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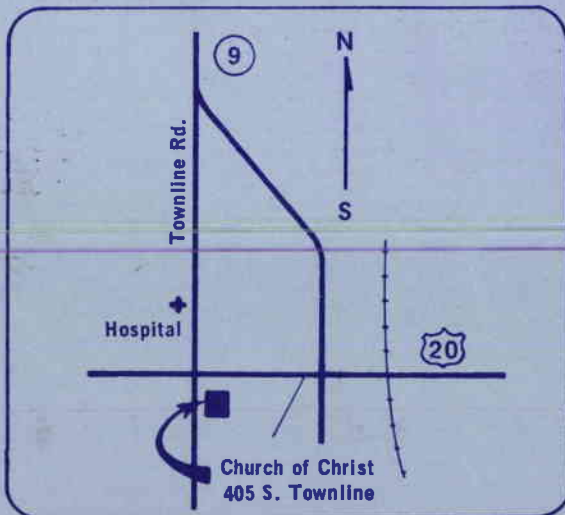
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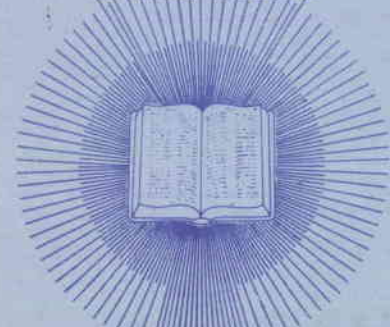


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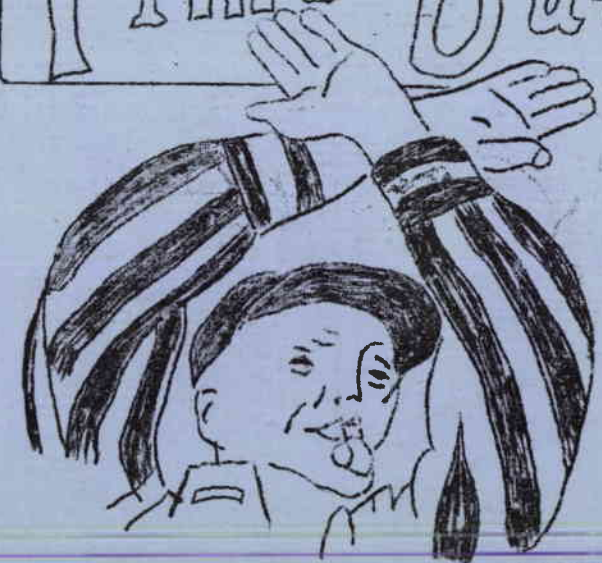
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Time Out



## GOSPEL MEETING - SEPT. 9-14

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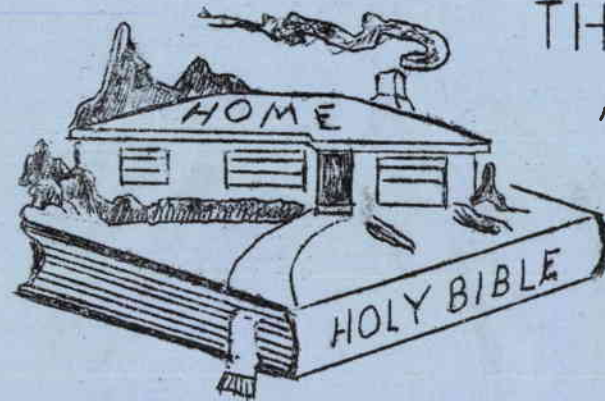
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NCT WASTED

A young woman, who was a great lover of flowers, had set out a rare vine at the base of a stone wall. It grew vigorously, but did not bloom. Day after day she cultivated and watered it and tried in every way to coax it to bloom. One morning, as she stood disappointedly before it, her invalid neighbor, whose back lot adjoined her own, called over and said, "You can't imagine how much I have been enjoying the blooms of that vine you planted". The vine had crept through the crevices and flowered luxuriantly on the other side.

So often we think our efforts are thrown away because we don't see their fruits. We need to learn that in God's service our prayers, our toils, our crosses are never in vain. Somewhere they bear fruit and hearts will receive blessings and joy.

-- Borrowed



THE HOME  
AS  
PLANNED  
BY  
GOD...

is to be the stable unit in which children are brought into the world and trained to be useful citizens in the church and society..... In our time, it is stated that marriage is obsolete and family units of the future will be unstructured. Thus, the foundation of strong homes is crumbling. America needs homes built on the solid foundation of the SCRIPTURE.

THREE OH 1

THE RECORD LAST WEEK  
Att. 198 Centr. \$600.80

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TWO 1:30 a.m. BIRTHS last Tuesday morning. Butch Adams (son of Ilda Adams, and husband of Jean) and also Kim Stewart (granddaughter of Ilda Adams), were born into God's family. Brothers Joe Oakley and Jim Pieratt have been studying with this family. We share the joy of their obedience and especially happy in that more in their family are united in Christ.

THREE OH 1

EACH ONE BRING ONE is the goal for the church on Oct 9, when our gospel meeting will begin. Brother Norm will begin the series Sunday morning and brother Jerry Selvedge from South Haven, Mich. will be here Sunday evening through Friday evening to present the gospel messages. Next week we'll list some special subjects which Jerry will present to the members previous to the regular evening services, beginning Monday evening. It would be great if you would bring that same ONE each night of the meeting.

THREE OH 1

BE A SPARKPLUG FOR THE LORD !!!

THREE OH 1

OCT. 9 is also BUS PICNIC DAY for all children and young people. Bus captains will give information on this.

THREE OH 1

OTHER EVENTS IN THE AREA:

Gospel meetings at:

- Donmoyer Ave. So. Bend, Oct. 16-21  
Bro. G. P. Holt preaching
- Jefferson St. Mishawaka, Oct. 1-7  
Bro. Laverne Stewart preach.
- Goshen, Oct. 3-9  
Bro. Chuck Barrington preach.

Camp Indogan-Senior Youth Rally  
Sept. 30 - Oct 1

Michigan Christian College lect -  
ureship. Oct. 3-6

THREE OH 1

SINGING at two Nursing Homes this Sunday evening: Meet at Miller Merry Manor at 4:30, and Lorange Nursing Home at 5:10.

THREE OH 1

LADIES TRAY FAVOR GROUP to meet at 9:30am Wed. Oct. 5. Also at 1:30 (same day) begins LADIES BIBLE CLASS. Bro. Norm will be teaching this class on Old Testament survey. First study-Eccl.

THREE OH 1 ???

THAT MEANS 301 GOAL SUNDAY OCT. 9

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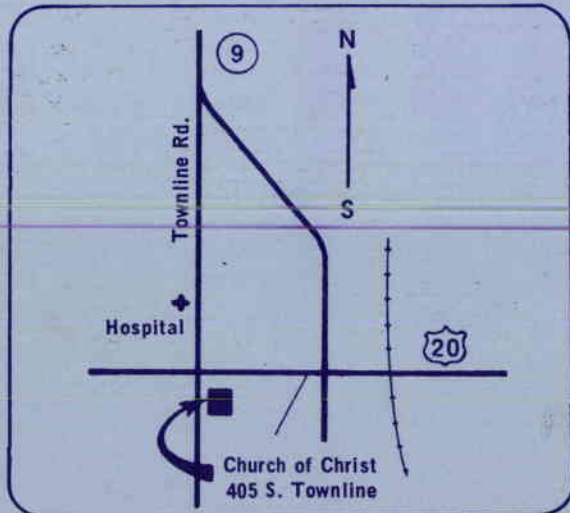
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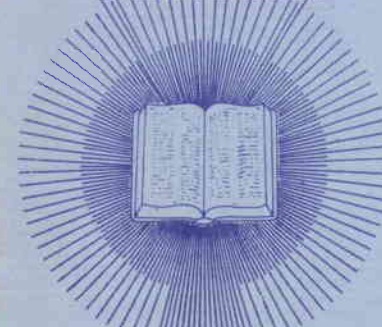


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### INTRODUCING OUR GOSPEL MEETING SPEAKER

The congregation in South Haven, Michigan where brother Jerry Selvidge preaches, has experienced a rapid growth rate, having grown from 50 to several hundred in Sunday morning attendance, within a 12 months period.

One reason for this rapid growth has been a very active soul saving program. The congregation also supports a growing bus program, presently running 8 busses. All of this growth has created a demand for adequate facilities, so among all the other programs of work, necessity has demanded a building program also.

