

ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*\*\*

HELP WANTED: There is a new schedule on the board for cleaning the building and preparing the communion. Please sign up for this, even this month. Also we need women to cook breakfast for the bus workers on Saturday.

Before it is overlooked, we thank Devon & Ellen Hostetler for their home for the New Year's Eve fellowship. About 90 were there to enjoy the evening.

This evening, at 4:30 please meet for the monthly sing for the Miller Merry Manor patients and then at 5:10 for the LAGRANGE Nursing Home patients.

We received word that Alan Adams' brother, Ken, was killed in an auto accident this week. Because of this, the Adams' will not be coming back until Thursday. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family at this time.

Dates for coming events:

... Next Sunday morning brother Norm will be exchanging pulpits with brother Dan Reed of East Allen Co. in New Haven, Ind. Brother Reed will bring us information concerning the North Central Soul Winning Workshop in Ft. Wayne 14, 15 & 16th of April.

... Jan. 15&16 will be the Youth Rally here.

... Camp Indogan dinner at Pottawatami Inn, Pokagon State Park, Angola, on Feb. 18.

... Feb. 25-27 meeting with brother Walter Pigg.

... Apr. 14-16 North Central Soul Winning Workshop. at Ft. Wayne

... Apr. 24 thru May 1 gospel meeting here with brother Kenneth Chambers of Kissimmee, Fla.

MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AS TIME APPROACHES.

Sister Sharon Mills confessed to negligence in her Christian duty and asked for prayers of the church, last Sunday. The Lord has given us all life to see a New Year come around again. Let's use it more for Him.

Another baby boy born to Ron and Ruth Winfree Thursday. Name Matteo David.

Ladies to meet Wed. at 9:30 at building for tray favors.

January 2, 1977

LAGRANGE

EXHORTER

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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 BIBLE STUDY.....9:30A.M.  
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 EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00P.M.

WEDNESDAY: EVENING BIBLE STUDY.....7:00P.M.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Let's Work Like Leaven in '77

- Be in All Services for Study and Worship.
- Live More Like Christ Each Day.
- Seek More Lost Souls More Diligently.
- Cooperate More Lovingly.
- Study The Word More Earnestly.
- Make More Calls For Christ.
- Pray More Diligently and Often.
- Work More Zealously.
- Contribute More Liberally
- Be More Helpful To Those in Need.

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The Beginning of a New Year is a good time to think of

### A RENEWED LIFE

Do you feel that your spiritual life is lacking in depth and dedication? Are you displeased with your rate of spiritual development? Any Christian who so desires may experience a radical spiritual rebirth. The important question is HOW? Where do I start? Here are some suggestions.....

1. Get thoroughly dissatisfied with yourself. Spiritual progress can not be made until a need for improvement is seen.
2. Carefully determine the areas in your life where you need to make changes, and begin NOW to make them.
3. Do a thorough job of repenting. Let godly sorrow do her healing work. Where sin has been of a public nature let a public confession be made.
4. Make a definite place in your life for daily worship. Do not neglect prayer and Bible study for any cause. Never be too tired or busy to spend some time alone with God.
5. Deliberately narrow your interest. You must decide what is most important to this renewed life, and invest your time accordingly. There are many activities and projects which use up time and energy and bring you no nearer to God.
6. Begin immediately some definite labor for Christ. Be sure that time is devoted each week to the Lord's work.
7. Trust the Lord. Begin to expect a resurgence of spiritual power and joy. The Lord will not disappoint you.

---James LeFan

Do what you can,  
Where you are,  
With what you have.

### LISTEN

### CHRISTIAN!

I was hungry  
and you formed a humanities club  
and discussed my hunger  
Thank you.

I was imprisoned  
and you crept off quietly  
to your chapel in the collar  
and prayed for my release.

I was naked  
and in your mind  
you debated the morality  
of my appearance.

I was sick  
and you knelt and thanked God  
for your health.

I was homeless  
and you preached to me  
of the spiritual shelter  
of the love of God.

I was lonely  
and you left me alone  
to pray for me.

You seem so holy;  
so close to God.  
But I'm still very hungry,  
and lonely,  
and cold.....

-----Bob Rowland  
Camelback Christian  
Phoenix, Arizona

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning brother Dan Reed, preacher for the East Allen Co. Church of Christ, in New Haven, will be bringing us a message regarding the Christian's greatest work - the saving of souls. He and brother Norm are exchanging pulpits this morning so that brother Reed can share with us the plans for the North Central Soul Winning Workshop scheduled for April 14 - 16 in Ft. Wayne. So that everyone can be better informed about this, brother Reed would like to explain it more informally during the Bible Study period. For this reason would BOTH ADULT CLASSES MEET IN CLASSROOM #7 for this question and answer session. We appreciate brother Reed's visit with us for the first time.

Next Saturday and Sunday the youth are planning for the youth rally as has been announced. They hope to have many teenagers from area congregations, some of whom will be staying over for Sunday services.

For those who will be staying over, the youth have asked if we might have a pot-luck dinner for them. We won't know the number until Saturday evening, but we can just announce that a pot luck dinner is planned for next Sunday for everyone. Please bring enough for your family and a little extra for our visitors.

Other announcements will be given following worship.

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JANUARY 9, 1977

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There's a great day coming, a great day coming,  
there's a great day coming by and by,  
When the saints and the sinners shall be parted  
right and left,  
Are you ready for that day to come?  
Are you ready, are you ready, are you ready for  
the judgment day?  
Are you ready, are you ready, for the judgment day?

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LOST, FOUR  
SOULS

Something important came up, he doesn't remember what, but he decided it wouldn't hurt to miss church this once. He had been taught differently, but he missed anyway. She hated to go without him---the two children were difficult to manage without his help, so she misses too.

The conscience worked overtime that day. A short while later they decided to go on a Sunday out-of-town trip and missed again. Conscience spoke again, but its voice was a little softer.

With each succeeding absence their individual spiritual appetites diminished. Fellow Christians were concerned and came to call. At first there were excuses----out of town, didn't feel well, act, and then resentment because such concern made them uncomfortable. It has been many years since they were active in the Lord's work. Their hearts are occasionally stirred by nostalgic memories of a better yesterday, but God seems far away. No one ever goes back to see them. Too many have tried, but their interest was not welcomed. They are now let alone in their sin and darkness. Their loss is bad enough, but the loss of the two children---now teenagers is even more tragic. They never had a chance. The mother and the father did have the privilege of knowing the Lord, but they rejected him. The children never knew Him.

