

A STUDY OF CORNELIUS

1. He was a devout man (Acts 10:2).
2. He was one who feared God (Acts 10:2).
3. He was a benevolent man: he "gave alms to the people"(Acts 10:2).
4. He was a prayerful man: "Prayed to God always" (Acts 10:2).
5. He was a just, righteous man (Acts 10:22).
6. He had a good reputation (Acts 10:22).
7. He was a religious man (Acts 10:1,2,7,22).

BUT

HE WAS NOT SAVED!

Peter had to come to tell him words whereby he and his house might be saved. (Acts 11:14). Turn and read the passages and be convinced.

Cornelius was a good moral man, devoted to God, a God-fearing man, known for benevolence, having a good reputation, a prayerful and religious man - but he was still unsaved!

In view of this study, wouldn't it be wise to "check up" on your own salvation? You have nothing to lose, heaven to gain.

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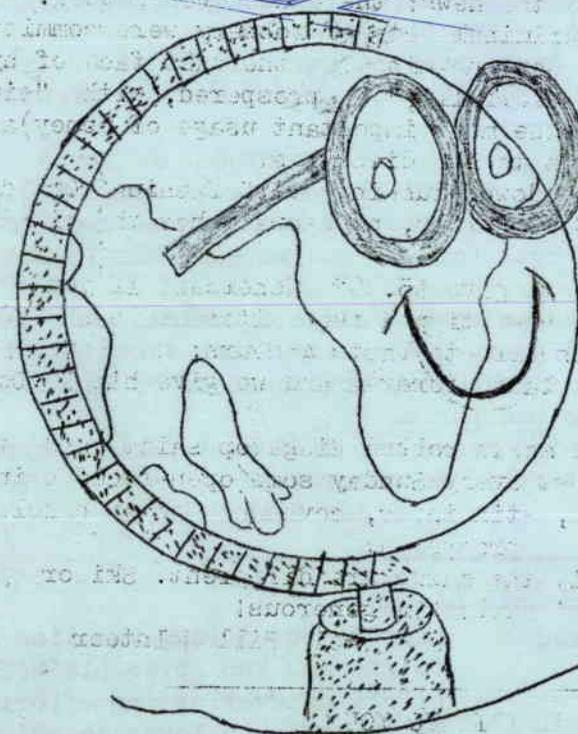
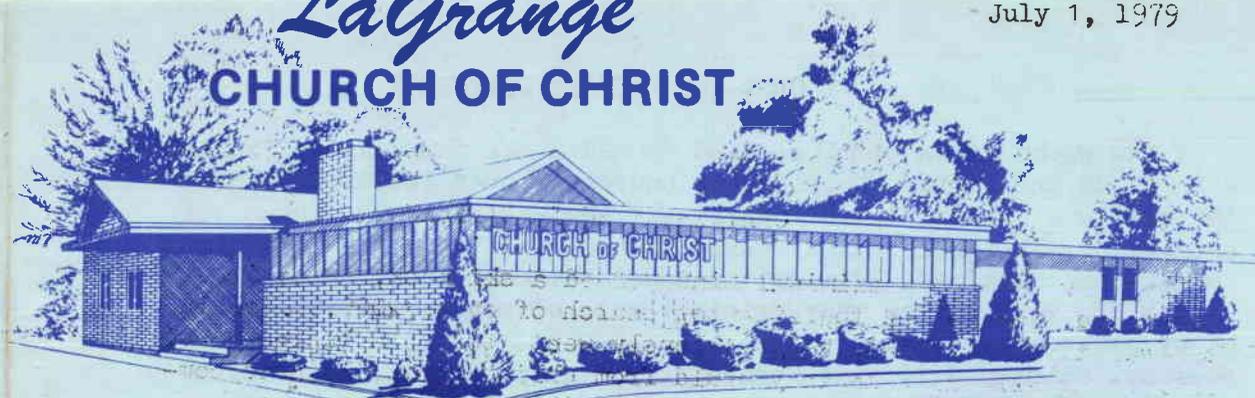
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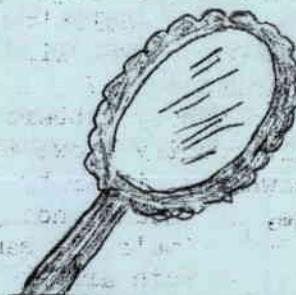
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July 1, 1979



A BETTER
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ONLY THE MASK IS DIFFERENT

A few weeks ago a criminal mind donned a ski mask, armed itself with a gun and robbed the Ridgetop church of over \$2000.00. Holding the saints at gunpoint, they callously went about the business of extracting all the cash they could from Christians. It's a sad commentary on the times. It made the news: the church was robbed.

But one wonders how many criminal acts of robbery were committed by others that Sunday who wore nothing but the bald face of hypocrisy. Commanded to give "cheerfully," as prospered, with "simplicity" (means that this is the most important usage of money) are the words of instruction given to the disciples.

But did they give "pressed down, running over" fashion? Or did they withhold and thus rob God? Surely, no steward has the right to cheat the owner at any time.

You made \$100. last week and gave \$5.00? Generous? If you'd eaten a \$100. banquet, you'd have tipped the waiter at least \$10., maybe \$15., wouldn't you? Its effects lasts 4 hours; he served you food. God serves life and it lasts forever and we give him \$5. Does that make sense?

One Sunday, robbers in ski masks robbed Ridgetop saints and the whole country knows it; almost every Sunday some open-faced saints, somewhere, either by absence, stinginess, covetousness or carelessness, rob God by not giving as prospered.

The crime's the same; only the masks are different. Ski or hypocrite -- both are wrong. Don't rob! Be generous!

Jim Bill McInteer

WHAT IS LIFE TO YOU?

To the Preacher life's a sermon,
To the Joker it's a jest;
To the Miser life is money,
To the Loafer life is rest.

To the Lawyer life's a trial,
To the Poet it's a song;
To the Doctor life's a patient,
That needs treatment right along.

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

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

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THE RECORD LAST SUNDAY

Att. 191 Contr. \$1101.10

Devon and Ellen Hostetler with Brian Hoggatt returned from the Williamstown W.Va. Workshop and report an excellent session. An outstanding subject of attitude and influence among leaders and teachers was presented as well as the practical helps in the work of reaching the lost. Perhaps next year, more can go.

Remember Ladies -- Baby shower for Eulalah Turpin on July 2 at 7 p.m. at the church building. (Twins- a boy & a girl)

Mid-Week service night changed. Instead of meeting on July 4th we'll meet on July 5th at same time, 7 p.m. (This change will allow those traveling to be with their families - not have to hurry back on the 4th.

1st Sunday Singing at both Nursing Homes; Meet at Miller Merry Manor at 4:30 and Lagrange at 5:10. All who help out in this will see the appreciation of the people who live there.

Brother Devon Hostetler reports that his hands are healing (from the electrical burns he suffered last Wed. week) and that he's getting better. He's keeping his hands covered yet to prevent infection.

The best remedy for discontent is to count our blessings

Want to go over to Camp this Tuesday evening, stay all night and the next day? See Fred Cakley.

Camp Applications are in the vestibule tract rack. The first session of camp begins the week of July 8 (for Juniors).

Business before pleasure and neither before God.

A LETTER received from Paul and Geneva Himes expresses love to all. We miss them very much, and hope that they can return soon.

PLEASE -It is not surprising that during the summer months many will be "taking off" on the week-ends (the low attendance indicates that). Too, there may be sickness that should be reported. In any case, if you have to be gone, please let the elders know so that they may account for you. Responsibility to your home congregation is a two-way street. Please keep us informed!

We are all manufacturers - some make good, others make trouble, and still others make excuses.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to pick up a Country Place resident for services. Being a wheel chair person, some extra time is needed.

WHO'S GOING TO DO IT?

- 124 — Total membership but
- 5 — "are too old to work"
- 119 — left to do the work but
- 20 — "are too young to assume responsibility"
- 99 — left to do the work but
- 11 — "work out of town or are away at school"
- 88 — left to do the work but
- 6 — "work long hours, 6-7 days a week"
- 82 — left to do the work but
- 4 — "are hindered by unbelieving companions"
- 78 — left to do the work but
- 29 — "are indifferent and do not attend"
- 49 — left to do the work but
- 17 — "tied down with children"
- 32 — left to do the work but
- 11 — "are handicapped by aches and pains"
- 21 — left to do the work but
- 11 — "uncertain, will probably be away every other weekend"
- 10 — left to do the work but
- 8 — "are tired and ask to be relieved"
- 2 — left: YGU and I. I've had it! you better get busy!

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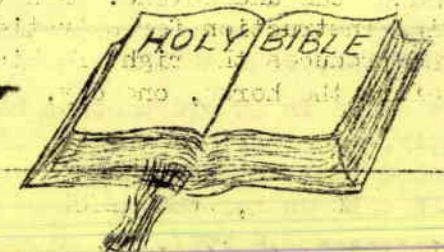


WHERE ARE YOUR CHILDREN
LEARNING ABOUT LIFE?



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FEELINGS IN RELIGION

I cannot subscribe to the popular belief that as long as a person FEELS he is saved, he is. Just because I believe something is so, does not make it so. We can understand this principle in most areas of life, but it becomes a psychological block, it seems, when it comes to religion.

We know what will happen to one who says "Bottoms Up!" and gulps down what he thought was a shot of gin when it was really an ounce of carboric acid. They look a bit alike, but their chemical makeup is different. Just because he thought it was gin didn't make it gin. And he will have to suffer the consequences. It does make a difference what one believes. Sincerity and honesty will not work a miracle.

Jesus said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, "Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). Sincerity and honesty will not work a miracle here, either.

It isn't sufficient just to feel right. Our feelings cannot be the judge. Only God's word can be the standard of whether our feelings are right. One's experience is not to judge the Book. The Book must be the judge of our experience.

The revelation of God is not an estatic experience, better felt than told. It is not a wordless encounter. It is rather a gift of grace clothed in words of instruction that anyone of normal intelligence can understand. When the believer follows the words of divine instruction for salvation, the knowledge of salvation comes and produces the right feeling about salvation. If you get the cart before the horse, one day, you'll be disappointed.

-- Dan Woodruff --

SOMEONE, JUST ANYONE

She sat alone in an old peoples home
Lonely, and old, and gray;
She wished that someone, just anyone
Would call on her today.
..... Did you?
He lay for days on his hospital bed
The hours were long and hard;
He wished that someone, just anyone
Would send him a cheery card.
..... Did you?

I am only one, but I am one,
I cannot do everything
But I can do something;
What I can do I ought to do
And what I ought to do
By the grace of God I will do.

