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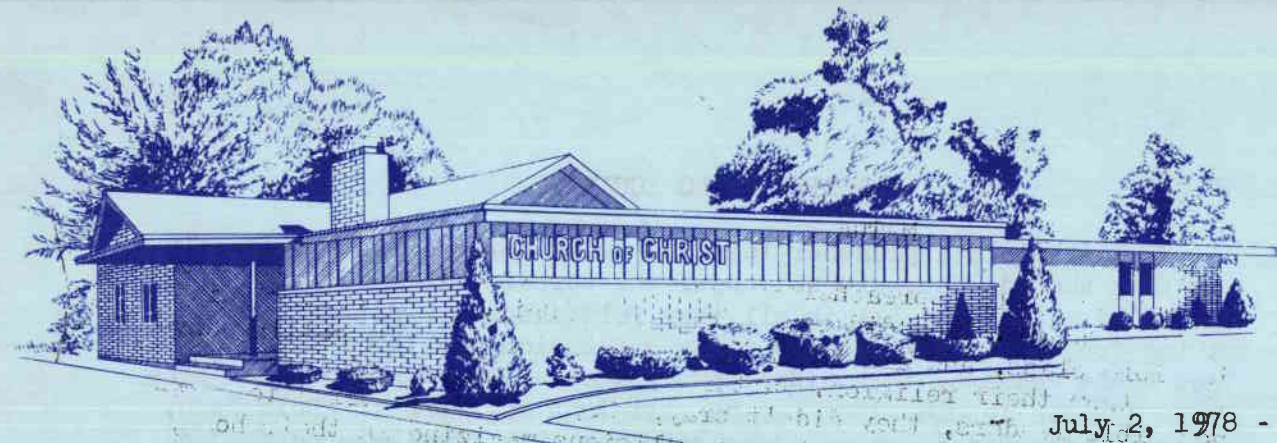
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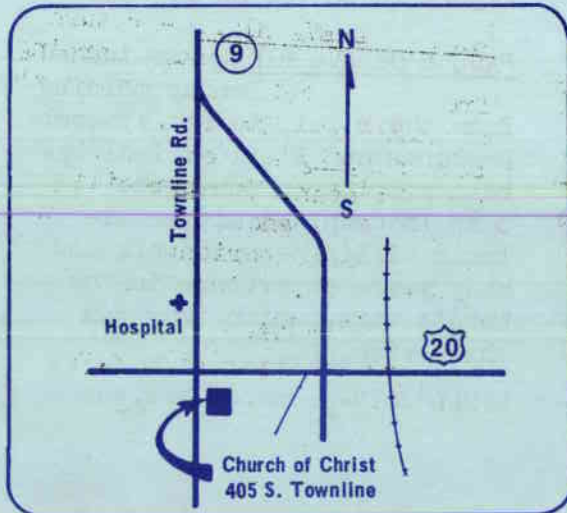
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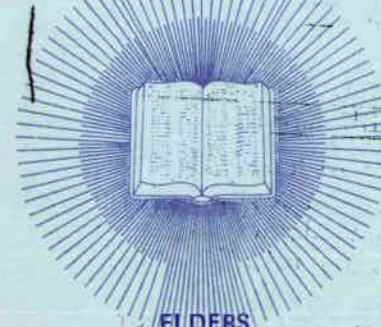
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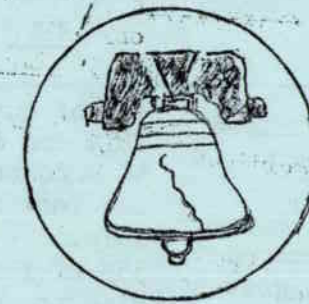
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MATURITY IS NO ACCIDENT

A couple told a preacher that they were not growing spiritually as they should. They did not enjoy the worship, they couldn't sit in Bible class, and all in all they felt they were not getting anything from their religion. Further discussion disclosed they were not Bible readers, they didn't pray, they never even tried to prepare a Bible lesson, they had no religious magazine in their home, did not attend the evangelistic services when they were conducted, and had never made a call in their lives. What would have made them grow?

Christian growth comes from effort! Bible study is enjoyed by those who are prepared for it. Worship is satisfying only to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. We do not grow upward because we have never put roots downward; we grow outwardly when we are nourished inwardly.

***** -- Selected --

IS THAT IN THE BIBLE?

MIRACLES AND WONDERS

1. Where are hailstones described weighing over one hundred pounds each?
2. Where did a phantom hand appear?
3. When did two sticks become one?
4. Who changed the specific gravity of a metal?
5. When did fire consume stones?
6. What historical person, mentioned eleven times in the Bible had neither father, mother, nor ancestors, was not born and did not die?
7. In what city did a wall fall on 27,000 men?
8. What prophet was gifted with clairaudience?
9. When were sick people cured by a man's shadow falling on them?

Answers:

Newspaper Bulletin

KEEP READING YOUR BIBLES HERE'S WHY!

40% of our brotherhood attends only one service a week.
50 % do not know why we do not use instrumental music in worship.
35% of the above 50% would not mind the use of instrumental music in worship.
10% believe that one church is as good as another.
90% do not subscribe to a religious publication.
75% cannot find the plan of salvation in the Bible.

Most of this comes from a lack of knowledge, but much of it can be attributed to the indifference of members in general of studying God's Word.

-- Guy N. Woods --

The Record This Week
Att. 190 Contr. \$1013.00

TWC ADDITIONS - Late last Saturday evening
Bob and Jane McCreery put Christ on in baptism, and was announced to the church on Sunday. Their address is:

Lewis Mobile Park

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We are happy to have them a part of the fellowship here, and congratulate them for their decision.

ANOTHER 1ST SUNDAY coming up. We invite all who can go to join us at the Miller Nursing Home at 4:30 for about one half hour of song, then go on to the Lagrange Home about 5:15. The patients there look forward to having us and you'll feel good for having gone.

NORM, MERILYN, Melissa & Heida plan to be at Williamstown this Sunday. Many from here will be attending the workshop which started Thursday. As we have said before, this is one of the best evangelism workshops and anyone would profit from it. The Herrons plan to be back by Wednesday of next week. We wish all a safe and enjoyable trip.

As you give in to God,
God will give out to you.

EVER NOTICE:

How easy it is to say, "Oh yes, we must send the gospel to everybody" -- and how hard it is to talk about Jesus to your friend next door?

How easy it is to love your enemies in theory -- and how hard to stop wishing that that fellow who cheated you "gets his"?

How easy it is to nod in agreement when you read that Christians have the "peace that passes all understanding" -- and how hard to keep from blowing up when the pressure's high?

It's easy (and very satisfying) to say "I'm a Christian". The hard part is to ACT like a Christian. But that's the part we need most.

In Hospital-Brother Hall was admitted to the hospital last Sunday. At times, he has severe trouble breathing. Last report indicates he is better.

PAUL & GENEVA HIMES - returned Monday morning from their trip to the Lipscomb Lectures and Florida. Paul has been helping on some jobs at Camp Indogan. We appreciate their willingness to work and many years experience in the Lord's work, which they can share with us.

SPELL "JOY" - Jesus, others, you

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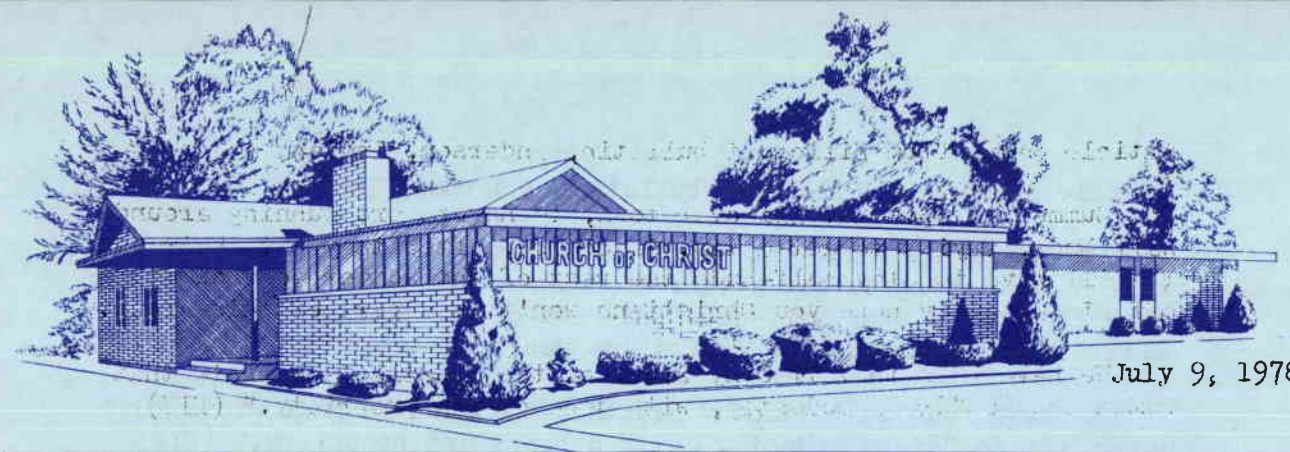
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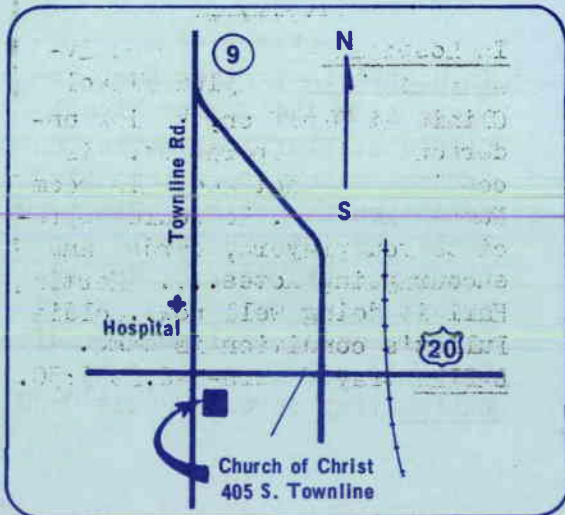
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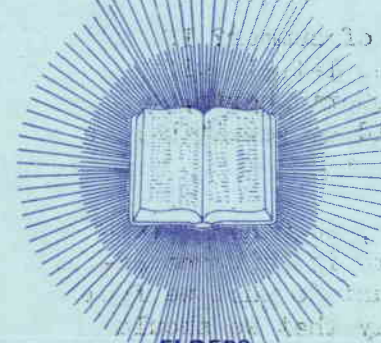


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The family is like a book,
The children are the leaves
The parents are the cover that
protective beauty gives.