It is a tragic story-- the story of four souls on a one way street to nowhere. The parents are driving, the children are being taken for ride. And to think -- it all began with the mistaken idea that it wouldn't hurt to miss "just this once."

If this has happened to you- RESOLVE to return to the Lord and His people before it is too late. Come

back this week. Do not delay. You need us and we need you.

Shelby Ave. Searchlight  
Nashville, Tenn.

EMPTY SEAT

The absentee church member met the preacher on Monday morning. Said Br. Ab. "My seat was empty again yesterday, wasn't it?" "No", replied the preacher. "It wasn't." "What?" said Bro. Ab. "I wasn't there, who was in it?" Said the preacher "The devil was in it, just glaring up at me and saying, "I've got him again."

RESULTS: Bro. Ab. was in his place at the next service."

DON'T LET THE DEVIL GET YOUR SEAT AT ANY OF THE SERVICES THIS YEAR. RESOLVE TO COME ALWAYS.

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THINK ON THESE THINGS

A BAD EXAMPLE!

Did you ever see a river that was as straight as an arrow? Not likely. Streams generally wind back and forth from the time they gush out of a lake until they find repose in the bosom of the deep. Why is it the river is never straight? Let the master epigram answer, and at the same time drive home a wholesome truth: "A river becomes crooked by following the course of least resistance. SC DOES MAN !!"

Brookston Bulletin

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LOVE:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the time of this writing ( Saturday morning) the youth of the church are busy getting things ready for the many teenagers who will be coming for the planned rally this afternoon and Sunday. We welcome all who come and hope that your stay will be enjoyable and profitable in a spiritual way. This rally involves not only the youth but so many others in providing overnight stay and food. Many thanks to all and may the Lord bless you in a job well done.

We were glad to learn more about the workshop being planned for Apr. 14-16 in Ft. Wayne, when Dan Reed was with us last Sunday. Approximately \$500.00 was either given or pledged by many here to help in this great endeavor. God's people can do anything when they band together. To facilitate the treasurer in handling on this contribution on a weekly basis, we would like each who purposed to give, to please identify his/her contribution. Please mark it "WORKSHOP" so the treasurer will know. There are envelopes for cash contributions on the pulpit stand if you care to use them.

Within another week sister Verna Thomas will be leaving for the service. We hate to see her leave but hope that she may seek the church of our Lord wherever she may be.

Today we invite everyone to stay for the pot-luck in our "new" (so new it isn't finished yet) fellowship room following morning services.

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LAGRANGE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
EXHORTER

January 16, 1977

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

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 A.M.  
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SENTENCE SERMONS

We must have long-range goals to keep us from being frustrated by short-range failures.

Set your goals high, and be sure they have the approval of God.

## IT'S A FACT

The Church of Christ existed long before the Catholic Church or any Protestant Denomination. It was founded in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost following Christ's resurrection, Matt. 16:19; Lk 24:46,47; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-47. Its members were identified by the name Christian and not by sectarian names, Acts 11:26; I Pet. 4:16. The congregations were called Churches of Christ, Rom. 16:16. There was no head but Jesus, Eph. 1:22,23; Eph. 5:23. The members met on the first day of the week to break bread, Acts 20:7, and to give of their means, I Cor. 16:2. Each congregation had its own bishops (elders) and deacons, Phil. 1:1. The preachers taught sinners to repent and be baptized to be saved, Acts 2:38.

If you are a member of the church of Christ today, you are not a Protestant or a Catholic - you are only a Christian!

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### ARE WE EXPECTING THE IMPOSSIBLE ?

It is impossible for a Christian to enter heaven if he refuses to assemble with the saints!

It is impossible to "walk by faith" if we have to see the money before we will act ! ( 2 Cor.5:7; Lk.5:4)

It is impossible for a congregation to grow and to be found pleasing in God's sight if false doctrine is tolerated in the camp ! (Rom. 15:17; Titus 3:10)

It is impossible for an individual to worship God "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24; I Cor 14:15) and at the same time talk and pass notes during the services !

It is impossible for a Christian to go to heaven

when he refuses to work in the Lord's vineyard ! (John 15:1-8 ; I Cor. 15:58)

It is impossible for a congregation to grow in numbers when brethren are taking off every other week-end !

It is impossible to grow spiritually and at the same time refuse to give in a sacrificing manner ! (I Cor. 16:1,2; 2 Cor. 9:7)

It is impossible to walk with God and with the devil at the same time ! (Amos 3:3; I John 1:7)

It is impossible to gossip and bear tales and grow spiritually. (Eph. 4:31 ; Gal. 5:25)

It is impossible for a child to be brought up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4) when the family never engages in family devotionals ! (Prov. 22:6)

Beloved, are we expecting the impossible ?

... Ivie Powell

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### 3 EASY STEPS TO PERSONAL WORK

1. Unplug the TV , record player and radio.
2. Hide all the newspapers and magazines.
3. Get your Bible and car keys and "git".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning brother Norm will be preaching for the Angola congregation. Brother Alan Adams will be speaking here. We appreciate Alan and his desire to do more preaching. May God bless him in this great work. Norm will be with us again this evening.

The youth group had several dozen hot dogs and buns left over from the youth rally, and it was suggested that we have them for our fellowship this evening. Each family should still plan to bring some finger foods to go with the hot dogs.

A schedule for coming events:

- Camp Indogan dinner at Pokagon (rescheduled for last of March - will announce later)
- Week-end meeting with Walter Pigg, Feb. 25-27.
- Apr. 14-16 North Central Soul Winning Workshop
- Apr. 24 - May 1 meeting with Kenneth Chambers.

Ladies invited to meet Wed., 9:30 a.m. at the building for tray favors.

The winter weather has kept some from attending the worship services. Along about this time of year we can hopefully say "the worst is likely over" so that before too long we can have better weather.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Jan. 23, 1977

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SENTENCE SERMON:

What you have is God's; He has put you in charge of it for a time.