A man's true wealth is in the
good he does. How rich are you?

The Record last Sunday
Att. 196 Centr. \$734.35

DEFINITION OF "HOME"

HOME - A world of strife shut out,
a world of love shut in.

HOME - The place where the small
are great, and the great are small.

HOME - The father's kingdom, the
mother's world, ~~child's~~ paradise.

HOME - The place where we grumble
the most and are treated the best.

HOME - The center of our affections
ions, round which our heart's
best wish entwines.

HOME - The place where stomachs
get three square meals a day and
our hearts a thousand.

HOME - The only place on earth
where the faults and failings of
humanity are hidden under the sweet
mantle of charity.

SUNDAY - Mary Anne Wade confessed
wrong and was
restored, and we appreciate her at-
titude to make things right.

THE SICK - Roy Campbell is sched-
ed to go home Thursday
if he continues to improve. Nancy
McDonald is still in rm#224 at the
Goshen General Hospital, however,
she is doing fine from the recent
surgery; will likely be in, another
week. Grace Wolf is about the same
and still undergoing tests. Geneva
Duzan is now home. Wray Newkirk is

at home but still suffering
from bronchial pneumonia. Let
us keep these in our prayers.

THANKS - to all the ladies who
came to the baby shower
for Eatalah Turpin (27 there).

HI-C cans, that were brought
by bro. Rick Shur
from Shults Lewis Childrens
Home are badly in need of be-
ing taken. The home is will-
ing to take our "change" and
you would be surprised what
it totals up to with many hun-
dred of them out. They are in
Norm's office.

A good number attended the 1st
Sunday singing
at the Nursing Homes. Several
were treated also to a solo by
Mr. Roy Schroak, who is near-
ly 101 years old.

THE NEW TABLES in the lobby
are being donated
by 3 of our members: Flossie
Harris, Zella Bellaire and
Carrie Gaskill. We appreciate
getting these and thank them
very much for them.

RADIO PROGRAMS - * Amazing
Grace Ch. 21, Sun. at 7:30.
* WIFF (Auburn-John McClain) at
8 a.m. Sun.
* WFRN (Elk.-Roy Beasley) week-
nights at 10:05.
* Gospel Hour (V.E. Howard) on
Col@water (farthest station to
the right on the dial) 7:15 Sun.

---REMEMBER WHG YCU ARE---

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Martin Luther urged his followers thus: "I pray you to lay aside my name, and no longer call yourselves Lutherans, but Christians. Who is Luther, or what? My doctrine comes not from myself. I have not been crucified for the world ... How then would it become me, poor scum of the earth, to give my name to the children of Christ? Cease, dear friends, to assume these party names: let us lay them all aside, and call ourselves Christians, after him from whom our doctrine proceeds."

The churches of Christ are pleading for the unity of all who truly love Jesus, on the basis of a complete restoration of Christianity as taught in the New Testament. This means, among other things, the abandonment of all denominational names for the followers of the Christ. Human religious names honor men, doctrines, systems, creeds, etc. The name that is divinely given - Christian - honours the glorious head of the church, Jesus Christ. "If a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name. (1 Peter 4:16. Revised Version).

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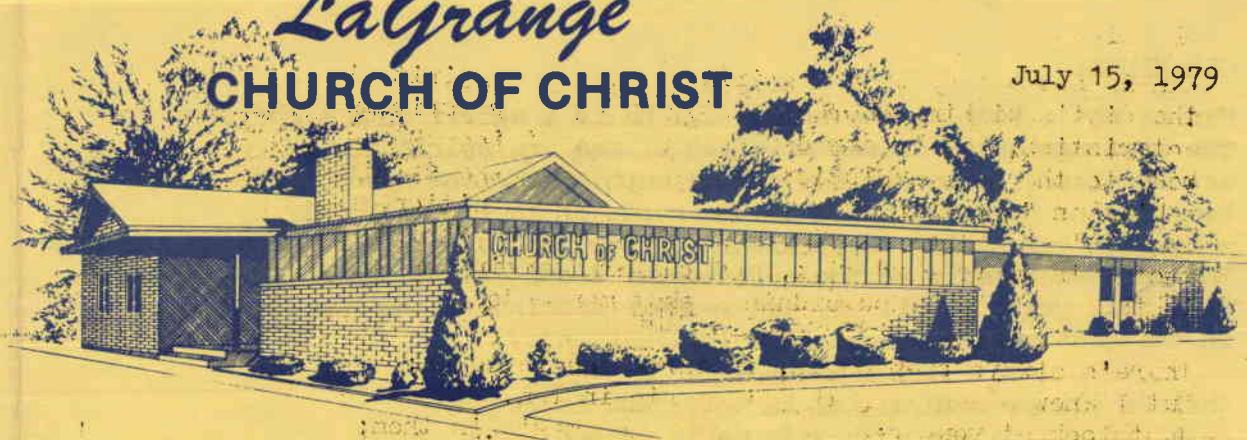
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GROWTH

SOME THINGS
 TAKE A
 PERSONAL EFFORT

Are You Growing Spiritually?
 READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

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GLEANINGS:

Man is not a body with a spirit ... he is a spirit with a body. The distinguishing characteristics of man are spiritual characteristics. Yet in our day we are emphasizing the needs of the body to the near exclusion of the needs of the spirit. Only by making an "agonizing reappraisal" of our condition, and returning whole-heartedly to the religion of Jesus Christ can we correct this grave condition, and restore mankind to the "place in the sun" which God ordained that man enjoy.

There's always been magic, in three and in seven;
But I know a secret - there's magic in ten.
Just look at your fingers, you'll see magic in them;
There's magic in fingers that know how and when!

Statistics show that 10,000 people are killed by liquor for every one that is killed by a mad dog. Yet we shoot the dog, but license the liquor store and advertize its products.

The amount of money in your bank account is not the true measure of your success. If you are honest, fair, tolerant, kindly, charitable of others and well behaved, you are a success no matter how small your bank account.

FIVE RESULTS OF BIBLE STUDY

1. We can "give a reason for the hope that is within us".
2. We are more confident and more successful in soul winning.
3. We are filled with powerful and triumphant faith, for "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God".
4. You can do your work with the word of God and know it will not be in vain. "My word will not return to me void".
5. You are equipped to work on the soul of man, which is of far more value than his automobile, his house or even his very body. The work of a Christian is of greater worth than that of a physician. The body is temporal - the soul, eternal.

Some people carry their religion on their backs like a burden, instead of in their hearts as a song. Making a life comes ahead of making a living.

MINISTRY TO THE KEENAGERS Since our work began year ago April with the Keenagers (those 60 or over), results in this work has been rewarding. There is an increasing need for a bus especially equipped with a wheelchair lift. One was found at Williamstown, W. Virginia. Cost for the bus is \$2600. and with the painting will run approximately \$3000. We are happy to secure this bus (it is slightly smaller than our 54 pass. bus) and offer this service to older people of the area.

GENEVA DUZAN We were sorrowed by the announcement that one of our Keenagers passed away Tuesday morning. Geneva was Debbie Duzan's Grandmother. The funeral service will be held at Oakland, Ill. on Friday at 1p.m. at the Tabor Funeral Home.

JAY ALLEN HART was born to Jim & Mary Hart last Saturday evening. He is a fine 8 lb. plus, 21 in. baby boy which Claudia, Debbie, Tammy and all the rest of the family should be proud of.

INTERMEDIATE CAMP is to begin this Sunday. (for ages 12 thru 14). Brothers Jim Hardin and David Thomas will be co-directing the week's session.

The next week (July 22-27) bro. Norm will be directing a senior session. Several from here will be helping him in this session.

BALL GAME This Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock the men here will "square off" against the men of the Goshen congregation. Place of the game will be at the Middlebury Park (just behind the grade school) For more info. see Jim Martin.

ATTENDANCE DOWN If you plan to be gone please let us know. Treat your congregation here as a family, and inform us. For some unknown reason, Sunday's attendance was low. Please let us know also about sickness in your family. Ellen Hostetler and Cheryl have been to Harding for Cheryl's enrollment this fall. They plan to return Wednesday.

MANY THANKS to the good hearts who have contributed toward the purchase of the refrigerator in the kitchen and the chair lift bus referred to in this bulletin.

FISHERS OF MEN training class like the one held here last fall is being planned again this fall for those who missed the 1st one. See Norm !!

FATHER KNOWS BEST

What do families say about their fathers? This item might say it best:

- 4 years old: My Daddy can do anything.
- 7 years old: My dad knows a lot, a whole lot.
- 8 years old: My father doesn't know quite everything.
- 12 years old: Oh, well, naturally Father doesn't know that either.
- 14 years old: Father? Hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 21 years old: Oh, that man is out of date; what did you expect.
- 25 years old: He knows a little bit about it but not much.
- 30 years old: Must find out what dad thinks about it.
- 35 years old: A little patience. Let's get dad's meaning first.
- 50 years old: What would dad have thought about that?
- 60 years old: My dad knew literally everything.
- 65 years old: I wish I could talk it over with dad once more.

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- If a man does not serve God, who does he serve?
- If a man is not walking the narrow way, in which way is he walking?
- If one does not build on the sure foundation of Christ, where is he building?
- If a person does not gather with the Lord, what is he doing?

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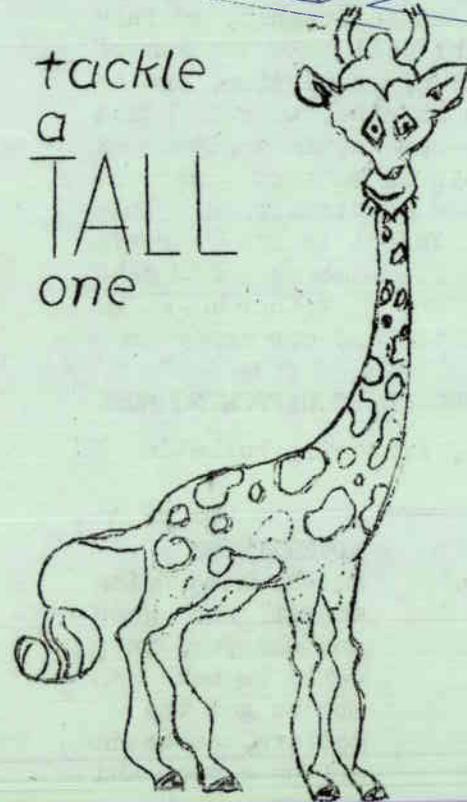
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NEEDED:
Those Who Will

- Visit the sick
- Start a Bible Study with someone
- Call Absentees
- Attend every worship service
- Visit newcomers
- Help in the bus program
- Encourage the weak
- Teach someone daily about Christ
- Talk up our Bible School
- Teach BBC's by mail
- Offer home for youth meetings
- Contribute freely for good works
- Pray often
- Study your Bible daily
- Think positive about church work
- Set worthwhile goals for yourself
- Seek Christian fellowship
- Think souls
- Etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.....

