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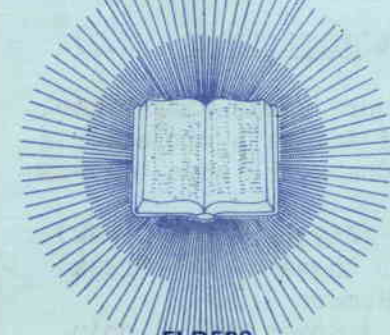
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**YOUTH RALLY
 JANUARY 20 - 21**

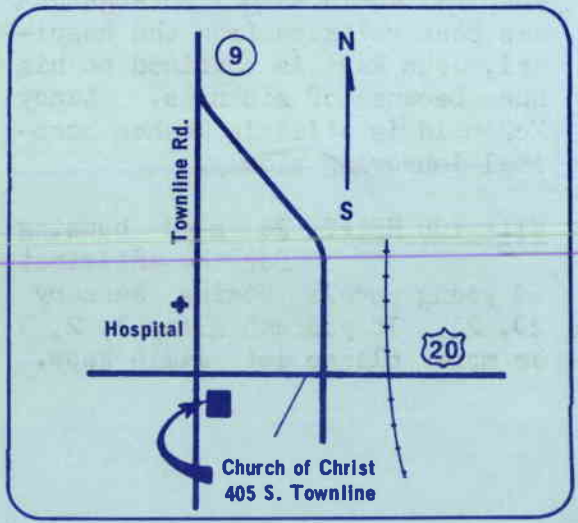
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LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS!

As in Jesus' day, people are still caught up in seeking the concerns of this life and in the pursuit, neglecting preparation for the life to come, anxious for their life "here and now" with little thought about their "long home" (Eccl. 12:5). Jesus saw people as sheep without a shepherd. He also saw them as being lost.

The Solution? BE A SHEPHERD IN 1979 TO GUIDE SOMEONE TO GOD

Resolve that this year I'm going to be a soul winner; determined that I will be faithful to the Lord's church, study God's Word more, pray more, and through a dedicated life, be the means by which some soul is led to God.

THIS GOAL WILL BE MINE IN 1979!

-Dean Hoggatt

HOW THE CHURCH GROWS -

1. By Crossing Frontiers. Preach the gospel to anybody anywhere at anytime. Not only at every opportunity but by making opportunities.
2. By Making An Attack. We must move into the areas of secularism, worldliness, ignorance, superstition, lukewarmness and indifference.
3. By Finding New Resources. There are always new methods and unused power sources available if we look for them. For our congregation the OBS and "keenagers" programs are opening great areas of work heretofore unused.
4. By Depending Upon God. 1 Cor. 3:9 says we are "workers together with God..."
5. By A United Effort. By working together and sharing the gospel with one another, growth comes.

-Paul Himes

BIBLE WORDS & BIBLE TERMS (No.2)

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

1. Barbarian (Anyone not a Greek) Applied to those of the Greek nation. Romans 1:14
2. Denarius A Roman silver coin worth about 16 cents. Mt.18:28
3. Jambres One of the Egyptian magicians who opposed Moses. 2 Tim. 3:8
4. Nebo A mountain on the east side of the Jordan river. Nu. 32:3
5. Theophilus The one to whom Luke wrote his gospel and Acts of the Apostles. Lk. 1:3 Acts 1:1

*Many people are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

THE RECORD

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Dec. 17	Att. 204	Cont. \$ 724.60
Dec. 24	Att. 213	Cont. \$ 676.75
Dec. 31	Att. 179	Cont. \$ 741.55

WONDERFUL! Last Sunday was a full day. Enjoyable beyond description. After an exceptionally fine 6 o'clock song service. (by a very good attendance) almost all enjoyed bowling from 7-10 (we reserved the entire bowling alley) by the little ones through "keenagers". Afterward, a fine fellowship with food and games finished the evening taking us into the new year 1979. Yes it was a full day. Enjoyable and rewarding.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL This inevitably comes after our vacation periods. So, our college students are finding their way back to their respective schools at Oklahoma Christian, Harding, College and Williamstown Bible College.

IT IS INTERESTING to know that three of our programs of work have resulted in baptisms. From the Bus Ministry 1 baptism; from the OBS program 1 baptism and from the "keenagers" program 2 baptisms this past week. A good way to end the year 1979.

A QUESTION -

WHAT GOAL WILL BE MINE IN 1979?

BAPTISMS Rick Green, Salma Ellis, Clayton and Olive Langston each completed their obedience to the gospel in baptism last week. We certainly rejoice in the decision of each of these and look forward to their further growth and service in the kingdom of God.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday morning Jan. 6th at 8 o'clock at the church building all the men are urged to attend to eat together and later to hear and discuss the program of work for 1979 by the elders. Be sure and attend.

SUNDAY JAN. 14th at the evening service the 1979 program of work will be presented to the whole congregation. Every member be present to hear the challenges and opportunities for work in the coming year.

THE SICK LIST Martin Luther Hall has been in the hospital again - Olive Langston has been released from the hospital, John Ray is confined to his home because of sickness. Nancy McDonald is still in Goshen hospital improving slowly.

WILL YOU HELP? We need housing for the anticipated young people coming January 20, 21. If you can sleep 1, 2, 3 or more please let Jamie know.

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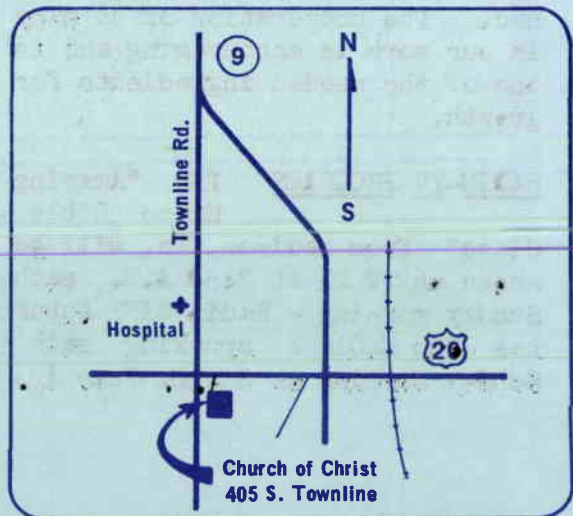
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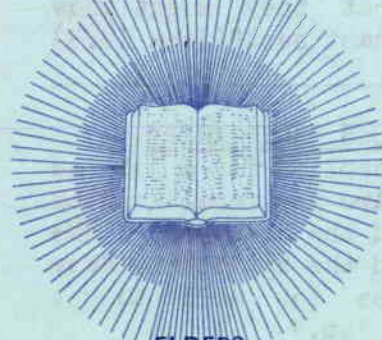
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THE BIBLE

A BOOK OF DEFINITIONS. "The Bible is a book of great but simple definitions. Here we find it answering, in a wonderful way, the great queries and questions of the human heart." For instance:

What Is Sin? "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4)

What Is God? "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24)

What Is The Church? "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20)

What Is Duty? "Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

What Doth The Lord Require Of Thee? "To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8)

What Is Faith? "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1)

What Is Eternal Life? "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3)

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* In the judgment day, when the book of our life is measured by the Book of God, what will the balance show? For many who live at least 50 years, it will show approximately: 2,000 hours of work per year in our suit of the things of this life on earth ... the one that will soon pass; 50 hours per year in the service of God in pursuit of a home in heaven that will last eternally.

