

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening, we are scheduled to sing at the two Nursing homes. Some who have been coming, will be gone this evening, so we would like to have others come out to help in this. Meet at the Merry Manor Home at 5 and the Lagrange Home at 5:30.

Last Sunday morning, Jim and Carolyn Craig responded to the invitation, asking prayers for their family and that the Lord's will might be done in their lives. Also Wednesday evening, Mary Ann Shears also asked prayers, that she might show a better Christian example in her daily life. Remember those in our prayers and acknowledge the strength that comes from a daily reading of God's word.

We are glad to announce that Sharon Mills was added to the body of Christ Last Monday evening. We commend her for this important decision in her life.

Brother Alan Bryan wrote this week asking if we could move his coming up a few days so that he might keep another appointment in Tulsa, Okla. the week of the 11th of May. For this reason, the new dates for the meeting will be May 6 thru the 9th.

On the offering board today will be placed a building fund line, which will show the amount to date, and from time to time, as the fund increases. Contributions for this should be separate from your regular contributions and earmarked "building fund".

We ask for some Saturday volunteers for bus canvassing and visitation on an occasional basis. See bulletin board and sign up a specific Saturday. We urge especially the teachers to do this, but can use all who can arrange to help. See bro. Perry M.

The young people are invited to the Hoggatt's this Friday evening at 6 o'clock. Wear play clothes.

Sister Pulley is about the same. Visit her as you can.

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April 4, 1976

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### BIG DIFFERENCE

This is the way the church sometimes  
looks to the preacher when he goes  
into the pulpit.

IT WOULD LOOK LIKE THIS IF EVERY BODY WOULD BRING SOMEBODY ELSE  
TO CHURCH.



## SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:

Most in the church today look upon the apostle Paul as a very great man and one truly that could be followed because of the wonderful and devoted life he lived. Other than Jesus, Paul is probably referred to more than all the other Bible characters put together. Therefore, it probably would be inconceivable that Paul would be called, in this day and age, a trouble maker, a rebel rouser, a rumor monger and many other choice names that man generates! Unbelievable?? Well he told the Ephesians elders "Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears" ! (Acts 20:31) He told the Corinthians ". . . there are contentions among you"! (I Cor. 1:11) He told the Galatians "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:"! (Gal. 1:6) Words from a man of God and therein lies the heart of the matter. People today states that "Paul was inspired" "He spoke by the Holy Spirit". Well, all the things written that we have in the Bible are by the Holy Spirit and the same warning are in effect. Brethren, the devil infiltrates the church today to destroy it just as he has from the very beginning! We are to take a stand against the devil. We can't ignore problems or sweep false teaching and false practice under the rug and expect it to go away. Gospel preachers must continue to warn. Elders must take a firm, positive stand and each christian must stand steadfast. Otherwise our candlestick will be removed from it's place. Can we afford this???

--Jim Harbin  
Northridge Bulletin

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

The following poem was written by Jim Abraham

Oh, God in heaven, please forgive me,  
For I know that worthy I'm not  
Of the kingdom nor the glory,  
For without blemish or spot I'm not!

Oh how I wish most gracious Father,  
That I could always do your good will;  
But you know what I am made of

And that sin abides in me still.

But please hear me, of gracious Father,  
Whom I love with all my heart.  
Please be patient just a while longer  
For you know that I've just made a start,  
That from sin makes me want to depart.

And believe me as I thank you for Jesus,  
Our hope and reminder of your love;  
For we know that life eternal would be hopeless,  
Had he not descended from above.

So in closing, help us always to remember  
That your grace and perfect love will abound;  
And through them our faith and long suffering,  
Both Satan and the world you'll astound.

--via Marshall Messenger  
Marshall, Michigan

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HAPPINESS, I have discovered, is nearly always a rebound from hard work. It is one of the follies of men to imagine that they can enjoy mere thought, or emotion, or sentiment! As well try to eat beauty! For happiness must be tricked! She loves to see men at work. She loves sweat, weariness, self-sacrifice. She will be found not in palaces but lurking in corn fields and factories and hovering over littered desks: She crowns the unconscious head of the busy child. If you look up suddenly from hard work, you will see her, but if you look too long she fades away. --D.Crayson



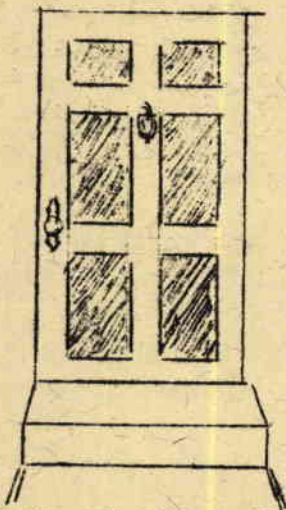
ANNOUNCEMENTS (con't. from page 3)

For all the announcements of events given on page 3, there are more particulars given on bulletin boards. If there are any questions please ask.

The area singing is at Bluffton at 3 this afternoon.

The Ladies plan to meet this Wed. at 9:30 for tray favors.

There are many opportunities for service that each member can be a part of. Always remember who you are: A Christian - here for a purpose.



*Every Door  
an  
Opportunity  
to  
Lead Others  
to  
CHRIST*

"He That Winneeth Souls Is Wise" Prov. 11:30

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April 11, 1976

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This is a busy world we live in.  
Are we too busy for God?  
He's not too busy for us,  
And He has a whole world to look after!

Thought: If we're too busy for God, we're too busy.



## WHATEVER BECAME OF SIN?

In recent years our ears have become accustomed to hearing wrongdoing described as "disease", "delinquency", "crime", and "deviancy". Such terms leaves one wondering if moral concern - SIN - is any longer an appropriate concept.

Karl Menninger, one of the nation's leading psychiatrists and member of the Menninger Foundation, offers a fresh understanding of sin in his book, "Whatever Became of Sin?". Menninger affirms "I believe there is 'sin' which is expressed in ways which cannot be subsumed under verbal artifacts as "crime", "Disease" etc.... there is immorality; there is unethical behavior; there is wrongdoing." Menninger believes that diagnostic labels in psychiatry such as "melancholia", "dementia", etc. diminish recognition of moral responsibility in the minds of the public.

We call wrongdoing everything except what it is - SIN. Mental illness certainly exists, but such a designation cannot be permitted to absolve humanity of its moral responsibility.

Recovery of "sin depends upon a reassertion of moral leadership. "if the terms "sin" is ever revived, we will all have a voice in it. But the clergy will have reasserted an authority for leadership in the moral field which they have let slip from their hands... We laymen have a responsibility for supporting the ministry; we are reminded of the priesthood of all believers." So says Menninger. (except for the clergy-layity distinction he makes a good point).

Sin is not removed by name changes, passage of time or "enlightened disapproval of the concept." Sin is real! It destroys! Only God removes our sin.

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Where there is faith, there is love;  
Where there is love, there is peace;  
Where there is peace, there is God  
Where there is God, there is no need.

