

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The bus workshop announced last week for Oct. 16 has been changed to Oct. 23, due to a conflict with another meeting at Glenwood in Ft. Wayne. We'll be meeting with the bus workers this week for planning for this program.

Our meeting with Gene West is fast approaching. Ask your friends to come with you Nov. 1-7.

This week we were happy to help Bernice Anderson (from Ashley) complete her obedience to Christ in baptism. (We used the Glenwood building and baptistry) Her address is 109 N. Grand St. Ashley, In 46705. At the same time three baptisms were taking place at Lagrange: Mrs. Matilda Spencer, her daughter, Mrs. Alma Dorris and her son Dale Dorris. Their address is Box 283 Howe, In 46746 (Ph. 562-3381) Sis. Anderson has a difficult time getting around but will probably attend Garrett congregation as she can, with her husband Harry. We hope that the other three will be regular attenders at Lagrange. We are happy for these precious souls being won to Christ.

The Coldwater congregation has scheduled a dedication service Oct. 17 at 3:30 Mich. time, for their new building. They want us to share this joy.

Wednesday morning Dealie Kaferty (Millard Hughes' sister) passed from this life. We express sympathy to the family at this time. Funeral services - Sat.

We are happy that sis. Sharon Mills is now home and hope that the tests will help direct her doctors toward her complete recovery.

Michigan Christian College Lectureships are Oct. 12 - 14 - Theme: "Freedom To Serve". It's a joy to go.

A picnic is planned for our bus kids next Sunday at Camp Indogan. Each should bring a sack lunch. Kool-aid will be provided. Anyone willing to donate for this, see Thelma Hoggatt. Chaperones are needed.

Other announcements will be given at services.

LAGRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST
SHORTER

October 3, 1976

WELCOME!

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 challenged and encouraged by:

Sunday:	Children's Bible Hour.....	9:30AM
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THE ELECT ARE WHOSOEVER, WILL, AND THE NONE-ELECT ARE WHOSOEVER DON'T. R

HOW MATURE ARE YOU?

- IF you can see a work which you have begun taken from you and given to another without feeling bitterness --- that is MATURITY.
- IF you can listen to someone criticize you, even unkindly, and receive instruction from it without hard feelings--- that is MATURITY.
- IF you can see a person do an act which is against your Christian standards and react without self-righteousness----that is MATURITY.
- IF you can see others chosen for a job which you are better qualified to do without feeling hurt-- that is MATURITY.
- IF you can hear another person argue a point of view which is contrary to your own without a feeling of smugness-----that is MATURITY.
- IF you can suffer pain and hide your feelings for the sake of others----that is MATURITY.
- IF you can go out of your way to help another without feeling you are a pretty good person--that is MATURITY.
- IF you can see someone you know well deliberately snub you, and make allowances for his actions-- that is MATURITY.
- IF you can crawl out of bed at an early hour to pray simply because you realize that here lies your power with God---that is MATURITY.
- IF you can listen with your heart, your eyes, and your ears, evaluate the other's conversation with with love and understanding, then go away without opening your mouth----that is MATURITY.
- IF you can be maligned, falsely accused, ridiculed publicly, and branded with transgressors, without growing bitter----you have at last reached true MATURITY!

Marshall Bulletin

TEEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Don't let your parents down; they brought you up.
2. Choose your companions with care; you become what they are.
3. Be master of your habits or they will master you.
4. Treasure your time; don't spend it; invest it.
5. Stand for something or you'll fall for anything.
6. Select only a date who would make a good mate.
7. See what you can do for others; not what they can do for you.
8. Guard your thoughts; what you think you are.
9. Don't fill up on this world's crumbs; feed your soul on the Living Bread.
10. Give your all to Christ; He gave His all for you.

Last night my little boy
Confessed to me some childish wrong
He prayed with tears,
Dear God, make me a man like daddy--
Wise and strong, I know you can.

Then while he slept
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins
And prayed with low bowed head .
O God , make me a child
Like my child here
Pure guileless, sincere,
Trusting thee with faith sincere.

Camelback Chronicle
Phoenix, Arizona

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In regard to the Bus Workshop which is planned here Sat. Oct. 23, the ladies (those involved and even those not involved) are asked to meet in classroom #7 immediately following evening services. Again, all ladies are asked to come.

Gospel Meetings:

Goshen, Oct. 11 thru 17, 7:30 of evenings. Speaker: Terry Stockman (Evangelist at Mentone).

Lagrange, Nov. 1 thru 7, 7:30 ea. evening. Speaker: Gene West, Vienna, West Va.

Right after morning services, the busses will load up the riders for a picnic at Camp Indogan. Children are bringing their own sack lunches, but kool-aid is to be furnished. If you care to donate for this see Thelma Hoggatt. Chaperones are also needed as was announced.

MCC lectureship is Oct. 12 - 14. It is an inspirational event if you can arrange to go.

Dedication of Coldwater's new building is next Sunday at 3:30 Michigan time.

The area fellowship is this Friday at the Heritage House in Ft. Wayne. We've missed some of these, and it would seem good to go again.

Cost is \$4.75 per person.

Don't want to miss one important announcement: VEVA RUSH was baptized into Christ last Tuesday evening. We're happy for this. Her address is: Box 33 Mongo. (Howe Post Office)

One of our new sisters in Christ, Bernice Anderson, is in the Lagrange hospital, room #107A. She would appreciate visitors and your prayers.

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OCTOBER 10, 1976

LAGRANGE

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JUST PLAIN TALK

It doesn't make any difference what you believe as long as it doesn't make any difference where you spend eternity..... but if where you spend eternity does make a difference with you, you'd better believe and obey the truth. Only the TRUTH will make you free. Jn. 8:32

JUST SUPPOSE

Just suppose that when you were growing up you were hated by brothers, sold into slavery, lied about and cast into prison. And suppose you had to languish in that cell for months on end. Would you still have faith in God? Joseph did.

Just suppose that you were called by God to preach a very unpopular message--God's wrath. Suppose the people got up in arms and vented their anger against you. What if they lied about you and tried to take away your life? Would you still have faith? Jeremiah did!

Just suppose that you were called upon to marry a harlot. To this union both a daughter and son were born. Suppose that once again she became an adulteress, and that you had to buy her back for the price of a common slave. Would you still have faith in God? Hosea did.

Just suppose you were called upon to stand before a king and rebuke him for his sin. And suppose that in obedience to the will of God you performed the task, only to learn that your head would be chopped off. Would you still have faith in God? John did.