Brother Selvidge was a school teacher previous to his work with the South Haven church. From the time he became their full-time evangelist, he was a key figure, along with the elders, in sparking the evangelistic outreach of the congregation in South Haven. We thus look forward to a good gospel meeting by a man with a unique background, and one who can challenge us in many areas of our work for the Lord in Lagrange.

Our meeting begins on Oct. 9, however, brother Selvidge cannot be with us until the evening service. Brother Herron will begin the special series on Sunday morning and hopefully speak to a record audience. Our goal is 301. The enclosed leaflet gives the schedule of topics for each night of the meeting.

Beginning Monday at 6:30, brother Selvidge will be presenting some material for the members particularly. The topics are:

Monday evening - Leadership

Tuesday evening - Keeping the Saved Saved

Wednesday evening - P M A

Thursday evening - No restraint to save by few or many

Friday - Bussing

(Note: These subjects will come 1 hr. before 7:30 Serv.)

## DON'T MISS A SINGLE SERVICE

### THREE OH 1

THE RECORD LAST WEEK

Att. 213 Contr. \$674.40

GOSPEL MEETINGS at Mishawaka, Goshen and Kendallville will conclude this week (see bulletin board) however, following our meeting, Donmoyer Ave., South Bend is having G.P. Holt, Oct. 16-21. (Those who attended the Fort Wayne workshop in the spring remember this black brother as a dynamic preacher of the Word). You will enjoy his lessons if you can arrange to go.

### THREE OH 1

EACH ONE BRING ONE will be the way that the goal of 301 is reached without overburdening anyone, for our meeting. HAVE YOU DONE YOUR PART? Be sure to make use of the handouts as we talk with others.

BEHOLD, THE NIGHT COMETH" is the theme for our meeting. Let's not rest too soon. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work". John 9:4

### THREE OH 1



BUS PICNIC is in the works for this Sunday following morning services. They will be taken to the Delt Church Park which is located about five mi. south of Lagrange. Our youth always looks forward to these picnics and time of fun. They are requested to bring their own sack lunch and the drinks will be provided. Our bus director, brother Perry Miller, asks two things: Donations for sugar and kool-aid and also chaperones to accompany the children. If you are willing to help on either one of these requests, let Perry know.

### THREE OH 1

THE SICK - Brother Martin Hall returned home from the hospital Tuesday; also David Jordan (Rosie's son) was released Wednesday (in with pneumonia). Both recuperating home.

MOVING TO LAGRANGE - Roy & Mary Campbell, Thelma Hoggatt's parents, from South Bend. Their address in Lagrange is RR#5, Box 705. We welcome them here and wish for them God's blessings in every way.

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We welcome all guests that are visiting this Sunday, and invite you back at any of our services.

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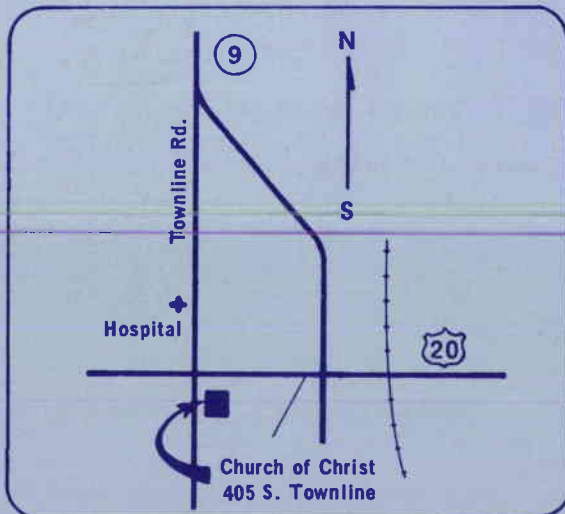
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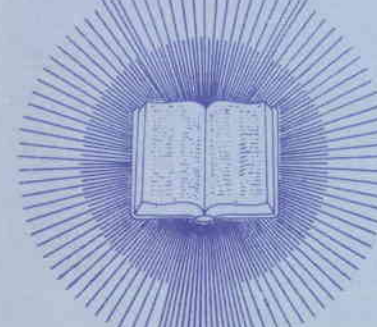


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*And he spake  
a parable unto  
them to this end,  
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LUKE 18:1

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WHAT THEN?

When the plants of the mighty cities  
Have turned out their last finished work,  
When our merchants have sold their last yardage  
And have dismissed the last tired clerk,  
When our banks have raked in their last dollar  
And paid out their last dividend,  
When the Judge of the earth says, "Closed for the night"  
And asks for the balance -- what then?

When the singers has sung their last anthem  
And the preacher has made his last prayer,  
When the people have heard their last sermon  
And the sound had died out on the air,  
When the Bible has closed on the table  
And the pews are all empty of men,  
And each one stands facing his record  
And the Great Book is opened -- what then?

When the actors have played their last drama  
And the mimic has made his last pun,  
When the film has flashed its last picture  
And the scoreboard displayed its last run,  
When the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished  
And gone out in the darkness again,  
When the Trumpet of the Ages has sounded  
And we stand up before Him -- what then?

When the bugle's call sinks into silence  
And the long-marching columns stand still,  
When the captain has given his last orders  
And they've captured the last fort and hill,  
And the flag has been hauled in from the masthead  
And the wounded afield have checked in,  
And a world that rejected its Savior  
Is asked for a reason -- WHAT THEN?

ARE YOU READY FOR THAT 'LONG' HOME

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FOR THE RECORD LAST WEEK  
Att. 246 Contr. \$626.00

STILL TIME - to catch the last night of our gospel meeting - Friday. Brother Jerry Selvidge has brought to us some great and powerful messages from God's Word - and with such enthusiasm. No wonder South Haven, Michigan has experienced a great growth, in the Lord's body. We thank you, brother Jerry for your inspiration and we commend you for a job well done.

DONMOYER congregation, So. Bend has their meeting next week (Oct. 16-21) with G.P. Holt preaching. Brother Holt, a black brother, is well known and one who proclaims God's Word forcefully. Anyone like to go?



NO, WE DIDN'T REACH OUR GOAL of 300, but we tried (in spite of the weather) and was blessed with many visitors, last Sunday. Thanks to all and plan to come often. Thanks too to those who helped on the bus picnic.

RESPONSES (to date) during the gospel meeting: Fred Oakley, Barbara Boyd, Fran Hostetler, Dick Hostetler, Sharon Simpson, Robert Morgan, Jean Hoggatt, Kim Stewart, Connie Weaver, Dan and Connie Davison, Jeannie Adams and Penney Oakley - all come asking forgiveness and pledging greater commitment to the Lord. Also, Debbie Duzan put Christ on in baptism. We rejoice with these whose sins are forgiven, pressing on to greater faithfulness and service.

'HONOR TO WHOM HONOR' - The following was placed in Donmoyer bulletin about Roy and Mary Campbell's moving to Lagrange:

"Roy and Mary have been with the church in South Bend since its beginning. The church first began meeting in the home of Mary's parents, brother and sister Piety, in 1923 with just a few present... Brother Campbell has served as a deacon for more than 40 years. We shall miss the Campbells here..."

We also commend this good couple for their faithfulness as they move into our midst and worship with us.

2ND STUDY on the book of Romans this Sat. at Glenwood, Ft. Wayne. Excellent teacher, Bill Smith, W. Monroe, La. (White's Ferry Rd. School).

LADIES - meet this Wed. at 9:30 for tray favors and at 1:30 for class study on book of Eccl.

YOUTH RALLIES - Warsaw and So. Haven see bulletin board.