At first the pages of the book
Are black and smooth and fair,
But time soon writeth memories,
and painteth pictures there.

Love is the little golden clasp
that bindeth up the trust,
O' break it not, lest the leaves
shall scatter and be lost.

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Article taken from Hillcrest bulletin, Anderson, Indiana

Summer is upon us. All over town, teenagers are running around half nude, trying to get a tan. Of course, after they get their tan they'll have to stay half-nude the rest of the summer to show it off. I certainly hope you Christians won't be a part of this group.

We have read in 1 Timothy 2:9 that the apostle Paul wrote that women are to "dress modestly, with decency and propriety." (NIV)

How is a Christian teenager to dress in the summer? A guide for the men would be to try to imagine what Christ would wear if He were on the earth today. How does what you wear affect girls who may be around you? Girls are just as likely to lust as boys are. Do you think Christ would run around in public with no shirt? Would he wear tight gym shorts or cut-offs?

What should Christian women wear in the heat of summer? If Christ were alive today and married, what would he let his wife wear? Would He allow her to wear a bikini, tight short shorts, a halter top, tube top, or see-through blouse? Would He permit her to go around braless in order to keep cool?

When we became Christians, Christ's disciples, we made a promise to Christ to follow Him. In points where there is no exact example of behavior spelled out in the Bible, we must do what we feel Christ would do, knowing his attitude. I won't say that we should have to dress differently than people of the world, because everyone should dress decently. People shouldn't be able to tell by our dress that we are Christians, but they also shouldn't mistake us, by our dress, as non-believers.

Some sports we may be involved in might dictate different, less restrictive clothing than we should usually wear. When this becomes the case, we shouldn't let that sports attire become our "uniform of the day", but instead should only wear it while we participate in that sport.

As Christians, we must always seek to glorify God in everything.

- Alan Mayes -

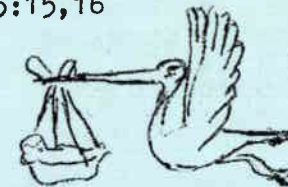
The record last week
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Several were away last Sunday but we had a few visitors too. We thank brother Paul Himes for filling in for Norm Herron Sunday morning. His lesson helped us to appreciate God's plan for man even before the world was created. Also thanks to Steve and Jeff Herron, Gary Pieratt and Craig Hostetler as they encouraged us to seek and save the lost. Let's be determined to

DO JUST THAT !

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEKS questions - Miracles and Wonders

1. Rev. 16:21
2. Dan. 5:5
3. Ezl. 37:15-17
4. 2 Ki. 6:5,6
5. 1 Ki. 18:38
6. Heb. 7: 1-3
7. 1 Ki. 6:12
8. 2 Ki. 6:12
9. Acts 5:15,16



NEW ARRIVAL - Charles Ted, born to David & Sandi Bowsman June 26, 1978. Congratulations!

GOSPEL MEETING - At Three Rivers with Richard Bonner. Continues thru Sun. See Bul. Bd.

Camp Indogan Junior session begins this Sunday. Church Barrington, preacher of Dormoyer Ave. congregation is to be the director

THANKS to those who helped at Camp Indogan over the 4th. There's really a tie that binds the hearts that work together. The camp grounds are in pretty good shape for the opening of the first session Sunday. We pray that the camp will be a great blessing to those who attend this year.

For every hill I had to climb,
For every stone that bruised my feet,
For all the sweat and blood
and grime,
For blinding, burning heat,
My heart now sings a grateful song;

These are the things
THAT MAKE ME STRONG.

In Hospital - Brother Buck Everage is in the Caylor Nickol Clinic at Bluffton, having undergone a leg operation. His condition is not good. His room Number is 1014. He would appreciate your prayers, cards and encourageing notes.... Martin Hall is doing well now.. Goldie Pulley's condition is same.
LADIES tray favors-Wed. at 9:30.

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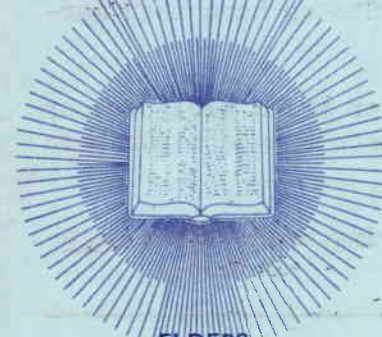
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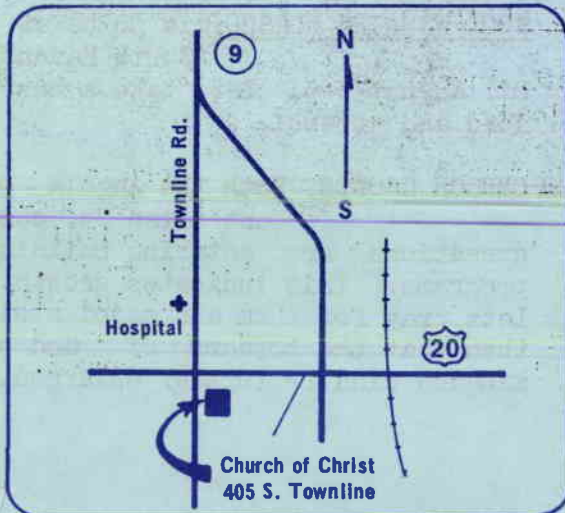
For Relief Of
Lukewarmness

1. Bible Study Every Lord's Day & Wednesday
2. Worship Every Lord's Day & Wednesday
3. Pray Daily For Guidance and Strength

SHOULD BE REFILLED OFTEN

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GOOD NEWS

Ready for a little good news? Forty-four million people attended professional football and baseball games in America last season. But on a single average weekend, 85 million people attended church services and synagogues - almost twice as many on a weekend than during a whole sports season!

And, for that matter, taking attendance at all athletic events, amateur and professional - for everyone who attends any sporting event, 15 people attend a worship service.

More good news! The "National Geographic" magazine now has more subscribers than does "Playboy". (So do "Goodhousekeeping," "Better Homes and Gardens," and "Reader's Digest," and half-dozen other family publications).

Still more . . . 30 million couples in the United States have been married 10 years or longer without divorce.

And more than 10 million teenagers still have never tried marijuana or any form of dope. Twice that number of young people have never been arrested or accused of breaking the law.

Come on, Christians, let's keep the banner flying high. There are people who are searching for living water. -Selected

"The real problem of the church is not that of getting youth to decide for Christ, but helping middle-aged to abide in Him! To become converted is comparatively easy - but remaining converted is the work of a lifetime. Too many times the problem of turned-off youth is the symptom of a much greater problem - lukewarm middle-age!"

FOOT IN MOUTH

"How is your wife?" the man asked a friend he hadn't seen for years. "She's in heaven," replied the friend. "Oh, I'm sorry." Then he realized that was not the thing to say, so he added, "I mean, I'm glad." And that was even worse. He finally came out with, "Well, I'm surprised."

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

THE RECORD LAST WEEK -
Attendance 181 Contr. \$838.85

DON'T MISS THIS! -

To Our "KEENAGERS" and to others We have an opportunity to view a series of six lectures on evidences by John Clayton. These have been shown on Cablevision in South Bend. In this age of skepticism there is a great need for this type of presentation. Inform your friends and neighbors of this and attend. This will be a part of our "KEENAGE" program for six weeks and invite all in this group to attend. If you didn't see the first one, come next week! There is also a possibility this will be shown to the congregation too.

ASK GOD'S HELP -

On a wall over each machine in a factory was this sign: "If your threads get tangled, send for the foreman." A new employee soon found her threads tangled. The more she thought how to untangle them, the more tangled they became. When the foreman came by he asked why she did not call for help. She replied in self-defense "I did my best". He answered with a smile. Remember, sometimes doing your best is sending for me." God wants to help you resist before you are tangled in sin.

BAPTIZED Tim Michem, Inez Foley.
RESTORED Sharon Mills, Lesly Hoggatt, Kim Stewart, Debbie Duzan.

