

THE TRANSFORMING SAVIOR

The story is told that a very beautiful statue of a Greek slave girl once stood in the market place of an Italian city. The statue presented the girl as neat and well dressed. One day a dirty, ragged little girl found the statue and for a long time stood and gazed at it with admiration. She went home and washed her face and combed her hair. Before long she went to the market place again and admired the statue. She went home and washed her clothes. Each time she saw the statue, she found desirable qualities to emulate, and finally she was like an entirely different girl.

The life of Jesus Christ is a transforming power. Jesus was preached to the city of Thessalonica and the people "turned from idols to serve the living God." Christ was preached to Corinth and the fornicators, idolaters, homosexuals, adulterers, thieves, drunkards, and other vile people were changed. Jesus changed Saul of Tarsus from a persecutor to a promoter of Christianity, from a devout Jew to a dedicated Christian.

As we behold the Savior through the Word of God, we discover that Jesus is the perfect being to pattern our lives. Paul stated, "Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1Cor. 11:1). Jesus Christ was the living example followed by this great apostle.

Christ can and wants to change the lives of men and women. -Sel.

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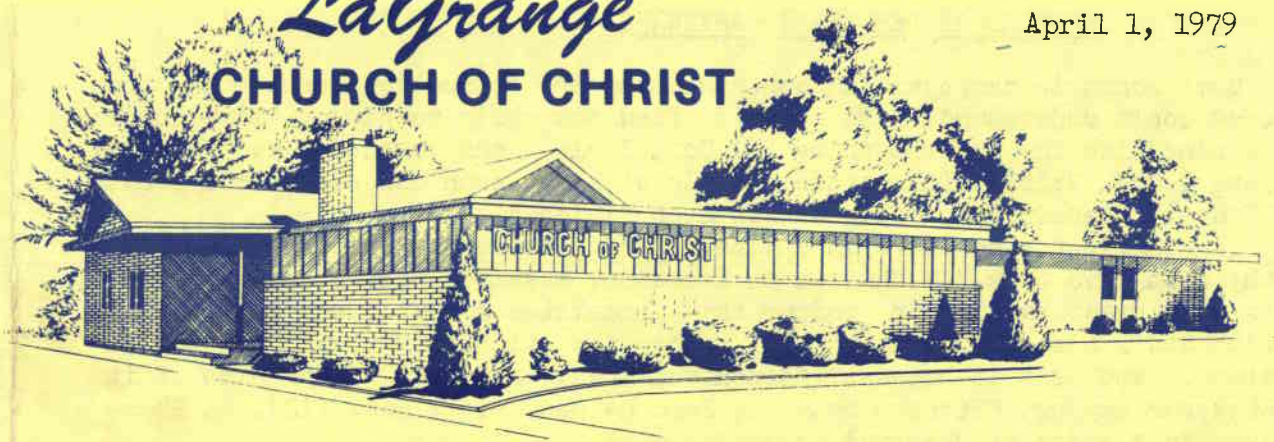
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April 1, 1979



HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS? If you want to greatly increase your chance for a long life, you will be interested in the following suggestions:

1. Do not ride in an automobile or get in the way of one - they cause 20% of all fatal accidents.
 2. Do not stay at home - 17% of all accidents happen in the home.
 3. Do not walk around on the street - 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
 4. Do not travel by air, rail, or water - 6% of all accidents are the result of this type of traveling.
 5. Only .0001% of all deaths occur at worship and these are related to previous physical disorders such as heart attacks etc. So, obviously, the safest place in the world is at worship. Be on the safe side, be at church services every Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening. It might save your life - to say nothing about saving your soul.
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WHAT IS AN "EBENEZER" ANY WAY?

Some songs in our hymnals contains obscure or poetic expressions that most don't understand. We ought to find out their meanings; else how can we sing with the understanding (1 Cor. 14:15) and teach one another in song (Col. 3:16)? This article deals with two such songs: "O Thou Fount Of Every Blessing" and "Night With Ebon Pinion."

In the first song there is a line, "Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come." What is an Ebenezer, anyway? Well, the reference is to a great battle in which the Israelites defeated the Philistines with God's miraculous help. To honor the victory, "... Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped me." (1Sam.7:12). An Ebenezer is a stone or memorial to God's help!

The song says, I raise my Ebenezer. This implies that each of us should remember God's goodness in our own lives. Where did you raise your Ebenezer?

In the second song there are two unfamiliar words, "ebon" and "pinion." The first word means black or dark; the second means the wing of a bird, or poetically, the feathers of flight. "Brooded" means hovered or hung low, and a "vale" is a valley; therefore, a paraphrase of this beautiful line might be thus: "Night, with dark wings, hovered over the valleys." This poetic picture vividly sets the scene for the suffering of our Lord which is described in the song. -John Temples - (Avondale Advocate)

* With many people, Christianity is a bit like Smallpox vaccination: They've been exposed to a mild form, and thus have become immune to the real thing.

* A man's soul is the only thing he has been given which he can keep for eternity.

* Worry can cast a big shadow behind a small thing.

"SPIRITUAL VITAMIN" For The Day

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" Proverbs 29:18

BIBLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS -

HAVE YOU DEPARTED FROM THE TRUTH?

There is hope if you repent (Acts 8:22). You need to confess (1 Jn. 1:9). Arise, go to the Father (1k. 15:18). Get back to your first love (Rev. 2:4). The Lord requires that you do your first works (Rev.2:5) Bristol Va. Bull.

"Our strength is shown in the things for which we stand - our weakness by the things for which we fall!

THE RECORD

March 4 Att. 189 Cont. \$852.50
March 11 Att. 197 Cont. \$922.25
March 18 Att. 201 Cont. \$886.20
March 25 Att. 183 Cont. \$844.40

CAMP INDOGAN CALENDAR (Keep handy)

April 14 - First workday at camp.
20 - Associates Banquet at 7 P.M. at Heritage House Smorgasbord, Ft. Wayne
28 - Second workday at camp.
May 5-6 - SENIOR YOUTH RALLY (Ages 14-18)
11-12 - JUNIOR YOUTH RALLY (Ages 9-13)
19 - Third workday at camp.
June 1-2 - ADULT ENCAMPMENT
2 - Annual Meeting of Camp Membership (election of board members, review of camp program and progress)
July 8-13- JUNIOR CAMP SESSION (Ages 9-11)
15-20 - INTERMEDIATE CAMP (Ages 12-14)
22-27 - SENIOR CAMP SESSION (Ages 15-18)
July 29 - Aug. 3 - JUNIOR CAMP
5-10 - INTERMEDIATE CAMP (Ages 12-14)
12-17 - SENIOR CAMP SESSION
Sept. 28-29 JUNIOR YOUTH RALLY (Ages 9-13)
Oct. 5-6 - SENIOR YOUTH RALLY (Ages 14-18)

3+97 = 100

RESPONSES Sharon Mills came asking for prayers that she may be closer to God - Yvonne Hicks stating she needs strength to live more for God and a less sinful life.

NURSING HOME SINGING at both today. Merry Manor at 4:30 - IaGrange at 5:10

"CHURCH GROWTH" SEMINAR Thanks to all who took advantage of studies. May each of us put into practice that which we have learned.

DEAR FAMILY and FRIENDS,

We deeply appreciate all the kind words and prayers during the illness and passing of my mother. Thank you for making her feel "at home" during the times she stayed with us. She had many good friends here and spoke of you often in our visits with her.

Thank you for the many cards of sympathy and the lovely planter for the funeral home.

In Christian Hope,
Norm, Marilyn & family

SUPPORT OUR CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

The 4th Annual Camp Indogan Association Banquet will be held April 20th at 7 P.M., at Heritage House Smorgasbord in Ft. Wayne. Tickets are \$12.50 per ticket. See Dean or Devon about this.

HOW MANY SERVICES DID YOU MISS?

AN ETHIC FOR THE USE OF CHURCH PROPERTY

1. If you open it -- close it.
2. If you turn it on -- turn it off.
3. If you unlock it -- lock it.
4. If you break it -- repair it.
5. If you can't repair it -- report it.
6. If you borrow it -- return it, SOON
7. If you use it -- don't abuse it.
8. If you mess it up -- clean it up.
9. If you move it -- put it back.
10. If you don't know how it operates -- ask or leave it alone.