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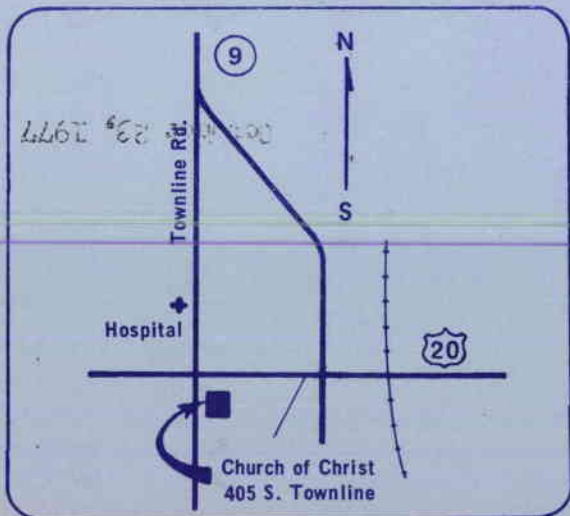


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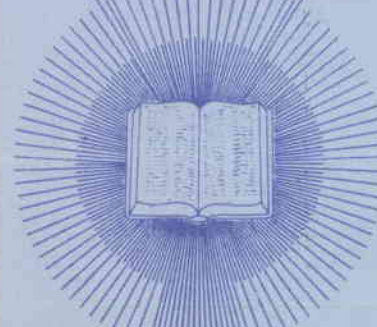
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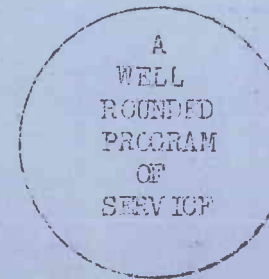
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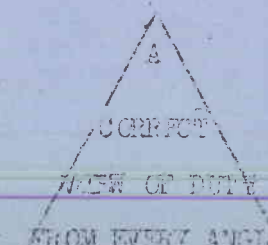
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YOU MUST BEGIN

A teakettle singing on the stove was the beginning of the steam engine. A shirt waving on a clothes line was the beginning of a balloon, the forerunner of the Graf Zeppelin. A spider web strung across a garden path suggested the suspension bridge. A lantern swinging in a tower was the beginning of the pendulum. An apple falling from a tree led to the discovery of the law of gravitation.

So it is with the life of man. Once he has made a beginning at something, no one can predict the end result. Simple, seemingly meaningless beginnings often have wonderful endings. But, the beginning step must be taken.

Christian service is the same way. Only those who begin can become giants of Christian service. Some, because they feel incapable of doing great deeds in the vineyard of the Lord, never enter the field. No one has ever stepped directly into the great pathways of service. Everyone must begin with the teakettle and spider webs of service. Then, having made a beginning, he can progress to the greater aspects of service.

Don't wait to serve the Lord until you think you are ready to do some big things. Begin where you are. Do the things that you can do. Once you make a beginning, no one can predict the final greatness of your service. YOU MUST BEGIN -Selected-



**GOD'S TIME IS NOW**  
*Pray. Visit. Attend*  
 BE A PART OF CHURCH EVANGELISM

G O D   E V E R  
 S P E A K S   T O  
 T H O S E   W H O  
 T A K E   T I M E  
 T O   L I S T E N

LOSING OUR IDENTITY

When a farmer stops plowing his land, stops planting any seeds, and stops harvesting, he has stopped doing the things that identify him as being a farmer. When a Christian stops attending the services, stops studying, stops singing, and giving, he has stopped doing those things that identify him as a Christian.

THE RECORD LAST WEEK  
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OUR FALL MEETING with brother Jerry Selvidge brought many returns. Since the meeting began, Oct. 9, to date (and possibly all as a result of the meeting) there were a total of 43 responses of which 7 were baptisms: Debbie Duzan, Helen Walden, Laura Shears, Kathy Holmer and Jenell Miller. Also Kim Stewart and Torry Adams requested to be re-baptized feeling their motives were not pure when they responded the first time. Since the last bulletin, additional responses to greater commitment are: BILL & Sharlene Oakley, Linda Clark, Sharon Simpson, Sue Hostetler, Johnnie Carver, Joe Oakley, Kathy Sowles, Tammy Hart, Gary Pieratt, Yvonne Hicks, Lesly Hoggatt, Fred Oakley, Doshie Everage, Dan Davison, Marilyn Herron, Louella Oakley, Diane Martin, Midge Hughes and Jean Bower. May each of those receive of the Lord as they have requested.

OTHER GOSPEL MEETINGS in the area include Donmoyer Ave., South Bend - through the 21st (G.P. Holt) and Glenwood in Ft. Wayne - Oct. 24 - thru 30 (Glenn Martin)..... YOUTH RALLIES - at Warsaw and South Haven, Michigan, Sat. Oct. 22. Some are going. See Dick.



KEEP SMILING  
GOD LOVES YOU!

NORTH CENTRAL SOUL WINNING WORKSHOP is to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in Ft. Wayne, in April of 1978. The tremendous job of overseeing the workshop is on the shoulders of the eldership at So. Side congregation in Ft. Wayne. Last year a similar workshop brought together a cooperative effort from congregations in the area. Noting even close to the magnitude of this program had ever been attempted by the churches in Northeastern Indiana. The one being planned for next year will benefit perhaps thousands of Christians and needs the support of every member in the area. Would you plan to help? Brother Devon Hostetler is arranging to have contributions gathered up each month to send toward this effort. We hope that YOU can help some.

4th SUNDAY EVENING this month will have brother Dick Hostetler to bring the message. We rejoice in the development of all our men who take part in the public areas of the Lord's work.

5th SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION --- A combination of 'below weekly contributions' and extra expenses (on church bldg. and preacher's home) have put us behind. Let's plan to double our contribution on the 5th Sunday and not have to borrow.



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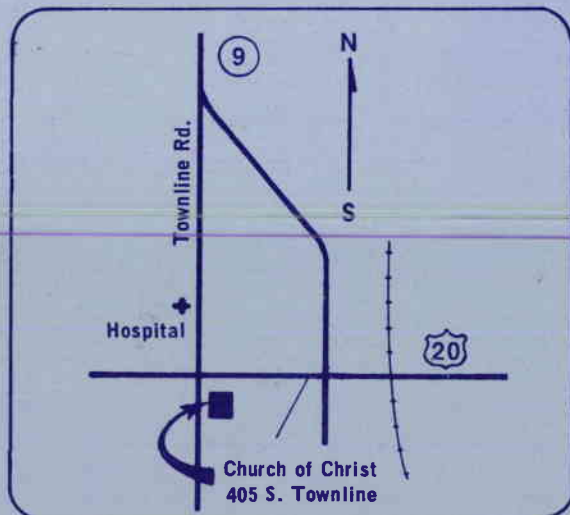
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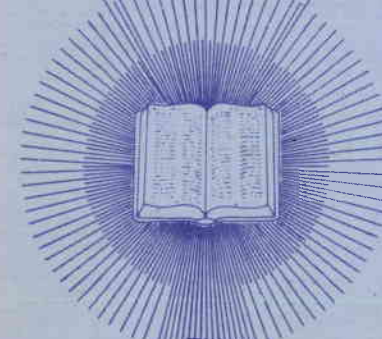


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"I AM THE  
 GOOD  
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 THE GOOD  
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Jn. 10:11

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PRAYER ANSWERED

I asked for strength that I might achieve;  
He made me weak that I might obey.  
I asked for health that I might do great things;  
I was given grace that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.  
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.  
I received nothing that I asked for, all that I hoped for,  
My prayer was answered.

WHAT IS LIFE TO YOU?

To the preacher life's a sermon,  
To the joker it's a jest;  
To the miser life is money,  
To the loafer life is rest.

To the lawyer life's a trial,  
To the poet it's a song;  
To the doctor life's a patient  
That needs treatment right along.

Life is but a long vacation  
To the man who loves his work,  
Life's an everlasting effort  
To the one who likes to shirk.

To the earnest Christian worker  
Life's a story ever new;  
Life is what you try to make it  
Brother, what is life to you?

CAN YOU KEEP IT STRAIGHT!?

A duel was fought between Shott and Knott. Knott was shot but Shott was not. In this case it is better to be Shott than Knott. There was a rumor Knott was not shot but Shott contended that he was shot. It is likely that the shot that shot Shott, shot Knott or since accidents happen maybe the shot Knott shot shot Knott. Anyway, isn't that a mess?

MORAL: Make sure you know the whole story before repeating it, and many times it is better not to repeat it at all.

A rosy Sunday spent with God helps prevent a Blue Monday.

THE RECORD LAST WEEK  
Att. 229 Contr. \$686.00

THIS SUNDAY .... the day we try to catch up by doubling our contribution !! The Lord's work must go on. Our budget is \$740/wk and we've hit it only twice since July. Let's hit \$1500.00 this Sunday, in order to catch up, and then meet our budget each week (essential, as we go into the winter season)

SPEAKING TO YOURSELVES in Psalms Hymns and Spiritual Songs .... is scheduled this Sunday evening at the worship hour. Plan now to be at our '5th Sunday song service'.

OUR SICK At this writing, Maria Negrete is in Rm# 153 and Kimberly Sowles is in the children's ward of the Lagrange hospital, both for tests. Some 'regulars' weren't at services last Sunday. Were you sick?

YOUTH NEWS 25 went to the two youth rallies last week-end: 8 to Warsaw and 17 to So. Haven. Good group!..... A Halloween party is scheduled at Jim Hart's (everyone invited) Fri. eve. at 7 (or meet at building at 6:45 for ride) Costume!! .....brother Dick Hostetler is giving a magic show along with

Bible lessons to the bus children this Sat. afternoon at 1. Children must provide their own transportation. (Parents may stay, too).