Just suppose that you learned very suddenly that your religious convictions were wrong. And suppose that as result of being true to the light you found you were cut off from your brethren. Suppose you gave up everything and then discovered when you did, you were persecuted, whipped, beaten, stoned and cast into prison for your beliefs. Would you still have faith in God? Paul did.

Just suppose that you lived a perfect life, loved all men, always did God's will, sought to serve instead of being served, and then you were nailed to a cross to die. Would you still have faith in God? Jesus did.

Just suppose the church isn't friendly.... that people don't appreciate you that some snub you.. that nobody comes to visit you... that you lose your health... that some loved one dies... that you go bankrupt. Would you still have faith in God?

John Gipson,
Little Rock, Arkansas

I AM DETERMINED:

A little more work, a little less play
A prayer in the morning to start right the day;
A little more love, a little less hate
Kind words freely spoken, before it's too late.
A little more striving to live as I should,
Following more closely the One who is good;
Reading my Bible ~~two~~ chapters each day,
Telling it to others as I go on my way.

A little more tolerance, there's good in each one;
A little more praise for the work that's well done;
A little more contentment, a little less greed;
A little more given to help those in need.

Author Unknown

BE YE STRONG THEREFORE AND LET NOT YOUR HANDS BE WEAK: FOR YOUR WORK SHALL BE REWARDED.

2 Chronicles 15:7

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There is an air of excitement about our forthcoming bus workshop next Saturday, Oct. 23. Unfortunately right now we don't know how many to expect, but sister Glova Spears is planning the dinner, so if any of you good "cookers" or "donors" are willing to help out, please call her. The Spears' are visiting this week-end in southern Indiana but plan to return by Monday..... Regarding the workshop, anyone from the congregation is also invited to attend. Please see announcement on bulletin board.

Gospel meeting at Elkhart, Oct. 21-24 with Bill Rogers from Flint, Mi speaking.

Our meeting is fast approaching Nov. 1-7 with Gene West, Vienna, West Va. Start inviting now.

If any of the Ladies can come in Thursday or Friday for extra cleaning of the building for our workshop and gospel meeting, it would be appreciated.

Sister Bernice Anderson was released from the Lagrange Co. Hospital on Tuesday....sister Goldie Pulley was admitted Tuesday with heart complications. Sister Goldie would appreciate short visits. Brother Bellaire seems rather weak, but also appreciates short visits. Vicki Hicks' mother, Frances Lewis, is undergoing tests at Parkview, Ft. Wayne. Send cards to these and keep them in your prayers.

The congregation might not know that is Mr. Harvey Stewart, RFD#2, Lagrange, 46761 and a Mr. Jack Kilpatrick, RFD#1, Sturgis, 49091 gave two days time and the use of their heavy earth moving equipment to level the building site south of the auditorium. Also Lester Egli did some backhoe work for us free of charge. His address is RFD#1 Wolcottville 46795. A note of thanks from any of the members would be greatly appreciated. It was worth \$1000. to us.

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PLAN TO ATTEND THE MCC DINNER, HOSPITALITY INN, NOV. 12

THE

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

Oct. 17, 1976

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ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and contentment, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know.

--Charles Kingsley--

"LET NO CORRUPT COMMUNICATION PROCEED OUT OF YOUR MOUTH, BUT THAT WHICH IS GOOD TO THE USE OF EDIFYING, THAT IT MAY MINISTER GRACE UNTO THE HEARERS." Eph.4:29

I can never recall reading or hearing about one Christian putting another Christian to death. I am almost positive that if you examine your body you will not find one bruise or cut or mark of any kind inflicted by a Christian. Unfortunately, if we could examine souls in the same way, I am just as positive that we would see much more serious wounds caused by those who call themselves Christians. And the instrument of this spiritual carnage is a little bitty thing called the tongue.

How many souls on fire for the Lord have been deluged with the icy cold waters of criticism, backbiting, gossip and slander? No census has ever been taken for this. But if one were, far too large a percentage of the Christian population would have to be numbered. Many feel an obligation to straighten out every fault and problem found in a brother's or a sister's life. The trouble comes when they straighten it out with everybody but that brother or sister.

Oddly enough, some believe that they are ministering good to that brother or sister when they debate the problems within their circle of confidants ("Just between you and me..."). These same people can see gossips everywhere except in their own little secret society of confidants. What a terrible pity!

More unity has been destroyed by careless use of the tongue than by any other cause. More souls have been extracted from the church because of wagging tongues than by any other cause. When will we ever learn? The tongue "is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison"(Jas3:28). How much misery must we go through before we learn that lesson? "Speak not evil one of another, brethren"(Jas4:11).

Let every one of us examine our own selves. We have all, at one time or another, been guilty of this sin against one another, we must put this sin away if we are to achieve the unity of spirit for which our Saviour prayed so long ago(Jno. 17:20,21). Unless we have something to say which will be a blessing to the hearer, let's keep our big mouth's shut!

Chuck Barrington
Donmoyer Digest

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

I wish I had a telescope to scan the starry skies;
But since I have no telescope, I'm glad I have two eyes,

I wish I had a kitchen run by push button commands;
But while that kitchen's still a dream, I'm glad I have two hands.

I wish I had a super-car to give my friends a treat;
But until that new car comes along, I'm glad I have two feet.

Two eyes to look to God above...
Two hands to clasp in prayer...
Two feet to carry me to church...
Why, I'M A MILLIONAIRE!

Worthwhile Reading
Worth, Ill.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

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

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

The Hickory Grove Reminder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our gospel meeting with Bro. Gene West will ^{be} starting one week from Monday, Nov. 1, thru Sunday, Nov. 7. The announcements are ready for you take to hand out to those you want to encourage to come. Let us all work to make this a fruitful meeting.

Thanks to all who participated in any way in our Bus Workshop. It was well received by our guests and was a enjoyable experience for those who worked to put it on. Special thanks to Sis. Glova Spears for overseeing a delicious meal, and to all those who donated food for the meal. All the efforts put forth to make the Workshop successful were worth it if we can help others to share in the joys of a Bus Ministry.

The Women will meet Wed. Morning to make tray favors. Time: 9:30 A.M.

Halloween Party! Oct. 29, 7:00P.M., at the preachers "old" house. Ages 7 and up/ Donations accepted. Sponsored by the Junior Youth Group (Age 10-12) Bill Oakley, Director.

Max Litke will be bringing us the lesson this evening and remember the fellowship that follows in the back classroom. Bring your own finger foods. Sister Connie Davison will have coffee and kool-aid ready.

