evening if 25 or more plan to go. It is at Holiday Rink in Elkhart. Bus leaves at 5:30 from the building.

Two young girls, Barbara Boyd and Maria Negrette were baptized into Christ last Tuesday evening. We commend these two fine girls on the commencement of their Christian lives. May their lives bear influence for good toward those they meet.

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CHRISTIANITY is like mountain climbing.

IF YOU DO NOT KEEP GOING UPWARD, YOU
FALL
BACK
INTO
THE
SINFUL
WORLD.

GOAL FOR THE MOUNTAIN CLIMBER? THE SUMMIT
FOR THE CHRISTIAN? HEAVEN

WHAT ABOUT DANCING??

The Christian belongs to Christ. "Ye are not your own." I Cor. 6:19,20). He is vitally concerned with excluding "the works of the flesh" from the life. He is concerned with filling the life with the "fruit of the spirit". (Gal. 5:19-23). The Christians ideal is Christ and he strives to be as much like Christ as it is possible for him to be.

Many Christian young people, especially now, are tempted to dance because of the activities to which they are being invited.

What must the Christian do? Each one must examine himself. (2 Cor. 13:5). Will YOU make such an examination by facing the following questions squarely and refusing to be satisfied with superficial-answers?

1. Does dancing incite me to unlawful thoughts and desires? (Matthew 5:28).
2. Does dancing provoke such thoughts in the mind of my partner? (I Cor. 2:11).
3. Does dancing serve to arouse emotions which God intends to be aroused only in the marriage relationship? (I Cor. 7:9--Hebrews 13:4).
4. Does dancing serve as a stepping stone to baser things? (Col. 2:20).
5. Does dancing increase the respect which good people have for me? (Matt. 7:16--Matt. 7:20).
6. Does participating in dancing increase my love for God? (Col. 3:1,2).
7. Does dancing make me delight more in reading the Bible? (2 Timothy 2:15).
8. Does dancing lead me to want to pray more to God? (James 5:16).
9. Does dancing increase my zeal for the growth of the Lord's Church? (Matt. 6: 21).
10. Can I honestly say that dancing helps me to be a better Christian? (Matt. 6:24)

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BROTHER-IN-LAW TO THE CHURCH

A strange phrase. What could it mean? A man once said he had seen many men who were only brothers-in-law to the church. By this he meant that there were many men whose wives were members of the church; they themselves were not. Too many men are satisfied to let their wives do all the praying and church going while they attend to business and temporal things.

A man like this once dreamed that he died and went to the gates of heaven. He tried to enter and the gate keeper said: "Who are you?"

He then began to tell the gatekeeper how his wife prayed, and how she had gone to church, and what a good Christian she was.

"But you can't go to heaven because your wife prayed, and was a good Christian," said the gatekeeper.

"But my wife prayed for me, and went to church for me," said the man.

"Very well, then," said the gatekeeper, "she has gone to heaven for you, too."

Friends, I know some very fine men in this city too, but the best I can say for them is that they are only brothers-in-law to the church.

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"The trouble with good intentions is that death gets in ahead of them."

"Folks who do their religious duties by proxy must be willing to take their rewards in the same way."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Another young life was committed to Jesus Christ this past week. Tammy Hart obeyed the gospel and thus put on Christ last Sunday evening. We are happy for her decision to obey Christ while she is young.

We thank brother Joe Hughes for the lesson which he presented last Sunday evening. Personal surveys nearly always produce surprises which can help us in preparing to teach others.

This being the fifth Sunday, we will devote most of our evening service to singing. If you have any favorites or suggestions, please let brother Dean or Devon know.

The ladies will meet for tray favors this Wed. at 9:30 at the building. All are invited.

A letter from Phil Hay (half brother to Jim Summey - who died in the mobile home fire) thanks the church for the clothes given for he and his uncle. His note is on bulletin board.

Harold Penn was admitted to the Lagrange hospital this week because of a coronary. He is now out of intensive care but is expected to remain in the hospital for a few days yet..... Steve Herron is in Parkview hospital Ft. Wayne. He must remain in traction for 6 weeks, after which he will possibly be allowed to return home, but will be in a cast for several weeks..... It was so good to have sister Goldie Pulley to services last Sunday..... For all those who are sick and confined, please remember them in your prayers.

The Gieseke's were planning to come to Lagrange over Thanksgiving, but the snow prospects prevented them. Perhaps they'll try again soon.

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November 30, 1975

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Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenging one, makes you but even with him; forgiving, it sets you above him.