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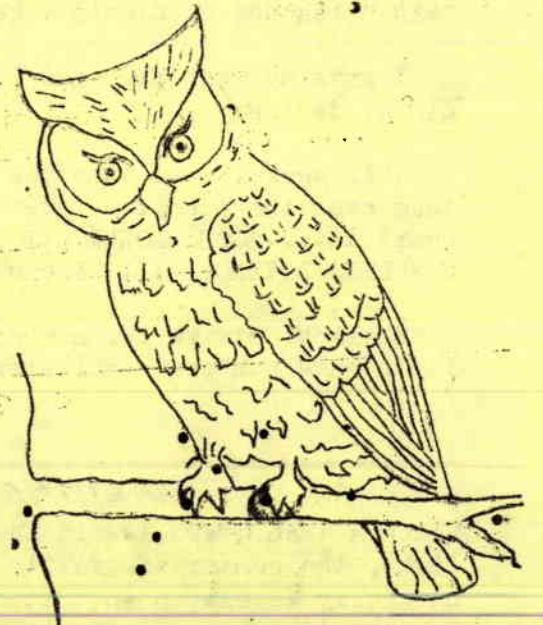
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WHO DO YOU OBEY?

"We Ought To
OBEY GOD
Rather Than
Men"

Acts 5:29



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SHALL WE STRIVE FOR NUMBERS?

Someone recently said, "I am not interested in numbers. I would rather have a spiritual Sunday School than a big one!"

I found myself agreeing and determined to pray and prepare my lesson unusually well for next Sunday. At least MY class would be a spiritual one.. I didn't send the usual little cards as reminders to the class; I just let them go, but I DID HAVE MY LESSON WELL PREPARED. And then came Sunday!

David was absent! Had his Dad, so recently saved, taken him fishing again? Were they slipping away from Sunday School and away from God? My heart felt a sharp jab of pain. James wasn't there. Could he be sick again? What about Charles? Did he ever get those new shoes and was he sitting out on a woodpile feeling "blue" because he didn't make it to Sunday School?

I gave my well prepared lesson. But those three---what good did it do them?

This week I sent them the prettiest cards I could find. I call them over the phone. I even visited them. The constant cry in my heart is...."GOD, DON'T LET THEM SLIP AWAY AND GROW UP IN SIN AND CARELESS LIVING! ... Please, God, bring them back."

Shall we strive for numbers-- yes, oh yes. When it is MY boys, let's have numbers---all eleven of them.

South MacArthur Bulletin

FALLING TOWARD THE LIGHT

Since a tree grows toward the sunlight, the center of gravity is naturally developed on that side. So when it falls -- and all trees must fall -- it falls toward the light

If your heart is turned toward God -- and if He is the focus of your attention -- you need not fear the future. When you fall by reason of death, you will fall toward God, the Father of lights.

We'd all be successful if we followed the advise we gave the other fellow.

The Record last Sunday
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CONGRATULATIONS

to Joe Oakley's bus for winning the contest which had been going on for eight weeks.

Each of the three busses & their workers were graded

- on: discipline
- participation
- attentiveness
- promptness

From this contest, it was noted that the quality from all the busses improved and the interest was high. Again we say "congratulations" to the winners. NOTE: The bus attendance was 86 Sunday -- the highest it's been this year. GOOD JOB, WORKERS!

MORE JOY

Mrs. Bonnie Lung put her Lord on in baptism Monday evening. Mrs. Lung is Wade and Glove Spears' daughter. After receiving some Bible Study at her parents, with Devon Hootetler, she continued studying with brother Royce Evans at Ft. Wayne where she lives. It was really good news, then, when she called brother Norm, Monday, and said she was ready.

6 + 94 = 100

THE SICK

Brother Clayton Langston was transferred to the Elkhart General Hospital Monday evening, for further treatment. Sister Sharon Mills is recuperating at home from her recent surgery. Terry Woodruff was in Goshen hospital (home now, we just learned). Many of our number were sick Sunday from colds and flu.

REMEMBER

Camp Indogan Associates Banquet Friday evening at 7.P.M. at the Heritage House in Fort Wayne. Brother Ken Morrison, preacher of the newly merged church of Christ in Ft. Wayne and the Chansonaires quartette is on the program. Hope many can come. Tickets \$1250 ea. See Dean or Devon.

FOR THE MEN

work day at camp this Sat. (Bring wrecking tools - will go to a site to raze old bldg. for lumber).

FOR THE LADIES

Pro-Family meeting Tues.(17th) at 7:30. I&M blg.

PAUL & GENEVA HIMES called, said to say "hello" to all. They will be delayed another week from coming back. Geneva's cousin's husband's (a lot of possessives there) funeral was Mon. Hurry back, P&G.

MEANINGFUL THOUGHTS

ANXIETY is a parking problem in the Nervous System.

WORRY is Sand in the Machinery of Life.

A Problem not worth PRAYING about isn't worth WORRYING about.

A "Bit of Love" is the only b-i-t that will bridle the tongue.

Even a MOSQUITO doesn't get a slap on the back until he starts working.

The CITY of HAPPINESS is in the STATE OF MIND.

One cannot travel the WRONG ROAD and come to the RIGHT DESTINATION.

In seeking HAPPINESS for others, you find it for YOURSELF.

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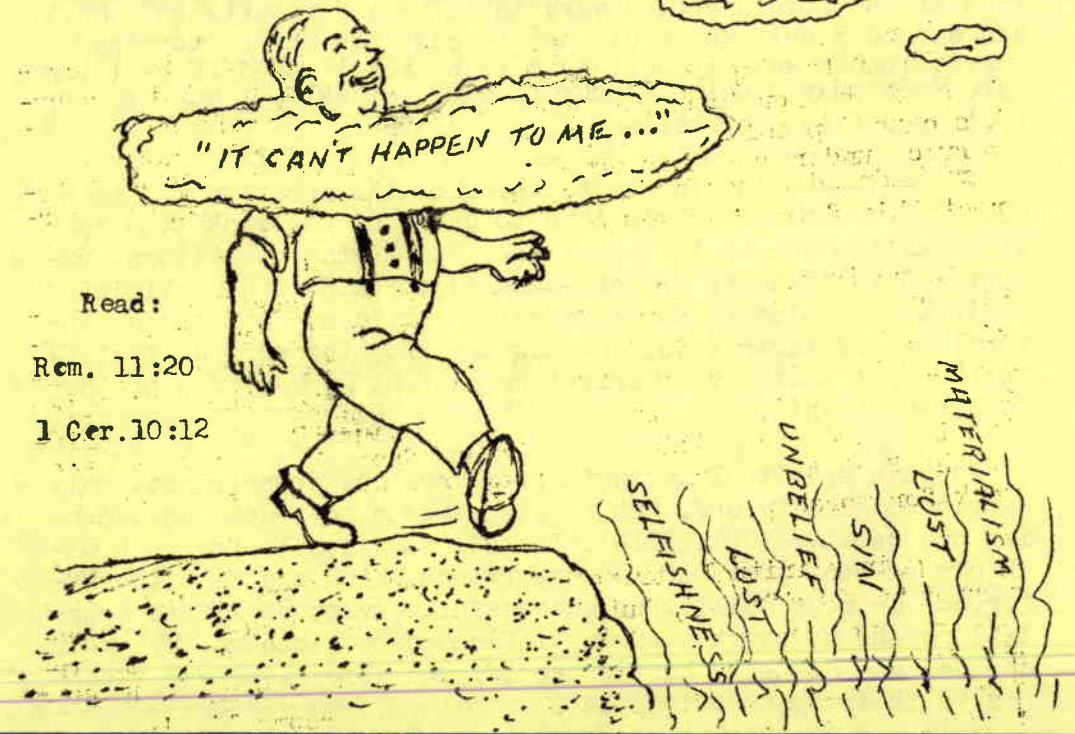
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THE PROPER ATTITUDE FOR AN ACCIDENT ...



Read:

Rom. 11:20
1 Cor. 10:12

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BE A WEDNESDAY NIGHTER

Most congregations have at least three regularly scheduled services each week. Sunday morning worship is generally the best attended of the three. Attendance on Sunday evening is perceptibly lower than on Sunday morning. Wednesday evening Bible study runs a poor third. It is not unusual for Wednesday evening attendance to be less than half of Sunday morning attendance.