## BEING SPIRITUAL

"I only like to worship with my friends in our living room. They are so spiritual. I get more out of spiritual people". "He must be deeply spiritual because when he prays and talks he seems so emotionally close to his Lord". "I don't feel close to the Lord. My life must not be spiritual enough. I don't get much out of church services. They lack spirituality."

Perhaps no other word is used more and abused more, than "spiritual". Its meaning is batted to and fro like a shuttlecock! Sadly, those who talk most about spirituality are usually the ones who know the least about what God says "being spiritual" really means.

"Being spiritual" is not: (1) Being more emotional in our prayers than the average person; (2) feeling ecstatically on cloud 9 during the 11 o'clock worship hour; (3) the ability to become emotionally involved and excited on an out-of-town campaign; (4) a silent inner glow that "radiates Jesus" so that through a process of divine osmosis others absorb Jesus too! Yet, by common usage, these definitions have been taught and quite commonly accepted.

But such narrow views of "spiritually" stand out in sharp contrast to the New Testament writers. Paul taught that being "spiritual" is to "walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Gal 5:16). "Being spiritual" is not shown by "constant discontent," or by being so emotionally involved as to ignore God's written word. But "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 6:22,23). These things, when Biblically defined, are qualities of "spirit-

ually" which demands exact obedience.

Frankly, to conclude there is a lack of "spirituality" because there is an absence of an emotionally high peak at a worship service is a misunderstanding of what "spirituality" means. A far more valid test lies in attitudes toward regular worship, and more especially towards the routine of daily living. How a Christian housewife washes dishes, changes diapers, and keeps a tidy house or how a Christian husband conducts his business affairs during the week may be greater tests of their "spirituality" than how emotional they become at a worship service.

Spiritual growth is not a "magical" process. It comes gradually through the years of growth in the Christian graces (2 Peter 3:18). Growing up spiritually will involve average, routine days. True spirituality is not proven by one's ability to reach an emotional peak when talking about Jesus or when praying. True spirituality involves a proper attitude, routine weeks and average worship hours. No human can always maintain a high emotional level.

written by Bob Barnhill, Glenwood, Ft. Wayne

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### THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF GOD

More sky than man can see,  
More seas than he can sail,  
More sun than he can bear to watch,  
More stars than he can scale.

More breath than he can breathe,  
More yield than he can sow,  
More grace than he can comprehend,  
More love than he can know.

- Ralph W. Seager -



ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*\*\*\*

We are sorry that so many won't be able to come in today because of drifted roads. Last week we hopefully suggested that the worst (weather) was likely over but we spoke too soon; the past week probably set the record for cold and wind, and the combination will be with us for awhile yet.

We're having two classes this morning, one for the junior high thru adults and one for the children.

This evening, we'll have our regular 5th Sunday singing and we hope that many who won't be dug out this morning can make it this evening.

Brother Martin Hall was in the hospital most of the week for tests, but returned home yesterday.

The following was compiled and submitted by brother Emmitt Herr (Zoa's husband) before he passed away:

CHRIST'S COMING Preached in 5 P's

1. PROSPECT - by Moses
2. PROMISE - by Abraham
3. PROPHECY - by Isaiah
4. PREPARATION - by John the baptizer
5. PERFECTIION - Peter on the day of Pentecost

Scripture references for these are:

John 5:46; Deut. 1:18, Gen. 12:3, Isa. 7:14; Isa. 9:6, Matt. 3:1-3 and Acts 2.

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January 30, 1977

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

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR.....9:30A.M.  
BIBLE STUDY.....9:30A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE.....10:30A.M.  
EVENING WORSHIP.....8:00P.M.  
  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00P.M.

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## DON'T BE DISCOURAGED!

There are many people who apparently have the impression they should experience no troubles in life if the Lord is with them. However, being a Christian does not mean one is exempt from the trials and disappointments of life. God never promised us a life in which nothing unpleasant will ever happen. True, Jonah was disobedient and a storm came upon the ship in which he was traveling. But Paul's ship was storm tossed too and he was living in obedience. Trials come to all.

And yet, while God has not promised we will be free of disappointment he has promised his people strength and peace in the midst of trial. Jesus assured his disciples, "My peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." God permits trials to come to us because they are a part of the educational process of a life that experiences no hardship. It is for our good that the Lord permits disturbances to come into the world of which we are a part. Trials are a fire in which character is tested and tried.

Therefore, when trials come into our lives let's not think this is an evidence of God's displeasure or that it is an indication of his departure from us. When suffering comes many people are heard to say, "What have I done to deserve this?" But this is not the way a true Christian will look upon his trials. He does not see them as an evidence of God's displeasure but as an opportunity for glorifying God and developing a more Christlike disposition. He asks, "How may I profit and what good thing may I learn from this experience?"

Hardships can either be stumbling blocks or stepping-stones depending upon our attitude. We can either use them to our advantage or let them get the best of us. Let's determine right now that regardless of what circumstances we may find ourselves in at the moment, we

will look to the Lord in faith. "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world" (1 John 5:4).

CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT: Not Yours to Give

A guest had said upon leaving, "I like to come here. It's the only place I can say anything I want to, knowing it will go no further." The compliment should have gone to my mother. One day, when I was about eight, I was playing beside an open window while Mrs. Brown confided to my mother, a serious problem concerning her son. When Mrs. Brown had gone, my mother, realizing I had heard everything, said, "If Mrs. Brown had left her purse here today, would we give it to anyone else?" "Of course not," I replied. Mother continued, "Mrs. Brown left something more precious than her pocketbook today. She left a story that could make many people unhappy. That story is not ours to give away. It is still hers, even though she left it here. So, we shall not give it to anyone. Do you understand?" I did and I have understood ever since, that a confidence or a bit of careless gossip which a friend has left at my house is his, not mine to give away!

Central Church of Christ  
Spartanburg, So. Carolina

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A gossip is a person who knows a great deal about a very little, and who goes along knowing more and more about less and less, until finally he knows practically everything about nothing.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

It looks as if it's going to be another one of those week-ends. ~~Maybe~~ it will be some better weatherwise, but the snow and drifts will prevent us from running our busses this Sunday, so our attendance will be lower. We're planning to have regular classes this Sunday even though they will be down in attendance. Hopefully, all this "upsetting of schedules" will be over before many more weeks ( This is February isn't it?)