THANKS to Stan and Marsha Palmer for their gift of the evergreens along the front of the building. They put them in and distributed the limestone. It sure dresses it up! Thanks to the many who have done work toward finishing the building.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



"Are you acquainted with Charlie Smith?"  
"I should say I am! We have slept in the same church pew for 30 years."

Doing well is all right... But when a man reaches the point where he doesn't want to do better, he is done for.

LADIES plan to meet at 9:30 Wednesday a.m. (Nov. 2) to make tray favors. Your Bible class (on book of Isa.) will meet in afternoon at 1:30. Norm to teach class.

Nov. 18 at Glenwood, Ft. Wayne, planning session for further Bible studies with Bob Smith (evening carry-in dinner and fellowship). We hear these studies are excellent. Studies are on Sat.

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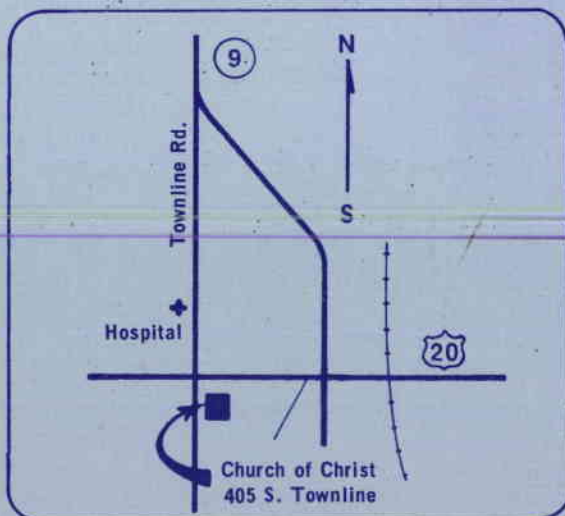
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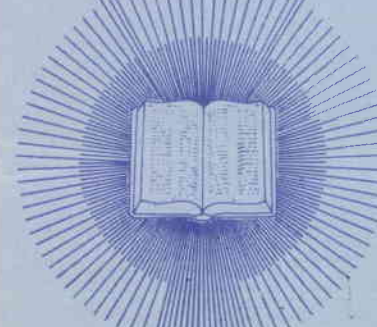


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IF I WERE A RICH MAN

Once, a man said, "If I had some extra money, I'd give it to God, but I have just enough to support myself and my family."

And the same man said, "If I had some extra time, I'd give it to God, but every minute is taken up with my job, my family, my clubs, and what have you ... every minute."

And the same man said, "If I had a talent, I'd give it to God, but I have no lovely voice; I have no special skill; I've never been able to lead a group; I can't think cleverly or quickly, the way I would like to."

And God was touched,  
And although it was a risk,  
God gave that man money, time and  
a glorius talent.  
And then he waited, and waited, and  
waited .....  
Then after a while, he shrugged his  
shoulders,  
And he took all those things right  
back from the man,  
The money, the time, and the  
glorious talent.

After a while, the man sighed and said, "If I only had some of that money back, I'd give it to God. If I only had some of that time, I'd give it to God. If I could only rediscover that glorious talent, I'd give it to God."

And God said,  
"Oh, shut up!"

And the man told some of his friends, "You know, I'm not so sure that I believe in God anymore."

The question is not what you'd do for God,  
If fortune should be your lot!  
The question is what are you doing right now,  
With the limited blessings you've got?

Borrowed

THE RECCED LAST WEEK  
Att. 236 Contr. \$1565.00

CONGRATULATIONS



WE NOT ONLY HIT OUR GOAL ...  
WE SURPASSED IT! It was a thrill  
to see us go over the top, last  
Sunday night. May God bless ev-  
eryone who gave so liberally.

SOME SAD NEWS ..... Sister Marilyn  
Herron gave birth to  
a baby girl last Thursday Oct. 27th,  
still born. They named her after her  
two grandmothers, Anna Katherine.  
She was buried next day in Green-  
wood cemetary south of Lagrange. We  
share with all the family their sor-  
row for this loss. Marilyn was able  
to return to the evening services,  
after being discharged Sunday noon.  
We all take strength from their ex-  
ample of faith.



SINGING SUNDAY ... at the two Nurs-  
ing Homes: Miller Merry Manor, meet  
at 4:30; Lagrange Home, at 5:10.

THE LADIES .... postponed their  
scheduled meet-  
ing one week. They will meet on  
Wed., Nov. 9 at 9:30 for tray  
favors and at 1:30 for Bible st-  
udy. Norm will be studying with  
them about the book of Isaiah.

A house is no home unless it  
contains food for the soul as  
well as the body.

REGISTERING VISITORS is becom-  
ing more de-  
ficult with the two exits. Soon  
we would like to initiate a bet-  
ter plan of registering those  
who attend our services. More a-  
bout this soon.

BULLETIN MATERIAL ... announce-  
ments, news, articles,  
etc. must be submitted by no lat-  
er than Wednesday morning each  
week, because of Thursday mail-  
ings. We encourage members sub-  
mitting information for bulle-  
tins. Give to Dean Hoggatt.

A NEW TREASURER.. James McAipia  
will be taking  
over this work which has been so  
ably taken care of by bro. Max  
Litke. Max is moving to Elkhart  
having taken a new job there. We  
appreciate Max's excellent job  
of bookkeeping (especially dur-  
ing the building project) over  
the two years he's had the job.  
Hopefully Max will attend here  
on Sundays, at least till winter.

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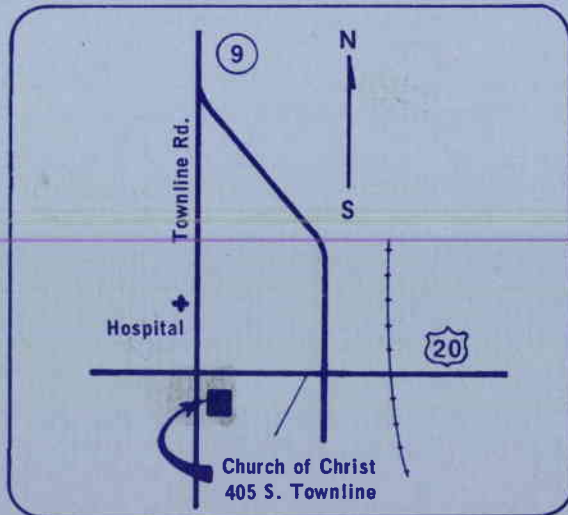
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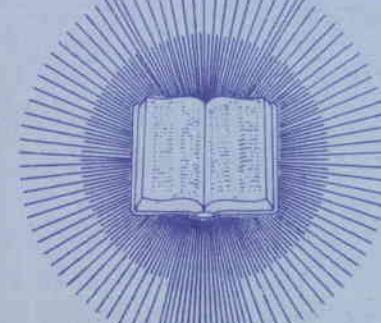


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## GET SMART

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY  
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY  
BRING YOUR BIBLES  
BE ON TIME

Do you attend Bible School each Sunday and Wednesday night? Does your family? Read carefully the following which has happened to many families. Don't let it happen to yours!!

First call: We are going to start attending services just as soon as the baby is old enough to bring out.

One year later: Yes, we promised to come to services but we think the baby is too young to bring now.

Three years later: Preacher, I know you think we are awful about church attendance, but Mary doesn't like Bible School. I don't know why we won't force her to come - it might turn her against the church later on.

Eleven years later: The reason I called was to see if you or the elders would talk to Mary. She surely is running with the wrong crowd. Perhaps if the church would provide some entertainment for the young people, she would become interested.

Two years later: Yes, Mary is married. They ran away from home. Yes, both too young and he isn't a Christian, but hope that it will work out. He promised to let her attend the services.

Another ten years: Well, Mary finally married a man who can give her the better things in life. It is her third husband. The other two didn't pan out... You know, if that preacher wouldn't preach against divorce, Mary would come.

FOR THE RECORD LAST WEEK  
Att. 212 Contr. \$730.00

Brethren, the spirit of giving has been wonderfully demonstrated the past two weeks, when \$1565.00 was contributed last week, toward our deficit, then a near budget amount (budget \$740.00) the following week. However, too few, are really concerned about the shortages. We believe if all Christians would give as they have been prospered, (isn't that what we are supposed to do) WE COULD EXCEED THE BUDGET EACH WEEK. Let's put the Lord's work #1.