Roller Skating party Tuesday evening. As usual, transportation to and from building must be provided by parents. Bus leaves at 5:30, will return about 10.

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THE
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EXMORTER

October 24, 1976

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GOSPEL MEETING
Nov. 1 thru 7
Speaker Gene West, Vienna, W, Va.

COVETOUSNESS

A fly landed on a nice strip of gooey, sweet-smelling flypaper. Not seeing a challenger in sight he happily announced, "My Flypaper." Sinking his nose in the syrupy stuff, he dined sumptuously. Then, deciding to leave, he began hopelessly beating his wings against the air...and the paper announced, "My fly!"

That is often the way it is with a man and his possessions. Surveying his accumulations he proudly says, "My possessions!" The possessions knowingly announce, "My man!"

Francis de Sales, reputed to have heard more confessions than any other Catholic priest, said that the sin of covetousness was never one time confessed to him. We wonder how often it is confessed to God. This is the problem with covetousness... it seldom is recognized by the victim.

Covetousness is easily camouflaged. Most of those who are guilty refuse to face it. Jesus preached about it. "And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things and they derided Him. (Luke 16:14). Lovers of money scoff at (or at least "shut out") the preacher who warns them of their sin.

Covetousness is Satan's "home field!" In this park he won his most stunning victories. Covetousness is to the soul what cancer is to the body. No wonder Jesus said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness." (Luke 12:15).

-----Joe Barnett-----

ABSENTEEISM

IS MORE THAN JUST MISSING A SERVICE

"We are concerned with the church absentee not simply because he misses services, but because it is a symptom of a deeper problem, a lack of love for God. What this member needs is not a sermon of being present, but on sin and the grace of God. What he needs to be told is not that he has sinned in deliberately missing these services, but that he was a sinner, a rebel against God, before he ever heard of a worship service. When he can stand at the foot of the cross and see a love that reaches even unto death it will not be necessary to preach to him about attending Bible study and worship services."

This was written by an elder, a man of much wisdom, and I believe has a thought in it for each of us. One of our problems in building up attendance, at Bible Study, Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services must stem from a lack of love for God. Read these lines again and remember them the next time you are tempted to sleep late, to go visiting, to watch television, or attend to business, while God's people are worshipping Him. You miss something important to your soul's salvation when you are absent!

Copied

Some men are like a river---they take the line of least resistance. But taking the line of least resistance makes crooked rivers and crooked men.

Every man should learn God's will and do it.

"What have you done today that nobody but a Christian would do?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Is there anybody who hasn't heard that we are starting our gospel meeting tomorrow evening? One more gentle reminder. Be sure to be here every night and bring someone with you. Let's support this gospel meeting..... If you would like to have Bro. West for noon or evening meals, please sign the schedule in the vestibule.

All the women are invited to a pot-luck at noon Wednesday with Bro. West. They will have opportunity to ask questions in an informal session following lunch.

Also, a church pot-luck is planned for next Sunday. This will be the last day for the meeting, and we are sure that Bro. West would also enjoy this.

This evening we'll plan to have the 5th Sunday singing. If you have any special requests for songs, be sure to turn them in.

Please read the announcement of the Michigan Christian College Thanksgiving dinner on page 3. Hope many here will plan to go.

Sister Nannie Hall will be entering Parkview Hospital this week for surgery. May our prayers be with her, that all things might go well with her and that she may return home again soon.

We encourage everyone to visit and invite others to our meeting this week, however if you have anyone you feel should be visited by brother West or brother Herron, please let them know.

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THE
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October 31, 1976

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G O S P E L
M E E T I N G

Nov. 1-7

7:30 P.M.

Speaker GENE WEST, Vienna, West Va.
Sunday Evening Services 6:00 p.m.

"IF"

YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEREAFTER
YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING BECAUSE:

1. YOUR soul needs refreshing
Nothing does this half so well as the
Purifying, Cleansing of the Word of
God (Psalms 1:1, 19:7).
2. YOUR sins need Forgiveness.
None are good without a God to help.
A CHRIST to love and a gospel to save. (Rom. 1:16)
3. YOUR life needs Direction.
Men are lost in sin and are in need of a SAVIOUR.
Come to hear. (Psalms 119:105m Prov. 6:22-24)
4. YOUR home needs you to be a Christian.
Nobody else can say or do what YOU can to be
THE EXAMPLE your family needs. (Eph. 6:1-4)
5. YOUR eternal destiny may be forever settled now.
It is not too late now, but it soon will be. Make
YOUR future bright by living FOR CHRIST TODAY.
ATTEND THE MEETING.



NOTHING BUT THE GOSPEL

PREACHED

THE HOPE OF THE WORLD
"Christ and Him
Crucified"

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A GOSPEL MEETING

The late brother Bradfield, so eminently successful in reaching multiple souls for Christ, used to ask congregations to follow this procedure prior to a gospel meeting. He had seven rules, and we'd like to print these for your consideration. Remember Bro. West will be here tomorrow.

1. GIVE ten friends a special invitation the week before the meeting starts.
2. URGE delinquents and prospects to come.
3. MAKE five telephone calls each day of the meeting.
4. USE your car to bring visitors to the meeting.
5. TRY hard to lead TWO souls to Christ during the meeting.
6. PRAY for the meeting EVERY day: WORK for its success.
7. ATTEND every service; meet every visitor; help sing every song.

Shelby Ave Bulletin
Nashville, Tenn.

MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
THANKSGIVING DINNER

Would you like to know more about our nearest Christian College? As education is becoming a more vital necessity in this day and age, MCC could very well be a vital factor in the Christian lives of our sons and daughters. Located in Rochester, Michigan, MCC is fully accredited and is planning next year to be a three year college, and the next year a four year college.

The dinner is to be held at the Hospitality Inn in Fort Wayne on November 12. Reservations need to be made. Cost is \$5.85 per person. We hope at least thirty people from here will attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the last day of our meeting and we are happy to announce that Laura Conners was baptized on Tuesday evening. She will be moving to Florida very soon and we wish her the best in the new life in Christ. Also on Tuesday Steve Herron and Mrs. Lillie Pelfrey came asking for prayers of the church. We appreciate Bro. West's fine lessons and pray that others will respond to the invitation.

There will be a Potluck following the morning services and all are invited to stay for this.

There is much sickness among the congregation but we are glad to report that Bro. Hall has gone home from the hospital and Sis. Hall is expecting to go home early this week.

The first Sunday is our time to remember our friends at the two nursing homes. We will sing at the Miller Nursing Home at 4:30 and Lagrange Home at 5:15P.M.

COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 7-11 Gospel Meeting at Auburn, 7:30 P.M.
- Nov. 8-12 East Chestnut Lectures 7:00P.M.
- Nov. 12 Michigan Christian College Thanksgiving Dinner, Hospitality Inn, Ft. Wayne 6:30P.M.
- Nov. 12-14 Gospel Meeting Columbia City 7:30P.M.
- Nov. 14 Area Singing Garrett 3 P.M.

The ladies will meet Wed. morning to make tray favors for the hospital and nursing homes. Also a group meets on Wed. afternoon for Bible Study at the home of Sharon Simpson. All women are welcome to attend this also. 9:30A.M. and 1:15P.M.

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THE LAGRANGE

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November 7, 1976

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If a man is too busy to worship God on Sunday and Wednesday night -- he has more business than God intended for him to have.

WE NEED SOMEONE TO SIT UP WITH THE SICK!!

The story is told about a preacher who got up on Sunday and asked for volunteers to this tune:

"How many of you would sit up one hour per week with a very sick one?"

JUST ABOUT EVERY HAND IN THE CONGREGATION WENT UP!

He continued, "We have one who is very sick, and we have arranged a schedule so that each of you will just have to sit up one hour on one night of each week."

After the show of hands made by Christians who were anxious to sit up with a sick friend, they asked who the sick one was, to which he replied: "Our Wednesday evening Bible Class is sick! So we'll expect each of you to sit with this one."

WILL YOU SIT UP WITH THE SICK?????

THE QUALITY GOES IN BEFORE THE NAME GOES ON

"The quality goes in before the name goes on" is a motto of one of the popular electronic corporations of today. This motto indicates that the company would not put their treasured brand name on any product that does not come up to their high specifications. But, when the quality of work and necessary component parts do comply with their demands, then they proudly place their quality proven name on that product. This not only puts on the market a guaranteed product, but it also safeguards the reputation that is so important to the company.

"The quality goes in before the name goes on" is also true of a Christian. The name Christian is a name to be honored above all names. It's origination comes from the Person whose name appears in the word Christian. That Person, of course, is Jesus Christ! Jesus is spoken of as being "well-pleasing" to God, (Matt. 17:5) as one who has "ascended up far above all heavens" (Eph. 4:10), as one who should "have the pre-eminence" (Col. 1:18), and as one who has been "given a name which is above every name (Phil. 2:9). We can well see why a

1:18), and as one who has been "given a name which is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). We can well see why a name that originates from Christ would be greater than all names. However, just like there are inferior products on the market, there are also "counterfeit Christians". Before that name is given and approved by God the quality must first go in. What is that quality? Romans 6 tells us. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Just being baptized does not give us the right to wear the name of Christ, even though baptism is necessary. But, as Paul says, we must walk in newness of life. What is this newness of life? He tells us in verse 6. "knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth (from this moment on), we should not serve sin".

The quality product called Christian, that God approves, is one who does not serve sin, but serves God. Sin is a transgression against God's law. (I Jn. 3:14) Any violation of any command of God, given through Christ, is a sin. Living in violation to God's commands does not come up to the high quality God demands; therefore the name Christian does not go on.

Remember there is a great difference in what men call one another and what God calls them. Truly, the quality must go in before the name goes on.

ARE YOU QUALIFIED TO WEAR THE NAME CHRISTIAN?

selected

"If there is not sorrow FOR sin, there will be much sorrow because OF sin."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before the conclusion of last Lord's Day, two more precious souls had responded to the invitation of our Lord. Miss Penny Davis and Danny Fry was baptized into Christ. Then Tuesday night, Jim North stated that he was not sure that his motives were right, having been baptized at the age of 12. Jim has been attending here for some time, and we are now happy that he chose to be scripturally baptized without any further doubt. We welcome these three into the fellowship here.

Penny Davis' address is: PH.#463-7510
RR#1, Box 145, Lagrange, In 46761

Danny Fry's address is:
215 So. Cavin St. Ligonier, In 46767

Jim North's address is: Ph.#854-2776
RR#1 Wolcottville, In 46795

Brothers Alan Adams and Max Litke requested prayers of the church for deeper commitment in their lives, and strength from fellow Christians. Let's do this for these two fine men.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the Garrett congregation requests our presence as they host the area singing.

You probably noticed as you pulled up to the building a couple of things: 1. A newly painted bus, one which will replace our borrowed bus from Garden City, Mich. and 2. Walls erected for our new classroom addition. Lord willing the roof will be on before very long.

Events scheduled ahead:

Dec. 10 - Muncie Fairlawn Youth singing group here.

Dec. 12 - Area wide singing at Lagrange

Jan. 15,16 - Youth Rally at Lagrange

Apr. 14-16 - North Central Evangelism Workshop at Ft. Wayne.

Sister Nannie Hall is still at Parkview but hopes to return home today or tomorrow.

Norm Herron, RR#5, Box 15, Lagrange, In 46761

LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

November 14, 1976

Recognizing our collective needs, we meet today to worship God in spirit and in truth. Welcome each one, be often encouraged and challenged by:

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" It doesn't do much good to put your best foot forward if you're dragging the other one".

THE UNFINISHED TASK

A little boy was asked: "Who made you?" His reply was: "I'm not made yet." Think of the unfinished task of teaching and training our boys and girls. This task is urgent and it is constant. It goes on until they have matured into manhood and womanhood and become responsible for their own destiny. This challenge looms before every parent. A specialist in the field of family problems said something like this a short while back:

"Parents almost never have delinquent children who give them a value code to live by and who practice what they preach."

This value code that we give them must be those absolutes found in the word of God.

Then there is the further unfinished task of improving and refining our own lives. Each of us was made to grow and never stop. The Word of God supplies nourishment for the soul at every age and stage of development. It will furnish us "completely unto every good work."

We therefore urge you to join us for Bible study every Lord's Day. Read and meditate upon God's word in your home daily. Read and discuss it and pray together as a family and its treasure will grow richer and the way to heaven brighter day by day.

Court St. Bulletin
Flint, Michigan.

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STORIES - ON THE HIDDEN DEEDS - OUR SECRET SERVICE

Yes, that's what they are -- called our secret service corps. We should keep them nameless, for they operate best in this manner. They move without fanfare but how could we do without:

1. Individuals who, by a telephone call, express concern at the absence of another,
2. Families who provide transportation for those who otherwise could not attend services of the Church.

