

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In last weeks bulletin a suggestion was made that this 4th of July be indeed a memorial one and that this day be devoted to the Lord's work. Several here have decided to make it a day of soul saving and prayer. We urge every member to join us in this. What better tribute could be given to our Father on this 4th of July than to make an effort to turn our country back to God through individual soul saving.

One obligation we have on the first Sunday is the song service at both nursing homes. We were asked to come to the Miller's Merry Manor home at 4:30 and after singing there and visiting some, we will plan to go to the Lagrange home, for the same. Why not join us this time?

Next Sunday, the area singing will be at Auburn at 3 o'clock. Let us know if you'd like to go.

The Marshall, Mich. congregation (where Stan Day is now preaching) is having a gospel meeting on July 11-14 with brother Hobert Ashby from Garden City, Mich. Time Mon.-Wed. 7:00 p.m. (6 our time).

Following evening services, the elders would like to meet with the men for just a few minutes in classroom #7.

We are happy to have Ron and Ruth Winfree with us for a few days. They have spent a couple of years in the Lord's work in Italy, and hope to return there this September. O yes, we don't want to forget little Andrew, who is now 6 months old. His maternal grandparents, if they were living, would certainly be proud of him.

Brother Wade Spears and sister Sharon Simpson is home from the hospital and doing well. Brother Bob Hicks and his son Tommy were admitted to the hospital this week, Bob for tests and Tommy because of pneumonia. Remember these in prayer.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

July 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.
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LET FREEDOM RING IN '76

On this day, in memory of our country's 200th birthday, Americans reflect in thanksgiving. May we, however,

REMEMBER HIM FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

and know that TRUE FREEDOM comes through

JESUS CHRIST
John 8:36

APATHY ? . . !. OR REVIVAL !

No true seaman can set idle when the dread cry of "man overboard" is sounded. Immediately, life preserving devices are thrown and the officer commanding the ship causes it to go into a Wilson turn in order to bring the ship back to where the cry was sounded. Other great ships turn from their courses and come to help. No expense or effort is spared in the attempt to save the lost man.

Can a true doctor sit in comfort, whiling away the hours when an epidemic is raging? You know that he cannot!

Can a dedicated fireman calmly watch homes burn out of control, and lift no hand to help?

Can we sit at ease in Zion and watch a confused war-terrorized, sad, sick, sex-soaked, and sin sodden world of lost humanity plunge blindly over the edge of death into the great gaping black hole of eternal destruction and Hell-fire. Before God, WE CANNOT! ! Men and women are making a one-way trip through the dark curtain of death at the terrifying rate of over 100 per minute. These souls are characterized by the saddest words ever penned, "HAVING NO HOPE and WITHOUT GOD in the WORLD". Eph. 2:12

The vast majority of the four billion plus souls on this dirt ball called earth have NO HOPE because they are WITHOUT GOD!

An almost unprecedented tidal wave of God-defying, soul-destroying iniquity is sweeping across the ocean of human affairs. Atheism, agnosticism, and existentialism run rampant. An affluent America is loaded with lochery, gutted with gambling, damned in drugs and drink, caught up in the pur-

suit of the almighty dollar to purchase self-satisfying luxuries. Every city street is now a river of devilry, drink, drugs, divorce and damnation!

Church members, by the tens of thousands, sit mesmerized before their wide screen color TV with a dead brain and a bankrupt soul! self satisfied, complacent in their "saved" condition, the vast majority of our church members do not even bother to look into the eyes of the damned or lend an ear to their cries. APATHY !

Surely the preachers of this generation must accept the bulk of the responsibility for the apathetic condition of the church of this generation. This is not an indictment of any one; merely a statement of fact.

Thank God that little fires of evangelistic fervor are being lit all across the brotherhood! Men .. have gone out with souls as hot as coals of fire from the study of God's matchless word, and with their soul-hot preaching have kindled a concern for lost souls. Perhaps one day soon, the local congregation that is characterized by apathy will be the exception rather than the rule. I pray to God that this will soon be true.

Meanwhile, in these apathy-ridden churches of today, the members, sermon-sick and teaching tired, leave the meeting as they entered --- visionless, passionless!

1. The general condition of the world is lost, having no hope, without God in the world.
2. The general condition of the church is complacent, APATHETIC, no concern.
3. In order to do something about the general condition of the world, we first must do something about the general condition of the church.

We need to restore to the Lord's church the evangelistic concept and fervor of the first century!
REVIVAL ! !

--- Ed Scott ---

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This week has been a bad one for sickness, young through old (er). Brother Bob Hicks had three of his boys, Robert, David and Tommy to be admitted to the hospital this week. Bob was in for tests for 10 days, Tommy had pneumonia. David had pneumonia and Robert had an infection. Bob has been released but the three boys are still in. Others, Kathy Hughes, Fred Oakley and Brian Hoggatt have been ill, but are now better (Fred is well now). Please remember these and Goldie Pulley, the Bollaires, Martin Hall and Millard Hughes as well as others who might be ill, in your prayers.

There is a monthly singing to be hosted by the Auburn congregation today at 3 o'clock, at Auburn. They would appreciate our attendance.

Keep in mind the gospel meeting at Marshall, MI. today through the 14th. Brother Hobert Ashby is to preach each evening. Time 6 P.M. (our time).

The Ladies will meet this Wed. morning at 9:30 at the building. Young ladies, school age are also invited.

Last Monday evening Lynn and Vicki Singleton put their Lord on in baptism. We are thrilled that two more precious souls have learned about and responded to the love of Jesus. May they ever grow in the Lord! Let's all, who are more mature in the faith, show them the way!

For the information of visitors, the church offers many helps for studying the Bible, in addition to the tracts in the vestibule. Please feel free to ask about these.

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July 11, 1976

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QUESTION :

"What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matthew 16:19)

LOST -- A BOY

Not kidnapped by bandits and hidden in a cave to weep and starve and raise a nation to frenzied searching! Were that the case, one hundred thousand men and women would rise to the rescue, if need be. Unfortunately, the losing of this lad is without dramatic excitement, though it is very sad and very real.