## IS IT LATER THAN YOU THINK?

Someone has prepared a very interesting time table. It made a mathematical parallel of a life span with a 24 hour day. If studied, it will cause you rather serious reflection. See what you have accomplished or left unaccomplished;

If you are 15 years old it is	8:51 a.m.
If you are 20 it is	11:08 a.m.
If you are 25 it is	12:25 a.m.
If you are 30 it is	1:25 p.m.
If you are 35 it is	2:59 p.m.
If you are 40 it is	4:14 p.m.
If you are 45 it is	5:43 p.m.
If you are 50 it is	6:30 p.m.
If you are 55 it is	8:08 p.m.
If you are 60 it is	10:11 p.m.
If you are 70 it is approaching	midnight.

When the bell tolls for you at the midnight hour of death, on which side of God's judgment seat will you stand?

What are you doing with your life? As God gives us each year, let us resolve to make the best of it.  
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### Announcements

Gospel meetings scheduled in the area are:

Apr. 26-May 2, Elkhart, Foy Smith preaching  
May 2 - 6 , East Allen Co., L.O.Sanderson preach.  
May 6 - 9 , Lagrange, Alan Bryan

Other dates to remember:

Apr. 29, 24 , East Allen Co., Reeder Oldham  
Apr. 24, Ladies Fellowship, Ft. Wayne  
Apr. 17, Gospel Singing, Watervliet, Mi. (three Quartets will present programs)  
Apr. 24, MCC Chorus at DonMoyer, So. Bend. Time 7:30  
May 14, Area Fellowship, Heritage House, Ft. Wayne



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before we get into some of the announcements of which our members should be informed, let us say to our visitors that we are grateful for your presence, and sincerely extend an invitation to meet with us regularly. Our worship today of singing, praying, Bible study (preaching) contributing, and observance of the Lord's Supper is no different from any other Lord's day, as we follow the example of the early Christians, and they did these things every first day of the week. If anyone has questions regarding the worship, or any teaching, please feel free to speak to us about it.

A most important announcement for the church here is the meeting with Alan Bryan May 6-9. This man is different, but inspiring and thought provoking. We believe that every member will want to hear him at each service. THIS MEETING IS FOR US!

Elkhart's meeting with Foy Smith is April 26 thru May 2. Brother Smith is also powerful in the Word and would be an inspiration for any to hear.

Ladies fellowship this Saturday (see bulletin board). Also youth Rally at East Allen Apr. 23,24. The Michigan Christian College chorus will be at Dormoyer Ave. in So. Bend next Sat. Eve. Also the Area Fellowship will be May 14 at the Heritage House in Ft. Wayne. For more info. on all these events, see bulletin board.

Sister Goldie Pulley is improving slowly. Her daughter arranged for her to spend today with her family. She will return to the hospital by evening. .... Paula Griffin, who was hospitalized with an injured leg, returned home this week. She hopes soon she can be riding the bus again.

Thanks to all who gave for the pavillion at Camp. Nearly \$3000, was raised for this needed facility and it now should be a reality by camp time.

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## L A G R A N G E

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April 18, 1976

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### CHURCH OF CHRIST

... is a group of believers in Christ dedicated to returning to the WORD OF GOD. We believe that the word today is "living and active" (Heb. 4:12) We also believe that God through a knowledge of His Son "has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness" (11 Pet. 1:3). We believe that "all scripture is inspired of God" (11 Tim. 3:16). We invite You to join us in our search for the truth of God's word in matters that face TODAY'S WORLD.  
**BACK TO THE BIBLE, WE BELIEVE, IS THE ONLY ANSWER!**



## A FIFTY-YEAR-OLD DECISION

by Gus Nichols

People do not accidentally attend worship without missing one worship service for twenty years. They must have planned to always attend.

Soon after I obeyed the gospel in the fall of 1909, I read of an old brother who had not missed going to church a single Sunday in 41 years. That story caused me to resolve and to purpose in my heart that I would never miss the worship on a single Lord's Day as long as I lived, if possible to attend. I have missed four Sundays in over 50 years, and then it was because of illness.

Once I made that decision, the question has not come up as to whether I would attend church services. In fact, I did not decide last Lord's Day to go to services, nor the Sunday before. That was decided over fifty years ago.

IT IS A SIN for any member of the church to miss the worship unless he is unable to attend. The very nature of our religion is such that those who feel this is a burden need to be converted.

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ATTENDING SERVICES DOESN'T DEPEND ON HOW FAR

YOU LIVE FROM THE CHURCH BUILDING, BUT HOW CLOSE

YOU LIVE TO GOD!

## PREPARATION TO LIVE

Many people speak of their lives as being a preparation to die. This is a defeatist attitude! Our lives should be a preparation to live; to live with God and Christ throughout eternity. Christianity is devoted to helping people prepare to live. It helps them live here. It is truly the abundant life and Christianity guides its followers into the true happiness of living here on this earth.

Hence, physical death is not a conclusion for the Christian. It is a means of attaining life. Not earthly life bounded by years, but life eternal in a place especially prepared for those who are faithful unto death.

Too many people actually prepare to die by refusing to follow the gospel of Christ in their everyday living. They live a life of sin and so, they will suffer eternal punishment which is the second death.

May each of our lives be a preparation to live ..  
... the abundant life here and eternal life hereafter.

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BE WISE

HEAR  
and  
OBEY

MATTHEW 7:24



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning tomorrow evening through next Sunday, brother Foy Smith will be holding a gospel meeting at the Elkhart congregation. This is a return engagement for brother Smith, and he is very capable in proclaiming the Word. We urge all, if the time can be worked in, to hear brother Smith.

Our meeting begins with brother Alan Bryan a week from Thursday and continues thru Sun. (May 6-9). We will have the schedule as well as the main topics by this Wednesday for distribution to the members. Since this meeting will be designed for members only, the only visitors we may expect will be members of the Lord's church from surrounding congregations. For this meeting "we are the inner circle!" We believe you'll appreciate the lessons.

For the evening service this evening, brother Alan Adams will be speaking. Following the service, we invite all to stay for a period of fellowship. Please bring enough finger foods for your family plus a few more and we'll have plenty. Soft drinks and coffee will be furnished.