This evening the residents of the two Nursing homes will be expecting us for our 1st Sunday of the month singing. Please join us at the Miller Merry Manor home at 4:30 and the Lagrange home at 5:10.

The week-end meeting with brother Walter Pigg will be coming up soon - the 25,26 & 27 of February. These lessons will be primarily for the church so we hope that every member will plan now to attend every service.

This past week we learned of a need for a family. Kitchen utensils & dishes, towels, and bedding will be needed. If you can supply any of these please see Thelma Hoggatt.

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

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February 6, 1977

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Sentence Sermons:

We build our lives better when we make long plans.

A person's character is like a fence: all the whitewash in the world won't strengthen it.

## GOD'S CHOICES

Babylon! Mighty Babylon! Magnificent Babylon! If ever there was a city which seemed independent and self-sufficient it was Babylon. Why--Babylon even had her own gods.

But she was nothing more than a cup in God's hand. He raised her up. He held her and he eventually hurled her to the ground.

God is all-powerful. He even uses his enemies... To Cyrus he said, "Thou art my battleaxe."---To Nebuchadnezzar, "Thou art my servant." Those who bowed to heathen gods were but instruments in the hands of God. We are amazed at his choices. He used men and nations we would never have dreamed of.

Israel! Of all things! Israel! What an unlikely nation for God to use---a bunch of slaves in Egypt. How could the Redeemer come from such nothing? It seemed a poor choice but God knows what he's doing and Israel was his instrument. He shaped, polished and used her.

Look at those men Jesus chose for apostles. They seemed an unlikely lot since twelve of them were provincial and uneducated. How could they compete with the poetry of Greece, the arms of Rome, and the sophisticated institutions which had been centuries in building? It was a strange choice---yet very Godlike just like the choice of the slaves in Egypt and their work changed the earth.

Here's a job that needs to be done. How do you respond? "I'm not fit for it." "I'm the last person in the world for it." Well, maybe, but so was Israel and those apostles.

God has used some pretty sorry equipment to break important ground. It's amazing what crude equipment can do when it's in the hands of a master. He can use you. GIVE HIM A CHANCE!

---PAULDING PURPOSE  
Paulding, Ohio

## ON BEING LIKE JESUS

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5). Jesus left us an example so that we might "follow in His steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

We want to be like Him as He walks on the water, but we don't want to walk the dirty floor of a poor man's hovel.

We would raise the dead, but will not hold the hand of the sick.

We would turn water into wine, but will not turn our own money into food, clothing and shelter for the needy.

We would still a storm on Galilee, but will not calm the troubled heart of a neighbor.

We would open the eyes of the blind but will not share the light with those who live in darkness.

We would miraculously heal crippled bodies, but will not aid the handicapped.

We would restore the deaf man's hearing, but will not share with him what they need most to hear.

We want to be like Jesus, but we prefer to walk with Him in triumph over palm branches, not under the weight of the cross. We want the crown, but not the cross. We would like to have a scepter, but not a shepherd's staff. We prefer to be robed in a royal garment of purple, not girded with the towel of lowly service.

We want to be like Jesus as King and Miracle worker, but not as a servant.

---Max Hughes  
Niles, Michigan Bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The bus workers were on their routes yesterday and the busses will be running for the first time in three weeks. It will seem good to see the youngsters again and we hope to have continued opportunities to teach and encourage them in Christian living.

A week from Friday night will begin our meeting with brother Walter Pigg. Dates are Feb. 25 - 27.

On March 25th, a 2nd annual Camp Indogan Associates banquet is being held at Potowatomi Inn at Pokagon State park, similar to the one that was held at the Heritage House last year. We are hoping that several couples will plan to go and support the effort of the camp directors to improve the camp facilities. It should be the concern of all area Christians that the camp facilities are going to have to be upgraded to meet board of health requirements, or the camp will not be allowed to operate even this summer. That would be a tragedy. Please see one of the directors (Devon, Norm or Dean) and reserve a spot for you at this program. Tickets are \$12.50/person and the program is on an announcement on the bulletin board.

Sister Margaret Tuttle has been sick with the flu this week. Also brother Martin Hall hasn't been well. If the bad weather has been responsible for much sickness, perhaps things will be looking better soon. (We said that before !!! )

We welcome all visitors and invite you back whenever you can come.

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FEB 13, 1977

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IF YOUR LIPS WOULD KEEP FROM SLIPS  
FIVE THINGS OBSERVE WITH CARE;  
TO WHOM YOU SPEAK, OF WHOM YOU SPEAK, AND HOW AND  
WHEN AND WHERE.  
IF YOUR EARS WOULD KEEP FROM JEERS,  
THESE THINGS KEEP MEETLY HID:  
MYSELF AND ME, OR MY AND MINE, AND  
HOW I DO OR DID.

--Niles Bulletin

### A MARK OF MATURITY?

"This program is intended for viewing by a mature audience. Parental discretion is advised."

You probably know how often this flashes across the TV screen. Maybe I misunderstand maturity. Is it maturity to watch hour after hour of stabbings, shootings, chokings? We aren't satisfied with off-screen action, we've got to see it. We've got to see the blood, the hate, the violence.

This is maturity? We call those who commit such acts in real life criminals. We call those who watch such acts recreated on the screen, mature.

This focuses on several good points. Among them is, what is being taught by implication to America's children by labeling filthy books and movies as adult entertainment, and risqué TV shows as material for "mature audiences". Such labels imply that feeding on obscene things is adult behavior and filling the mind with filth is a mark of maturity.

Strange how the devil can twist things around, isn't it? When I was a little kid, only the immature kids passed the dirty stuff around. Now it's a mark of maturity!

-----Dub McClish  
Darby Drive Bulletin

### ARE YOU TOO BUSY TO WORSHIP REGULARLY?

"If man is too busy to worship God twice on Sunday and again at mid-week, he has more business than God intended for him to have."

--J.C.PENNY

### WHERE WE LEAD THEM

A little hand to hold in yours,  
A little heart in pain  
A little hurt for you to kiss  
And to make well again.

Two baby arms around your neck  
Two eyes that look at you,  
A little kiss from baby's lips  
That thrills you thru and thru.

A little soul to cherish  
And dedicate to God,  
Two little feet to follow  
In the path that parents trod.