The fact is, his father lost him, being too busy seeking treasure and success, he lost the greatest treasure ever entrusted to his care, the soul of his son. Seeking for a successful career, he made his greatest failure as a father.

Yes, his mother lost him, being too engrossed and concerned with ministering to the needs of her household, she forgot that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God". She was too busy to teach the lad to pray to God and love his Son. She demonstrated a "form of godliness" on Sunday, but it was soon evident to the boy that this was a very impractical religion, because it didn't function throughout the week. Being a "practical lad" he discarded even the empty form his mother had followed.

And the church lost him. Being much occupied with the wise and elderly, who pay the bills, and having good care for dignity, the preacher was unmindful of the feelings and needs of the boy, and made

little provision for his level of teaching. So, the church and many sadhearted parents today are searching earnestly for the lost boy!

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If Christ is the Door, you are the doorkeeper to open or close it for others.
If he is the Light of the World, you are the bearer of that light to the end of the earth.
If he is the Vine, you are the fruit bearing branch that draws life from that vine.
If He is the Bread of Life, you are to break it to feed those who hunger.
Oh, glorious truth that We are an indispensable part of the great plan and program of the Father.

--Selected

THE YOUNGER VERSUS THE OLDER

(written by Socrates, who died about 2400 years ago)
Those who shake their heads over the derelictions of the younger generation will agree with this observation, by a famous teacher:
"Children now love luxury, they have bad manners, they show disrespect of elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not servants of the household. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company gobble up the dainties of the table, cross their legs and tyrannize their teachers."

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The first Sunday in August, the congregation here will observe its 23rd. anniversary. The church met above what is now The House of Beauty on Detroit St. on the first Sunday in August in 1953. This would be a good time to set an attendance record, and try to bring more souls than ever before, under the sound of the gospel. We'll plan for 275 and invite bus children and their parents to join us in a pot luck picnic at the Lagrange park immediately following morning services. We have so much to be thankful for, and what better way than to spend it in fellowship with all who can come.

Carl and Jesse Pieratt are back from their trip Northwest, and it's good to see them again. The Miller's left yesterday for a couple of weeks also. Pray for their safety.

Brian Hoggatt entered the hospital Tuesday with pneumonia. He is doing well and should be home soon. Goldie Fulley is also in the hospital in room #158. They both would appreciate visitors.

Junior camp this week with a record enrollment. Over one hundred will be at the camp with their teachers and counselors. Next week, another intermediate session (ages 12-14) then another senior session (ages 15 thru high school), following. Mary Wilson and Craig Hostetler helped this past week with 60 campers present.

The youth group has a big surprise for "Us Old Folks" this Friday evening. Check it out!

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

E X H O R T E R

July 18, 1976

Schedule of Regular Services

Children's Bible Hour	9:30 A.M.
Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A.M.
Worship Service	10:30 A.M.
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Sentence Sermons

- God puts us on our backs at times so that we may look upward.
- Whatever is begun in anger ends in shame.
- Beautiful is as beautiful does, not as beautiful looks.
- Other books are given for our information; the Bible was given for our transformation.
- Many there are who fancy they are born again but are not.

DOES THE GOSPEL CONDEMN?

The gospel of Jesus Christ does not condemn anyone, contrary to what you may believe. You may say, "Well, I thought preachers went around condemning everyone."

Wait a minute my friend! If you think that the pure gospel of Jesus Christ condemns you have everything backwards. Jesus Christ came to this world to save, not condemn. John wrote: "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him" (John 3:17).

Suppose that there were people on an island who had contracted an incurable disease. Everyone of those people were doomed to death without any hope of recovery. However, suppose a man found his way to the island with a vaccine that was guaranteed to cure the disease. If some refused to take the vaccine, would you say that the vaccine condemned those people? Did the man who brought the vaccine condemn those people who refused the medicine? Of course not!

The fact of the matter is that the world has an incurable disease brought about by sin. The only cure for sin is Jesus Christ. John wrote, "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

It doesn't matter who you are or how good you think you have lived. The naked fact is that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23) No amount of good works and no amount of pleading can change the wretchedness of your soul. Only the blood of Jesus Christ can lift you out of the mire of sin.

John wrote: "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who disbelieves the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" (John 3:36).

Yes, Jesus died to save, not condemn. If you refuse the cure and remain in a condemned state, you have no one to blame but yourself.

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DO YOU SING IN CHURCH?

Singing reveals the spirituality of a congregation. Church members who are passive and unconcerned will have poor singing, while Christians who love the Lord fervently, and want to worship, will always sing beautifully. Songs do not come from hearts filled with hatred and strife. It is amazing to observe the number of church members who never sing at all. Many others sing only part of the time, and in a most unconvincing manner. A lack of training, absence of a good singing voice, no knowledge of music, and other such excuses are offered. These excuses may be the result of a mistaken attitude toward the real purpose of singing. This is a spiritual, rather than a musical problem. When a heart is tuned to a worship of God, singing follows naturally. Christians sing because they have something to express. Singing will be meaningful in proportion to the singer's acquaintance with God. Christians have a song in their hearts. Do you ???

WHAT MONEY WILL BUY

A bed - but not sleep	Finery - but not beauty
Books - but not brains	A house - but not a home
Food - but not appetite	Luxuries - but not culture
Medicine - but not health	Amusements - but not happiness.

We cannot serve God and mammon, but we can serve God with mammon.

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There were about 60 of us "Old Folks" who attended the feast put on by our youth group. The food was delicious and the program really enjoyable. Surely a Friday evening to be remembered. To all the teenagers who planned it, we say many thanks.

It's good to have Alan, Suzan and Justin Adams back again, after being gone for over a month.

Next Sunday - the church's 23rd. anniversary in Lagrange - we plan to have an attendance goal of 275 and have a pot-luck at the Parkside park in Lagrange at noon. Let's not depend on the bus workers to reach this number. Let's each of us bring at least one person with us next Sunday. Work on it and you can do it!

This evening brother Dick Hostetler will be bringing the evening message. Also, following services we invite everyone to the back classrooms for some finger foods (bring your own, -kool aid will be furnished) and fellowship.

