

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting this Wednesday evening, we'll be moving our mid-week Bible study from Thursday to Wednesday day. Meeting time will remain the same - 7 to 8 p.m.

This evening at 5, the Miller's Nursing Home will expect us for a song service. Then we'll go to the Lagrange Nursing Home at 5:30 to sing and visit.

Mary Wilson informed us that her sister and brother-in-law (Ruth and Ron Wirtree) have a new baby boy born Jan. 1. They named him Andrew Clay.

The ladies will plan to meet this Wednesday morning at 9:30. All ladies invited.

Brother Elmer Miller was admitted to the Lagrange hospital Friday morning. It is hoped that he will be released early this week. He is in room #165 and would appreciate visits and prayers.

It is hoped that Steve Herron will be able to come home this Saturday (after seven weeks) but will be in a body cast for another six weeks or so. It's been a slow process for the bones to mend but we are glad that he'll be home soon, Lord willing.

Remember to pray for those confined to their homes: Goldie Pulley, Martin Hall, Elmore Bellaire and Harold Penn. Also some progress is noted in Mrs. Larso, in Lima, Ohio.

Several enjoyed the bowling party New Year's Eve. Thanks to brother Jim Martin for arranging it. Also, a great time was had at the Hostetler's following the bowling. Thanks to Devon & Ellen for this.

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L A G R A N G E

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

E X H O R T E R

January 4, 1976

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Children's Bible Hour	9:30 A. M.
Morning Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship Service	6:00 P. M.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 P. M.

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THE CHALLENGE OF 1976

Now that 1975 has come and gone we are faced with the challenge of a new year. Though we must give an account of the use we have made of year 1975, it is impossible to make any changes of the past or to face those same opportunities again. This new year of 1976 is like another page in our life. It presents a new and greater challenge. Very soon, if our lives are spared, we will be looking back on 1976 with the same realization of utter helplessness to change it as we now look back on 1975. Make every day profitable for God.

Excerpt taken from Walter Pigg's bulletin

TOMORROW

"Tomorrow" is the great enemy of advancement. Boasting of tomorrow is the lazy man's way of evading today's duties. "Tomorrow" leaves more tasks undone, more books unread, more houses uncleaned, more programs unlaunched, more resolutions unkept than any other factor in life.

"Tomorrow" is the great enemy of the church. Our greatest liability is not our ignorance, or our unconcern, or our unwillingness---but our greatest liability is "Tomorrow". More absentees have been neglected, more prospects have gone unsaved because of "Tomorrow" than any other reason.

"Tomorrow" is the great enemy of the soul. "Tomorrow" has sent more men to hell than all other causes combined. Where one man has died and gone to hell because he was an infidel, an agnostic, or an atheist, ten thousand have gone because they counted "on tomorrow"

"Tomorrow" is Satan's best scheme in keeping men lost. Yes, Satan knows he will never destroy your faith in the Bible, or your belief in the love of God. He does not care when you realize that you are lost and that you need to be a Christian. He knows all of these things are of no avail to you, if he can keep you waiting until "tomorrow".

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OPPORTUNITY

Each golden sunrise ushers in a new opportunity for those who keep faith in themselves and keep their chins up. No one ever saw a cock crow with his head down; but always high in the air. How can one gain the right outlook on life with his head held low? Courage to start and willingness to keep everlastingly at it are the requisites for success. Meet the sunrise with confidence and fill every golden minute of the day with right thinking and worthwhile endeavor and there will be joy in each golden sunset.

NOW THAT YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN

Now that you have obeyed Christ even as Paul, the eunuch and other Christians, now that you have put on Christ through baptism, you have gained a shepherd to guide and guard you, who will never forsake you. All you have lost are your sins. Not only are you happy and we rejoice with you. Now that you are just a Christian, you are entitled to all of God's promises and blessings which are revealed in His divine word. Let His word dwell in you in all of its purity and richness so that others may see Christ in you. It has been said: "We can grow in Christ only as much as we are willing to". That statement embodies an ocean of truth. We have our responsibilities and burdens, but if we are yoked with Christ, they become light, and easy. Do not hesitate to go to your heavenly Father and His word for strength and guidance, or to your brethren in Christ for aid. Let Proverbs 3:5-6 be your compass.

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LASTING IMPRESSIONS

An old and homely story tells of a father who in guiding his small boy, told him to drive a nail into a post every time he did an evil thing, and to draw a nail out every time he did a good act. The son did as he was told, but regretted he could not pull out the nail holes.

So with the record of every life. We may amend, change our program, turn over a new leaf, but some flaws remain. Habits, long continued, become hard to break. The nail holes stay, and they remind us of misdeeds or unwise decisions of the past.

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Before the worship service, speak to God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The area monthly singing is to be at Columbia City today. Time 3 O'clock.

After seven weeks we are glad that brother Steve Herron is home. Norm went after him from Parkview hospital Ft. Wayne yesterday. He will be in a cast for another six weeks, so getting around will be difficult. It's good to have him home, and we're sure that he feels that way.

A meeting (week-end) is scheduled at Warsaw Jan. 23, 24 & 25 with Alan Bryan. Brother Bryan has devoted his last fifteen years in promoting the Bible School and holding workshops for congregations. We are sure that every Christian would be greatly benefited by his lessons. If you would like to go, let it be known, to make up a car pool.

Glad to see brother Wade and sister Glova Spears back from their Florida trip. The bus workers are also glad, so they can appreciate those clean busses again.

Herrons received a letter from Carl and Jesse. They arrived safe in Florida, and brother Carl didn't waste any time; he had been fishing and had a good mess already.

Brother Elmer Miller was released from the hospital last Tuesday. He's now with his sister in Coldwater, Mich. for further rest.

Happy to have sister Suzan Adam's mother, Mrs. Walter Figg, with us today. She came last week and is awaiting the expected event.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

January 11, 1976

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THE COST OF FOLLOWING GOD

It cost Abraham the willingness to yield his son.
It cost Esther the risk of her life.
It cost Daniel being cast into the den of lions
It cost Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego being put
in the fiery furnace.
It cost Stephen death by stoning.
It cost Jesus his life.
What has it cost YOU ? ? ?

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:

The sheer joy of being a christian is beyond description in words of men! The apostle Paul admonished us to "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say rejoice". (Phil. 4:4) There are so many things to be joyful about for God is with us and has blessed us so abundantly.

There is the overwhelming strength and comfort of someone loving you for yourself alone. Not because of something great you have done, or for what you possess or for who you are, but because you are unique, precious and willing to be loved. Jesus is so tender, so wonderful, so magnificent. He loves you! He loves me! And because He has been so wonderful, God loves us. It is a thought to be treasured, to be taken out again and again; held out, examined, caressed, and tenderly put into the most treasured spot of our being.