REMEMBER THESE WEEKLY EVENTS -

1. Soul Saving workers on Tuesday evenings at 7 P.M.
2. "Keenagers" Thursdays 10 - 12
3. Prayer meeting Sunday 5 P.M.

IN HOSPITAL Buck Everage is in Caylor Nichol Clinic at Bluffton, Room 1014. He will be there a few weeks.

GOOD RESPONSE to hear about the Kenya, Africa work and plans by Jerry Sullens to go there to work.

INTERMEDIATE CAMP (Ages 12-14) will be July 16 - 21.

WILL YOU HELP? The Angola brethren will canvas the town Saturday July 29 in the morning and have asked us to help them.

SOUL WINNING WORKSHOP is to be at South Haven Mi. August 3-6. Lets take a bus load and attend!

CHURCH GROWTH Both the Angola & East Allen Co. congregations are entering building programs. This indicates growth. Lets pray for them and rejoice with them that the borders of God's kingdom will be further enlarged.

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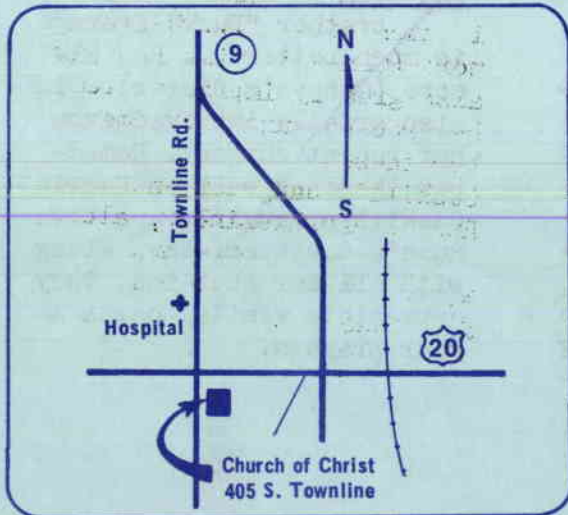
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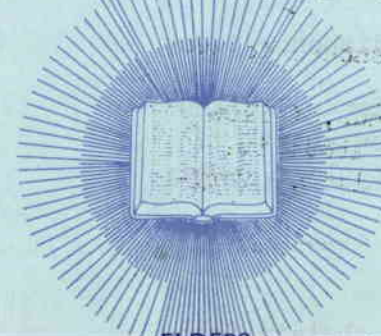


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"I CAN'T SEE ANY HARM IN IT"

Consider these guidelines when determining whether a practice is right or wrong.

1. THE PERSONAL TEST: Will doing this make me a better or worse Christian?
2. The SCRIPTURAL TEST: Does the Bible endorse it, or is it expressly forbidden by the Word of God?
3. THE PRACTICAL TEST: Will the results of my doing it be desirable?
4. THE UNIVERSAL TEST: If everyone should do this, would it improve or degrade the society?
5. THE SOCIAL TEST: Will doing it influence others to be better or worse Christians?
6. THE STEWARDSHIP TEST: Will my doing this constitute a waste of talent God gave me?
7. THE CHARACTER TEST: What will be the influence of my moral and spiritual stamina?
8. THE FAMILY TEST: Will it bring discredit and dishonor to my family, and will it embarrass them?
9. THE PUBLICITY TEST: Would I be willing for friends, fellow Christians, the elders and the preacher to know about it?
10. THE COMMON SENSE TEST: Does it agree with just plain, everyday, ordinary common sense?
11. THE FAIRNESS TEST: Is it honest, and is it practicing the "golden rule"?

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil." (I Thess. 5:21-22)

--Garden City, Mi. bulletin--

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT---LOVE

JOY is love exulting. PEACE is love in repose.
LONGSUFFERING is love on trial. GENTLENESS is love in society.
GOODNESS is love in action. FAITH is love in endurance.
MEEKNESS is love at school. TEMPERANCE is love in discipline.

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OUR GIVING - is a reflection of our love for God. Can we say we love God and not put His cause first?

SENTENCE SERMONS FOR THOUGHT

Give the best you have and the best will come back to you.

Circumstances can alter proportions but not the principle of proportionate giving.

When we place our offering in the plate, we are not really giving to God; we are simply taking our hands off of what belongs to him.

The living can't be right if the giving is wrong.

4th SUNDAY EVENING - Bro. Jim North will be bringing the message. Then following the evening services, we will meet in the fellowship room. Bring some finger foods to share with all and enjoy the period together.

" KEENAGER " ATTENDANCE on Thursday morning (10 to 12) continues to climb. Thirty One, plus workers, were in attendance last week. This week's film by Bro. John Clayton will be shown entitled "Astronomical Design". Keep in mind that the same film show on Thursday is also being shown after services on Wednesday evenings. They're great!

ANGOLA CANVASSING is scheduled for July 29 and they have asked Lagrange to help. This is to enroll students for Vacation Bible School which begins the next week. Can you help that Saturday morning?

CAMP INDOGAN - Another Junior session begins Sunday (23rd.) It's probably not too late yet if you are between ages 9-11 and would like to go.

GNASWW - That means "Great North American Soul-Winning Workshop" to be held August 3-6, 1978 at So. Haven, Michigan. If we have enough people who would desire to go, we will take the bus. Looks to be an outstanding roster of speakers on the program. We all would benefit much by going.

THE SICK - At last report, brother "Buck" Everage is much better ... Bea Elmore (Geneva's sister) is also greatly improved from her recent surgery. Remember these as well as Carrie Gaskill's daughter and Veva Rush's daughter-in-law, along with all our shut-ins. They appreciate visits, cards & your prayers.

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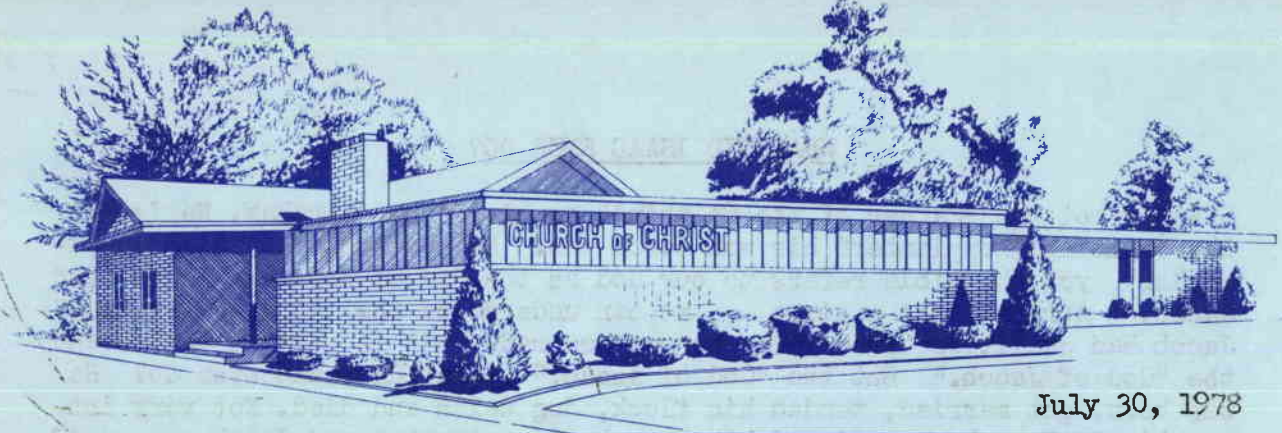
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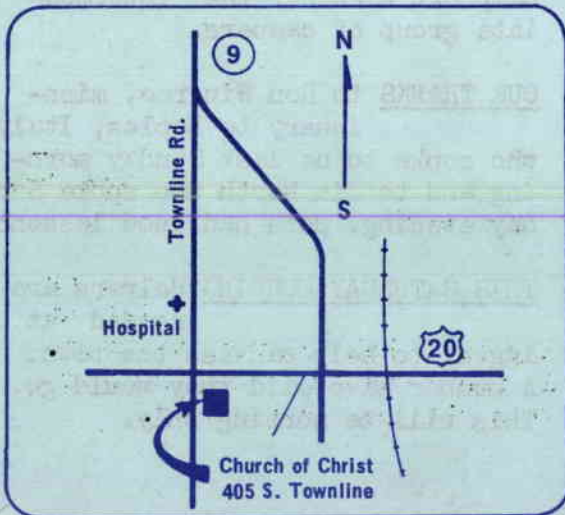
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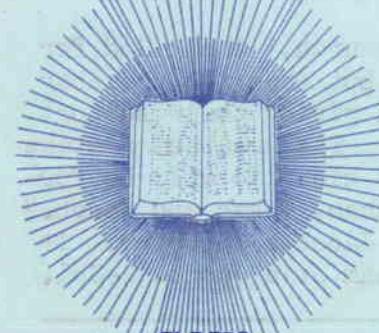


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WHAT DID ISAAC EVER DO?

He is not the "Father of the faithful" as his father Abraham. He is not the exciting "Supplanter" his son Jacob was. He never did anything spectacular, yet the Bible refers to our God as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Abraham was a giant - we can understand the "God of Abraham." Jacob had qualities from which heroes are made - it is easy to understand the "God of Jacob." But the "God of Isaac?" What did Isaac ever do? He was born, got married, tended his flock, dug wells and died. Not very interesting? Yet here he is right along beside Abraham and Jacob as one of God's great men.