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THIS REALLY HAPPENED

On Sunday March 22, 1979, a family placed membership at a church in Arkansas - hardly significant news - except that they handed the elders a letter - no, not a letter of recommendation, but their own letter.

It said, " We are asking to commit the welfare of our souls to your care. Although the weakness of the flesh often betrays us, the prime objective of our lives is obtaining salvation for ourselves, our children, and our fellowman. We therefore ask with all sincerity that you help us in every possible way to be successful in this endeavor. Besides spiritual food, encouragement and fellowship, we fully expect that the help you give might well take the form of numerous requests to serve, instruction, correction, and if necessary even discipline. With this in mind, we ask that when and if either of us fails to measure up in a given task that you do not write us off, but help us to grow and as soon as possible try us again. We view membership in this congregation as an obligation to be subject to its eldership to be helpful and encouraging to all its members and to take an active part in its work. We therefore state our intentions to give freely of our time, our talents, and our money in order to fulfill that obligation."

....THIS REALLY HAPPENED .. AND IT SHOULD BE HAPPENING MORE OFTEN

... via Palo Verde, Arizona, bulletin

EVANGELIZE

Go forth, go forth, and win the lost,
Evangelize whate'er the cost;
The Gospel preach in ev'ry land,
Go forth, it is the Lord's command.

TO EVANGELIZE - follow these simple directions:

- 1, Turn off the TV set
- 2, Leave the house

ADVERTISING

He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars, as he who climbs a tree and hollers.

WE HAVE A MESSAGE-
PREACH IT !!!!

Last Sunday
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YOUTH MEETING this Saturday
July 21, at Joe Hughes.
Time: 6:30. Each one to bring hot-dogs, hamburgers, etc. The drinks will be provided.

INTERMEDIATE CAMP this week.
Those working from Lagrange this session: Norn & Merilyn Herron, Bill & Sharlene Oakley, Joe and Lois Oakley and Paula Hostetler. We pray that it will be a good session and that the session is well attended.

BACK AGAIN-it's good to have Paul and Geneva back with us again. Perhaps the bulletin will take on a better appearance again (if Paul is willing to do it, that is).

AUTUMN of MCC a quartette, is making a tour and will plan to be here on Aug. 1 (after services Wed. evening) Place will be announced later. Many of our high school graduates have gone to Michigan Christian College, and it will be good to have the Autumn singers here again.

TWO MORE ADDITIONS Last Tuesday evening we witnessed the confession

and baptism of Gilbert and Georgia Hanson. It's a great thing to see a new birth into Christ and especially for Norm & Merilyn who guided them in their study. Their address is 409 W. Spring.

NEEDED One of our ladies to volunteer to prepare communion for the month of August.

THE SICK-Sis. Clive Langston has been suffering from heart pains -- Pat Lee from tonsillitis --- We are happy to know, however, that Nancy McDonald and Grace Wolf are now home from the hosp.

RAH RAH-Goshen was trounced last Sunday after. by a 14-2 & 6-3 score. We've got some good ball players (as well as a good rooting section) Ha!

BUS ATTENDANCE UP Sunday. Regular members attendance up also. Please feel an obligation to your home congregation and inform us when you can't be here.

NO MATTER HOW STRONG YOU
THINK YOU ARE,
avoid temptation

TO HAVE A HAPPY MARRIAGE continued --

Is this why God admonished us to show love? He had not said to show love if we have love, had he? At the time it seemed that Christians did all the giving and none of the getting. But when I began to obey God by showing love, it was really I who benefitted.

Only this week my teenage son said, "All of my friends say that I have it good." "Why?" I asked. "Because you and dad really like each other," he said. "You would be surprised how many of the parents don't get along too hot."

So my answer to people who are stuck in a marriage that is loveless is, show love.
From "Getwell Bulletin"

ONE LINERS

Live sinlessly, God is close by.

Faith is the tap root of character

Boys don't drift into manhood

A little girl was asked what she had learned at Sunday school. "We studied about the Ten Commandments," she replied. "We learned they are always broke."

Be humble or you'll stumble

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F A S T O R S L O W

I find two groups - two extremes in "church work." One group can't go fast enough. Progress is its middle name. Discouragement comes easy because impatience is the basic fiber of its existence. The other group can't be budged, excited, or sold on progress. It opposes change, thinking that all change is dangerous. It never becomes discouraged for there is no frustration in stagnation. As the saying has it, truth is somewhere in between. Like the old Negro preacher put it, "Lord, help comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." May I offer these suggestions, and make this plea:

1. IT TAKES TIME TO CHANGE PEOPLE. And that's what the kingdom of the Lord is all about, changing people. Change doesn't come easily for any of us. We have built-in defenses. We rationalize. We long for the status-quo so little exertion will be required. Some of us younger in the faith than others, and it's a powerful big job bringing everyone to the goal simultaneously.

2. But WE MUST GROW, AND THAT MEANS CHANGE. We can't please God without growth. That means exertion. That means investing our talents, launching out in faith. It means the pains of self-analysis, penitence, confession, and efforts to try harder. It means listening to new ideas. Most of all, it means praying for wisdom and letting God Guide.

Bob Mize

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HJW TO HAVE A HAPPY MARRIAGE

I married to get away from home. Yet, today, 23 years later, I have a happy marriage. Let me share my solution with you.

At first it was pretty bad. My husband's every action was inconsiderate - or at least I thought so. How is an unloved person supposed to act? I gave much thought to this word "love." Would God expect us to love one another if it is not in our power to do so, or if so will he enable us?

One day I began to realize what God could do for me. I finally faced the facts that I might not feel loved, but why could I not show love to others? From that moment on I began to behave as if I did feel loved. "What will I do for my husband today?" I asked myself. I began doing little kindnesses. I studied his dislikes and likes and bought treats for his lunch box. I tried to comfort him when he came home tired and harrassed. I met him at the door with a smile. I respected his discipline of the children and worked with him. I tried to speak softly and diplomatically when we had a difference. I listened to him.

He began behaving as though he were living with someone who loved him. And I began to notice a change in my own feeling. He was not at all like I had concluded. He had real depth. And I was beginning to feel a new kind of love for him. -Continued on back page

Look up the verses listed. Add up all the numbers mentioned in the verse. Then use that answer to put into the formula. If you come out with "0" you have done it correctly.

START WITH: Genesis 6:15 _____ Answer _____
 SUBTRACT: Mark 6:37 _____ Answer _____
 MULTIPLY: Daniel 9:27 _____ Answer _____
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HEAR THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST
 IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST
 AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

TAKE AS DIRECTED

For Relief Of
 Lukewarmness

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

SHOULD BE REFILLED OFTEN

EVERYBODY IS HAPPY

In a bulletin of a church in Nashville, Tennessee the preacher ran the following article a few years ago:

"We have no grumbling, complaining, backbiting or ugly spirit of any kind at _____. Aren't you glad? When the church began it started with a happy people. They ate their meat with gladness." (Acts 2:46b) I thank God for each one of you every day. Jesus said, "Rejoice and be exceeding glad." (Matt. 5:12a) The church not only began with happy people it multiplied because of their joy. The kingdom of God can only grow where there are happy people. "Rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:2b) "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice." (Phil. 4:4)

I made reference to this in the adult Bible class last Lord's Day. Afterward one of the class members made this statement: "I have never seen a church quite so warm as the one here." Doesn't this make you feel good to know this spirit exists? P.F.H.

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5th SUNDAY SING This Sunday evening. Attend!

WEDNESDAY EVENING AUGUST 1st "The Autumn singers from MCC will be here for a program of song at the Farmer's Stae Bank community room immediately after services. Come.

COMING UP! The "Old Folks Feast" put on by the young people is to be held August 17th Make plans to attend.

OUR THANKS and APPRECIATION to Devon and Jamie for working on the heating system for the baptistry and installing another pump.

NEW BUS - WORK PARTY We recently purchased another bus with a lift for wheelchair attenders. A work session is planned for Monday evening about 6:30 to install some seats and clean the bus. The bus is scheduled to be painted the week of August 12th.

MORE CAMP SESSIONS COMING:
 July 29-Aug. 3 2dn JrCamp (9-11)
 Aug. 5-10 2nd Intermediate (12-14)
 Aug. 12-17 2nd Senior (14-18)

GOOD TURNOUT for fellowship last Sunday evening.

ANY VOLUNTEERS? For communion for the month of August? See Dean if you will help.

Failure to meet God's standard is sin. So whatever you do with the word, the fact of sin is an ever-present reality in all of us. "Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; yet now God declares us "not guilty" of offending Him if we trust Christ Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to end all God's anger against us. He used Christ's blood (shed when He died on the cross) and our faith as a means of saving us from His wrath."

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by His grace through redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;" (Romans 3:23-25)

You have just read the plain truth about sin. Personally, what will you do about it, and when? "Now is the accepted time. Now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2)

-Selected and Adapted

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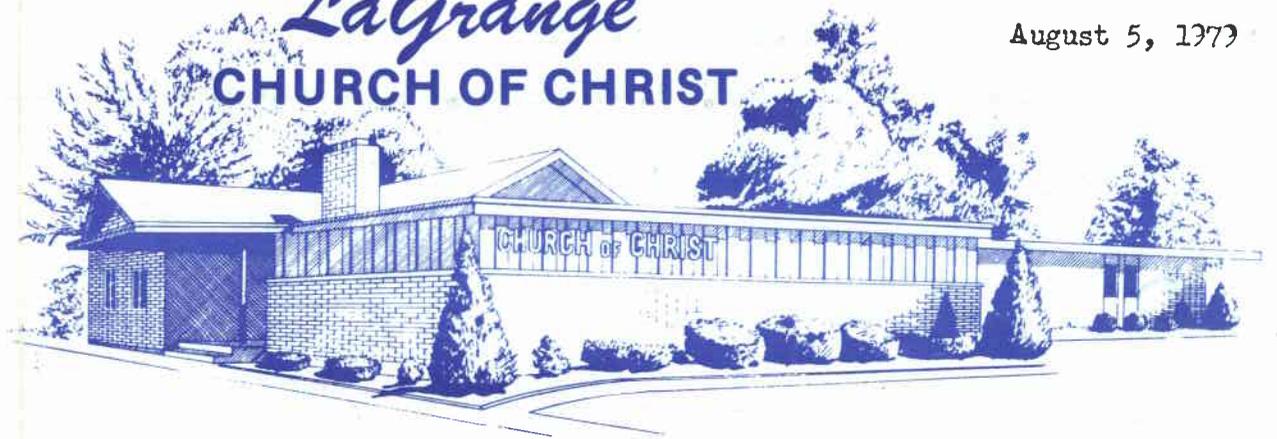
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A REASON FOR OUR HOPE

What is your hope? Is one hope as good as another? What are your reasons for expecting to receive your hope? Is one reason as good as another?