Next Friday evening, Nov. 18, the Glenwood congregation in Ft. Wayne invites us to a fellowship (carry in dinner), and a planning discussion for further Bible studies with Brother Bill Smith as the teacher. Brother Smith is an instructor at Whites Ferry Road School of Biblical Studies in West Monroe, La, and has consented to fly up for Saturday sessions in the fort Wayne area. All reports indicate that the in-depth studies on the book of Romans was excellent. The next study is to be from Corinthians. If you would like to go Friday evening, please let us know.

Child by child we build the kingdom of God.

People seldom get dizzy from doing good turns.

Some Friday night soon, the elders would like to propose that a time of fellowship (perhaps a pizza menu) with informal meetings, discussions and presentations of the various programs of work so that everyone might be better informed (elders included) that we all might work together as we go into a new year. We have so much to be thankful for, and have stewardship over so many talents and opportunities, let's do our best for the Lord. More on this next week.

YOUTH RALLY is being planned at Lagrange for the dates Jan. 14 & 15 (Sat. & Sun.) Two speakers scheduled for the program are brothers Ron Gholston from Williamstown, W. Virginia and Jerry Selvidge of So. Haven, Mi. Plans are being made for 250 in attendance. A sheet will soon be placed in the lobby for members to volunteer overnight accommodations. Please indicate how many you can take care of, as the youth will be assigned ahead of time.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM magazine for Oct.-Dec. quarter is here. It's a good issue. Ask for one.

Let God's love fill your cup, and you will have no difficulty in letting it overflow to others.

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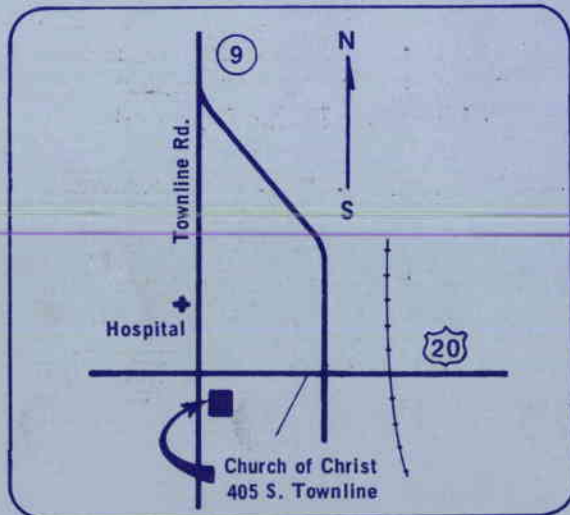
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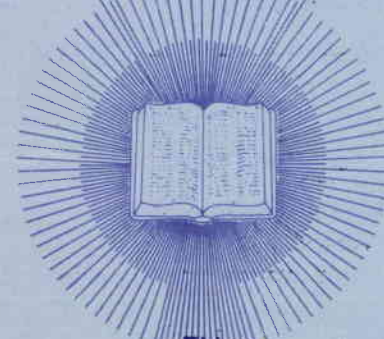


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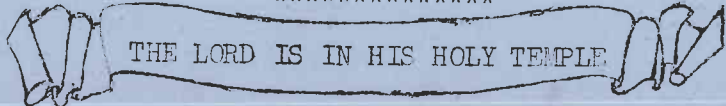


Ps2. 100:4

SUGGESTIONS FOR WORSHIP

1. COME: Never miss a worship service unless it is absolutely necessary! Of Washington it is said: "No company kept him away".
2. COME EARLY: Rushing into the assembly at the last minute is not conducive to worship-neither your nor other worshippers.
3. BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY: The worship hour is not a convention where you may simply send a family delegate.
4. BE SEATED CLOSE TO THE FRONT OF THE AUDITORIUM: Leave the back seats for those who arrive late and mothers with small children.
5. BE REVERENT: The meeting house is not a theatre or place of amusement. You have come to worship God. Do it with reverence.
6. BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS: Don't make a haystack of yourself at the end of the row and expect others to crawl over you for seats.
7. PARTICIPATE: Join the worship service. Be a good listener during the sermon. Be sure you sing. Don't just sit as a spectator.
8. BE THOUGHTFUL OF STRANGERS: They are our special guests. Treat them with the same courtesy that you would in your home.
9. CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY: God loves a cheerful giver. Freely ye have received, freely give. Remember, your offering is to God.

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NO PROBLEM in meeting our budget when we dig down deep.



"SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU"

Matthew 6:33

THIS FRIDAY EVENING, those who have planned to go to Glenwood (we plan to go in cars) remember it's a pot-luck, so take a covered dish and plan to be at the Glenwood church building in Ft. Wayne at 7:30. (For directions, or if you need a ride, let us know).. Bro. Bill Smith, who is a teacher at the White's Ferry Road School of Biblical Studies (and, incidently, preaches for the White's Ferry Rd. church of Christ) will discuss and outline further studies for those who desire a deeper knowledge of God's Word. Saturday (the next day) will be the final study on the book of Romans.

An ounce of doing is worth a ton of intentions.

SIGN UP for the number of young people you can take care of on Saturday night, Jan. 14, for overnight accommodations. The rally is scheduled for Jan. 14&15.

4th SUNDAY EVENING SURPRISE ..for this month.

Ordinarily, we have different men take turns in bringing us a Sunday evening lesson. It will be a little different this 4th Sunday. Watch for the answer next week.

The elders would like to propose that Friday evening, Dec. 9th, be set aside as an evening that they might informally discuss the various programs of work being carried on( bus, soul saving, outside evangelism, benevolence, teaching, prayer nights, etc.) as well look at a budget for 1978. The ladies could meet for a discussion about their work. We would like to suggest that parents arrange for babysitters for the evening if at all possible. Let's plan to meet at 7 for a pizza dinner to start the evening off. We believe that every member should be informed about the program of work here, and at the same time, we can have an enjoyable time together.

Ladies plan to meet this Wednesday at 9:30 for tray favors, at the building. All ladies invited.

Hospitalized .. Bro. Martin Hall is in room # 104 at the Lagrange hospital (entered Tuesday). Is now some better. Sis. Goldie Pulley has moved into Rm. #8N at Miller's Merry Manor... Both of these like visits & pray.



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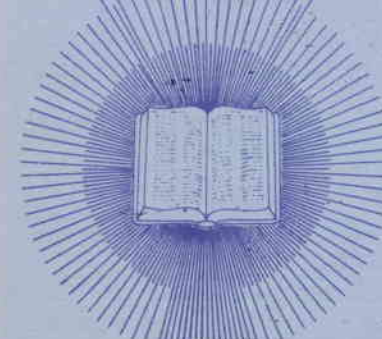


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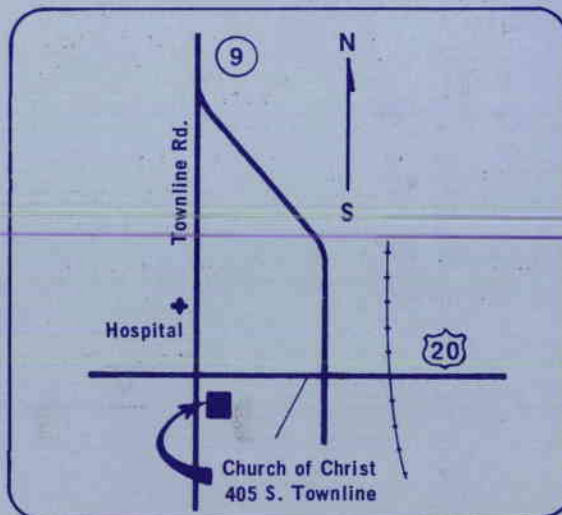


unto all the world  
 and preach the gospel  
 to every creature...

MK. 16:15

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## JESUS WEPT

There are many circumstances in life that occasion tears. Some tears flow in the crucible of personal affliction; there are tears shed in deep and bitter anguish; there are tears that are produced by cruelty and mockery. It is very interesting, however, to read in the scripture that the tears of Jesus were not so occasioned. The Lord suffered in all the ways described above, but we never read that he wept. He was laughed to scorn - his sensitive heart was rent asunder - but the scriptures do not say that he wept. He was spat upon and scourged before his crucifixion, but we do read in this place that he wept. In the garden of Gethsemane we read that the anguish was so deep and intense THAT GREAT DROPS FELL FROM HIS FACE, but we are not told that he wept.

Jesus' tears were not wrung out by his own suffering, but rather by his divine and sincere compassion for others. Only twice, so far as I know, do we read of the tears of Jesus. Once when his friends wept because of the death of a dear one and once because of the insensitivity of his people to their spiritual needs.