The total then would be 100,000 hours working for nothing ... and 2,500 hours working for heaven. Does this seem out of balance to you? Then be present for Bible study every time an opportunity affords itself ... **THIS SUNDAY!**

WHAT GOAL WILL BE MINE IN 1979?

DANGEROUS FAMILIARITY

A man had applied for a job as teamster. "Are you familiar with mules?" asked the employer. "No, Sah!" replied the applicant. "For ah knows mules too well to get familiar wid 'em."

There is great danger of our getting used to sinful practices because of their commonness. **LET US INSIST ON KEEPING A CONSCIENCE WHICH WILL NOT GROW DULL TO SIN BECAUSE SIN IS PREVALENT!**

SNORING

A man consulted his physician to be cured of the habit of snoring. "Does your snoring disturb the wife?" asked the physician. "Why it disturbs the whole congregation," replied the patient.

THE RECORD

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BIBLE WORDS & BIBLE TERMS (No.3)

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1. Proselyte - a name given by the Jews to foreigners who accepted the Jewish religion. Mtt. 23:15
2. Sanhedrin - The supreme court of the Jewish nation. Mt.26:57
3. Pisgah - The highest point of Mount Nebo. Nu. 21:20
4. Jot - The smallest letter of the Greek alphabet. It resembled the English comma. (Mt.5:18)
5. Blasphemy - (to speak against) Speaking evil of God, Christ or the Holy Spirit. Mt.12:32

IS IT POSSIBLE?

Suppose someone were to offer me \$1,000 for every soul I might try to win to Christ, would I endeavor to lead any more souls to Christ than I am doing now? It is possible that I would attempt to do for money, even at the risk of human blunders or ridicule, what I hesitate to do or shrink from doing now in obedience to God's command? Is my love for money stronger than my love for God or for souls? How feeble, then my love to God! Perhaps this explains why I am not a soul winner!

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THIS SUNDAY EVENING (January 14)

the elders will present a contemplated work schedule for 1979 to the whole congregation. Every member should be present to hear this.

EXCITED! Yes, our young people are excited in anticipation of many youth from other congregations attending the January 20, 21 YOUTH RALLY at La-Grange. Let's help them in every way we can as adults. Don't wait to be asked, volunteer your services. Housing for Saturday nite is needed so if you can help let Jamie know.

THE SICK Olive Langston was able to attend services last Sunday morning; Zoa Herr & Carrie Gaskill have been in the hospital this week; John and Gay Ray were at services last Sunday morning.

WELL ATTENDED The men's breakfast last Saturday was well attended and a profitable discussion of our work was had. The cooperation of so many in our work is encouraging and is one of the needed ingredients for growth.

RADIO-TV PROGRAMS The "Amazing Grace Bible Class" from Madison, Tn. will be shown on TV 21 at 7:30 A.M. each Sunday morning - Radio WIFF Auburn has John McClane speaking each Sunday morning at 8 A.M. Tune in.

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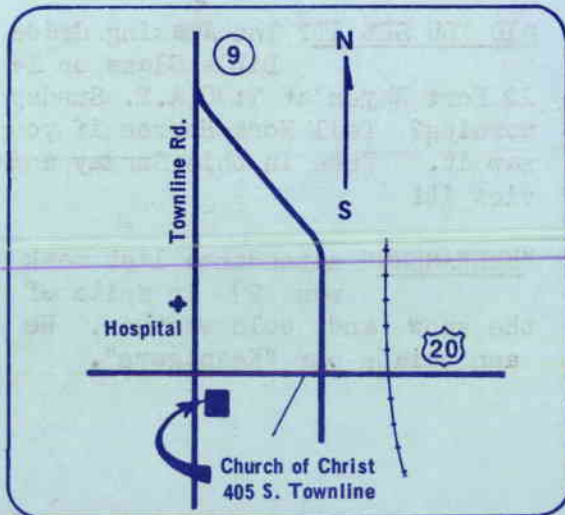
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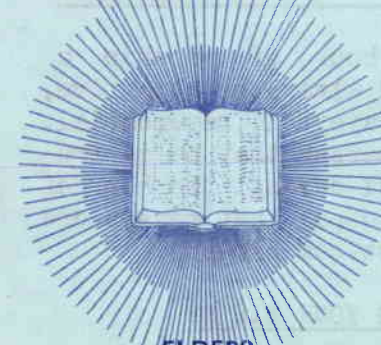


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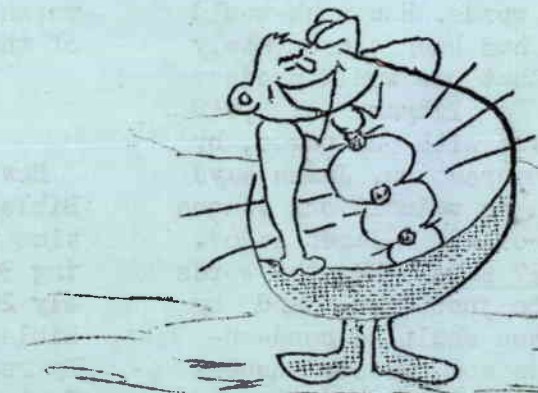
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BUT THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR YOU!

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This year, think first of someone else. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Gladden the heart of a child. Welcome a stranger. Thank God for what you are and what you have, whether it be great or small. Mend a quarrel. Give a soft answer. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Keep a promise. Find time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Apologize if you were wrong. Listen. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Express your gratitude to others. Pray for peace. Go to church. Love completely. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again. These are but inklings of a vast category; a mere scratching of the surface. They are simple things; you have heard them all before; but their influence has never been measured. This year, they can change your life. -Jim Woodruff

WORDS FITLY SPOKEN -

Suppose we had to write all we speak. Then suppose we had to read it and take out all bad and unnecessary words. How much would be left? It has been conservatively estimated that one would produce in 70 years a library of 3,640 volumes, each with 525 pages, by just his conversation. James says our religion is vain if our tongue is not controlled. (James 1:26). Matthew 12:37 says "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Thus, we see the seriousness and power of fitly spoken words.

A man may fail several times, but he is not a failure until he starts saying someone else pushed him.

* During the hour of worship a person should always be attentive, thoughtful, prayerful, reverential. To say of a person that he is truly reverential during the hour of worship is to pay that person one of the highest compliments.

READING YOUR BIBLE?

How much time do you give to Bible reading? How does one find time to read the Bible? By reading 3½ pages each day (approximately 20 minutes) you can read the Bible through in one year's time. By reading 3½ pages of the New Testament each day you can read it through in 3 months. Adding 10 minutes each day for meditation on what you have read will also be beneficial.

WHAT IS THAT GOAL OF MINE FOR 1979

THE RECORD

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B-r-r-rr- It was cold! It was snowy! Many couldn't get in! BUT we had services anyway last Sunday!

Dear Christian Brothers & Sisters:

Thank you so much for the Farberware Cookware! You couldn't have given us anything we needed more. I know we'll get many years use from it. Come to Charleston and let's try it out together! Thanks again.

-Kathy & Kenny Long
(Kathy Long was Kathy Hoggatt)

Dear Christian Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Thank you so very much for your prayers, your visits and your cards. I find words inadequate to tell you how much it meant to me and my dear Clayton.

Olive Langston

* A candle sheds light on all objects within the radius of its candle power. It does not select certain objects on which to shine and leave others out.

"SPIRITUAL VITAMIN" For The Day

"If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above" Colossians 3:1

WELCOME to all who are attending the Youth Rally. You are our honored guests. We appreciate your coming our way and pray your visit will be remembered.