How can you hope to live eternally with the Lord if you are unwilling to spend an hour with Him Sunday and Thursday nights?

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IS THE BIBLE REALLY INSPIRED??

There is unique harmony in the Bible. Take, for instance, a comparison of the first two and the last chapters:

In genesis the earth is created --in Revelation it passes away. In Genesis there is a garden the home of man; in Revelation there is a city the home of nations. In Genesis we are introduced to Satan; in Revelation we see his doom. In Genesis we hear the first sob and see the first tear; in Revelation we read: "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying."

In genesis the curse is pronounced: in Revelation we read, "There shall be no more curse." In Genesis we see our first parents driven from the tree of life; in Revelation welcomed back.

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"Goodness consists not in the outward things we do--
but in the inward things we are."

--Zoa Herr

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It is not what we earn that makes us rich
As riches are really known,
But how honest we are as we lay our hand
On what we call our own.
It is not what we keep that gives us peace,
In an age when peace is rare,
But how truthful we are as we lay aside
Our own and the Master's share.

--Selected

THE SUFFICIENT CHRIST

Christ for sickness, Christ for Health;
Christ for poverty, Christ for wealth;
Christ for joy, Christ for sorrow;
Christ today, and Christ tomorrow;
Christ my life and Christ my light;
Christ for morning, noon and night;
Christ when all around gives way;
Christ my everlasting stay;
Christ my rest, and Christ my food;
Christ above my highest good;
Christ my well-beloved, my Friend;
Christ my pleasure without end;
Christ my Saviour, Christ my Lord;
Christ my portion, Christ my God;
Christ my Shepherd, I His sheep;
Christ Himself my soul doth keep;
Christ my Leader, Christ my peace;
Christ hath brought my soul's release;
Christ my righteousness divine;
Christ for me, for He is mine;
Christ my wisdom, Christ my meat;
Christ restores my wandering feet;
Christ my Advocate and Priest;
Christ who ne'er forgets the least;
Christ my Teacher, Christ my Guide;
Christ my rock, in Christ I hide;
Christ my ever living bread;
Christ His precious blood hath shed;
Christ my glory, Christ my crown
Christ the plant of great renown;
Christ my comforter on high;
Christ my hope draws ever nigh.

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Narrow-minded? Well, a person's mind should be narrow enough to shut out everything but truth, and broad enough to accept all truth.

--Selected

us to recognize who we are. If we come to realize this we should have little trouble in being humble.

--Walter W. Pigg, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the ones who can do so we would like for you to meet at the two Nursing Homes this evening to sing for the patients and visit with them, all of which they very much appreciate. We meet at the Miller Merry Manor at 5 and the Lagrange at 5:30.

The area fellowship is scheduled for this Friday evening at the Gateway Plaza Smorgasbord in Ft. Wayne at 7 o'clock. Hope several can go this time.

A newsletter (several copies in the lobby) about the Ghana work by brother Samuel Obeng, who spoke here one Thursday evening in the fall. Please get a copy, as there are several there.

Things are happening in the brotherhood on a larger scope, which should be mentioned: Next Sept. 1976, "The Debate of the Century" with our brother Thomas B. Warren from Harding Graduate School (with many other credentials) and a Dr. Anthony Flew, an atheist and professor in the University of Reading, near London, England. The beginning of this information is now coming and is on the bulletin board. A lot will ride on this debate, and should be of interest to untold thousands.

.... Another announcement is that of brothers Robert Shank and Marvin Bryant (Who for the past few years have devoted their evangelistic efforts toward denominational preachers, leading them back to the true pattern of truth). Brother Bryant along with others are now putting out a publication "Alternative" which is designed for denominational preachers with a New Testament Restoration plea. Please look this over (on bulletin board) and see if you would like to subscribe to help send the paper on a monthly basis and even receive it yourself....

Announcements of sicknesses etc. will be given at regular services.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

December 7, 1975

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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BEST WAY TO GET RID OF
A BAD HABIT IS TO



DROP IT!

HUMILITY

As has been so often stated, humility is a crowning virtue of the Christian. It is probably the one single trait which should characterize the life of the Christian more than any other. Humility was practiced by Christ and is emphasized in numerous instances in the New Testament. But in spite of the need for humility in our lives it is often lacking.