Sister Goldie Fulley and Brian Hoggatt are home from the hospital now. However, sister Nanie Hall and brother Elmore Bellaire were admitted this week, now in rooms 152 and 165 respectively. Keep these in your prayers and visit as you can.

The ladies will be meeting this Wednesday at the building at 9:30 a.m., to hear reports from those women who went to Williamstown and share ideas that they received. You ladies would enjoy this.

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July 25, 1976

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Children's Bible Hour	9:30 A.M.
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THOUGHT FOR TEACHERS - Christ had three educational titles during his earthly ministry; Rabbi, Teacher and Master.

One reason why Christ was the expert teacher was that His life illustrated His teachings to His students. Like the song says, "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me."

We thank God for the dedication of teachers.

IS IT ANY OF MY BUSINESS ??

James Meadows

Is it any of my business when brethren are overtaken in a fault? "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Gal. 6:1) When one Christian is overtaken in a fault, God has made it the business of other Christians to try to restore him.

Is it any of my business when brethren need to be provoked unto love and good works? "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works." (Heb. 10:24) What a fearful responsibility! A responsibility belonging to each Christian. Will you help me by provoking me "to love and good works?" Will you let me do the same for you? Please, use every method in your power to help me to be faithful -- words, example, letters, etc. -- and let me use every method within my power to help you. Yes, God has made it my business to help you and he has made it your business to help me.

Is it any of my business when brethren miss the assembly? "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is but exhorting one another ..." (Heb. 10:25) Can I refuse to warn those that miss the services of the church when I know that it is contrary to God's will? How can I refuse when I know that God will hold me guilty of their blood if warning does not come? (Ezek. 3:17-19) Will you let me do my duty when you miss the services of the church? Will you do your duty when I miss the services of the church? Will you regard a card, a personal visit or letter as a token of love and not as meddling prying?

Paul tells Christians "to do your own business", (1 Th. 4:11) and helping those overtaken in a fault, provoking to love and good works, and warning those that neglect the assembly is a Christian's business. Why? God has made it our business. !

T I M E

My name is Time. I haven't always been and I won't always be, but right now I'm on the move, measuring out life. Men wait for me, submit to me, fear me, but no one can stop me... except God. He is in control and He says I'm running out... most men couldn't care less. They think I'm on the move forever, but I'm not. And when I stop, eternity will keep right on going... and it will be too late... too late for repentance; too late for getting right with God through Jesus Christ, His Son; too late for faith. Just "forever" left for tears and anguish and regrets... Now is the day of salvation. Will it be for you? My name is Time and I'm on the move. I'm taking you with me... into Eternity. God says, NOW is the accepted time!

Marshall Bulletin

MONEY WILL BUY

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Camelback Christian Chronicle

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- Many thanks to those who worked hard to help us reach our goal of 275 today, on our 23rd. anniversary of the congregation in Lagrange. We appreciate the good breakfast at the Carl Fieratt's given for the bus workers yeasterday. The third bus is now in operation in the Wolcottville area. We know that God will bless us as we continually reach others.
- It seems coincidental that brother and sister Browder Brundage come to visit us after 20 years. They worshipped with us in 1955 and their presense brings back many memories. They now live in Shawnee, Okla.
- All are invited to the Parkside Park for a pot-luck dinner following morning services.
- This being the 1st Sunday, we are scheduled to sing at the Nursing Homes this eve. Meet at the Miller Merry Manor at 4:30 and Lagrange at 5:00pm.
- Today a gospel meeting begins at Chestnut St. congregation at Ft. Wayne. (Aug. 1 thru Aug. 13)
- Area singing at So. Side, Ft. Wayne next Sun. at 3.
- We are planning a bus display at the 4-H Fairground this week. Tell your friends to stop and see it.
- Brother Bellaire went home from the hospital this week. Sister Nannie Hall remains in room #152. Also Richard Conner (a bus rider) was admitted with severe burns. He cannot be visited but would appreciate cards. Also Vicki Singleton's sister, Melissa Azbell is to have surgery (more information will be given later) Keep these in your prayers.

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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

August 1, 1976

Schedule of Regular Services

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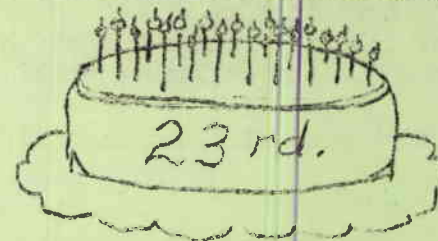
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FOR THE CONGREGATION

WHERE IS THE PUNCTUATION ?

The following articles were written by F. W. Emmons in 1873. As you read the articles, please note that each one is just exactly the same, word for word, yet note how different the meaning set forth by differences in punctuation. Much in life depends on where we put the emphasis or punctuation.

THE GOOD MAN

"He is an old and experienced man. In vice and wickedness he is never found. Opposing the work of iniquity he takes delight. In the downfall of his neighbor he never rejoices. In the prosperity of any of his fellow-creatures he is ready to assist. In destroying the peace of society he takes no pleasure. In serving the Lord he is uncommonly diligent. In sowing discord among his friends and acquaintances he takes no pride. In labouring to promote the cause of Christianity he has not been negligent. In endeavoring to stigmatize all public teachers he makes no exertions. To subdue his passions he strives hard. To build up Satan's kingdom he lends no aid. To support the gospel among the heathen he contributes largely. To the evil adversary he will never go. To heaven he must go where he will receive the just recompense of his reward."

THE EVIL MAN

"He is an old and experienced man in vice and wickedness. He is never found opposing the work of iniquity. He takes delight in the downfall of his neighbor. He never rejoices in the prosperity of any of his fellow-creatures. He is ready to assist in destroying the peace of society. He takes no pleasure in serving the Lord. He is uncommonly diligent in sowing discord among his friends and acquaintances. He takes no pride in labouring to promote the cause of Christianity. He has not been negligent in endeavoring to stigmatize all public teachers. He makes no exertions to subdue his passions. He strives hard to build up Satan's kingdom. He lends no aid to support the gospel among the heathen. He contributes largely to the evil adversary. He will never go to heaven. He must go where he will receive the just recompense of his reward."