Sister Jesse Picratt is in room # 103 at the Lutheran hospital in Ft. Wayne. She is taking treatments and it will be about two weeks before she can return home..... sister Goldie Pulley is about the same

Ladies are to meet this Wed. at 9:30 (tray favors)

Skating party Monday eve. at North Roller Dome in Ft. Wayne. Bus will leave at 5:30, return about 10:30. From interest shown, two busses might go.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EXHORTER

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April 25, 1976

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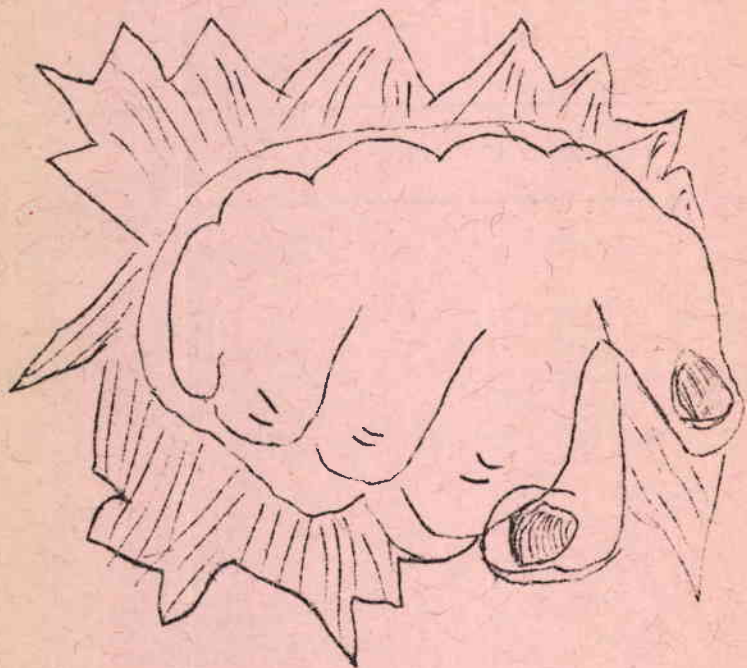
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### T A K E T I M E

TO THINK --- Thoughts are the source of power  
TO READ ---- Reading is the fountain of wisdom  
TO PRAY ---- Prayer is a rock of strength  
TO LOVE ---- Loving is what makes living worthwhile  
TO LAUGH --- Laughter is the music of the soul  
TO GIVE ---- Any day is too short for selfishness  
TO PLAY ---- Play is the secret of perpetual youth  
TO DO THE WORK OF GOD --- THE NIGHT COMETH WHEN NO  
MAN CAN WORK Jn. 9:4



# ARE YOU GUILTY?



OF NOT ATTENDING ALL THE SERVICES OF THE CHURCH????

YES, IT'S A SIN!

Forsaking the assembling of God's people is a sin. Those who willingly forsake the assembling of themselves as the custom of some, are lost and will be lost eternally if they do not repent.

This is not just an opinion. It is the undeniable truth. The careful student of the Bible knows it. Yet it is obvious that many who profess to be Christians deliberately and willfully absent themselves from the appointed assemblies without the slightest feeling

or remorse or recognition of their sin.

I am convinced that many who are members of the church are completely unaware of such action constituting sin. Apparently they feel that one who cores occasionally when it is convenient or nothing prevents his faithfulness to the Lord is acceptable.

Absenteeism weakens the influence of the church upon the community in general and upon the lost whom we hope to reach in particular. We hope this is not the example you are creating. We have no idea what we could do in this community or any other, if we could have the support of all who claim membership in the Lord's church.

We have no intentions of being unkind or hypercritical in bringing these facts to your attention. It is our purpose to bring you to a full realization that absenteeism will cause a child of God to lose his soul. Let us hope that each one can see this and do something about it while there is time and opportunity.

A strong church cannot be built of weak members, and strong members cannot be made out of those who come when it is convenient to come. Any service conducted in the name of the Lord is a good work.

Yes, it's sin to forsake the assembly, and we must all guard against this weakness. God will not accept excuses from us. He must be first in our lives and everything else second.

--Selected.

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IT'S LIFE BLOOD -- We sometimes hear the expression, "There is a dead church". or, "There is a Live church". What does that mean? When we talk about a "live" church, we mean a congregation of members who are active in every sense of the word. By "dead" church we mean a group of members that are lukewarm, indifferent, and inactive in the Lord's service. Therefore, I, as a member of the church am the lifeblood and if I am working and active the church is a "live" church. It all depends on me !!

--Sel.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Being that this is the first Sunday, the two Nursing Homes will expect our usual visits; The Miller Merry Manor Home at 5 and the Lagrange Home at 5:30. If You appreciate visits, won't you come and visit THEM ? They appreciate it too,

Our meeting with Alan Bryan begins this Thursday and continues through Sunday. Brother Bryan is a very common but dedicated servant with a knack for "putting the fodder where the calfs can reach it" (making it plain and simple for all to understand). This meeting is for the church only so the great need is to bring yourself - not the outsiders. Schedules are printed - be sure to get one. The first meeting is Thursday eve. at 7:30.

A canvass was made yesterday of Mongo for the Bus ministry to begin there. We thank all who helped and welcome the new students in our Bible School.

We failed to mention Wed. evening that Verna Thomas will be leaving today to go into the service. We'll pass on her new address when we get it.

Those who planned a monthly contribution to the Marinette work, please be reminded to do it. This amount will be sent this week.

Sister Jesse Picratt will likely be coming home from the hospital Monday. She is getting along good.... Goldie Fulley is better, but not well enough to return home yet.... Mrs. Gertrude Sauls out of intensive care and in room #106. We are We are happy for all these good reports

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## L A G R A N G E

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May 2, 1976

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#### L O R D ...

Make me an instrument of Thy peace:  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despire, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.



## "VISITATION IS THE KEY"

Someone has said that a program of visitation in the church is likened unto the heart and bloodstreams of the human body. When the heart ceases to beat, life quickly ceases. When the church ceases to visit, it will cease to grow. We have a wide field to visit: the sick, the visitors, the absentees, and the newcomers to the community in which we live. The BIG letter in the word "visitation" is "I". We must not think of how little or how much "others" are doing, but we must look in retrospect of OURSELF and ask, "How much am I (there's that BIG letter again) doing?" WE MUST....Find all that are lost, teach all that we find, win all that we teach, enlist all that we win, and love all we enlist. DON'T FORGET: When we go, they come; when we keep going, they keep coming!!!!

--Selected

## SURPRISE

I dreamed death came the other night  
and heaven's gate swung wide;  
With kindly grace an angel ushered me  
inside.  
And there to my astonishment stood folks  
I'd known on earth ----  
Some I'd judged and labeled as Unfit  
or Little Worth.  
Indignant words rose to my lips, but never  
were set free.  
For every face showed stunned surprise:  
No one expected me. Anon

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THE WORK AN UNKNOWN GOOD MAN DOES IS LIKE A VEIN  
OF WATER FLOWING HIDDEN UNDERGROUND, SECRETLY MAK-  
ING THE GROUND GREEN.

IF, AS THE POET SAYS, "ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART  
GROW FONDER," SOME FOLKS MUST REALLY LOVE THE CHURCH.

## "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'sneakin 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 accusin' 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 for you.

--Selected

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## THE KINDLY TOUCH

A friendly word, a kindly deed,  
A cheerful smile each day.  
A helping hand to those in need,  
We meet along life's way.

A bracing word when things go wrong  
And tears aren't far behind,  
Gives hope anew to make one strong  
And understanding, find.