Where have we failed as teachers? When and how did we create the false impression in the minds of so many that services of the Lord's church vary in value and importance? What has caused people who would not forsake the Sunday morning service under any circumstances to be totally indifferent toward Wednesday evening's hour of Bible study? How may we correct this false impression?

There is nothing in the teaching of the apostles or example of the earliest Christians to cause us to "rank" the services of the church in importance. New Testament writers exhorted Christians to faithfulness in worship without limiting their application to Sunday morning services. Both the scriptural record (Acts 4:46) and history from the period testify to the fact that early Christians assembled every day of the week for worship.

We gain spiritual strength from worship. Worship not only serves to glorify God, but it also serves to teach and admonish one another (Col. 3:16). To fail to assemble for such worship is to deny yourself and experience which can make the difference in your ability to successfully overcome life's temptations and to exert a saving influence over others. By your absence you not only hurt yourself, you also discourage others to their destruction, too.

THERE IS NO REASON WHY WEDNESDAY NIGHT ATTENDANCE SHOULD NOT EQUAL THAT OF SUNDAY MORNING. (Please Read James 4:17).

by Rubel Shelly

The Record Last Sunday
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Gospel Meeting at Columbia City Apr. 29 - May 4.

Brother Ken Chambers will be preaching. The week before, on Apr. 23 thru 28; they invite workers to help canvass. If you can go any day let others know. Let's also support the meeting if we can.

ATTENDING GRADUATION Norm and

Merilyn Herron will be traveling to Oklahoma to attend the graduation exercises of Jeff, from Oklahoma Christian College. We hope for them a safe and happy visit with Jeff and Kim.

VISITING SPEAKER this Sunday morning.

We look forward to brother Wray Newkirk and his wife Violet being with us again. They do a fine job as resident superintendent of Camp Indogan, and Wray, as semi-retired, is still able to keep some preaching appointments. For the evening service, brother Dale Morgan will be speaking. Many thanks, in advance, to each.

The Ray

FORMER MEMBERS SAFE Hufhines

from Wichita Falls, Texas missed the devastating tornado that leveled much of that city a couple weeks ago. It was reported, however, that some 30 members' homes were destroyed, though no injuries. For this, we are thankful.

CAMP INDOGAN WORK DAY #2 on Apr. 28 th

Much work is being planned on the camp grounds for both men and women. This will be the last day to get camp in shape before the Senior Youth Rally on May 5-6. Note: Registrations for this is in the lobby.

FOR THE LADIES A baby shower for Batty

Copeland is planned for April 28 at 1 p.m. For further info. see Sally Mead.

THE SICK Bro. Martin Hall was released

here to go home, so is not scheduled to go to Ft. Wayne. Margaret Tuttle is scheduled for surgery Apr. 18. Clayton Langston is much better but still in the Elkhart General Hospital, room 275. Continue to pray for these.

FOR THE YOUTH Skating
this Tuesday.
Bus leaves bldg. at 5:30.

Hypocrisy works two ways: it makes the bad man hide his badness for fear of the good man, and the good man hide his goodness for fear of the bad man.

It is the good listener that makes the good sermon.

A friend is the first one who steps in after the whole world has stepped out.

Spare moments are the gold dust of time. Of all the portions of our life, the spare moments are the most fruitful in good or evil.

The greatest of all arts is the art of losing ourselves in the service of others.

Some people talk so fast they say things they haven't even thought about yet.

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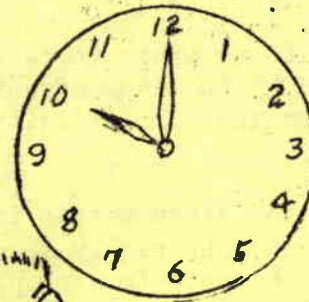
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*Where Will You Be
Next Sunday
Morning At 10:00 ?*

Except for very few emergencies, it's no accident where you are at worship time on the 52 Sundays in the year. And WHERE you are reveals what kind of person you are in the sight of God. Check yourself by the following probabilities. When you have checked one of these, then ask yourself if your choice pleases God.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Just loafing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> On business trip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Looking over crop | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning house |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting neighbor | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Going fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> In Bible study |

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WHAT IS "OPTIONAL" ...

We often hear members of the church speaking of the Sunday night or Wednesday night services as being "OPTIONAL". They mean that it really doesn't matter, only a human choice.

In that sense, attendance at any service of the church is "OPTIONAL" as far as one's exercising a choice. Obedience to the gospel is "OPTIONAL"! Eating the Lord's Supper is "OPTIONAL"! Giving as prospered is "OPTIONAL"! Going to heaven is "OPTIONAL"! One does not have to respond if he doesn't want to! Everything in life is more or less "OPTIONAL"!

But if one wants to obey the commands of God (Heb. 10:25); if one wants to grow spiritually (11 Pet. 2:2); if one wants to acquire a saving faith (Rom. 10:17); if one wants to overcome (Rev. 2:10); then he must "OPTION" to take advantage of all opportunities to learn and exercise Christianity (Luke 17:10).

Most of the time, when one feels that any given matter in the program of the Lord's work is "OPTIONAL", he really means that he is exercising a choice not to attend, not to work, not to pray, not to study, not to give, not to obey the Lord, not to be a true Christian and NOT TO BE SAVED !!!

Christ is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey him (Heb. 5:9). Those who obey will not be punished with everlasting destruction (11 Thess. 1:8,9). Yes, our relationship to God is "OPTIONAL" but with the "OPTION" **WE REAP THE RESULTS !!!**

Lowell Altizer

Solomon-izing

No matter what method one uses, there are many supplements to, but no substitutes for, **HARD WORK.**

The man who can't get out of a rut these days soon will find it closing over him.

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COLUMBIA CITY MEETING - is
Apr. 29 - May 4,
with Brother Ken Chambers
speaking. These brethren at
Columbia City have especial-
ly invited Lagrange to help
support the meeting. Brother
Dean is to lead singing
each night. You're welcome
to ride any night with him.

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CAMP INDOGAN Senior
Youth Rally
May 4&5. Applications are
in the vestibules. A Junior
Rally is scheduled for the
next week-end.

BACK HOME AGAIN Brother
Clayton Langston
is now home but very weak
from the many tests he was
given in the hospital. Also
sister Margaret Tuttle was
released and is staying at
her sister's home for recup-
eration from surgery. Hope
both can return to services
again soon.

SAFE RETURN Norn & Marilyn
Herron
returned home early Monday
morning from their trip to
Oklahoma Christian College.
Congratulations to their son
Jeff on his graduation .

NEW TRACT SUPPLY Brother
Jim Pieratt
has secured and restocked in
the tract racks in both vest-
ibules many new tracts. Look
over the subjects and if you
desire some, help yourself.
If you're interested in any
subject other than what the
tracts cover, see Jim, as he
can likely get what you need.

5th SUNDAY SINGING THIS
coming Sunday
evening. About once every 3
months, we have a 5th Sunday
which we devote to teaching
each other through song.

EACH ONE WIN ONE Our goal
of 100 souls
looks remote until we break
it down. If each Christian
won one to the Lord this year
we'd make our goal easily.
Make this a personal goal !!

WORKSHOPS COMING UP at South
Haven, Michigan
May 17-19 and the other one
at Indianapolis, June 7-9. If
you could arrange to go to
either one of these, it would
be a great experience.

HAPPY TO LEARN THAT Carl and
Jesse Pieratt
will be around for a month
or so. Carl is helping his
son, Bill, on the farm. It's
good to have them here awhile.

THE CHURCH OF THE LORD

1. It was founded by Christ. Jesus said, "I will build my church" Mt. 16:18
2. It was founded in Jerusalem, the first Pentecost after the resurrection.
3. Christ is the head of it - the sole head.
4. It has no guide book but the Bible.
5. It has no creed but the Christ, the Son of God.
6. It pleads for unity of all believers in Christ.
7. It believes the Bible to be inspired of God.
8. It wears Bible names and calls Bible things by Bible names.
9. It labors to do things in the Bible way.
10. It seeks to plant New Testament churches throughout the world after the New Testament pattern.

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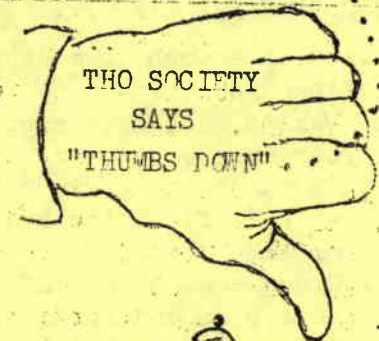
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May 6, 1979



God Offers To Man
a NEW START...