So follow a path of honor  
And to yourself be true,  
And do the things, dear parents,  
You wish your child to do.

-----Selected

### WHY GOD BLESSES BUS EVANGELISM

- Bus Evangelism helps god's people carry out the GREAT COMMISSION. Mark 16:15, 16
- Bus Evangelism helps God's people to follow the example of the church of the first century. Acts;5:28
- Bus Evangelism helps win souls. Luke 19:10  
MAY GOD USE US IN REACHING THE LOST!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Friday evening begins our meeting with bother Walter Pigg of Almo, Kentucky. This is scheduled to be a week-end meeting (Friday through Sunday ) with the meeting time at 7:00 Friday and Saturday evenings regular scheduled services Sunday) Brother Pigg will be drawing lessons from John's letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 & 3. These lessons will be primarily for the church, however we feel that others would also from these studies, gain much from being here. Brother and sister Pigg are Suzan Adams' parents and having visited with them and read many of his articles, we look forward to his studies on this text.

In order for everyone to get to visit with the Piggs, we plan to have a carry-in dinner following morning services in place of the usual evening fellowship on the 4th Sunday. We hope that all will plan to stay for the dinner.

Another month has rolled around and time for another skating party at Elkhart. The bus will leave the building at 5:30, and return at ten (10:00). Provide your own transportation to and from the building.

Ladies are scheduled to make tray favors Wednesday morning at the building.

We are glad to have visitors and all who have been sick back with us again.

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February, 20, 1977

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EIGHT REASONS WHY I BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS THE WORD  
OF GOD

1. Because it meets the needs of human life.
2. Because of its wonderful unity.
3. Because it is superior to all other books.
4. Because of it's influence upon the world.
5. Because of the character of those who accept it.
6. Because it reveals the way of salvation.
7. Because man unaided could not have produced the Bible.
8. Because those who grow in holiness cherish the Bidle more and more.

--- Edwett Herr

## SHOULD I CHANGE MY RELIGION?

If you discovered that God was not pleased with your religion, what would you do? If you realized that you had not done all that Christ said you must do to be saved, what would you do? Would you change your religion, or would you allow pride to stand in your way? All the different churches cannot be right in their conflicting messages, teachings, and practices. What shall the honest soul do who discovers he is wrong religiously? **GOD WANTS YOU TO CHANGE YOUR RELIGION, IF IT IS WRONG!** (John 4:23-24). **WE KNOW THIS BECAUSE:**

**APOLLIS CHANGED.** He was deeply religious, an eloquent preacher, yet mistaken. He was taught the Lord's way more perfectly. He became a great worker for Christ. (Acts 18:24-28)

**PAUL CHANGED.** He was a zealous religious person (Gal. 1:14). His conscience was clear (Acts 23:1), yet he was wrong! His confrontation with Christ proved he must change his religion. In changing, he found salvation and peace with God. He became Christ's apostle (Acts 22:16)

**JOHN'S DISCIPLES CHANGED.** (Acts 19:1-6). When Paul showed their need, they immediately changed their religion.

If you truly wish to be saved, you will make the changes necessary to bring your life and religious practice into complete harmony with God's will.

Compare your church with the one revealed in the Bible. Compare what you did to be saved with the examples of conversion in the back of Acts. Compare your worship and service to God with that of the early Christians. If yours is not identical with theirs, **BELOVED, YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR RELIGION.**

---Worthwhile Reading  
Worth, Ill.

## REAPING THE HARVEST OF MATERIALISM

"Officer, I just can't understand why Johnny stole those things. He had always had everything he wanted I've always worked and part of the time his father has had two jobs just so we could give Johnny all those things we didn't have when we were growing up." Does that sound familiar?

Or this? "I don't know why Suzie married that boy. They're both so young. He can't support her. They need to finish school. I tried to reason with her. But she wouldn't listen. She just said "Mother, you don't understand." Why would she marry the first boy that showed her a little bit of attention?"

Our children have everything, but seem unable to find what they want. Teen-agers feel that they must have someone they can possess and call their own. Therefore they "go steady". They make the earliest possible break with parents. They are marrying at earlier and earlier ages. They are wanting something which they feel cannot be found at home.

We have misplaced our values. For many, "things" have become more important than a home--a home filled with love and attention for children. Materialism tells us that "Things" are important. More important than a mother in the home. More important than families spending time together.

We are now beginning to reap the harvest of this materialism. Young people who have been buried under things are searching for love and understanding. Having failed to find it at home they look elsewhere.

Examine your life. Where is the emphasis? What is the most important element in your life? What does the way you spend your time indicate about what you consider to be important? May the Lord open our eyes before we sow more of the destructive seeds of materialism.

---Lyn Rhodes  
Visitor, Springfield, O.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many have expressed comments on the fine lessons brother Pigg has been presenting. There are many applications we can get from the Lord's letters to the seven churches of Asia. We appreciate his bringing to us these thoughts from his study.

Following morning services today, we will gather in the back classrooms for a meal together. We hope that all can stay even though you might not have brought a pot-luck. Generally, there is a plenty for all. Because of the noon dinner today, we won't be having the usual 4th Sunday evening fellowship following services this evening.

Some thought was given to opening up the new fellowship hall for our meal today, but it takes so much cleaning to get it ready and set it up with tables and chairs; also, the plasterboard dust, etc. tracts in so badly, we felt it would be best not to use it yet. Hopefully soon we can get the floor coverings on before long and begin to get some use out of it.

Sister Malilda Spencer entered the Lagrange hospital Friday because of an infection. She intended to come to the meeting but of course, can't.... Brother and sister Hall are still confined to their home, as well as brother and sister Bellaire. Sister Pulley is feeling well but unable to get around. All of these can be visited and appreciate our prayers.

A letter from the Pieratt's expresses love to the church. They hope to be here for the meeting in April.

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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

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February 27, 1977

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HOW TO BE HAPPY:

Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry, live simply, expect little, give much, sing often, pray always.

Fill your life with love, scatter sunshine, forget self, and think of others.

## "Uster Be's"

"I used to be a member of the church, but so and so happened and I quit." I'm sure that most who read this have heard that statement at some time or other.