Not much to ask or say, or do,  
But oh! It means so much.  
Who knows! One day it could be you  
Who needs that kindly touch. --Sel.



The attendance to the meeting with brother Bryan (Alan, that is) has been excellent. Surely those who could have come, and just didn't, must have their priorities mixed up. We are thankful to God for the inspiration that Alan gives to the person who seeks to be a better steward. Several such people responded, with repentance in their hearts and dedication to serve Him better: Fred Oakley, Penny Oakley, Jerry Hicks, Bob Hicks, Alan Adams, Sharon Simpson, Dick Hostetler, Vicki Hicks, Kim Herron, Yvonne Hicks, Jesse Pieratt, Dean Hoggatt, Margaret Tuttle, Jean Bowen, Lesly Hoggatt, Mary Wilson, Joe Oakley, Sharon Mills, Marilyn Herron, Midge Hughes and Mary Ann Wade. Also Bob and Mary Fretz' confessed their negligence and wanted to be recognized as members here. May God bless all these souls, as they look to Him and their brethren for strength. Go to God in prayer for them, please.

For lack of space, some announcements will be given in the assembly. Please stay for the dinner following services and brother Alan will present a final lesson at 1:30. His flight from South Bend to Memphis will leave at 4:30. We express to Alan our sincere thanks for coming and sharing with us rich treasures from his storehouse. It did the church here a world of good, and his confidence in us makes us aware of a greater committment to God.

See bulletin board for area gospel meetings, senior and junior youth rally's at Camp Indogan. Also next Sunday a picnic is planned for the bus children. We need plenty of adult supervision, donations of sugar & kool-aid (children to bring sack lunch) and sports activities workers. Volunteer for some of these needs to Perry Miller.

Sister Goldie Pulley is now home from the hospital. Sister Sauls is not recovering as fast as it was hoped. They need our prayers.

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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May 9 , 1976

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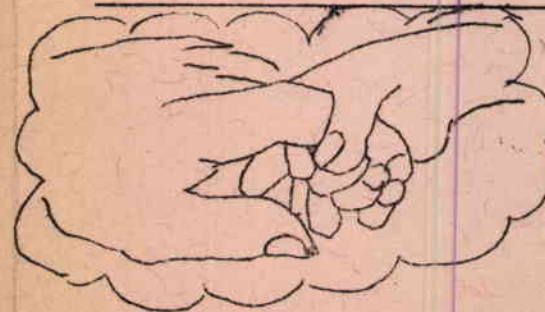
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ARE YOU  
LEADING  
TO  
HEAVEN?



## A PERSONAL WORKER

If we love Christ as he loves us, then we should  
spread His word.'  
For the story from the Bible is the best I've  
ever heard.  
It tells us how to save our souls from Satan's  
fiery hell,  
And with this knowledge we should go find  
someone else to tell.  
There may be someone waiting to hear this just  
from you,  
So we should all go knock on doors, for God  
expects us to.  
There's people who won't understand and quickly  
close their door,  
But don't give up just look around, there's  
always plenty more.  
God said to use our talents and he gave us all  
two feet,  
We'll all be using part of these just walking  
down some street.  
Especially if we tell someone how Jesus saved  
our soul,  
And let them know without a doubt that Heaven  
is our goal.  
When we help others in this world we also  
help ourself,  
But religion can't help anyone when stored upon  
a shelf.  
Your faces all look good to me I hope that's  
understood,  
But they don't look as good right now as a group  
of new ones would.  
The point I've tried to make is this, we all  
should bring a friend,  
To worship here May 9th when services begin.  
--Kenneth Bagwell--Selected--

ON TARGET "Truth is universal--that is the reason  
a person sometimes thinks that the speaker is  
aiming everything he says at him." --Sel.

## THE OLD STORY

"To-morrow," he promised his conscience;  
"Tomorrow I mean to believe;  
Tomorrow I'll think as I ought to;  
Tomorrow my saviour receive.  
Tomorrow I'll conquer the habits  
That hold one from heaven away."  
But ever his conscience repeated one word,  
And only one word, "Today."

Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow--  
Thus day after day it went on;  
Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow--  
Till age and his passions had written  
The message of fate on his brow;  
And forth from the shadows came Death,  
With the pitiless syllable, "NOW!"

"What will you do with Jesus?"  
The call comes low and clear,  
The solemn words are sounding  
Now in your listening ear.  
Immortal life's in the question,  
And joy through Eternity.  
"Then, what will you do with Jesus?"  
What will your answer be?

--Selected

## "MY CHILDREN"

Lord, I would not grow so busy that I cannot 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 cannot stop to listen to the things my child-  
ren 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.  
--Selected



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to read the inside pages of the bulletin this week and consider what is asked. We have a busy summer coming up and all of us can be a part of it.

First of all, the names of Devon Hostetler, Lois Oakley, Connie Weaver, Kay Eller, Gary Pieratt, Sharon and Terry Simpson, Maria Negrette, Barbara Boyd, Zoa Herr and Perry Miller should be added to those mentioned in last weeks bulletin ( 33 in all) to respond to the invitation of a more dedicated life in service to God. With such a tremendous response, and God on our side, the great work of our Lord in Lagrange, can only go forward. This is a great church here! Let's rise to our responsibilities and opportunities!

Our VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL week is set for June 14 -18. As usual we'll call on many to help, and we know that you will. We hope to have 3 busses going by then, and will entail work and rewards.

Such a short space could not adequately describe the program that the Williamstown, W. Vir. church is having this year and the training which they have given to the hundreds of churches starting a bus ministry. Three thousand are expected this year. We plan to take all that can go. You'll be glad you did. Sign up in the lobby, let Perry know. Dates for this is June 22,23 & 24.

Our building plans for new classrooms is coming off the drawing board. More on this soon!

We are glad that Martin Hall and Lilly Pelfrey are now home from the hospital. Up to date announcements will be given at services.

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## L A G R A N G E

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## E X H O R T E R

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May 16, 1976

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### Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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### FOR WHOM ARE YOU WORKING?

A mill that was manufacturing war goods during World War II, put the following sign over the gate: "When you lay out, you are working for Hitler." Applying this principle to the church, the sign might be made to read like this, "When you stay away from the meetings of the church, you are working for the devil." Do you remember Mt. 12:30? "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." For whom are you working?



"... I was in prison, and ye came unto me."  
(Mt. 25:36)

The following is taken from a letter that I received from Danny Whatley who is in prison.

"Well Mr. Herron if you have the rest of that course I would appreciate it if you would send it to me. I had 1 & 2 but not the last three. I'm going to work on Bible Study Courses the whole time I'm here. There's an awful lot that I don't understand. And I can feel the difference when I'm away from it. Well I don't know much to say because I don't know what they are going to have me doing. I'm hoping for school. I would like to thank you for all you've done to help me. I really appreciate your concern for people. I wish there were more people like you. Well I guess I'll close for now. Write back."