POSTPONED The budget presentation scheduled for last Sunday evening was put off because of the inability of so many to attend. This will be presented the 4th Sunday January 28th. Come!

NOTICE Pick up those who are to stay at your house Saturday night at the Farmer's State Bank building at 8 P.M.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TV will be used for the overflow attendance from the auditorium Sunday morning. Let's fill the building Sunday.

THE SICK At this writing Zoa Herr is still in the hospital but may be home by week-end after more tests - Olive Langston is now home.

DID YOU SEE IT? The Amazing Grace Bible Class on TV 22 Fort Wayen at 7:30 A.M. Sunday morning? Tell Norm Herron if you saw it. Tune in this Sunday and view it!

"KEENAGERS" attendance last week was 29 in spite of the snow and cold weather. We appreciate our "Keenagers".

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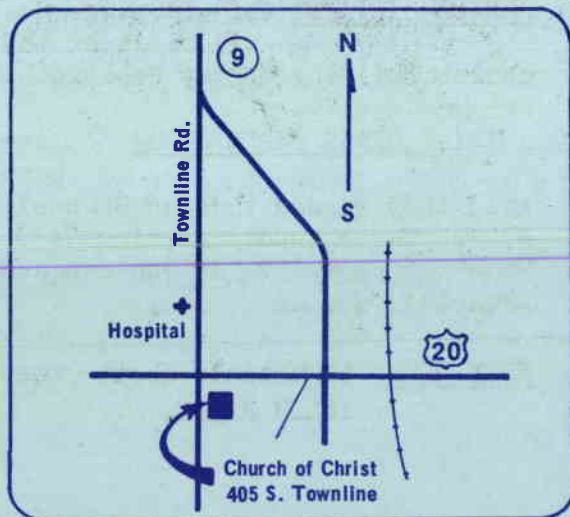
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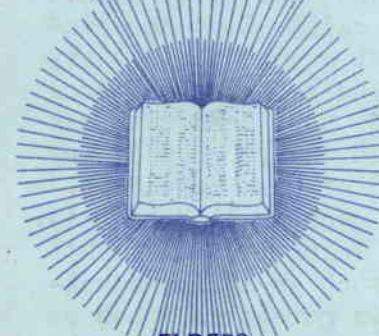


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NEEDED: CHURCHES WHO WILL REPRODUCE THEMSELVES

A. R. Holton stressed in a sermon several years ago that every church should reproduce itself. Each church should be reproducing more Christians than she receives from other areas. She should be producing more elders and preachers than she is using.

Hundreds of churches have grown simply because they are receiving more Christians than they are losing, but many of them are not reproducing themselves. If they were deprived of Christians transferring to them, they would gradually die out.

It is the responsibility of each church to multiply, to reproduce Christians.

-Selected and Adapted

WHEN CURIOSITY KILLS

A man rocked a boat to see if it would tip. IT DID.

A laborer stepped on a nail to see if it would go through his shoe. IT DID.

A man looked into a gun to see if it was loaded. IT WAS.

A worker smelled gas escaping and lit a piece of oily waste to find the leak. HE FOUND IT.

A young girl kept late hours to see if it would really injure her character. IT DID.

A young man tried drinking to see if it would make him act like a fool. IT DID.

A man said, "I'll ignore Jesus Christ and see if I will go to hell." HE DID. (Luke 16:19-21)

THE LOAD

I recently watched a man who was carrying heavy loads up a flight of stairs, and marveled at his strength and skill. It seemed incredible that anyone could carry such weight and be none the worse for it. Half the load that man carried would injure an ordinary man. I asked him how he did it.

"There's a knack to it," he said. "You have to learn it. It isn't strength so much as it is adjustment. You've got to know how to get under the load, and there's only one right way of doing it."

Adjustment is no less important for burdens of another sort. There's a knack to it, a way of carrying up troubles that make them see, lighter. If the load is breaking us, we should adjust it.

It was to the weary and heavily laden that Jesus offered rest. Beneath his own tremendous load he nevertheless found peace and joy. He has the secret of adjustment, and he offers it to all who are willing to learn it.

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THE JUDGMENT

In Holy Writ it is said that "Judas went to his own place." There was no one to thrust him into it. He went of his own accord. Capture a worm, a muskrat, and a swallow, and let them go all at once. They go each to his own sphere: the earth, the water and the upper air. You need not thrust them into their places. Hold in your hand a stone and an inflated balloon, and let them go at the same instant. One descends, the other ascends. They rest only when they find adjustment. In all eternity there will be no hand of God to thrust you downward. He is not willing that any should perish. If you go downward, it will be because that is the natural course for such a character as you have built. But on the golden shore stands the Father who delights to see men ascend in thought and life to dwell with him. You can ascend to him if you respond to his infinite compassion by simple trust and obedience to his will.

-Selected

Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money and power and influence. It is nothing more or less than faith in action.

YOU ARE INVITED to hear a report on the budget for 1979 and on the contemplated work in the coming year. Be present Sunday evening for this.

4th SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP immediately after the evening service. Bring snack foods

WE ARE GLAD TO REPORT that Nancy McDonald is improving and able to walk about some.

ROLLER SKATING at Fort Wayne Monday night Jan. 29 and Elkhart Tuesday night Jan.30.

\$15 SENT toward our parking lot debt. Even though one of our family members agreed to assume the balance of the parking lot expense they would still appreciate contributions from those who would still like to give against this debt. Our thanks for the above contribution.

SENIOR CITIZENS of LaGrange Co. will meet at the church building Monday Feb. 26th.

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS Some have said they viewed this on Channel 21 Ft. Wayne Sunday morning 7:30 Have you seen it? If you can and have tell Norman Herron.

NEXT WEEK an article about the YOUTH RALLY.

"SPIRITUAL VITAMIN" For The Day

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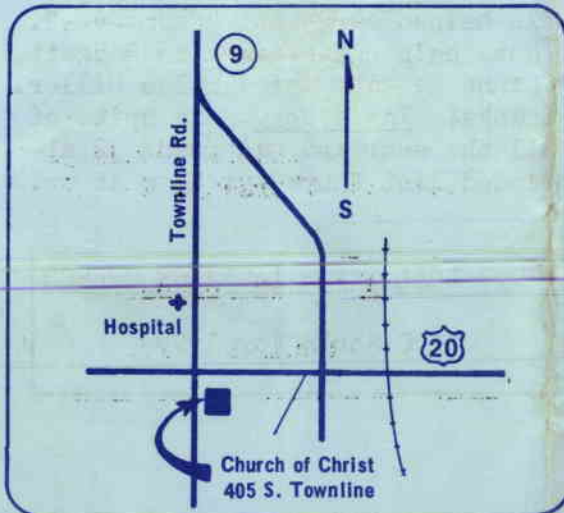
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WE NEED GOALS! -

Everyone needs goals. Jesus had (set) some goals in his brief life span this earth. When informed that all were seeking him he said: "Let us go elsewhere into the next towns, that I may preach them also, for to this end came I forth" (Mk. 1:38). On another occasion he said: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work" (Jn.4:34) Because of these goals, "he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Lk. 9:51). After living a sinister life, he was unjustly condemned to die. With his last few dying breathes he cried: "It is finished" (Lk. 19:30). Jesus wasn't saying: "I'm dying," but "I have done it." I have done what my Father sent me to do, I have reached the goal!