The importance of humility is set forth by Christ when his disciples asked him, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" In his reply he called a little child unto him and set him in their midst. Then he said, "Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 18:1-4) In Luke 18:9-14, Christ pictures humility in action as he spoke a parable unto some self-righteous people. The Pharisee is shown as a boastful proud individual who looked down upon others. But the publican, aware of his unworthy condition, smote his breast saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Christ said the publican was justified rather than the Pharisee, and then adds, "For every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Christ also practiced humility to the greatest degree. He demonstrated the ultimate in humility when he left his former place with God and took upon himself the form of a servant, in the likeness of men, and "Humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Phil. 2:6-7) Another humbling act of Jesus was that of washing the disciples feet, with the admonition, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 12:14) The washing of feet was never intended as an act of worship but it was a good way to show one's humility by stooping to the lowly task of a servant.

The apostle Paul was guarding against the lack of humility when he exhorted the Romans not to think of

themselves more highly than they ought to think. (Rom. 12:3) Paul warns the Galatians (5:26) when he said, "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love." (Eph. 4:2) Paul even recognized the danger of his lack of humility as a result of the abundance of revelations he had received. This is revealed in what he wrote the Corinthians, as recorded in 2Cor. 12:7. "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."

In James 4, the writer reminds us that "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble." (v.6) He also says "humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." (v. 10)

A solution to our lack of humility was well expressed by a speaker a short time ago when he suggested "We need to pray to God to help us recognize who we are. The most of us would not have to pray for humility." That thought gives us something to think about. After all, who are we? What reason do we have to be proud? Why should we think of ourselves more highly than others think of us? At the very best we still fall short of the glory of God, we are unworthy servants.

Although there are few of us within the body of Christ who are as humble as we should be, those of us who preach are probably as lacking as any other group. There is a tendency to exalt one's self rather than Christ and his gospel. The attitude expressed by a classmate of mine about twenty years ago appears to be shared by others. The young man, who was planning to preach, suggested that when he got through school he was going to "really put his name before the people." He must not have been very successful in his ambition as I can't remember hearing of him since our school days. But the sad thing about it was that his attitude was totally lacking in humility.

Regardless of our place in the body of Christ we have no right to be "desirous of vain glory." We have no room to be proud. If we would be in God's sight we must humble ourselves. Therefore, when we tend to be proud and exalt ourselves we should ask God to help

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The area singing is scheduled this month at Kendallville, and the time is at 3 o'clock.

The announcement about the possible change in the mid-week service night and the wish of the elders to find out if Wednesday evening would be better, was made last Sunday evening. A very few have so far expressed their preference one way or another. We want to decide this soon, and would appreciate knowing your desire. The schools used to keep Thursday nights free to churches but now activities are scheduled without regard (a sign of the times?), so it hinges on our "cruthers" in the matter. Please let us know.

We will try to have a "budget" for the coming year ready for next Sunday.

As probably most everyone knows by now, our 10 year old furnace (boiler) finally gave out. At least three sections were cracked and leaking badly. A new furnace was installed this week. The furnace, installation, rerouting of a leaking main, and separate temperature controls for the ladies restroom and classroom #3 (which has always been cold when the rest of the building was warm) will run in the neighborhood of \$1000. It would be greatly appreciated if any extra donations could be given to help pay for this unexpected expense.

Will all teachers please plan for a teacher's meeting next Sunday at 5 o'clock.

Ladies will meet for tray favors Wed. at 9:30. A note of appreciation from Miller's Merry Manor on bull, bd. Both Goldie Pulley and Harold Penn are improved. They are in rooms 150 and 105, respectively, in Lag. Hosp.

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THE SET OF THE SAIL

One ship drives east and another drives west,
While the selfsame breezes blow;
'Tis the set of the sails and not the gails,
That bid them where to go.
Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along through life;
'Tis the set of the soul that decides the goal,
And not the storm and strife.

Author unknown

IF YOU OWNED THE CHURCH:

If you owned the church and were paying high salaries to all the members to work for you, would you be satisfied in a member who did just as YOU are doing now?

That is a question that ought to make us all think seriously. God has offered us a great reward for our work in His vineyard provided it meets with HIS approval. But if we should not be satisfied to hire a person to work for us whose work is no better than we do, we can hardly expect God to approve of our work.

Because the one who hires us is not to be seen on the job and is not continually prodding us along, some shirk their duties and many sleep on the job. But though God is not seen of us, He sees all of us and when payday comes we will only get a reward for what we have done.

We will receive the reward according to what we have done in this body, says Paul. I Cor. 3:10.

In material things the person who is a shirker and isn't honest with his employer, is generally fired but God will allow us to do that. But if we think we can shirk our duty and receive the pay at the last day, we only deceive ourselves. If we would like for a person whom we hire to be like us, the church of Jesus Christ should expand beyond expectations.