The hope of the Christian is the hope of eternal life in heaven. (1 Peter 1:3,4)

The way to attain that hope is in Christ. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

Is any other way just as good as the way of Christ? There is only one hope. Just as there is one faith, one Lord, one baptism, and one body. (Ephesians 4:4-6)

Our belief of the Bible is the reason for our hope, because "faith is the assurance of things hoped for" (Hebrews 11:1)

And faith comes from hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17) The Word of God is the source of our faith and of our hope. (Colossians 1:5)

Because we believe the Bible we believe that all who obey Christ will receive the hope of everlasting salvation (Hebrews 5:8,9)

Those who are disobedient, all persons who are outside the spiritual body of Christ, have no hope at all (Eph. 2:12); 1 Thess. 4:13)

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WORD GAMES

Undertakers are now morticians, janitors are custodians, and garbagemen are sanitary engineers. Those name changes apparently are intended to rid the occupation of unpleasantness or lack of dignity. But in spite of the new title, the work is the same.

Another word that is being pushed aside is the word SIN. We are embarrassed by it and feel that it is old-fashioned and rather strong. Somehow we'd be more comfortable in admitting "mistakes," "errors," or "lapses in judgment." Anything but SIN!

Rather than play word games, we'd do better to face the fact of sin, acknowledge our own sin, and ask God's forgiveness. The Bible does some straight talking that cuts through our little word-games. (Rom.2:5,11-12)

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8,9)

Since we can't get through by pretending that sin doesn't exist, we need to turn around and take another route. God asks that we admit our sin to Him and ask forgiveness which He freely gives.

Away with those word games! The unvarnished fact is that you cannot be saved from God's wrath and claim everlasting life with Him until you acknowledge the fact that your sinning offends God, then accept Christ into your life as your Savior. (Continued on back page)

"GETTING EVEN"

Young Jim rushed up to his father one day and said, "Father, Tom has done me wrong, and I'm going to get even with him if it's the last thing I do."

The father scratched his head and then said, "Son, when you start out to 'get even,' why not 'get even' with somebody who had done you a favor?" -Sel.

A whole lot of people I know
Take aspirin to go to the show.
But on Sunday, the head
Must be treated in bed. ...
The worship will just have to go.

TO THE POINT

"Rivers are like lives. The more contributions they gain from friendships, the bigger they grow. Friendly, quiet little streams that join them in their long, troublesome journey to the sea, make them strong and mighty. ...The helpful contribution of love and kindness we gain from friends make our journey of life better and richer." -Pecos, Tex. Bull.

Many people regard religion like a trolley car - they ride as long as it is going their way.

FLASH-Mike Boyd was baptized Wednesday afternoon by Norm

SOME ODD RELIGIOUS DOINGS

A preacher-song leader says he never omits any stanza of any song he leads in public worship. The reason: It requires all of them to complete the purpose of the song, he says. "If there be a dozen stanzas, I sing all of them." His reason given is sound; his practice might not always be justified. Another leader always omits the third stanza when there are four, regardless of their respective applications to the occasion.

A certain four-stanza song has its second addressed to sinners, while the third is a fine exhortation to Christians. In a worship period with not an alien present, the second stanza was sung heartily; while the third was omitted, as that leader always does. Both men might revise their idea of what to sing at times. -Sel.

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BAPTISMS Jim and Helen Keeler and daughter Virginia were baptized Tuesday night. Fred and Penny Oakley have been studying with them.

IN HOSPITAL Bonnie Long (Spear's daughter) is in good condition after surgery at Parkview Hospital Ft. Wayne, Monday Rm. 344 - Jerry Cardwell (Dean's sister) is in Lutheran Hospital Rm. M 204, Ft. Wayne for surgery.

SINGING Nursing home singing Sunday afternoon. Merry Manor at 4:30; LaGrange at 5:10

STAR CAMPER AWARD for Seniors to Cheryl Hostetler last week.

OLD FOLKS FEAST Friday night August 17th put on by young people. All adults come.

PRAYER MEETING Each Sunday evening at 5 o'clock interested members meet for a period of prayer at the building. Only a few meet. Isn't prayer needed? We urge you to be with us this Sunday evening!

COULD YOU GO? The Upper Midwest Campaigns group will be working in East Peoria, Illinois September 14-30 and they need workers. Could you arrange to go? ANOTHER OBS CLASS is scheduled this fall for you unable to attend last fall. Plan now to attend. More on this later.

ON BEING LIKE JESUS

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5). Jesus left us an example so that we might "follow in His steps"(1Pet.2:21) We want to be like Him as He walks on the water, but we don't want to walk the dirty floor of a poor man's hovel.

We would raise the dead, but will not hold the hand of the sick. We would turn water into wine, but will not turn our own mercy into food, clothing and shelter for the needy.

We would still a storm on Galilee, but will not calm the troubled heart of a neighbor.

We would open the eyes of the blind but will not share the light with those who live in darkness.

We would miraculously heal crippled bodies, but not aid the handicapped.

We would restore the deaf man's hearing, but will not share with him what they need most to hear.

We want to be like Jesus, but we prefer to walk with Him in triumph over palm branches, not under the weight of the cross. We want the crown, but not the cross. We would like to have scepter, but not a shepherd's staff. We prefer to be robed in a royal garment of purple, not girded with the towel of lowly service.

We want to be like Jesus as King and miracle worker, but not as a servant.
-Max Hughes

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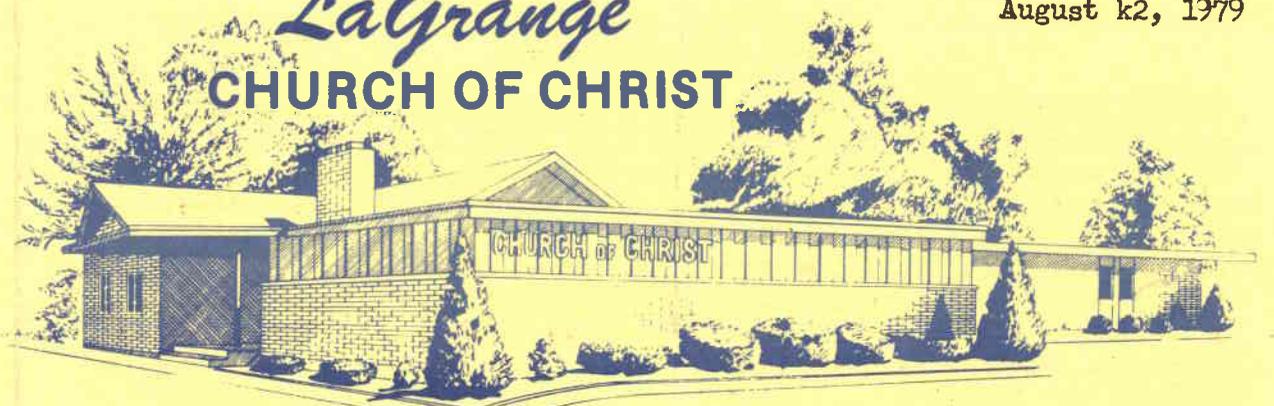
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Isn't this a challenging title? What does it mean? Want to think on this a little while? . . . What did you come up with? If you were like me, you wanted to read on. An article in a Teacher Magazine by Ted Patts had the above title and some good thoughts for teachers. I think it applies also to Christians.

A man died and the minister was telling how the man was a simple man, he always had a smile for everybody, he paid his debts, he didn't drink, was never heard to gossip, no one ever heard him tell a smutty joke or story. He attended strictly to his own business. He was a good man, but good for what?

Now these questions: "If you were to die tonight, for what would you be remembered? What did you contribute last year that is of lasting importance? What activities are you engaged in that will help you save souls and make a lasting contribution? What are your plans for the years ahead?"

The dead man never did anything wrong: neither did he do anything of lasting value. Where do you stand?
Paul Himes

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LET ME ALONE

Several years ago a lady came to visit me, saying she was thinking about placing membership with the congregation for which I was preaching.

"The congregation I have been meeting with just won't leave me alone; they're always calling up to say that they missed me at Bible study. I have told them that I just don't attend Bible study, but they don't seem to understand that. They just won't leave me alone."

I assured her that I could offer her little comfort. Neither could I understand why she did not attend Bible class. I told her that personally I could not "let her alone," and that I did not believe that the elders would "let her alone."

She added, of course, a time-worn cliché: "But it's nobody's business whether or not I attend Bible study." Kindly, but firmly, I tried to explain to her that it was the Lord's business. The Lord wants Christians to grow, and surely studying the Bible with other Christians will help us grow. I explained further that it was the elder's business whether or not she studied the Bible. Elders are charged with the tremendous responsibility of feeding the flock. They must encourage sick members to take a spiritual nourishment.

There are many such people today who think they would like to be "let alone," but the Lord will not leave any of us alone. Let us pray that we may never leave each other alone, but provoke each other to love and good works.

-Virgil Bently

CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT -

Two wives sat mending their husband's pants. One of them said to the other, "My John is so discouraged in his church work. It seems that nothing goes right with him and the church!" The other replied, "Why, my husband is so enthused about the work. It seems like the Lord is closer to him than ever before!" A silence fell over them as they continued to repair the trousers, one patching the knees and the other repairing the seat.

NUGGETS OF GOLD -

Rootage is necessary to fruitage

Trying times offer no excuse to quit trying.

If you want to see how important you are in this world, stick your finger in a bucket of water and then look at the big hole it leaves when you pull it out.

Don't marry a man to reform him! The "rites" never RIGHT him, and the "altar" won't ALTER him.

IN WHOM DO WE TRUST? -

Abraham Lincoln said, "I desire to so conduct the affairs of this administration that if at the end when I come to lay down the reins of power I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside me."

Are we who claim to be Christians today, as concerned about our code of conduct as Mr. Lincoln was? How often do we violate our consciences on matters of principles simply because it is popular to compromise and go with the majority? How often do we go about our daily work with a guilty conscience.