HOW ARE YOU PUNCTUATING YOUR LIFE ??

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I HAD A TERRIBLE DREAM

I dreamed that the Lord took my Sunday contribution and multiplied it by ten, and this became my weekly salary. In no time I lost my color T V and had to give up my car. I couldn't even make a house payment. What can a person do on ten dollars a week?

Suppose the Lord took your offering and multiplied it by ten and made that your weekly income? How much would you make?

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Regular attendance at Bible School and Church on SUNDAY helps prevent WEEKDAYS from becoming WEAKDAYS

"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together ... "

Heb. 10:25

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We didn't make our 275 attendance figure last Sunday but we did make a good showing, especially in the number of adult visitors. We had 225, and hope that this figure continues to grow. We welcome all who are visiting today.

Two precious souls obeyed their Lord by putting him on in baptism this week. Cathy Miller of Lagrange and Tolet Lovely of Wolcottville. Let all of us feel a responsibility toward these new sisters.

There is to be a singing at the So. Side congregation this afternoon at 3. all congregations invited.

A gospel meeting is in progress at the Chestnut St. congregation: Through Aug. 1, 7:30 ea. eve.

Our Dodge bus was parked at the 4-H Fairgrounds this week. Many volunteered their time to work making contacts. The bus was principally used as a theatre for showing films (Bibical) for everyone. It worked real well and many contacts were made for bus riders.

Ladies tray favor meeting this Wed. morning at 9:30.

All of our members are now out of the hospital, however Richard Conners (one of our bus riders) is still in because of burns.

The promised bus trip to the Toledo Zoo to those bus riders who qualified, is scheduled for this Thursday. Bus will be leaving at 7:30 A.M. and expected return at 6 P.M.. Preschool children must be accompanied by their parents. Bring sack lunch. Kool-aid will be provided. Anyone willing to help out on gas, admission, kool-aid cost, etc. see Perry Miller. All riders should see Perry for reservation today.

Senior youth group, see Craig Hostetler for the Cedar Point trip details today.

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August 8, 1976

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The shortest way is not always right, nor the smoothest or the safest;
Therefore, be not surprised if the Lord chooses the farthest and roughest,
But be sure of this -
He will choose the best !

DO YOUR CHILDREN WORSHIP

This may seem to be a rather strange question to ask, but I would like to suggest that every father and mother read the following and then have your child who is a Christian read it also. It is my intention that good will come from the article, and I am not merely being critical.

Parents have a special responsibility regarding the spiritual welfare of their children. They are to instruct them in the ways of the Lord even as they set the right example before them. We work hard to bring our children up in this godly admonition and possibility give a sigh of relief and utter a special prayer of thanksgiving when they obey the gospel. But our responsibility does not end there. We must see that they grow, work and worship as Christians.

One of the privileges and duties of a Christian is to worship. God has specified the avenues and items of worship in his word. We are told to sing, pray, partake of the Lord's supper, give and study His Word. There is no distinction in the way those who are younger are to worship from the way of those who are older. We worship the same way.

But do our children engage in worship? Not always can the parent take note of the participation of their young children because they are not sitting that close to each other. But you ought to ask: Do they sing? (Some do not even take out a song book) Do they write notes during worship? (Some do) Do they talk and whisper? (Like some adults) How attentive are they to the prayers and the sermon? How reverent are they during the Lord's supper? Have they been taught to give? These are important matters that cannot be neglected--not for long--lest our young Christian develop the worst kind of habits that will prohibit

acceptable worship on their part.

I am not suggesting some kind of "inquisition" to be imposed on our children that would insult them. I am strongly suggesting these things need to be discussed in the home between parents and children they love so dearly. If we do not impress upon these young Christians the solemnity and sacredness of the assemblies of worship, who is going to do it for us? I think our young people will respond properly to the right kind of guidance and interest in them. Let us not "sin against the child" by neglecting to do these things.

James W. Boyd, Jackson, Tenn.

HOW TO ACHIEVE

COURTEOUS WORDS.....	instead of sharp replies
SMILES.....	instead of sad looks
ENTHUSIASM.....	instead of inactiveness
RESPONSIVENESS.....	instead of indifference
UNDERSTANDING.....	instead of closed mind
ATTENTION.....	instead of neglect
SINCERITY.....	instead of sham
FACTS.....	instead of arguments
HELPLESSNESS.....	instead of hindrance
GIVING.....	instead of getting
ACTION.....	instead of delay
APPRECIATION.....	instead of thoughtlessness

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DEDICATE YOUR TALENTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before the time slips up on us we want to announce a fall gospel meeting with brother Gene West of Vienna, West Virginia. Brother West was here for a meeting in September in 1972, so most of the church here will remember him, but for those who have not known him, we believe that he will be an inspiration for you. The meeting date this fall is set for November 1st through the 7th.

We praise God for Christians that love children, and that will give of their time and money to help mold the life of someone else's children. Ask any child five years from now and they'll tell you something about their zoo trip.

Thanks to all that contributed and also to those that helped to make this a safe, smooth and enjoyable trip. Ninety-five children and adults went on the trip. Perry Miller

Also about 50 teenagers and adults from this congregation and neighboring congregations went to Cedar Point last Tuesday for an enjoyable outing.

If you would like to give our bus workers a big boost on Saturday Morning by preparing breakfast for them, you may sign up on the bulletin board.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

AUGUST 15, 1976

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR SERVICES

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"SIN HAS MANY TOOLS, BUT A LIE IS THE HANDLE THAT FITS THEM ALL....."

"LOVEST -- WHO? ME?"

The Master asked, "DO YOU LOVE?"

His servant answered, "YES, I LOVE YOU."

BUT HE TURNED AWAY TO LOOK AT OTHER THINGS AND BEHOLD....HE SAW GOODLY APPAREL DISPLAYED IN THE SHOP WINDOW. IT WAS PLEASEING TO THE EYE, AND MUCH TO BE DESIRED... SO HE QUICKLY PAID THE PRICE TO OBTAIN IT.

Again the Master asked, "DO YOU LOVE ME?"

His servant replied, "OF COURSE I LOVE YOU."