When I hear it, I am reminded of the Lord's question when He asked the disciples, "Will ye also go away?" And Peter answered, "Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." (John 6:44)

Today we see so many who are turning their backs on the church. "Oh, we believe in Jesus alright, but we reject the church." Seemingly they do not understand that to reject the church is to reject Christ. The church is His body. (Col 1:18-24) Christ is the head of the church (Eph. 1:22-23) and it is impossible to turn against the body and not the head. All this talk about the restructuring of the church is nonsense.

Another thing that needs to be impressed is, that one cannot accept the Lord and reject His Word and His Law. The words spoken by the Lord, they are spirit and they are life. There is no hope of eternal life if one refuses to accept the words of the Lord. They make us free. (John 8:32); they save us (1Pet.1:18-25); and they sanctify (John 17:17). When we reject His word we reject His word we reject Him. Peter said, "Thou hast the words of eternal life."

When church members become entangled with the things of the world, and neglect to study the Bible, and refuse to fulfil all their responsibilities to God they should be reminded of the question: "To whom shall we go?" They cannot find salvation out in the world. Salvation is found only in Christ. (Rom. 8:1,2; 1Cor. 5:17).

Their friends might help them in times of need and they might go to them for comfort and advice, but to whom can they go for salvation? The only answer is to the Lord. Too many have failed to appreciate Jesus when everything is going well. In times of good health and

prosperity. But let hard times come, a few days of hardship, and they find that their friends forsake them, they go down into a depression of despair and begin to cry out "Why did God let this happen to us?" Some will make the decision to return to the Lord, but why did they fail to realize before they left Him that He alone has the words of eternal life.

I hope that some who read this will give some consideration to their souls. If you are among the "uster be's", or if you are growing careless of your duty and are thinking about leaving the church, if anything stands between you and the Lord- will you ask yourself this question, "To whom shall I go?" Remember if you leave Him you leave every hope of salvation.

The church is a complete institution. We dare not organize any other to do its work. Those who do these things have departed from the Lord and need to consider the question, "To whom shall we go?" Yes, my friends, you may live and die outside the church if that is your desire, but remember well that you will spend an eternity away from the Lord.

The man who leaves the Lord doctrinally (so many are doing so today) or morally can come back and correct his mistakes. He has promised to forgive. But He has not promised to forgive until the guilty one does his part. So, to you "uster be's" your only hope is confess your sins, and return to the church.

-George Darling, Sr.

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The man who wants to accomplish something worthwhile finds a way---- the other man finds an excuse.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- March 6- Today begins a meeting a Angola with Bro. J. Chamblee of Echo Meadows congregation in Toledo speaking. Thru the 11th. Time 7:30 p.m.
- March 6- 1st Sun. singing at the Nursing Homes. Come, sing, and visit with residents at Millers at 4:30 and at Lagrange at 5:15.
- March 9- Wed. morning meeting of the women to work on tray favors. Each month we receive a thank you note from the nursing home and hospital and we know they look forward to seeing them 9:30A.M.
- March 25 Camp Indian Dinner. 7P.M. Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park. Please get your ticket soon.
- April 14, 15, 16 NORTH CENTRAL SOUL WINNING WORKSHOP Ft. Wayne
- May 12- High School Students- Mark your calendar for our young people's banquet. The Old Folks have decided to honor you as you have done for us in past several years. Jean Bowen is spearheading this and we will have more details for you soon.
- April 24 - May 1 Gospel meeting with brother Kenneth Chambers of Kissimmee, Fla.
- Next Sunday evening brother Charles James from Menominee Mich. will be reporting on the work in that area. We are supporting the work there, \$33,00.

We are thankful for a spiritual birth this week. A new sister in Christ, Jane West was baptized last Tuesday evening. She and her husband, Grover, and her three children, Laurie, Lee and Shoila have been studying with the Dan Davison's. We congratulate her in this step.

Also two others acknowledged failure to serve God as they should: Sharon Simpson and Sally Graves (from Muskegon, Mi., who has been attending here visiting friends). They asked for forgiveness and the prayers of the church at the conclusion of brother Piggs fine lesson last Sun.

Last Sunday, Mary Helmer expressed her desire to place her membership here. She has attended here for some time. Norm & Alan has opportunity this p.m. More in announ.

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BIBLE QUIZ

1. If a man does not serve God, who does he serve?
2. If a man is not walking the narrow way, in which way is he walking?
3. If one does not build on the sure foundation of the rock, where is he building?
4. If a person does not gather with the Lord, what is he doing?
5. If we are not saved, what will happen to us?

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Good, Better, BEST.....

A while back, I heard a lesson entitled: "Good, Better, Best." After hearing the lesson, I have thought a lot about the truth of this idea.

For, you see good is the biggest enemy of the best!

Let me explain. There are many good programs, clubs, activities, and works that are good in and of themselves but if these activities stand in the way of the best (God's work), then we find ourselves substituting something inferior for the best.

A Good example is found in Luke-9:59-62. Jesus said, "Follow me".

One said, "Let me go bury my father." Burying his father was a good thing, but following Jesus was the best that he could do.

On the very next page, in Luke 10:38-42, another example is given. Jesus is at the house of Mary and Martha. Martha was busy with the housework. She was upset with Mary because of her lack of interest in the housework. Jesus told her that although housework was a good thing, Mary had chosen a better thing.

What this means to us is simple. We are in this community. We can and should be a part of it. But we are here for one main purpose, and that is to bring the lost to the Christ. If being in an organization (which will not compromise our Christian standards) will enable us to reach people with the gospel, well and good. But can we rightfully say that we can spend time and energy in some civic or community organization that provides us recreation and pleasure, and then say we don't have time or energy to teach a class or work for God? Can we? Think about it!

-----Paul Shore  
Madill, Okla.

TWO CHILDREN

They took little Ben to church one day  
He kicked and yelled and cried  
They simply couldn't manage him  
So they simply took him outside,  
They didn't go to church anymore  
For fear he would cry and yell,  
He can't attend the service now  
He's in a prison cell.

They took little Joe to church one day  
He began to cry and yell  
When they brought him back from outside  
He'd learned his lesson well.  
They took him to all the services  
Of church along the way  
He proved a blessing to the world  
He's saving souls today.