We are taught to be honest, upright, energetic, and kind in all things. How do we succeed in this? If all others forsake us, will we still have a friend inside?

NOTICE The Sunday evening children's class has been disbanded and all children will go to the auditorium.

BUS DRIVERS! According to State Manual you must have a Public Passenger Chauffeur's License to drive the buses.

THE RECORD

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A SCOWL IS A LAUGH TURNED SOUR

"KEENAGERS" will meet at Country Place Thursday August 23rd. Last week we had an attendance of 58!

OLD FOLKS FEAST has been changed to Saturday night August 18th. Tickets should be purchased by Wednesday night Aug. 15th. Price \$3.00 per person.

NEW BUS with chair lift is about ready for a paint job. Our thanks to Devon Hostetler, Gilbert Hanson and Dean Hoggatt and others for getting this ready.

OUR SICK Bonnie Lung is progressing well and is home; Jerry Cardwell is also home; Nanny Hall has been in hospital with inflammatory phlebitis, is expected to go home this week.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Pat Hall whose brother James Courtney of Muncie lost his life in an accident last week and whose mother has a serious heart condition.

WELCOME If you have been a visitor to our services you are a welcome guest. Be sure and attend again. We especially were glad to have Kathy (Hoggatt) Long with us this past week.

EXCEPTIONAL ATTENDANCE to hear the MCC singers last Wednesday night. A number from Angola and Kendallville congregation attended.

MOUNTAIN-PEAKS OF THE BIBLE

"The crowning simplicity of the Bible is in its literary mountain-peaks -which are, in fact, its literary masterpieces. The superb simplicity of the Bible is discovered and emphasized in its spiritual mountain-peaks. The spiritual mountain-peaks of the Bible are its finest classical achievements in the realm of literature. These, we may enumerate: The Story Of Creation, The Ten Commandments, The Twelty-Third Psalm, The Fifty-Third Chapter Of Isaiah, The Sermon On The Mount, The Parables Of The Prodigal Son, The Parable Of The Good Samaritan, Paul's Chapter on Love, The Faith Chapter, The Resurrection Chapter, and that marvelous climax with which the Bible closes - John's beautiful vision of the Holy City (Revelation, twenty-first chapter). Here is a miniature Bible for the world. The greatest and most vital paragraphs of the Bible can be comprehended by a child and these are the passages. Each one of these is an immortal literary gem."

-Goebel Music

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Without Helath

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Without A Great Name

Without Learning

Without Big Earnings

Without Culture

Without Friends -

Without Ten Thousand Other Things

BUT HE CAN NEVER GO TO HEAVEN WITHOUT CHRIST!

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QUESTIONS DESERVING AN ANSWER:

Is the Bible all we need? The Bible is the inspired word of God. It is the message of God - progressive, constructive and complete. This great book is supernatural in origin, divine in authorship, human in penmanship, infallible in authority, infinite in scope, universal in interest, personal in application, regenerative in power, inspired in totality, always relevant and modern.

The Bible, as it is, is relevant and adapted to man as he is in any generation. The Bible "as it is," without further revelation, without further confirmation, without a direct operation of the Holy Spirit is ready for man. So when we read we can understand the mystery of the Lord, the divine wisdom of the gospel.

The psalmist declares that the word of God is all-sufficient. God's Word is called law, testimony, precepts, commandment, fear and ordinances. These terms all refer to God's word from various viewpoints. There are six things affirmed of these six terms for God's word. (Psalm 19:7-11) The word of God is perfect, sure, right, pure, clean and true. Also, there are six things the word is said to do for us, namely, restore the soul, make wise the simple, rejoice the heart, enlighten the eyes, endure forever and make righteous.

The word of God is to be desired more than gold, even much fine gold and the finest and most tasty foods. Our sincere desire to know the will of God should be placed above material things. The scriptures provide us with ample warnings of dangers in our path so that we may avoid destruction. It is the only hope of information concerning the world's creation, the soul's salvation, human destiny and the realities of eternity.

-J. Noel Meridith (Adapted)

TELL IT LIKE IT IS -

The preacher's sermon went something like this: "It saddens me to see empty pews of our dear departed - departed to the lake, departed to the golf course, departed to the swimming pool ...!"

"If in the morning you throw minutes away, you can't pick them up in the course of the day."

OUR PLEA

You may expect to hear a gospel preacher pleading for all who would follow Christ to return to the original pattern of Christianity as revealed in the New Testament. It is our conviction that since the Word of God is the seed of the Kingdom, if it alone is planted in "honest and good hearts of men, it will produce the same fruit today. CHRISTIANS!

Bob and Kathy Sowles have a baby girl (Rebecca) born Wednesday morning.



IF THE SHOE FITS

It had been one of those sharp pointed sermons, several points and all of them sharp. When it was over one brother said, "If the shoe fits me, I can wear it." But another one said to him, "If the shoe fits, you'd better make some changes." To which he agreed.

There are many who say, "If the sermon hits me, I'm able to take it." But the question is ... Will you accept it? Anyone can be "Big enough to take it," but many are too proud to accept it. If you learn you are in error, are you so proud that you won't admit you have been wrong? Or, when you learn that some things you are practicing are wrong, are you humble enough to turn from them and become obedient to God?

It takes great listening and great response as well as great preaching to make a great sermon.
-DelRio Texas Bulletin

FROM THE INSIDE

Last Summer our six-year old puzzled over a daffodil bud. As I watched he suddenly lifted serious eyes. "Mommy, why is it when I try to open the flower it dies? But if I wait and let God do it, it's so beautiful."

I was still thinking when he answered his own question. "I know," he told me, "It's because God always works from the inside."

BUS ANNIVERSARY



5 years ago on April 14, 1974 we used our first bus. There are 3 buses and a 4th in the paintshop. AUGUST 26th will be anniversary day for the bus kids. Lets fill the busses! Any adults who might like to ride the buses that day see Joe Oakley.

THE SICK Alma Doris must still stay off her leg; Fred Oakley may have possible kidney stones. Some of our smaller children are sick: Opal Copeland, Anne Lesly, Phil Weaver.

AWARD Brian Hoggatt received the Best Bible Student award last week at camp. Very good!

SHULTS-Lewis rally day September 8th. Turn in your HiC banks by September 1st. Those with campers are invited to come and stay over night.

FISHERS OF MEN class will be Oct-5th either morning or afternoon (to be decided) Application forms should be in by September 1st. At least 6 is required for the class. Other possible classes are at Angola and Garrett.

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DON'T WASTE TALENT

The famous Babe Ruth started out playing baseball as a pitcher. Had he continued in that role he probably would have wasted his talent as a hitter, and his long career would not have taken place. By discovering that his real talent lay in hitting and giving up pitching, he became one of the best successful baseball players of all time. How many people spend their lives in some role for which they have little talent and thus fail to find the place where they can perform excellently? Knowing our strengths and knowing our weaknesses is necessary for success. The Lord wants each one of us to discover our talent and to use it to his glory. Don't ever say, "I don't have a talent." The Lord has given every one a talent. It may be you have coveted the talent of someone else, and have failed to find where your true talent lies. Find your skill and develop it to the uttermost. The Lord needs the best from you. The church needs the best from every member. Find your talent and give the Lord your best.

- Ted Wallor

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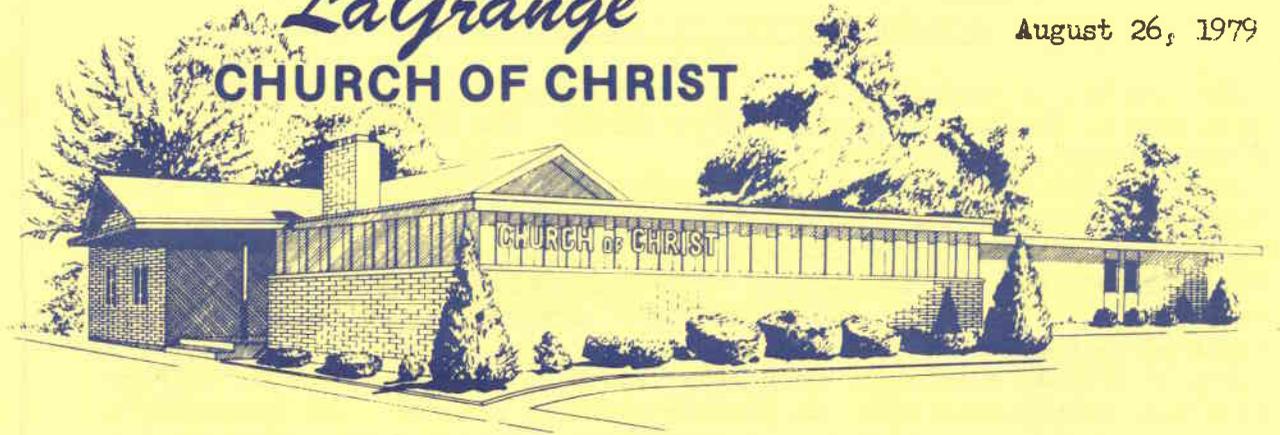
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Were the "churches" mentioned in the New Testament denominational?

The Lord gave the apostles only one message: the gospel. The apostles were authorized to teach one thing, the truth. The apostles kept the Lord's instructions to the letter!

All these men taught the same doctrine, established by the word the same faith, all worshipped the same God in the same way and recognized the same authority. Were they denominational? Could they have divided into sects and parties as the result of the apostles' teaching?

Today if all teach the same doctrine, believe the same message, obey the same commands, worship in the same way according to the same standard - would we have denominations?

-Melvin Vaughn

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A TRIBUTE TO THE BIBLE CLASS TEACHER

She (or he) is probably one of the most overlooked and taken-for-granted people in the church. Sunday after Sunday the teacher gives time and effort freely - and for free.

Even on those Sundays when the class seems more bent on mischief than learning. And on those disappointing Sundays when nobody bothers to participate. On balmy spring Sundays when "spring fever" transports pupils' thoughts far from the class. On those frustrating Sundays when a young pupil's mishap becomes a major disaster, prompting a class disrupting flood of tears.

And on weekday evenings, when the teacher gives up a "night out" or some very scarce free time to prepare Sunday's lesson. Or attending a teacher's meeting or calling on pupils whose attendance has slipped a bit.

In these "hurry-up" days, when folks never seem to have time to help out with much of anything, these efforts ought to be doubly appreciated. All too often they are not.

The teacher is there every Sunday, quietly doing the job the best way they know, with no fanfare and scant praise.