AND AGAIN HIS EYES WERE ATTRACTED TO A HANDSOME CHARIOT IN THE POSSESSION OF A WEALTHY MERCHANT. IT SEEMED TO BE MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE THAN HIS OLD MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION..... SO HE READILY MADE THE DOWN PAYMENT TO POSSESS IT.

The Master inquired further, "O YOU REALLY LOVE ME?"

His servant answered once again, "LORD, YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU."

BUT HIS EYES FELL UPON A TENT OF THE FINEST MATERIAL. IT SEEMED CALCULATED TO PROTECT ONE FROM THE HOSTILE ELEMENTS. BESIDES, IT WAS IN A MOST FASHIONABLE NEIGHBORHOOD..... HE QUICKLY PAID THE TENTMAKER THE ASKING PRICE.

Then he heard His Lord say, "FEED MY LAMBS."

BUT.....ALAS.....THE SERVANT DISCOVERED HIS RESOURCES WERE SPENT! THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT WITH WHICH TO FEED THE LAMBS.

Who do you think the servant loved the most?

HIS LORD? OR HIMSELF?

The Master asked, "DO YOU LOVE ME?"

SOUTHSIDE BULLETIN, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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"More lip praise is never outlet enough for grateful hearts when God gives for other service also."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The North Manchester congregation is celebrating their 2nd. anniversary the first Sunday in September and inviting area congregations to be with them for the day. They plan a basket dinner at the park followed by an afternoon of song fest with the Harbor Lights quartette of Benton Harbor, Mich. and the Harmony Four quartette of Charleston, W. Virginia. This will be held in the Jr. High auditorium near the park. Then Monday through Sunday (Sept. 6-12) a gospel meeting will begin with brother Bobby Cheatham of Corpus Christi, Texas preaching. Time is 7:30 ea. evening. They invite us to come. More details are on the bulletin board.

Ladies are urged to attend the Wed. 9:30 a.m. session for fellowship and making tray favors for the hospital and nursing homes.

Several expressions of appreciation were given from the shut-ins who received fruit baskets from the 10-12 year youth group here. We also think that this was worthy of recognition.

The Fairlawn congregation in Muncie has invited our teenagers to a get-together next week-end, Friday evening through Saturday, with their youth group. Those interested please see brother Norm.

This Tuesday evening will be the last skating party before school begins for the youth. The bus will leave the building at 5:30, return approx. 10:00. Everyone must have his own transportation to and from the building.

This evening bro. Joe Hughes will be bringing us a lesson. We hope that the attendance will be good and that all will stay for the fellowship that follows in classroom #788. Bring your own finger foods, Kool-aid will be provided.

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ARE YOU LOST IN THE "WOULDS" ?

1. "I would go to church, but it is my only day off"
2. "I would go to church, but I am too busy".
3. "I would go to church, but I am too tired".
4. "I would go to church, but it is too hot (cold)".
5. "I would go to church, but excuse after excuse".

Out of the "woulds" or someday you will say:
"I would have gone to heaven,
but I used a silly excuse".

TEN RULES
FOR IMPROVING THE CHURCH

1. Tell yourself over and over that since you are not perfect, you would not fit in to a perfect congregation if one existed.
2. Instead of picking out the worldly members to point to, pick out the sincere, dedicated, spiritual members and thank God for them. You will find what you seek.
3. If you are old, treat the young with consideration you desired as a young person. If you are young, treat adults with the respect you will want when you mature.
4. When you are tempted to criticize others, be sure to pray earnestly for them first. This may not totally change them but it will do wonders for your attitude.
5. When you see a work being neglected, instead of being critical, offer to help.
6. Never, never blame others for your own failures. Every individual can be fruitful in spite of bad examples and discouraging attitudes of others if he is determined to be.
7. Remind yourself every day that the only way you can improve the world or church is to begin with self.
8. Consciously look for the good qualities in every brother and sister in Christ. When you think of a brother or sister, make a quick mental note of the good points each possesses.
9. Constantly strive to increase your circle of associates in the church. Try to do something good for each.
10. Every church has problems. Constantly ask yourself, "Am I part of the problem or part of the solution."

Joe Barnett

ARE YOU FIT TO BE TIED?

A place of responsibility and particular service was offered, but the church member flatly said, "I DON'T WANT TO BE TIED DOWN."

This distracting dilemma has eaten its way thru every level of our modern society and no institution has suffered more as a result than the church.

"I DON'T TO BE TIED DOWN"...doesn't mean that the thing is unimportant. It simply means I want someone else to do my share of the work and theirs too, while I go merrily on my irresponsible way.

" I DON'T WANT TO BE TIED DOWN"...means that I want to be free to use God's money for myself. I will make no pledges or commitments that would "Tie me down ." Let someone else pay my way too!

"IDON'T WANT TO BE TIED DOWN"...means that I will not accept a responsibility which would obligate me to be faithful in attendance. People of responsibility MUST BE EXAMPLES! I don't want to deny myself enough to be that example.

"I DON'T WANT TO BE TIED DOWN"...means carried to its ultimate conclusion, that the church is unnecessary and can be done away with. You see, if one can get by without it, then we all can. If we all can, then why perpetuate it?

Praise God for those..WHO ARE.."FIT TO BE TIED".
Let us all accept our responsibility, Jesus said:

"IF ANYONE WOULD BE MY DISCIPLE, LET HIS DENY HIMSELF....."

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

About once every 3 months, we have a 5th. Sunday to come around, which we devote the whole service to worshipping God in song. So, again this evening, we'll plan to do this. If you have a favorite song, and it seldom is selected by the song leaders, please let brother Hostetler know and we'll have someone to lead it. For any new songs let him know soon enough to learn it.

The Dan Davison's expressed their desire to place membership here as well as Johnny Carver, a sister to Connie Davison. Dan and Connie have 4 children, Carey, Veronica, Paul and Johnny; Johnny Carver has one child, Shawn. They now reside at 408 N. Sycamore St. in Lagrange, Previous to coming here they attended Angola, where many here first met them. We welcome them in the fellowship here.