We are to be imitators of Christ. And Christ was a goal setter. We need to be goal setters. As a church and as Christians. We need to be setting collective and individual goals. Only as we attain our individual goals, can we truly achieve our collective goals as the Lord's church. As a church we need to be praying together, planning together, and pulling together!
-Adapted from Netherwood Park Bulletin

WHEN IS A SERMON SUCCESSFUL?

- "First, a sermon is successful if it is true to the word of God.
- "Second, a sermon is successful if it is preached in love.
- "Third, a sermon is successful if it has been prepared to meet a need.
- "Fourth, a sermon is successful if it is spoken so all can understand."
- "Fifth, a sermon is successful if it glorifies God."

A successful sermon is NOT determined by how many people come forward, the speaker's rhetorical ability, its entertaining value, or how many favorable comments it receives. Any time the word of God is spoken in love to meet a need, it is successful and brings glory to God. Let us measure a sermon's success by God's standard, NOT man's. -Sel.

ONE LINERS ON MARRIAGE -

- * Never be yoked to one who refuses to be yoked with Christ.
- * One difference between a good marriage and a bad one is leaving a few words unsaid each day.
- * One secret of happy marriage is simple, just keep on being as polite to each other as you are to your best friend.
- * A good wife laughs at her husband's jokes, not because they are clever but because SHE is.

"SPIRITUAL VITAMIN" For The Day

"Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity" 1 Timothy 4:12

THE RECORD

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A THANK YOU This year's rally is now history. We feel it was a huge success and would like to thank everyone who helped in any way. If you or someone you know lost or found anything during the rally, please contact a member of the youth group. Also, if anyone has a bill that is the responsibility of the youth group please see Lesly or Jamie as they can be taken care of. Thanks again!
YOUTH GROUP

BUDGET REPORT A large number remained after the evening service for the presentation of the budget for '79. Max Litke, treasurer, reviewed the proposed budget which calls for a weekly contribution of \$850.00. This is a 15% increase over last year. The elders then reported on the various aspects of the work. The members were challenged to win 100 souls to Christ in '79. If "each one wins one" this year we will meet our goal. There will be a number of training classes and workshops to help equip us for the work. The attitude of those present might be summarized by these words, "Let's Do It!"

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS TV 21 7:30 A.M. Each Sunday. View it!

GREAT! GREAT! Wasn't last Sunday a wonderful day?

Yes, it was a full day. The buses ran, Bible study and worship for all at the building Sunday morning. Then prayer meeting at the building at 6 o'clock followed by the evening worship at 7 with four of our young men doing the speaking. Then the presentation of the budget and contemplated work for 1979 including some challenges - say of 100 conversions for 1979. Then all this was followed with visiting and eats in the fellowship room. Whew! It was a full day but rewarding!

GOOD NEWS Nancy McDonald is being released from the hospital at Goshen (Tuesday) for which we are thankful - Martin Luther Hall was to leave LaGrange hospital Tuesday. FOR SURGERY Yvonne Hicks entered LaGrange hospital Tuesday for major surgery.

"KEENAGE HELPERS" During no school because of the snow three of our young people helped serve at "Keenagers". Those helping were: Brian Hoggatt, Jeanne Hoggatt and Janelle Miller. Thanks! Incidentally, in spite of all the snow and bad roads 32 attended last Thursday. Keep it up!

1979 GOAL - FOR LAGRANGE CHURCH

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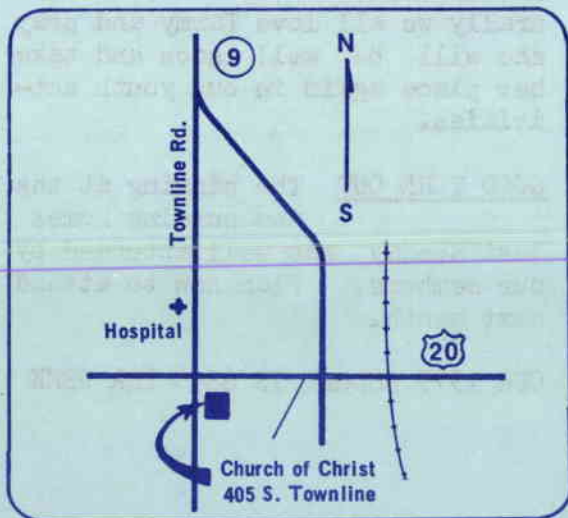
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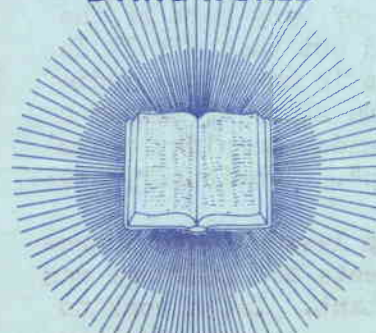


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THE SUN IS ALMOST DOWN -

Two good men on an occasion had a heated discussion, and remembering the exhortation of Paul, "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath," just before sunset one of them went to the house of the other, and knocking on the door, his offended friend came and opened it, and seeing who it was, withdrew in astonishment and surprise; the other, at the same moment, cried out, "The sun is almost down." This unexpected statement softened the heart of his friend into affection, and he returned for answer, "Come in brother, come in." What a happy method of conciliating a matter, of redressing a grievance, of reconciling brethren! - Selected

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YOUTH RALLY NOTES

A youth rally is important to a congregation of the Lord's church. The young people are given the chance to learn several important lessons, applicable to both their spiritual and secular lives. They are given the opportunity to make plans and decisions on their own, to learn to work with other young people and the adults of the congregation, and to realize the authority of the eldership.

This year our young people did an outstanding job planning the LaGrange rally. The areas which seem to have been especially outstanding were the choice of speakers. Kent Hoggatt, Craig Hostetler, and Mike Runcie are three very fine speakers. They each spoke on topics relating to the theme "WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT". The idea of "oneness" or "unity" is an important topic for the church today.

Saturday afternoon Mike spoke on the subtopic of "unity". He made every one aware of the fact we are all part of the same body. He noted 1 Cor. 12 which tells us the pains, failings and successes of any part of the body must be shared by the rest. Later, Kent pointed out that "If It Is To Be, It Is Up To Me." For this "unity" to exist, it is up to the individual to do his part. He stressed this point with the story of Esther's role in saving the children of Israel. During the Sunday morning class session, Craig stressed the importance of "friendship". Obviously, we must be good friends to be able to work together.

This year many problems came up, mistakes were made, lessons were learned, and, perhaps most important, the family that meets at LaGrange was united in this effort. Yes, youth rallies are important. Let's work to make next year's rally even more successful. -Jamie McAlpin

WHAT COMES FIRST?

A little boy sat in Bible school one Sunday and listened as the teacher talked of the kingdom of God. "It must come first," she said. The boy was impressed because she seemed so sincere but when he returned that night he couldn't find his teacher. She often wondered what happened to that boy. He never came back again.

"SPIRITUAL VITAMIN" For The Day
"Take heed what ye hear" Mk.4:24

TWO WELLS -

Which one of the two following illustrations describe you?

We can see two wells. Before one gives forth its water, it has to be pumped and pumped and pumped. But the other gives forth its water freely - before they render service, they have to be urged and urged and urged. Other Christians are like the second well - motivated by love in their heart, they serve the Lord freely - of

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WHAT ARE YOU PREACHING ABOUT? -

Suppose a preacher announced a new series of sermons to begin next Sunday on the theme, "THE WORTHLESSNESS 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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Is it fair to attend worship, then pay no heed to what is taught?

Is it fair to take a nap while the sermon is being preached?