So, we would like to pay tribute to these unsung heroes of God's kingdom - to convey our thanks to our Bible School teachers. Your gift is the greatest gift of all - a concern for others - unselfish desire to help - a willingness to give your talents to God's work. -Selected

MISSING MEALS IS DANGEROUS

It hurts to miss a meal, but if you miss two or three the hunger becomes terrific. However, if you can stand to miss a few more, you become accustomed to being without food. You grow weaker, but feel the pain of hunger less and less.

Many Christians have lost their hungering and thirsting for righteousness in the same manner. The first missing of a service is an empty feeling. Then - less and less painful it becomes.

ATTEND THE FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY EVE.

Some Odd Religious Doings -

Some years ago a brother who wanted to do something in the public worship, and did not object to its being known that he was doing it, would go over the house adjusting windows, which often did not need adjusting, during the reading of the sermon lesson texts. He also would pass down between seats, in front of people to reach a man upon whom he was calling to wait upon the audience for table worship. This he would do during the invitation song. He was the kind of man to whom no one could suggest there might be a better time to make the selection.

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OLD FOLKS FEAST last Saturday evening was well attended with 45 present.

BUS PICNIC is being planned for September 23rd.

4 SPECIAL DAYS with Jack Exum Sr.

will be held at Auburn September 2-5 at 7 o'clock ALSO AT KENDALLVILLE Bro. Exum will be speaking at 7:30 Thursday and Friday nights September 6-7.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING . . .

To live in a nation where the Bible cannot be taught? Then why do you miss Bible study? To vote against Bible study in America? Your absence from Bible study is a vote against it.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING . . .

to bury every Bible in the land? Dust on your Bible has become a witness against you.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING . . .

to close the church door and stop worship? Your attendance or absence reveals your mind on the matter.

DO YOU LOVE THE CHURCH THAT THE LORD DIED FOR? If so ATTEND.

BUS ANNIVERSARY THIS SUNDAY For the

bus program! Lets all congratulate our workers, and bus riders this Sunday. Encourage them as this work continues!

OUR SICK Fred Oakley was to undergo tests Thursday at LaGrange hospital to determine his problem - Alma Dorris is improving slowly at home. Pray for our sick.

4th SUNDAY GET-TO-GETHER Attend this time of fellowship after the evening service. Bring finger foods.

SHULTS-LEWIS Annual Appreciation Day will be held Saturday September 8th. Be sure and bring your Hi-C cans!

FISHERS OF MEN class is coming up. Have you enrolled? See Norm about applications. This begins October 5th.

GOSPEL MEETING The Summit City congregation in Ft. Wayne has a meeting Aug. 26-31

NEW ADDRESS Mary Wilson has a new address: 5739-B, Hoover Avenue, Charleston, S. C. 29406. Phone 747-6186

OUR NEW BUS is supposed to get out of the paint shop Friday. The "Keenagers" are suggesting a name for it.

There are introductions and then there are introductions. Some, in presenting a speaker, say tritely, "He needs no introduction." Others are so glowing that the speaker rushes to the platform or pulpit, declaring, "After that introduction, I could hardly wait to hear myself."

Introductions should be sincere and accurate. They should be factual and informative. An introduction should show what the speaker is entitled to discuss his subject. This will create a favorable climate for the proper reception of the message.

John's record of Christ features a unique introduction. Inasmuch as John would have the Lord be heard favorably he begins by affirming Christ's right to speak on the basis of His relationship to God. John Affirms -

1. That Christ existed before creation. His pre-existence shows that he was not created.

2. That Christ is the Word.

3. That through Christ all things were made.

Christ is entitled to be heard. His history should be pursued. John urges, "Meet the Master."
-Don Gardner

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THE CHURCH - A FELLOWSHIP

The church is a fellowship. Reference is not made to eating a pot-luck together, though Christians may often eat together. Rather, the church is made of people who are bound together by their common commitment to Christ. Each appreciates the other and throws a mantle of love over the weaknesses of others, though not condoning sin.

This set of ties is stronger than blood. Once while Jesus was teaching He was interrupted with the news that His mother and brothers were outside. Said He, "And who is my mother? And who are my brethren?" Then as a good teacher often does, He answered His own question, by saying, "Those who do the will of my Father are my mother and brethren." (Mark 3:31-35)

As Christians, we are partners, not competitors. Paul said, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." (1 Cor. 12:26). Christians are members of the same body; they are all on the same team. What damages one is bad for all; when one wins a victory it is a blessing to all.
-Selected

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A TEACHER SENT FROM GOD

We stress Bible school attendance and worship attendance quite frequently. It seems that a committed Christian would want to be with fellow Christians at every opportunity, not only for the benefit personally but also to encourage other Christians.

We should also be concerned that our Bible school teachers feel a personal responsibility to improve themselves in Bible knowledge and teaching technics - to evaluate themselves as to why they are teachers.

Who needs your class? is a pertinent question. It prefaces a paragraph in an article by Calvin H. Bowers concerning teachers and teaching. Here is the paragraph:

At the risk of being rude I would like to challenge each Bible teacher with this question, "Who needs your class?" Does God need it? Not if it lacks a simple and challenging presentation of His word. Not if the students are not guided into application of each lesson. Does the church need it? Not if it fails to be a functioning unit in the church, which contributes to its overall purpose. Do the students need it? Not if it fails to make the Bible live for them today. Teachers do students a great disservice when they teach the facts of the Bible without developing attitudes and making applications. Do you really need your class? Does it make you a better Christian or do you dread the preparation and the classroom work?

Lots improve ourselves as Bible school teachers! Paul Himes

WORKING TOGETHER

To work together is to help one another. Even hard work is lightened by the presence of someone who brings companionship, sympathy and understanding. Work together with those you like is a pleasant adventure anywhere. It not only accomplishes great results, but it lightens the work for all. Working with a friend is the first step toward working for a friend. In this manner great friendships ripen. -Sel.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

A large flock of Christian sheep, when last seen, they were browsing along the road of indifference that opens into the highway of neglect leading to the avenue of worldliness that ends in the place of apostasy. Anyone finding these sheep, please lead them home if possible. If they refuse to come, lead them into the nearest fold and feed them upon the green pastures of God's holy Word.

IF YOUR ABSENCE DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE, YOUR PRESENCE WON'T EITHER . . . THINK ABOUT IT !!!!

FISHERS OF MEN COURSE -

Arrangements have been made for another FISHERS OF MEN course this Fall. The course will begin Friday, October 5th. The class will meet either in the morning or afternoon depending on which time is more preferred. There must be at least six enrolled to have the class. The course runs for 10 weeks for 2½ hours and requires about 3-5 hours of homework per week.

Brother Darrell O'Rourke of Naperville, Ill. will again be instructing the course. You will find some challenging, hard work, frustrating at times, exciting and rewarding at the end. The course is designed for those who love Jesus, are concerned for the lost, and want to be better servants in the kingdom.

Bro. O'Rourke has informed us of four openings in the evening course in Angola on Friday. Enrollment forms are available and need to be returned by Sept. 1st.

OFF TO COLLEGE Young people returning to college and preacher school are as follows:
HARDING COLLEGE: Jim North, Terry Hostetler, Cherry Hostetler, Phil and Diane Hostetler.
TO OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE: Steve Herron, Kim Herron.
WILLIAMSTOWN BIBLE COLLEGE: Craig Hostetler, Dick and Fran Hostetler. We wish our young people the best as they prepare themselves for greater service in the Lord's Kingdom.

NURSING HOME SINGING this Sunday Merry Manor 4:30; LaGrange 5:10. Come!

A BIG WHOPPING 129 rode the buses last Sunday. Our birthday anniversary celebration saw much activity. Out thanks to the many who had a part in making this a success.

SHULTS-LEWIS Annual Appreciation Day is Saturday September 8th. Have you brought your Hi-C cans?

OUR NEW BUS is here with a new paint job and will be used this week.

THE SICK Nanny Hall and Millard Oakley both should be home from hospital when you read this. Fred Oakley and Alma Dorris are both getting better. Remember our sick in your prayers.

SPECIAL DAYS Jack Exum will be speaking September 2-5 at Auburn at 7 o'clock - He will be at Kendallville church at 7:30 September 6 and 7th.

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A frown is just a smile turned upside down.

RECIPROCAL DUTIES

All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them. (Mtt. 7:12)

Beloved, let us love one another: for the love of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God.
1 John 4:7

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)

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

Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, ye who are spiritual, restore such an one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal.6:1,2)

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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 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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LYING TO GOD

One night a little girl was closing her prayer. Her final words were: "And dear Lord, please send the beautiful snow to keep the little flowers warm through the winter."

Climbing into bed, she confided: "that's the time I fooled Him. I want the snow so I can go sliding with my sled."

That little girl is not the only one who lies to God in prayer. May we do some real soul searching to be sure that we have not done the same thing when we have prayed ...

1. That the gospel be taken to the lost ... But we really mean that God should send someone else to do it.
2. That the sick be comforted and strengthened ... But we really meant that we don't have time to do it ourselves, so Gos should find some way to help those unfortunate individuals.
3. That the church may grow numerically ... But we really meant that there should be some way the church can grow without all this visitation and personal work.
4. That the church may grow spiritually ... But we really meant that God should find a way to strengthen it spiritually without someone taking time to teach.

Let's be honest about these prayer requests, and ask God to deliver us from all efforts to lie to Him in prayer. -Selected

* Don't try to be neutral toward the Lord. Pilate tried it and failed.

* Never give an excuse that you would not accept.

GETTING RIGHT
TO THE POINT,
WE WANT
YOU IN CLASS
SUNDAY!



KEEP RELIGION IN ITS PLACE

Keep religion in its place and it will take you through life and straight to your Father in heaven when life is over. Religion out of its place in human life is the most miserable thing in the world. There is nothing that requires so much to be kept in its place as religion, and its place is what? Second? Third? "FIRST!" First the kingdom of God! Make it so sure that it will be natural to you to think about that the very first thing.

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THE RECORD
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CONTEMPLATION Again as we go into the fall season- children in school, back on a regular schedule - we urge each member: make regular attendance for Bible classes and worship a must in your life. There is no better way to favor yourself and your loved ones than to regard the church as your family and treat it that way. Build your plans around the Lord's church. Check what Jesus said; Mt.6:33.

WEEKLY RECORD Next week we will begin including the Sunday evening and Wednesday evening attendance in our WEEKLY RECORD. Can you guess what it might show? Why???

