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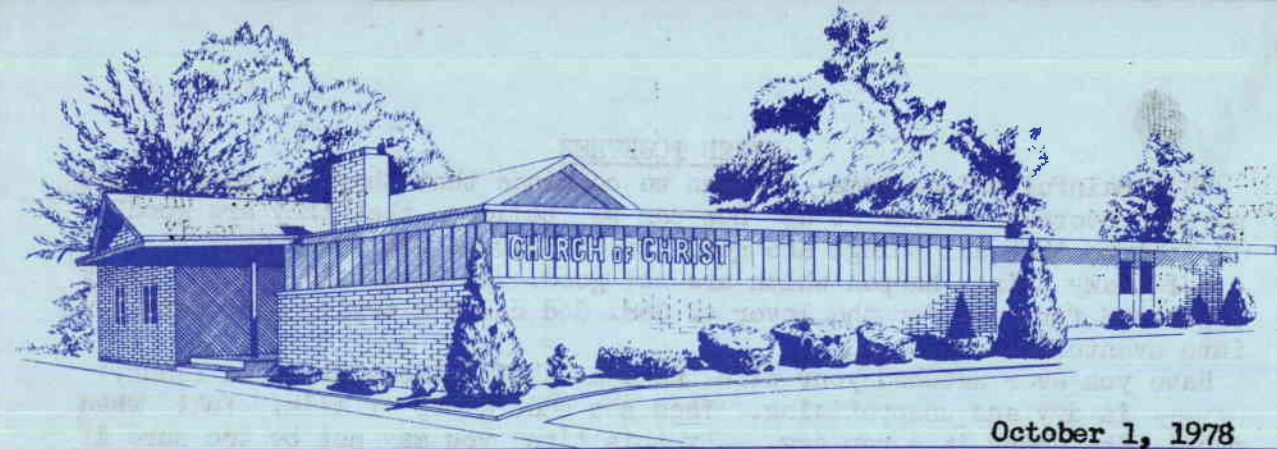
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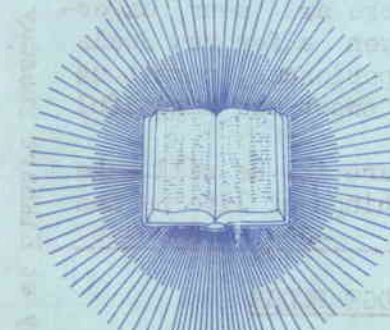


October 1, 1978

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MAKE OCTOBER "HARVEST MONTH" FOR BIBLE CLASSES

Are we using the Bible school for the potential it can be? Do we realize the inherent value of bible study?

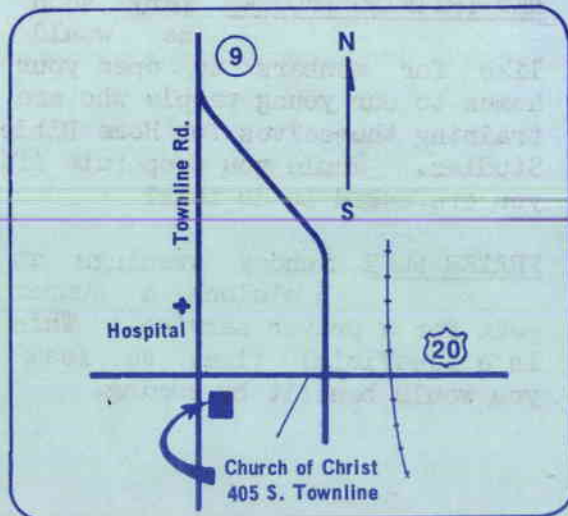
The evangelical thrust of the Bible school for the local congregation can be great. It is said one can find at least 20% of our prospects from the enrollment of the Bible school and converted to Christ in one year.

But more than this, every adult, especially, needs to be a part of the Bible classes, for his own good. In Bible classes we can ask questions, make comments, share insights and get to know one another and develop a sense of belonging and being needed.

Be present Sunday October 1st and make the Bible class a regular part of your life. PFH

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MIXED TOGETHER

When painful things come how can we conclude that they are good? When severe reversals hammer at us how can we believe that they are good? Is it true that all things are good for the person who loves God?

No! Many things happen which are not good. It says all things "work together" for good for the lover of God. God can mix trying circumstances into eventual blessings.

Have you ever watched your wife make a cake? She sifts some flour. Flour is dry and unappetizing. Then she adds a cup of milk. Yuk! Then ploy! She drops in a raw egg. By this time you may not be too sure if you like cake. She adds the remaining ingredients and pops it into the oven. At dinnertime there it is, a beautiful cake. Delicious! A second peice, please.

How can it be? There's not one of these ingredients you'd be willing to eat by itself. But mixed together they form a tasty, nourishing delight!

In every life, even the deeply committed ones, there are tastless times when life is as uninviting as a cup of flour. And there are sour experiences which are horribly distasteful. There are even a few raw deals when mistreatment comes. But God can take these experiences, permit us to endure the oven of affliction and come out with a sweet and beautiful result.

Don't pass judgment on God until the final results are in. He will make good his promise. All the unpleasant and uninviting things of life He has the power to "mix" until blessings come. -Joe R. Barnett

HODGE PODGE

It is impossible for anyone to begin to learn what he thinks he already knows ... The real friend is one who sticks by you even when you become successful ... Americans are getting stranger. 20 years ago, it took two people to carry \$10 worth of groceries. Today, a child can do it ... before marriage he talks and she listens, later they both talk and neighbors listen ... truth does not hurt unless it ought to.

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"Say not, there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest-" (Jn.4:35). The usual time in Palestine from seed time to harvest is four months. But Jesus is telling his disciples to "lift up your eyes" and see the ever present harvest of souls that is before them. When our eyes are down, all we can see is self (especially our belly) and this world. But if we turn our eyes upward, we can see the lost souls of others and realize the real worth of the Lord's kingdom. Lord help us to see there is a harvest for reaping NOW! -Norm Herron

43 attended the skating party at Elkhart Tuesday evening!

THE RECORD

Sept. 3	Att. 180	Cont. \$748.50
Sept. 10	Att. 170	Cont. \$650.80
Sept. 17	Att. 190	Cont. \$800.20
Sept. 24	Att. 201	Cont. \$746.85
Averages	Att. 185	Cont. \$746.47

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 4-7 - Goshen Lectureship
- Oct. 6-7 - Sr. Youth Rally at Camp Indogan.
- Oct. 9-12 - MCC Lectureship
- Oct. 19-22 - Soul Winning Workshop at Anderson, Indiana
- Oct. 24-29 - Gospel Meeting at LaGrange.

CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT

Mad at the dog? Don't kick the cat ...

A preacher once asked a certain man why he had just ceased attending the services. He replied, "They haven't treated me right over there." The preacher asked, "Then why don't you go home and beat your wife?" "The startled backslider gave the preacher a look which questioned his sanity. "My wife hasn't done anything against me," he said. "Well, replied the preacher, "Has the Lord Jesus done anything against you?" Being peeved at the brethren and forsaking the Lord is about as logical as being a ngrly with the dog and kicking the cat. If you don't believe Christ judges your feelings for Him by the way you treat the church, then try to explain Acts 9:4 and Mt. 25:40.

-Jack Gray

NURSING HOME SINGING Sunday afternoon at both homes. Merry-Manor 4:30. LaGrange 5:10. Come!

TRAY FAVOR MAKING for the ladies Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. Bring pine cones if have any.

STUDENTS go to new classes Sunday.

WANTED Several adults will be needed to help at Camp Indogan on Oct. 6-7 for Senior Youth Rally. If you can help in kitchen or as a counselor in cabins see Norm.

"KEENAGERS" There will be an outing Thursday October 5th at Camp Indogan for all of "Keenager" group. WE BROKE OUR ATTENDANCE RECORD LAST WEEK WITH 37 being present!

THANKS to all who helped with the yard work. We finally finished this up Tuesday morning.

NEW TRAINING PROGRAM Very soon we would like for members to open your homes to our young people who are training themselves for Home Bible Studies. Would you cooperate if you are asked to do this?

PRAYER HOUR Sunday evenings at 5 o'clock a number meet for a prayer service. This is a beneficial time. We feel you would benefit by coming.