Then there is quiet calmness of certainty of a life lived for Christ and pointed toward heaven. Sure there may be many times when we are enticed to take our eyes off that goal and forget the path but when we do we encounter disquietitude, frustration, unhappiness. But, thanks be to God, He has shown us the way! Isn't it wonderful? Isn't it peaceful? Isn't it certain? What a blessed joy!

And there is the great joy of not being alone! If we listen to the voice of darkness we hear of loneliness even though in a crowd. But a christian has those on every hand in the Lord's body that care because He cared, that love because He loved, that are happy and joyful because He made it possible to be that way. They are ready to listen to our troubles and trials at the end of a weary day, ready to turn an understanding ear to our causes of concern, ready to walk the second mile with us, ready to give encouragement, ready to solve the problem rather than become a part of it.

FREEDOM

The freedom of choice is a very precious freedom for people in America and it will be considered even more valuable as that privilege slowly slips away. There are so many things dictated for us today "for the common good" that in times gone by we could have decided for ourselves. The primary reason that this is happening is because we make a choice by not expressing one. Doubletalk? No, because every decision has more than one side and if we are not positive, the negative goes without saying. An example is in the form of two resolutions, one before the U. S. House of Representatives and the other before the U. S. Senate. Both resolutions call for an end to allowing church contributions, contributions to missions and Christian Colleges to be deducted from our income tax. The anti-God forces have made a choice to force the name of God from among the people. Our choice supposedly would lead us to refute such but will we?? You see, if we sit back idle and do nothing, the choice is made for us. If we want to continue choosing God and His life we must choose to uphold his precepts. Joshua stated it clearly"---choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord". (Josh. 24:15) We either make the choice for God or passively sit by while the choice is removed from our control.

God help to defend His cause and His Name.

---Selected J. Harbin

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SEARCHING (continued)

Now, can't we see so many things that cause a person to exalt in the privilege of being a Christian, to rejoice always. Oh, the joy of being a christian!!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last bulletin we announced a workshop at Warsaw with Bro. Alan Bryan this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Several have said that they would like to go to one or more of the sessions. For this reason, possibly several carloads will be going at different times. If anyone who would still like to go hasn't said so, please let us know. We can make room for others. We are sure that you will very much enjoy this meeting.

Sister Kathy Hughes will be entering the Lutheran hospital in Ft. Wayne, Monday for surgery on Tuesday. Our prayers will be for you and our hearts with you, Kathy, that you may quickly recover and be back with us realsoon.

The ladies will plan to meet this Wednesday at 9:30 for tray favors. All ladies invited.

There are some 1976 calenders that are yours for the taking (in a box on the pew next to the aisle. Compliments of Carneys Funeral Home. They have our new schedule for services.

Next week, Lord willing, we'll try to have the additions, corrections, etc. for the directories, so that each family can keep their copy up-to-date. If any family has not received a copy of the directory (members of the church at Lagrange) please ask for one. There are several left.

Last week, brother Hoggatt announced plans for a Camp Indogan Banquet to be held at the Heritage House in Ft. Wayne for Feb. 14th. This is for adult singles or couples and it is hoped that several from each congregation will come for the program. Note from this congregation are directors of the Camp: Devon, Norm, Perry and Dean. Any one of these can tell you more about this banquet.

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January 18, 1976

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BUILD it well whate're you do;
BUILD it straight and strong and true;
BUILD it thick and high and broad;
BUILD it for the eye of GOD.
"ONLY ONE LIFE - Twill soon be past, ONLY what's
done for CHRIST - WILL LAST."

THE ENCOURAGERS

There is a report of a man who in time of war would go along the lines and say discouraging words to the soldiers. He struck no blow for the enemy, but he was disloyal to his country. He was a discourager. Authorities judged it a crime and sentenced him to a year in prison. Discouragement in the Lord's work is an even higher crime. The ten spies were guilty of a terrible sin when they "discouraged the heart of the children of Israel" (Num. 32:9).

There are many disappointments in church life, and things that depress us with fellow believers, yet realizing how easily we influence each other, we ought to constantly say to our fellow workers in Christ, "Be of good courage!" Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might."

A word of cheer at the right time can help mightily and can even save despairing workers from giving up. A word of appreciation to the elders of the church, the song leader, or teachers, the little noticed brother, can be like good news from a far country. Barnabas has gone down in Bible history as the foremost encourager. His defense of Paul at a time when others doubted him may be one of the most courageous acts of all time. (Acts 9:26,27).

Lord give us more encouragers!

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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 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 scriptures in II Tim. 2:15 "Study to show 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 lost!!

MY CHILDREN

Lord, I would not grow so busy that I can't drop my task To answer every question which that child of mine can ask Let me never serve ambition so selfishly, I pray, That I can't stop to listen to the things my children say For whatever cares beset them, let them know I'm standing by, I don't want to make them orphans till the day I come to die.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An insert in the bulletin today shows all the additions, corrections (unless overlooked) that should be made to your church directory. Please make these changes to bring the directory up to date.

Baby Walter Justin Adams was born Saturday morning Baby, Dad Alan, Mom Suzan and Grandma all doing fine. We are happy with the family at this time. Hope Suzan and Justin can be with us very soon.

Brother Joe Oakley will be speaking at the evening service, then following the service, the church is invited to classrooms 7 & 8 for a period of light refreshments and fellowship.

Brother Norm is scheduled to be on the Great Lakes Christian College lectureship this week in Beamsville, Ontario, Canada. Norm Merilyn and Heidi plan to leave this Tuesday and return Saturday. We hope they have a safe journey and that they enjoy the lectureship. Brother Norm is scheduled to speak on Wednesday and again on Friday.

A skating party is scheduled for this Tuesday evening at the Holiday Rink in Elkhart. If enough riders want to go (25 or more) we'll take the bus. Bus will leave building at 5:30. Parents can bring children, but they will be taken home after.

All ladies who have tray favors at home are asked to bring them so that they can be delivered soon.

Please remember the banquet at the Heritage House in Ft. Wayne to help Camp Indogan in it's needs this year. See brothers Devon, Norm, Perry or Dean for tickets. Donations are asked of \$25./couple, or \$12.50/single.

Sister Kathy Hughes is home from the hospital and is recovering slow but sure. We are thankful for the good report concerning her operation.

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January 25, 1976

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Children's Bible Hour	9:30 A. M.
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WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY ?

In the home, it is kindness; in business, it is honesty; in society, it is courtesy; in work, it is fairness. Toward the unfortunate, it is assistance; toward the weak it is help; toward the penitent, it is forgiveness; toward wickedness, it is resistance; toward the fortunate, it is congratulation; toward GOD, IT IS REVERENCE AND SERVICE.