A good memory test: What did you worry about a year ago?

A RECORD! Our Keenager attendance on February 1 was 41 our highest attendance yet. It is certainly encouraging to see so many getting together for these weekly gatherings of fellowship, eats, games and Bible study. We appreciate also the ladies who so faithfully each week help us in so many ways in this work.

OUR SICK Yvonne Hicks is now home after gall bladder surgery - Nancy McDonald is home from Goshen hospital - Clayton Langston was in Ft. Wayne for tests the first of the week.

ACCIDENT Sister Tammy Hart was injured in a youth outing at Knob Hill last Saturday. In addition to a cut under her chin, she was sore from extensive bruises. Sunday afternoon she underwent surgery for internal bleeding and a liver tear. Her condition is now stable and the doctors say that natural healing should allow her to recover. Naturally we all love Tammy and pray she will be well soon and take her place again in our youth activities.

GOOD TURN OUT The singing at the two nursing homes last Sunday was well attended by our members. Plan now to attend next month.

OUR 1979 BUDGET IS \$850 PER WEEK

Resist The Devil - James 4:7

A man, who spent many years of his life in capturing wild beasts says of the wolf, when attacked, he first takes note of the earnestness with which his enemy presses the attack, and, if he shows great determination, he quietly scampers away. But if he detects fear in his enemies' movements, he will defend himself with bravery - yea he may even attack his enemy. The same way with the devil: he tempts us by first placing some trivial object in our path; and if we offer no resistance, he then attacks us with all his power and overcomes us. Give no place-no opening to the devil.

BIBLE WORDS & BIBLE TERMS (No.4)

1. Amram - Father of Moses.
Ex. 6:18
2. Beal - The male god of the Phoenician and Canaanitish nation.
Num. 22:41
3. Melchizedek - King and priest of God; type of Christ as priest. Gen. 14:18-20
4. Raca - a term of reproach.
Mtt. 5:22
5. Zenas - a believer who is described as "the lawyer".
Titus 3:13

Christians sometimes miss the opportunity to encourage our brethren to be encouraged.

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THE MOST EXPENSIVE THING

1. Sin is the most expensive thing possible.
 2. It wastes money.
 3. It wears the body into decay. But, as bad as things are, there are even things worse; for it blights the intellect and withers the moral nature of man.
 4. It weakens the will; it blunts the conscience; it hardens the heart
 5. It dries up all the finer things of the soul, so that ultimately all regard for truth and holiness and purity is gone.
 6. But worse yet. Sin is an everlasting thing. It becomes the master of the man who indulges in it, and sets him to do the hardest drudgery. It hires him out, as it were, to feed the swine, leaving him to feed along with them.
 7. That which was at first joy becomes in the end bondage. That which was at first a pleasant companion becomes at length a cruel taskmaster, who compels him to make bricks without straw, and sometimes even without clay.
 8. Sin defiles, disfigures, debases and blasts all it touches. It is at once a state, guilt and a pollution.
- Author Unknown.

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ENTHUSIASM FOR CHRIST

Enthusiasm is defined as "A strong excitement of feeling." It is great to "be in love". The dull and the dreary are forgotten about. Beauty is appreciated. Honesty is admired. Mistakes are forgiven. God is on his throne and all is well in our souls.

The woman at the well in Samaria who met Jesus as described in John 5 forgot about evil past, became so excited she left the water she had some to carry, and went about the city telling her neighbors about Jesus. Forgiveness, righteousness, and hope are such marvelous blessings. People who have their eyes open ought to be excited about them. Life doesn't have to remain a dreary treadmill. It can have meaning that makes you laugh and cry and feel alive. You can be a part of God's world and God's purposes in the world. You can pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" and know that you are a part of what is making that a reality.

This is not always synonymous with church membership. There are church members who never taste the joy of success because they never really try to accomplish much for the Lord. So if they succeed they have little to rejoice over. To have the joy of enthusiasm requires that you do like a boy in the spring who jumps into the swimming pool with a splash. You let go and plunge in. How long has it been since you had this spirit about the church? What have you really been trying to accomplish lately? Is it worth mentioning? Why not make a commitment? Pick out a goal for yourself, just right for you. Not so big that you will never do it, or not so little that when it is done you don't feel elated, but big enough and important enough to make you strain to reach it. Then work at it real hard like a football player trying to tackle a man carrying the ball. You can't have any excitement unless you are trying hard at something. So give it a good try. Learn the joy of enthusiasm for Jesus Christ. -Ted Waller

A seamstress working by candle-light stopped for a moment to rest, but then, casting a look at her candle, she murmured, "I must hasten, for my candle is burning low and I have no other!" and busily applied herself to her work. The Christian worker must say, "I too, must hasten and work while it is day; the night comes when no man can work."

Helen Keller, deaf and blind from early childhood inspired many with her cheerful attitude. "Keep your face to the sunshine," she once said, "And you cannot see the shadow."

OUR 1979 GOAL IS 100 ADDITIONS
To date 1 baptism - have 99 to go
1 + 99 = 100

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CHRIST'S PRACTICE OF PRAYER -

The earthly ministry of our Lord was begun in prayer (Luke 3:21, continued in prayer, and ended in prayer (Luke 23:34). The heavenly ministry of our Lord was begun in prayer (John 14:16) and is now continued in prayer (Hebrews 7:25).

Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1).

Prayer is more important than rest, for "in the morning a great while before day he arose up and went out into a desert place and there prayed" (Mark 1:35).

Prayer was more important than sleep, for "he went out into the mountain to pray and he continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12).

Prayer was more important in securing workers than either money or machinery, for he said, "Pray ye the Lord of harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

Prayer is as important as his other ministries, for "he ever liveth to make intercession for us" (Hebrews 7:25). -Selected

"SPIRITUAL VITAMIN" For The Day
"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:23,24

RESPONSES:

Phil Hay was baptized into Christ last Sunday evening. Four came forward at the close of the evening service asking for prayers and forgiveness of past actions in their lives. Pray for Debbie Ledyard, Debbie Duzan, Connie Davison and Margaret Tuttle. We need the help of one another day by day.

46! 46! 46! No, the typewriter isn't at fault. Attendance at "Keenagers" hit a new high with 46 present in spite of sickness and snow keeping some from attending. Will we have to have more room?

ABOUT THE SICK

Nancy McDonald is at home and slowly recuperating; Tammy Hart seems about the same after a sledding accident; (she is still in LaGrange hospital); Carrie Gaskill has been laid up with a back problem; Zella Bellairs has been suffering with intensive pain in her back; Martin Luther Hall has been in hospital again. Pray for the sick, send cards to cheer them up.

TO MEET HERE

The LaGrange County Senior Citizens are to meet at the church building on Monday February 26. We are looking for a good turn out.

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS

Hear this program each Sunday morning on channel 21 Ft. Wayne at 7:30

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February 25, 1979

HAVE YOU DONE THESE THINGS?

The day the TRUE church began sinners were intreated to "hear these words." Acts 2:22

Near the end of his sermon Peter pleaded, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly..." that is, let all "believe."

The sinners were convicted by what they heard - NOT by what they felt. They wanted to know what to do and were told to "repent and be baptized for the remission of sins." Acts 2:38

* A preacher recently announced there were 726 sins. He is now being beset by requests for the list by people who think they may be missing something.