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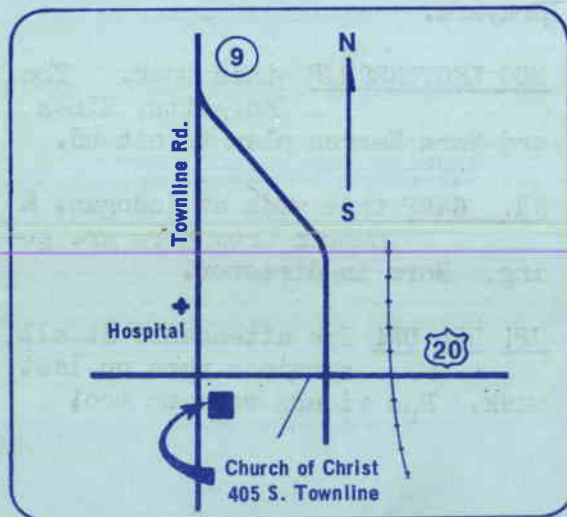
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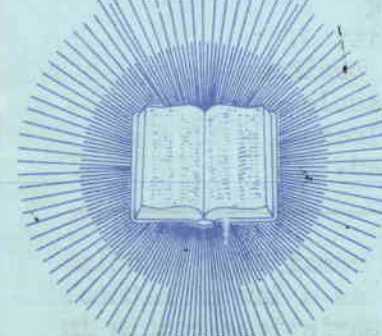


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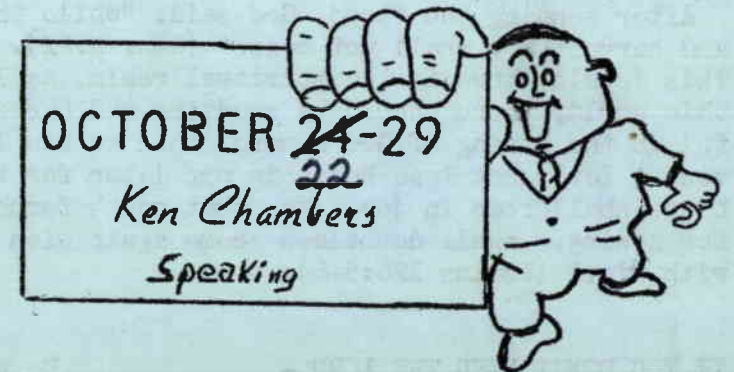
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ABC's Of A Gospel Meeting

Advertises the meeting
Always pray for its success
A Abound in enthusiasm
Absorb all the good lessons
Abandon sin.

Be present for every servise
Bring every friend you can

B Be on time
Bear your share of the cost
Be zealous in your efforts
Be thankful for this opportunity.

Call and invite friends
Center your thoughts on God
Come expecting to be benefitted.

C Cooperate with God and the brethren
Cultivate a love for lost souls
Capitalize on your own influence
Carry your share of the load.

After sending the flood, God said: "while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest ... shall not cease" (Gen. 8:22). This is a law of nature. This is also true in the spiritual realm. As long as Christians remain in this world, there should be seedtime and harvest. If we have been faithful in the sowing of God's word then we can look forward to a rich harvest. Let's not lose heart in our labor for the Lord. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalms 126:5-6).

-Norm Herron

IF YOU DON'T NEED THE LORD -

Stop drinking His water ...
Stop breathing His air ...
Quit plowing His ground,
Cease warming by His sunshine ...
And cooling by His breeze!

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

-John Wesley

THE RECORD

Oct. 1 Att. 212 Cont. \$729.50

THE ANT'S EVANGELISM

The story is related of a gentleman who laid a peice of sweetmeat on the table and then picked up an ant and placed it on the sweetmeat. He was astonished to see the little creature rapidly descend, by one of the legs of the table, and seek his fellows. He then turned back at once, followed by a long line of his fellow citizens, and conducted them to the prize.

Are there not many who know the sweetness of the gospel, who might learn this lesson from an ant? If we have tasted and seen that the Lord is good, let us do what we can to lead others into like blessings.

Until we learn this important lesson, we will not see the world (or even LaGrange) led to Christ. Just think of what could be done here ... if we all sound out the GOOD NEWS... THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST
Are you telling others?

-Selected and Adapted

* The most uncomfortable person in the world is the one who has just enough religion to make him uneasy, not enough to be enjoyed, and too much to let it go.

BE PRESENT AT ALL SERVICES SUNDAY

BAPTISM Kimberly Mickem expressed her desire obey the gospel and was baptized Monday night. We welcome her to the fold of Christ.

WORKSHOP Our Tuesday night visitation is taking the direction of a workshop in that we will be using the time mainly to acquaint our young people (maybe others) how to show film strips and get involved in actually showing of strips and talking to people. As we mentioned last week, we are asking members of the church to allow these young people into your homes to show these strips. We must know the Word before we can teach it to others. Help us in this program if asked. Thanks.

NOTICE If any teacher needs more books for classes let Dean know by Sunday.

IN-OUT OF HOSPITAL Martin Luther Hall is now back home after a few days in the hospital. Remember him in your prayers.

MCC LECTURESHIP this week. The Hoggatts, Himes and Norm Herron plan to attend.

SR. CAMP this week at Indogan. A number from here are going. Norm is director.

UPI UPI UPI Yes attendance at all services were up last week. B_us riders were up too!

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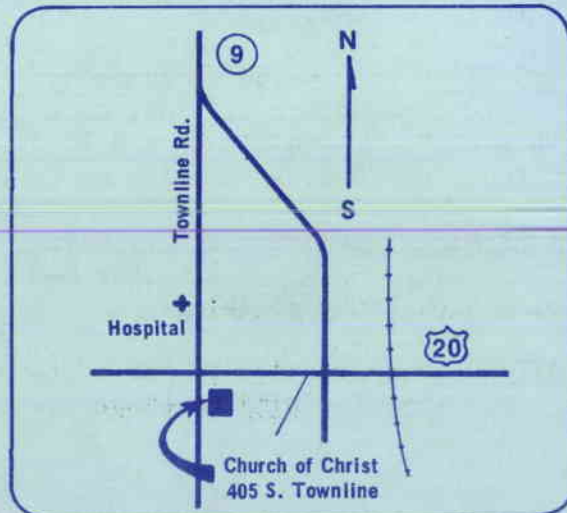
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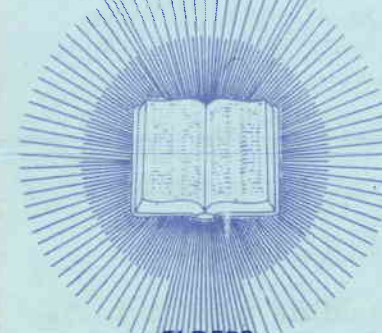


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October 22, 1978

GOSPEL MEETING

OCT. 22-29
 KEN CHAMBERS
 SPEAKING



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BETWEEN LIGHTS

We were waiting at a stop light. My friend was driving. The light remained on the red portion much longer than usual. That was my evaluation of the time factor. I turned to my friend, after taking another look at the stop signal, and remarked rather impatiently: "These lights waste a lot of man's time. If you were to add it up, over a period of 50 years, you would find you had lost enough time to write a book."

My friend did not answer. Just then the light turned green and we moved with traffic. Not being satisfied with the silence of my friend in response to my statements, I asked: "Why didn't you respond to my remark about the time consumed waiting for the light to turn green?"

"I didn't hear you, I was talking."

"Talking? To whom?"

"To God. I do that frequently as I wait for the green light. I just say a little prayer for someone --- never myself. Waiting for the light never bothers me anymore. Sometimes I have had to cut my little prayer short, but I think God understands. Now and then a horn blows behind me, but my practice has never gotten me into trouble. I don't mind the red lights anymore."

As we rode on down the street and turned at the next corner, I had no more to say. I was thinking about something Paul wrote to the Thessalonian Christians: "Pray without ceasing." -Selected

HOW BIG IS YOUR CHURCH?

The church is as tall
as its tallest people.
No matter how high or
expensive its steeple.
Each church is as tall
as the dreams it dreams.
The church is as great
as its greatest insight,
As grand as its zeal
to make the world right.
Each church is as great
as the thoughts it thinks.
As deep as the font
from which it drinks.
-Author Unknown

IS THAT IN THE BIBLE?

1. Where in the Bible does it tell how a man wipes dishes?
 2. Whose steps were washed with butter?
 3. Whose dishes were all gold?
 4. What verse mentions the oven, frying pan, and griddle?
 5. Who had ten housekeepers and put them all in prison for life?
- ANSWERS elsewhere in bulletin.

"The nose", wrote little Susie in her school paper, "is that part of the body that shines, snubs, snoops, and sneezes."

THE RECORD

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ANSWERS to "IS THAT IN THE BIBLE"
1.2 Kgs.21:13 2.Job 29:6 3. 1 Kgs
10:21 4.Lev.7:9 5.2Sam,20:3

USING ONE'S TALENT

I have no voice for singing.
I cannot make a speech.
I have no gift for music.
I know I cannot teach.
I am no good at leading,
I cannot "organize,"
And anything I write
Would never win a prize.
But at roll call in Bible class
I always answer "here,"
When others are teaching
I lend a listening ear.
After the class is over
I praise its every part;
My words are not to flatter,
I mean them from my heart.
It seems my only talent
Is neither big nor rare,
Just to listen and encourage
And to fill a vacant chair.
But all the gifted people
Could not so brightly shine,
Were it not for those who use
A talent such as mine! -Selected

Booker T. Washington said it: "You can't hold a man down without staying down with him." This week why don't you make it a special point to encourage someone?

COMBINED ADULT CLASSES will have Brother Chambers as speaker this Sunday morning. Be sure and attend.

NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL this Sunday evening after the evening service.