Your friend in Christ,  
Danny

Danny is a young man who got off on the wrong track. He came to Lagrange with another boy from Florida to visit some friends. One night, he and two others got drunk and tried to rob a house. They were caught and put in the county jail.

In a way Danny is glad it happened. It has made him realize that there are more important things in life than just boozing it up. It has caused him to seriously consider his relationship to God and to turn to God's word for guidance in his life.

Danny isn't bitter about being sent to prison. He isn't blaming anyone but himself for what has happened. He needs to be encouraged to continue to study God's Word. Won't you take the time to write him a few lines of encouragement.

His address:

Norm

Danny Whatley No. 8856-1, Box 76, Greencastle, In

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JUNE 4, 5&6, 1976  
1976 CAMP INDOGAN  
ADULT ENCAMPMENT

Previous to this year, for the past fourteen consecutive years, the first week-end in June was reserved for a MENS' LECTURESHIP AND OVERNIGHT ENCAMPMENT. The men from the OHIO, MICHIGAN AND INDIANA areas attended with regularity once they started coming and enjoying the fellowship and inspiration from the various speakers and subjects dealt with over the years. As with all programs, there is room for improvement. After assessing the value that such a program holds for all Christians and the beautiful setting that Camp Indogan affords, it was suggested and received enthusiastically that the encampment be held for adult Christians, both men and women. Since the camp holds yearly, youth rallies for both the junior as well as senior age groups in mind, it was decided to have this first adult encampment to exclude anyone under 19 years of age. In other words, the program of speakers will be geared for an adult enrollment.

The theme of this year's encampment will be "THE CHRISTIAN HOME". The featured speaker to guide us in this theme is brother J. J. Turner who is Present of the American Christian Bible College and a teacher at the White's Ferry Road School of Biblical Studies in West Monroe, Louisiana. Also brother Don Gardner, President of Michigan Christian College is scheduled on the Saturday morning program. There are brochures explaining the entire program, which begins Friday evening and concludes Sunday noon. The cost is nominal for a couple, but the returns are invaluable. We would like to see every couple who can possible arrange to have their children taken care of for these dates, to attend this encampment. We also owe it to ourselves occasionally to "get away from the regular routine" and get a broader scope on our relationship with our God and our children.

Please ask for this brochure and give it very serious thought to attending.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening bro. Dale Morgan will be speaking for the regular evening services. We appreciate the men of the church here for their saying "yes" to such opportunities. Shouldn't every Christian have an attitude that says yes to the Lord's work? ...Also the regular 4th Sunday eve. fellowship will be right after evening services. Each family please bring finger foods. ~~Drinks~~ will be provided.

The elders would like for all the men to meet for a few minutes after evening services concerning the new building plans. Perhaps while the classrooms are being prepared, we can do this.

The family of Ronnie Combs has been studying the Bible and filmstrips, the Mrs. Combs (Linda) saw her need to obey the gospel. Last Tuesday evening, while even many of our soul saving workers were still there about 10 p.m. they witnessed her baptism. They moved to Rome City just yesterday, and appreciate the help and food given during the day. Be sure to meet and greet this family today.

Brothers Perry, Norm and Joe Hughes went to Garden City (Detroit) Friday to bring back a "loaner" bus until we could buy our third one. It developed trouble on the way home and they returned it, much to the disappointment of all - but that was the best thing to do. We thank them anyway and hope that the bus can be repaired and we can put it into use soon. The offer of sister Mary Wilson to purchase a third bus is greatly appreciated. The Spears' have offered to equip it with a loud speaker system; brother Alan Adams will be the captain for bus #3. Others have volunteered to help -- all of which proves that the Lord's people can do much when they work together. ANNOUNCE. CON'T.-PG.#3.

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May 23, 1976

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Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
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### CAN YOU MEASURE A CHILD'S FUTURE?

The line of dots that run up our wall tell us our child is growing quite tall;  
Shoes that were large now squeeze his toes; my how quickly a little child grows;  
We are so eager to keep track of his height, in his physical growth we take such delight;  
But spiritual growth, which to God is a treasure, we might forget and fail to measure.

CHRIST GREW IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN. WILL OURS?



## SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:

"And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32) We know what the Truth is (John 17:17) but many times we don't understand what it will make us free from. For certain, it will not free us from that which we do not wish to be freed!

First of all the Truth frees us from sin and death. (I John 3:14) Not if we don't want to be freed. The terrible tragedy related in the paper recently of the boy with enough alcohol in his blood to kill him ran a car through a house and in the process killed six people. The Truth could not avert that because the Truth evidently was not desired! Jesus said if one would see with the eyes, hear with the ears, and understand with the heart, he should be converted and Jesus would heal him. (Matt. 13:15) Consequently we must recognize what the Truth can do and desire it to be done. How much better way than by earnestly studying the Truth and finding out how it will free us from sin and how it helps us continue to overcome sin.

The Truth frees us from fables and false teaching concerning God and the Lord Jesus. But not if we don't want to be freed. Recently in a Christian Paper a gospel preacher was quoted as saying that a Christian couldn't obey Matt. 6:33 and marry a non christian. By no stretch of anybodies imagination can Matt. 6:33 be made to relate to marriage. Jesus talks about food clothing and shelter but not marriage. The Truth found in I Cor. 7 and I Pet. 3 would not impress that preacher because he doesn't want to hear it, seeing he is promoting a fable. (II Tim. 4:4) But the Truth can free us from fables and false doctrine if we open our hearts to it for the entire word of God. The second marriage of a christian cannot be to an unbeliever (I Cor. 7:39) but no such restriction is placed on the first, only II Cor. 6:14-15). No one will deny it is better to marry a christian in any circumstance but if that is not possible, note that the Truth frees. Where better can we be made free than studying the

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truth and develop the desire to be free than with true christians.

Consequently, let us commend the bible classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday night. Let us plead with you to make these classes a part of your life. The elders desire you to know the truth! They are endeavoring to make it available to you! Why be reluctant to change? Why grumble? Know the truth!!

--Selected

ANNOUNCEMENTS CON't. from back page.

There are at least three events coming up which we want to encourage any to attend:

1. The ADULT ENCAMPMENT at Camp Indogan, June 4-6. The theme for this event is "The Christian Home" to be taught by brother J. J. Turner from the Whites Ferry Road School of Biblical Studies at West Monroe, Louisiana. He's reportedly an excellent teacher, and this would be an enriching time.
2. Our VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - dates June 14-18. Not only will a large attendance likely be present but we will need the help not only of teachers but helpers on busses, refreshments & babysitters. ~~teachers to assist for VBS.~~ Theme: Great Commission.
3. The WILLIAMSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA BUS WORKSHOP. Several have indicated on the bulletin board (sheet provided) that they want to go this year. It's the best Bus Evangelism Workshop among the Churches of Christ that we know about. If you need your faith "strengthened" on what our work with the youth of our area can achieve, you'll want to go. This is scheduled for June 22-24.