And herein is the great truth. How many of us are "Abrahams?" How many of us are "Jacobs?" Most of us are "Isaacs." What did Isaac do? Actually he did just what God wanted him to do. He was an obedient son, a faithful husband, a good provider. No scandal is associated with his name. He was a good man from cradle to the grave. God needed Isaac just as the church today could not do without its Isaacs.

We have some "Abrahams" and some "Jacobs" in the church, thank God for our Isaacs. They will never do anything spectacular, but when the preacher stands to preach, there they are in their place and giving their support. When the preacher stands up to teach there they are. The greatest mistake in life is to do nothing. Isaac did what he could and his name will be forever immortalized in the words: "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." Our God loves the Isaacs as well as the Abrahams and Jacobs. However, it is a mistake to be an Isaac when we could be an Abraham or a Jacob. -Sel.

"When people persist in absenting themselves from the worship without a reason they will find themselves absent from heaven for the same reason."

T H E R E A S O N

We mutter and sputter;
We fume and we spurt.
We mumble and grumble;
Our feelings get hurt.
We can't understand things;
Our vision grows dim,
When all that we need-
Is a moment with HIM.

"KEENAGERS" meet every Thursday morning from 10-12.

The films by John Clayton on evidences are being shown and very informative. The following will be shown each week:

"Does God Exist - Biblical";
"Does God Exist - Fossils and The Bible"; "What is God?-Biblical"
"How Was The Creation Created?"
Don't miss these and don't miss the fellowship of these meetings.

SOUL WINNING WORKSHOP will be at South Haven Michigan Aug. 3-6

THE RECORD LAST WEEK

Attend. 174 Contr. \$878.40

"OLD FOLKS" FEAST Coming up on August 18th. Put on by the young people. Don't miss it!

ANNIVERSARY PICNIC There will be a picnic after the morning service on our anniversary Sunday August 6th. Plan to come.

"NEW LIFE" QUARTET from Williamstown, W. Va. will be here to sing for us Sunday evening August 6th. Attend.

TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE We appreciate the work you are doing in canvassing the town on Tuesday nights. We commend you for your willingness to take the time for this and your dedication for the cause of Christ. We will miss many of you when you return to college.

A NOTE:

Dear Family:

I wish to thank all who have expressed concern for me during my recent illness.

They have run several tests on me at the hospital but the results are still incomplete at this time.

Thanks again for your cares and prayers.

Love,
Norm.

IN HOSPITAL Luther Hall and Paul Everage at this writing are still in the hospital.

RESPONSES Sunday morning Debbie Ledyard came asking for prayers and Sunday evening Flossie Harris came to put on her Lord in baptism.

INFORMATIVE MEN'S MEETING will be held at the church building Monday night August 7th at 7 o'clock. All men are urged to be present.

TO SPEAK AT BROOKSTON Geneva Himes will be the speaker at a ladies' meeting Sunday afternoon August 6th.

SUNDAY EVENING being the 5th Sunday of the month will be devoted to singing. Put on your singing voice and come.

AT CAMP The Norm Herrons and the Joe Oakleys will be at camp next week for the intermediate group of campers.

OUR THANKS to Ron Winfree, missionary to Naples, Italy who spoke to us last Sunday morning and to Jim North who spoke Sunday evening. Both had good lessons.

THIS SATURDAY MORNING Helpers are needed at Angola to help canvass the town. A number have said they would go. This will be morning only.

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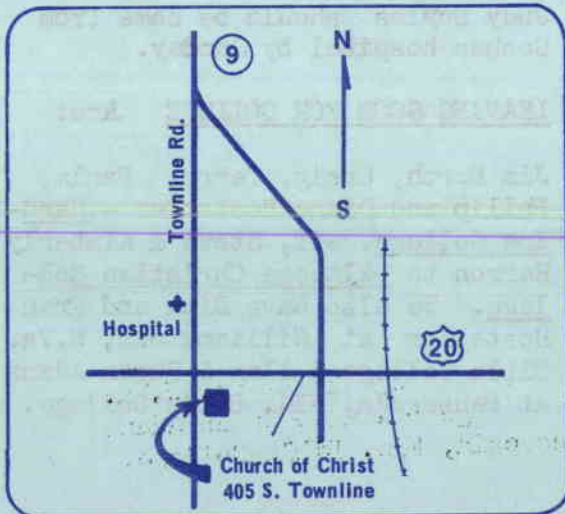
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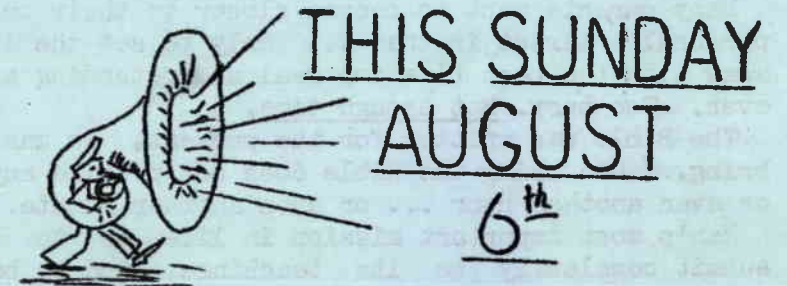
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NO TIME FOR GOD

It's a busy world teeming with millions of busy people ... coming and going, eating and drinking, laughing and crying, being born and dying.

Most folks in our age find themselves engulfed in extremely tight time schedules ... involving many and varied activities ... and the tempo of such a busy, hurried life seems to increase each day. Some can't take it and crack under the strain. Others seek refuge through tranquilizers and still others through alcoholic drink.

Time is the most precious commodity on the market in such swirling civilization. Who has enough time? Most readily confess to lacking time to accomplish the really important things in life. Yet many of us do have plenty of time but never seem to get around to doing the things we know we ought to do.

Many resolve to seriously read the Bible to learn of its truths, its commands, and its promises - but the sacred volume is seldom investigated and rarely picked up ... except at dusting time. Not enough time.

Many express an interest in becoming a Christian but to date remain out of Christ. Too busy. Not enough time.

Many parents want to become closer to their children and take more of a personal interest in them ... only to see the little ones grow up and go away with the best time for real understanding and companionship gone forever. Too busy. Not enough time.

The Bible was written for the present. No man knows what tomorrow will bring. One thing the Bible does not promise any man is another day ... or even another hour ... or even another minute.

Man's most important mission in life is to learn the will of God, to submit completely to its teachings, and to be governed by the eternal spiritual values rather than the fleeting material things of life. This is our supreme challenge.

Do you have time to learn of God? Do you have time to obey his will and thereby glorify your Maker? Every man will have time to die and to be judged by Christ. To be prepared will require time, our best time.

A life with no time for God is both foolish and tragic.

To such covetous farmer, the Lord once said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee ..." Luke 12:20 -Selected

IF ALCOHOL IS A DISEASE AND NOT A SIN, THEN ...

1. It is the only disease that God condemns.
2. It is the only disease contracted and perpetuated by an act of the will
3. It is the only disease without a germ or virus.

THE RECORD LAST WEEK

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SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR ADULTS, TOO

Eight out of every ten adults we meet in the shopping center at P.T.A., the office, the department store, etc. do not attend any type of Sunday school of any religious group according to researchers. This great group of men and women are ordering their lives and directing the lives of their children without benefit of spiritual strength derived from the study and proper understanding of God's Word.

This observation should be the concern of every congregation of the Lord's church. Adults make many decisions. They help decide vital matters in the home. Parents' attitudes and activities in the home set the mood and pace of the home. Through business and community life they contribute to decisions that affect many lives.

Many people believe in Christ and become Christians but they never go on to walk the path of Christian maturity. Our adult classes are designed to help all adults become more spiritually matured. We urge you to be a regular and permanent part of these classes and the teaching program.

* Cling to the whole Bible, not a part of it. A man is not going to do much with a broken sword.

THINGS TO REMEMBER -

25th ANNIVERSARY of the LaGrange church is this Sunday. Be sure and attend and be a part of the observance.

- Basket Dinner immediately after the morning service.

- "NEW LIFE" Quartet will be singing Sunday evening. They are from Williamstown, Va.

"OLD FOLKS" FEAST coming up August 18th. This is put on by the young people of the congregation.

- INFORMATIVE MEN'S MEETING Monday night August 7th. All men are invited. Be present.

RESPONSE Kim Stewart came Sunday evening asking for prayers for strength.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS Luther Hall & Paul Everage are both home from the hospital. Judy Boyles should be home from Goshen hospital by Sunday.

LEAVING SOON FOR COLLEGE Are:

Jim North, Craig, Terry, Paula, Philip and Diane Hostetler - Harding College. Jeff, Steve & Kimberly Herron to Oklahoma Christian College. We also have Dick and Fran Hostetler at Williamstown, W.Va. Bible College & Alan & Susan Adams at Pensacola, Fla. Bible College.