POT LUCK will be held Sunday Oct. 29th after morning service for all. Please attend!

SENIOR CITIZEN SPEAKER next week will be Brother Chambers. Everyone come!

TRAY FAVOR MAKING will be at the church building Tuesday October 31 at 9:30 AM.

IN HOSPITAL Charlene Caldwell's little brother is in the hospital with pneumonia.

TO SPEAK AT WORKSHOP Both Norm and Marilyn will be speaking at a workshop on Saturday October 28 at Windsor Ontario, Canada.

OBS CLASS that meets on Thursday evenings will not meet this week. There has been a 100% attendance at every session so far.

EAST ALLEN MEETING at Ft. Wayne November 6-8 with Nick Young speaking.

ATTEND every service of our meeting! You will be blessed.

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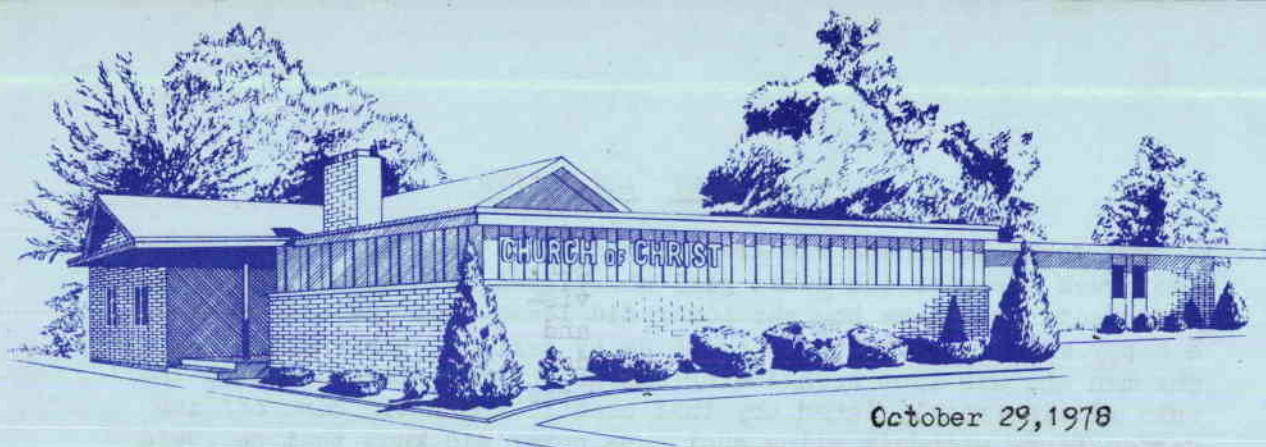
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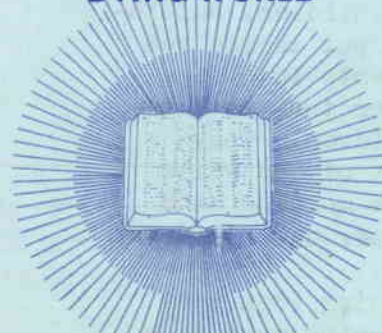


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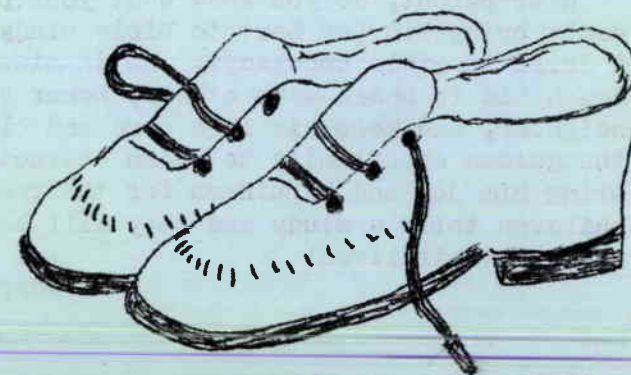
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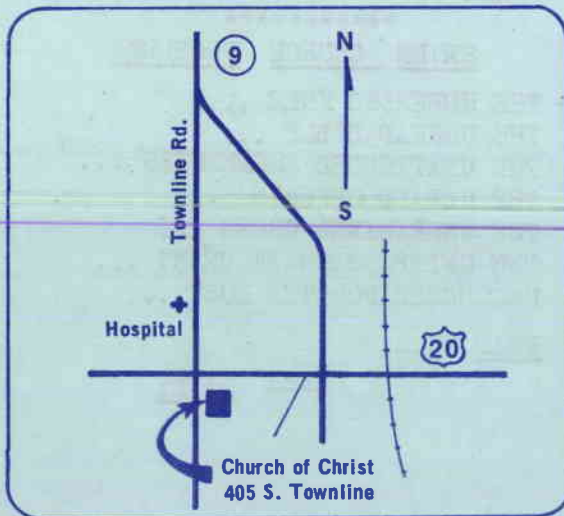
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WHEN THEY ARE OLDER

The young woman who was granted a divorce down at the courthouse last week was once the sweet girl who played with her dolls at mommy's feet. But some how she never did learn that God has promised a happy marriage only to those abide by certain spiritual rules. The man who was last seen coming out of a whiskey store was once the cute little freckly faced boy that used to knock tin cans off the garden fence with his sling shot. He never did know that he could tell his troubles to God and talk over his sorrows and needs with the brethren at the church.

The grief stricken parents of this woman and this man are that busy mother of yester-year and that hard-working father of days-gone-by who did not see much need of bringing their children to Bible study. Such training was alright for other children, but their children didn't need it bad enough for them to put themselves out very much. Saturday night pleasures, involvements in office extras, and weekend trips were far too important for them to take very seriously the spiritual training of their children. They could not see that their little ones must be taught of God while their hearts of clay were still soft enough for the molding hand of the eternal potter to shape and fashion them after his likeness.

Dear parent, do you know what your child is missing when you don't bring him (or her) to Bible study? He is missing more than a drill in Bible knowledge. He is missing that experience that will teach him to share with others, honor you as a parent, love his neighbor, and keep his life pure and clean for God. He is missing the golden opportunity to learn character and reverence that will bring him joy and happiness for the rest of his life. BRING your children to Bible study and they will be grateful to you for the rest of their lives!

Adapted from Worth, Ill Bulletin

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

THE RECORD
October 22, 1978
Att. 205 Contr. \$650.55

SPECIAL NEED- In the men's meeting it was decided to make a drive to pay as much as possible of the \$3500 parking lot bill before we get a bank loan. In this way the amount of interest paid to the bank can be reduced. This will continue thru the next 2 months, beginning this Sun. the fifth Sunday of Oct. All over the regular budget will be applied to this bill. Let us all do what we can to reduce this amount.

LADIES- will be meeting for tray favor making at 9:30 on Tuesday. We still need nice round pine cones for our turkeys.

TEACHERS-all women and girls are invited to a VISUAL AID WORKSHOP at Elkhart Saturday. 9:00A.M. to 3:00P.M. Lunch will be furnished. Let Lois Oakley know if you plan to attend. This Sat. Oct. 28.

HALLOWEEN PARTY- Mon. Oct. 30 for all. Please see Bill Oakley for details as to time and place.



The skating party which is usually held the last Tuesday of the month will not be held this month, due to other planned parties.

GOSPEL MEETING- Bro. Chambers is presenting many fine lessons and the meeting continues through Sun. evening. We have had several visitors from Country Place Apts and others. If you have not attended yet don't let this opportunity pass by..

POTLUCK DINNER - This Sunday after morning services. Bring a dish and join in the fellowship.

Nov. 6-8 Evangelistic Meeting at East Allen County, Ft. Wayne. Nick Young, from Hillcrest congregation in Anderson speaking.

THINK ON THESE THINGS

The value of a clock is accuracy
The value of a wrench is adjustment
The value of a car is performance
The value of a stamp - to stick
The value of scissors-cooperation
The Value Of A Christian Is His Ability To Combine...

ALL OF THESE VIRTUES

SEVEN CHURCH PROBLEMS

THE UNBENDED KNEE ...
THE UNREAD BIBLE ...
THE UNATTENDED ASSEMBLIES ...
THE UNPAID OFFERING ...
THE UNREALIZED CROSS ...
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READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

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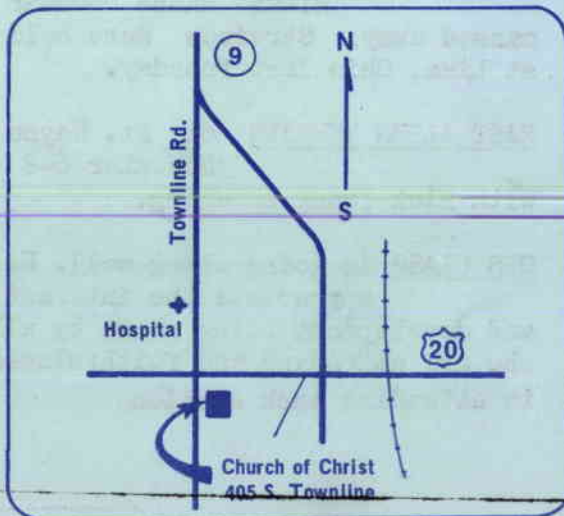
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A DAY AT A TIME!