BIBLE WORDS & BIBLE TERMS (No.5)

1. Yoke - (Subjection) An implement for working oxen; sign of authority. 1 Kings 12:4
2. Synagogue - Place where Jews met for worship. Mtt. 13:54
3. Tetrarch - name given to the governor of the fourth part of a country. Mtt. 14:1
4. Sabbath - The seventh day of the week. Ex. 16:22
5. Pentecost - Feast which came fifty days after the Passover. Acts 2:1

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THE CROOKED PINS

I once read a story of how pins are made. A long brass wire is drawn in at one end of a machine, and at the other end out come the pins. Most of them are fine and straight, but a few come out crooked. They all drop into a heap, the crooked and the straight together. No one wants crooked pins, so they must be picked out from the others and set aside.

In sorting the pins nobody's eyes look for them; nobody's fingers pick them out. Each pin is made to go to its own place. They are all dropped upon a ribbin which has two motions - one straight forward, horizontally, the other from side to side. The straight ones roll off easily, but a crooked pin can't roll, so the bent ones stay on the ribbin and when they come to the end of it they drop off into a box of waste.

People are like pins. Many are "straight", but not all. Some have bent places in them. Someday the crooked ones will be separated from the straight and each will find his own place. Man is able during his life to straighten the bent places and become straight. Let's not come to the end of life in a bent state. It will be too late to do anything then.

-Brookston, In. Bulletin

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QUESTIONS THAT DESERVE AN ANSWER -

What if someday, maybe 100 years from now, there were no Bibles left in the world. The people then living have no way of knowing the truth. Will these people be responsible for their sins in judgment?

Yes, God commands all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30, 31) because He will judge the world in righteousness. The Psalmist said in Psalms 19:172, "My tongue shall speak of thy words: for all thy commandments are righteousness."

But the point of interest is the Bible teaches clearly that the word of God will abide forever (Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:23-25). Even though the word may be taken from one section of the earth it will exist. Those who know the Law of God have the responsibility to get it to those who do not know it (Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15,16).

Also the Bible is the standard of judgment God will use in the judgment (John 12 :48; Revelation 20:12-15).

Our attitude should be one of gratitude and thanks for the Word and the privilege of living according to the teaching of it, to the extent that we do all we can to spread it to every nation and instill it in the hearts of our children that they will do the same for their children. By so doing we can preserve the word of God in our land. -Ken Chambers

CHOICES -

Christianity confronts each of us with a choice between the material and the spiritual, between good and evil. The choice is one or the other, not both. Since we must choose, it costs something to reject the temporal and live for the eternal. While the price of godliness may be anything - or everything - the gain always exceeds the cost, whatever the cost is. May each of us realize more fully that all spiritual blessings are in Christ - that we get more than we give, even here, and in addition, life and everlasting joy in the world to come.

-Marvin Hastings

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL? -

If God gave us the same amount of time and attention that we devote to Him?

If God put as many things ahead of us as we put ahead of Him?

If God offered as many excuses as we do? And if his excuses were no more justified than ours?

If God withheld his blessings from us as we withhold our offerings from Him?

If God loved himself as much as we love ourselves and gave as little thought to us as we give to Him? -Selected

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March 16,17 Horton Rd. COC Jackson, Mi. YOUTH RALLY.

March 30, 31 LaGrange COC CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR with Nick Young, Anderson, In. speaking.

April 8 Glenwood COC FT.Wayne TEEN DEVOTIONS 2-4:30 P.M.

April 20,21 Alto Rd. COC,Kokomo YOUTH RALLY

MISTAKES? There is a saying "We know that there are mistakes in the bulletin because we did it for those who only look for mistakes." But this would not be correct! They appear in the bulletin because we just plain don't catch them. Please bear with us and we shall try to do better.

RECIPROCAL DUTIES - "All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them." Matthew 7:12

RESPONSE Claudia Hart came forward Wednesday night February 14 expressing failure in her life to do a number of things and asked for prayers.

SKATING at Ft.Wayne Monday night February 26th.

OUR SICK We are happy to report Tammy Hart is out of the hospital - Nancy McDonald is still weak but improving - Sharon Simpson, Sharon Pieratt, Luther Hall have all been on sick list.

THE BUS RECORD 70 rode the busses last Sunday morning for our services and 69 last week. We plan to have a section in the bulletin relating to the bus program so watch for it.

ANOTHER RECORD ATTENDANCE Yes, we had another record last week for the "Keenager" session. 47 were present! We appreciate so much the interest being shown in this and the help of so many each week to keep it going.

TO OUR VISITORS We extend to you a hearty welcome for attending and worshipping with us. Stick around and let us get acquainted after services.

OUR 1979 GOAL IS 100 ADDITIONS

To date 1 baptism - have 99 to go
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THE BIBLE STILL STANDS - All to Paul
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Despite the attacks of pagans, infidels, philosophers, and scientists, the Bible still stands forth against all - more widely read more highly respected, more influential today than any book in the world.

Lordly Egypt has passed. The orators, painters, poets, sculptors, architects of once glorious Greece - all have long passed away. Imperial Rome has bowed her head and ceased to be. Desolation marks Carthage, Tyre and Sidon no longer send their ships to distant ports. The proud fleets of Spain, laden with treasure from the Aztecs and Incas, have ceased to sail. The ambitious schemes of Napoleon, Hitler, and Mussolini have failed. Empires have been overthrown, dynasties have fallen.

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BUT THE BIBLE STILL STANDS. Defying infidelity, giving comfort and hope to Christians, and pointing sinners to the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. -Selected

QUESTION? How often do you read and study your Bible?

RECIPROCAL DUTIES

"Not forsaking our assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day drawing nigh."
Hebrews 10:25

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CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR March 30, 31, 1979

- Friday Evening 7:00 "Let's Capture This City For God" Nick Young
- Saturday
9:00 a.m. "Awake To Rapid Church Growth" Nick Young
10:00 a.m. "Leadership and Church Growth" (men only)- Nick Young
"God's Positive Thinking Woman" (Women only) Debbie Young
11:30 a.m. "The Indispensible Element In Church Growth" --Nick Young
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. "Believe In The Power Of Goal Reaching" Nick Young
2:15 p.m. Break
2:30 p.m. "How To Set and Reach Your Goals" Nick Young
3:45 p.m. Dismissal

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ABOUT OUR "CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR" * SPEAKER - March 30, 31, 1979

Nick Young was born in Duncan Oklahoma, Graduated from Duncan High School in 1969. Received a Bachelor of Arts from Oklahoma Christian College 1973.

He has preached in 16 different states and has participated in approximately 135 gospel meetings, youth rallies, workshops, and lectureships in the last nine years. Widely used as a speaker at soul winning workshops. Presently conducts 20-25 such meetings a year.

He has published over 100 articles in 12 different religious periodicals.

Has been married since September 6, 1974. His wife, Debbie has attended Missouri University and David Lipscomb College. They have no children.

He is presently working with the Hillcrest church of Anderson, Indiana, which is one of the fastest growing churches in America. They have 8 bus-routes. There were 208 baptisms in 1978 and expect to have 365 in 1979, 500 in 1980. Their building program calls for a 1,600 seat auditorium, classrooms for 2,000, a bus barn, multi-purpose room, and office complex for five full time ministers.

* SEMINAR - "a seminar is a meeting for giving and discussing information. It is a conference or a period of study in one particular subject." Thus, a seminar on church growth is a study or a meeting for discussing the subject of church growth.

BADGE OF A CHRISTIAN

Did you ever see a boy wearing a sweater with a certain letter or badge on it? What does the letter or badge mean? It means that he is a student of a certain school.