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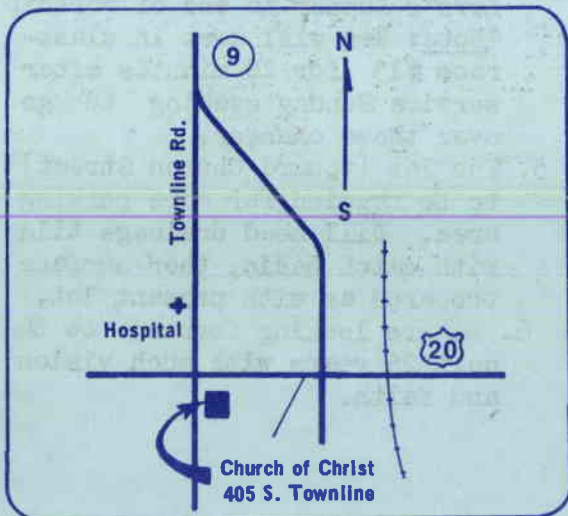
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Nothing is Christian which makes you hate another man.

Never consider anything Christian which starts you hating.

Being a Christian does not mean giving up something, but growing up into something.

The genius of Christianity is in the fact what it reveals to men a "best" of which they did not suspect themselves.

A man is a Christian because he is a new creature, not because he follows a new ceremony.

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10 RULES FOR IMPROVING THE CHURCH

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

PROVERBS - 3:27-28

Withhold not good from them
to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of
thy hand to do it.
Say not unto thy neighbor,
Go, and come again,
And tomorrow I will give;
When thou hast it by thee.

PREACHING AND PRACTICING

It is not what we eat, but what
we digest, that makes us strong;
not what we read, but what we re-
member, that makes us learned;
not what we gain, but what we
save, that makes us rich; and not
what we profess, but what we pra-
ctice. that makes us good Christ-
ians.

PERSONAL QUESTION CORNER

Do you Romans 14:19?

AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE - MORE
IS SAID THAN DONE!

AS I SEE IT ... Kenneth Joines

We all know that through the years the "Three R's" have always been "Readin', Ritin' and Rithmetic". But not long ago this changed to "Rioting, Rebellion, and Restlessness". And if this doesn't change before long, we'll have "Regret, Rot and Ruin". What we need is "Respect, religion and Responsibility!"

Toward the end of his long and productive life, a well known wise man was asked what advise he had for young men just starting out on life's journey. This was his answer: (1) Belong to something bigger than yourself. (2) Work with others toward a common goal. (3) Do your part. (4) Take pride in doing your job well. (5) Work hard to make your ideas take shape in reality. (6) Help build something of lasting value. I doubt that I could improve on that very much.

SCENIC HILLS CAMP GROUND fellow-
ship Sat-
urday August 12 at 6 P.M. This is
sponsored by the Willowdale church
of Elkhart. All are invited. See
bulletin board for more details.

"CHURCH GROWTH" Classes are being
held at South Side
church in Fort Wayne on Thursdays
at 7:30 P.M. August 3, 10 and 17.
Dewayne Davenport is the teacher.

OLD FOLKS FEAST AUGUST 18 See
Terry
Hostetler for tickets (\$3 each)

A THANK YOU NOTE received from
Merry Manor
Nursing Home for tray favors.

GOOD ATTENDANCE at picnic last
Sunday and hear-
ing the quartet from Williamstown
W. Va. and OUR OWN SINGERS.

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT See it if you
go, Details on bulletin board.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING NOTES -

Several men were present last
Monday evening and the following
items were discussed:

1. Regular meetings are planned.
2. A new bus is to be purchased
(from the South if possible)
to replace bus #2.
3. Encourage more participation
in our Soul Saving program.
4. Change the observance of the
Lord's Supper to end of worship
*Note: Men will meet in class-
room #13 for 10 minutes after
service Sunday evening to go
over these changes.
5. The lot (toward Church Street)
to be readied for more parking
area. Will need drainage tile
with catch basin, then surface
prepared as with present lot.
6. We are looking forward to the
next 25 years with much vision
and faith.

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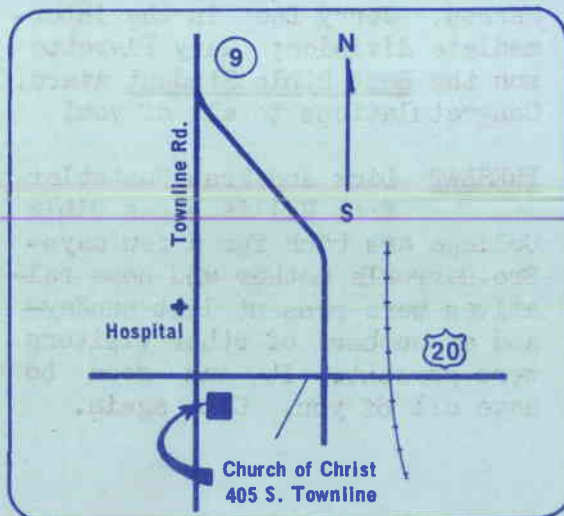
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I'M GLAD THIS CHURCH NEEDS MONEY!

If it didn't it would mean it had no missionary vision and zeal.
 If it didn't it would mean NO COMPASSION on the homeless, helpless and needy.
 If it didn't it would mean it had "topped-out" - no interest in expansion. No VISION!
 If it didn't it would mean it wasn't interested in providing wholesome activities.
 If it didn't it would mean it wasn't expanding its outreach. No evangelism.
 If it didn't it would mean it wasn't interested in teaching children. No future!

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THE CHURCH MUST GROW

These are days of immense potential for us. There is an unlimited number of souls to reach for Christ. Our world now has a population of four billion souls. It's been less than 3 billion hours since Jesus was born and now there are four billion souls in this world: The mandate that we have from the Savior is to be about the business of reaching those people, and local church is the primary instrument that God has chosen to use for that purpose.

I admit to being a local church enthusiast. People need the local church. Jesus instituted the church and the purpose that He gave, a least one of them, was that the church be instrumental in reaching people for Him. And so for a long time the church has been doing that very thing. It's been the launching pad for evangelism, for reaching more people with Christ's Gospel. I get excited when I see a local church that's really doing that job - aggressive, evangelistic, involved, trying to reach people of that community. But I tell you it's never going to happen accidentally The real difference between mediocrity and greatness in a church is vision...vision. The need is for the kind of faith that sees great things being accomplished, that has a positive, optimistic outlook.

-Joe Barnett

HOW WOULD YOU PHOTOGRAPH?

If a portrait were taken of a person in strong, vigorous health, and another was taken of the same man after a severe illness, or when he had been almost starved to death or weakened by confinement, we should scarcely recognize them as the likeness of the same man, the dear old friend we loved.

Still greater would be the change should we draw the spiritual portrait of many a once hearty, vigorous saint of God, whose soul has been starved for want of the proper spiritual nourishment, or by feeding upon "ashes" instead of bread.

PERSONAL QUESTION CORNER

Have you Romans 12:1?

THE RECORD

August 6 - Att.187 Cont.\$872.65
August 13 - Att.186 Cont.\$510.20

SUNDAY NIGHT SPEAKER Mike Scholten who will be going to India will be here Sunday evening telling us of his contemplated work. Come hear him.

YOUTH RALLY is scheduled at East Chestnut church in Fort Wayne Saturday August 19th.

ANGOLA CHURCH will have a meeting August 20-21. Services each evening at 7:30 P.M.

MYSTERY TRIP FOR KEENAGERS is coming up on 24th!

FUNERAL SERVICES were conducted by Norm in White Pigeon Michigan last Tuesday at 12:15 for Albert Burnett, grandfather of Marie and Juanita Negrete. Ladies of the church provided food for the family after the service.

BIBLE CITIES

Fill in the missing blanks. The last letter of one word becomes the first letter of the next word.

J _ _ _ _ _ M
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H _ _ _ _ _ N

WORSHIP SERVICE CHANGE The Lord's

Supper is to be served at the close of the service among other things so cooperate in these changes. It was thought this might benefit our services some.

FUN DAY is scheduled at Camp Indogan, Labor Day so plan to be there.

THE SICK We were glad to see Buck Everage able to be at services last Sunday after an extended stay in the hospital-Mary Ann Johnston's mother was injured in an accident recently - Sharon Simpson has been ailing recently-Betty Hicks is in Rm.113 of hosp.

RESPONSE Sharon Simpson came forward last Sunday morning asking for prayers for strength.

CAMP NOTES Star Camper awards were won by Brian Hoggatt in Junior Division; Missy Herron, Jerry Lee in the intermediate division; Gary Pieratte won the Best Bible Student award. Congratulations to all of you!

PRESENT Dick and Fran Hostetler from Williamstown Bible College are back for a few days-Bro.Herron's mother and some relatives were present last Sunday and a number of other visitors were present. It was good to have all of you. Come again.