Brother Perry says the bus will leave the building at 5:30 for the skating party at the No. Roller Dome in Ft. Wayne this Monday eve. Provide "to & fro" rides.

Women to meet Wed. at 9:30 a.m. for some visitation work at the Nursing Homes. They appreciate your visit.

Let's remember those who are shut-in at home due to illnesses.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### In the Hospital

Congratulations to the Martins! Jim & Diane are the proud parents of a baby girl "Erin Jenell", born Wed. weight 6 lbs. 11 oz. It seems they broke a family tradition.

Goldie Pulley was readmitted to LaGrange Hospt. She is in Room 163B.

June Bills, a cousin to Connie Weaver, is in a diabetic coma in St. Joseph Hospt. in Ft. Wayne. Her condition is serious.

### On the Road

Luther & Nannie Hall are in Logan, W. Va. for a short visit with friends and relatives.

The Hoggatts traveled to Ocilla, Ga. to help Kathy move back home for the summer. Kathy plans to complete her masters this fall at David Lipscomb in Tenn.

### Under the Weather

Craig Hostetler underwent knee surgery at Lutheran Hospt. in Ft. Wayne. Craig injured his knee while playing baseball at school. His leg will be in a cast for several weeks.

Sis. Zoa Herr is feeling some better after a mild illness. Those having the flu bug: David & Jeremy Weaver, The Herron family, Dean Hoggatt and no doubt many others.

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## LAGRANGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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May 30, 1976

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### A DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN

A Christian is a person who is clean inside and out; who never looks up to the rich or down on the poor; who can win without bragging and lose without quitting; who's considerate of all others who are less fortunate than he; who takes the blessings of life and shares them with all.



## GOD REQUIRES EFFORT, NOT RESULTS!

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

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

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

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

ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor.15:58)

Dudley R. Spears

Since our meeting with Bro. Alan Bryan, there has been a renewed interest in soul saving. Several are for the first time trying to reach their friends and relatives with the word of God.

Every Tuesday evening a small group of dedicated "soul savers" goes out to visit with prospects and set up and conduct Bible studies.

Due to these efforts, numerous Bibles studies are presently in progress. Only time will tell if these will bear results.

Is it worth all the effort? One only has to see a precious soul respond to the gospel to know that it's worth all the effort. Won't you lend your efforts to this work?

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- June 4-6 Adult Encampment at Camp Indogan  
Theme: The Christian Home.
- June 14-18 Vacation Bible School at LaGrange.  
Invite and enroll your neighbors children. Theme: Great Commission
- June 22-24 4th Annual Bus Workshop at Williams town, W.Va. Be one of the many who are going from Lagrange.
- June 27- July 2 Senior Camp Session at Camp Indogan  
Kitchen help and male counselors needed. See Norm

Lets replace the summer slump...  
with a summer surge.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Garden City congregation near Detroit, Michigan, which for many years has supported brother Norm and his family, along with several other missionary families, has an annual reunion when all these they have supported come back "home". Sunday through Wednesday of this week is this occasion, so the Herron's are at Garden City today. We'll miss them, but happy that they can be with other close loved ones for this brief period.

One of our men here who aspires to be preaching more regularly is brother Dale Morgan. He will bring us a message this morning in Norm's place. In the evening brother Carl Pieratt will bring the message. We thank these men for the extra effort in preparing these lessons.

Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 14 through 18. Only one of the two boxes of our VBS order arrived (the other one was lost in shipment and had to be reordered, which is causing a delay for the teachers. Hopefully, by the first of the week we'll have all the materials. We need however, to have a teachers meeting.

VBS TEACHERS MEETING this evening immediately following services. All the workers for VBS are asked to meet, in classroom #7.

Area singing is next Sunday at Angola at 3 p.m.

Workers are needed for canvassing anytime this week for VBS. If you can help, see Thelma Hoggatt for some names of last years students.

Sister Goldie Pulley is now home from the hospital (staying with her daughter Frieda Axley in Howe) She appreciates visits.

We'll miss the Carl Pieratt's the next few weeks. They'll be visiting Carl's family in Canada.

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## L A G R A N G E

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June 6, 1976

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11 Peter 1:3,4 (Revised Standard Version)

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, that through these you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of passion, and become partakers of the divine nature.



## WORSHIP OR ENTERTAINMENT

In our point of time, we have developed a ravenous craving for entertainment. In fact, a great part of every dollar made today is spent directly or indirectly to satisfy this consuming appetite. There are some ever increasing dangers that are confronting the church because the members are bringing these appetites into the assemblies. It can be seen in the desire to criticize and the seeking of innovations in worship.

Worship is not entertainment. To worship is to do something quite different from going to a play or show to be entertained. The primary difference is that the worshipper is the actor and God is the audience. Those taking public parts in the worship service are only the prompters, encouraging the worship processes to be engaged in by each attendant. They are simply standing alongside of each worshipper, reminding and suggesting. Worship is not for the "clergy", not for only an ordained few, but it is inter-action that takes place between the worshipper and God. This comes from the heart and soul of the participant.

We have, because of our craze for entertainment, started viewing worship as ritual; something done for our benefit, instead of something we engage in because of our love and devotion to God, our Creator. This, of course, accounts for the lack of steadfastness in the attendance to services, because we haven't placed priority on worship, as true worship. It is only entertainment and that can be done or left off as we have the desire. The lack of attention and the seeming indifference of those present, show unquestionably that we have got to be entertained instead of this being a meaningful meeting between creature and Creator.

As long as we attend "church", instead of being dependent worshippers that are blessed with an opportunity to praise and adore the God of the universe, the Lord of life, the services will be dull and uninteresting and innovations bordering on sensationalism will be needed to pump some life into this boring "hour". When we, on the other hand, come reverently to His word to learn the prescribed acts that the Father allows as worship and then enter into them with our whole being, then life and power will again be present within us and also the church.

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### " LET US NEGOTIATE"

A hunter raised his rifle and took careful aim at a large bear. When about to pull the trigger, the bear spoke in a soothing voice. "Isn't it better to talk than to shoot? What do you want? Let us negotiate the matter." Lowering his rifle, the hunter replied, "I want a fur coat."

"Good", said the bear, "That is a negotiable question, so let us negotiate a compromise."

They sat down to negotiate and after a time the bear walked away alone. The negotiations had been successful. The bear had a full stomach and the hunter had a fur coat.

Satan says, "Let us negotiate". But there are some things that cannot be compromised. If we try to compromise with sin, we are deceiving ourselves and will fall into a trap that will destroy us.

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### A CHRISTIAN IS:

A MIND through which Christ thinks.  
A HEART through which Christ loves.  
A VOICE through which Christ speaks.  
A HAND through which Christ helps.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

An announcement that should have been in last weeks bulletin is that Steve Gill obeyed the gospel, and put his Lord on in baptism. Also Max Litke responded asking for prayers of the church on his behalf. Sorry that this wasn't announced last week, but we did want to make it known to all.