Well, do Christians have some badge or emblem that tells the people about him that he is a Christian? Yes, he does! Do you know what that badge is? The answer is found in John 13:34,35. Open the Book and read it.

March 30 and 31st is the date for "CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR" Attend!

* Two things no man has ever done: One is to change the succession of spring, summer, autumn and winter of nature; the other is to evade forever the consequences of his sins. Two things many a man has done and all men can do: One is to permit the Spirit of God to change completely his own human nature; and the other is to increase continuously in ability to evade sins, with all their consequences. -Selected

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3 + 97 = 100

THE RECORD

Feb. 5	Att. 168	Cont. \$783.00
Feb. 11	Att. 178	Cont. \$707.30
Feb. 18	Att. 204	Cont. \$905.80
Feb. 25	Att. 200	Cont. \$658.65

NOTICE There will be a campaign at the Willowdale church in Elkhart March 4-9 with Eddie J. Miller of Freed Hardeman College doing the speaking. Some thirty workers from the college will be working in the campaign. If possible attend.

ARRANGE YOUR TIME TO ATTEND EVERY SERVICE OF OUR "CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR" March 30 and 31.

FIND THE DISCIPLES

It appears to have been Paul's custom to "find" the meeting of Christians upon arriving in a new city. He took the initiative.

This probably was not easy. No telephone directory listing the meeting place was available. No newspaper carried the time of the service. No directory of churches was in his bag. Yet, he found the Christians.

One's home congregation should be helpful as he goes to another city. The elders may write the church in advance of one's going. And yet, nothing replaces Pauline initiative in finding the disciples.

Brother, when you travel or move, follow this good man's example and find the disciples.

-Don Gardner

CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR coming for

us on the last of March, 30 and 31. This is a vital effort for the congregation for future growth. Plan now to attend Friday night and all day Saturday.

RESPONSES Mike and Pat Hall were baptized Tuesday night and became members of the body of Christ. They have two children Michelle and David. Be sure and meet them.

SINGING at the nursing homes will be this Sunday. 4:30 at Merry Manor and 5:10 at LaGrange.

SKATING We had 44 ride the bus to Elkhart for the skating party last Tuesday night.

OUR SICK We are happy that Tammy Hart was able to attend services last Sunday after a sledding accident - We still have many on the sick list: Flossie Harris, the Rays, Sharon Simpson are on this list. Christopher Weaver, Donna Oakley have the chicken pox. -Martin Luther Hall is back in the hospital. Pray for the sick.

BUSSES 73 rode the busses last Sunday! We seem to be increasing in riders each week. The record the past five weeks is as follows: 57, 59, 69, 70, 73. With warmer weather we hope to grow.

ATTEND "CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR"

SHELL OF RELIGION continued -

from all activity, and refuse to share in any endeavor. They can still get enthusiastic about football games, hobbies, politics or gardening, but they have lost their gusto when it comes to religion. They can endure any kind of weather to pursue sports, but worship services are just too hard on them. They may consent to attend, but only if they can slip in and out without having to do anything. We need not so much to possess religion as to let the religion of Christ possess us. To be beside one's self for Christ's

sake is to be beside Christ. Emerson has well said, "Every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm." We must not therefore be content with just the shell of religion if we are to accomplish anything for Christ. And our service to God should never be something that is just matter-of-fact.

Perhaps it would be well to hear once again Paul's exhortation against that half-heartedness which was manifesting itself in the early church: "You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood." -John Gipson



March 11, 1979

THE SHELL OF RELIGION

We want a God. But not a God who would take away our ease or interfere with our lives. We want a God whose following doesn't demand any effort. If only we could have a God who imposes no restrictions and challenges no practices. Come to think of it...maybe we don't really want a God.

Half-heartedness seems to be a conventional pattern in religion. I remember Elijah striving with his people in the long ago. "How long halt ye between two opinions?", he asked. Or consider Solomon of whom it is said that he "went not fully after the Lord." I think of Amaziah who "did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, but not with a perfect heart." And all of us remember Jonah who finally did what God said, but without really having his heart in the work. In speaking of ancient Israel, Hosea cried, "Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty; he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images."

We find people in the church today who are extinct volcanoes. Once they were earnest, ardent workers in the cause. Now they stand aloof (Continued on back page)

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FOR PROMOTING THE "CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR"

1. Display posters in the church building.
 2. Elders, deacons, preachers, song leaders, teachers etc. personally encourage members of the congregation to attend.
 3. Have teachers at least two weeks before the meeting announce the meeting in their respective classes. Do this in every class.
 4. Have a telephone committee of women and/or teenagers to phone every member of the congregation about the meeting.
 5. Emphasize that every service of the meeting is for every member of the congregation.
 6. Set a goal for attendance.
 7. Invite by mail and by phone area congregations. Crowded buildings help create enthusiasm.
 8. Approximately one week before the meeting have a special prayer service at the church building or someone's home in which prayer is offered especially for the meeting.
- (The above are some of the suggestions by Nick Young for the "Church Growth Seminar" to be a success.) REMEMBER MARCH 30,31! ATTEND!

IMPORTANT PLACE

"What is this place noted for?" asked a traveler of an old resident. "Why, mister," was the confident reply, "this is the starting point for anyplace in the world. You can start here and go anywhere you want to."

"FOLLOW THE LEADER"

Where would you go or what would you do if you were to follow the ones listed below?

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| Abraham | Jonah |
| Joseph | The Wise Men |
| Jacob | Paul |
| Moses | Luke |
| Joshua | Barnabas |

HOW MUCH ZEAL DO WE HAVE?

When people of the world begin to see in us a zeal and enthusiasm greater for the Lord's work than anything else they will wish to enjoy with us the wonderful way of life in Christ Jesus. On the occasion that the Lord drove the money changers out of the Temple, He reminded his disciples of the prophecy: "Zeal for thine house hath eaten me up!" Can our friends or people of the world about us see that kind of zeal in us? -Sel.

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THE RECORD

March 4 Att. 189 Cont. \$852.50

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March 13 - Pro-Family Meeting at Library, Kendalville.

March 16,17 - Horton Rd. COC Jackson, Michigan. YOUTH RALLY

March 22-24 - International Soul-Winning Workshop - Tulsa, Okla.

March 30,31 - CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR - LaGrange, In. Nick Young

April 20 - Camp Indogan Awards Banquet, Heritage House, Ft.Wayne

April 20,21 - Alto Rd. COC Kokomo In. YOUTH RALLY.

June 7-9 - Mid-America Evangelism Workshop, Indianapolis, In.

Enthusiasm is the finest display of trying; it is the steam behind the effort.

"We may be sure we are not pleasing God if we are not happy ourselves."

RECIPROCAL DUTIES -

"Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working."

James 5:16

ANOTHER RECORD! The "Keenagers"

broke another attendance record last week with 52 being present! Interest is growing and many are inviting others to attend. If you know a Senior Citizen whom you think would attend bring them or let us know and we'll provide transportation if possible.

THE SICK There are a number who the past week have been ailing. Some of these are: Timmy Hughes, Jean Hoggatt, Jerry Lee, Heidi Herron. We are sorry that Norm's mother is seriously ill in Detroit, Mi. Remember our sick in your prayers.

MAKE PLANS to attend Friday night of our Seminar March 30th and also on Saturday March 31st. Tgis night and all day on Saturday will be of untold value. The elders urge every member to be present.