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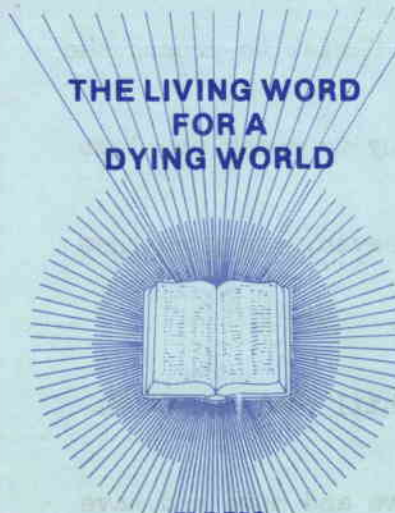
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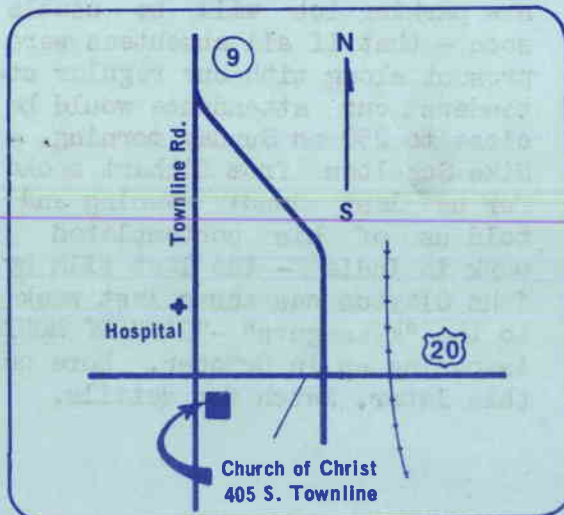
DON'T SHOOT YOURSELF DOWN

Several years ago the news media reported how a new navy jet fighter shot itself down. Flying at super-sonic speed, it ran into cannon shells it had fired only seconds before. The jet was traveling too fast!

Are you traveling too fast? If you don't have time to be kind, if you don't have time to worship God in church services, if you don't have time to read the Bible, if you don't have time to pray, you are probably traveling too fast to hear the sound of God's voice. You had better slow down before you, like the jet, shoot yourself down.

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PORTRAIT OF THE SOUL WINNER

- Their EARS are open to the cries for help from a lost and dying world.
- Their EYES are ever searching for a receptive heart, in which to plant the Word of God.
- Their LIPS are always ready and willing to proclaim the glory of God.
- Their HANDS are always turning the pages of God's Holy Word, seeking His will for them.
- Their FEET are on the move to carry out the words of Christ to preach the gospel to every creature.
- Their HEARTS are besting and breaking with the urgency to reach the lost before it's too late.
- Their HEADS are bowed in a prayer to the Father in heaven, to give them the wisdom to carry out the mission.
- Their FACES glow with the hope that is in them.
- Their LIVES are like the light of a city set upon a hill that cannot be hid.
- They are the light of the world. In Christ they live and move and have their being.

-Selected

WHAT MAKES WILD-CATS

Two little fellows were visiting the zoo. When they came to the wild-cat cage, one of them asked, "I wonder why these cats are wild?" The other boy said, "They are wild-cats because their daddy and mommy were wild-cats."

"No wonder God refers to us as His 'little children'. We call upon Him when we are frightened, we want Him to hold our hand when the going gets rough, and we often skip out to play when there is work to be done."

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PERSONAL QUESTION CORNER

Do you Romans 6:11?

DON'T LET THE DEVIL STOP US!

Whether you want to face it or not, we are in a terrible and fervent Spiritual combat with the very hosts of hell! That ought to keep us faithful, humble, reverent and diligent! Not that things are beginning to really "get with it: and we are becoming more and more evangelistic: the devil will work overtime to stop it ANY WAY HE CAN!! Remember that !! His old and usual tactics of attack include persucuting the leaders, getting into hearts of members and getting them to lie and be selfish, causing a fuss, griping, striving over insignificant things etc. etc. (Acts 3-4, 5, 6. We're robbing souls from his control and it will naturally upset him and arouse his fury! Let every member be firm in their stand for Jesus, God's good news and their pilgrimage for heaven!!! Don't let the devil use you to stop our out-reach!

-Sel.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

1. Name the book that tells the story of the beginning of life, sin, and death. _____
2. Name the book that describes heaven in detail, also considered a book of prophecy. _____
3. In which book do we read of Moses' call? _____
4. Name two Old Testament books which bear women's names.

SPEAKER SUNDAY NIGHT will be Greg Hostetler -
FELLOWSHIP time will follow after evening service in fellowship room.

FUN DAY at Camp Indogan on Labor Day - Why not go over after the evening service and stay all night?

THE SICK or HAVE BEEN SICK Betty Hicks, Mrs. Swartzentruber, Jeff Mead, Jamie McAlpin, Jan Worley, Bob Hicks, Jim Lee. Craig Hostetler was in an auto accident a week ago. We are thankful he escaped serious injury. "Did we miss any?"

VISITORS You are our honored guests. Come any time. From out of town were the Paul Kellys family from Muncie, In.

DID YOU KNOW? A new bus has been purchased - over 50 attended the "Old Folks Feast" -over 20 turned out for visitation night last Tuesday evening - the new parking lot will be usable soon - that if all absentees were present along with our regular attenders our attendance would be close to 250 on Sunday morning. - Mike Scholton from Elkhart spoke for us last Sunday evening and told us of his contemplated work in India - the last film by John Clayton was shown last week to the "keenagers" -"HARVEST MONTH" is coming up in October. More on this later. Watch for details.

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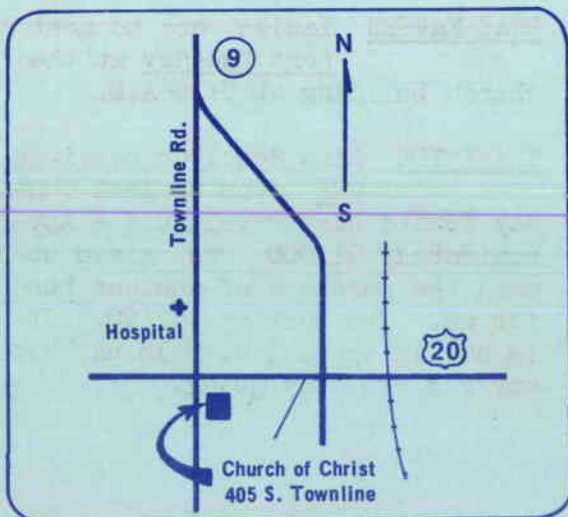


"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhort-

ing one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:24-25). "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

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CONSIDER THE INVITATION

Some encouragement and instruction will be found in each sermon regarding how one becomes a Christian and the urgency of responding "now".

Equally important to what is said before the invitation song, will be the atmosphere created by the attitudes and actions of each member present. We must realize the response to the Word, Will and Way of God is an emotional, as well as an intellectual response. It is a time for people to be "pricked in their hearts" (Acts 2:47). It is a time of soul searching and personal conviction (Acts 8:36). It is a tender time of Godly sorrow (2 Cor. 7:10), and repentance to step out in the aisle and walk to the front to publicly confess Christ and to be baptized. This is a crucial time! Everything needs to be right. There must be no discouragement. Do everything you can to make this moment conducive to salvation. The following suggestions are offered as being vital:

1. Give full attention to the remarks as the invitation is extended.
2. Sing with all your heart and soul every word of the invitation song.
3. Pray silently for the message presented and obedience of the lost.

-Selected & Adapted

PERSONAL EVALUATION - Underscore the one that describes your condition:

My conversation indicates that my spiritual level is high:

- 1) Always
- 2) Sometimes
- 3) Never

OCTOBER HARVEST MONTH

The word of God many times likens soul winning unto the harvest of grain. And just as there must be a generous sowing of seed in order to receive a rich harvest, so must there be an abundant teaching of God's word if there is to be a great harvest of souls for the Master. Lets get busy sowing the seed. -Norm Herron

PARENTS PLEASE READ THIS!

Consider the following suggestion recently shared with me. A relative had a practice of asking her child questions about her Bible class each week following the class. Her mother would elaborate upon the things the child recalled and make specific application to the child's life. If more parents did this, our children would benefit much more from their Bible classes. Mom and Dad, why not try this? It might mean a lot to you and your youngster.

-Selected

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BUS WORKERS! Thanks for your dedication and work in this area. Through your efforts 70 rode the busses last Sunday making our attendance 206.

FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES see Jamie McAlpin.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Shults-Lewis Open House - Sept. 9th
Junior Youth Rally at Camp " 29,30

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Goshen Lectureship - October 3-7
Senior Youth Rally - " 6-7
MCC Lectureship - " 9-12
Anderson Soul Winning Workshop -
October 19-22
LAGRANGE GOSPEL MEETING - Oct. 22-29
(Ken Chambers, speaker)

WHY DO SO MANY PEOPLE
JEOPARDIZE THEIR SOULS
BY NEGLECTING BIBLE STUDY?

NURSING HOME SINGING SUNDAY - 4:30 at Miller Manor; 5:10 at LaGrange

NOTICE to Sunday School students and parents! We will not be moving up to new classes till the 1st Sunday in October.

HELP WANTED to prepare communion and serve as 4th Sunday hostesses. Any volunteers?

WEEK-END OUTING Bring your food for our overnight stay at camp Sunday night and all day Monday (Labor Day). Lets have a good turnout.

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS we have lost 13 to Christian Colleges this fall. We'll certainly miss them and wish for them God's richest blessings. Kim Herron is at Oklahoma Christian College and Craig Hostetler has transferred to Williamstown Bible College. Our best wishes to Dick Hostetler and family as they return to Williamstown this week.

TRAY FAVORS Ladies are to meet next Tuesday at the church building at 9:30 A.M.

THANK YOU Mike Scholton received \$98 from us last Sunday toward his travel fund - Approximately \$1,000 was given toward the purchase of another bus for us. Its cost was \$2400. It is now in operation. Help us keep our bus ministry going!