UNWED MOTHERS

Being parents of two teenagers this subject concerns us greatly. Every year the instances of teenage pregnancies increases. Realizing there will be ten million abortions in America in 1975 horrifies me. That more than one million times this year the words "Divorce granted" will be heard in our land is appalling. Knowing that eight out of 10 teenage marriages end in divorce alarms me. What can we do?

First, we can be concerned who our children date. All too often when young people begin dating, they are allowed to choose their dates without instruction or concern from their parents. The ones dated may have a terrible reputation, never darken the church's door and be thoroughly bad, yet we parents close our eyes and never inquire into the situation. This can be tragic. Parents wake up!

Secondly, most young people start dating too early. It makes little difference to some parents as they seem glad to be rid of them. Far too many parents are pushed into the "dating game" by their children (or by one of the too permissive parents) too early. The actual age may be too early, and the emotional maturity of the child should be considered. Otherwise another case of teenage pregnancy is the result. Parents are to blame in many instances.

Automobiles are great offenders. Kids have cars too early. It invites intimacies as the kids are isolated and alone. Too many parents have learned too late their mistake of giving an automobile to their children too early or making the family car too available too soon!

Kids are often out too late. Our own town is a disgrace in this matter. Our "square" is crowded with kids at 1:00 A. M. This invites destruction. Kids need to be home at a reasonable hour regardless of age. If they live at home, then that's where they need to be at an early hour. Why not enforce a curfew for the safety of your own children?

Dancing and petting are the initial stages prior to fornication. Parents who allow their kids

to dance, park and pet often live to see unwanted grandchildren. Young people need help, instruction and warnings concerning such conduct. Are you giving it to them or are you too embarrassed to approach the subject.?

Dope and alcohol stimulate anyone and cause the moral barriers to be lowered. You are inviting your daughter to be an unwed mother, or your son to be an unwed father by allowing them the use of such drugs - alcohol is a drug.

The shame, isolation and bitter anguish of unwanted pregnancy is the price we are paying for our loose attitudes concerning our children, their lives, sex and permissiveness. Wake up parents before you too are added to the growing list of such sad statistics.

--Andrew M. Connally, Springtown,
Texas

via Hickory Grove Reminder

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Thought for today:

In a sense, everything that happens to me is a gift from God. I may resent disappointments, rebel against a series of misfortunes which I regard as unmerited punishment. Yet in time I may come to understand that these can be considered gifts of enlightenment. They teach me that many of my punishments are self inflicted, in some way unfathomable to my human intelligence, my suffering could be the consequence of my own attitudes, actions or neglects.

This spiritual approach to my problems can lift my thinking to a level at which I can gain new perspectives and find solutions I never dreamed were possible.

All of us tend to rebel against the unhappiness in our lives; we try to understand; we resent what we cannot understand. Rebelliousness will only heap one frustration on another until we learn to get out from under, and let God take a hand in our affairs.

--via Niles Bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued from page 1)

Another month has rolled around of the new year and this evening at 5 is our regular visit at the Miller Merry Manor Nursing home. We will plan to sing and visit there for about a half hour, then go on over to the Lagrange Nursing Home for another half hour with them. Wish more could join us and help out in this good work.

This evening, brother Wray Newkirk will be preaching for the evening service. Bro. Wray mentioned that he had a special new year's message which he would like to share with us.

The church is invited to a wedding this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Bro. Elmer Miller and Lurena Coplin will exchange vows, with brother Norm officiating. Reception will follow in fellowship rooms.

The Ladies plan to meet this Wednesday at 9:30, at the building. They welcome new ones to come.

No one is yet signed up to clean the building for Feb. Please choose one month and put it on the schedule so we will know it will be done.

The banquet for single and couples (adults) to be held at the Heritage House in Ft. Wayne will be coming up soon: Feb. 14, at 7 o'clock. Your help would be greatly appreciated for the benefit of Camp Indogan, in reducing costs for young people to attend this summer, and improving facilities as required by the state board of health.

The elders would like to have a men's business meeting this Thursday evening at 7. Let's have a good attendance.

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February 1, 1976

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Herron's (Norm, Marilyn and Heidi) had a wonderful trip and visit to the Great Lakes Christian College lectureship in Beamsville, Ontario, Canada. They express thanks to the church for allowing them to go. They returned home late Fri. evening, tired but happy/

Received a letter from Carl & Jess Pieratt that they are well, only Carl isn't getting enough fishing in. They said "Tell everyone hello" We do miss them here.

BROKEN LIVES

The world is full of people who are broken in mind and body. Much of this distress has been brought on by sin. Perhaps some of the trials of life are intended to try or prove our faith. Whatever may be the reason for untoward things that happen to us. We all recognize that there are laws for the body and mind. If we want to be whole we must obey these laws.

While there are few people who will admit that they are lost, many will admit that their lives are all broken up. Because of their unwillingness to submit themselves to the laws that Jesus, our Saviour, came from heaven to reveal to us, their personalities and lives are broken pitiful things.

The most disturbing thought about these people though is that a great number of them wear the name of Christ and claim to be His disciples. One major reason that so many Christians have been brought to a broken condition is that we are living in a secular age. We are materialistic rather than spiritual. We think of values in terms of money, and houses and lands and things of that sort. We fail to let our compassionate Savior cleanse and cure us of the maladies which afflict us.

John Quincy Adams, aged eighty was asked one day how he felt. He replied, "I am very well thank you. But the house I live in is sadly dilapidated. It is tottering on its foundations. The walls are shattered and the roof is worn. The building trembles with every wind, and I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it before long. But he, himself, is very well. Mr. Adams was not speaking of his house, he was speaking of the physical body that housed his soul.

If your life has been broken why not rebuild it on the solid foundation, Jesus Christ, the only example upon which we can build our Christian lives. He is the great Physician. He is our Savior.

--Bill Looney
via Donmoyer Digest

"FIRST BIBLE"

A little boy's first Bible is the greatest thrill
he's known;
There's a sweet, unique excitement in a Bible all
his own!
And yet my heart is smitten as this touching sight
I see--

Has his reverence for that Bible depended much on me?
As I see him with his Bible, I bow my head and pray--
May he always love that Bible the way he does today.
Then I hear a voice within me speak in solemn words
and true;

How he cherishes that Bible will depend a lot on you!
I love my Bible better since I've seen the beaming
joy

This wonderful possession has afforded my little boy.
May I seek to give mine daily a devotion he can see,
For the love he bears his Bible will depend a lot
on me!