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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.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

There are some traveling in the narrow way and others traveling in the broad way, but the biggest problem is those who try to travel both ways at once.

It isn't burdensome to work for someone if you love them. Do you love God enough to work for him?

Hell is a prepared place for people who will not prepare for heaven.

If some folks made half as many efforts as they do excuses, they would not need to make half as many excuses.

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:1-2)

Christ said, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (John 12:48)

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SOMETHINGS MONEY WILL NOT BUY?

Real Friendship--friendship must be earned

A Clear conscience--square dealing and clean living is the price tag.

Happiness--happiness is a mental attitude.

Character -- character is what we are in the dark.

Sunsets, music of the wind, etc These are as free as the air we breathe.

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ROBBING GOD (cont.)

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

As an insert in the bulletin today, there is a proposed budget for 1976 for the Lord's Church at LaGrange. It will be reviewed today and hopefully the congregation can work together for greater things for the Lord for next year.

We'd like for all the teachers to meet at 5 this evening in the living room at the house. Bring your ideas for improvement of classes.

From the question, "Would you prefer a Wednesday night or Thursday night mid-week service?" most everyone responded that they preferred a Wednesday night. Because of this, and the schools now do not recognize a "church" night, we'll begin meeting the first Wednesday evening of the year (Jan. 7) with this change: We'll meet Dec. 25 and Jan. 1st on Thursday night, then begin meeting Wednesday night Jan. 7, and on Wednesday night, then on.

The youth group will meet immediately after morning service in classroom #7.

Harold Penn is home now and the report is that he is doing well. Also Sister Pully is better and hoping to be released to go home by Christmas. Probably many families will be getting together over the holidays. Let's be careful ourselves in our traveling and concerned enough to go in prayer on behalf of others traveling, as well as the sick and needy. May each have a safe & enjoyable holiday.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 21, 1975

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PRESSING ON

"....this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"

The apostle Paul (Phil 3:14,15)

YOU DON'T HAVE TIME

A recent survey indicates that the average American family has its TV set tuned in six hours of the day! If true, this is amazing. It means that almost as much time is spent in watching TV as is used in sleep.

Think what this means in terms of a person's complaint that he, or she, does not have time to study the Bible, do personal work, go to church services more than once a week, or teach his children. It is very easily seen that if you attend every worship service during the week, you would spend about the same time for the entire week as the average family spends in front of the TV set in one day!

It may be true that we do not have the time to do a lot of things we should, but perhaps we are not using it right. It is a well established truth that we Americans have more leisure time than anyone else, because of our almost complete mechanization of things.

The way a Christian uses his time is going to make a lot of difference in the day of judgment. God holds us accountable for our stewardship of the things He has bestowed upon us. TIME is one of the wonderful gifts of God. Make yours count! And above all, be honest with yourself and with God. Think carefully before you say, "I don't have time". Are you managing wisely?

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A POSITIVE RELIGION

"Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27)

Religion is what you DO. Someone has said, "It is doing something, and being something." Simply objecting to what someone else does is not enough. You may show wherein they are wrong, but you

ARE YOU PULLING YOUR PART OF THE LOAD?

This is a timely and important question. Almost always there are a few in the Church who do the pulling, while many are trying to ride to heaven on the labors of others. That each one must labor in the Lord's vineyard is taught abundantly in the scriptures. The five wise virgins in Matt. 25:1-13 could not divide their oil with the five foolish virgins. And each of the laborers in the vineyard in Matt. 20:1-16 received his own wages, not that of another; even so shall we be rewarded according to our own labor and not the labor of someone else. "So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:12.

Again we ask, "Are you pulling your part of the load? Are you giving as the Lord has prospered you? Are you attending the Bible study classes and periods of worship as you should? Are you talking to people about their souls? Are you praying for the elders, deacons, preacher, Bible teachers, and the success of the church in general? Are you dead weight holding the church back, or are you helping to pull it along?"

We hope each of us will work harder toward the growth of the church and that none of us will be guilty of holding back the progress of it in the year 1976.

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GOSSIP

There is so much bad in the best of us,
And so much good in the worst of us,
That it hardly behooves any of us
To talk about the rest of us!

--Selected

prove it only when you do what is right.

Perhaps more souls would be won to Christ if those who claim to believe in Him were busier doing what they teach should be done. The lost must be saved. Only those who know the way can bring the lost to Christ.