The big event this week is VBS. Several things regarding it: It looks like we'll be full, according to registrations. Ages this year are restricted from age 3 through grade 6 (exception: those involved in Bible Teaching, who have babies - they will be taken care of in nursery). Some things are still needed:

Sister Ellen Hostetler asks that each teacher bring 1 or 2 pitchers for kool-aid. We need donations for cookies, sugar and kool-aid (we expect around 200 each day - that's a lot of refreshments). Also needed are a few with cars that could be sent to remote areas for regular riders to relieve the busing problem some.

There is to be a Friday night VBS PROGRAM at 7 o'clock. We hope to have many bus children's parents here, but we would invite everyone. We urge members to be here for meeting visitors.

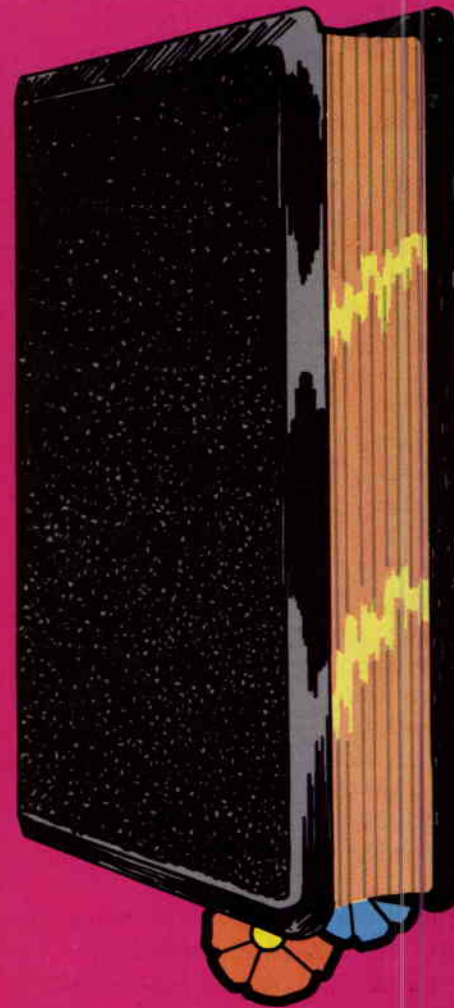
There will be no regular classes Wednesday evening. We'll all meet in the auditorium for service.

Following evening services, the VBS teachers are to meet in classroom #7 for last minute details.

Sis. Diane Martin expresses her thanks to the ladies for the shower gifts, and also the hostesses.

Brother Martin Hall is slowly improving (double pneumonia) in the hospital here... brother Jerry Hicks was released Thursday feeling good... Mrs. Hazel Herron (Norm's mother) is in Room 449 Anapolis hospital in Wayne, Mi. (Wayne may not be the correct town - will be checked out later) Please keep these and others sick in our prayers.

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your summer with...

# vacation bible school

"He is calling you"  
Mark 10:48

JUNE 13, 1976

LAGRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 14 - 18, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

age 3 to grade 6

For transportation call 463-3979 or 463-3571



## WHY PEOPLE WILL BE LOST

The seriousness of being lost can hardly be overemphasized! When we stand at the bar of judgment and give an account for the deeds done in this body we will also be giving account for the deeds not done at all. I know that there are many "big sins" that will cause people to be lost, but I believe these are obvious to all concerned. I feel that we need to put more emphasis on the minor things that more of us are probably guilty of.

First in the list I must put pride. Pride in the right things of the right kind is good and necessary. Many will be lost due to pride. There are those with whom I have opportunity to talk who realize that the church to which they give their allegiance is "man-made". These same people know that many of the things they practice are wrong according to the Scriptures. As far as the Bible is concerned they are unable to find "book-chapter-and-verse: for much that they do or leave undone. But due to pride they are willing to go on in error. Many of these good people continue in a certain denomination because their parents attended the particular group. I wonder if they have ever read the story of the rich man (so-called "Vives") in hell who suddenly decided that his family religion was no longer satisfactory. I am sincere in saying that millions are going to find that the "old family religion" was not adequate.

Secondly, I must mention a condition that touches even more people; that is the sin of indifference. This will be the cause of more of those who are members of the Lord's church to be lost than any other single thing. This will also include those who have not obeyed the gospel. They may be indifferent to the known truth, or they may be indifferent to learning the truth, as revealed in the Bible. While many know the truth who never obey it, there are also many who obey the truth who never "live it out" in their lives.

There are those who "lean toward the church of Christ". As one well known preacher said: "Hell will need to be built on a "slant" for those who lean toward the church of Christ." (We might add that there are those who lean out as well as toward.)

There are those indifferent members who try to "run with the hare and the hounds" at the same time.

Indifference is the reason "Christian parents are too doting towards their children. I am afraid that there are parents who prefer to let their children to be lost in hell than to correct them. When parents allow their children to do things they shouldn't they are saying very plainly: "I don't love your soul." If not; why not? We have a tendency to turn our children loose in high-powered cars before they are ready for it simply because other parents are doing it.

Later parents ""wake-up" sader, but wiser. Many times they find themselves prospective grandparents much before they had planned to be. Also the future of the bright boy or girl, or both, is drastically and permanently changed. They cannot go to college, as planned for many years, and maintain a family at the same time.

How many heart aches and tears (ould be avoided by a little more firmness on the part of parents at the right time! Even more tragic is the tremendous number of teen-age divorces that result from the immature individuals getting married several years before they had planned to. Our children are our heritage from God. Let us not waste our heritage by indifference to responsibility.

E.E.G.

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Oddly enough the world's shortest sermon is preached by a traffic sign: KEEP RIGHT.

"Children have more need of models than of critics."



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last weeks Vacation Bible School was everything that we expected. Large attendance, excited children, noise, problems, joy, challenge, good program, parent appreciation, good teaching, some tears, enjoyment, etc., etc., and, hopefully, God's approval. With the large attendance (202, 204, 203, 185 & 197) we are really fortunate and thankful to have had experienced teachers, else we would have been snowed under. As it was, however, the Bible School ran smoothly - one of the best. The building was full on Friday evening (in spite of the rain) with at least 20 couples (parents and relation of children) present. The church has been commended and respected in the community in general for its work with the youth. We are thankful for this opportunity and appreciate the efforts of all those who are working with them.

Sister Margaret Tuttle reports that her sister, Virginia Kreiss of Stockton, Calif. passed away June 18. We are sorry to hear this and express sympathy to the family for this loss.

The Melody Boys Quartette will present "The Gospel In Song" next Sunday, June 27, from 2:30 to 4:45 at the Willowdale congregation in Elkhart. All are invited to attend.

Many from here will be attending the Williams-town, West Virginia Bus Workshp this week. Let us remember these in our prayers, for their safety in travel and desire for greater service.

Brother Martin Hall is home over the week-end, but still has some pneumonia that must be carefully watched. We hope for his continued recovery.