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SINGING IN CHURCH

Though your singing may be awful,
And your voice all out of tune,
Though you finish up the words
A note or two too soon.
You should never feel ashamed
Tossing out loud and clear--
For the song that's coming from your heart
Is all the Lord can hear.

--Selected

"Although experience is the most expensive
teacher, sometimes it has the advantage
that we don't forget the lesson so soon."

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is an area singing at Warsaw today (scheduled more than a year in advance) but it certainly doesn't look like the weather is going to cooperate. The hearts inside the building will be warm however, if you care to venture that far.

The letter we referred to from Carl & Jesse Pieratt is on the bulletin board for all to read.

Mrs. Verna Biggs (Verna Thamas's mother) is in the hospital having had a second bout with pneumonia. She is much better and hopes to return home early this week.

There are several that plan to go to the Camp Indogan banquet from Lagrange next Saturday evening. We learned at a camp meeting yesterday that 149 have already said they would go. We are happy for this, in that the proceeds will go toward lowering the summer camping fee and needed repairs. The apostle tells us that we should "be ready to every good work" and there is hardly a better work among us for the youth than the camp.

FOR THE MEN WHO SERVE:

Brother Devon reminds us that the men who serve at the Lord's table please sit at the front and also the emblems should be served to those who are in classrooms #4 and #5. A recap of last years responses in the business meeting Thursday evening shows 23 baptisms and many confessing sins and asking for the prayers of the church. We appreciate the men coming to the meeting. It was a good one.

Many have been kept from services for sickness, bad weather (snow & cold). March is right around the corner.

NOTICE: Any member who cannot come to services but desires the Lord's Supper brought to them, please call Devon Hostetlet & this can be done.

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

February 8, 1976

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A man may go to Heaven --

Without Health	Without a Name	Without Culture
Without Wealth	Without Learning	Without Beauty
Without Fame	Without Earning	Without Friends
Without	1000 other things	

BUT HE CAN NEVER GO TO HEAVEN WITHOUT

THE HOLY BIBLE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper, a memorial instituted by Christ, is to be observed by Christians on the first day of the week until Christ returns to claim his own. But many people do not see in the Lord's Supper the importance attached to it by our Saviour when He instituted it, and by the faithful Christians of the first century.

Over the years memorials have been erected or instituted to commemorate important individuals and events in our country. These memorials are very meaningful to many people. In a more important realm, memorials have been instituted in connection with God's dealings with man. When the Israelites were being delivered from the Egyptian bondage ten plagues were brought upon the Egyptians. The last of the ten was the death of the firstborn. But the Israelites were instructed to put the blood of a lamb upon the door posts of their houses, in order that the Lord would pass over their houses and spare their firstborn. Having followed the instructions the Lord passed over or spared the firstborn of the Israelites when he smote the Egyptians. The day this event happened was to be kept as a memorial by the Israelites. "And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations (Ex. 12:14) This memorial was an important event in the life of the Israelite because it reminded him of God's deliverance of his people. The Jews were to keep the passover because the Jewish dispensation ended. Christians do not keep the passover because the Jewish dispensation ended when Christ died for man. As Christians Christ has become our "passover." I Cor. 5:7)

Without doubt the greatest and most meaningful memorial ever to be instituted in the history of mankind is the one inaugurated by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Lord's Supper. The memorial supper was instituted by Christ before his death (Matt. 26: 26-29; Mk. 14:22-25; Lk. 22:17-20) but was to be observed by Christians until His return. The apostle

Paul relates to the Corinthians the revelation he had received from Christ Himself concerning the memorial. "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." I Cor. 11:23-26

There is no question but that the true Christian will heed the words of Christ concerning the Lord's Supper when he said, "This do in remembrance of me." Not only does the observance of the memorial bring to mind the boundless love for man demonstrated by Christ in his agony on the cross, it also shows "the Lord's death till he come." The Christian looks forward to the Lord's return as promised in John 14:1-3. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that were I an, there ye may be also." In taking the Lord's Supper the Christian looks two ways. He sees in the past the sacrificial love of Christ, without which he would have no hope. He sees in the future the promised return of his Saviour, at which time he will be received into the heavenly home to be with the Lord forever.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brother Perry reports that the sledding party that was planned for today will be cancelled (much to the sorrow of the children, but to the satisfaction of the adults). Who would have thought that just a week ago that the snow would be about all gone and almost spring weather prevail. There will likely be some more winter (and snow) yet so the bus children can keep in touch with the bus workers for a rescheduling of the party.

This is the first announcement regarding a workshop to be held here May 9-11 with brother Alan Bryan from Florence, Alabama. Brother Bryan is a veteran in promoting various evangelism programs in the brotherhood and we believe that he will be a great helper in inspiring us in the work that we are doing here. THIS WORKSHOP IS NOT FOR THE OUTSIDER, BUT IS DESIGNED FOR THE CHURCH MEMBER. So, please plan now to keep May 9-11 open for an informative meeting.

A letter for the Laporte congregation about a youth banquet for high schools in the tri-state area was received. Reservations should be in soon so if you would like to go, please see brother Bill Oakley right away.

Sister Hazel Miller requests the presence of the ladies to her home for a bridal shower for Marcella Ritchie on Sun. Feb. 22. Time at 2:30. RSVP.

Ladies will meet this Wed. at 9:30 at the building for tray favors.

Let's remember all those who are confined to their home because of illness and visit them.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

February 15, 1976

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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EMPTY PEWS

There are empty pews in our building which ought to be filled. They are no use to us or the Lord when not filled.

Spring is just around the corner. Be with the Lord's people when they are assembled for worship. With the weather getting nicer it should be easier to

GET UP AND GET OUT : ! !
selected

THE LORD'S SUPPER (Cont.)

But in spite of the solemnity of taking the Lord's Supper, and the great strength to be derived by the Christian, some times people are careless and partake in an unworthy manner. The apostle Paul strongly warns against this. "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" (I Cor. 11:27-29) No one would be "worth" of the death of Christ but one can make sure that he partakes of the supper in a worthy manner. This would mean that one's mind be centered on the true purpose and meaning of the Lord's Supper. A person is violating the injunction of Paul when he fails to discern the Lord's body.

The question often arises as to when the Lord's Supper should be observed. Some religious people observe it quarterly or even less often. It is also observed on various days of the week. However, when we look to the New Testament we learn that the practice of the early church was a weekly observance, on the first day of the week. "And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." (Acts 20:6-7) The apostle Paul was a part of the assembly observing the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week. Therefore, it had apostolic approval. It is also significant that Paul had abode at Troas seven days. This must have been in order for Paul to break bread with the saints, and especially as he was "ready to depart on the morrow." That the first day of the week was the day of assembly for Christians is apparent from Paul's statement to the Corinthians and the churches of

Galatia. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." (I Cor. 16:1-2) The importance of the first day of the week assembly (of which the Lord's Supper is an important part) is further shown by the exhortation in Hebrews 10:25, not to "forsake the assembling ..." The steadfastness of the early Christians (Acts 2:44) involved "breaking of bread" as well as other things. This would indicate that the Lord's Supper was observed on a regular basis, and not haphazardly.