OUR BUSES ARE RUNNING! Not that they have not been running. Now that warmer weather is coming we hope to see increases in our bus riders. The Bible games, songs and stories on the busses coming and going represent a lot of work for the workers on the busses. Incidentally, isn't discipline for all? We hear some riders saw an adult rider running in the hall! Is this true?

3 + 7 = 100

CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT -- THE BETTER HALF

A young mother was trying in vain to get her spoiled son to eat his evening meal. As he repeatedly pushed his plate away, she asked what he would like to eat. "I want a worm," he replied. Having read in a book on child psychology, she told the father to go to the garden and find a worm. He did, but still, Junior was not satisfied. "I want it cooked," he demanded. Not wishing her child to be repressed, frustrated or maladjusted, the mother cooked the worm and again set it before him. Again he refused. NOW WHAT!

Little Junior wanted Daddy to eat half the worm. Reluctantly, Daddy consumed half the worm, ... After all Junior must not become emotionally disturbed. This demonstration of fatherly love set off a kicking, screaming tantrum of protest: "Daddy ate the half I wanted!"

MORAL: Some folks can never be pleased. The more you try, the less you succeed. Happy is the church that is not made up of such ... Let's all just try to PLEASE GOD! -Selected

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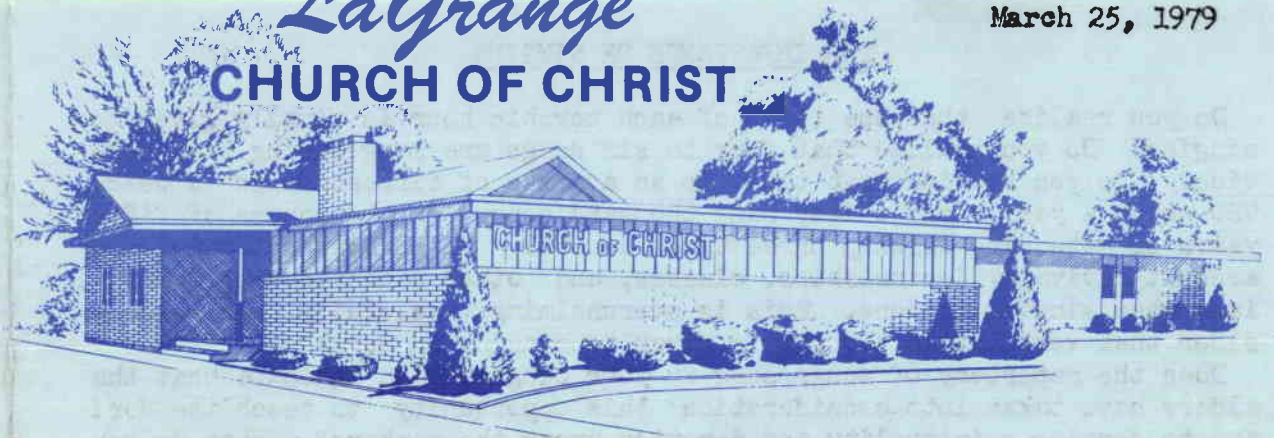
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FOR A MOTTO

One thing I am resolved upon: I will not be a sponge or a parasite. I will give an honest equivalent for what I get. I want no man's money for which I haven't rendered a full return.

I want no wages that I haven't earned. If I work for any man, or any company, or institution, I will render a full, ample, generous service. If I work for the city, or the state, or the nation, it shall have my best thought, my best effort, my most conscientious and efficient endeavor.

No man, no body of men, shall ever be made poorer by their dealings with me; If I can give a little more than I get everytime, in that shall be my happiness. The great commonwealth of human society shall not be the loser through me. I will take good care to put into common fund more than I take out.
-Washington Gladden

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THE IMPORTANCE OF SINGING

Do you realize that one third of each worship hour is usually given to singing? Do you realize that four to six songs are sung during each service? Do you realize that that is an average of fifteen songs a week, 780 songs a year, and thirty nine thousand songs in the course of fifty years of attending worship three times a week? This does not take into account revivals, lectureships, classes, and other gatherings of Christians when singing is done. This is overwhelming, especially when we consider that very little thought is given to singing in worship!

Does the repertory of songs sung by your congregation indicate that the elders have taken into consideration this opportunity to teach the Word and to develop spirituality and devotion among the members? What do you sing? Do you know twenty-five great hymns? Can you sing them by memory? Do you thoroughly comprehend their teaching? Are they scriptural? Do the songs bring you closer to God? Do the songs arouse greater concern for your fellowmen?

Is singing important in the life of a Christian? Indeed it is! Let each Christian recognize his opportunities and responsibilities in this avenue of worship and do his best to worship in a worthy and acceptable manner when singing.

-Irma Lee Batey

(I ran across this in my reading and thought it worthwhile. PFH)

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There is a time to rest in bed;

But it is not on Sunday morning!

There is a time to read the paper;

But not on Sunday morning!

There is a time to prepare a big dinner;

But it is not on Sunday morning!

There is a time to visit folks;

But it is not on Sunday morning!

There is a time to entertain friends;

But it is not on Sunday morning!

There is a time to wash the car;

But it is not on Sunday morning!

There is a time coming when your

Need will be just for Jesus Christ.

Take time now to get acquainted with Him

On Sunday morning! -Selected

"The well of Providence is deep.

It's the buckets we bring to it that are small."

"Take one step toward God, and

He will take two steps toward you."

"Everything great is not always good, but all good things are great."

"Diplomacy is letting someone else have your way."

"Money never made a fool of anybody -- it only shows them up."

ATTEND "CHURCH GROWTH" Seminar

THE RECORD

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March 11 Att. 197 Cont. \$922.25

March 18 Att. 201 Cont. \$886.20

ENTHUSIASM --

The story is told of an individual who was trying to tell an old Indian about electricity. He showed him the light bulb and how the light bulb burned when it was plugged into the socket. He tried to explain to him about the generation of electricity, and how it all worked, and the Indian just didn't understand. Finally the man in desperation took the Indian by the hand, took one finger and stuck it into an open socket. The Indian immediately withdrew his hand, shook it, and held it to his mouth. As he thought about his experience, the light dawned and he exclaimed, "It's the fire within that makes it burn." And, isn't this what enthusiasm is? It is the fire within the heart, within the bones that causes one to commit his life totally to Him who has called us into His service.

TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE

The church will help the following young people in summer campaigns: Debbie Reed, Project Italy \$50; Jim North, Europe \$100; Kenny Kokotkiewicz, Canada \$50. If you would like to send personal contributions send to the above persons or see the elders.

RESPONSE Bill Oakley came forward Sunday morning confessing his conduct has not been as it should have been recently and asked forgiveness and prayers.

SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE Sunday evening. All will meet in the auditorium for prayers for our "Church Growth" seminar. Meet at 5 o'clock.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S OUTING Saturday at Norm's at 4 o'clock. Weiners and volley ball will be played.

FELLOWSHIP Sunday evening after the evening service. Bring finger foods and come!

THE SICK Norm's mother is in a coma (Tues) and is not expected to live - Patty Copeland gave birth to a baby girl Wednesday morning by Caesarean section - Hazel Miller's mother went to Ft. Wayne Wednesday for tests - Sandy, Keith, Carol and Sharlene Adkins' mother is in Memorial hospital at Kendallville for tests. Pray for the sick.

A BIG THANK YOU The bus workers would like to thank Penny Oakley for the wonderful job done on Bus #1 while Tammy was recovering from her accident. Well done Penny! Welcome back

SUNDAY NIGHT SPEAKER: Perry Miller