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HOW TO BECOME RICH

You may give until you are rich and you may keep until you are poor. You can never see life in the radiant glow of its greatness, its dignity, and its privilege until you recognize it as a stewardship before God. Life itself is but the individual stewardship of time.

Our age is troubled because we have become better off without being any better. We live on the cafeteria plan: self-service only. The world is hampered by a surplus of BYSTANDERS and a shortness of STANDBYS. The greatest cemetery is one where unused talents are buried. Less "tele" and more "vision" would help!

You are honored by being created in the image of God. Live according to your heritage. Remember, life's heaviest burden is to have nothing worthwhile to carry.

-Virgil R. Trout-

SOLOMON-IZING

The Bible says: "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Someone commented that our neighbors probably couldn't stand that much affection.

There are two things some people never get - all they want - and all they deserve.

Who is more foolish, the child afraid of the dark or the man afraid of the light?

Whoever acquires knowledge but does not practice it, is like one who ploughs a field but does not sow it.

Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind.

YOU SHOULD DESIRE ...

1. Health enough to make work a pleasure.
2. Wealth enough to support your needs.
3. Strength enough to battle with difficulties and overcome them.
4. Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them.
5. Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished.
6. Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor.
7. Faith enough to make real the things of God.
8. Hope enough to remove all anxious fear concerning the future.

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Acknowledgements for Contributions:

Jim North's campaign this summer.

Church of Christ at Menominee, WI for build. Fund.
Debie Reed's fund for Project Italy.

(Letters for these are on the bulletin board)

EXPECTED BACK - Hopefully Paul & Geneva Himes, Jeff and Kim Herron will be with us this Sunday after too long an absence.

1ST SUNDAY SINGING scheduled at Nursing homes this evening. Everyone invited. Meet at Miller's at 4:30

SICKNESS still plagues many of our members. May is just what the doctor ordered (we hope), FOR RECOVERY. Opal Copeland was transferred to the Goshen hospital for treatment.

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE HOUR can be heard on Sunday AM at 7:30 over channel 21.

This program originates from Madison, Tenn. If you can receive Ft. Wayne, you'd enjoy the program.

CAMP INDOGAN NEWS Junior Youth Rally May 11, 12. Get your applications in! THANKS to all those who helped ready the camp. Let's look forward and plan for a May 28th fellowship at the campgrounds. Many enjoy going Sunday evening. OK??

KEEP IN MIND the South Haven Workshop May 17-19. Also the Indianapolis Workshop June 7-9. (Note programs on Bull. Bd.)

VBS for 1979 is scheduled June 11 thru 15. Begin telling and encouraging children up to grade 6 to come!

THE COG

I'm but a cog in life's vast wheel,
That daily makes the same old trip;
Yet what a joy it is to feel
That but for me the world might slip.
Tis something after all to jog
Along and be a first-class cog.

like — this cannot be successfully denied!

No one would agree more than I that "just because the preacher says it doesn't make it so." But if what he says is not so, be prepared to sit down with your children, Bible in hand, and begin thusly: "Now, we do not agree with what was taught because the Bible says ..." If you cannot do this, then perhaps you could profit by giving heed to God's Word, teaching your children to do so, and re-examining your attitudes toward the authority of Jesus Christ as your Lord. Otherwise, your children are going to reason one day that since they don't like what Mother and Dad say, they don't have to obey. **AND WHO TAUGHT THEM THIS?**

When Priscilla and Aquilla disagree with the preacher, they took him aside "and expounded unto him the way of God more accurately"(Acts 18:26). They didn't go home and dismiss the whole affair by telling the kids, "He's full of prunes." Disagree all you want to, but you have an obligation to back up your disagreement by the Word of God. If you can't watch out for the whirlwind!

-J.D. Tant

* Money will buy anything except happiness. It will furnish a passport to any place except HEAVEN

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A PROMISE

Once a young man was about to leave home to begin his Freshman year in college. Since the college was some distance from home he asked his father for a car. His father said he would think about it, and then told his son he had a proposition to make him. He handed his son a Bible and said, "If you will read this book every day you are away in college, I'll give you a car."

The son left for college and by the Christmas vacation he had not received the car. He asked his dad about it and his dad replied that he would keep his promise. By the end of the school year he still didn't have the car and so he approached his father again. His reply was "Don't worry about it; I'll keep my promise."

This went on at each vacation and at the end of each semester. Finally, the boy graduated. Everyone congratulated him on this joyous occasion, but he was still worried about the car his Father had promised him that he had never received. It rested heavily on his mind and finally he approached his father and expressed his concern. "Dad, why didn't you keep your promise to me and give me a car while I was in college?" "Well, son do you remember our bargain?" "I have kept mine. You'll find a check for the car filed under 'Genesis' in the Bible I gave you on the first day you left home."

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T O T E L L T H E T R U T H

(Note the following article is deserving of our serious consideration because it points the way to a very common parental pitfall which can produce children who have little respect for the church, God's Word and authority.)

Brother Paul Preachword spoke on "Worldliness" last Sunday and included a discussion of social drinking. He was aware of some members who, because of the pressure of business, engaged in this widespread social custom. Bro. Paul presented his argument from the Bible plainly, yet with love.

On Monday, brother Tom Trademan had prospective customers of his firm home for dinner. Included in the gracious hospitality offered was a round of cocktails. Tuesday after supper, Tom's children questioned him about social drinking in view of Sunday's sermon. Brother Trademan dismissed their questions with these comments: "Well, kids, Bro. Preachword is expected to say things like that from the pulpit. But he's just a preacher, and doesn't really know what it's like out in the world. I have to do this in order to make a living and provide for you. So whenever Bro. Preachword teaches things like that, just take it with a grain of salt." "Oh, I see," said little Tommy, "in other words, just because the preacher said it it doesn't make it so." "Exactly," replied the father, and the discussion came to an end.

In the Wednesday night Bible class, sister Tessie Teachwell taught a lesson on "Christian living" to her third and fourth grade students. Included in the study was a section on modest apparel, pointing out the dangers in mixed swimming and related styles of clothing. Thursday after school, third grader Sally noticed her sixteen year old sister, Sylvia Skin, putting on her swimsuit and heading for the community pool. Sally asked her mother to explain why she let sylvia do that it it was wrong. "Well, honey, I know sister Teachwell means well, but she is an older woman, and these things WERE considered wrong when she was a girl, but EVERYONE does it now. She has a lot of funny ideas like that, but don't pay too much attention to her, O.K.?" "O.K., if you say so, Mother." End.

What is happening in these not so fictional stories? Mark my words, dear readers! These parents are sowing the wind and one day will reap the whirlwind (Hos. 8:7)! God has an immutable law which states: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). When parents teach their children to disregard the teaching of elders, preachers or teachers WITHOUT GIVING A SCRIPTURAL REASON, they are conditioning the children to reject ANYTHING they don't

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THE RECORD

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ATTEND THE LORD'S DAY BIBLE SCHOOL

1. That you may learn more about the world's greatest book - the Bible.
2. That you may find the finest friends. They are students of the Bible.
3. That your influence may count for Christ and his church -not for sin and Satan.
4. That you may become more and more intimate with the world's most beautiful character - the Lord Jesus.
5. That you may impart to your fellow-students the great lessons you have learned from God's Word. These lessons are not your to keep or to hoard, but to share.
6. That you may cause your loved ones to attend. They go where you go. When you are negligent, so are they. When you are dutiful, so are they. Your responsibility is tremendous.

Frank L. Cox

BE-ATTITUDES FOR TEACHERS

- BE present for every class.
- BE punctual - arrive early.
- BE prepared-know your lesson
- BE polite - teach courtesy.
- BE patient - always
- BE progressive - try new ideas

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Pro-Family Forum Tuesday night at Kendallville Library 7:30 May 15

BUS PICNIC This Sunday May 13th at Camp Indogan. Everyone should bring a sack lunch. Cool-aid drink will be furnished.

WORKDAY AT CAMP Saturday May 19 should find a good group present and Memorial Day Monday May 28th a large group is expected. Be sure and attend.

INDIAN REPORT Mike Scholten will be here Wednesday night May 23 to show slides and report on his trip to India. Be sure to hear this.