3. Those who enjoy visiting the shut-ins and elderly of our number.
4. Members who say, "You and I are interested in this particular brother or sister who needs to be encouraged."
5. The secret giver who can always dig back a little deeper and find another bill to give when they are made aware of the need of another.
6. Those who are called in last minute emergencies and calmly say "I'll do my best".
7. And there are many, many more. But they are secret so we see the benefits but not the benefactor. They do not need our recognition, but we are happy to know another eye sees what may escape us.

selected

THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- GOD'S PART:
1. The great love of God for man. Jn. 3:16
 2. He gave Christ as a Savior. Lk. 19:10
 3. Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide. Jn. 16:13
 4. Gave the Gospel as "The Power" unto salvation. Rom. 1:16
 5. Provided atonement by the blood of Christ. Rom. 5:9 ; Col. 1:14

MAN'S PART:

1. Hear the Gospel Rom. 10:17; Jn. 8:32
2. Believe the Gospel Heb. 11:6; Jn. 20:31
3. Repent of past sins Lk. 13:3; Acts 17:30
4. Confess faith in Christ. Rom. 10:10; Mt. 10:32
5. Be baptized. Gal 3:27; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38
6. Be faithful unto death. Rev. 2:10

GOD HAS DONE HIS PART,

Will you do YOURS?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This past Wednesday evening, at the mid-week service, brother Jim Pieratt gave the concluding invitation, and expressed a desire to be baptized himself, since he was a very young man when he was first baptized and in the meantime had been so negligent in his Christian service. His remarks also admonished especially the youth, to remain steadfast and not fall away, admitting how very difficult it was to "come back". It was an excellent Biblical lesson and we appreciate his desire to be "right" with God. Perhaps his thoughts had something to do with three others responding: Bill Oakley (lack of a better Christian example), Penny Oakley (lack of patience and controlling her tongue) and Verna Thomas (lack of stronger commitment). Brethren, we need each other as we strive to walk Godly lives and thus we encourage regular attendance at all services, not only for the Bible study but the fellowship with other Christians which is so vital to our spiritual lives.

Three desire to place membership with this congregation: James and Sue McAlpin
RR#2 Box 140-H, Topeka, In 46571 (Ph593-2142)
and Linda Clark
201½ So. Detroit, Lagrange, In46761 (Ph463-3595)
(please add these names to your directory)

Sister Nannie Hall returned home from the hospital last Sunday and hopefully can be to services soon.

Many will be traveling to home get-to-gethers for the Thanksgiving holiday, and we wish all a safe and enjoyable time. May we always keep God and His provisions before us in daily remembrance.

Norm Herron
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LAGRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST LEXINGTON

November 21, 1976

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PSALM 95:2

"Let us come before his presence
with thanksgiving, and make a
joyful noise unto him with psalms"

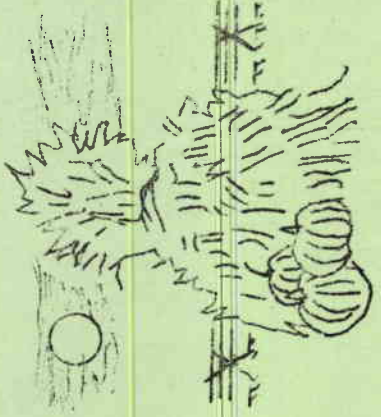
SOME THINGS CHRISTIAN PARENTS LIVE
IN A TEACHER

1. Teachers who stick primarily to the Bible and spiritual things.
2. Teachers who apply Bible teaching, striving for character development of the highest type in the pupils.
3. Teachers with good personality; with the disposition, manners, poise, and balance that exemplifies Christian faith and character.
4. Teachers who strive for good order, courtesy, and respect on the part of pupils.
5. Teachers who expect and require good behavior in their classes.
6. Teachers who study, really study, their lessons, adapting them to the needs of the students.
7. Teachers who are genuine in faith, faithfully trying to live each of the lessons they teach.
8. Teachers who are in the classroom by the time the first student arrives.
9. Teachers who are constantly looking for new and better ways of presenting the lesson.
10. Teachers who have an interest in the student's home and social life.

T H A N K S G I V I N G

As one observes from the concordance, the word thanks and giving is echoed in almost every book of the Bible. This week our nation will once again celebrate the long standing tradition of Thanksgiving! I, for one, am glad it does. The concept of being thankful suggests the fact that we receive so many good things from God.

If we are so certain that none should ever "bind" such an observance as a religious duty...let us be equally certain that "every man should be fully persuaded in his own mind" of the need for being THANKFUL ALWAYS, to Him who provides. There is little enough national recognition of God as it is. Among all the countless blessings of my own life, I am grateful that we live in a nation that encourages its people to give thanks for its blessings.



Elmer F. Little, Jr.
Des Moines, Iowa, Bulletin

LET US
GIVE
THANKS
TO GOD FOR
THE LORD
THE BIBLE
THE CHURCH
& FOR ONE ANOTHER

SOME THINGS THAT TEACHERS LIVE IN
THEIR LIVES

1. Parents who attend Bible classes regularly.
2. Parents who help their children attend Bible classes regularly.
3. Parents who help their children to be in Bible class on time.
4. Parents who speak well of the classes, pointing out the good things.
5. Parents who are fairminded, agreeable and unselfishly helpful to the teacher with all the classroom problems.
6. Parents who appreciate, and express their appreciation, for the efforts of others to help their children.
7. Parents who are real partners with class teachers in the greatest work in the world.
8. Parents who set a time to help their children get their Bible lesson.
9. Parents who maintain discipline at home so the teacher will have few discipline problems in the classroom.
10. Parents who teach their children proper attitudes of worship, in the classroom and public worship services.

Selected by John Clayton, Donmoyer Digest
South Bend, Ind.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

It was good to have some of our college students home for the Thanksgiving holiday. It won't be very long before the Christmas and New Year's holidays roll around and more, hopefully, will be here.

Another "4th" Sunday is here and for this evenings message, brother Alan Adams will speak to us. We plan to have an after service get-together in the back class rooms, and we hope that many will stay and enjoy the good fellowship. Please bring some finger foods for your family, and coffee and kool-aid will be furnished. The hostess this time is Marilyn Herron.

The ladies will be meeting this Wednesday morning at 9:30 for various work projects. Some, last time, went to the Nursing Homes to visit the patients. All the ladies are invited to come.

Remember the Dec. 10 visit by the youth chorus from Fairlawn congregation in Muncie and the Dec. 12 area wide singing at Lagrange.

Our youth are planning a Rally on Jan. 15 & 16, inviting several congregations' youth. Families here are asked to provide overnight stay for those coming.