---mau Sims  
Poems of Faith & Hope  
, in

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear the Gospel-----John 20:30-31  
Romans 10:17
2. Believe the Gospel-----Hebrews 11:6  
Romans 1:16
3. Repent of your sins-----Luke 13:3  
Acts 17:30-31
4. Confess faith in Christ---Matthew 10:32  
Romans 10:10
5. Be Baptized into Christ---Romans 6:1-6  
1 Peter 3:21
6. Live Faithfully 'til death---1 Peter 1:1-11

Some of our bus riders are learning these steps and appropriate scriptures by heart. Could you recite them if asked to do so? Give it a try. Cover one side and see if you can give the "answer" that is on the other side. Be prepared!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This evening, brother Charles James will be bringing us a message as he relates to us the mission work in the upper peninsula. We have been supporting the work there (Menominee, Mich.) for the past year. It is good for us to know more about the work in other areas that this congregation is supporting.

Other events coming up:

MAR. 18&19 SHARPENING THE SWORD . If you want to gain confidence and improve your skill in the use of your bible, you want to attend this.

MAR. 27 , brother Allen Dixon, superintendent of Shults Lewis Children's Home, will be speaking to us. We also support this work.

MAR. 25, Camp Indogan Associates Banquet at Pokagon State Park, Angola. The camp must have needed improvements before they can operate this summer. Please see Devon Hostetler, Norm Herron or Dean Hoggatt for tickets and support this.

APR. 14-16 North Central Soul-Winning Workshop  
Theme: Victory in Sharing

APR. 24 - May 1 - gospel meeting with brother Kenneth Chambers of Kissimmee, Fla.

ALL TEACHERS - Please plan for a meeting at 5 o'clock next Sunday evening.

News of the SICK:

Matilda Spencer is still in Lagrange hospital expecting to have surgery .... Rachel Tuttle has been released from the hospital.... Kathy Hughes' brother, Gary Howard, is in Lagrange hospital.... Hopefully, the Halls can be with us today.

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"When you can figure out how an employee can do a half-hearted job, disregard the instructions of his boss, miss a week's work whenever the notion strights him .... and still keep his job ..... you will then know how a Christian can neglect the work of God, skip many of the worship services, disobey many of his commands, and still be considered to be faithful."

"The elect are whosoever will and the non-elect are whosoever won't."

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## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

How often have you been asked, "What does your church teach about this or that subject?" Usually we say, "We believe that you have to do this or that," whatever the subject being discussed is about. We may even quote a scripture to back up that position. It is at this point that the prospect that you are studying with or trying to develop interest in begins to think that you are a member of just another denomination and that the church of Christ is just another of the many denominations like they are a member of. There is an "unafraid" way to overcome this and that is by saying, "what does the Bible say about that, let's see." When a person reads for themselves from the open Bible the answer to their question, then you can say, "That is what I believe, how about you?" After you let the Bible answer the prospect's questions a few times you establish the idea in their minds that the Bible is the standard and only standard that you go by in matters of life and Godliness. Whatever the church teaches is what is found only in Bible. This approach gives you the grand opportunity to establish the point in doing personal work that the prospect's religious group does not follow the Bible but rather some man's teaching without you having to actually tell them that they are wrong. Also this type of statement, "What does the Bible say", keeps you from having to quote a lot of scripture (the prospect doesn't care how much you know until they know how much you care.) This also helps you to be able to let the prospect see that the Bible has the answers to their questions rather than a man or a "church doctrine" made of ideas from man. Then as you progress in the study with the individual and disagreements arise you have built on a solid foundation of principles of "what does the Bible say". How pleasant it is to be able to not have argue with the prospect when all you need to say is "lets see what the Bible says" That's living the unafraid life in doing person work by having the Bible open.

---Hugh Hale  
Paulding Purpose

## TAKE TIME TO.....

Take time to worship-- it is the highway of reverence which cleanses and restores the soul.

Take time to work --- it is the price of success.

Take time to think-- it is the source of power.

Take time to read-- it is the foundation of knowledge.

Take time to help friends ---it is the source of happiness

Take time to play--- it is the secret of youth.

Take time to love --- it is the top commandment.

Take time to-dream -- it hitches the soul to the stars.

Take time to laugh--- it helps with life's loads.

Take time to plan --- it is the secret of being able to have time to take time for the first things.

Camelback Christian  
Phoenix, Arizona

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The new classroom addition to our building is coming along, and we should be able to use it before long. There is quite a lot to do yet on the outside (brickwork, grading, parking area) but the classrooms can still be used, entering from our auditorium. We hope this new addition can be a learning center for many souls in years to come, all for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

TEACHERS - Please meet at 5 o'clock in house annex for important meeting.

This Friday evening is the scheduled banquet at Pokagon State Park ( Potowatomi Inn) for Camp Indogan. A special appeal is being made this year for all Tri-State Christians to support their youth camp, so that the camp can operate this summer, having made the improvements that the Board of Health requires.

PARENTS - Give every opportunity for your children to have Christian association - their future happiness - and yours - may very well depend, who they associate with now. It is worthy of our individual support. Reservation should be made today. See Devon, Iorm or Dean for tickets, which are \$12.50 ea. Not only will you enjoy the dinner, but the program being planned and especially the fellowship of Christians.

There were 17 who attended "SHARPENING THE SWORD" series in Ft. Wayne. May the Lord bless us all who wants to learn how to teach his Word better.

Next Sunday evening brother Allen Dixon and several young Christians men will be with us from Shults Lewis Children's Home.

The ladies will meet this Wed. at 9:30 at the building.

Sister Spencer is still being treated in the Lagrange hospital. She appreciates visits and your prayers.

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**SENTENCE SERMONS**

Some learn from their experiences, others never recover from them.

Greater love hath no man for his children than a man who deems a good name and Christian Character the finest legacy he can leave them.

If God be not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.

Without God we should fear to move; but, when He bids us go, it is dangerous to tarry.

The following article was written by Chuck Barrington for the Donmoyer congregation concerning the North Central Soul Winning Workshop.

"SEEK YE FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS" Matt. 6:33

Jesus once taught His disciples a parable concerning three men who were given charge over their master's property; each according to their ability not only to safeguard, but to multiply. One of the men failed miserably. Not because he squandered his master's property but because he thought it outside his ability to multiply his property. He was severely condemned. "And cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness; there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth." (Matt. 25:30).