INSURANCE REPORT Ed Pistole will be here Tuesday night at 7 o'clock to discuss the insurance we have with him. You are urged to attend.

NORM HERRON will be in a meeting and to speak at a Youth Rally next week at Manchester, Va. He will be gone 2 Sundays.

GUEST SPEAKERS Paul Himes will be speaking the next two Lord's Day mornings and Dale Morgan will be speaking Sunday evening May 13th and Joe Hughes Sunday evening May 20th.

THE SICK Margaret Tuttle is still in hospital and Clayton Langston is still under the weather and for more tests. Pray for them.

HOW NEVER TO BE LATE AGAIN

There is no such thing as being on time. To be on time you have to be early.

To be early you must set a time at least a half hour in advance of your actual arrival.

What makes a person late may often be ingrained in his routines.

Being late is a habit like any other and can be broken.

First, you have to want to.

Second, you must create a better habit to replace the old one.

Psychiatrists have said being late is an indication of your not really wanting to go someplace.

Ben Franklin said, "He that riseth late must trot all day."

SOMEONE ASKED WHY When a deaf man was seen attending every service of the church someone asked him why, since he couldn't hear a thing that went on. He replied, "It's true that I can't hear, but I want my neighbors to know whose side I'm on."

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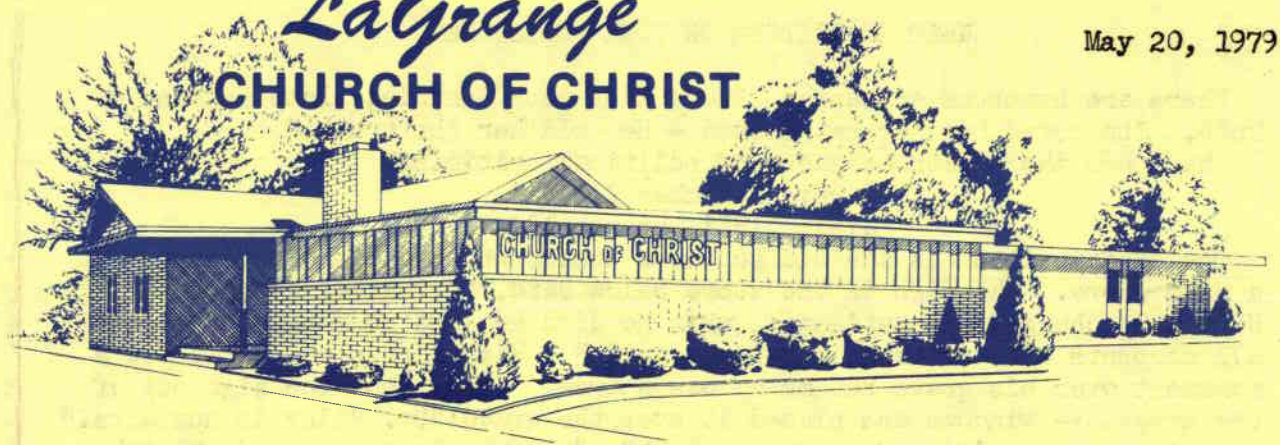
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6 REASONS For Attending BIBLE SCHOOL

1. The BEST BOOK IS STUDIED and taught, and I want to know it and follow it in my everyday life.
2. THE BEST DAY IS UTILIZED and observed, and I wish to keep holy the Lord's Day.
3. THE BEST PEOPLE ARE ASSEMBLED and enlisted, and I desire the blessing of their fellowship and friendship.
4. THE BEST INSTITUTION IS AWAKE and at work for the Master, and I ought to invest myself where I will do my utmost for Christ and the church.
5. THE BEST WORK IS BEING DONE and I must not fail to do my part for the enlightenment, evangelization and upbuilding of my fellowmen.
6. THE BEST DEVELOPMENT IS ASSURED and attained, and I yearn to grow mentally, morally and spiritually.

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WHAT IS WRITTEN ON YOUR TOMBSTONE?

There are humorous epitaphs: "Here lies poor Johnnie, Late husband of Ruth. She asked how her hat looked - He told her the truth!"

There are those with messages of political criticism:

Born: December 3, 1911

Died: 1951 through 1974

One of favorites is the old southern doctor who had his office over a drug store. The sign in the store below said, "Dr. Riley is upstairs." He rarely charged his patients; when he died he left no money but across all accounts was written: "Paid in full." His friends wanted to put a monument over his grave but money was scarce. They took the sign out of the drugstore window and placed it over the grave: "Dr. Riley is upstairs."

What are you writing for your epitaph? "One who loved people"; "Faithful soldier of the Lord"; "Devoted husband"; "She taught children to love Jesus"; "She helped people enjoy the Christian experience"; "Godly steward of physical and spiritual blessings."

Peter wrote of the coming judgment day in 1 Peter 3:9 ff. And in verse 11 says "What kind of person ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?" Knowing your life would be described on your tombstone, what kind of life are you living - what are you writing on your tombstone today?

*Bob Fisk

WRONG HANDLE:

A little boy who had been praying for a new tricycle went on a strike at prayer time, explaining to his mother, "It's no use. Art doesn't listen."

"Art who?" she asked.

"Art in Heaven," he sadly explained.

A man visited his Psychiatrist. The Dr. said, "Tell me, sir, do

you have trouble making up your mind about things?" "Well," the man answered, "Yes, and No."

*Take conceit out of some men and they would look like a ribless umbrella.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

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PUT GOD IN FIRST PLACE

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In Personal Commitment

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In Dedication of Time

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In Giving Resources

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* MAKE GOD'S WILL FOR YOU FIRST *

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* Be A Good Christian Steward *

* Lamps do not talk, but they shine. A lighthouse sounds no drums, but far over the water its friendly spark is seen. So let your conduct illustrate the sermon of your life.

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BUS PICNIC WELL ATTENDED

a good time was

had by all last Sunday afternoon at Camp Indogan. Weather was excellent. There were some tired boys and girls and adults too.

TO OUR GRADUATES

Cheryl Hostetler graduated from West View High School - Paulette Hostetler from Harding College - Jeff Herron from Oklahoma Christian College. Congratulatlons to all of you.

JUNE 7-9 Mid-America Evangelism

Workshop will be held at the Convention Center at Indianapolis, Indiana

HINTS FROM HELOISE

Have you ever looked at the auditorium after an assembly? Bulletins, lesson outlines, song books, Bibles, gum wrappers, cookie and cracker crumbs scattered on the seats and sometimes on the floor. May we each be reminded to do our part to keep the auditorium neater? Please return hymn books to racks with marker strings inside and Bibles where they belong. Materials used to amuse children should be disposed of by parents. AND NEVER, EVER, STICK CHEWED GUM TO THE BOTTOM OF THE PEW! We thank you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming

June 11-15

with classes up to Grade 6. Time is 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. We are looking for a good school.

ADULT ENCAMPMENT at Camp Indogan

June 1 & 2

promises to be very good. A third time engagement with J.J. Turner from White's Ferry Road School of Biblical Studies at West Monroe, La. will be speaking on the theme "POSITIVE SPIRITUAL ATTITUDE". See the bulletin board for a more complete program.

MIKE SCHOLTEN will be here

Wednesday night May 23

to give a report on his trip to India. Be sure and attend.

MEMORIAL DAY at Camp Indogan. You

are invited to spend May 28th at the Camp devoting about 1/2 day to work and 1/2 day for recreation. Be seeing you!

THE SICK Margaret Tuttle is in

Room 159 at the hospital

and is about the same. Martin Luther Hall is in Room 155 in a serious condition. Remember these in your prayers.

TO BE AWAY Liz Talmage and Jim

North will be gone

for the summer, both to Germany. Jim with a Campaign group and Liz for more schooling. Our best to them and look for their return in a few weeks.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - The National PTA sponsors a Television Hot-Line to accumulate information on programs that you consider offensive. If you view a program which is objectionable to you, you may register your complaint at the toll-free number listed below. It is especially important to note the sponsors (commercials). In addition to notifying the network of your objection, the sponsor is contacted. Not wanting to lose customers, the sponsor will likely shift his advertising dollar to another show, leaving the objectionable one with no funding. A program without advertising cannot survive on network television. Cut out the information below and tape it to the television set. Have some say in what invades your home!!!