It is wonderful to know that we have such a Savior and friend who weeps for our anguish, and hurt and insensitivity. It is a motivation to help us live just a little better. Yes, Jesus wept: not for himself, but for me.  
-Curtis Samply-

"It is inconceivable that a group of people with the answer to the world's problems should retreat behind its walls and be satisfied with the development and care of its own limited number of members. THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ISOLATION."

selected

"GO YE UNTO ALL THE WORLD  
AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO  
EVERY CREATURE...."

Mk. 16:15



DON'T EVEN LET  
"OLD MAN WINTER"  
KEEP  
YOU AWAY

THE CHURCH  
STILL MEETS  
EVERY  
MONDAY NIGHT  
FOR SOUL SAVING



THE RECORD LAST WEEK  
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Brethren, strength in unity applies to every phase of the Lord's work. We have shown that the financial needs of the church can be met. We appreciate ~~such~~ your response.

THREE YOUNG CHRISTIANS - Cary Davison, Gary Pieratt & Brian Hoggatt, will be bringing some of their thoughts to us this Sunday evening, at the evening services. We appreciate these boys and want to encourage them in developing their abilities in a public way.

4th Sunday evening fellowship following evening services this Sunday. Bring light snacks and enjoy some time with your Christian family.



*Monkey See, Monkey Do*

Children mimic grownups,  
They ape us to the letter;  
No matter how much time we take,  
To try to teach them better.

THANKS - We wish to express our thanks for all the expressions of love and kindness shown to us during the loss of our little one.  
love, the Herrons

CONFLICT IN DATES - After last week's bulletin was put out suggesting Dec. 9 as a get-together-night to discuss the various programs of work of the church, we learned that an area fellowship was scheduled on the same night in Ft. Wayne and hopefully, many from here will want to attend that. It will be held at the "Fish of Stroh" (the old Gateway Smorgasbord). May we suggest our date to be reset for Dec. 18 (the usual 4th Sunday fellowship falls on Christmas day this year) and we can meet following evening services. We'll confirm a date soon.

STUDENTS HOME - for the holiday weekend include: Annie Oakley, Phil and Dianne Hostetler, and Craig and Paula Hostetler. It's good to have them home again.

COMING EVENTS - Leadership workshop at Mishawaka on Jan. 7  
Also - Lagrange Youth Rally on Jan. 14 & 15. Signed up yet?

A rosy Sun. prevents a blue Mon.

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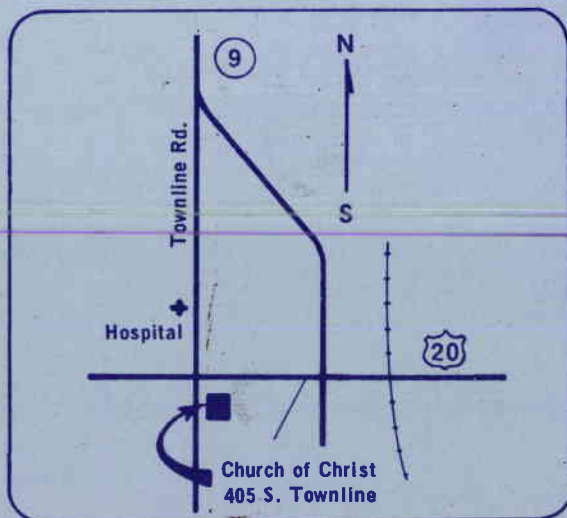
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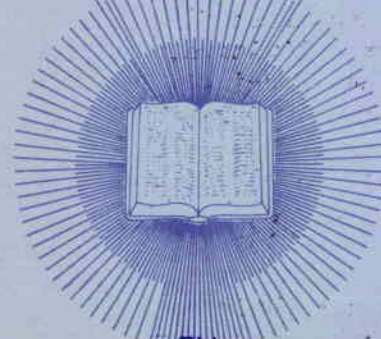


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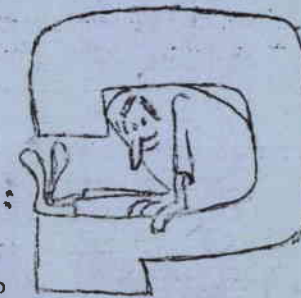
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HOW DO  
YOU FIT  
The Bible says:



"I NOT CONFORMED TO  
THIS WORLD..." Rom. 12:2

The Bible says:

"LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD. IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM, FOR ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD, THE LUST OF THE FLESH, AND THE LUST OF THE EYES, AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE, IS NOT OF THE FATHER, BUT IS OF THE WORLD."

1 Jn. 2:15,16

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WHY I CANNOT ATTEND ALL THE SERVICES OF THE CHURCH --  
BUT I DO ANYWAY!

1. Sunday is the only time that I have to do certain odd jobs, but I attend services and work these jobs into my schedule later.
2. It is the only time that I can catch up on a little sleep, but Bible class attendance is as important as my job, so I got up in time to go anyway.
3. It is the only time I have to visit my friends, but I attend worship to enjoy the fellowship of the saints first, find some other time to visit my worldly friends. Maybe my example will cause them to see the heavenly way.
4. I don't like the preacher, but it's the Lord's church so I attend anyway. Sometimes I find I do not dislike the preacher as much as I thought I did.
5. It's the only time I have to hunt, fish, play golf or take the family for a ride; but, I attend services anyway and often find I get more help from worship than from these other activities.
6. Church services on Sunday and Wednesday evenings come during my favorite TV programs, but I go to services, for God's program is infinitely more important.
7. We always have relatives or friends that visit us on Sunday. I invite them to go with us and if they do not care to go, I excuse myself and go anyway. God's family has a special place in heart.

"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands; happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee." Psa. 128:1,2  
from the McLean Meditator

CHARACTERISTICS THAT MAKE FOR SUCCESS

- To be able to carry money without spending it.
- To be able to bear an injustice without retaliating.
- To be able to do one's duty without being watched.
- To be able to keep at the job until it is finished.
- To be able to make use of criticism without letting it whip you.

FOR THE RECORD LAST WEEK  
Att. 164 Contr. \$523.04

Remember



GIVING IS THE FRUIT OF LOVE  
not the product of the law

MANY THANKS - To Gary Pieratt, Cary Davison and Brian Hoggatt for their excellent talks last Sunday evening. Many other young men are developing themselves in the Lord's work. We want to schedule them too.

AREA FELLOWSHIP to be at Ft. Wayne next Fri. evening Dec. 9 at Fish Of Stroh on Goshen Rd., at 7:30. Coy Siddall and Dick Forsyth speakers. Hope many will go

"I am only one. But still I am one. I cannot do everything, and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the things I can do".

SKATING PARTY had 51 to attend on Tuesday evening. A bus full enjoyed singing and fun, all the way to Elkhart and back.

"It's smart to pick your friends,  
but not to pieces"

"When you sing your own praises,  
you always get the tune  
too high"

LADIES MEET - Wed. at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 7 to work on tray favors for the hospital and two nursing homes, Nearly every month, cards of thanks are received to express appreciation.

TWO RESPONDED to the invitation after the 3 young men talked last Sunday evening. Brother Bill Oakley and sister Connie Davison. "To help me put God first in my life" and "not be anxious about my life, but depend on the Lord to control" were the desires of their hearts. Let's continue to pray that their requests might be granted.



PARENTS - Do you see what I see?