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We must know what we believe and be able to give an answer to anyone that would ask us a reason for the hope that is within. Remember Paul's admonition to Timothy---"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word."
--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This being the 4th Sunday, one of our men (this time Bro. Alan Adams) will be speaking for the evening services. We look forward to his message.

Also, following the evening services, all the church is invited to a period of fellowship in the south classrooms for light refreshments.

This Wednesday evening, the LaGrange bowling alley has been reserved from 6 to 9 p.m. for any of the youth (and up) who would like to bowl. The cost is 65¢ a game and 25¢ for shoe rental.

Also Wed. evening (New Year's Eve) Devon and Ellen Hostettler have invited the church to their house to see the new year in. They say to bring some sandwiches, games, card tables.

There is a sheet on the bulletin regarding the janitoring of the building and preparing communion for 1976. If you are willing, please sign it.

We are glad that college students, teachers, etc. were home for the holidays. Jeff Herron will be leaving early (today) for CCC and others within another week. We wish all the best in the new year.

The Spears' are in Florida for a couple weeks. Carl and Jesse Pieratt also plan to leave for Florida this week for several weeks. Our prayers are with them and we look forward to their return.

It was announced Thur. eve. that a Mrs. Larue (an aunt to the Hicks' family) was seriously injured in a auto accident. Also several here have been sick with flu, colds, etc. Remember the sick. Norm Herron, RR#5, Box 15, LaGrange, In 46761

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LET FREEDOM RING
IN 1976
THRU CHRIST

QUIT OR QUALIFY

I tried to be a Christian and live as I should live;
I tried to be unselfish and give as I should give;
It took time and sacrifice and yet I thought I'd try,
But found 'twas easier to quit, than it was to qualify.

I tried to be a teacher and teach in Bible school--
To teach without much study and the pupils try to fool,
But, the class began to dwindle and I knew the reason why,
But, 'twas easier to quit than it was to qualify.

I tried to be a deacon to be a credit to the church;
To give up all bad habits and leave them in the lurch;
I found it very hard to do, no matter how hard I'd try,
I found 'twas easier to quit than it was to qualify.

I tried to be an elder, an example to the flock;
To have a faith unshaken and founded on the Rock;
But, I saw I wasn't perfect in the public eye,
So, 'twas easier to quit than it was to qualify.

I tried to get to heaven by works that I could do;
Not depending on the Savior that He could see me through.
But, now my life is ending and after I have died,
I am afraid the Lord will say, "He isn't qualified".
--Selected

GET SOMEBODY ELSE

The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do
I said: "You get somebody else, or wait till I get through
I don't know how the Lord came out; no doubt he got along.
But I felt kind o' squeaky like; I knew I done God wrong.
One day I needed the Lord--needed him right away;
But he never answered me at all, and I could hear him say
Down in my cousin's heart; "Child, I got too much to do;
You get somebody else, or wait till I get through."
Now when the Lord has a job for me, I never try to shirk;
I drop what I have on hand and do the Lord's good work,
And my affairs can run along, or wait till I get through
Nobody else can do the work that God marks out for you.

DIARY OF A BIBLE

Here is what most Bibles would write if they could
write their own story in a diary:

JANUARY A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me all the way through this year. They kept me busy for the first two weeks. They have forgotten me now.

FEBRUARY Clean up time. I was dusted yesterday and put in my place. My owner did use me for a few minutes last week, he had been in an argument and was looking up some references.

MARCH I had a busy day the first of the month, my owner was appointed leader of something and used me. I got to go to services Sunday for the first time this year.

APRIL Grandpa visited us. He kept me on his lap for an hour reading I Cor. 13. He seems to think more of me than he did. I guess it's because he is getting old.

MAY I have a few green stains on my pages. Had some early spring flowers pressed in me.

JUNE I look like a scrap book, they have me stuffed full of clipping from the newspaper, one of the girls got married.

JULY They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we are off for a vacation. I wish I could stay at home, as I will have to stay in this thing for a month.

AUGUST Still in the suitcase.

SEPTEMBER Back home again and in my old place. Have lots of company: two movie magazines, one magazine, and four funny books are on top of me. My I wish I could be read as much as they are.

OCTOBER They used me a little today. One of them is sick. Right now I am all shined up and am on the center of the table. I think the preacher is coming.

NOVEMBER Back in my old place. When they were looking around for some old papers today, one of the children asked if I was a scrapbook?

DECEMBER They are getting ready for the holiday season so I'll be covered under wrapping paper and packages.

I hope this is not the diary your Bible would write
The need for knowledge is very urgent. (cont. back page)