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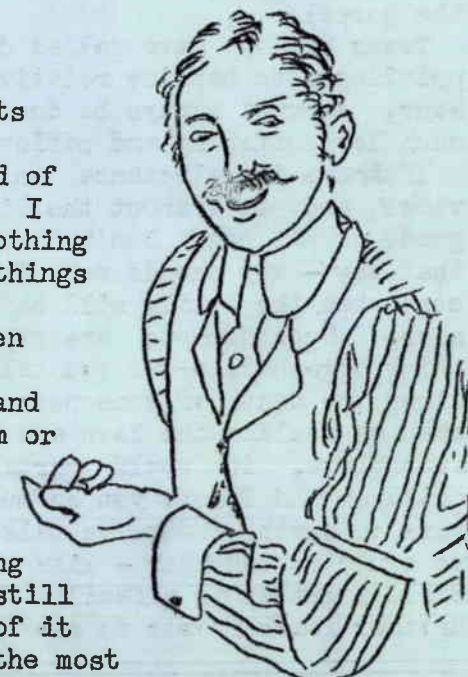


I'M A GAMBLER . . .

I'm not the kind of gambler that frequents places behind "closed doors" in some sleazy night club. I'm not interested in that kind of gambling where a few dollars change hands. I am betting that I can live a life of "do-nothing indifference," a life of neglect of those things God wants of me, and still be saved.

I'm gambling with the souls of my children at stake. I am betting their souls that I can miss Bible classes, worship services, and mid-week study periods without harming them or me. I am betting that I can continue to drop in a meager sum instead of giving liberally as the Lord desires.

I'm also betting that I can ignore getting involved in evangelism and visitation and still bring my children up properly without any of it rubbing off on them. Yes, I'm a gambler - the most reckless kind of all. I am gambling against impossible odds with my soul and the souls of my children. You might call me a **LUKE WARM CHRISTIAN GAMBLER.**



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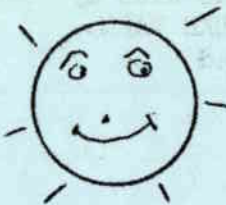
Sometimes the task of bringing our loved ones to Christ is amazingly easy. It has been done. We begin reading in the book of John, chapter one, verse forty, "One of the two which heard John speak, and followed was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother, Simon, and saith unto him, we have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brough him to Jesus." A more beautiful story, soul winning story, has never been told! Andrew first found his own brother and brought him to Christ! Why? Perhaps it was because he loved that brother more than anyone else on earth!

I know what it is to love and be married to a woman who is not a member of the church. I brought my wife to Christ. After this, she became a spiritual strength to me, and helped me to reach the point of preaching the gospel.

Tears of joy have rolled down my cheeks several times as I have been privileged to baptize relatives with my own hands. It can be done. However, it must always be done with manifold love, and sometimes with much longsuffering and patience.

If there is reluctance on the part of a class relative to attend services and talk about the Bible - wait for the opportune moment! Don't goad. Don't nag. Don't threaten. Don't force. Christ didn't do people that way - why should we? Wait for the opportune moment! The time will come when the family will be together and will enjoy a moment of closeness. Such moments are experienced sometimes after enjoying some good thing together, or as you talk about "old times" and past events. Sometimes the death of someone near will bring about these sobering moments when we realize the love and the need we have for each other. In such an atmosphere, it would certainly not be out of order to say, "John, the children and I love you so much. We're glad that we can live with you here on earth, and we've talked about how wonderful it would be if all of us could be together - like this - eternally. We would like to study the Bible together as a family. Would it be alright with you if we invite Brother Teacher over to show some colored films about the Bible?"

J. T. Bristow



Quote from a minister's prayer: "May the members of the congregation be as free with money as they are with advice, and their minds as open as their mouths."

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THANKS To all who have given various items as well as food for the "Keenager" program we want to say "THANK YOU". Your interest in helping in this is much appreciated.

JUR SYMPATHY Is extended to the family of Martin Luther Hall. Bro. Hall passed away last Thursday and services were held at the church building Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Bro. Himes conducting the services.

NEW PREACHER Bruce Mayo will be preaching for the South Broadway church of Christ in Huntington, In. beginning May 27. They want to have 200 present.

COME AGAIN We appreciate so much the visitors who attend our services. Come again!

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 1 & 2 Adult Encampment at Indogan.
June 7-9 Mid-America Evangelistic Workshop, Convention Center, Indianapolis, In.
June 3 - 8 Meeting at Summit City COC, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
7:30 P.M. with Ivory James from Cleveland, O. speaking.

VBS TEACHER'S MEETING Sunday evening at 5 o'clock. All teachers and workers should be present.

MONDAY MAY 28th will be workday at Camp. Some plan to go over Sunday evening to stay all night and be there Monday to work 1/2 day and play the rest of the day. Come! There is to be a pot-luck Monday at noon. The Fellowship Sunday evening is cancelled. Let's all go to Camp!

PROMOTION DAY Those who are to advance to another class in our Bible School will do so Sunday June 3rd.

RESPONSES Wednesday night May 16 Shirley Rumsey expressed her desire be baptized - Sunday evening May 20 Lesly Hoggatt, Debbie Duzan and Sandy Adkins came confessing lack of proper examples and asked forgiveness and prayers.

O-o-o-ps We missed Rick Green as one of graduates last week and spelled Paula Hostetler's name wrong - sorry.

MARGARET TUTTLE has gone home from hospital.

WE ARE GLAD to see Marilyn and Norm back. The Winchester, Va. meeting and Young People's Retreat was well attended.

S. O. S.

The letters S.O.S. are used as an international distress signal. However, for the Christian they can stand for a life's goal. In a bulletin I received recently, I saw the Christian's S.O.S. It said, "Seek One Soul."

Christ gave the Christian a command to be a soul seeker in Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15,16. As Christ's followers we all realize the value of the soul (see Mtt. 16:26). By being conversion minded we can save a soul from hell. (James 5:19-20).

Each of us should have a goal of saving one soul. I know that we are responsible for carrying the gospel to all the world, but the fulfillment of that command begins with teaching one soul. Why not start today, and every day, with the Christian's S.O.S. in mind? Remember, Seek On Soul.
-Gary Hampton

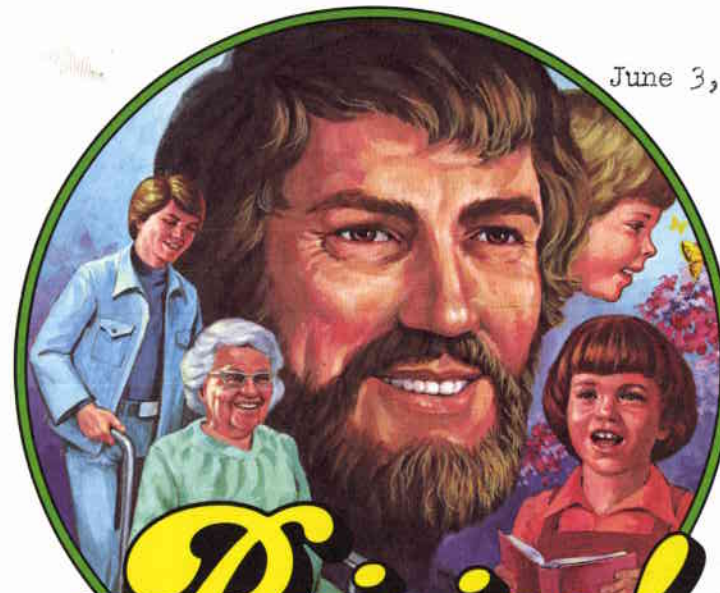
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do 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 contentment, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know.
-Charles Kingsley

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and
Praise
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WBS

DATE June 11-15
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VBS Series "REJOICE and FRAISE the LORD" June 11 - 15
Time: 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

TEACHERS and HELPERS for VBS

Age 2 - Jean Bowen, Sharlene Oakly and Claudia Hart

Age 3 - Connie Weaver and Debbie Duzan

Age 4 - Mary Johnston and Kathy Hughes

Age 5 - Merilyn and Melissa Herron

Kindergarten - Hazel Miller and Pat Hall

Grade 1 - Penny Oakley, Diane Martin and Debbie Hart

Grade 2 - Lois Oakley and Tammy Hart

Grade 3 - Sue McAlpin and Lesly Hoggatt

Grade 4 - Jeff and Sally Mead

Grade 5 & 6 - Norm Herron

Babies of the VBS workers will be attended by Jean Worely and helpers.