Sister ~~M~~itilda Spencer was admitted to the Lagrange hospital early this week for diabetic treatment. She enjoys visits - room 159 sister Nannie Hall is recovering from surgery but isn't well enough to be out yet. Sister Goldie Pulley is confined to her home in Howe. ~~Brother~~ Bellaire is still rather weak. All of these mentioned enjoys our visits very much.

Within a couple of weeks, we hope to have a review of 1976 work and projection for the new year. We look forward to a good year with God's help and His will thru our lives.

A skating party is planned Tuesday evening. The bus will leave at 5:30 and return at 10:00. We could use more adult riders. Cost \$1.75 for those who skate.

LAGRANGE
CHURCH OF CHRIST
EXHORTER

November 28, 1976

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Do all the good you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as you ever can.

--Wesley

TWO WOMEN WERE MARRIED TO NON-CHRISTIANS

Two women were married to non-Christians. The first woman remembered that she was to love the Lord, even above her own husband (Luke 12:26), and determined in her heart that she would be faithful to the Lord. She never missed a service of the church just to be with her husband. She never compromised her principles to engage in some questionable activity with him. At the same time she never gave her husband reason to question her love; in fact, he could see that her faithfulness to the Lord led her to be in subjection to him, to love him, to satisfy his physical needs, to be the best wife and mother she could possibly be. She was always loyal to her husband until conflicts arose between her loyalty to him and her loyalty to Christ. She prayed constantly for him, and expressed to him her concern for his soul, but determined not to constantly nag him about obeying the gospel.

The second woman's concept was completely different. She had often heard those scriptures about loving the Lord above everything else, but she didn't want to offend her husband. "After all," she thought, "if I go to every service, and am constantly leaving my husband at home alone he will soon hate the church, and will never become a Christian---and besides, such actions could jeopardize our marriage." So she compromised, missed services anytime he applied pressure (which occurred with increasing frequency), carefully shielded him from the preacher or anyone who might want to talk with him, and even sometimes went with him to places where Christians should never go.

The husband of the first woman soon observed the true value of serving the Lord. He could see the joy, the peace, the strength which were her's through Christ. He appreciated the good people with whom she worshipped. He began to read some of the tracts and Bible material which were brought home from the services, and eventually began attending some of the services with his wife. He resisted for a while, but gradually the power of the gospel broke down that resistance until on a Sunday evening, as the congregation sang, "Oh! Why Not Tonight?" he stepped into the aisle prepared to render obedience to the gospel.

The husband of the second woman was never very impressed with the church. He knew that it meant very little to his wife. And, it never occurred to him that she might want him to be a Christian. The wife herself grew weaker and weaker, and although she never completely quit attending, she found little joy in the Lord.

We would not imply that every faithful woman will be successful in converting her husband. But the following instructions from the Lord should be considered, for they contain the Lord's teaching to women whose husbands are not Christians: "In like manner, ye wives; be in subjection to your own husbands; that if any obey not the word, they may without the word be gained by the behavior of their wives; beholding your chaste behavior coupled with fear."

---Selected, from Hartsville Ohio Bulletin.

ARE YOU A TREE OR A POST

A tree and a post stood side by side. At first the tree was small and slender and could have easily been broken off. The post was solid and supported a heavy fence.

The forces of nature began to work and the post rotted and fell to the earth. The tree grew a little each year until it became a sturdy and useful tree. What was the difference? One difference? One was dead and the other alive.

ARE YOU LIKE THE TREE OR THE POST???????????



---Donmoyer Digest

DIVIDE YOUR TIME WISELY
To be an active Christian
find TIME FOR CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, Lord willing, a complete review will be given of the work of the church in Lagrange for the year 1976 and also, we hope to present a picture of the needs for the year 1977. Every Christian should feel a vital connection to the Lord's church and work toward its purpose upon the earth while we can. Every member is urged to be present next Lord's Day when a greater amount of time will be used in sharing this information.

Again, this evening being the first Sunday, we are scheduled to sing at the Miller Nursing Home at 4:30 and the Lagrange Nursing Home at 5:10. We always need helpers (singers and those who visit with residents).

This Friday evening at 8 o'clock, a group of about 25 youth will be presenting a song service. They come from the Fairlawn congregation in Muncie, and because of the distance involved, will be needing to stay in our homes overnight. Several have indicated that they would keep some young people, but we need a few more families to do this. Let us know about it today.

Next Sunday at 3 o'clock, the area singing is scheduled at Lagrange. We host this event about once each year and we hope that we will be represented well here.

The first issue of INDIANA CHRISTIAN has been received. This is a new publication and has for its goal the unity and spiritual upbuilding of Christians in our great state. It is edited by brother Calvin Minglin of Monticello, Ind. Knowing brother Minglin, we can count on a Biblically sound, spiritually stimulating paper. We urge every family to have some Christian publication coming into their home. This would be a good one. Ask brother Hoggatt for a copy and see if you don't think \$2.50 is well worth the cost of the subscription/year.

Sister Matilda Spencer came home from the hospital yesterday and possibly can return to services today. Sister Nannie Hall is still confined to home. Remember the these along with Goldie Pulley and Elmore Bellaire.

LAGRANGE
CHURCH OF CHRIST
EXHORTER

December 5, 1976

RECOGNIZING OUR COLLECTIVE NEEDS, WE MEET TODAY TO WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. WELCOME, EACH ONE, BE OFTEN CHALLENGED AND ENCOURAGED BY:

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If LIVING men knew what DEAD men know, the world would soon be saved, and the church members would be more faithful.

Will it take death, the end of your opportunity to make the kind of life God wants from you, before you can be convinced there is a Hell?

I'M GLAD THIS CHURCH
NEEDS MONEY

I'm glad this church needs money! If it didn't it would mean it wasn't supporting missionaries and preaching the gospel in other places. No missionary zeal.

I'm glad this church needs money! If it didn't it would mean it had "topped out" and wasn't interested in expanding into other areas of needed service. No vision.

I'm glad this church needs money! If it didn't it would mean it wasn't interested in providing wholesome activities for our teen agers. No concern.

I'm glad this church needs money! If it didn't it would mean it wasn't interested in teaching children in those impressionable formative years. No future.

Yes, sir! I'm glad this church needs money! The fact that it does means it has not forfeited its zeal, compassion, expansion, vision, concern, future. This church needs my gifts and I'm glad of it. I wouldn't want to be a member of any other kind!

--Joe Barnett via Belmont, Colo.
Salute.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LORD'S DAY?