The North Manchester congregation invite us to the gospel in song program next Sunday afternoon. Also their gospel meeting begins and continues through Sept. 12 at 7:30 ea, eve. Please see bulletin board for more details.

There were seven that traveled with brother Norm to Muncie for the youth fellowship. Thanks to him for planning and taking them, for this gettogether.

Dates for Camp Indogan fall youth rallies will be given soon. We hope many juniors& seniors will go.

Charlene (Punkin) Caldwell is in the children's ward at the hospital with pneumonia. Remember her.

We hope to have a up-to-date directory list of changes and additions in our directory soon.

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4 THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR HANDS

Wring them in despair
Fold them as if there were nothing to do
Clench them in anger
Find a place to work for the Lord and KEEP THEM BUSY



"LET ALL THE EARTH....."

We seek God, He finds us. In joyful response to His cleansing, pardon and acceptance, we suddenly realize worshipping Him involves more than reading our Bibles and praying. Though God certainly wants us to glorify Him (1Cor. 10:31), to give thanks for all things (Eph. 5:20) and to do and say all things in the name of Jesus (Col. 3:17), He also makes us responsible for one another (cf. James 1:27; 2:16; 1John 3:16-18; Matt. 25:31-46; etc.)

We also worship Him when we love one another as Jesus loves us, when we forgive one another as He forgives us, when we accept one another as He accepts us. Out of this mutual need for stimulating one another to love and good deeds, we meet together (Heb. 10:24,25). Such responsible gathering has its own rules for orderly edification (1Cor. 14).

"We love because He first loved us. If someone says, 'I love God', and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.... By this we know we love the children of God when we love God and do His commandments" (1John 4:19-5:2). Our worship, then, moves to express our adoration of and dependence on God, not only in prayer upward, but also in fellowship outward. Not only in the solitary hours, but also in the crowded pain. Not only in lone secrecy, but also in gregarious assembly.

Dean E. Tesher

Sentence Sermons:

Your first duty is to do your duty first.
Do your duty, and leave the results to God.
Pleasure before duty means that duty will lose out.
You can do anything you ought to do.

SUNDAY EVENING CASUALTIES

Mounting the pulpit and facing the congregation Sunday evening, my eyes were flooded with a sickening and saddening spectacle. That which only hours before had taken on the appearance of one great united and conquering army, now bore closer resemblance to some ragtag outfit in full retreat. What a change for the worse had overtaken this army in the space of a few short hours! Half of the regiment had gone over to the enemy, remained in their tents on a pass, or been slain in battle. I dare say some of them fell victim;

1. TO A DIVIDED LOYALTY AND ALLEGIANCE. They simply had never made up their minds fully to give themselves completely, finally, and irrevocably to God.

2. BECAUSE OF A PREFERENCE FOR CONVENIENCE ABOVE CONVICTION. Have you ever known or heard of a case where some Christian offered apology or made excuse for attending all of the services of the Church? No, Christians make no apology for following a course they know that is right. Why then do some fail to follow the course charted by conviction? Their cry of self-will gives answer: "I just didn't want to. It didn't please me." How utterly contrary to the spirit of Christ is such an attitude. He "pleased not himself." (Romans 15:3) He said, "Not my will, but thine, be done". (Luke 22:24)

3. TO LOVELESS UNCONCERN FOR THE CHURCH. Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it. (Eph 5:25) He was willing to suffer for it...Bleed for it...Die for it. If the missing recruits treated their business with the same level of unconcern they give to the church they would be bankrupt within the week.

4. TO THE SIN OF OMISSION. "Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin". (Jam. 4:17)

HARRY GIPSON

But old folks are soon forgotten
 When they lose their usefulness.
 And the hurt this realization brings
 No words can quite express.

Yet, Just as night follows day,
 And sunshine follows rain;
 If you're causing your old folks
 grief this way,
SOMEDAY YOU WILL FEEL THE PAIN!

Announcements

Singing at the Nursing Homes Today. 4:30 at the Millers
 Merry Manor, about 5:10 at National. See the poem on the
 inside and consider.

Singing at North Manchester today and meeting each night
 thru the the 12th, 7:30P.M. See bulletin board for de-
 tails.

Bloodmobile will be at the Church of God, Thursday Sept.
 9, 11:00 A.M. to 5:00P.M. Call the Red Cross for an
 appt.

Youth Rallies at Camp Indogan, Junior Age Sept. 24-25,
 Senior Age Oct. 1-2. Reserve these dates, More details
 later.

Shults-Lewis Children's Home Open House Next Saturday
 Sept. 12. 10:00A.M. to 3:30P.M. Don Gardner, MCC Pres.
 Speaker; Melody Boys Quartet, Lunch served on the
 grounds at noon. We have been assigned a new boy as
 the child we sponsor. His name is Greg Lowell, his
 birthday is January 13, 1967. He is in second grade.

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We cannot serve God and mammon, but we can
 serve God with mammon.

Sentence Sermons

BELL RINGIN' TIME

Another school year is set to begin! This week millions of America's youth are flooding the school buildings of our land. There is something exciting (don't say "UGH" young people) and special about this time of the year when our young people begin another term.

It reflects the swiftness with which time passes. Vacation time begins and school is out, and then school begins and vacation time is over--and all of it before it seems that each has just begun. One moment you have a baby--the next moment you have a first grader. One moment you have a college student. This reflection ought to make us give more serious attention to time, and especially time for our children and their training.

"Back To School" time calls to our attention the blessings of children and young people. God declares that "children are an heritage of the Lord"(Psalms 127:3). What would our world or community be like if suddenly all children and young people disappeared! However, every blessing of God also carries with it the blessing of responsibility. God says that the blessing of our children obligates us to "train up a child in the way that he should go" and set the proper example before them. Children without Christian parents are deprived children!

School time testifies to the need for total education. The education of the mind that doesn't include a pre-eminent place for knowledge of God is poor and incomplete education. The atheist is a fool, regardless of how much "education" he may have (Psalm 14:1). Jesus increased in wisdom, and stature, and in favor with God and man. No education is complete that lacks any one of these elements! "Back to school" time ought to be a time of recognition for the importance of Christian

education. We must lead our children to a clear and proper perspective of God as Creator, Heavenly Father, Protector, and Saviour of the lives of people. It is for this reason that parents should see to it that they, along with their children, attend every worship of the church, spend time together in discussing and talking about spiritual matters, and working with children to provide for them a genuine Christian education.