Sharon Simpson and helpers will be in charge of refreshments.

Bus Drivers are: Devon Hostetler, Joe Oakley, Dean Hoggatt.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK -

"Don't be content with being average. Average is as close to the bottom as it is to the top."

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

CANCELLED - Due to VBS, the Wednesday Evening Classes on the 13th will not meet. Everyone will meet in the auditorium for worship - THE "KEENAGERS" will not meet on June 14th due to VBS.

WILL YOU HELP? We will need about 1,000 cookies for VBS week. If you can help on this or with Kool-Aid and sugar, see Sharon Simpson.

A "BUCKET BRIGADE" AT CAMP Especially the YOUTH are needed June 16 (Saturday) to help distribute pea gravel in the swimming pool area at camp. We need many hands for this!

RESPONSES Sunday evening Claudia Hart and Debbie Ledyard came for prayers. Encourage them.

THANKS to the adults who worked many hours decorating etc. to make the TEEN BANQUET a success. Many good reports have been heard about the banquet.

NEW ADDRESS John and Gay Ray have moved to Country Place Apartments, 215 West South Street, Apartment 23. Thanks to all who helped them move.

A CAPPELLA CHRISTIAN CHORUS The Reed Road church of Christ, 2727 Reed Road Fort Wayne invites all who will to come to SING and for FELLOWSHIP with pot luck following each meeting on Saturday June 16, July 14, and August 11. The time is 5:00-6:30. Chorus meeting followed by pot luck 6:30. If you don't wish to sing with the group you are still invited to the fellowship and pot luck.

REMEMBER Mid-America Evangelism Workshop at the Convention Center, Indianapolis June 7-9

<u>THE RECORD</u>			
May 5	Att. 202	Cont. \$	765.60
May 13	Att. 218	Cont. \$	700.20
May 20	Att. 200	Cont. \$	623.80
May 27	Att. 201	Cont. \$	919.45

*If you have courage, you have twice the chance to win that you otherwise have.

FIND THE DISCIPLES

It appears to have been Paul's custom to find the meeting place 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 the church 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. -Sel.

V. B. S.

My dishes went unwashed today:
I didn't even make the beds,
I took God's hand and followed
Him to Vacation Bible School
instead!

Oh, yes, we went adventuring
the children, faculty, and I
Exploring the Bible and its
truths, that fact we can't
deny!

That my house was neglected,
that I didn't sweep the stairs,
In twenty years no one on earth
will know, or say he cares!
But that I've helped a boy or
girl to noble adulthood grow
In twenty years, the whole wide
world may look, and see, and
know!

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What's Wrong
With This
Fellow?



He Didn't Attend
Bible School & Worship
Last Week -

How About You?

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ANY RESPONSES SUNDAY?

We all rejoice when any come forward to be baptized into Jesus, confess faults, rededicate an unfruitful life, or identify with the local congregation. But so often the common usage of words become hackneyed and near meaningless - "Were there any responses Sunday?"

Can you imagine a dialogue such as this: "Last Lord's Day we saw the greatest number of responses in the history of this congregation, and not one person came down the aisle. Brother 'A' was so moved by the sermon that he went home following worship and closing his door, got down on his knees and prayed as never before. Brother 'B' was so moved by the entire service that he got on the phone calling every absentee in the membership. Brother 'C' was so pricked by conscience that before eating his noon meal, he went straight to his brother with whom he had had harsh words, asked his forgiveness, and together they prayed and then went out to lunch together."

"Sister 'D' during the morning prayer silently asked God to help her worship Him with a newness of spirit, and the entire worship service was such an inspiration that the brethren didn't want to rush home but rather warmly embraced one another and discussed the morning lesson. Heaven's responses continue, Sunday evening attendance has equalled that of Sunday morning and mid-week service has fantastically grown beyond the fondest expectations."

"But greatest of all--the entire community is talking about that friendly church where spiritual vitality has seized the entire membership and people hasten to be among them--for Jesus is there!" -Stanley Sayers

GOOD EXAMPLE

There was a little postage stamp,
No bigger than your thumb.
But still it stuck right on the job
Until its work was done.
They licked it and pounded it
'Til it would make you sick;
But the more it took the licking,
The tighter it would stick.
Let's be like the postage stamp
In playing life's big game,
And stick to what we know is right
And we can't miss our aim.

THE CHRISTIAN AND PRAYER

The Christian should have an appetite for prayer. He should want to pray. One does not have to force food upon a healthy child. Exercise, good circulation, health and labor demand food for sustenance. So it is with those who are spiritually healthy. They have an appetite for the Word of God, and for prayer. -Selected

* When you stretch the truth
Watch out for the snapback.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

I Would Gather Children

Some would gather money
Along the path of life,
Some would gather roses,
And rest from worldly strife.

But I would gather children
From along the thorns of sin,
I would seek a golden curl,
And a freckled, toothless grin.

For money cannot enter
In the land of endless day
And the roses that are gathered
Soon will wilt along the way.

But oh, the laughing children
As I cross the sunset sea,
And the gates swing wide to Heaven
I can take them in with me.

*An earnest young preacher, eager to improve his sermons, bought a tape recorder and recorded one of his Sunday morning services. After supper that evening he set the recorder, seated himself in an easy chair and awaited the playback ... The opening prayer, the reading of the scripture, and matters of the day all came forth just as he would have wished them. Then came the sermon ... When he awoke some time later the congregation was starting the closing hymn. -Selected

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS Sunday
Morning Channel 21 FT. Wayne 7:30

VBS JUNE 11-15 9:30 - 11:30 each
morning. Cookies,
Kool-Aid, Sugar etc. are still
needed. Will you help?

PARENTS! Friday night June 15
you are invited to at-
tend a closing program, at 7
o'clock. Be asure and come.

HELP NEEDED AT CAMP Saturday June
16th to carry
pea gravel for the swimming area.
Bring a bucket, blue jeans, sack
lunch and help! This will be a
good chance to get in the water.

NEW BABIES Eulala Turpin gave
birth to twins June
1st at Goshen hospital, a boy and
a girl.

RESPONSE Keith Adkins came for-
ward last Sunday eve-
ning asking for prayers.

REMEMBER VBS JUNE 11 - 15

MISCELLANEOUS Fran Hostetler is
home from the hos-
pital after surgery - good turn-
out for singing at Nursing Homes
last Sunday - Nprn, Devon, Dean
and Paul attended the 1st CHURCH
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP at MCC last
Monday and Tuesday. Our work as
a congregation will no doubt be
carried on in a more meaningful
way because of this workshop -
Paul and Geneva will be in Cov-
ington during the month of June
- REMEMBER VBS JUNE 11 - 15 !

*Clayton Langston - Congregation
Diane Wolf*

WARNING!

VACATION POX -- VERY CONTAGIOUS
 SYMPTOMS: Patient wanders around with blank expression and far away look, usually in the direction of the lake. Complains of need of sunshine, fresh air and water. Is allergic to any form of weekend obligations. Becomes irritable; confines reading to travel magazines and road mats. Tends to have lapses of memory -- especially on Sunday mornings. Spiritual amnesia frequent when traveling.

TREATMENT: Medication is useless; antibiotics ineffective. Spiritual calisthenics combined with regular dosage of scripture have been found effective. If spiritual fever develops administer large dosage of prayer. Special blood type needed; (RH blood transfusions ineffective); only blood of Christ.

NOTICE: Vacation Pox has reached epidemic proportions in the United States of America. Quarantine is impossible! Vaccination of entire family units urgent! Free clinic held at all church of Christ buildings on Sundays.

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June 17, 1979



ACTUALLY, I DON'T SEE
 THE NEED TO BE
 INVOLVED TOO HEAVILY
 IN SPIRITUAL THINGS.
 YOU SEE, THERE'S MY
 JOB, MY HOUSE, MY
 CARS, MY POOL, MY
 BOAT, MY COLOR TV,
 MY YARD, MY HOBBIES
 AND, OH YES, MY
 FAMILY. THEY TAKE
 A LOT OF MY TIME, YOU KNOW.
I CAN'T SEE SPENDING SO MUCH
 TIME ON SPIRITUAL THINGS



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BEHOLD - A BALL TEAM ...