Occasionally someone will contend that the Bible doesn't say "every first day of the week." This is true, but at the same time we must admit that if Christians are to take the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week, then when a "first day" comes they should observe it. We have an example concerning the Jews and the sabbath day that should help us to understand the frequency of the Lord's Supper. In Exodus 20:8, the Jews were commanded to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." The Jews did not raise the question of which sabbath. As often as the sabbath came (which was every week) they kept it, that is, if they were faithful. The Christian should have no problem in keeping the Lord's Supper. When the first day comes (which is every week) it is time to remember the Lord's death by observing the greatest memorial ever known to man.

It is hard to understand why any Christian who loves Christ, who appreciates the sacrifice Christ made for him, and who looks forward to Christ's return would not want to remember Christ on the first day of the week. We should feel honored that we are privileged to "show the Lord's death till he come" by partaking of the Lord's Supper. The great memorial is never more than three days away at any time, either in the past or in the future.

via Hickory Grove Reminder
Walter W. Pigg, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are always happy when people respond to the Lord's invitation, and we are especially happy to know that young people who have come and been taught via the bus ministry, are being reached. This week two young men, Marty Kinsinger and Wesley Boyles put their Lord on in baptism. Time marches on and it won't be very long before these boys will be vital leaders in the church. We commend them on their decision to serve Christ early.

All ladies are invited to sister Hazel Miller's home for a bridal shower for Marcella Ritchie this afternoon at 2:30.

This evening brother Max Litke will be speaking for the evening service. We invite all to stay for the period of light refreshments and fellowship following services.

This Tuesday evening if there are enough people who want to go to the skating rink at Elkhart, the bus will leave the building at 5:30. Return time about 10:00. Riders to furnish own way to and from the building.

Youth meeting at South Side, Ft. Wayne next Saturday evening 6:30 to 9:30. Each asked to bring covered dish. Ages 13 to 19. No jeans. See Bill Oakley or Craig Hostetler for arrangements.

The sewer line to the building is now working again (thanks to Devon - and hot water to get it thawed and unplugged.)

There are some ACTION publications in the vestibule. Notice especially the plea for Bible teachers to enroll foreign students who have asked for Bible studies (can be handled by correspondence). If you would like to do this, asked Thelma Hoggatt for more particulars.

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February 22, 1976

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THE TREMENDOUS POWER OF WORDS!

A CARELESS WORD may kindle strife;
A CRUEL WORD may wreck a life;
A BITTER WORD may hate instill;
A BRITAL WORD may smite and kill;
A GRACIOUS WORD may smoothe the way;
A JOYOUS WORD may light the day;
A TIMELY WORD may lessen strife;
A LOVING WORD may heal and bless.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT "T. M."?

What is this Transcendental Meditation? Well we see T. M. advertisements in the newspapers, we read where famous entertainment personalities are turning to it and then we learn where many o"young adults" on college campuses are finding it to be curiously interesting. It is it just a philosophy or an old cultt come to life? or is it a mind-releasing power brought to life in an a"up tight society?

You should beware of T. M. according to christianity today.

Especially because Transcendental Meditation claims not to be a religion, Christians need to be extremely wary of this increasingly popular movement, founded by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

"T. M. is not taught in books; one must go to (and pay) one of the authorized centers for the short instruction course. The emphasis is upon a technique that supposedly can be used no matter what what the meditator's religious beliefs. But "T. M." is permeated with the Hindu life and world view. Although it does not call for the robes and the vegetarian diet or other Hindu imports, in the crucial concepts of God, man, sin, and fellowship between God and man and among men, "T. M." is thoroughly Hinduistic.

Christians need to understand what T. M. really is so that they are prepared to challenge the infiltration of this religious movement in to schools, government agencies, businesses, and even sports teams.

The proponents of T. M. have the right to promote their beliefs in North America, just as Christianity has been proclaimed in India. They should, however, cease to pretend that it is not a religiously-based movement. And Christians should take the offense against

Great New Medicine Discovered

Are you tired and run down? Do you lack pep and enthusiasm? Do you find yourself constantly fighting just to keep enough interest to worship God? What you need is B. C. (Bible Class)

When your spirit is low and discouragement is high there is nothing like a good dose of B. C. to restore you to normal spiritual health. B. C. contains a combination of ingredients designed to tone up your entire outlook. The basic ingredient is God's Word, The wonder working power of God's Word has long been recognized for its strength and ability to convert (Rom. 1:16). Another valuable ingredient is enthusiasm. Nobody has ever been able to surpass the zeal of young people and we have plenty of them. Still another ingredient is the presence of happy, smiling faces which do "good like a medicine" (Prov. 17:22). If this does not bring joy to you and brighten each step you take, your illness is grave indeed.

We have measured doses of B. C. for people of all ages. Don't delay! Be on hand Sunday at 9:30 A. M. and experience for yourself the marvelous benefits of B. C.
--Selected

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Hindu deceptions."

(Transcendental) beyond ordinary experience.
(An excerpt_

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He who seldom things of heaven is not likely to get there

Fellow Christians, beware of faith healers and cults, Only God and his word, can answer our needs. Z.H.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note schedule of coming events:

Wedding of Marcella Ritchie & Clifford Masih, Mar. 6.

Area Singing at Huntington Sun. Mar. 14 at 3 p.m.

Area meeting for Southwestern Christian College on Mar. 20 (dinner at 12 noon) Ft. Wayne.

Great Lakes Christian College (approx. 40 high school students) to be here Mar. 22 for an evening with chorus program. Students will need evening meal and overnight lodging.

Brother Devon Hostetler is planning to work Saturdays at Camp Indogan, topping the fallen trees, during the month of March. He asks for volunteers with chain saws, hatchets etc.

Angola gospel meeting Feb. 29 thru Mar. 4. Bro. Jim Chamblee, from Echo Meadows Church of Christ, Toledo, Ohio, preaching. Evening services at 7:30.