God gives us one day at a time so we cannot see the end of the journey from its beginning. This fact adds zest to life and saves us much worry and anxiety. If we knew all the wearisome climb that lies ahead of us, we might become discouraged and give up the high goals toward which we have set our heart. We should travel each day with gratitude that God goes with us, and that if we trust Him, we cannot lose our way for long. One step at a time, with strength for each step is God's good way of bringing us to the end of the journey in peace and joy.

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READING, BUT NOT LEARNING

The Prince of Granada was sentenced to Madrid's old and infamous prison, the Place of Skulls, in fear he might aspire to the throne. For thirty-three years he remained in solitary confinement with but one book to read - the Bible. He read the Bible hundreds of times, but what did he learn? There are 3,538,483 letters in the Bible. The word "girl" occurs once in the Bible. No word or name of more than six syllables can be found in the Bible. The middle verse of the Bible is Psalms 97:8. The ninth verse of Esther 8 is the longest verse.

How tragic! An educated man with unlimited time studying the eternal book! He read but he did not learn! He did not learn how to be saved; he never had grace nor forgiveness; he never knew Jesus as Lord nor God as Father. All that time and labor to know a few facts. He read but did not learn.

Are we making the same mistake? Do we read through our own cliches and jargon? Do we know about God but not God? Are we interested in speculating about Revelation but not saving our neighbor? Do we attend worship to hear comforting assurances rather than probing challenging questions? Are we reading and not learning?
-Charles B. Hodge

WHAT WOULD WE DO

WITHOUT THOSE PEOPLE

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

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Oct. 29	Att. 175	Cont. \$ 1133.75

CONCERNING OUR PARKING LOT As was

stated last week we are trying to pay off as much of the \$3500 bill as possible right away. The \$1133.75 contribution last Sunday was good. All over our budget figure of \$740 went toward this bill. We also received \$220 not counted in last week's contribution figure. The contractor has given us until the middle of December to make up the necessary amount. So it has been suggested we make December 10th another drive Sunday to decrease the amount of what we owe. Plan now to increase your contribution for the next drive Sunday contribution. Of course if you want to earmark your contribution for this it will be accepted any time before then.

A community which allows unemployed members to exist within it will perish because of them. It will be well, therefore, if every member receives a definite task to perform for the community, that he may know in hours of doubt that he too, is not useless and unusable.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Is not this true also of the church? MTH

SINGING AT NURSING HOMES Sunday

afternoon. Merry Manor 4:30. LaGrange 5:10. Come help out.

ADULT CLASSES will meet separately

this Sunday after two Sundays of combined classes. I am sure we all profited by Bro. Chambers lessons. Incidentally, his address is Kenneth Chambers, 180 Suncrest Drive, Bristol, Va. 24201

VISITATION PROGRAM RESUMES next

Tuesday night. All are invited to attend and be a part of this work. Come!

MEETING RESPONSES John & Gay Ray

by baptism; The following came for prayers and rededication - Debbie Ledyard, Fred Oakley, Lesly Hoggatt, Tim Mickem, Debbie Duzan, Sharlene Oakley, Dan Davison, Mary Ann Wade, Tammy Hart, Mary Johnston, Sharon Simpson, Connie Carver, Sharon Mills.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Yvonne

Hicks whose mother passed away. Services were held at Lima, Ohio last Tuesday.

EAST ALLEN MEETING at Ft. Wayne

November 6-8 with Nick Young speaking.

OBS CLASS is going along well. We

appreciate the interest and development being shown by all who are attending and faithfulness in attending each session.

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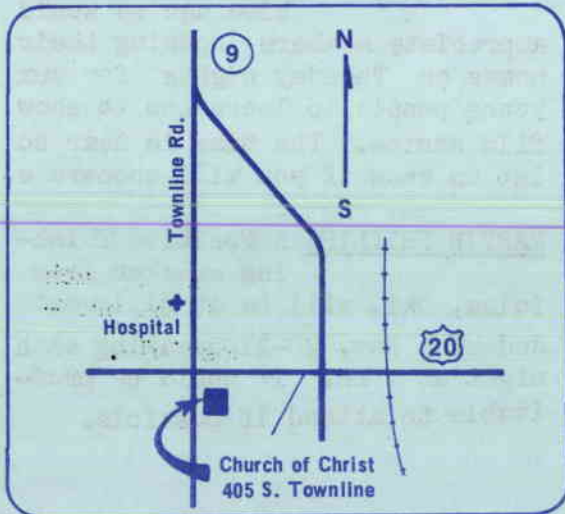
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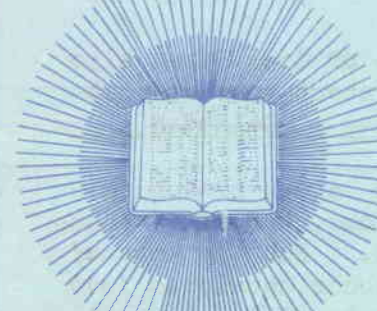


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VISITATION IS THE GROWTH KEY

10 Reasons Why Visitation Is The Key:

- V - italizes the work of the church
- I - ncreases Bible school enrollment
- S - ecures home co-operation
- I - nspires regular attendance
- T - ies the home closer to the church
- A - ffordes a soul-winning opportunity
- T - ypifies the loving interest of Christ
- I - nsures growth in grace
- Q - pens the door of homes to Christ
- N - urtures friendliness and good will

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ATTITUDES OF DEDICATION

As in any age we find there seems to be three types of attitudes Christians display. The first attitude of some Christians is wanting to abstain from all appearances of evil. This attitude shows that this Christian has Christ as the center or Lord or employer of his life.

Then there is the attitude of the Christian that walks the line. At church he is always excited about spiritual things but after church one can see him living in compromise and this Christian does good only to gain glory for himself. Doing something bad or evil does not bother him because he is a Christian when he needs to be.

The third attitude is expressed by the person who is a Christian on Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday but the rest of the week he is just another worldly person. This man is often referred to as the Sunday Christian.

How is your attitude? Is Christ the Lord of your life or does Satan also have a prt of it? Our attitudes very often say a lot about your dedication to the Master. -Selected

MINUTE THOUGHTS: Be reasonable - don't expect youngsters to listen to your advice and ignore your example - It is unfortunate when adults allow themselves to get like concrete "all mixed up and permanently set." - Your life is like a coin. You can spend it anyway you want, but you can only spend it once - Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker - A poison tongue is helpless without a ready ear to carry its message onward - If the church does not miss you when you are absent, it is probabaly more a reflection on you than on the church - Truth does not hurt unless it ought to. Much is said about preaching the truth in love, and so it should be preached. But in love of what? The preacher should so love the truth that he will not sacrifice any of it not pervert it, and he should so love people that he will not withhold from them even an unpleasant truth. He that does either of these things loves neither the truth nor the people. We frequently fool ourselves; we think we do this and so to spare the feelings of others, when it is our own feelings that prompt us. "Preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching." -R.L. Whiteside

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WHEN YOU ARE "IN THE MINORITY"

"During the time Noah was building the ark, he was very much in the minority - but he won!

"When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brothers, he was a decided minority - but he won!

"When Gideon and his 300 followers, with their broken pitchers and lamps, put the Midianites to flight, they were an insignificant minority - but they won!

"When Elijah prayed down fire from heaven and put the prophets of Baal to shame, he was a notable minority - but he won!

"When David, ridiculed by his brothers, went out to meet Goliath in size he was in a decided minority - but he won!

"When Jesus Christ was crucified by the Roman soldiers, He was a conspicuous minority - but he won!

YOU
ARE THE LOSER
WHEN YOU MISS
SUNDAY SCHOOL

SEE YOU SUNDAY

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION coming up on December 10

to help defray the expense of our parking lot improvement. Please plan now to give liberally. All above our budget figure of \$ 740 will go to this.

RESPONSE Gary Pierratt came forward Sunday morning asking for prayers to be a better example for others.

TRAY FAVOR MAKING will be Tuesday morning at the church building at 9:30. Come!

"KEENAGERS" attendance was 33 at last week's meeting on Thursday. This is one of the most rewarding meetings to attend. To meet, sing, pray, have fellowship with others, eat and study the Bible is worth being a part of. If you know of any who would enjoy such a gathering invite them to attend Thursdays from 10-12.

WILL YOU HELP? We mentioned some time ago we would appreciate members opening their homes on Tuesday nights for our young people to learn how to show film strips. The time is near so let us know if you will cooperate.

MARVIN PHILLIPS A Positive Thinking speaker from Tulsa, Okl. will be at Hillcrest Anderson Nov. 20-21 speaking each night at 7 PM. It would be profitable to attend if possible.