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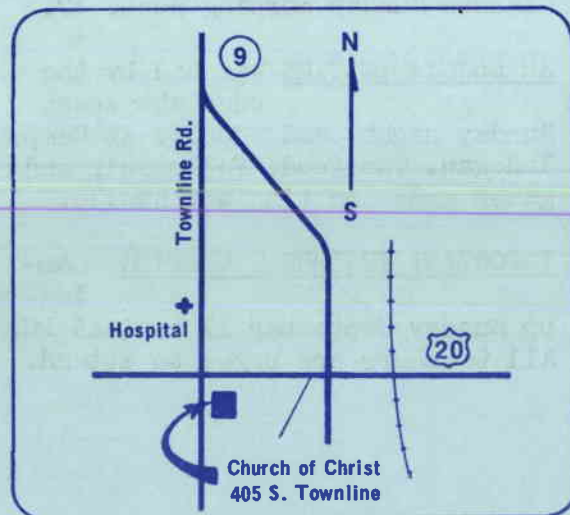
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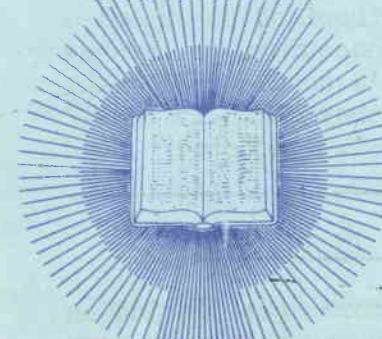
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WHAT ARE YOU BREACHING ABOUT NEXT SUNDAY?

Suppose a preacher announced a new series of sermons to begin next Sunday on the theme, "THE WORTHINESS OF CHRISTIANITY". Just imagine some of the topics as follows: "The Uselessness of Prayer," "Spend Your Money On Pleasure, Don't Give," "Sleeping Late Is More Important Than the Lord," "Ignore the Bible and Do As You Please," "I Would Not Give Two Cents for the Opportunity to Attend Bible Study," "A Little Smoking, Drinking, and Cussing Never Hurt Anyone" or "Better to be Rich and Wicked Than Poor and Righteous."

We could hardly imagine such gall, such an unholy attitude coming from the pulpit, but brethren, we preach by the way we live. What will you be preaching by your life this week?

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A PRAYER FOR OUR ELDERS

Our Father, let me be a pillar of strength to them, not a thorn in the flesh to sap their strength, nor a burden on their back to pull them down.

Let me support them without striving to possess them. Let me lift up their hands without placing shackles upon them. Let me give them help that they may devote time to saving others and less time to gratifying my vanity.

Let me work with them as ministers of the whole flock and not compel them to spend precious time bragging on me. Let me be unselfish in what I do for them and not selfish in demanding that they do more for me. Help me serve the church more and be happy that they serve me less.

Help me to receive not an accusation against them except at the mouth of two or three witnesses. Help me to be a good member in judgment upon them - for I have never walked in their shoes. Help me, Lord, to be a Christian at all times that their work may be made easier for them and my own soul may be brought closer to thee. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord is the petition offered unto thee. Amen.

(Whole elders are not kings, they have been duly authorized to expedite the work of the church as Christ commands. We must encourage every new effort that the elders put forth that is based on God's word. Read Heb. 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you...for they WATCH in behalf of your souls, AS THEY THAT SHALL GIVE ACCOUNT.") - Sel. & Adapted

OCTOBER-HARVEST MONTH

In order to have a good harvest there must be ample land to sow. Jesus said: "the field is the world" (Mt.13:38). Therefore the opportunities to sow the seed of God's word are unlimited. It has been well said, "Every heart is a mission field and every follower of Christ is a missionary".

BIBLE QUESTION: What was the occupation of the following:

- Demetrius _____ Dorcas _____
- Lydia _____ Luke _____
- Simon _____ Agabus _____

A WORM IN AN APPLE

How does a worm get inside an apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrows in from the outside. No, scientists discovered that the worm comes from the inside. But how does he get in there? Simple! An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Sometime later, the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out. Sin, like the worm, begins in the heart and works out through the person's thoughts, words and actions. For this reason, David once wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God."

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GOSPEL MEETINGS -

Glenwood, Ft. Wayne - Sept. 10-16

Phil Dunn speaking. 7:30 P.M.

Auburn - Sept. 13-17. 7 P.M.

Dewayne Davenport, speaking

LaGrange - Oct. 22-29

Ken Chambers, speaking.

BUS EVANGELISM WILL NOT WORK IF -

1. There is not compassion for lost souls.
2. There is not love for children of all races and backgrounds.
3. There are not many dedicated workers.
4. Destructive critics are allowed to have their own way.
5. The teachers do not support it.
6. The leaders are afraid to spend money.
7. Brethren are not willing to be kind, considerate, patient and longsuffering.

Are you willing to do your part in this work? Compliment our workers and help in any way you can!

THEY WILL NOT SEEK
THEY MUST BE SOUGHT
THEY WILL NOT LEARN
THEY MUST BE TAUGHT
THEY WILL NOT COME
THEY MUST BE BROUGHT

OUR THANKS is extended to the "behind the scene" workers of our "keenager" program. The preparation of offd and serving each Thursday takes planning and work. Thanks to all of you who are helping in this. This is certainly appreciated.

HELP! The Garrett Congregation asks help for Saturday September 16 to re-roof auditorium. See Dean if you can go.

REMEMBRANCES Zoa Herr is some better. She is awaiting results of tests. Vicki Singleton gave birth to a baby boy at McCray Memorial Hospital at Kendallville. She is in Room 229. Reva Rush is in Houston, Tx. because of sickness of her daughter-in-law Rowena Vaughn. Jamie McAlpin's grandfather passed last Sunday. Remember these in prayer.

CHARLES JAMES (whom we support in the work at Marinette Wisconsin) will be speaking to the combined High School and Adult Classes Sunday morning Sept. 17.

AN ENJOYABLE TIME was had by the ones who spent Sunday night and Monday at Camp Indogan. The food, fellowship and games made the time worthwhile.

IMPORTANT TEACHER'S MEETING Coming up Sunday September 17 at 4:45 PM. All teachers are urged to attend.

Shults-Lewis Rally Day this Saturday September 9. Ernest Stewart main speaker Silvertone quartett will be singing.

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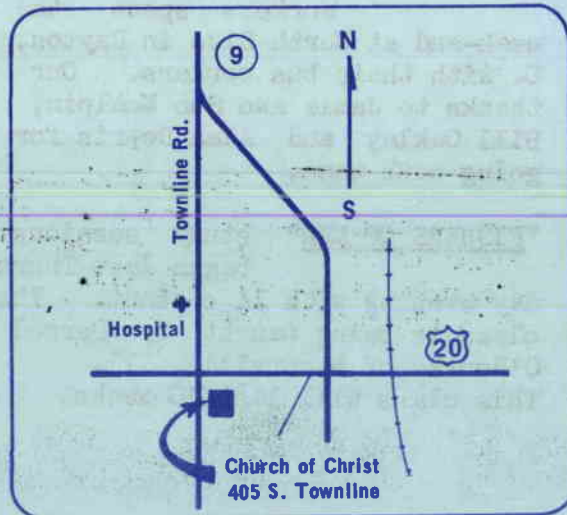
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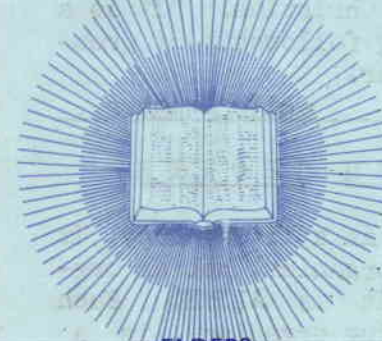


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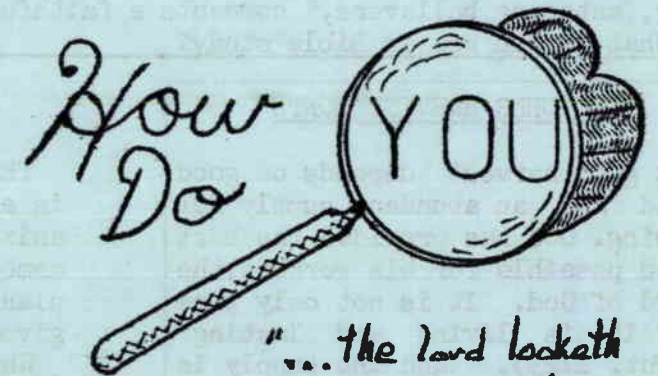
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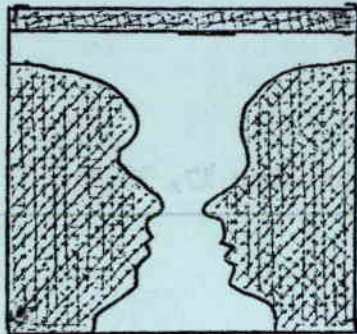
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WHAT DO YOU SEE?



What do you see in the picture - a vase - or two faces? It all depends on how you look at it.

The same thing is true regarding our attitude toward Bible study on Sunday and Wednesday. Some look at Bible study as a waste of time. "They just teach the same things over and over," someone comments. "I can get more out of staying home and sleeping an extra hour," replies a disgruntled member.