Miss Penny Brickley (the young teen-age girl we are supporting at Shults Lewis) is having a birthday Mar. 6. She would appreciate cards. Her address: Shults Lewis Child. Home, Box 471, Valparaiso, In 46383

We were saddened to hear of a second heart attack that brother Fred Cox suffered last Sunday and then the call that he had passed away Wed. morning. Brother and sister Cox were members of the church when it first started in Lagrange, and were a very important part of its early history. Some here have known and had a close association with the Cox's and esteem them highly for their work in the Lord. Brother Fred loved songs that told of heaven, and often lead them. Now he's "gone home", a place for which he longed. He'll always be remembered and treasured in our hearts. Our deep sympathy is extended to the family at this time. May the Lord's richest blessings continue with Nonie and the two girls, Alberta & Loree.

Remember, this evening, the services will primarily be singing. Come to help teach through "psalms, hymns and spiritual songs".

Other announcements to be given at services.

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February 29, 1976

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SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH

People that worry more about the economy of our nation than the morality of our nation.

Full jails and empty Bible school rooms.

People with fancy clothes and filthy minds.

"Christians" that must be invited and begged to worship God every week.

A world on its way to Hell; and is so unconcerned.

STANDARDIZED ABSENCE EXCUSE FORM

For the benefit of those who are chronically absent from the various services of the church, we offer the following STANDARDIZED ABSENCE EXCUSE FORM.

I was absent from the Sunday Bible Study
 Communion Service
 Sunday Evening Service
 Midweek Bible Study

(date) _____

- because I just didn't want to.
 My sleep is more important than the kingdom of God.
 I didn't think it was necessary.
 I am righteous enough without it.
 My visitors were more important than God.
 I was too busy with worldly pursuits.
 I know all I need to know about the word of God.
 I have no interest in sharing my knowledge of God's Word with others.
 I don't like the teacher.
 I don't like the preacher.
 I don't like lessons from the Bible
 I don't like fellowship with Jesus
 I don't like fellowship with the children of God.
 I enjoy crucifying Christ afresh and putting Him to open shame
 I would prefer hell to heaven.
 I want to show God throughout eternity that I have a mind of my own.

CHECK ONE OR MORE

We know that it is often difficult to think up fresh excuses week after week when questioned about your absence from the public worship services and sometimes you may be tempted to lie a little. Perhaps this list will help with both these problems.--Sel.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING

For all that God in mercy sends:
 For health and children, home and friends
 For comfort in the time of need.
 For every kindly word and deed,
 For happy thoughts and holy talk,
 For guidance in our daily walk,
 For everything give thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,
 For verdant grass and lovely flowers,
 For song of birds, for hum of bees,
 For refreshing summer breeze,
 For hill and plain, for stream and wood,
 For hill and plain, for stream and wood,
 For the great ocean's mighty flood,
 For everything give thanks!

For sweet sleep which comes with night,
 For the returning morning's light,
 For the bright sun that shines on high,
 For the stars glittering in the sky,
 For these and everything give thanks!

--H. I. Tupper-- Sel.

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WHY ARE FIRE TRUCKS RED?

Do you know why fire trucks are red? Well, fire trucks have four wheels and eight men. Four and eight make twelve. There are twelve inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth is a ruler; and "Queen Elizabeth" is the largest ship on the seven seas. Seas have fish. Fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. The Russians are red. Fire trucks are always rushin'. Therefore, fire trucks are always red!

If you think that the above is wild, you ought to hear some of our members trying to explain why they are not attending Bible study!
 --Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This being the first Sunday, the two Nursing homes will be expecting us for our usual gong service. We meet at the Miller Merry Manor at 5 o'clock, and the Lagrange at 5:30. We invite any and all to join us at those times.

This evening brother Carl Johnson and his wife Emma, plan to worship with us. The Johnson's have been in India for several years (Mt. Zion) and have some things which they could share with us. They had formerly known the Walter Pigg family (Susan Adams' family) and also had spent a month or so in Norway with the Herrons. We have invited brother Johnson to speak for the evening service so that we might be better able to understand better the work of evangelizing in India.

Other events coming up:

Area singing next Sunday, 3 p.m. at Huntington.
Area support meeting for Southwestern Christian College on Mar. 20 in Ft. Wayne.

Scrus program to be presented by the Great Lakes Christian College from Beamsville, Ontario, Canada on Mar. 22.

Following evening services on Mar. 17, brother Ben Sherfield will give a talk and slide presentation about Camp Indogan.

Work days at Camp Indogan on Saturdays doing clean-up damage from last tornado (topping fallen trees so logs can be salvaged).

Our spring meeting with Alan Bryan May 9-11.

A letter is on the board from the Pieratts. They express appreciation for all the cards, letters, and prayers for them and the Cox's.

Several that have had the flu are well again, and we are happy that they are back to services again.

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

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March 7, 1976

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Children's Bible Hour	9:30 A. M.
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Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . .

All the water in the world, however hard it tried, could never sink a ship -- unless it got inside.

All the evil in the world, the blackest kind of sin, can never hurt you one bit -- UNLESS YOU LET IT IN.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

In a sense, everything that happens to me is a gift from God. I may resent disappointments, rebel against a series of misfortunes which I regard as unmerited punishment. Yet in time I may come to understand that these can be considered gifts of enlightenment. They teach me that many of my punishments are self-inflicted, in some way unfathomable to my human intelligence, my suffering could be the consequence of my own attitudes, actions or neglects.

This spiritual approach to my problems can lift my thinking to a level at which I can gain new perspectives and find solutions I never dreamed were possible.

All of us tend to rebel against the unhappiness in our lives; we try to understand; we resent what we cannot understand. Rebelliousness will only heap one frustration on another until we learn to get out from under, and let God take a hand in our affairs.

--Selected

THE BIG FACTOR --"Church attendance is determined more by desire than distance."

BETTER NOT READ THIS! "That is, if you are in the habit of skipping the services of the church; "If your son died saving your neighbor from a fire, how would you feel if the neighbor skipped the funeral to fishing?"

RIGHT! "Nearly everybody has a remedy for the troubles of everybody except his own."

SAY THAT AGAIN ONLY SLOWER "Business is what, when you don't have any, you go out of."

--Selected--

BIBLE ARITHMETIC

Follow instructions. See if you can get the correct answer.

1. Write down the age of Methuselah when he died.
 2. Subtract the length of Noah's ark in cubits.
 3. Multiply this by the number of men in Eden.
 4. Add the number of days in creation.
 5. Subtract the "number of the beast" in Rev. 13:18
 6. Add the number of years Israel wandered in the wilderness.
 7. Divide by the number of deacons first chosen in the church in Jerusalem.
 8. Add the number of fish the disciples caught in John 21.
 9. Subtract the number of chapters in Isaiah.
 10. Add the number of foxes Samson caught.
 11. Subtract the age of Moses when he died.
 12. Divide by the number of mites the poor widow gave.
 13. Subtract the age of Jesus when he began to preach
 14. Divide by the number of hours Daniel was astonished.
 15. Finally, subtract the number of sheep that were left in order to find one that was lost.
- Your final answer should be the age of Josiah when he began to reign.