ODDS & ENDS Teachers Skilshop scheduled at Niles Nov. 2&3.... new Keenage bus to be run at Country Place, Sunday mornings at 9:10. ...Teachers to hand in left-over unused material from last quarterThanks to those who helped on reroofing Norm's houseBus picnic scheduled for Sept. 23rd... "Fishers Of Men" training class to begin Oct. 5.Excellent tapes available by Mid McNight - see Dean about itSeveral jobs need to be done around the building before win-

Spiritual investments always bear heavenly interest.

ter gets here.- see Dean or DevonTwo unexpected expenditures come up - one, a new compressor for the old classroom addition, and the other, a new roof on preacher's house - both a cost of about \$1200.....Meeting at Hillcrest congregation with bro. Mid McNight (see bulletin bd.).... also, youth meeting at Hillcrest (see Joe Hughes).....Plans for a teacher training class to be announced soon.....Training for young men in public worship (Timothy class) to begin soon....Advanced course on Old Testament study by bro. Ed McQuiggan to be offered soon.... Please let your spiritual family know if there is sickness or if you are going to be gone thanks to all the wonderful people here and your dedication - it's a joy to work with you in our labour of love.

THE SICK Sister Nannie Hall is hoping to leave the hospital by Friday. Her condition is improving. Sis. Alma Dorris is still recovering at home, as yet unable to work. Kathy Hughes' father, Alf Howard is in Lagrange hospital.

STILL ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT - For quietness and respect in our worship assemblies. Don't leave unnecessary. Teach children this!

Chansonair to Kendallville

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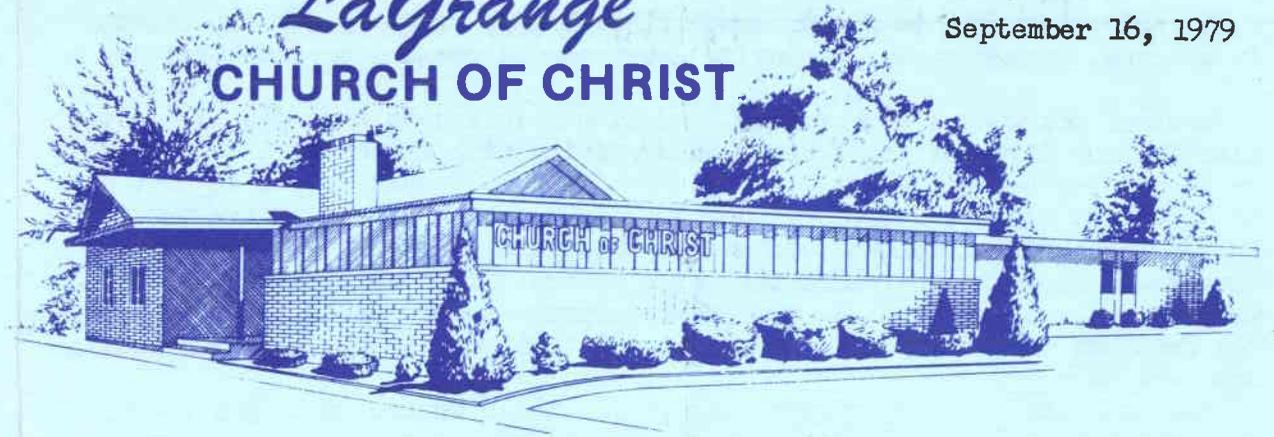
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GOD IS DEPENDING ON YOU

S.D. Gordon, in his book Prayer Changes Things, tells a story we cannot permit to die. He pictures an "imaginary conversation between Christ and the angel Gabriel following the Ascension. Gabriel asks the Lord what plans He has made to let the world know that He has lived, died, and risen from the dead. The Master replies, 'I told Peter and James and John and some others down on the earth to make it the business of their lives to tell others. And the others are to tell others yet others, and still others beyond, till the last man in the farthest reach has learned the story and has been caught, thrilled and thrilled by the power of it.' But Gabriel thinks he sees a weak point in the Master's arrangement, and voices his opinion as follows: 'Yes, Master, but suppose that after a while Peter forgets. Suppose that John loses his enthusiasm, and simply does not tell others. Suppose their successors down there in the twentieth century get too busy with other things, some of them good things - church things maybe. Suppose they get so busy that they do not tell the others? What then?' In reply came the quiet voice of Jesus with thrilling confidence: 'Gabriel, I have made no other plans. I am counting on them.' YES HE IS COUNTING ON US! BEYOND ALL POSSIBILITY OF EXPLAINING IN WORDS MUST BE HIS CONFIDENCE IN US!"

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The following article is by Brother Ray Beggs, preacher for the church in Indiana, Pennsylvania. We invite your careful reading of this article.

"Most of you know I have cancer. I didn't intend to have it, I don't like it, but I've got it. I don't enjoy living with it, nor do I look forward to dying because of it, but I've got it. Now, what do you suggest I do about it? Quit the church? Rebel against God? Become bitter and go into seclusion? I think I can hear a resounding "Oh no!" You need the church and the Lord now more than ever before. You can't bear it alone, and besides, we want to help you. Don't deprive us the opportunity to let you know how much we care. And above all that, don't cast away the only hope you have."

"Yet how often do some of you let any little adversity keep you away from the worship and the work of the church? Something goes wrong at work - I'm not going to church!" Have a little spat in the family - "I'm not going to church!" Any little difficulty comes up - the first thing you do is quit coming to services and if you are contacted about it, you usually respond: "I know I should be there, but I've got to get this problem solved before I can come back." If you would not suggest that procedure for me, why do you practice it yourself?"

"Your brethren want to help you bear your burdens, but you won't let them. God is not simply punishing you with these things, yet you take offense at Him and quit His Cause for just about anything that comes down the pike. We forfeit the greatest source of comfort and help available to us when we forsake the Lord and His people. Christianity isn't something we practice just when everything is going smoothly. Nor does it make us immune from trials and struggles of life. It doesn't keep us from ever being sick, nor does it insure us against death. But it does instruct us how to bear and forbear, how to overcome. Any load is lighter when someone helps you carry it, so don't try to do it alone."

-Ray Beggs

HUMOR

Little Freddie crawled into his grandfather's lap and inquired, "Were you in the ark, Grandfather?" "Why, no, my son," the grandfather answered. The youngster's curiosity erupted again. "Then why weren't you drowned?"

YOUR OWN VERSION

You are writing a Gospel
A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do,
By words that you say.

Men read what you write
Whether faithless or true;
Say, what is the Gospel
According to you?

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SPECIAL CLASSES

How many of you have expressed the desire for a more "in depth" study of God's word? We now have the class just for you.

A special study of the book of Daniel will begin Tuesday, September 25 from 7-9:00 pm. The class will be taught by Eddie McGuiggan who preaches for the church in Kendallville. Brother McGuiggan is from Northern Ireland and has taught courses in the Bible school there.

The book of Daniel is important due to its prophecies regarding Israel and the nations around it and also it's imagery which provides a basis for understanding of the book of Revelation.

A SPECIAL CLASS FOR TEACHERS is to begin Sunday evening September 23rd from 5 - 6 pm. All present or past teachers of our teaching program and prospective teachers are urged to attend. This will in probability be a 5 session study so don't miss a single period of it. Paul Himes will be conducting the study. It is imperative we start on time as we only have 45 minutes each session. Come! Let's improve our teaching program from the bottom to the top.

*Chancelairs 3 P.M. Kendallville
Mrs. Lashly Jim Keeler*

PLEASE NOTE: There has been some concern over the fact that some personal teaching materials are apparently being borrowed out of vacant classrooms and are not being returned. If you need to borrow something that is not being used, please be sure to return it.

"KEENAGER" trip to Prairie Heights planetarium Thursday October 4th. Very easy to get to and very little walking.

FISHERS OF MEN class is set for Thursday October 5 at 9 o'clock at the building.

BUS PICNIC is planned for September 23rd. Rain date is for the 30th.

OLDER ADULTS NEW STUDY is to begin Sunday morning September 30th. We will be studying "Some Rules Of Bible STUDY". Plan now to attend each session. Bring someone with you.

YOUTH RALLIES

September 22 - Hillcrest, In. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. registration at 9 a.m.

CAMP INDOGAN

Junior - (ages 9-13) Sept. 28,29
Senior - (ages 14-19) Oct. 5,6

Young people keep these dates in mind and attend if possible.

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NEW LIFE

The new life Jesus offers to the world through the love of God is unquestionably one of the greatest phases of the Christian life.

A man who is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3-5; 1 Cor. 12:13) becomes a new creature with all the past changed and a whole new wonderful future to enjoy. Twentieth Century Christians need to accept and rejoice in this new life. We would be happier Christians if we could accept our new birth as the real transition instead of thinking that the real change will occur after this physical existence. Salvation and new life is now for Christians.

Another great truth is that a renewal is possible for Christians who miss the mark. Our advocate with the Father helps so much. (1 John 2:1). This is possible for those who hear God's word and desire a cleansing like David in Psalm 51. Renewal is not only possible, it is necessary from time to time. Paul admonished Timothy when he seemed discouraged (2 Tim. 1:6-7). The Christians were told not to lose heart. "Though our outward nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day."
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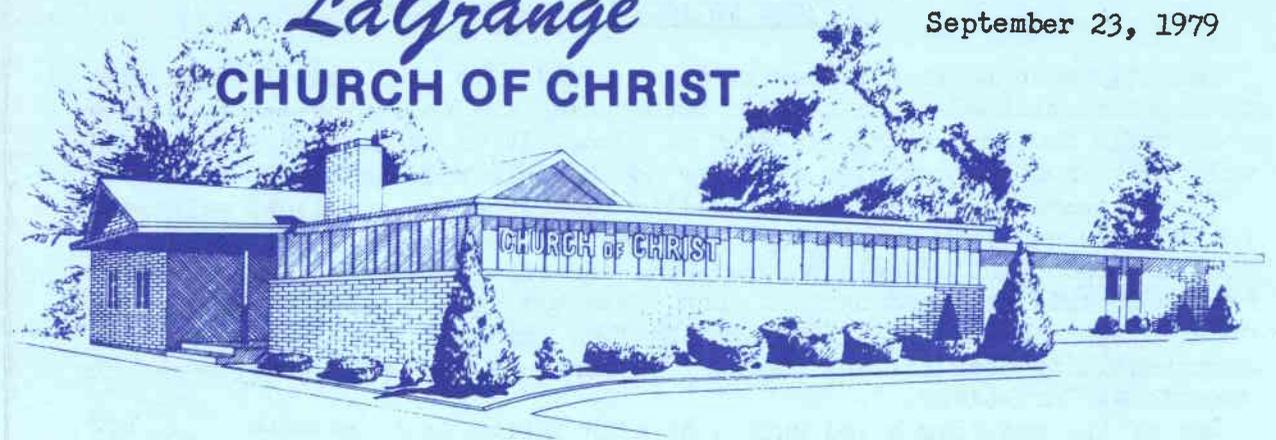
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DADDY, LOOK AT THIS BUG!