I'll tell you what happened to the Lord's Day. It has become "Mother's Day", "Father's Day", "Dad's Birthday", "Aunt Sue's Birthday", and everybody else's birthday---whether it came last Wednesday or will not arrive until next Thursday. Not only that, it is used for "Kid's Day", "Dog Show day", "Fishing Day", "Tour The Country Day", "Reunion Day", and "Make-an-extra-buck Day".

Put these together with the "Kinsfolks Days", "Lodge Day", "Sports Day", "Hot Days", "Rainy Days", "Professional Football Day", and "My day-to-rest Day", and it easy to see that there is not time for Christ

on the Lord's Day. Somebody besides the Lord gets His Day!

The celebration of the Lord's Day should take precedence every Sunday over the celebration or doing of anything else. What He DID made it what it is! He is more important than George Washington, fishing, the ST. Louis Cardinals, Mother, even self.

Let's give the Lord the Lord's Day.

Via Darby Drive Bulletin,
Florence, Ala.

IF I'D ONLY KNOWN BEFORE

If I'd only known before,
I never would have done it;
For nothing can be worth
The price I now must pay.
If I'd known that he was really
The Savior I rejected,
I would have tried my best
To live for him day by day.

If I'd only known before,
I would have told my family
And all the other people
That are so dear to me.
I'd ask them, "Is it worth it,
To just make one more dollar?"
Oh, I wish I now could make them
See how useless it would be.

If I'd only known before,
I would have worked for Jesus.
I promise that I would have worked
For Him with all my might.
For now all my lamenting
Accomplishes really nothing.
'Cause time for me is gone, you see,
.... I died last night.

----Don Miller

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

AMONG THE SICK-Berneice Anderson, who was baptized in Sept. (lives Auburn), is in the Lagrange Hospital and appreciates visitors. Room 159. Sis. Nannie Hall is much improved. She and Bro. Hall always welcome visitors to their home.

The women who meet on Wed. mornings are trying to collect new socks for the residents of the Lagrange Nursing Home. There is a box in the Hall adorned with socks which you may put your contribution of socks or money in. Lets all help in this small way.

SINGING- This afternoon at 3 P.M. is our time to host the monthly singing for the area churches. Come and enjoy the fellowship with Christians from the area.

Coming Events

Dec. 19 Gospel Sing at Paulding, O. 2:30P.M. with the Harbor Lights and Master's Singers

Jan 15-16 Youth Rally here. Volunteers will be needed to provide housing.

April 14-16 NORTH CENTRAL SOUL WINNING WORKSHOP, Plans are being laid for this event and more info is on the bulletin board.

TEACHERS- Please plan to attend a meeting next Sunday evening to plan for next quarter and to get your materials for the Winter Quarter Jan.2.

Get those Joy Bus riders faces connected with their names, thanks to the Bus Workers Bulletin Board display in the front hall. The better you get to know them, the more you LOVE them.

Brother and sister Carl and Jessie Pieratt are back for a few days, and we are sorry to have them leave our area. Carl is building a home near Camdenton, Mo. and they plan to move there when the house is finished. The Pieratts have been faithful supporters of the work in Lagrange since the beginning, and we'll miss them. We know that they will continue to serve the Lord wherever they are, and we wish God's richest blessings on them, and many years of happy service in His work.

Norm Herron, RR#5, Box 15, Lagrange, In 46761

LAGRANGE
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December 12, 1976

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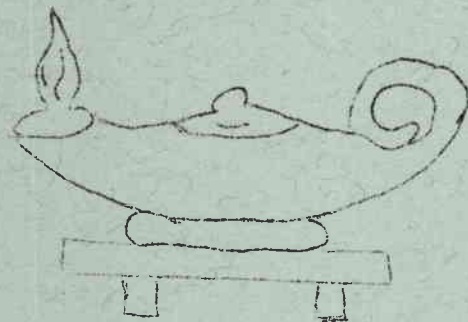
- *Show your concern
- *Learn of a need
- *Encourage the downhearted
- *Lift the depressed
- *Strengthen the weak
- *Cheer the sad
- *Comfort the lonely
- *Reassure the suffering
- *Promote a good work

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

Once a traveler came to a French village. Night was approaching, and people were hurrying through the streets. The traveler noticed that each person was carrying a bronze lamp. To his inquiry about this, he received this reply: When the church was built, it was decided that each member would bring his own light to the night services. Each one reasoned that if he is not there, the church will be darker.

The traveler went to the village building and there he found that on every seat was a place to hang the lighted lamp. As more and more of the members came, the building became brighter and brighter. Do you realize that the church is darker when you stay home? Your "light" is needed, not only on Sunday morning, but especially for the night services.

---Waynedale, Ft. Wayne, In.



"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE..."

WHO IS RIGHT? ???

It may be difficult for us to see things as God wants them to be because we are so busy seeing things as we believe they ought to be. It may be difficult for us to see the New Testament picture of the church in the first century because we are so accustomed to churches in the twentieth century.

Six thousand years of human history bear out the truth that in religion God's way always works and men's ways always fail. The only sensible path to pursue is the path that God has laid out for us. The passing of time adds to the mountain of human ways, ideas, philosophies, creeds and churches, but it cannot improve God's word. Nineteen centuries ago, Jesus built his church, and the apostles revealed his will. Men can improve upon neither, but the need of the hour is that we learn to be content with both. The New Testament is still intact; the Lord's church is yet the same.

For various reasons, men have written creeds and established churches. We are not so much concerned about their motives as we are about the outcome of their labors. Honest souls are divided in religion and do not believe that there is any specific answer. Asking, "Who is right?", they decide no one is entitled to the claim, therefore, all are right. But, think, friends, God's Word is right, and they only can be right who conform to and defend that Word.

In churches of Christ today, we have nothing except an effort to conform to God's pattern. We know that whatsoever cannot be authorized by the Bible, whether human creeds, ideas, ways, practices or names, will result in the departure and division. We are not pleading for "our way" over "your way", but for God's way over men's ways. The all important question is "Are you conforming to God's way?" Such produces unity and the Lord's church, not division and denominations.

-- Worth, Ill. church bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday evening brother Dan Davison made his life right with God by confessing sins and asking forgiveness and prayers of the church. It takes a good heart to do that. We have come to love and appreciate Dan and Connie since their move here.

This evening at 5, would all the teachers meet in the living room of the house for a meeting.

Yesterday, about a dozen of our bus workers traveled to Garden City, Mich. to present different aspects of our bus program here, to the church there. Their work together is to be commended and we love and appreciate every one of them.