Candy, gum wrappers, a-long with broken splinters from pencils, notes, and trash and particularly GUM. Lois, Penny & Diane are doing a great job of cleaning, but as the winter season comes on, the building takes longer to clean. Help by:

1. Instructing your children.
2. Pick up litter that you see.
3. Teachers-Tidy your own room.

PLEASE HELP KEEP BLDG. CLEAN

SINGING AT NURSING HOMES SUNDAY  
Be at Millers Merry Man. 4:30  
Then at Lagrange Home at 5:10

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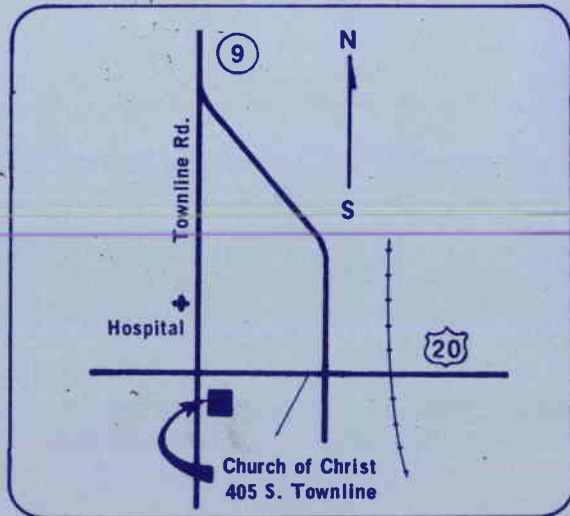
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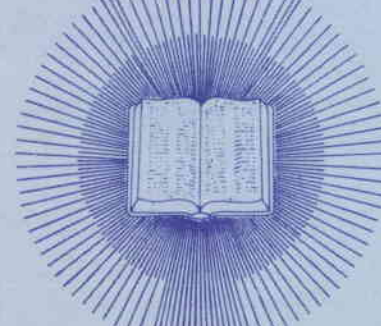


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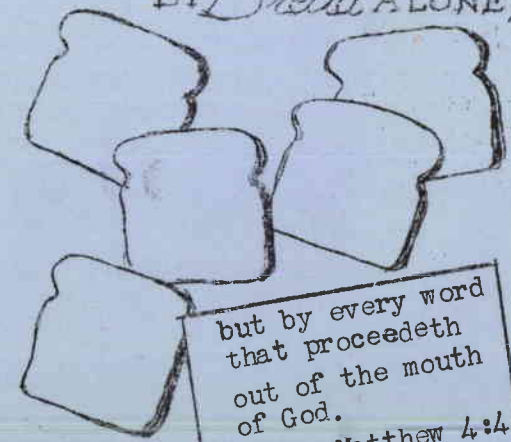
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*Man Shall Not Live*

*BY Bread ALONE,*



but by every word  
 that proceedeth  
 out of the mouth  
 of God.  
 Matthew 4:4

Read Deut. 8:3

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THAT GOOD MAY COME

If there were only some way that during the dark days of trial and suffering, one could see that good may come from it! But how difficult that is! While Joseph was confined to an Egyptian dungeon he had years to ponder the question "why?". Surely there was no answer then evident. Just as these experiences worked out for his good and the saving of his people, blessings often come in disguise today. Consider the testimony of those who learned by experience:

DAVID: "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes" Psa. 119:71

JOB: "He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me I shall come forth as gold" Job 23:10

PAUL: "If so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" Rom. 8:17

JAMES: "The trying of your faith worketh patience" James 1:2

PETER: "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partaker of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" 1 Pet. 4:13

THE HEBREWS WRITER: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them that are exercised thereby" Hebrews 12:11

While the clouds are the darkest and the storms the heaviest, remember these golden words from God. Think of the good that might come as a result of today's sufferings: "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" 2 Cor. 4:17,18

- W. T. Hamilton

THE RECORD LAST WEEK  
Att. 178      Contr. \$531.30

The Thanksgiving holiday week-end accounted for many of our number being gone; however, attendance was down again Sunday. We know of some sickness, but how about YOU? Could you have come, and didn't? Better study again what the Bible teaches about 'forsaking the assembly'. Read Heb. 10:25

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE ??? Between the atheist who supports no church and the member who will not support the one to which he belongs?

AUSTIN and PATTY COPELAND -- came before the church last Sunday evening, asking forgiveness and prayers. Each of us need to check unfaithfulness when we look into our lives and repent while we can. We encourage these two in their rededication.

STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS is to begin the last Saturday in January (28th) with bro. Bill Smith again teaching the class, at Glenwood, Ft. Wayne. Norm has the registration sheets and asks that all who plan to go, let him know this week. According to plans now the class will meet once each month for 3 months. This study would be valuable for every Christian. The \$30. for the course is to pay

for bro. Smith's travel from West Monroe, La. and the lesson materials given. (this can be paid for in 3-\$10. payments). Plan now!



THE BEST TIME TO HOLD ON IS WHEN YOU REACH THE PLACE WHERE THE AVERAGE PERSON GIVES UP!

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE ??? Between the skeptic who does not believe the Bible, and the negligent Christian who never reads it?

NEXT FRIDAY EVENING (Dec. 16th.) seems to be the best time to meet at the building for a 'review' and 'preview' of the work here. Bring a pizza, meet at 6. If you can't get a baby sitter, bring the children and we'll try to have some at the building.

LOOKS AS IF WINTER HAS SET IN, -- so -- we might as well adjust to it. Just remember, it's the Lord's will (check Gen. 8:22) Let's let him see us make an extra effort to be faithful during the winter months. He sees, and He will reward.

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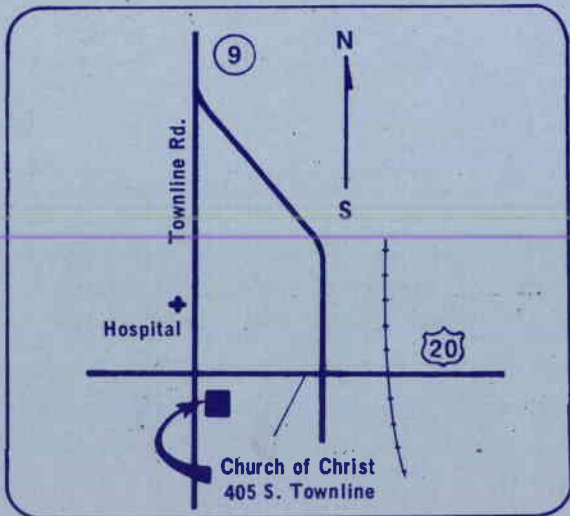
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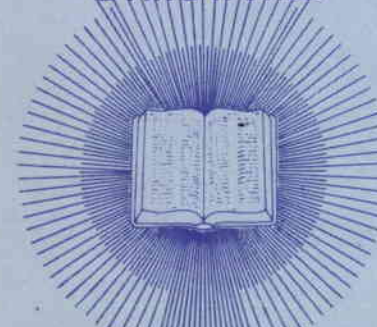
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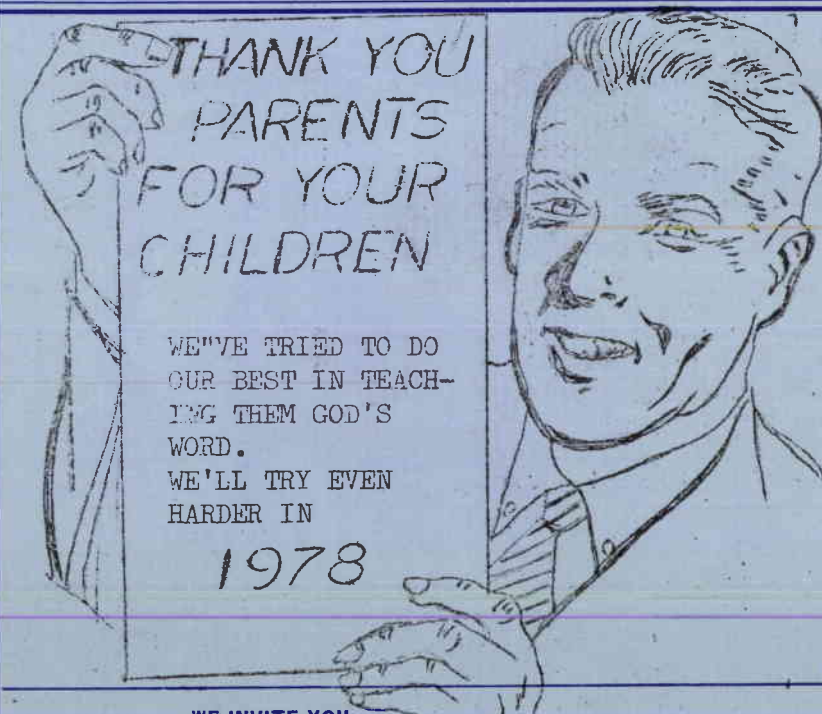
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Since I want to do and be my best, I attend Bible Study on Sunday morning. Here are some of the finest people that can be found anywhere. They are excited about the study and teaching of God's Word, the Bible.

1. THE BEST BOOK is studied and taught. I want to know it. I want to apply it to my everyday life.
2. THE BEST DAY is utilized and observed. The first day of the week is God's own day. I observe it in memory of the great victory Christ has provided.
3. THE BEST PEOPLE are assembled and enlisted. I desire the blessings of their fellowship and friendship. These kind of people sharpen my focus on life and its purpose.
4. THE BEST INSTITUTION is awake and at work for the Master. I want to invest myself where I can do my utmost for Christ and His church. The church of Jesus Christ merits my best efforts and the investment of my time.
5. THE BEST DEVELOPMENT is assured and attained. I yearn to grow mentally, morally and spiritually. I rejoice in the hope of sharing the glory of God (see Romans 5:2)

-Douglas F. Parsons-

### THE BIBLE Q&A:

### WORDS FOR THOUGHT

- \*On what mountain did Abraham offer his son Isaac as an offering to God?
- \*On which mountain did Moses receive the ten commandments?
- \*Jesus went often to a mountain that was named after a fruit tree. What mountain was it?
- \*On what mountain (hill) was Jesus crucified?