God has many unprofitable servants in His kingdom today. They are unprofitable because they do not cultivate their abilities and use them to bear fruit. And the grim fact is that on who does not bear fruit for the kingdom will spend an eternity in hell. If you don't think that God is going to require you to produce, then you had better read what Jesus says: "And even now the axe also lieth at the root of the trees: every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." (Luke 3:9). It becomes a serious business in light of passages such as this.

It may be that you want to bear fruit for God's kingdom, but have just never known how to apply your talents. God will take care of that need also. Just mark April 24-16 on your calendar and set aside that time to be motivated, enlightened, and prepared to use your talents. These are dates of the North Central Soul Winning Workshop to be held in Fort Wayne. Men from successful and productive ministries from all over the country will be there to share, stimulate, and instruct. Over 3,000 Christians are expected to be in attendance. Why not be one of them? You would generally have to drive hundreds of miles to attend a workshop of this caliber, and here it is on our doorstep.

Brochures for this workshop may be found in the foyer and on the bulletin board. Only God knows what a difference in our growth could be made if Christians from this congregation decided to get out of their pews, prepare themselves, and get in to the work. Please consider your responsibilities to God carefully. There is too much at stake to do otherwise.

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THE CHURCH

Folks are asking every day,  
"To what church do you belong?"  
I answer -- "There is only one."  
I think your question's wrong.

You mean "What denomination?"  
And I answer, 'None'  
I'm a member of the body;  
Of Christ Jesus, God's Son.

You cannot join this body,  
You are added by the Lord.  
Denominations are another thing,  
You join them with a card.

The church which is Christ's body  
Demands 'Be born again!'  
To join a denomination,  
Simply shake the preacher's hand.

Let's forget denominations,  
And recognize one "Faith!"  
As one body stand together,  
I plead for JESUS! sake.

If we're regenerated,  
Washed in the blood of Christ,  
There should be no division;  
We're one in our Father's sight.

by Arthur R. Clark



ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*The future of the church rests in the hands of the young people of today. That's why it is so encouraging to find the youth developing into capable leaders. This evening we look forward to some young Christians from the Shults Lewis Children's Home conducting the evening worship along with brother Allen Dixon, the superintendent of the home. Many of the youth in the home would likely not have the chance for Christian training were it not for the home. We are glad that we can be a part of their support.

\*Following the evening services, a period of fellowship and refreshments will be enjoyed. We invite all to stay (bring finger foods). Drinks will be provided.

EVENTS IN THE AREA:

- Meeting - Auburn - Paul Galyan - Apr. 8-11
- Meeting - E. Chestnut, Ft. Wayne - Shelton Gibbs 111 April 6-9
- National Dinner for Southwestern Christian College - Heritage House, -Ft. Wayne - Apr. 9, 11 to 3:30pm
- North Central Soul Winning Workshop - Scottish Rite Auditorium, Ft. Wayne - April 14-17
- Meeting - Lagrange - Kenneth Chambers - Apr. 24-May 1.

\*Brother Norm's mother is in the Anapolis hospital for diabetes treatment. Her address is:

Mrs. Hazel Herron  
Anapolis Hospital  
33155 Anapolis  
Wayne, mi 48185

\*Sister Matilda Spencer is to have foot surgery this Wednesday in Lagrange hospital.

(They would appreciate cards and remembrance in pray.)

\* skating party at Holiday Rink Tuesday. Bus will leave building at 5:30. Return approx. 10 o'clock.

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March 27, 1977

LAGRANGE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
EXHORTER

We assembled at appointed times to sing, pray, commune, and give of our means, and teach God's Word. A warm welcome awaits all who have a desire to worship God according to the New Testament pattern. John 4:24

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR ..... 9:30 A.M.  
 BIBLE STUDY ..... 9:30 A.M.  
 WORSHIP SERVICE ..... 10:30 A.M.  
 EVENING SERVICE ..... 6:00 P.M.  
 WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY ..... 7:00 P.M.

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SENTENCE SERMONS

Blaming your faults on your nature will not change the nature of your faults.

The greatest of all faults is to be aware of none.

Faultfinding is as dangerous as it is easy.

Anyone can praise Christ, but it takes a man of courage to follow Him.

To be free from all fear, we need the fear of God.

"TO GET THE BEST OUT --

Put THE BEST IN"

There is a sign on the front of a service station down the street which says, "To get the best out of your car put the best into it."

We think this a a very good motto, especially when it comes to the church. Often people are heard to say, "I don't attend Bible class on Sunday morning (or Wednesday evening) because I just don't get anything out of it."

Recently I sat in a class as a visitor. I observed some folks in that class did not bring a Bible. They did not stand with the others for prayer. They did not open a song book during the singing. They refused a New Testament when they were passed. Some of these nodded during the lesson; others gazed around over the auditorium; and still others stared out the windows. These are the ones who say, "I didn't get anything out of the class."

Some in this class came with their Bibles. They joined in the singing vigorously. They participated in the discussion of the lesson, and went away feeling, "It was surely good to have been there." They will be back.

Yes, it is a good motto, "To get the best out of the church, put your best into it." There must be some sowing before reaping. If you are not getting much out of the church, put more into it.

---Mack Lyon---

PUT ME TO WORK

If you would like to be "put to work", please consider some of the following suggestions. They are all good works that need to be done.

1. Send get-well cards to sick friends
2. Read the Bible to an elderly person once a week.
3. Take a Bible to a person in jail twice a year.
4. Convert one person to Jesus each year.
5. Write a "thank you" letter to someone who has helped you.
6. Smile at those you meet daily.
7. Read Matthew 5:44 for a month.
8. Work on Saturday and give that money to the church.
9. Study the words and meaning of a song once a month.
10. Make a pie for a new mother or elderly person.
11. Buy a Bible for a Christian in a foreign country four times a year.
12. Visit new members and visitors from this area and welcome them.
13. Speak an encouraging word to our church leaders.
14. Be on the lookout for opportunities to help the weak and poor, restore the erring and radiate happiness and joy to the Lord.

--Rochester, In. Bulletin.

We make a living by what we get, but  
we make a life by what we GIVE.

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"You know, it doesn't make any difference what you believe as long as it doesn't make any difference where you spend eternity."