Brother Richard Hostetler injured his knee Thursday evening and had to miss the Garden City trip along with Fran. They are also involved in the children's Bible Hour. Hope he is well soon.

Sister Goldie Pulley is now in the Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in room #6, north wing. She loves company. Put her on your schedule to visit.

A letter from the Fairlawn youth group who sang here Dec. 10, expresses thanks for our hosting them and housing them overnight. See Bull. board.

Sister Nannie Hall is feeling much better. They thought they might be able to attend serv. in eve.

There were 21 pairs of socks delivered to Lagrange Nursing Home by the ladies. Thanks to all who cont.

Norm Herron
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Dec. 19, 1976

LAGRANGE
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A SAD STORY

There are thousands of parents who have given their children everything but God. They have provided them good food, fine clothes and a liberal education --- BUT NO SAVIOR!
They have read them Dick Tracy and Superman - BUT NOT THE BIBLE!
They have taken them to movies - BUT NOT TO BIBLE CLASSES!
They have cursed before their children - BUT NEVER PRAYED!
SHAME on such parents!
PITY such children!

A DIFFERENCE IN DIRECTION

A man was seeking to teach his neighbor about Christ. He had established that sin is a violation of God's law (I Jn. 3:4) and that the results of sin would be eternal separation from God (Rom. 6:23). But as he was urging the man to obey the gospel he was hit with this question, "Well, aren't you a sinner too?"

The Christian immediately said, "Oh, yes, I'm a sinner too."

His friend then asked, "Well, what is the difference between you and me if we are both sinners?"

The man thought for a minute because he wanted to give a correct answer. Then he said, "Let me explain it to you from my own life. Before I became a Christian I was running after sin. Now I'm running from it."

Paul was shocked by the attitude of sin among Roman Christians. He asked, "How can we who died to sin still live in it?" (Rom. 6:2) John wrote, "I am writing this to you so that you may not sin" (I Jn. 2:1) Our direction as a Christian is away from sin.

But thank God, when we do sin "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous," (I Jn. 2:1) The difference between sin and that of one not a Christian is that Jesus is taking care of mine by His blood. John said, "The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (I Jn. 1:7).

Time flies you say?
Ah, no!
Time stays,
You go!

THANKS ! - FOR THE THANKLESS TASKS !

I AM THANKFUL that in early years my mother made me pick up and neatly put away all my things before leaving the room.

I AM THANKFUL that she required us to take nourishing food before filling up on desert.

I AM THANKFUL that my father required us to bring in a bucket of coal and a bundle of wood before we went to school.

I AM THANKFUL that some places were off limits, some people not good companions, and some books taboo.

REALIZING how many weaknesses and wrong practices I later acquired, I dread to think of what my life might have been had it not been for this early training and strict discipline.

I AM THANKFUL that my teacher made me stay after school to finish my lessons.

I AM THANKFUL that I had to wash dishes in a restaurant to earn money for special training.

I AM THANKFUL that my football coach put me through many bruising encounters to perfect certain techniques.

I AM THANKFUL that the traffic red lights make me stop short and rob me of sixty seconds, but get me there safely.

IS IT NOT SILLY, even wicked, that most of our thanks are for pleasures enjoyed, freedoms won, and gifts received, rather than for restraints imposed upon us, disciplines, compulsions, and deprivations, which may have added more to our growth of character and the strengthening of our bodies, minds, and will than all the "gifts" put together?

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Announcements---

Several of the members will be away this week end because of the holiday. Because families will be having their get-togethers and more yet to come, we thought it might be good to not plan the usual 4th Sunday evening fellowship after services. Many will be "party-ed" out and will appreciate going right home. So remember, no after service fellowship this evening.

This Friday evening (New Year's Eve.) Devon and Ellen Hostetler invites everyone out to their house, time around 7 o'clock. They say to bring some finger foods and they will furnish the kool-aid and coffee. We appreciate their hospitality which is extended for our New Year's Eve fellowships.

For the past few years, the Lagrange bowling Alley is reserved on New Year's Eve for any who like to try their hand at bowling. Bro. Jim Martin has arranged for us to use the alley from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a. m. this year.. So, it looks like a full evening - at the Hostetlers earlier in the evening and then the bowling alley from 10 to 1.

This evening brother Dale Morgan will be bringing us the evening message. Be sure to hear him.

As we wind up another year, we wish for everyone a happy holiday season, and the very best wishes for the new year. May our life be an instrument ready for the Master's use as we seek to glorify His name in 1977.

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EXHORTER

RECOGNIZING OUR COLLECTIVE NEEDS, WE MEET TODAY TO WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. WELCOME, EACH ONE, 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.

KNOWLEDGE

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

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

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WHO WILL KNOW?

A Christian boy away at college was confronted with temptation. He continued to push away from it. Some of his fellow students pressed him to yield. One of them in exasperation said, "Come on and do it! Who will know the difference?"

He answered; "I will know, God will know, my Christian friends will know, and when Christ comes everyone will know. Sorry, fellows, but you will have to count me out."

Good answer!

1. I will know. This is sufficient reason to shun sin even if it's certain no one else will ever know. No one else has to live with my conscience twenty-four hours a day, but I do. So, I need to conduct myself in such a way that I can lay down at night with a clear conscience and look myself in the mirror in the morning without shame.

2. God will know. Job said, "If I sin, thou dost mark me." (Job 10:14) Joseph looked temptation square in the face and refused to yield. He was far away from home, but close to God. He said, "how then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" Gen. 39:9. I can't do anything that he does not see.

3. My Christian friends will know. They may not know of my particular sin, but they will be aware of my loss of influence. The church is a body--no member can sin without harming the whole body. When I sin I weaken the church.

4. When Christ comes everyone will know. He "will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness" (1Cor.4:5). If I sin today I must suffer for it tomorrow.

Wise is the person who determines to live a righteous life and, regardless of the pressure, "holds to his way."

-----Joe R. Barnett

Hold fast to the faith
(1Cor. 16:13)
Assemble for worship
(Hebrews 10:25)
Pray without ceasing
(1Thess. 5:17)
Purify your heart
(James 4:8)
Yield not to temptation
(1Corinthians 10:13)

Neglect not doing good
(James 4:17)
Exemplify Christ
(1Corinthians 11:1)
Work in the vineyard
(Philippians 2:12)

Yield first to God
(Matthew 6:33)
Exercise unto godliness
(1Timothy 4:7, 8)
Answer to others
(1 Peter 3:15)
Redeem the time
(Ephesians 5:15,16)

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