In a word, "back to school" time places before us a real opportunity. In addition to public preaching and private teaching, the "great commission" can be executed, at least in part, by the applications of Christian principles in the daily walks of life. Therefore, "back to school" time should be a time for both parents and young people!

Kenneth Hoover
Averill Ave. Visitor, Flint, Mi.

OLD FOLKS ARE PEOPLE!

It seems as folks grow older,
The time then soon will come,
When they seem to be "old fogies"
To those who are still young.

Their ideas are all outdated,
Their advice the young ignore,
Their company becomes dull and tiresome,
To youth they're just a bore.

The years may bring them wrinkles,
Their appearance may also change
Yet in their hearts, there is a difference
Their feelings are the same.

They still like to be included; ;
The family fun they like to share.
And not to be just overlooked,
As though they were not there.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A gospel meeting begins today at Angola and continues through Friday evening, Sept. 17. Brother Jerry Westmoreland of Birmingham, Ala. will be speaking at 7:30 ea. evening.

A two day meeting, Fri. & Sat., Sept. 24 & 25 at the Southside congregation is scheduled. A brother Davis from Chestnut and a brother Reed (the new preacher at East Allen Co.) will be speaking. Particulars on this will be given later.

This afternoon at 3, an area singing is scheduled at East Chestnut congregation in Ft. Wayne. For any of the meetings mentioned above, be sure you know the address, as the congregations in Ft. Wayne are not so easy to find.

For the youth:

Junior Youth Rally at Camp Indogan, Sept. 24 and 25. See notice on bulletin board for registration.

Senior Youth Rally Oct. 1 and 2. Notices will be out by next week.

The elders would like to have all the men attend a short business meeting following evening services, for an up-to-date report on the building project.

Please keep all the work of the Lord here in your prayers as we serve, especially this community, in love toward the saving of souls.

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FAITHFUL?

1. Is a car that starts once out of seven times "faithful?"
2. Is a refrigerator that quits for a day now and then "faithful"?
3. Is your paper boy "faithful" if he misses you with your paper every few mornings?
4. If you fail to come to work two or three days each week, would you be "faithful" to your job?
5. If your hot water heater greeted you with cold water one or two mornings a week, would it be dependable?

Now, if you fail to come to worship God once or twice a week, are you really "faithful"? Lima Bulletin

PARABLE OF A LIFESAVING STATION

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a crude little lifesaving station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for themselves they went out day and night tirelessly searching for the lost. Many lives were saved by this wonderful little station, so that it became famous. Some of those who were saved, and various others in the surrounding area, wanted to associate and give of their time and money. New boats were bought and new crews were trained. The little lifesaving station grew.

Some of the new members of the lifesaving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and so poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. So they replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in an enlarged building. Now the lifesaving station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they redecorated it beautifully and furnished it exquisitely. Fewer members were now interested in going on lifesaving missions, so they hired lifeboat crews. The lifesaving motif still prevailed in the club decoration and there was a liturgical lifesaving boat in the meeting. About this time, a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in boatloads of cold, wet and half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick and some of them had yellow skin. The beautiful new club was considerably messed up. So the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside the club where victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, there was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the club's normal social life.

Some members insisted upon lifesaving as the primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a lifesaving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save lives of all the various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could build their own lifesaving station down the coast. They did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a club, and yet another lifesaving station was founded. History continued to repeat itself, and today you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are still frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown!

Selected from: AMERICA'S FASTEST GROWING
CHURCHES

THE BIBLE IS A

ROAD MAP-- to help you chart your course
COMPASS-- to help you follow this course
TELESCOPE-- to help you see ahead
YARDSTICK-- to measure the results of your work
FILE-- to keep your other tools sharp
SWORD-- with which to wage an aggressive warfare
against the forces of evil.

St. Elmo bulletin
Chattanooga, Tenn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Through the efforts and contacts by our bus workers a Mr. & Mrs. George Worley was contacted and taught and we are happy to report that Mrs. Worley became obedient to the gospel last Tuesday night. The Worley's have two children, Ryan and Jeffery. We are looking forward to meeting them today and having the church meet their new sister in Christ.

Would all the teachers please meet for a meeting at 5 o'clock this evening in the living room at the home. Only one more Sunday and a new quarter begins.

According to plans now sister Sharon Mills will be returning today for services, then return to Parkview for further tests Tuesday. Our prayers continue for her that she may find complete recovery.

Note additions, changes etc. on the insert for your church directory. Thanks to Alan and Suzan Adams who typed this information.

If you noticed as you came to the building, the start has been made for our new classroom addition. We have looked forward for some time for this much needed addition. We should acknowledge at this time that Mr. Harvey Stewart and Mr. Jack Kilpatrick donated many hours of labor and use of heavy equipment to level our ground and cut back our hill at the back of our property. We appreciate this "gift" and express many thanks to them.

Remember these events:

- * Gospel meeting, So. Side, Ft. Wayne Sept. 24-26. Bros. Davis, Reed and Bailey will be preaching
- * Junior youth Rally, Camp Indogan, Sept. 24, 25.
- * Senior " " " " Oct. 1, 2.

See bulletin board for new picture of Sponsors and a letter of thanks for the financial help.

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"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" Acts 2:42

THEY MISLED US
BY Paul Harvey

"They" told us that if we would relax about sex, take off our clothes and not get all up-tight about it there would be no more sex crimes, and yet, the incidence of rape has increased ten percent in one year. Maybe we had better question one of the other advice "they" gave us.

"They" told us we had been too tough with criminal that we should go easy on them. So we went easy on them--and the rate of violent crimes has increased 47% since 1968, increased 6% last year, is increasing 15% ahead of one year ago.

"They" told us that if we'd just be more generous with the poor folks, there'd be no motive for stealing any more. So we gave everybody a guaranteed income, and robbery, burglary, larceny and auto theft are running 15% ahead of last year.