Behold, a ball team went forth to play a ball game. Just as the empire said, "Batter up," the catcher for the home team arrived and took his place. The pitcher was on the mound, but his heart was heavy.

The first baseman had sent a note saying that he had to go to a chicken dinner at his aunt Mary's. The center fielder and the second baseman had said they would try to be there by the fifth inning. The third baseman had been up late the night before and was spending the day in bed. The shortstop was present but had left his glove at home. The right fielder was in his proper place, but was already asleep. The game had been announced and the visitors were there. There was nothing left for the pitcher to do but to go ahead and pitch and hope for the best. At the close of the game the home team was beaten. It was decided: "A new pitcher must be hired. It was poor pitching that lost the game."

Behold, a preacher went forth to preach but that's another story!

A THOUGHTFUL POEM

What do you owe God, you ask?

Suppose he sent his bills
One hundred thousand dollars
For the sun upon the hills,
Two thousand for the brook
That runs along the way.
Five hundred for the flowers
Which tell us that it's spring
These are the bills which
Everyone in every clime forget
If God should charge you what
you owe
You'd always be in debt.

"God formed us, sin deformed
us, Christ can transform us.

Junior was one of those little
terrors, and Dad was rather sur-
prised when Mother suggested they
buy him a bicycle. "Do you think
it will improve his behavior?" Dad
asked.

"No" replied Mother, "but it will
spread his meanness over more ter-
ritory".

"Well, I did my good deed today.
I made at least a hundred people
happy."

"How was that?"

"I chased my hat when the wind
blew it down the street!"

A little explained, little endured,
little passed over, quarrel is cured.

THE RECORD

Jun 3 Att 201 Cont \$752.15
Jun 10 Att 195 Cont \$782.25

NEWS FLASH This years VBS
is off to a good
start. Attendance for the
first 3 days was Mon. 214,
Tue. 235, Wed. 234. Busses
are full, classes are crowd-
ed, and the assembly noisy,
but can you imagine a more
exciting opportunity to
teach boys and girls about
God's love for them. A
special thanks to all the
teachers, helpers, drivers,
and all others who have con-
tributed towards this effort.

KEENAGERS The Keenagers will
resume meeting the
21 after being postponed one
week due to VBS. Attendance
last week was 51. In a lit-
tle over a year since this
program started the atten-
dance has more than doubled.
The next meeting will fea-
ture a bus ride to Camp In-
dagan for lunch and Bible
study. If you are 60 yrs or
over, come and be a part of
these uplifting meetings.

THANK YOU Notes of thanks
from sis. Nanny
hall and Fran Hostetler are
posted on the bulletin board
in the rear foyer.

SPECIAL REPORT Rick Shur of
Shults Lewis Home
gave a slide presentation and
talk about the children home.
The church has supported this
worthy work for the past sev-
eral years. It was encoura-
ging to hear of this work and
how we can become more invol-
ved in this work.

CAMP NEWS Finishing touches
are being put on
the camp for this years ses-
sions. A large turn out is
expected this Saturday to
spread sand on the swimming
area. There have been a num-
ber of improvements to the
camp including the erection
of a garage for the custodian.
The first camp session is
only 3 weeks away. Dates of
the first 3 sessions are:

Junior Age 9-11 7/8-13

Inter. Age 12-14 7/15-20

Senior Age 15-19 7/22-27

Camper fee is \$35.00

PLAY BALL! Everyone is in-
vited to a pot-
luck picnic this Sat. 16, at
Parkside School. There will
be softball games for the
women and men. So get your
old ballglove and old bat
(no pun intended ladies) for
some fun and recreation.
See you at the ball park.

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June 24, 1979



HEALTH HINT from the JOURNAL
of AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSN. -

People who are negative
in attitude and think-
ing are sick more of-
ten and more serious-
ly and stay sick
longer than people
who are positive
in attitude and
thinking.

REMEMBER:
"As a man think-
eth in his
heart, so is he"

Prov. 23:7

"But the fruit of
the spirit is
love, joy, peace"

Gal. 5:22

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TO ALL OUR VISITORS AT SERVICES WHAT TO EXPECT IN WORSHIP -

Our worship is simple and devout. It is not characterized by displays of emotion and excitement, but is calculated to draw the worshippers closer to God and help provide enduring strength.

It is our purpose to be governed in everything by the Bible alone. For this reason our worship consists only of those acts which the New Testament reveals were performed in the worship of the early church. We sing, pray, give, eat the Lord's Supper and teach the word of God. All of this we seek to do with the attitude which Christ enjoined when He said, "God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (Jn 4:24)

THE SINGING
The New Testament commands Christians to sing (Eph. 5:19). We believe congregational singing is hindered by instrumental music and special choirs, no matter how beautiful that music may be. These things encourage people to listen rather than sing. We do not have these hindrances. Visitors are often astonished at how beautiful and spiritually stirring it is when everybody sings.

We extend to you our most cordial invitation to attend often.

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GOD'S INEXTINGUISHABLE LIGHT

One of the remarkable qualities of God's light is that it cannot be put out.

A man's puny candles can be snuffed out by any passing whisp of air. Even the best designed lightbulb eventually dims or burns out. Our brightest arc lights burn up their own generators and refuse to shine after a few hours..

But the light of God is inextinguishable. As that glorious line in John's Gospel exults, "THE LIGHT SHINED IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS COULD NOT PUT IT OUT." For those of us who are afraid of the dark, this truth is important.

Some of us began our Christian lives on a path lit by the church traditions. As we matured in our faith and learned more of the Lord's will, those traditions faded in importance. Their light flickered like an empty lamp and would have left us in the dark had it not been for God's eternal light.

Others among us found our source of light in the love and goodness of friends and family surroundings. It was a beautiful illumination, until our most trusted friend slipped into the pit of immorality, or our dearest loved one suddenly died. Then, had it not been for the Lord's lasting light, we would have been plunged into darkness. Woe to that person who has only the light of a friend and no illumination from the Lord.

If God lights up your life, you will never again be caught in the darkness.

-- Gene Shelburne

Whatever the pastime
in which you engage,
For the cheering of youth
or the solace of age,
Turn away from each pleasure
You'd shrink from pursuing,
Were God to lock down and say,
"What are you doing?"

Give us people who have convictions -
Who do right because it is right.

- The best way to demonstrate that God is love is not by wearing a banner across your chest, but by living a life that is saturated with that love and finds real demonstration in everyday Christlikeness. If you truly have the love of God in your heart, you won't need a banner to tell people about it.

- selected

The Record last Sunday: 71
Att. 199 Contr. \$649.20

1979 VBS is History

Over 30 members (teachers, bus drivers, nursery and refreshment helpers, etc.) gave generously of their time to make one of the best Vacation Bible Schools ever held here. The attendance was 214, 235, 236, 216 & 209 (Monday thru Friday) with a "full house" of parents and visitors for the Friday evening program at 7. Many favorable comments were given, and we are confident that the contacts made and the Word which was taught will bear fruit in time to come.

TWO MORE ADDED TO THE FAMILY

Thursday evening, June 14th, Gary and Ruby Hollowell put their Lord on in baptism, which was a highlight of the VBS week. With warm affection we welcome them to the family of God here. Get to know them and their two children Jenny and Brian (who were two excited children on the JCY BUS).

LADIES - NCTE - July 2, at 7 p.m. there is to be a baby shower for Eulalah Turpin & the new baby twins (a boy and a girl).

4th Sunday Coming Up - Following the evening service, plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship. Bring some

"easy to bring" finger foods, enough for your family and a visitor or two.

JULY 4th FALLS ON WEDNESDAY this year.

It has been suggested that mid-week services be moved forward to Tuesday evening because of those traveling and being with families. Is there any objection to this?

THANKS for the strong backs and willing hearts who helped "brigade" about 35 ton of pea gravel into the swimming area at Camp Indogan last Saturday. It is a much needed upgrading of the swim area. Thanks also to Clayton and Clive Langston who paid for the gravel. It is another job out of the way and one that's well done!

ACCIDENT Bro. Devon Hostetler was burned on both hands on Tuesday from an electrical short circuit, on the job. He sustained second degree burns, and this injury might affect their going and stay at Williamstown for the workshop. We pray that his recovery and healing will be rapid.

KEENAGERS will again meet this Thursday after one week "off" because of VBS. The plans are to go to Camp Indogan for a meal and Bible Study.

Do it today ... tomorrow there may be a law against it.