It is true that there are many improvements that could be made in Bible classes. But it is also true that "what we see" really determines what we get out of the time spent in class.

Some people see Bible study as an hour spent in studying how principles proclaimed by God's word can be applied to their daily lives. Some see it as an opportunity to learn more about personal spiritual development as a Christian. "It is a time for me to become involved in a learning, loving fellowship of growing, maturing believers," comments a faithful attender.

What do you see in Bible study?

-Bill Swetmon

OCTOBER-HARVEST MONTH

A good harvest depends on good seed and an abundant supply for sowing. God has provided the best seed possible for his workers, the Word of God. It is not only pure but it is living and lasting (1Pet. 1:23). And the supply is unlimited. In fact the more we use, the greater the supply. "He that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food shall supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness" (2 Cor. 9:10)

-Norm Herron

"When you meet a man without a SMILE, give him one."

CHURCH GROWTH

The church is a living body. It is a living organism, not an organization. It is ALIVE! Each member (living organism) is a planter...we also water...and God gives the increase.

What churches need today is not more machinery or better, or more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Spirit can use—men of prayer, The Holy Spirit does not flow through methods, but through men (alive for Christ). He does not appoint plans but men; men of prayer.

PERSONAL QUESTION CORNER

If every member of the church were like me would the church grow?

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COMING EVENTS

Sept; 29 & 30 - Jr. Youth Rally at
Camp Indogan
Oct. 6 & 7 - Sr. Youth Rally at
Camp Indogan
Oct. 22-29 - Gospel Meeting at
LaGrange

PARENTS & BUS CAPTAINS To protect our Shrubbery, we urge you help us keep the boys and girls off the stone at the inner edge of the side walks as this moves the plastic which will allow grass etc. to come up in the stone around our shrubs - too we suggest there be no running in the building. This makes for confusion and noise and perhaps an injury. Please!

NEED A CONCORDANCE? We have some extra copies of these left for anyone wishing one. The price is \$1.90.

VISITATION NIGHT on Tuesdays is bringing from 15 to 30 to the building each week, and with others of the congregation making calls too. Are you one of this group? If not start getting involved in this work. Make your own list of prospects and make calls too.

IMPORTANT TEACHER'S MEETING Sunday afternoon at 4:30. Be present!

CHARLES JAMES to speak to combined adult and high-school classes Sunday morning.

LADIES' TRAY FAVOR MAKING is set for Tuesday September 19 at 9:30 AM

SORRY We failed to mention that Jan Worley responded to the invitation Sunday morning the 3rd confessing negligence.

THE SICK Dave Weaver was hurt in a ditch cave-in; Mike Bowen, Mary Johnston's mother, Mrs. Swartzenburger, Bernice Anderson are in the hospital. Vickie Singleton is now home with her new baby - Kathy Sowles' mother, Erma Carpenter of Hillsdale, MI., has had a light stroke - Jim Lee has been sick also.

BUS WORKERS Over 15 of our bus workers spent the week-end at North Side in Dayton, O. with their bus workers. Our thanks to Jamie and Sue McAlpin, Bill Oakley and Alma Dorris for going with them.

"FISHERS OF MEN" study sessions began last Thursday evening with 14 present. The class is being taught by Darrel O'Rourke of Naperville, Ill. This class will last 10 weeks.

PLAN OF SALVATION

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| 1. BELIEF IN CHRIST
John 8:24
Heb. 11:6
Mark 16:16 | 3. CONFESSION OF CHRIST
Matt. 10:32, 33
Rom. 10:2, 10
Acts 8:37 |
| 2. REPENT OF SINS
Luke 13:3, 5
Acts 2:38
Acts 17:30 | 4. BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST
Rom. 6:1-6
Gal. 3:26, 27
1 Pet. 3:21 |
| 5. FAITHFULNESS UNTO DEATH
1 Cor. 15:58
Rev. 2:10 | |

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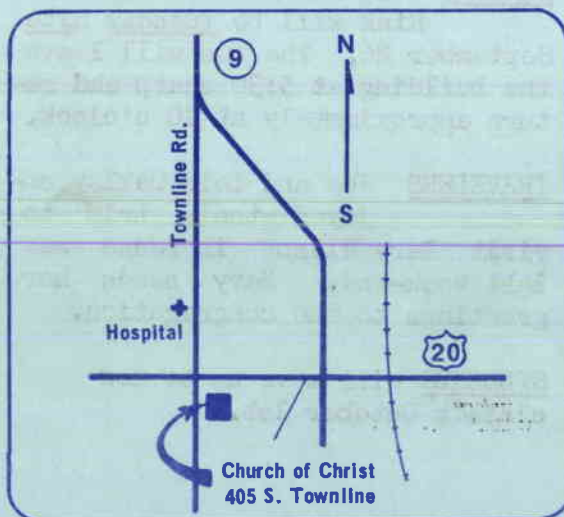
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DO NOT NEGLECT

It is easy to become so infatuated with the present that we lose sight of eternity. While we view the material wealth of an affluent nation, it is imperative that we maintain a perspective by asking, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36-37). When we stand before God in judgment, we will then gladly give 10,000 worlds like this just to hear him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." (Matt. 25:21). But NOW is the opportune time for assuring that welcome! -Sel.

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



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HAVE WE LEVELED OFF?

"Churches usually level off at 35, 85, 125, 180, 240, 280, 400, 600, 800 and just under 1200" - so it has been said. Curtis Sampley using this in the Decatur, Alabama bulletin says fruther, "I do not know the rationale for these figures, but is it true with us?" And I might add, "Is it true here at LaGrange". (PFH)

For the past few months, as a whole, we have been at the 180 attendance figure. Brother Sampley says, "It takes concentrated effort to break through (this leveling off). And so it will be with us. It won't happen accidently. If we break this leveling off plateau, it will be because we work at it. We must move onward. To stand still is to stagnate.

October is "Harvest Month". Let's work to break this apparent attendance barrier by sowing the seed (the Word of God) 1k.8:11 in good and honest hearts that it might bring forth fruit unto God. Let's sow the seed. God will bring the increase. 2 Cor. 3:6

Let October be the month to put forth more effort in winning souls for Christ. Let October be the month to really get involved in the matter of church growth! Let October be the time to reverse the condition, "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." (Matt.9:37) to the "laborers are many." Let us say, "No we have not leveled off - LOOK!"

-Paul Himes

DON'T JUDGE

Don't judge a man by his family relations, for Cain belonged to a good family.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears; God made the one and the tailor the other.

Don't judge a man by his failures in life, for many a man fails because he is too honest to succeed.

Don't judge a man by the house he lives in for the lizard and the rat often inhabit the grandest structures. -Copied

PERSONAL QUESTION CORNER

The Bible is the most priceless possession of the human race - how often do you read it?

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT THOSE PEOPLE

- Who give each week "as God has prospered."

- Who attend services on Sunday night and Wednesday night in spite of the tiredness of their bodies.

- Who truly "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

- Who put the Lord's church before business, pleasure, politics and everything else.

Without such people the New Testament church would vanish from the earth! We cannot do without such people. -Selected

"Do good with what you have, or it will do you no good."

THE RECORD

Sept. 3	Att. 180	Cont. \$748.05
Sept. 10	Att. 170	Cont. \$650.80
Sept. 17	Att. 190	Cont. \$800.20

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 29-30 - Jr. Youth Rally at Camp Indogan. Send registration to Danny Storms, 195 West Maple, Waterloo, In. 46793.

Oct. 6-7 - Sr. Youth Rally at Camp Indogan. Send registration to Norm Herron, RR5 Box 15 at LaGrange 46761.

GOSHEN LECTURESHIP Oct. 4-7 with various speakers from the area. Dean Hoggatt will speak Saturday night October 7th.

MCC LECTURESHIP Oct. 9-12 at Rochester, Michigan.

SOUL WINNING WORKSHOP Anderson, In. October 19-22.

GOSPEL MEETING LaGrange Oct. 24-29 Ken Chambers, speaking.

THIS 4th SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

Evening speaker - Dale Morgan
FELLOWSHIP TIME - after evening service. Bring finger foods. The drinks will be furnished.

TEACHERS! Remember to turn all unused student's books, visual aids and teacher's manuals in after Sunday. Some can be returned - others can be filed away for further use. Please!

LET'S TRY to increase attendances at all Bible classes next quarter.

TRY AGAIN We will try again to finish our yard work Monday evening September 25. Come.

THE SICK Brother Martin Hall has been released from the hospital and is now home - Zoa Herr is feeling much better - the Jim Lee family is able to be out again - Mike Bowen is home but not recovered fully yet.

RETURNED Connie Davison and children have moved back from North Carolina. Dan will follow in a few weeks. The climate was not as good for Connies' asthma as was hoped. We welcome them back.

CHARLES JAMES REPORTS The combined adult - high school classes heard an encouraging report of the work in Menominee, Mi. last Sunday morning. We have a small part in the work by the James'.

SKATING at the Elkhart Holiday Rink will be Tuesday nite September 26. The bus will leave the building at 5:30 sharp and return approximately at 10 o'clock.

TRAVELERS Joe and Lois Oakley enjoyed their trip to visit Mary Wilson in Tennessee last week-end. Mary sends her greetings to the congregation.

STUDENTS will move up to new classes October 1st.