"They" told us the churches were "Old-fashioned", that they must modernize, liberalize, rationalize, compromise. And those that compromised most are shrinking fastest.

If it is appearing up to here that "they" gave us some awfully bad advice, "they" did!

"They" insisted that our schools must boot God out and rely on enhancing junior's intelligence. So we graduated a generation of juniors with intellects and undisciplined emotions---so school are suicides have soared 92% in two years.

"They" told us alcoholism and drug addiction were sicknesses, not crimes. Now we're gagging, choking, strangling, on forbidden fruit.

"They" said informal marriage was enough, so now the odds are 5 to 4 your rapture will be ruptured and 2 in 7 that the next baby born

Who are these "They" who've been misleading us?

"They" are the materialist who deify the finite sciences. "They" meant well, but their intentions are

paving the road to hell.

Now I've quit commentating and gone to preaching. I don't mean to, but I can't separate goodness and badness from today's news and explain it. Every ugly headline in today's newspaper and yesterday's and tomorrow's is somebody's emotions gone out of whack. He might be as smart as all get-out; but if he's emotionally color-blind he is and unguided missile destined inevitably to self-destruct.

Spaceship earth came with a book of instructions; It says we should not be slothful in business. In fact, it says he who does not work---let him not eat--- it says women should wear modest apparel---it says don't steal anything--anything!--!--it says you sleep only with your wife--- it says you don't do what you "want" to do you do what you "ought", and for those whose consciences are anesthetized it specifies which is which. In other words, if that rule book were not divinely inspired, it would still be the best blueprint for an orderly existence. If it did not promise a life hereafter, it would still contain the best formula for a good life.

QUIPS AND QUOTES

If LIVING men KNOW what DEAD men know, the WORLD would soon be SAVED and CHURCH MEMBERS would be more FAITHFUL.

Lots of folks don't volunteer. They are the ones who can tell those who do, how the job should be done.

The reason some people get lost in thought is that it is unfamiliar territory to them.

Rochester, Ind. Bulletin.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since the church here is an "old hand" in the bus ministry now (three years in the spring) there is a desire on the part of surrounding congregations for us to have a bus workshop for their benefit. After talking this over at our Saturday breakfast, it was decided to have one on the 16th of October and invite all of the surrounding congregations to come, for the value it might give to them. Many are planning starting bus ministeries and some are already in it, but need some extra pointers. Many feel that Lagrange is one of the best and look to them for their program. We feel honored to do this, and have set the date for Oct. 16. More on this later.

REMEMBER - Our gospel meeting is with brother Gene West Nov. 1 thru 7. Keep these dates open and invite your friends to come with you.

This evening after services (bro. Alan Adams will speak for us) we will have a fellowship in the back classrooms. Be sure to bring your own finger foods. Coffee and kool-aid will be provided.

A good start has been made on the new classroom addition south of the auditorium. It will be so nice to have the new facilities for added classrooms as well as fellowship gatherings. It will probably be several months away yet though.

Senior youth rally next Fri. & Sat. at Camp Indogan. Any ladies willing to make cookies for this, please see sister Hoggatt.

Camp Indogan membership meeting is next Sat. at 2 o'clock. This is an annual event for members only.

Sister Sharon Mills is suffering from the many tests but hopes the worst is over now. She appreciates visits and cards and prayers in her behalf..... sister Nannie Hall is now home but not able to attend services also Fran Hostetler's father, Wm. Schaeffer, is in the Lagrange hospital. Remember these.

LAGRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST EXHORTER

September 26, 1976

W E L C O M E !

Recognizing our collective needs, we meet today to worship God in spirit and in truth. Welcome each one, to this assembly of disciples of Jesus Christ. May we be often encouraged and challenged by:

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

Wednesday: Evening Bible Study.....7:00P.M.

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"If you want to live in the house of many mansions, you must make your reservations in advance."

WORSHIP ETIQUETTE

1. Come. Never miss a worship service unless it is absolutely necessary. Of George Washington it was said: "No company ever kept him away from worship."
2. Come Early. Rushing into the assembly at the last minute is not conducive to worship- yours or other peoples.
3. Bring the Entire Family. The worship hour is not a convention to which you may simply send a family delegate.
4. Be Seated Close To The Front. Leave the back seats for late comers and mothers with small children.
5. Be Reverent. The meeting house is not a theater or a place of amusement. You have come to worship God and that worship deserves our utmost attention.
6. Be Considerate of Others. Don't seat yourself at the end of a pew and make others crawl over you.
7. Participate. Join in the worship. Be sure you sing and be a good listener during the sermon. Don't just sit there as a spectator!
8. Be Thoughtful of Strangers. They are our special guests. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they visited in your home.
9. Contribute Generously. God loves a cheerful giver. Freely ye have received; freely give. Remember your offering is to God.
10. Linger. Never rush for the door after the closing prayer as though the building were on fire. Speak to others. Be friendly. Hillcrest Bulletin, Anderson

F E E L L E F T O U T ? ? ? ?

When is is announced at the assembly that someone is sick do you? Send a card? Offer help? Organize help if necessary? Get irritated with announcements about people you don't even know?

When a work day is planned, do you? Look for ways you can contribute to the upkeep and improvement of the building? Always manage to be too busy because it is your only day off?

When new Souls are added to the Lord, do you? Introduce yourself and welcome them? Visit and encourage them? Help supply any physical or spiritual needs?

When you think there isn't enough social activity, do you? Invite groups of Christians into your home? Plan and carry out recreational activities for either adults or children? Offer to supply transportation or help for activities which others plan? Complain that no one is doing anything?

When no one seems friendly do you? Become a friend to anybody in need? Make it your place to greet visitors? Invite people to your home that are weak? Look for another church?

When Bible classes are provided, do you? Attend faithfully and encourage others to do so? Prepare your lesson? Contribute to the class discussion or ask questions? Sit with your mouth shut waiting for the class to be more interesting than it was last time?

When someone is absent from the assembly, do you? Call to find out why? Exhort and encourage them? Offer transportation when needed? Even notice that they are missing?

Now from what activity do you feel you have been excluded ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

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