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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

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June 20, 1976

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"Two hearts shall build a family altar;

Two prayers shall make perfect strength;

And the church of our Lord shall have,

Its roots and reservoirs in the Christian home"

- Anonymous -



## CAN A DEAD CHURCH OFFER LIVING HOPE?

The story is told of an elder who called on a member of the church. It was a social visit, but the conversation turned to the work of the church. Great progress had been made; the Lord had richly blessed their efforts; yet both agreed that other things needed attention.

"It seems to me," said the member, "that the church is always needing something. Every time we meet, there is a plea for money."

"You are right, my brother," replied the elder, sitting back in his chair. "The church is always needing something, but I had a little boy once who also seemed to be needing something all of the time. One week shoes, another then lunch money, bus fare spending money. I thought he asked for too much, but he hasn't asked for anything for years now. He quit needing anything from me. You see, he died one night; but there have been times when I would have given anything to hear him ask for something just once more. I even realized--after it was too late how much happiness I found even in his begging.

"Perhaps you have not missed the church. It has always been there when you needed it, and you have always taken it for granted. However, you do realize that you would feel about it as I do about my little boy if it were taken away from you. Frankly, I confess I did not know how much he meant to me, or how little I did for him till it was too late.

"So it is with the church. As long as the church stands, it will have needs. When it quits needing something it will be dead. A dead church cannot offer a living hope to a dying world. As long as my son lived, he had needs, but he filled a deeper need in me. The church that has no needs fills none. Many of us seem not to know that a growing church is a needy church."

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## QUIZ CORNER

1. Most girls are frightened and run if they see it.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Psalms 22:6
2. When you remove your coat and hat you should always hang them in a \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Kings 22:14
3. Boys enjoy climbing a \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 28:12
4. Perhaps one of the greatest thrills in a boy's life is to spend his first night in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 Samuel 17:54
5. In 2 Timothy 2:20 you will find a word which describes hollow dishes, and may also be used instead of the word boat. It is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. It's bought in a packet and stays where it falls and if it will flourish, time only can tell. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 8:5

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## WHY DID THE HOUSE SINK?

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While a contractor was debating the best landing place for a house which he had successfully moved a distance of a half mile over a small frozen lake in Minnesota, the building sank, in six feet of water! The ice, which was ten inches thick was abundantly strong to support the structure as it was moving along but could not bear up to the dead weight as it was brought to a standstill.

If you are a Christian, a church member, keep moving along with your part of the work - keep busy. If you stop to criticize, to find fault, your dead weight will not only be a burden that the church cannot bear, but you may lose your own soul - may go down to spiritual death in the cold water of indifference and be lost.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* There were seventeen from the church here who attended the Williamstown W. Vir. Workshop this past week. It has become one of the best workshops to teach one the HOW of reaching the lost. The value cannot fully be passed on - you have to be there to fully appreciate it. Ask Fred Oakley's, Jerry Hick's, Joan Bowman, Mary Wilson, Perry Miller, the Herron's or the Hoggatt's for their opinion. Thanks to all here for your prayers. They were answered. Hopefully next year many more might plan to go.
- \* The Melody Boys Quartette will be presenting a Gospel in Song program this afternoon from 2:30 to 4:45. Since many have expressed a desire to go, the bus will be leaving at 1:45, if enough want to go.
- \* Brother Norm will be directing the senior session at Camp Indogan this week. Bro. Joe Oakley will be taking Norm's class Wednesday evening. Remember to pray for Norm and other directors for the sessions this summer, as they work closely with the youth.
- \* The ladies will meet for tray favors this Wed. at 9:30 A.M. Teenagers are invited to this meeting.
- \* Bro. Wade Spears and sister Sharon Simpson are in the Lagrange hospital. Both are getting along well and should be released soon. Also Mary Shears' sister (Mrs. Rink) is also recovering from surgery. Make mention of these in prayer, along with others.
- \* Teachers who would like to make a change in their class for next quarter, please see brother Dean.

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June 27, 1976

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The date of July 4, 1976 will be a memorial one. It also happens to be the Lord's Day. What God will you be serving that Sunday?

The GOD of EASE? Had a hard week - must rest.  
The GOD of MAMMON? So many bills to pay - Can't give.  
The GOD of POPULARITY? Company coming - Can't Worship.  
The GOD of PLEASURE? Must take advantage of this day.  
or ..... The GOD OF HEAVEN ..... IN His work?

We invite all from the Lagrange congregation to devote this day to TEACHING THE LOST & PRAYER



## IS THE CHURCH COMING ALIVE?

Another great soul saving workshop shared by the Williamstown, West Virginia church with Christians from two to three dozen states has just concluded. This was the 4th such annual workshop shared with many many hundreds of people. Its emphasis, as from the beginning 4 years ago, was to educate the Lord's people as to their primary reason for being.

It is my observation that, by far, the great majority of Christians have really never gotten into their work. The usual weekly chore of attending one, two or three times a week is about as much time that can be allotted to God. Any suggestion that our whole life belongs to God and that we live 24 hours a day 7 days a week with Christ as our Lord, has not caught on.

I'm glad to see the church coming alive and addressing herself to this ungodly condition. And to a great extent her motive for doing it is not that it is right and God's purpose for us but that the denominational churches are showing us up. They have caught the evangelistic spirit and we have not. We who claim to have restored New Testament Christianity are being outstripped, and it's hard to take. And what really hurts, is that these multitudes are being "sold" on something less than the pure gospel of Christ. The apostle Paul in his day said that there is only one gospel and any perversion of the gospel is not the gospel (Gal 1:7) but one. Whatever the reason for a new look at our "restoration" plea, I am happy to be a part of it, for the churches of Christ have not, in our day, duplicated the evangelistic fervor that the early church had. And the truth of the matter is, we'll never do it until we are better informed. Read Acts 2 through Acts 6 (note especially Acts 2:41, Acts 5:14 and Acts 6:7) The early church was not

afraid of numbers. Our concept has always been too small.

We heard of one denominational church that had in excess of 100,000 people in attendance on a given Lord's Day. More than 400 busses were bringing them in - and to be taught what?-faith and acceptance of Christ in their life - baptism wasn't necessary to salvation. That's not what Jesus said. Mk. 16:16.

Come next spring, we will have been in the bus ministry 3 years. Our sphere of influence has been extended throughout the area and it needs to go further. We need more classroom space now. For far too long our first question has been, "What will it cost?" when it should be "Lord, what will you have me to do?"

Jesus said in Matt. 14:21 "... Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind" In verse 23, "... Go out into the highways and the hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled". We need to be evangelistic. We must be in order to please our Lord. We might quibble over the way, but we have no right to ignore the work.

The children of Israel were challenged to "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it". Malachi 3:10. Will not the Lord bless our efforts today, if we by faith launch out in order to do his will?.

It would be a tragedy for a "Christian" to go through life never learning that he is saved to save. We are glad to see the great soul saving efforts come to the fore across the brotherhood and the response that is long overdue toward the Lord.

Dean Hoggatt