--Larry F. Palmer
Submitted by Tom Tunstill
via Northridge Bulletin

KNOWLEDGE.

Knowledge humbleth the great man, astonishes the common man, puffeth up the little man.

Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much. Wisdom is humble that he knows no more.

--Selected--

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is to be an area singing at Huntington this afternoon at 3. It's about 80 miles down there but they would appreciate our support, if we can go.

An area meeting is also planned for the Southwestern Christian College next Saturday. A meal together at noon, then a program. This is to be at Ft. Wayne. If any would like to go see brother Hoggatt.

Remember, week from Monday evening, Mar 22, the Great Lakes Christian College youth Chorus will present a program here. Time 7:30. Approx. 20 of 40 some young people have been spoken for, but volunteers are still needed to supply the evening meal and beds for the night. Mattresses could be borrowed from the camp, if any has room, but not enough beds. Ladies are to meet right after evening services to further plan this.

This Wed. evening brother Ben Sherfield (Coldwater congregation) will be here to speak about Camp In-dogan. We will have regular classes first (bell to ring at 7:40) then Ben will address the assembly.

A recent letter from Carl & Jessie Pioratt gives this address: 1701 Spencer Ave.

New Bern, North Carolina 28560

They plan to be there for another two weeks, before they return home around the 1st of April.

Sister Yvonne Hicks' mother, Mrs. Vicenta Suarez, has been found to have cancer in a recent surgery. Yvonne has ask for the prayers of the church

A recent appeal for support to help the Charles James' to go to Marinette, Wisc. (where Jerry and Dorothy Pace are) raised \$35.00/mo. Thanks for this.

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March 13, 1976

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THINGS YOU NEVER REGRET

Showing kindness to an aged person.
Destroying the letter written in anger.
Offering the apology that saves a friendship.
Stopping a scandal that was wrecking a reputation.
Helping a child to find God.
Taking time to honor your "Father and Mother".
Accepting the judgement of God on all questions.
selected

THE BOY WHO NEVER RETURNED

Once upon a time a little bright eyed boy attended Bible School on the Lord's day. He heard the teacher read and stress, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." He was favorably impressed by the lesson. He was so thrilled that he went back to church that evening and asked for his teacher. He wanted to sit by her and be near her for she had won his little heart. To his dismay he was told she seldom came to night services. His spirit fell and he was heard to say, "And she told us, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

--Selected
via N. Central Bullentin

TEN REASONS FOR GOING TO HELL

1. It requires no effort at all to get there.
2. You can associate freely with bad company there.
3. You won't have the constant watchful eye of God over there.
4. You won't be expected to attend Bible study or worship - at all!
5. You won't have to give of your possessions - you won't have any to give !
6. Purity and goodness will not be expected of you.
7. There will be no faithful gospel preacher or elders there to "nag" you to greater Christian service.
8. You won't be lonely; many of your friends who followed your example will be there too.
9. There'll be no worry about judgment - it will be over. All you will have to worry about is serving your sentence for eternity.
10. There'll be no worry about Christ coming again; He won't....ever!

--Selected
via The Challenger

TRIUMPH IN CHRIST

Bible Thought: "Thanks be to God who leads us, wherever we are, on Christ's triumphant way." 2 Cor. 2:14, Philips)

When we turn to God, he creates a new life in us, a spiritual life, molded by him.

Then begins a lifetime of actively submitting our will to his. In the Bible we read of some, like Saul of Tarsus who found it difficult to submit. He had to be struck down on the Damascus road by the Lord himself before he abandoned his self-willed determination to persecute Christians. But after that experience, Paul the Apostle looked to the leading of God for guidance in knowing where to carry his ministry.

On Paul's three missionary journeys God opened some doors and closed others; the first journey began when the Holy Spirit ordered the Antioch elders to "separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2, KJV). Later he was forbidden by the Spirit to go into Bithynia, and was directed to Philippi instead. In our reading today Paul remembers a time when he could have remained at Troas, where "there was an obvious God given opportunity; but he had the freedom in Christ to move on to Macedonia where he could be with Titus. In either case he thanked God "who leads us wherever we are, in Christ's triumphant way." --Tim Tucker

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Power for Today

TRAITS OF A GOOD WORKER

He knows his job. He follows instructions carefully. He is respected by his fellow-workers. He has good judgment. He is adaptable to changes. He is consistent. He has a sense of humor. He is emotionally stable. He is loyal. He looks before he leaps. He does his work as though the job were his own.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yesterday there were some 140 to 150 people present at the fellowship in Ft. Wayne in support of the Southwestern Christian College in Terrill, Texas. This is basically a negro school which is staffed by Christians and one that is rendering a spiritual service to those who attend.

In support of another College from the north, the Great Lakes Christian College, the building here will be used for a choral program at 7:30 Monday evening. Approximately 40 young people from the Beamsville, Ontario, Canada college will present familiar religious songs. Notice was put in the paper that visitors are invited also. There has been a couple requests of the congregation concerning their overnight stay which should be covered again. Several have expressed their willingness to house one or more students Monday night. As a double check, would all who plan to do this please tell brother Norm how many you can take (mattresses from the camp can be used, if you have room but not enough beds) Also, the ladies have asked that each family bring pot luck (enough for their own family plus three or four more) for the evening meal at 6 O'clock. However, if you cannot arrange to do this, please plan to come to their program at 7:30. Arrange for others to come too. They will appreciate the program and no appeal will be made, nor contribution taken for their expenses. The college considers this spring tour an opportunity to acquaint the congregations with the college, and the students with some experience in Christian service.

A sister of Margaret Tuttle in California is to have heart surgery and Margaret has asked for our prayers in her behalf.

Ladies plan to meet this Wed. at 9:30 at the building for making tray favors.

Sister Goldie Pulley is some improved.

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

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March 21, 1976

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M A T U R I T Y - W H A T I S I T?

If you see someone you know deliberately snub you, and still make allowances for his actions ...

If you can listen to someone criticize you, even unkindly, and receive instruction from it ...

If you can suffer nagging pain, still singing and praising God, hiding your feelings for the sake of others.

THESE ARE MARKS OF MATURITY.

MAKE IT DEFINITE

Nobody ever won just anybody to Christ! Members seldom respond to our urging that everyone bring someone. We do get results when each one selects a certain person and concentrates his efforts on that individual.

There must be a plan, purpose and prayer in successful soul winning. Maybe the following suggestions will help you:

1. Realize the importance of winning someone to Christ. Do you believe the greatest thing a human being can do is to bring another to Christ? It really is!