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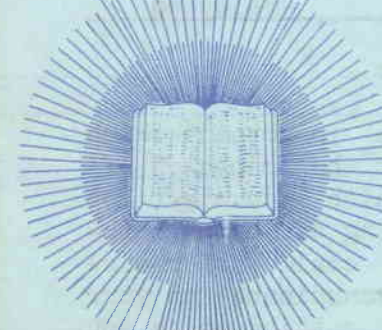
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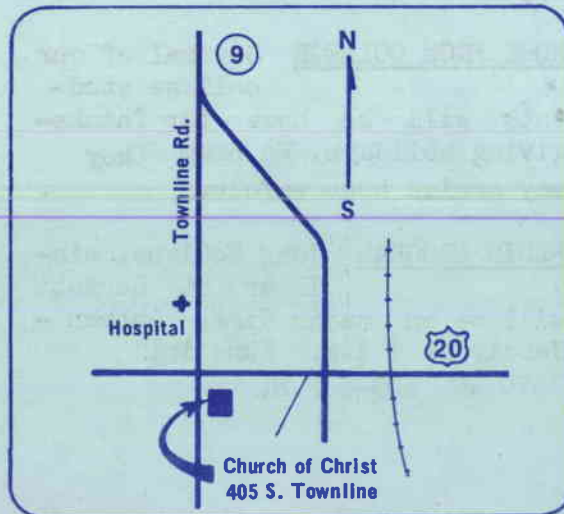
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WOULD YOU BE ELECTED?

Suppose you as a member of the church had to run for membership in the church each year, and your election depended upon what you had done for the Lord the past term. Let us further suppose that your re-election depended upon the record of your attendance of Bible school and of preaching and worship services of the first day of the week. What about your contribution? Would you be glad to make it public? And how about your record of inviting others to church, and hospitality and friendliness and good works? Would you be re-elected each year? Peter says, "Make your calling and election sure."
 -Gus Nichols

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I have a dream! A dream of a congregation of God's people bringing GLORY to HIS HIGHEST and HOLY NAME! A dream of Christians - so dedicated to GOD that they have no time for murmuring or complaining. No excuse-making, but Disciple-making. A SOUL-seeking, SOUL-saving Church! I have a dream of THIS congregation: led by GOD'S elders, Who are winning Souls, Keeping Souls, teaching Souls, and leading SOULS to CHRIST the Lord: strengthened by deacons and bus workers who lovingly and devotedly serve the risen CHRIST in "what GOD wants done;" encouraged by BIBLE teachers who faithfully pray, prepare, and present lessons worthy of GOD'S blessings; and challenged by a preacher who loves GOD and HIS people with an unquenchable zeal and desire for CHRIST to be magnified among HIS people and the world!

Will you make this your dream also? DREAM IT and HELP make it a REALITY to GOD'S GLORY ... "Herein is MY FATHER glorified, that you bear MUCH FRUIT."
-Selected

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Few books, if any, are as badly misunderstood as the Bible. Only with systematic study can one learn much about what it teaches.

It is an error to think that one cannot understand the Bible. It is written, "Be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." (Eph. 5:17)

In order to understand there are some requirements that must be met. A strong desire to know, willingness to accept, an open mind, and rightly dividing the Word are just a few of these requirements.

There are some things which are difficult, but God's plan for our salvation is very plain and can be understood by all responsible ones. "Study to be approved."

Joe David Neely

A SHORT SERMON:

Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of; nothing on which you might not pray the blessing of God; in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act. -Selected

"People don't miss church services because they live too far from the building; it's because they live too far from -

G O D !"

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"FISHERS OF MEN" graduation will be held December 7th at Bonanza Steak House in Sturgis, Mi. Nick Young of Anderson, Ind. will be the featured speaker. Anyone who wishes to attend may do so. It will be a pay your own meal type banquet. WHAT IS "FOM" COURSE? This is a course that consist of ten 2½- hour sessions that are designed to provide extensive practical training in person-to-person evangelism. In addition to the classroom instruction, approximately 2 hours of work outside the classroom is required each week.

At LaGrange we have 14 enrolled. Another class will be offered perhaps next fall. The Course is available to congregations in the upper mid-west. Darrell O'Rourke of Naperville, Ill. is our instructor.

DON'T FORGET DECEMBER 7th graduation night! If you plan to attend see Norm Herron so proper reservations can be made.

SHORT THOUGHTS -

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

"To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart."

RESPONSE Claudia Hart came last Sunday morning asking forgiveness concerning her act-toward others.

IN HOSPITAL Flossie Harris entered hospital Tuesday for surgery on her feet.

"KEENAGERS" will not meet next Thursday due to the holiday.

THANKS TO LADIES who last Tuesday gave the building a much needed cleaning.

HELP! Would you be interested in eating with bus workers Saturday morning about 8 o'clock then spending about an hour or so canvassing on the bus routes? We need any who would help (young or old?) in this.

MARVIN PHILLIPS will be speaking at South Haven Mi. Nov. 17 at 7:30 - Also Nov. 20, 21 at Anderson, In. at 7 P.M.

HOME FROM COLLEGE Several of our college students will be home for Thanksgiving holidays. We pray they may arrive home safely.

RADIO PROGRAM John McClane, minister at Garrett will be on Radio WIFF, Auburn - Sunday at 8 A.M. Tune in! 1570 AM 103-5 F.M.

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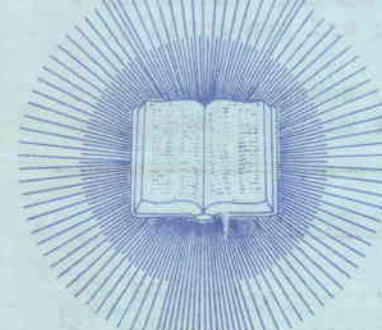


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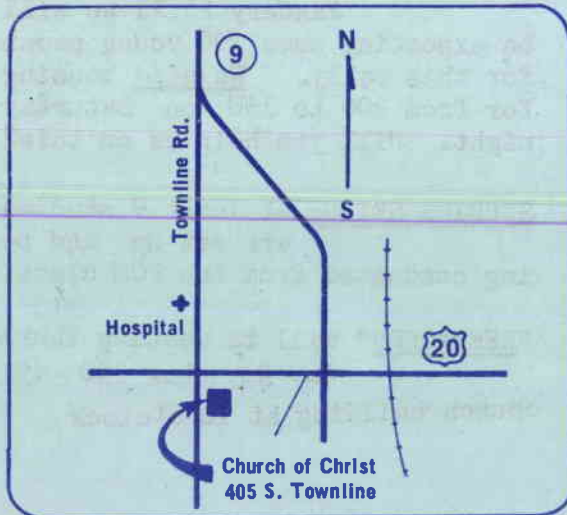
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LESS DEMANDS IN A DEAD CHURCH

Where there is life there is activity. Where a church is alive there is plenty to do.

It is easier - less demanding of time, talent and money - in a dead church. It wasn't too demanding at Sardis. "I know thy works, that thou has a name that thou livest, and art dead" (Rev.3:1). Many congregations across the land are duplicates of the sad condition at Sardis. There is quite a contrast between Sardis and Jerusalem (Acts 2:41-47).

Jesus warned that one should count the cost of discipleship (Lukel4:28). To be a real, true loyal disciple of Christ it is going to cost us something - time, talent, money etc.

Today we are blessed with instant coffee, tea, chocolate breakfast etc. and even instamatic T.V. Some brethren believe this is the way their Christianity needs to be. Listen to these pleasing platitudes: "One hour on Sunday is enough for me"; "I can get as close to God on the river as I can in the church building"; "That church is always asking for money"; "They want me to come an extra night during the week and win souls"; "The preaching is too emotional, and too long".

Yes, my brother, over at Sardis you don't have to worry about some of these things do you? As for me and my house we will worship and serve at Jerusalem!
-Albert Hill

* The church has been aptly compared to a heap of embers, which, when seperated, soon languish, darken, and grwo cold; but, if placed together, glow with a ruddy and intense heat; a just emblem of the strength, happiness, and security derived from Christian fellowship and association.



A preacher asked a little girl what she thought of her first church service.

"Well," she said, after giving the matter some thought, "the singing was nice, but the commercial was too long."

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS HONORED GUESTS

WHAT HAVE YOU?

- A Song?Sing it!
- A Need? Tell it!
- An Offering Give it!
- A Praise Swell it!
- A Prayer? Pray it!
- A Work? Do it!
- A Message Preach it!
- A Lesson?Teach it!
- A Wish? Express it!
- A Sin? Confess it!
- A Habit? Drop it!
- A Worry Stop it!
- A Doubt?Erase it!
- A Trial?Face it!
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- A Blessing?Share it!

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

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

* In working for and with others we benefit ourselves more than we benefit them. No one is useless in this world who helps someone else. No one can be truly happy who loves and works only for himself.

FELLOWSHIP Sunday after the evening service. Bring fingerfoods and attend.

GRADUATION CHANGE The FOM graduation night will be December 14th at Bonanza Steak House in Sturgis, Mi. Any one who wishes to attend may. This will be a "dutch treat" meal.

WELCOME to our college students who are home for the holidays. We have missed you.