Wrong is wrong if everyone is wrong - Right is right if no one is right.

You can't control the length of your life, but you can control the width and depth.

If you have to go down in your morals to get up in society -- you'd better stay on the level.

Man shortens his life by working so hard to acquire things that further shorten his life.

Answers - Next week

"Conscience is the only mirror that does not flatter"

THE RECORD LAST WEEK  
Att. 156 Contr. \$630.65

THIS BULLETIN may not reach the members by this week end, but we are hopeful that many will attend the fellowship this Friday evening (with pizza as the main dish) and stay for a review of the various programs the church here is undertaking. We would like to lay plans for a more successful year in 1978.



Snow,  
Sleet,  
Ice,

ALONG WITH ALL WINTER HAZARDS, will likely plague all travelers over the holidays. We will have several who will be going home as well as several (especially college students) coming home for the holiday season. Please be extra cautious and courteous on the busy highways. We want it to indeed be a "joyous" season for all.

VISITING SPEAKER - On Sunday evening, Dec. 25 brother Sam Pitts and his family (wife, Lynn; children Sundae & Shodee) will be with us.

They're from the Glenwood congregation in Ft. Wayne, originally, but brother Sam is in his 2nd year at the White's Ferry Road School of Preaching, and is back for a visit. We look forward to this fine Christian family being with us.

THE YOUTH are gearing up for a big rally on Jan. 14, 15 for the Tri-State youth. Let's support them in this by offering to house and feed them for overnight stay. See and sign up sheet in the ent.

## Accidents Do Happen

BUT PLEASE DON'T ACCIDENTALLY MISS BIBLE CLASSES. IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL IT GETS EASIER AND EASIER TO MISS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, UNTIL IT BECOMES A DISASTER OR A CALAMITY RATHER THAN AN ACCIDENT



SPEAKING OF ACCIDENTS - Sharon Mills' family has been having what was thought to be the flu, but turned out to be carbon monoxide gas from the furnace, not venting properly. Thankful, they're on the road to recovery. Others who we know are confined are the Hall's, Goldie Pulley, and Ilda and Terry Adams. All of these appreciate visits and our prayers.



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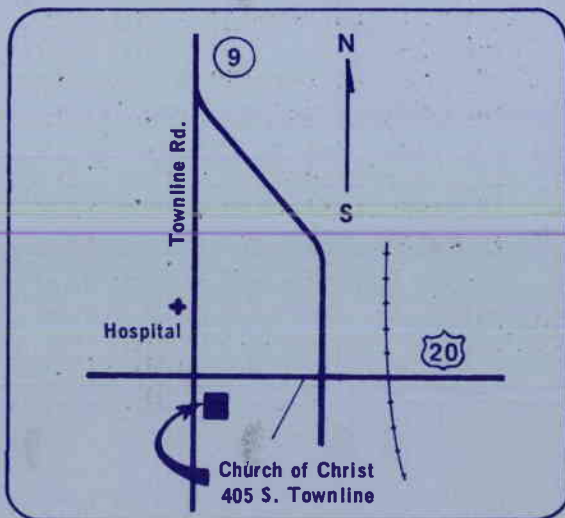
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## THE LAGRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

... is a group of believers in Christ dedicated to RETURNING to the WORD OF GOD. We believe that the word today is "living and active," (Hebrews 4:12). We also believe that God through a knowledge of His Son "has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). We believe that "all Scripture is inspired by God" (2 Timothy 3:16). We invite YOU to join us in matters that face TODAY'S WORLD. BACK TO THE BIBLE, WE BELIEVE, IS THE ONLY ANSWER!

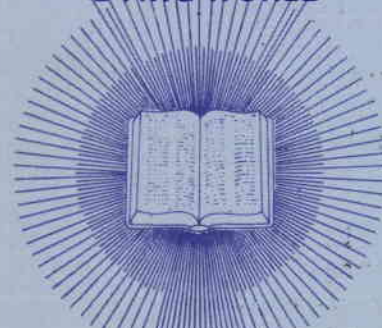


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## LAGRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Wishing You

The Happiest

Of Holidays!

WE INVITE YOU . . .  
 TO STUDY AND WORSHIP WITH US

Children's Bible Hour . . . . . 9:30 am  
 Bible Study . . . . . 9:30 am  
 Worship Service . . . . . 10:30 am  
 Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study . . . . . 7:00 pm

## ? STRANGE MARRIAGE ?

The wedding was over. Joe and his bride were alone at last. As the car pulled away from the curb, the bride moved over to the far seat and said, "Joe, take me home!"

"Home?" Joe exclaimed. "But we haven't started our honeymoon yet!"

"Joe," the bride said, "I'm glad we're married. We belong to each other and I can use your name as mine, but please, I want to go back to my old apartment. Now that we're married, I'll try to see you once a week. But as far as living together with you is concerned, nothing doing! I'm going back to my old occupation, my old friends, my old pastimes. Oh yes, I do love you! I've accepted you as my husband, haven't I? I belong to you forever. But I refuse to let you interfere with my life. Of course, if I'm sick or if I need money, I'll call you at once, because, after all, I accepted you as my husband. In the meantime, thank you for loving me. Thank you for being my husband, but just keep your hands off my life!!!"

What do you think of this article? Marriage? Hardly !! And yet there are many who call themselves Christians whose attitude toward Jesus is exactly the same as this bride's to her groom. They say in effect, if not in so many words: "Lord, I have accepted you as my Savior. I thank you for saving me. Now leave me alone! I'm going back to my old way of life. I'll expect you to help me if I need it since you are my Savior. But as far as living with you is concerned, nothing doing! Of course, when I die I want to come and share the home you are preparing. But I hope that will not be for a long, long time!"

In Romans 7 we see what is involved in becoming a true Christian. Paul, using marriage as an illustration, says the Holy Spirit comes to you and points you to the Christ who died for your sins and rose again in triumph from the tomb. Then he urges: "Will you take Jesus to be your Savior and Lord for eternity?" And you answer, "I will." REMEMBER!! In the moment you come out of the waters of baptism you are "married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead." (Rom. 7:4) selected

THE RECORD LAST WEEK  
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SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS that follow have to do with the holidays:

1. FIRST OF ALL we want acknowledge the return of several of our college students, teachers & friends. From Harding College: Phil & Diane Hostetler, Paula Hostetler, Craig Hostetler, Jim North; from Oklahoma Christian College: Jeff and Steve Herron, Annie Oakley; from Abilene: Kent & Deb Hoggatt; from Nashville: Mary Wilson, Kathy Hoggatt and a friend from So. Carolina, Kenny Long; and from Pueblo, Colorado Marcella Ritchie. (Now, we hope we haven't missed any -if so, sorry) To these especially, are we happy to have 'home'.
2. NO GET-TO-GETHER on 4th Sunday evening following services. (so many family plans going)
3. VISITING SPEAKER this Sunday evening: Bro. Sam Pitts along with his family, will be visiting. They are from Ft. Wayne but he is in his 2nd. year at White's Ferry Rd. School of Biblical Studies, West Monroe, La. We are happy to have them.
4. PRAYER SERVICE held previously on Sat. night will be moved to 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. (This will be a permanent

change) and hopefully will allow more to attend these inspiring sessions.

5. NEW YEAR'S EVE BOWLING PARTY is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Lagrange Bowling Alley. Then, everyone is invited to Dick Hostetler's to see the New Year in.

WE APPRECIATED ATTENDANCE of everyone who came to the 'review' session and fellowship last Friday evening. Two things we want to mention again:

1. The elders submitted 2 names to the congregation for their approval: Bro. Norm Herron for another elder, and bro. Jim Piratt for another deacon. We see the need for these appointments and ask the congregation to prayerfully consider these men. We ask that any scriptural objection be submitted in writing, signed, for consideration. If there are none, they will be installed.
2. If you have not filled out a 'member information sheet', be sure that you do. This will be used for directory information and job distribution. Let's try to go into the new year better prepared to use our talents.

TEACHERS please pick up your material in classroom #10. For changes etc., see bro. Dean