Coming home exhausted from the tensions of a trying day at the office or in the factory, it is easy to become impatient with a small boy or girl!

But when your boy comes running to meet you with a "rolly-polly" clutched in a grubby little hand, you'd better forget how tired and busy you are and look now! Tomorrow may be too late! Even a three-year-old child has already grown through a dozen pairs of shoes. Boys and girls are little such a short time. Tomorrow is too late to look at a bug--the bug will be gone and so may be the boy!

In place of that little toddler, you may look up one of these days and find a frankly antagonistic young stranger living in your house. He may regard you as just another boarder who happens to pay the bills and mow the lawn.

The truth is that almost anything will wait except boys and girls! They can't wait! Growing up cannot be delayed.

Most of us need to stop and see the need for building a closer relationship with our own children now! The average 20th century father is often so interested in providing the material advantages that he may forget it is impossible to hire anyone to be a father to your own flesh and blood.

Your boy, my friend, knows you! Are you taking the time to know him? Why not begin now! Look at the bug. Mayfield, Ky. Bulletin

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DO YOUR CHILDREN WORSHIP?

This may seem to be a rather strange question to ask, but I would like to suggest that every father and mother read the following and then have your child who is a Christian read it also. It is my intention that good will come from the article, and I am not being merely critical.

Parents have a special responsibility regarding the spiritual welfare of their children. They are to instruct them in the ways of the Lord even as they set the right example before them. We work hard to bring our children up in this godly admonition and possibly give a sigh of relief and utter a special prayer of thanksgiving when they obey the gospel. But our responsibility does not end there. We must see that they grow, work and worship as Christians.

One of the privileges and duties of a Christian is to worship. God has specified the avenues and items of worship in His word. We are told to sing, pray, partake of the Lord's supper, give and study His word. There is no distinction the way those who are younger are to worship from the way of those who are older. We worship the same way.

But do our children engage in worship? Not always can the parent take note of the participation of their young children because they are not sitting that close to each other. But you ought to ask: Do they sing? (Some do not even take out a song book). Do they write notes during worship? (Some do). So they talk and whisper (Like some adults!) How attentive are they to the prayers and the sermon? How reverent are they during the Lord's Supper? Have they been taught to give? These are important matters that cannot be neglected - not for long - lest our young Christian develop the worst kind of habits that will prohibit acceptable worship on their part.

I am not suggesting some kind of "inquisition" to be imposed on our children that would insult them and unnecessarily offend them. I am strongly suggesting these things need to be discussed in the home between parents and children they love so dearly. If we do not impress upon these young Christians the solemnity and sacredness of the assemblies of worship, who is going to do it for us? I think our young people will respond properly to the right kind of guidance and interest in them. Let us not "sin against the child" by neglecting to do these things.

-James W. Boyd

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

I asked a little boy - "What is a lie?" Said he - "It is an admonition unto the Lord and a very present help in time of need."

A RIDDLE: What is the largest room in the world?

Answer: Room for improvement.

DON'T MISS THIS

A teacher's workshop designed to give practical guidance in developing teaching methods will be conducted by 10 members of the faculty and staff of Michigan Christian College, Saturday, September 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Donmoyer church building in South Bend. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the church building. There will be six sessions: three departmental and three general. This is designed to be a practical methods workshop for the beginner as well as the experienced. See schedule on bulletin board.

SKATING At FT. WAYNE Monday 24th at Roller Dome. At EIKHART Tuesday 25th. \$1.75 skates & get in - transportation 35¢. Bus will leave building at 5:30 p.m.

STUDY OF DANIEL CLASS will begin Monday nite the 24th with Eddie McGuigan directing the study. Time 7:00-9:00

1st TEACHER'S CLASS this Sunday evening at 5 o'clock sharp. Every teacher is expected to attend!

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE Some of the children are in danger of being hurt by moving cars. Please watch your children after services that they don't play in the parking lot!

PICNIC SUNDAY All Bible School children are invited to a picnic after Sunday morning service at Roger's Park with games, prizes etc. COME!

YOUTH RALLY AT ANDERSON Sat. 22nd at Hillcrest. See bulletin board for details. CAMP INDOGAN Seniors Oct. 5,6 See Norm for registration blanks. Junior session has been cancelled.

"KEENAGERS" will go to planetarium Thursday Oct. 4.

ABOUT OUR SICK Nannie Hall is at home and is still bothered by arthritis in knee - Olive Langston is bothered with heart pains - Alma Dorris still not well - Margaret Tuttle is now working again.

AT KENDALLVILLE The Chansonaires will be singing Sun. Sept. 23 at 3 p.m. - Monthly SINGING Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. (Sat.) Pot Luck at 6:30

GOSPEL MEETING AT GOSHEN Paul Himes will be in a meeting at Goshen on October 5,6,7 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) The sermons will be under the general theme "If These Things Be In You and Abound".

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SURVEY YOURSELF

Abraham Lincoln once remarked, "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives; I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

Adapt that saying to the church. I like to see one proud of the church of which he is a member. I like to see one live so that the church is proud of him.

What is your rating? Are you proud of this congregation? Are you working hard to make the church the kind of church of which you, and others, can be proud? Are you proud of its members? Of its young people? Of its teaching program? Of its aim to help preach Christ around the world?

Are you proud of its attendance? Its contribution? Its love and concern for another? Are you the type of person that this church can be proud of? Do you make a determined, sincere, effort to be worth something to the cause of Christ in this section?

Can the church be proud of your speech? Faithfulness? Good influence? Warmth?
-The Guide

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MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITY TO ELDERS

Members also have a commensurate responsibility to elders. Elders are to be known, esteemed, and loved for their work's sake" (1 Thess. 5:12, 13). Elders have received harsh, unjust, and blasphemous treatment? God will hold members accountable for this. If you cannot "uphold" elders you still must not "undermine" them. Elders face knotty, frightening, and sometimes impossible jobs. They agonize, worry, pray, seek out counsel, and work long hours for our souls. They deserve our love, prayers, support, understanding, patience - yea, even our forgiveness! They should have "every benefit of the doubt." They love God - the church - and US! They are trying to help not hurt.

We need to listen as they inform, follow as they lead. We should be thankful for godly elders who challenge us to more work and dedication. Their program of good should be fulfilled. They cannot teach if we attend not their classes; they cannot work if we do not support their programs. Godly elders deserve better than the naive, "backseat" indifference many give them. Elders must be protected from "petty politics" and underground innuendoes! This is blasphemy against God.

- Taken from "MY ELDERS" by Charles Hodge

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A MODERN PARABLE

A certain man moved into our community. He didn't fall among robbers who beat him and left him half dead. He just moved in. And by chance a certain neighbor was going down that way, and when he saw him, passed by on the other side, saying to himself, "I'll just wait until the subject comes up some day, and this I'll say, 'Pardon me, I hope you don't get the impression that I am a fanatic on religion, but if you ever get a chance, you might like to visit the church some Sunday, that is, if you feel like it!'"

But a certain member, as he journeyed, came where he was and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion, and came to him, and courteously welcomed him to the community. During the conversation, he invited him to services, told him how much he would enjoy the simple worship, and that for him to get acquainted, he should come to Bible study. He left by saying, "I'll come by and pick you up next Sunday about 9:15 in the morning." - And he did, bringing him to the building and introducing him to the preacher and other friends. Then he took the stranger to the proper class and told the teacher, "Take good care of him, and after I get out of my class, I'll come by and get him and sit with him during the worship and if I can render any further service, I'll be glad to do it."

Which of these thinkest thou, proved a neighbor unto him newly moved into the community? -Selected

A SHORT STORY

A call came on Sunday morning, "Tell mother not to go to church this morning, we are coming." But mother went right on to church. The daughter came and was furious about it, saying, "I called you that I was coming and you went to church anyway." The mother replied, "THE LORD HAD ALREADY CALLED." -Selected

* If you had just one hour to live and no more, what would you do with it? Where would you want to be when the time came?

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHERS

- T - ake time to be holy
- E - arnestly seek to win every prospect.
- A - cquire a personal knowledge of the class members.
- C - ultivate patience, sympathy, self-control
- H - old yourself to your main task.
- E - mploy latest and most successful methods.
- R - eclaim the lost and win them to Christ.

See You In Services Sunday?

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WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUNG FOLKS?

Ignore them ... and they will go away. Some return in later years to a love for the Lord, but most drift through life toward perdition.

Entertain them ... and you will produce a society that stays long enough to empty the punch bowl and clean up the sandwich tray.

Humor them ... and you can develop the concept that the church is a joke.

Educate them in the Bible ... and you can expect them to know what they are to do as a Christian.

Edify them ... and they will continue to grow spiritually.

Give them responsibility ... and they learn the value of service to the Lord and His creation.

Love them ... and they will always be responsive.

Be an example to them ... and they will learn the seriousness of life -- the life that the Lord instructs them to live. -Copied

GOSPEL MEETINGS Garrett Sept.30-Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.

each evening thru week. Ernest Stewart of Indianapolis, speaker.

GOSHEN Oct, 5,6,7 at 7:30 each evening. Paul Himes speaker.

MCC LECTURESHIP will be Oct.8-11 at Rochester, Mi. THEME: "Spirituality"

THIS SUNDAY EVENING will be devoted to singing with the monthly fellowship meal following the evening service. Bring finger foods.

SENIOR YOUTH RALLY at Camp Indogan Oct. 5 & 6 for ages 13-18. Neil Parsons of Muncie is in charge.

OUR SYMPATHY to the Keeler family at the passing of Helen Keeler last Tuesday. Services at Frurip-May Funeral Home Friday at 2 P.M.

DANIEL CLASS got off to a good start last week with 36 present. Eddie McGuiggan from Kendallville is the teacher. Be present from 9-9 next Tuesday at the building.

TEACHER TRAINING CLASS saw 27 in attendance last Sunday from 5:00 to 5:45p.m. Bro. Himes is the teacher. Be present this Sunday evening too.

"FISHERS OF MEN" Class begins Friday Oct. 5th at the building at 9 a.m. to run for 10 weeks. Darrell O'Rourke from Naperville, Ill. is the teacher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S CLASS will start a new study "MY GOD and MY SERVICE" October 3rd. Attend!