2. Select some person. Don't become concerned with taking the world for Christ so that you forget the individual.

3. Love that person. "Love never faileth." Remember that one soul is worth more than all of earth's treasures.

4. Teach the person. "They shall be taught." From the sermon on the mount show the kind of life Christ requires. Turn to examples of conversion in Acts (chapters 2, 8, and 16), and show how one becomes a Christian.

5. Pray for him (or her), Pray earnestly that the soul you are seeking to win will be saved. Ask God to help you to say the right thing in the right way.

6. Persuade him. He may need only your love, encouragement and kind words of persuasion to decide for Christ NOW.

7. Bring him. Bring the person you seek to win to every service possible. You may be the only Christian who can win him to the Savior.

No soul can be won if no effort is made. May God grant each of us the joy of winning at least one person soon.

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via North Highland Bull'tin

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF WORSHIP

Many Christians are disappointed they do not receive more inspiration when they attend the services of the church. They are aware worship has played a significant part in the experience of Christians across the ages; but they do not receive strength as a result of hours they spend in worship. Sometimes the entire service is an unpleasant obligation of the week.

In order to benefit from worship, it should be a habit. It is essential that we regularly assemble ourselves together. (Heb. 10:25). There are Christians who think they can blunder into a worshipful spirit. Regularly worshipping God is not giving him a gift: It is rather an experience in fellowship with him and with his children which results in the renewal of strength and life.

Worship must always be approached expectantly. We must go to the church building with the knowledge and desire of having a close fellowship with God.

Obviously such an attitude rules out unnecessary whispering and disturbing discussions of trivial things.

The major way to receive a benefit from worship is to be a participant rather than a spectator. During the lesson, we should listen. Effective listening is never passive, but it is active. During the period of prayer, we should pray. In the song service we should sing. We must not be observers, but actively engage in worship.

All of us have a personal need for strength and guidance, which comes only from worshipping God in spirit and in truth. In genuine worship, we catch a glimpse of God and a challenge to live nobler and richer lives.

If worship is a dull rather than a dynamic challenge, start doing something about it now. You are the one who can make the change.

--Carrol B. Ellis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are several spring meetings that are scheduled, as follows:

Elkhart with Foy L. Smith Apr. 26-May 2

East Allen Co. (Ft. Wayne) with L. O. Sanderson
May 2 - May 6.

LAGRANGE WITH ALLEN BRYAN, MAY 9-11 (this meeting is primarily for the church in admonishing toward faithful stewardship) Keep these dates open. Other congregations will be invited.

So. Bend (Donmoyer Ave.) with Neil Anderson, also for the church - a Teacher's Workshop.

Other special meetings:

Ladies area fellowship, So. Side, Ft. Wayne on
Apr. 24

Youth Rally, E. Allen Ct. on Apr. 23 & 24.

Michigan Christian College Partnership dinner V
at Cobo Hall, Detroit Apr. 10.

This evening brother Jim Abraham (he was in the men's leadership training class) from near Marshall, Mich. will be visiting with us and presenting the lesson. We are happy for Jim's development in preaching the good news.

Following evening services, all are invited to a fellowship in rooms 7&8. A change requested - please bring enough finger foods for your family and a couple more. Kool-aid and coffee will be provided.

It's good to have Carl & Jessie Pieratt back. They were in Florida since January. Happened to be there when brother Fred Cox passed away.

For the youth:

Please meet in front of auditorium after services.

Skating at Holiday Rink, Elkhart, this Tuesday.

Furnish your own transportation to and from church building. Bus will leave at 5:30.

Teacher's plan to meet at 5:30 this eve. at house.

Sickness's to be announced at services.

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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JUST WONDERING ...

What God you will be serving and worshipping
this Sunday?

1. The God of FASE? Had a hard week - must rest.
2. The God of MAMMON? Cannot give liberally. Got so many other bills to pay.
3. The God of POPULARITY? Company coming - got to stay home with them.
4. The God of HEAVEN? Reason? Matt. 4:10

"HERE IS THE POINT"

"I really can't see why I need to be baptized." said a young man who had been hesitating over the question of confessing the Lord Jesus Christ. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," Quoted the preacher. "Yes, I know," replied the objector in triumph, "but it does not say that you cannot be saved; without it." The preacher then picked up a handbill that lay on the table. "See here," he said, "the symphony orchestra is in town tonight; are you going?" "Oh, no," responded the young man, "the price of admission is two dollars; and I do not have the money." "Oh, yes," said the minister, "I know it says, 'Admission, Two dollars,' but it doesn't say that you cannot get in without it."

Christian Thoughts

ISN'T IT INTERESTING?

The New Testament refers to the Lord's Supper 22 times in all. So, all true Christians consider this an important part of their weekly schedule. This must be done.

Baptism is mentioned about 120 times in the New Testament, so all sinners realize the importance of the act and comply with the Lord's teaching to be saved.

BUT, when Jesus teaches on another subject over 1,000 times some members of the church just treat it lightly. This massive amount of scripture refers to the Christian's obligation to study and teach God's word to others. Yet in spite of this great amount of emphasis on the need of Christians to study and teach, many treat this as insignificant.

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THE SINS OF THE TONGUE

There are 18 sins of the tongue mentioned in the Bible. Any of them will condemn your soul. Since they are so universal they are listed here to encourage you to be on guard. James 1:26 says, "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"

1. Cursing: Ex. 22:28; Jas. 3:10; IIPet. 2:10; Jude 8.
2. Flattery: Ps. 12:3.
3. Evil Speaking: Eph. 4:31; Ps. 34:13; Jas. 4:11; I Pet. 2:1.
4. Lying: Rev. 21:8; Prov. 6:17 & 19; Eph. 4:25
5. Forwardness: Pov. 4:24
6. Talebearing: Prov. 6:26
7. "Thou Fool" (harsh criticism) Mt. 5:22
8. Whispersers: Rom. 1:29
9. Backbiters: Rom. 1:30, Gal. 5:15
10. Poastings: Rom. 1:30
11. Decait: Rom. 3:13
12. Reviling: I Cor. 6:10
13. Foolish Talking: Eph. 5:4
14. Jesting: Eph. 5:4
15. False Teaching: Titus 1:11
16. Idle Words: Mt. 12:36
17. Blasphemy: Col. 3:8
18. Filthy Speech: Col. 3:8

"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and is set on fire of hell." (Jas. 3:6)

Excuse-making is also a sin and is condemned under "lying". The dictionary says that an excuse is a sham reason; a pretext; a subterfuge. That is an educated man's way of saying that it is a lie.

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