ROLLER SKATING At Fort Wayne Monday night Nov. 27 at North Roller Dome - at Elkhart Tuesday night Nov. 28 \$1.75 includes entrance fee and rental of skates.

MALE QUARTETT will be singing at Willowdale church in Elkhart Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The CHANSONAIRES from Bristol Road church, Mi. singing.

YOUTH RALLY coming up at LaGrange. January 20,21 we will be expecting some 200 young people for this rally. We need housing for from 100 to 150 on Saturday night. Will you help us on this?

STUDIES SET UP at least 9 studies are set up and being conducted from the FOM class.

"KEENAGERS" will be meeting Thursday November 30 at church building at 10 o'clock

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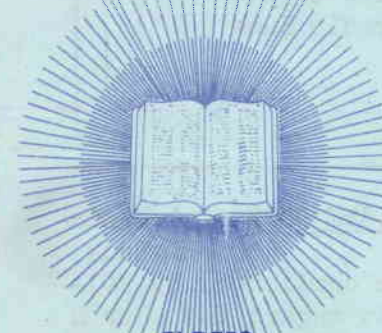
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YOUR ANSWER

One of the great questions of time and eternity was asked by Pilate, "What then shall I do with Jesus?" When the crowd roared, "Let him be crucified," Pilate answered his own question by washing his hands of the matter. However, it was a futile gesture. Pilate's guilt remained. All of us must answer the question today. "What shall I do with Jesus?" is a question that must be answered over and over. Answering the question in keeping with the will of God is the difference in obedience and disobedience, overcoming temptation or yielding purity or impurity. Let us face the question, consider its greatness and answer in accordance with His will. --Dan Harless

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VIOLATER OF CHRISTIAN VOWS

This person promised at the time he became a Christian that he would be faithful in worship. He was last seen about Easter or when vacation began. It is believed he may be hiding under bed-covering, behind hypocrites, the Sunday paper (either the funnies or the sports section). If not there, perhaps he may be attempting to escape the city disguised as a fisherman, boater or golfer.

ALIASES: Ima Christian, I. M. Weary, or Usta B. Saint.

WARNING: The aforementioned is well armed with excuses and arguments. Extreme caution must be used in apprehension, for he is hard to pin down. If located, bring him to worship Sunday, and notify the Lord in prayer.

LIBERAL REWARD: James 5:20

FIND A MAN -

Diogenes, the cynic of ancient days, having lighted a lantern, ranged the streets peering about as if searching for something. Being asked what he was looking for he answered, "A man - an honest man." Honest men have always been hard to find, but having found one, you have found a value. Are you trying to find an honest man? If so, look first into the mirror.

-Selected

* Love's secret is to be always doing things for God, and not to mind because they are little ones.

*Faber

NOT A LEGISLATIVE BODY -

A basic religious error, seldom challenged by religionists, is to regard the church as a legislative body. It has no power to alter New Testament instruction not to add laws to the word of God. The legislative function of the church of Christ is a role reserved to Christ, the king.

-Don Gardner

* It takes a good man to appreciate a good man.

*Since the days of Adam, men have been busy disclaiming personal responsibility.

THE RECORD

Nov. 5 Att. 202 Cont. \$ 625.55
Nov. 12 Att. 197 Cont. \$ 810.05
Nov. 19 Att. 197 Cont. \$ 650.10
Nov. 26 Att. 187 Cont. \$ 745.75

GRADUATION for the FOM class is to be held December 14 at 7 P.M. at the Bonanza in Sturgis, Mi. Nick Young, of the Hillcrest church in Anderson will be the featured speaker. The Hillcrest church is one of the fastest growing churches in the brotherhood. There is room for about 50 in a reserved room. Come and be a part of this ceremony where we will honor those who have completed the required assignments for this course. We especially thank Bro. Darrell O'Rourke for conducting this class and the Naperville, Il. church for supporting this program.

CHARACTER IDENTIFICATION -

What Biblical character is suggested by each of the following phrases? -

1. "A sling and a stone"
2. "The burning bush"
3. "A pillar of salt"
4. "The ark"
5. "A coat of many colors"
6. "The Isle of Patmos"
7. "The weeping prophet"
8. "The Lamb of God"
9. "And his meat was locust and"
10. "The beloved physician"

SINGING AT NURSING HOMES All are invited to meet at Miller Manor at 4:30 and at 5110 at LaGrange Nursing Homes to sing for the patients this Sunday. Come!

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION for December 10th. All moneys given over the \$750 our regular budget will be applied toward the remaining balance, of the cost, of brading the parking lot. Lets begin now to plan our giving so we can substantially reduce this bill.

"KEENAGERS" have resumed their meetings again Thursday November 30th at 10:00 A.M. A special 16 mm film titled "THE WORLDS WITHIN" was shown during the program. Attendance for the past six weeks has averaged 30 with a high of 38.

FOR SALE a 1966 Dodge 66 passenger bus. Needs some repair work to pass Indiana State Inspection.

MEN'S MEETING It was decided to submit a bid on the adjoining property which is now for sale.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY We have re-arranged our Bible school mat break to begin the first of the month - so attend this time start the first lesson

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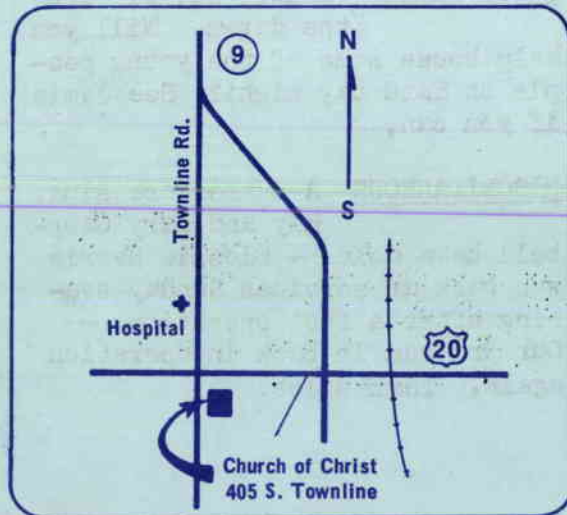
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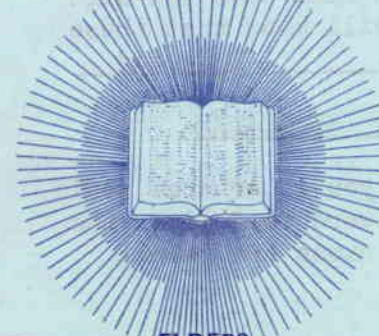


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I believe I am capable of determining what the Creator expects of me without a special revelation from Him. Much evidence makes me believe that those sixty-six books called "The Holy Bible" are a special revelation from the Creator. I do not believe that any verse of that Bible is rightly interpreted two different ways. I am sorry to say that sometimes I have misinterpreted Bible verses and have had to reverse myself. I believe that anytime two of us differ on the meaning of a Bible verse that one or both of us are wrong. And I believe that the things that are necessary to be saved are so plain and simple that wayfaring people need not make a mistake.
 -Hugo McCord

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DAYS OF DECISION

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Tim. 3:1-5)

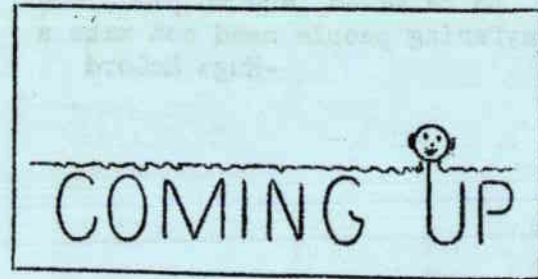
This could have been an editorial in the morning paper, so true-to-life and so accurate a description of modern-day living. Never have we had so much to do, nor such days of opportunity in which to serve. Never have we had so much leisure time and so little time to do the important things. The nonessential takes precedence over the essential things, the temporal occupies our interests far more than the eternal things. The wise man will pause and ponder, then order his thinking and living according to the way of God. He will live above the discordant confusion of the worldlings and walk in the way of the Lord. He will set his mind upon the high things of the Lord and be led by the Holy Spirit. He will know that these are days of decision.

-Selected

QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

"The perfect teacher has the education of a college professor, executive ability of a financier, humility of a deacon, discipline of a demon, adaptability of a chameleon, hope of an optomist, courage of a hero, wisdom of a serpent, gentleness of a dove, patience of Job, and persistence of the Devil.


-Anonymous



FOLLOW THE LEADER

Where would you go or what would you do if you were to follow the leaders whose names are below?

1. Noah
2. Elijah
3. Aaron
4. Daniel
5. John the Baptist
6. John the apostle
7. Joseph the husband of Mary
8. Phillip
9. Silas
10. Saul (called Paul)
11. Joshua
12. Eutyclus

 "A cheerful frined is like a sunny day."

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FOM GRADUATION will be held on Thursday night December 14 at Bonanza, Sturgis Mi. at 7 P.M. We would hope that more than just the 14 who have been in the class attend. If we have 25 or more attend we can get 10% off the price of our food. In addition we would expect others to be interested in the class to see and hear what was done. Also you will want to hear Nick Young of Anderson, In. our featured speaker. If you can go see Norm Herron.

NEW YEARS EVE There will be a bowling party with a service at the church building afterward. Plan now to attend.

HERALD OF TRUTH FILMS The "Keenagers" saw one of these films last week. On Wednesday night December 13th another one will be shown immediately after evening service for any who wish to stay and see it.

SCRIPTURES WORTH REMEMBERING
"Fools make a mock of sin but among the righteous there is favor"
Prov. 14:9

"Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."
2 Timothy 2:15

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION SUNDAY Will you help us in reducing the cost of the parking lot grading debt by increasing your contribution? All above the budget figure is to be applied to this. Would it be possible to double your contribution Sunday?

NEW BABIES Dave and Connie Weaver have a baby girl born Nov. 30 Jeff & Sally Meade have a baby girl. No visits to Sally until announced.

IN HOSPITAL Nancy McDonald seems to be improving after a 2nd operation at Goshen General Hospital. You may write her at the above location 200 High Park, Rm. 200, Goshen, In. 46526

RESPONSE Keith Atkins came forward last Sunday stating he had not been setting a good example at home or at school and asked for prayers.

YOUTH RALLY January 20, 21 are the dates. Will you help house some of the young people on Saturday night? See Jamie if you can.

MISCELLANEOUS A number are sick. Roy and Mary Campbell have colds - Flossie Harris was back at services Sunday evening after a foot operation - Our 3rd bus is back in operation again. Thanks Joe.

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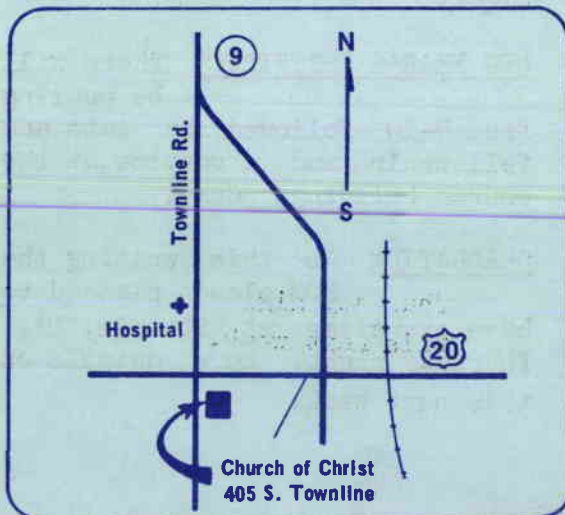
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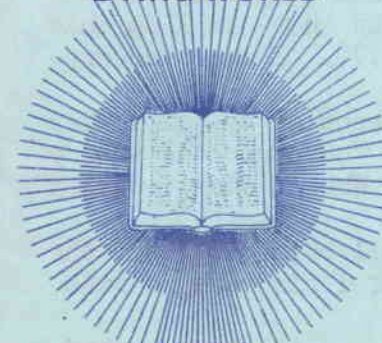


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"SEE GENESIS 1:1."

To find out what really happened when the earth was created, a group of engineers spent weeks gathering information, checking and rechecking it, and feeding it into the "great computer."

The great moment came. All was complete. Everyone gathered around. A button was pushed. The "great computer" whirled into action. Relays opened and closed. Lights flashed, bells rang.

Finally, a typed message emerged -
SEE GENESIS 1:1." -DelRio, Texas Bulletin

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WHO WILL KNOW?

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

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

Good answer! Who will know?

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

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

3) MY CHRISTIAN FRIENDS WILL KNOW. They may not know of my particular sin, but they will be aware of my loss of influence. The church is a body - no member can sin without harming the whole body. When I sin I weaken the church.

4) WHEN CHRIST COMES EVERYONE WILL KNOW. He "will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness (1Corinthians 4:5). If I sin today I must suffer for it tomorrow.

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

Mike Runcy

COMING UP

SKATING PARTY at Ft. Wayne Monday
the 18th.

THANK GOD EVERY MORNING -

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

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EXCITING! To see such a spirit of willingness to reduce our parking lot debt by contributing \$1365.95 with another \$150 earmarked for this in fantastic! All over our budget figure of \$740 goes to this. THANKS!

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Kathleen Lynn Hoggatt

and

Kenneth William Long

invite you to share in the joy when they exchange marriage vows and begin their new life together Saturday, the twenty-third of Dec. or Nineteen hundred and seventy-eight at eleven o'clock in the morning North Charleston Church of Christ

633 Rivers Avenue

Charleston, South Carolina

IS THAT IN THE BIBLE? Where is described a bed too short and a quilt too narrow?

BAPTISM Eululah Turpin came asking for baptism last Sunday morning. We commend her for wanting to be right with God.

OUR SICK Nancy McDonald seems to be improving at Goshen hospital - Rachael Tuttle is not improving very well - Luther Hall is in LaGrange hospital with a different matter - Mary and Roy Campbell were back at services.

CORRECTION The correct names and sexes of our two new babies are: Philip Wade to Dave and Connie Weaver - Serena Jean to Jeff and Sally Mead. BOTH babies and mothers were present last Sunday. Congratulations!

THANKS Lois Oakley wishes to express her appreciation to Connie Davison and Mary Ann Wade for cleaning the building.

YOUTH RALLY January 20,21. Help in this by taking one or two into your home on Saturday night.

NEW YEAR'S ACTIVITIES There will be bowling from 7-10 followed by eats and fellowship and a service at the church building. Come!

GRADUATION At this writing the FOM class planned to have exercises at Sturgis, Mi. Thursday night. More details on this next week.

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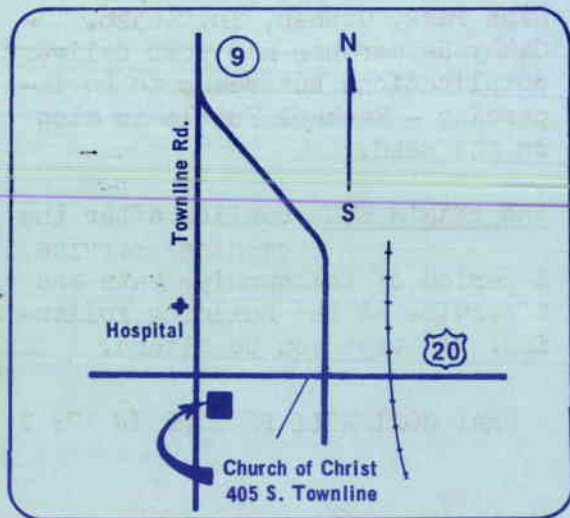
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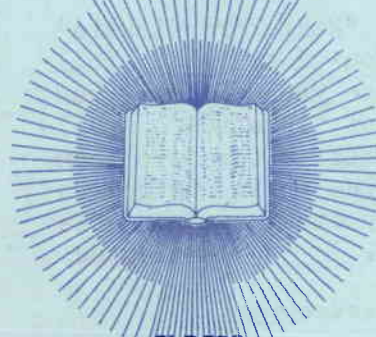
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A VERY GOOD SERMON

A mother was in the process of buying new suits for her two sons. One of the boys said to his grandmother, who had accompanied them, "Won't I look nice in church tomorrow?" A lady standing nearby said, "Oh, do you and your brother go to church?"

The little boy, only five years old, looked very seriously at the lady and said, "Where else would you go on Sunday?"

Blushing, the lady remarked, "That's the best sermon I believe I have ever heard!"

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FOM - GRADUATION

Fourteen students received their "fishhooks" in recognition of completing the ten week course "Fishers Of Men." Following a meal in the private dining room at the Sturgis Bonanza, Brother Nick Young, evangelist at the Hillcrest, Anderson church, concluded the course with a challenging lesson on soul-winning. Brother Darrel O'Rourke and his wife Jean, then pinned the hooks on the graduates who include: Jean Bowen, Norman Herron, Paul Himes, Dean Hoggatt, Devon Hostetler, Bill Oakley, Fred Oakley, Joe Oakley, Lois Oakley, Penny Oakley, Sharlene Oakley, Jim Pieratt, Sharon Pierratt, and Robert Sowles. A number of friends and relatives shared in the fellowship and recognition of the graduates.

The church in LaGrange feels a great debt to Brother O'Rourke for teaching the class and to the church in Naperville, Ill. which oversees this work. Plans are to have another class in the fall of '79.

HALF-FARE TICKET TO HEAVEN

There are no discount prices on the tickets to heaven. No day of the wee' is double stamp day, not even the Lord's Day. God offers no special "Family Rate" plan whereby the fare for the trip might be reduced.

No "Close Out Sales" will ever be held, God just DOES NOT GO OUT OF BUSINESS! Don't wait for "End-of-the-season" sales hoping that the price to heaven will go down. It won't! Don't expect to use your credit card either - eternal life is "Cash On The Line!"

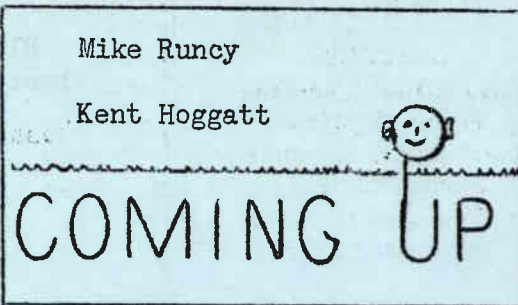
Have you started your heavenly savings account? It may be extremely important for you to begin now; because none of us knows just when our "Earning Power" will cease.

There are NO "Half-Fare Tickets" to heaven. You'll pay the full cost-price, else you will stay behind. Plenty of tickets are available, but ONLY a few have been purchased. The train to heaven will have many empty seats. See Matthew 24:42. -Selected

"When we place our contribution on the collection plate, we are not giving to the Lord; we are taking our hands off what belongs to Him."

Mike Runcy

Kent Hoggatt



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JANUARY 14th the contemplated work for 1979 will be presented to the whole congregation. DON'T MISS THESE DATES!

PROPERTY PURCHASE As soon as the paper work is done (hopefully by this Saturday) we will have property from Church street to Highway #20, almost 1/2 block for our use. More on this later.

YOUTH RALLY The time is drawing close. Have you told Jamie if you can house some of the young people on Saturday nite?

LITTLE THINGS -

Little self-denials, little honesties, little passing words of sympathy, little nameless acts of kindness, little silent victories over favorite temptations - these are the silent threads of gold which, when woven together, gleam out so brightly in the pattern of life that God approves.

- F.W.Farrar, D.D.

QUEST SPEAKER Sunday evening our speaker will be Dick Hostetler. Come hear him.

WELCOME HOME To our college students we say welcome home! Dick and Fran, Philip and Diane, Paula and Terry Hostetler are here. Craig should be here by the time you read this. Also Jeff, Steve and Kim Herron are home as well as Jim North. You have been missed. We were also pleased to have Debbie and Kent Hoggatt home. Kent is working with MCC at Rochester, Mi.

SURPRISE! Connie Weaver received a nice surprise last Saturday by the women with a shower. Philip received a lot of nice things.

THE SICK Nancy McDonald seems to be improving after a third operation. She still is in isolation and can have no visitors. She would appreciate cards. Write her at Goshen General Hospital 200 High Park, Goshen, In. 46526. - Cathy Helmer has had post delivery complications but seems to be improving - Rachael Tuttle is also on the mend.

NEW YEAR'S EVE bowling after the evening service, A period of fellowship eats and a service at the building following. We urge you to attend.

WHAT GOAL WILL BE MINE IN '79 ?

PLAN OF SALVATION

1. BELIEF IN CHRIST
John 8:24
Heb. 11:6
Mark 16:16
2. REPENT OF SINS
Luke 13:3, 5
Acts 2:38
Acts 17:30
3. CONFESSION OF CHRIST
Matt. 10:32, 33
Rom. 10:2, 10
Acts 8:37
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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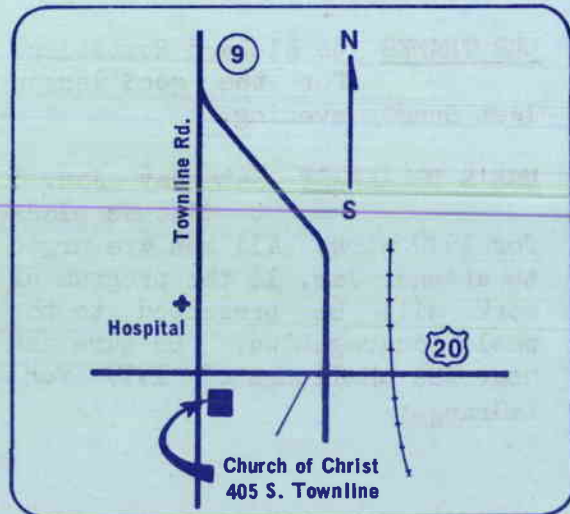
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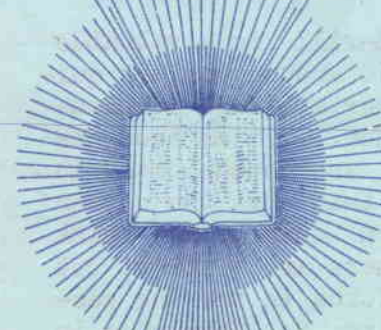


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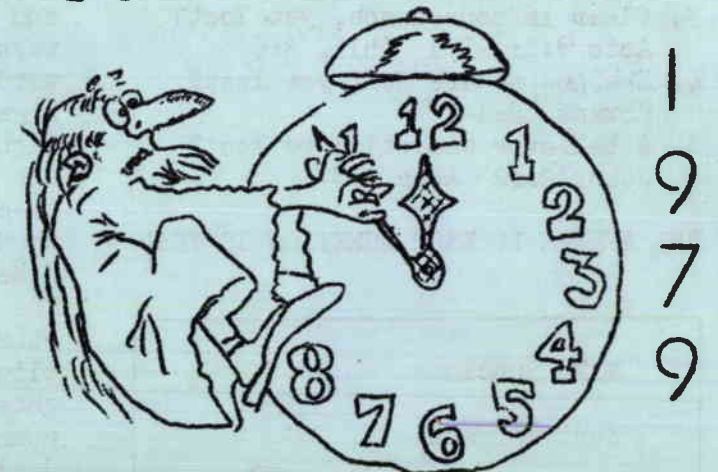
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WHAT GOAL WILL BE MINE IN 1979

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

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

I will, like Paul, FORGET those things which are behind and press forward; like David, LIFT up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help; like Abraham, TRUST implicitly in God; like Enoch, WALK in daily fellowship with our Heavenly Father; like Moses, CHOOSE to suffer rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; like Daniel, COMMUNE with God at all times; like Job, be PATIENT under all circumstances; like Caleb and Joshua, REFUSE to be discouraged because of superior numbers; like Joseph, TURN my back to all seductive advances; like Gideon, ADVANCE even though my friends are few; like Isaiah, CONSECRATE myself to do God's work; like Andrew, STRIVE to lead others to Christ; like Stephen, manifest a FORGIVING spirit; and like Timothy, STUDY the Word of God.

-Anonymous

CAN A PERSON BE:

1. Morally good and still be lost?
Acts 10:1-2; 11:14
2. Generous and still be lost?
Acts 10:1-2; 11:14
3. Clear in conscience, yet lost?
Acts 9:1; 23:1 Phil. 3:6
4. Zealous toward God, yet lost?
Romans 10:1-3
5. A believer and still be lost?
John 12:42 Acts 2:37

THE ANSWER TO EACH QUESTION IS YES!

Mike Runcie

Kent Hoggatt

Craig Hostetler

COMING UP

YOUR MENTAL ATTITUDE AN ASSET

Mental good-will is a valuable asset. People around you are quick to read your attitude of thought toward them. Inner thoughts and feelings are communicated in ways other than by the spoken word. The good thoughts you think regarding others are a silent but significant force in drawing people to you and in inspiring in them the same good thoughts toward you.

Mental good-will is reciprocal. The good thoughts you send out to others will return to you multiplied. The quality of your thoughts determine the quality of your personal character. Let your daily aim be to have as many pleasant thoughts as possible, as you persevere in this practice your life will be enriched and men will be glad to know you.

-Grenville Kleider

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BIBLE WORDS & BIBLE TERMS (No.1)

Increase your Bible word power by being familiar with Bible words and terms. Check the ones below.

1. Alpha (1st letter of the Greek alphabet) It means the beginning. Rev. 1:8
2. Chinnereth Another name for the sea of Galilee. Josh.13:27
3. Hiram The king of Tyre, who sent workmen and material to help build the temple.
2 Samuel 2:11
4. Kish The father of Saul.
1 Samuel 10:21
5. Quaternion A guard of four soldiers. Acts 12:4

THE NOBLEST QUESTION

Benjamin Franklin was a wise man. He said once, "The noblest question in the world is this: 'What good can I do in it?'"

In working for and with others, we benefit ourselves more than we benefit them. No one is useless in this world who helps someone else. No one can be truly happy who loves and works only for himself.

-Selected

WHAT GOAL WILL BE MINE - IN 1979?

BAPTISM Stan Carver, husband of Johnny Carver, was baptized a week ago. We commend him for his desire to obey God.

YOUTH RALLY is January 20, 21 we need housing for a number. Can you help us?

NEW YEAR'S EVE after the evening service there is to be bowling from 7-10 and afterward refreshments and songs at the church building. Come!

THE SICK Nancy McDonald, Martin Luther Hall, John Ray, Olive Langston (in hospital). Remember these in your prayers.

NOW OFFICIAL All legal work was finished last Saturday and we now have acquired the property from the building north to State Road #20. We commend the elders for their foresight in getting this and the cooperation of the men in seeing we need this for future expansion.

OUR THANKS to Richard Hostetler for the good lesson last Sunday evening.

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